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BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 Please schedule marriage dates at least 6 months ahead. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

BULLETIN DEADLINE & INSERTS

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 2pm on the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it published. Also, please contact the office to obtain permission to insert fliers into the weekly bulletin.

Church of Saint Ann

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Reverend Alphonso Fontana, Pastor



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest." - Mt 13:29-30

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00am

> First Friday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: after 4pm Mass First Friday: Before 9:00 AM Mass Other times by appointment

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri. 9:30–9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

July 23, 2023







If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our parish. You can do so by stopping by or calling the Parish Office (860-673-9858,ext.221). You can also register online at: www.stannavon.org/register-at-st-ann If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshiping with us and we hope to see you again!

This Week at St. Ann

MONDAY, July 24

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

TUESDAY, July 25

WEDNESDAY, July 26 Family Ice Cream Social: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, July 27 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, July 28

SATURDAY, July 29 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 30 Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

MONDAY, July 24

9:00

TUESDAY, July 25 9:00 Perry Lynch, requested by Barbara & Gino Calderone

Parish of St. Ann

WEDNESDAY, July 26

9:00 Fr. Joseph McKiernan, requested by John & Maria Manning

THURSDAY, July 27

9:00 Michelle Klokus, requested by mom & the boys

Rev. Thomas McCarthy, requested by the

FRIDAY, July 28

9:00 Juliet Sielski, requested by Bill and Theresa Bachhuber

SATURDAY, July 29

4:00 Hugh Patrick Linnane, requested by Lee Lester

SUNDAY, July 30

- **7:30** Marie LaChance, requested by the family
- **9:30 Devon Nay,** requested by the Hance Family
- **11:00** Angelo (Bob) Galiette (5th Ann), requested by his family



Has your child, or a child you know, missed celebrating the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation or First Eucharist? Rest assured; it is never too late!

This summer, St Ann's is offering a sacramental preparation program for children grade 3 – 8. This program is specially designed to teach children what they've missed, celebrate the sacrament(s) and prepare them to participate in our faith formation program, with their peers, September 2023.

For more information and to register, contact Valerie St. Jean, Director of K-8 Faith Formation <u>valerie.stjean@stannavon.com</u> 860-673-9858



Feast of Saint Ann July 26th

We celebrate the feast day of our patroness Saint Anne this coming July 26, so please join us in a novena in her honor. The novena traditionally starts on July 17th and ends July 25th. As you know, Saint Anne is a powerful saint, the mother of The Blessed Virgin Mary and Grandmother of Jesus. She is

also the patron saint of mothers, grandmothers, unmarried women, pregnant women, as well as of relationships.

Since July 17th, we have been gathering after the weekday Masses in praying this novena for your special intentions. We will provide the novena pray for each day along with the mediations. The material will also be available for you to do on your own if you are unable to participate at our church.

You can also find the novena on the parish website, www.stannavon.org, for you to say from the convenience of your home. (It will be located under the "About" tab and then click "Patron Saint")

Hosted by St. Ann's Family Ministry



FAMILY JCE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, July 26th 6:30-7:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

In honor of the Feast of Saint Ann and Joachim, Jesus' grandparents. Bring your grandparents or honorary grandparents if you can.

RSVP: scan QR code to the right or visit WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C084FACAF2CA6F9C43-FEAST



If you have questions or are available to help, please email: familyministrystann@gmail.com





Help Us Plan More Fun **Family Events!**

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month, 7pm, in the Activity Room beneath the left wing of the church. Contact one of our advisors to get involved. They can be reached at familyministrystann@gmail.com

Brooke Fitzgerald * Julie Dombrowski * Liz Wojewoda

IRA Charitable Rollover Do you have an IRA? Are you 70 ½ or older?

Did you know you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to the parish from your IRA? Church of St. Ann is a 501(c)(3) organization that is eligible to receive tax deductible contributions.

Benefits:

• Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.



- you do not itemize deductions. Avoid taxes on transfers up to \$100,000 from your IRA to the parisn.
- Know you are contributing to a worthy cause.

How does it work?

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to the parish (we have a sample letter).
- Your IRA funds will be mailed directly to the parish.
- Let us know if the funds are for a specific purpose ٠ (i.e. Parish Annual Appeal, Weekly, Monthly, etc.)

*** Please consult your own tax advisor before engaging in any transaction. ***



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Matthew 13:24-43 is tough. It is today's gospel, and it speaks of evil and the "fiery furnace" of hell. We need to remind ourselves that serious sin has serious consequences. Our Lord in His Divine Mercy gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a good time to remember that if we find ourselves in mortal sin, if we have broken our relationship with God, we need the forgiveness and healing of confession in order to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Reflection: Nothing brings us more peace of heart, mind and soul than to be back in relationship with the Blessed Trinity. Know the joy of resting in the loving arms of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 7/16/23: \$3,972.00 Monthly: \$1,727.00 Votive Candles: \$198.25

Online Giving (July 12-19, 2023) Weekly: \$2,842.00 Monthly: \$368.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none

Good Summer Read

We live in a day and age characterized by an extraordinary amount of agitation and lack of peace. What must we do to overcome the moments of fear and distress which assail us all too often in our lives? How can we learn to place all our confidence in God and abandon ourselves into His loving care?

This is what is taught in this simple, yet profound little treatise on peace of heart.

Join Us To Discuss!

Wednesday, August 30th 7pm in the Activity Room (under the church wing) Maintaining Peace A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart Father Jacques Philippe

Searching for and





LOST at St. Ann

I am missing a small black three ring binder with this picture on the front. It was accidentally left behind during Friday Mass 2-3 weeks ago. It has custom printed 5 x 7 prayer cards in it and a Divine Mercy

Rosary in the pockets. Please contact me at:andreapizzuti333@gmail.com or return to Kris Martino in the Parish office. Thank you.



Sunday, July 23rd after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

Come thank Valerie for having shared the love of God with St. Ann children and parents as our Director of K-8 Faith Formation, and wish her well in her new position as Coordinator of Adult & Family Life Ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford



Why Do We Do That Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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Worship & Meditation: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind;

and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. (Wis 12:19)

Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. (Rom 8:26)

Gospel:

"Let them grow together until harvest;

then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;

but gather the wheat into my barn." (Mt 13:30)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When the disciples cannot understand something, they approach Jesus, and beseech him to explain. Let us be this forthcoming when we are discerning the will of God or struggling with a decision. Let us ask him to explain in words we can understand. ©LPi

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great)

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He *will* finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

Questions of the

Week Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Our Jewish wisdom writer describes God as lenient, powerful, and kind. What words would you use to describe God?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the believers in Rome that the Spirit intercedes for us and teaches us what to pray for. What could you pray for this week?

Gospel:

In the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus speaks privately to his disciples of the presence of the evil one, the devil in this world. How can we best defend our family and loved ones from evil?

REPENT, THEN, AND TURN TO GOD, SO THAT YOUR SINS MAY BE WIPED OUT. ACTS 3:19

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Catholic Bubble

There's a dangerous myth that exists among pockets of faithful, observant Catholic families. I call it the Legend of the Catholic Bubble.

Here's how the legend goes: you find a devout Catholic parish and a devout Catholic community filled with devout Catholic people who care about devout Catholic things, and you stay away from everything and everyone else, you and your children will be safe from the influence of the evil one. Your children will never fall away from the faith, or even be tempted, and your own faith will stay steel -strong amidst the many tempests and trials of this earthly life.

But like the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman, it's all made up.

Readings for the Week of July 23, 2023

Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Don't misunderstand me: I *love* a good devout Catholic parish. I *live for* a supportive, devout Catholic community. It's one of the biggest blessings in the Christian life, and I cannot overstate how helpful it is to raise children in an environment that upholds your Catholic faith and does not denigrate it.

But. But.

Make no mistake: the Catholic Bubble will not save you. The trials and the temptations will find you there, too: on the parish council, at Catholic school, in your Catholic moms' group. No community on earth is so supportive that it mimics Heaven. The weeds have been sown with the good seed, and the harvest time is not yet upon us.

Cherish your community, certainly — but beware of the lure of the Catholic Bubble. We are called to be yeast in the loaf of bread, and yeast is nothing on its own.

"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." — Romans 8:27

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Mary Hoffman (860) 836-8486

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Classroom Assistants

Substitute Teachers

Please contact Mrs. Kerri Work to apply or for more information-<u>kwork@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net</u>



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Romans 8:28-30: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Trust in God. God calls you. He can help make your relationship strong, thriving, and loving.
Come experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter where God will work all things out for the good.

The dates are: **August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT** August 25-27, 2023 in Vermont September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY October 20-22, 2023 in Vermont

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <u>https://wwmectw.org/</u>.



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