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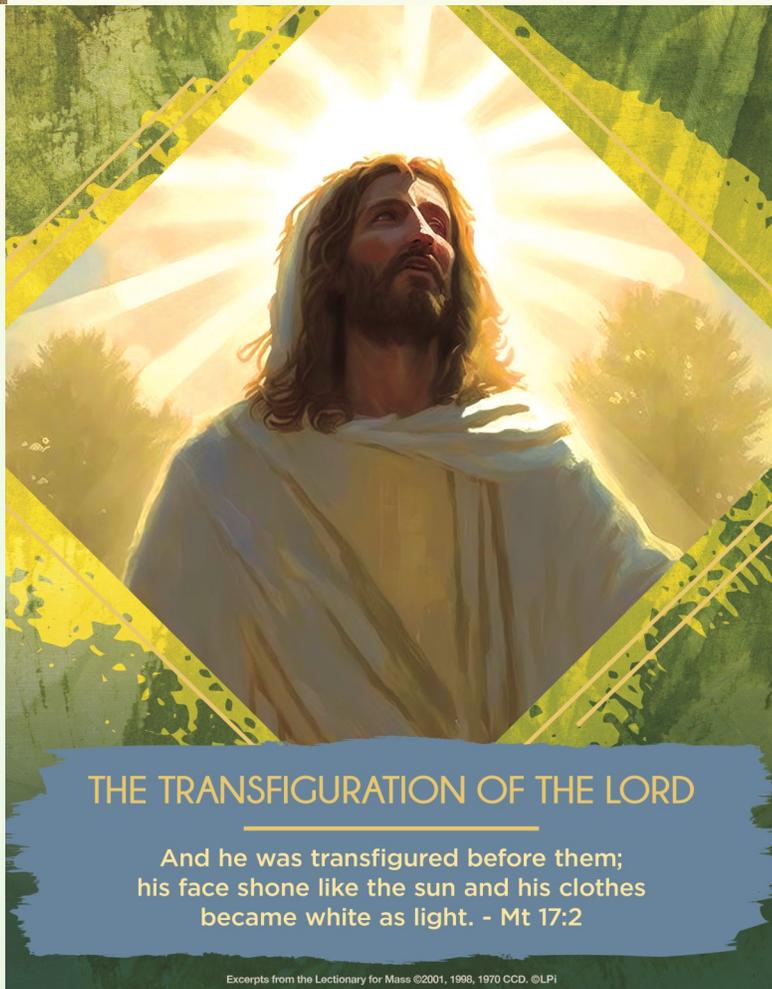
BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

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.



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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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

MASS INTENTIONS



The Transfiguration of the Lord

MONDAY, August 7

9:00 Donna Haverley (30th Ann.), requested by the Bruno Family

TUESDAY, August 8

9:00 Kenny Kowalczyk, requested by the Wojewoda Family

WEDNESDAY, August 9

9:00 Devon Nay, requested by the coffee girls

THURSDAY, August 10

9:00 Marie Cheah, requested by the family

FRIDAY, August 11

9:00 John Bruno, requested by the Bruno Family

SATURDAY, August 12

4:00 In Thanksgiving for the 53rd Anniversary of Nelson and Sandy Bondhus

SUNDAY, August 13

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Theresa and Edward Benoit, requested by the Connors Family

11:00 Alan Roy and Duane Hayes, requested by Carolyn and Ann Roy

WELCOME!



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.stannaon.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, August 7

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 8

WEDNESDAY, August 9

THURSDAY, August 10

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 11

SATURDAY, August 12

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 13

Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM
Parish Farewell for Tom Stockton: after 11am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

PARISH FAREWELL FOR TOM STOCKTON

Sunday, August 13th

after the 11:00am Mass Fr. Bennett Hall



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

9:00 am

12:10 pm

7:00 pm



Join us in thanking Tom Stockton for his 20 years as the Music Director at the Church of Saint Ann and wish him well in his future endeavors!

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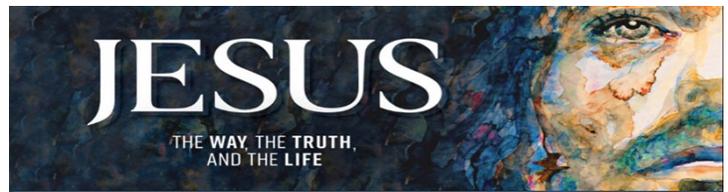


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*For more information contact
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julie.dombrowski@stannavon.com*



JESUS

THE WAY, THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE

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 at: andreapizzuti333@gmail.com



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: familyministystann@gmail.com

Brooke Fitzgerald, Julie Dombrowski
and Liz Wojewoda

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

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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!

Please consider these
suggested items:

- *Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks
- *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers *
Pencil sharpeners * Pens
- * Notebook paper * Markers etc.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 7/30/23: \$5,427.05

Votive Candles: \$262.52

Online Giving (July 26– August 2, 2023)

Weekly: \$3,313.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



**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>



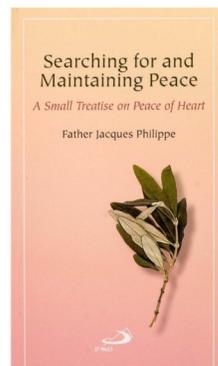
**The Holy
Eucharist
DID YOU KNOW?**

Today we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus, where Our Lord gives a glimpse of His glory to Peter, James and John. The three are astounded at what they see. They are privileged to see beyond Christ's humanity in order to be strengthened in their Faith. St. Ambrose writes, "Do not then believe only what the eyes of your body tell you."

Reflection: When you approach Holy Communion, look beyond the consecrated Host, which appears to be but a fragile piece of bread. In the Holy Eucharist is contained the entire glorious body, blood, soul and divinity of the living Christ. St. Ambrose continues, "What is not comprehended by the eyes but is seen by the mind and the soul is seen in a truer and deeper sense." It is with the eyes of Faith that we can clearly see Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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**

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

Worship & Meditation: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

His clothing was bright as snow,
and the hair on his head as white as wool;
his throne was flames of fire,
with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth. (Ps 97)

Second Reading:

When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory,
"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven
while we were with him on the holy mountain. (2 Pt 1:17-18)

Gospel:

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead," Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn't ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials.

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

- Father John Muir

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Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

In a vision, the prophet Daniel sees the heavenly throne of God and the coming kingdom of God represented by a human figure, a "son of man." The vision speaks to God's everlasting love and ultimate control of the world. Why do you think God reveals Himself in visions?

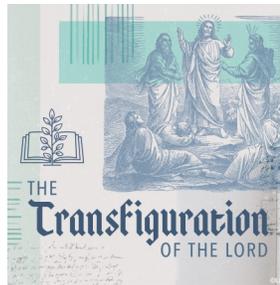
Second Reading:

Peter speaks of his eyewitness to the majesty of Jesus Christ. How might you witness to family or friends this week your beliefs about Jesus?

Gospel:

The transfiguration reveals Jesus's divinity to Peter, James, and John, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." What would you say is the most important lesson from Jesus that we should listen to?

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(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Transfigured

We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

For me, they come with the sacraments: in the pew following my First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed my forehead with oil at my Confirmation, standing opposite my husband on our wedding day, cradling my newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is

Readings for the Week of August 6, 2023

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/ Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/ Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

pulled away, and our hearts cry out: "Lord, it is good we are here."

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ.

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed." — Daniel 7:14

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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.

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 <https://wwmectw.org/>.

2023 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, CT

Purchase tickets at www.ctcatholicmen.org & at the door.

Doors will open at 7:30am. Ticket prices are \$45 for adults and \$20 for teens.

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