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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



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous." - Mt 13:49-51

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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 30, 2023



MONDAY, July 31 9:00 For the intentions of Kathleen Driscoll (Living)

 TUESDAY, August 1
9:00 Camille and Peter Angelina and Michael Nay, requested by the Angelina Family

WEDNESDAY, August 2 9:00 Laura Frey, requested by the Bruno Family

THURSDAY, August 3

- **9:00** Hugh Linnane, requested by his wife, Susan and family
- FRIDAY, August 4 9:00 Brent Rydin, requested by the Rydin Family

SATURDAY, August 5

4:00 For Vocations and our Priests, requested by the Bondhus Family

SUNDAY, August 6

- 7:30 Rita Kennedy, requested by Peter and Maryalice Kelley
- **9:30** Anne Affelder, requested by Guy and Jane Ellen Peregrin
- **11:00** Sharon Daley, requested by the Cliffords, Weinsteins, O'Neil's and the Conways

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com.



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 31 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, August 1

WEDNESDAY, August 2

THURSDAY, August 3 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 4

SATURDAY, August 5 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 6 Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM





Please consider these suggested items: *Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers * Pencil sharpeners * Pens * Notebook paper * Markers etc.

Tools For Schools Collection

Through September 9/10

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families. Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed. Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall. May you be blessed for your generosity!





St. Ann's Family Ministry

Help Us Plan More Fun Family Events!

We usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month, at 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: at: <u>familyministrystann@gmail.com</u>

> Brooke Fitzgerald, Julie Dombrowski and Liz Wojewoda

Next Meeting: Wed., August 9th, 7pm in the Activity Room



Join us this Fall for Jesus: The Way, The Truth and the Life

Most of us know a lot about Jesus. But how well do we actually know him? This **10-part Series** was filmed on location in the Holy Land, and gives us a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation.

- When: Week of Sept. 6th Week of Nov. 15th
- Where: Church of St. Ann: Fr. Bennett Hall on Wednesdays
- Time: 9:30 am 11:00 am
- Cost: \$25.00 for Guide Book
- **RSVP:** by September 1st

Registration is required: (No Homework) Sign up in the Gathering Space or email Andrea Pizzuti



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Giving this bag shows how much you care.



We'll receive \$1 for every purchase of this \$2.50 Community Bag at the Avon Big Y during the month of August. 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)



RSVP Nancy Casey: 860-673-3141 nancekc@gmail.com

Books will be available for \$8.00 in the Parish Office. (Please note the office will not have change.) You can also pay online at: www.stannavon.org/book-discussions-1



God Has a Personal Message For You!

Join us for the popular Lectio Divina way of

praying scripture, where you listen for what God is saying to you in the Gospel for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass.

Friendly groups meet via Zoom & in person.

Newcomers welcome!

Sundays at 10:30am both in Room 3 & via Zoom

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit: https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live

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WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 7/23/23: \$4051.00 Parish Special Needs: \$1363.00 Votive Candles: \$225.70

Online Giving (July 19-26, 2023) Weekly: \$2498.00 Parish Special Needs: \$135.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



A Huge Thank You To

9. Foster 9ce Cream

for donating all of the ice cream for our Family Ministry's Ice Cream Social held on July 26th.



A sweet time was had by all!



The Holy Eucharist DID γΟU ΚΝΟW?

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart." Matthew's Gospel today 13:44-52 speaks of the two parables: the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price. We know that the treasure in both cases is the treasure of Heaven. Bishop Robert Barron tells us, "The Mass is a link to Heaven."

<u>Reflection:</u> If you have never seen the short film on the internet, "The Veil Removed", this might be a good time to spend a few "summer vacation" minutes watching it. <u>www.theveilremoved.com</u>

See what really happens at every Mass. Take a peek behind the earthly veil and see the spiritual reality of what happens at every Mass you attend.



Not Catholic?



We'd love to help you explore the **peace**, **purpose**, **and belonging** found in a relationship with God, through the faith Jesus founded.

"Curious about Catholicism" Meet Ups:

- SUN, AUG 27, after 9:30 & 11am Masses at St. Ann Church, in Fr. Bennett Hall
- WED, SEPT 6, 5:30-7pm at First & Last Tavern, Avon

Bring a friend, enjoy refreshments, and chat with us in an informal atmosphere. No pressure; no commitment.

Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; 860-4637495

Help us keep our records up to date...

If you have recently moved, changed your email address or had a phone number change (maybe you cancelled your landline and/or added a phone number), please call the parish office or email: kris.martino@stannavon.com. Thank you!

Worship & Meditation: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Because you have asked for thisnot for a long life for yourself,

- nor for riches.
- nor for the life of your enemies,
- but for understanding so that you may know what is right—
- I do as you requested." (1 Kgs 3:11-12) Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

- Second Reading:
- For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn
- among many brothers and sisters. (Rom 8:29) Gospel:
- 'The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Mt 13:44)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Following Christ will take everything we have. Are we ready to give it all? At the end of our lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we sold all we had in order to purchase the field which contained the great treasure. ©LPi

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

- Father John Muir

Questions of the

Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The young King Solomon asked the Lord in prayer for a wise and discerning heart, and it was granted to him. What gift would you ask from the Lord?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the believers in Rome that God calls us "according to his purpose." Do you have a sense your purpose in life? If so, what is it?

Gospel:

Jesus offers several kingdom of heaven parables to the disciples: buried treasure and fine pearls (a priceless discovery) and the large catch of fish (an invitation to all). With these parables, what do you think Jesus is teaching us about the kingdom of heaven?

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The Falling Action and the Field

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she

Readings for the Week of July 30, 2023

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

Monday:

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/ Mt 13:44-46

Thursday:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/ Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are *both* equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple." — Psalm 119

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Consecrated Life...

Perhaps you know someone who might be considering a call to consecrated life (as a Sister, Brother, Consecrated Virgin or Hermit). Sometimes it is a family member, a colleague in ministry, or a friend who asks the simple question: "Have you ever considered that you might have a vocation?" Your 'ask' just might be the spark that encourages someone to follow the whisperings of the Spirit. That spark may be all a person needs to take a next step on a faith journey. Fan the flame as you invite them to call the Archdiocesan Office of Religious and speak to Sister Barbara Mullen, CSJ (Delegate for Religious) at 860-242-5573, ext. 7492.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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.

<u>The dates are:</u> 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>.

St. Mary's School has positions available for the 2023 -2024 school year:

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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