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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



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." - Mt 22:9

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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



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 14, Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr: BVM

4:00 Ann Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

SUNDAY, October 15

- 7:30 James M. Carroll, requested by the Oleskewicz Family
- **9:30** John Saimininkas (2nd Ann.), requested by his daughter and family
- **11:00** Richard Cialfi (2nd Ann.), requested by *his wife, Dottie, and family*

MONDAY, October 16, Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

9:00 Joy Abraham, requested by the Lobo and Dlas Families

TUESDAY, October 17, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 For the intentions of Bill Duffy (LIVING), requested by the Hennig Family

WEDNESDAY, October 18, Saint Luke, Evangelist 9:00 Gladys Lopisi, —

THURSDAY, October 19, USA: Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs
9:00 Mary Harvell, requested by Kathy Gill

FRIDAY, October 20, USA: Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest9:00 James Hahn, requested by the Ledwidge Family

SATURDAY, October 21,

4:00 Michael Rubino, requested by Brian and Ann Beloin and family

SUNDAY, October 22

7:30 Special Intentions

- 9:30 Thomas and Ella Heavren, requested by Tom and Pat Heavren
- **11:00** Henry "Hank" Frey, requested by Ann and Robert Yurch

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



WELCOME di

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

SATURDAY, October 14 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, October 15

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

MONDAY, October 16

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

TUESDAY, October 17

Walking With Purpose: 10:15am via Zoom Adult Confirmation Class: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, October 18

Jesus: The Way, the Truth & the Life: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Walking With Purpose: 7pm in the Fr. Bennett Hall Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, October 19

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Children's Choir Rehearsal: 4pm in the Choir Loft Eucharistic Revival Series: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

FRIDAY, October 20

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, October 21 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, October 22

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

Progress as of 10/9/23:



Every parish household is asked to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to assist the parish in funding our 2023 Annual Collection. Please complete your personal gift card and return it to the parish office via mail or go online at www.stannavon.org to make an electronic gift in support of St. Ann's parish. Thank you!



40 Days For Life Campaign



Adoration for the 4o Days for Life will be Sunday, October 29th through Monday, October 30th. Please sign up on the posters in the Gathering Space.



Come Join Us for Coffee...

...after ALL Masses on Sunday, October 29th in Father Bennett Hall. Our guest speaker will be Mike Mongillo (a Holy Family Retreat Team member), who will give a brief presentation about the Men's and Women's Retreats, and other programs offered at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions and explore the many ways Holy Family Retreat Center ministers to our parishes and the wider community.

No obligation to commit to anything, just talk.

Hope to see you there!



Calling All Confirmed St. Ann Teens!

Our 2023/2024 Youth Ministry will be starting monthly meetings in October. Come join your peers in the next part of your Faith Journey. Open to all Confirmed Teens.

Please email Rosemary Neamtz with Interest: rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com



A Miracle Happens at Every Mass

How do we make it our own?

don't miss this FREE 3-part series! Thurs, Oct 12, 19, 26 7-8:30pm Parish Hall RSVP by Oct 5: Eileen: ecdimauro@yahoo.com

St. Ann, Avon celebrates the National Eucharistic Revival

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 Rm 3 and via Zoom Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom

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



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 10/8/23: \$4,359.00 Monthly Collection: \$1,836.34 Votive Candles for the week: \$185.67

Online Giving (Oct. 4-11, 2023) Weekly: \$2,537.50 Monthly: \$170.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Propagation of the Faith

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The Holy Eucharist DID γΟU KNOW?

"The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come." With these words from the parable of today's Mass, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to the king who gave a wedding feast for his son. (Matthew 22:1-14) What lesson is Our Lord teaching us about the importance of being prepared to attend Holy Mass and to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist?

Reflection: To receive Jesus absent mindedly, out of habit, without a thought as to Whom it is who comes into our very beings is not to receive Jesus with love, reverence, adoration, gratitude and prayerfulness. When we receive Holy Communion, do we encounter Our Lord? Are our hearts open to the Divine Presence within us? Do we receive the full outpouring of grace and mercy, which Jesus Eucharistic desires to give us?



If you've been thinking about exploring becoming Catholic, or if you were baptized Catholic but are missing sacraments, now is the time to inquire!

Our program for adults (RCIA) is about to begin. Contact <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u>





Knights of Columbus Meeting Wednesday, October 18th at 7-8:30pm in Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)

Do You Know Anyone Who Could Use the Comfort of a Prayer Shawl?



St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available! If you know of someone who is going through an illness or time of need and feel a prayer shawl will lift their spirits or provide comfort, please contact Tina Dibble, 860-331-1673, (tmdibble@comcast.net), to pick one up. In addition, we might also have a few lap robes, which are ideally suited for someone who is wheelchair bound.



ARCHDIOCSE OF HARTFORD

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, October 22nd at 2:00pm Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford, CT

All those in the Archdiocese of Hartford who are observing 25th, 50th, 60th, and other special wedding anniversaries

in 2022 are invited to join Archbishop Blair for this special anniversary Mass.

Couples can register to attend online at: archdioceseofhartford.org/marriagemass

If you do not have internet access, please call Kris in the Parish Office and I can register you over the phone. 860-673-9858, ext. 221

Worship & Meditation: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He wants to share with each one of us, but we have to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for whatever the Lord will ask of us this week. ©LPi

Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There *is* a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be? — Father John Muir

Questions of the

Week Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

Second Reading:

Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

Gospel:

Jesus's parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God's invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God's presence in your life?

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Wedding Garmet

I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river.

All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness.

I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies — and I push confession off another week. "I haven't committed

Readings for the Week of October 15, 2023

Sunday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday:

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/ Lk 11:47-54

Friday:

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday:

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

any mortal sins," I tell myself, "And I'm just so busy."

I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt — and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin.

I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger — and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: "I'm so tired. Mary understands."

I am overwhelmed by the here-andnow, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I — or any of us — can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast.

Is my van stocked for that?

"The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?"" — Matthew 22:12

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