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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



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

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

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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

August 13, 2023



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 14 9:00 Lois Winchester, requested by the children

- TUESDAY, August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary9:00Mildred & Carl Lawrynowicz, requested by
their daughter, Dottie Cialfi
- **12:10** Anne Affelder, requested by the Connors Family
- 7:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, August 16

9:00 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by her husband, Michael

THURSDAY, August 17

9:00 Henry (Hank) Frey, requested by Marcia Lysak and family

FRIDAY, August 18

9:00 For blessings upon Brian Beloin & Brenna Gould on their wedding day tomorrow, requested by Brian & Ann Beloin

SATURDAY, August 19

4:00 Elizabeth Godbout (14th Ann), requested by Arthur Godbout

SUNDAY, August 20

- 7:30 Carol Horrigan, requested by the Clifford Family
- **9:30** Joseph Enderle, requested by the St. Ann Parish Council
- **11:00** Scott Gill, requested by Jim Randall



Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 Holy Day of Obligation

<u>Mass Schedule:</u> 9:00 am * 12:10 pm * 7:00 pm



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, August 14

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 15

WEDNESDAY, August 16

THURSDAY, August 17 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 18

SATURDAY, August 19 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 20 Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM Parish Farewell for Seminarian, Gregory: after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

Parish Farewell for Tom Stockton

This Sunday, August 13th Fr. Bennett Hall



VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS

Needed for Faith Formation Grades: K, 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7

It is through caring, sharing and praying that our community has grown in love and support of one another. The success of our religious education program depends on the dedicated individuals in our parish willing to share their time, talents and faith with the future Church and our parish children.

For more information contact Julie Dombrowski at: julie.dombrowski@stannavon.com



Parish Farewell to Seminarian, Gregory Meyer Sunday, August 20th After the 9:30am Mass Fr. Bennett Hall

As the summer approaches its end, so does Seminarian Gregory's time at St. Ann. Sunday August 20 is Seminarian Gregory's last day. There will be a lite reception following the following the 9:30am Mass. Please join us in wishing him well on his journey to priesthood.

Looking for a Used Car



If you can help me, I can be reached at <u>Fr.fontana@stannavon.com</u> or (860) 673-9858, ext 231.



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
- <u>Time:</u> 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. *Limited spaces remain!*



Tools For Schools Collection

Through September 9/10

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



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 8/6/23: \$5,656.17 Votive Candles: \$237.08

Online Giving (August 2-9, 2023) Weekly: \$2,779.00

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

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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)







The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

"Why do you doubt?" These are words of Jesus to St. Peter taken from today's Gospel. (Matthew 14:22-33) These are words that Our Lord could easily pose to us regarding His Divine Presence in the Holy Eucharist. Do you doubt that you are receiving the LIVING Person of Jesus, when you receive Holy Communion. Do you receive Him with an open heart?

Reflection: Our Lady revealed the following to Vicka, one of the visionaries in Medjugorje: After you receive Holy Communion, kneel down. Do not look around at anyone. Speak with Jesus who is in your heart for AT LEAST 10 minutes. During this time Beauty, Love, Peace, Mercy, Joy become yours. This allows Jesus to transform us into Himself. If we have pure hearts and are in the state of grace, He will give all of Himself to us and pour out into our souls the treasures of His Heart.

Not Catholic?

We'd love to help you explore the peace, purpose, and belonging found in a relationship with God,

"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

Worship & Meditation: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the LORD said to him,

"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart.

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christfor the sake of my own people, (Rom 9:1-3)

Gospel:

Peter said to him in reply,

"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come,"

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. (Mt 14:28-29)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is always coming to us in ways that we do not expect. Ways that shock us. Ways that frighten us. Ways that seem impossible. Are we ready to accept him however he comes, amidst whatever fear and doubt we are battling with in our hearts?

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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was reframing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eves of faith locked on him. And if we sink. he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

- Father John Muir

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Questions of the

Week **Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

First Reading:

Elijah looked for the Lord in the strong winds, earthquakes, and fire before discovering the Lord in a light silent sound. Why do you think it is easier to find God when it is quiet?

Second Reading:

Paul had "great sorrow" for his fellows Jews (God's chosen people) who did not believe that Jesus was their long-awaited Messiah. How do you feel about family or friends who do not believe in Jesus?

Gospel:

Peter cried out to the Lord for help when he feared he might drown. What fears do you have that you could pray to the Lord for help this week?

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Readings for the Week of August 13, 2023

Sunday:

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

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/ Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday:

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/ Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/ Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/ Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



God and the Good Strong Wind

My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt.

It surprised and confused me because wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then, because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind.

Deep inside, aren't we all, really?

I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ — their friend — because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing — children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do.

And even when the miracle takes place - he walks on water, he defies physics still he is human. Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

"Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter ... " Matthew 14:31

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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.

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. set that you purchase tickets in advance. Lunch is included, so advance sales are in

Our Catholic Men's Conference has a *unique format* that includes: Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, Inspiring Speakers, Confession, Lunch, Exhibitors, and Vigil Mass. We have a FIRST EVER PROCESSION OF THE SAINTS (Over 24 Relics in procession)



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 inperson 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>.

Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools 12th Annual FORE FACS Golf Classic and Dinner

> Ready to play one of CT's premier courses? Please join us! Monday, August 28, 2023

> > TPC River Highlands Cromwell, CT

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