



# Church of Saint Ann

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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.



## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." - Mt 16:26-27

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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



**22nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

## MONDAY, September 4

9:00 Betty-Ann Perleoni (3rd Ann.), requested by her family

## TUESDAY, September 5

9:00 Maria Consuegra, requested by her friends

## WEDNESDAY, September 6

9:00 Helen Kariann, requested by the Pizzuti Family

## THURSDAY, September 7

9:00 Bruce Levy, requested by his wife

## FRIDAY, September 8

9:00 David K. Matthes, requested by Ann and family

## SATURDAY, September 9

4:00 Peter Kelley, requested by Maryalice and Ryan Kelley

## SUNDAY, September 10

7:30 Scott Gill, requested by the Hamel Family

9:30 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by her husband, Michael

11:00 Robert Marino, requested by The Wall Family

# 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.stannavon.org/register-at-st-ann](http://www.stannavon.org/register-at-st-ann)

If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshipping with us and we hope to see you again!

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### MONDAY, September 4

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, September 5

### WEDNESDAY, September 6

Jesus: The Way, the Truth & the Life: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall  
Family Ministry Meeting: 7pm in the Activity Room

### THURSDAY, September 7

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

### FRIDAY, September 8

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

### SATURDAY, September 9

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

### SUNDAY, September 10

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



## WELCOME BACK BASH

**Saturday, September 16th**

**1:30 - 3:30pm**

**Outside-back parking lot/lawn of church  
(In case of rain we'll be in Fr. Bennett Hall)**

"Carnival Snacks" (popcorn machine, Italian ice)  
**GAMES for the whole family!**

### RSVP:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showRSVPSignUp/10C084FACAF2CA6F9C43-welcome>

OR use qr code below



## VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS NEEDED!

**Grades: K, 1st, 2nd, and 7th**

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 or if you would like to be a catechist, please contact Julie Dombrowski at: [julie.dombrowski@stannavon.com](mailto:julie.dombrowski@stannavon.com)



## 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 Up:

Wed., September 6th: 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](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com); 860-463-7495





## 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**

**Mondays at 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom (starts Sept. 11)**

**Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom (starts Sept. 8)**

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



## Saint Ann's Adult Choir

### Sing to the Lord a New Song!

If you can match pitch, have a basic musical ability and love to sing, share your musical talents with your fellow parishioners! Consider joining the church choir, it is a wonderful way to connect with yourself, your community, and God.

Rehearsals will start on September 14 and meet on Thursdays at 7:30pm.



## SAINT ANN'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St. Augustine once said, "to sing is to pray twice." Encourage your children to share in this gift of music!

The St. Ann's music program is looking for children grades 4 to 7 (flexible) to join the new children's choir.

Rehearsals will start on September 14 and meet on Thursdays at 4:00pm. If your child/children are interested, please email: [mercedes.featherston@stannavon.com](mailto:mercedes.featherston@stannavon.com). Thank you!

**Feel free to visit Mercedes in the Choir Loft after our weekend Masses for more information on either choir!**

## ST. ANN'S ANNUAL CLOTHING SALE

### DONATE

Collect gently worn, up to date styles of Children's Clothing; Outerwear; Jeans, sweaters, casual clothing for Men or Women, Jewelry, Purses & Scarves. (especially Infant, Children and Teen Clothes) Specific donation times on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Sept. 26 - 28 will be announced soon.

### VOLUNTEER

Help sort and organize clothing donations, have a good time while helping a good cause. Any and all help is appreciated!

### SHOP

Friday, September 29 & Saturday, September 30. Specific sale hours will be announced soon.

sponsored by the  
Saint Ann Scholarship Committee



**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!



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection for 8/27/23:** \$4,072.10

**Monthly:** \$2,267.00

**Votive Candles:** \$161.95

**Online Giving (August 23-30, 2023)**

**Weekly:** \$2,527.00

**Monthly:** \$168.00

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:** none



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus admonishes us in today's Gospel with these words, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (John 16:21-27) When we consider the gift of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, do we see only with our human eyes a small, fragile piece of unleavened bread? Instead, we need to look beyond through the eyes of living Faith to see the priceless gift of Jesus Himself, who is present to us in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Reflection:** As you approach the reception of Holy Communion today, ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind to God's reality: that the Host you are about to receive is the glorious, resurrected, LIVING Body of Our Lord and Savior.



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As we look at Old Testament people and events, we'll encounter problems that only Christ will solve, needs that only He will satisfy, and promises that only He can deliver.

**Beholding His Glory** reminds us how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We'll learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives, His awe-inspiring majesty, and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us.

*Choose the session convenient for you.*



**Tuesdays:** 10:15am via Zoom or

**Wednesdays:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

*Only 9 Sessions*

**September 12/13 through November 14/15**

*Questions?*

Colleen Waterbury: 203-913-8764  
or Pat Wall: 860-508-0947



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Wednesday, September 6th  
7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall**

*Come be a part of our ministry!*

*All are welcome!  
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860-674-1541*



**ADULTS: were you baptized and  
received First Communion, but were  
never Confirmed?**

*We have a program just for you!*

### St. Ann Fall 2023 Adult Confirmation Prep Program

- + **Dates:** Tuesdays, 7pm, beginning Sept 5, 2023  
- 9 sessions, (alternate day TBD Halloween week)
- + **Location:** Room 3 (office wing beneath FB Hall)
- + **Fee:** \$30
- + **To Register:** <https://www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/adult-confirmation-fall-2023>
- + **Questions:** ann.distefano@stannavon.com;  
860-673-9858, x228

The Confirmation ceremony will take place Tues,  
Nov 7, 7pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford





# Worship & Meditation: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
violence and outrage is my message;  
the word of the LORD has brought me  
derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

### Psalms:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

### Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of  
God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.  
(Rom 12:1)

### Gospel:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny  
himself, take up his cross, and follow me.  
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."  
(Mt 16:24-25)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

A love of suffering does not come naturally to us  
as humans. We have no instinct to throw our  
arms around a rough and heavy cross — no, we  
shy away from it. But as adopted children of  
God, crafted lovingly in His image, our  
inheritance is the grace to do what feels so  
impossible.

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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus  
announces Peter's deep communion with God the  
Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of  
Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan.  
We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we  
experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we  
perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of  
unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his  
beloved children, and takes care of our every need.  
And we also continually fail to embrace our suffer-  
ings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the  
creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never  
abandoned by the Lord even at our worst mo-  
ments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the  
cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time  
for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too.  
This week let's not be too shocked at these divi-  
sions in our hearts but accept them and patiently  
seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped  
plan for us.

- Father John Muir

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## Questions of the Week

### Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading:

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the  
loneliness and ridicule he endures for  
answering his prophetic call. Who do  
you turn to in times of personal sad-  
ness and distress?

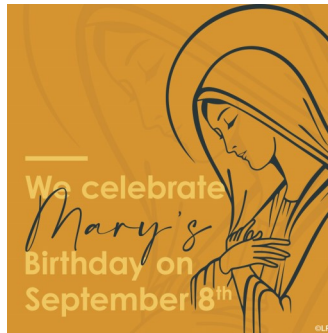
#### Second Reading:

Paul challenges us not to be con-  
formed to the present world "but be  
transformed by the renewal of your  
mind." What can you do this week to  
grow in your thinking as someone  
who believes in Jesus?

#### Gospel:

Peter is resistant to Jesus's revelation  
that as the Messiah, he is destined to  
suffer and die before rising. How do  
you react to news difficult to hear?

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(PRACTICING)

# CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Choosing the Cross

I've been called a lot of things in my life,  
but I've never been called "Satan," at  
least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could  
call a person, and today we hear it  
straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one  
of the many small reminders strewn  
throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches  
meekness, but he is not mild — not when  
mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter  
Jesus from making the right choice,  
mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm  
sure I would have said the same thing to  
my own dear friend. He is, in today's  
Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the  
cross — he's afraid of it, even — but  
aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our  
cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human.

## Readings for the Week of September 3, 2023

### Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/  
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

### Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11  
-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/  
Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk  
5:1-11

### Friday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab,  
6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

### Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1  
-5

### Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom  
13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a  
reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice,  
one we are all faced with, again and  
again, just as Peter is. We will not always  
respond perfectly; Peter does not  
respond well today. He does not respond  
well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the  
ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses  
the cross.

We marvel at first responders who put  
themselves in harm's way for the sake of  
others, because to do so is not human, it  
is divine. I have to believe that if even a  
firefighter's loved one threw themselves  
in his way, he would still charge toward  
the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for  
us, shaking off not only his own fear (and  
he had it, I promise you — he was human,  
too) but the fear of everyone who loved  
him.

*"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and pleasing to God..." — Romans  
12:1*

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# THE BULLETIN BOARD

## St. Mary/Simsbury Bereavement Ministry 9 Week Seminar (Starts 9/6)

St Mary's (Simsbury) Parish Bereavement Ministry is offering a seminar for those who are grieving. The nine week seminar will use *The NEW DAY Journal: A Journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one*. The gathering is limited to 12 people and will meet on Wednesday mornings for nine weeks. The first session will take place on September 6th. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 860-658-7627 for information or to pre-register. A facilitator will return your call and register you for the program.



## Parenting is easy!

(Said no one ever.)

*But does it have to feel this overwhelming?*

**HELP IS ON THE WAY!**



**Thursday, 9/7 at 7pm**

Put it on your calendar and get on down to St. Mary's to see him in person at this absolutely free event, thanks to the generosity of the Father Matera Faith Formation Fund. Learn from one of the most nationally respected Catholic authorities on parenting. He is an invaluable coach in helping you be more confident in your parenting decisions—even in today's world!

*The beginning of September is a terribly busy time for parents—we know!*

**COME ANYWAY!**

*A little time now will hopefully result in a better start to school and activities for your whole family. Your brain will thank you later.*

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT TRINITA RETREAT CENTER - New Hartford, CT

**Girl's Night Out ~ Women's Faith Sharing**  
This year we will be focusing on the Gospel of Luke.

Our first session will look at The Persistent Woman – Luke 18:1-8. All women of the parish are invited!

**Thursday evenings: 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 2/1, 3/7, and 4/4, 6:30pm-8:00pm**

**Out of the Light: Creating Sacred Space for Self and Others**  
A series from Just Faith Ministries to help prepare people of faith for the life changing and world changing call of the Gospel. We'll be reading books about Christian spirituality, trying out new prayer and meditation practices, learning from spiritual teachers, and having honest conversations about the joys and struggles in our lives and our world.

**Wednesday Evenings: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, and 10/25, 6:30pm-8:30pm**

Join Laurie Janecko, Program Director, for the above programs. Laurie has an MA from Boston College and 34 years' experience in education, faith formation, and youth & retreat ministry. She also has a strong interest in women's spirituality and social justice.

For more information or to register contact Trinita Retreat Center at 860-379-4329 or [trinita1923@gmail.com](mailto:trinita1923@gmail.com)

**Have  
A  
Blessed  
Labor  
Day!**

If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected — the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

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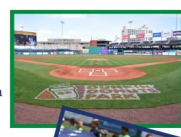
## THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD PRESENTS FAITH & FAMILY DAY AT DUNKIN' PARK SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2023

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