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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



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21c

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



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 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

MONDAY, October 23

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Youth Ministry Meeting: 5:30pm in Room 1 Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

TUESDAY, October 24

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

WEDNESDAY, October 25

Jesus: The Way, the Truth & the Life: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall RCIA: 6:30pm in Room 3 Walking With Purpose: 7pm in the Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, October 26

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 27

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, October 28

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

SUNDAY, October 29

Holy Family Retreat Center Presentation: after all Masses in Fr.B. Hall Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

Annual Parish Collection Church of Saint Ann

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!

as of 10/16/23:



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

MONDAY, October 23, Saint John of Capistrano, Priest 9:00 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother, —

TUESDAY, October 24, Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

9:00 Eugene Aidan Duffy, requested by Mel and Mark Hamel

WEDNESDAY, October 25

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, October 26

9:00 Rufus Wiley Davenport, Sr., requested by the Hamel Family

FRIDAY, October 27 9:00 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother, —

 SATURDAY, October 28, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
4:00 Michael Rubino, requested by His Social Outreach Ministry friends

SUNDAY, October 29

- 7:30 Brian Stockwell & Derek Stockwell, requested by Maria
- 9:30 Hank Frey, requested by John and Kathy Hangen
- **11:00 Rose and John King,** *requested by the family*

St. Ann Parish Mission "Trifecta of Divine Mercy" directed by Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P. Sunday Dec. <u>10 - Tuesday Dec. 12th</u>



Please join us and welcome Fr. Bill Garrott to our Parish Mission this December. Father Garrott will begin by preaching at all the Masses on Dec. 9th and 10th. Sunday-Tuesday evenings will be filled with prayer and discussion to enrich our spiritual lives. More details to follow.

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!

Please join us for our kickoff Youth Ministry Meeting and see what it's all about. All Junior & Senior High School students are welcome. We will meet on Monday October 23rd in Room 1 beneath Father Bennett Hall. Pizza will be served. Please rsup to rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com by Saturday October 21st.



A Miracle Happens at Every Mass

How do we make it our own?

It's all about

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 10/15/23: \$5051.00 Votive Candles for the week: \$174.35

Online Giving (Oct. 11-18, 2023) Weekly: \$2,605.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Catholic Worker House



The Holy **Eucharist** DID γΟU ΚΝΟW?

Rendering to God what belongs to God is the subject of this weekend's Gospel (Matthew 22: 15-21) What do we owe God? The Church teaches that we owe God "latria", which is worship. The most profound act of worship is the Holy Mass. The Mass is the Sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary in an unbloody manner. We stand at the foot of the Cross with Mary and St. John at each Mass we attend. How can we ever repay Our Lord for the Pascal Mystery of His Passion, Death and Resurrection which has purchased for us our personal salvation?

<u>Reflection:</u> The past week on October 19th the Church celebrated the Feast of the North American Martyrs: St. Isaac Jogues, St. Jean de Brebeuf and their companions. These brave Jesuits offered their very own martyrdom for the conversion of souls. They rendered to God the ultimate gift of their lives in love of God and neighbor. What a courageous example of giving back totally to God all that He had given to them. This heroic virtue is not possible without the graces of the Holy Eucharist.

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>



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.

The Council Connection

The Parish Council is an advisory board to Fr. Fontana representing the entire parish community. The Council includes registered members of the parish who are actively involved in their faith development through worship, prayer, and the liturgy. The current members are: Jane Ellen Peregrin (chairperson), Bill Bachhuber (co-chairperson), Carole Anderson, Nelson Bondhus, Carla DuBois, JoEllen Oakes, Eileen Sibson, and Dianne Simpson.

We encourage everyone to serve with one of the many ministries that help to meet the needs of parishioners and the greater community. For a complete list of ministries and contact information please check the parish website (www.stannavon.com).

If you have any questions or suggestions for Parish Council, we invite you to email us at <u>parishcouncil@stannavon.com</u> or use the Parish Council Comments/Suggestion Box located in the Gathering Space.

Children's Christmas Pageant

"Please let us know if you are interested in your child(ren) participating in our upcoming Christmas Pageant! The pageant will be held on Saturday, December 16th at 6pm and we would like to get a sense of how many children are interested in participating as soon as possible! Please fill out this form as soon as possible. Thank you!





Worship & Meditation: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel:

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God is greater than this world, and his truth is stronger than all its ideologies. Remember that no matter how we vote, who we agree with or what our background is, we belong to Him alone.

Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This weeks' gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, **"Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."** This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's. — Father John Muir

Questions of the

Week Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

God revealed to the Persian King, Cyrus, that he would be an instrument of the Lord, proving that no other gods exist. What convinces you there is only one Lord of the universe?

Second Reading:

In his opening words to the believers in Thessalonica, Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their faith and hope in Jesus. For what or for who are you thankful to God?

Gospel:

The religious leaders in Jerusalem tried to "entrap" Jesus with the question, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" How often do you feel you have to defend your faith?

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Tax of Caesar

Too often, I confuse this world with the next.

Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte *aren't* solutions. Heaven forfend! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and

Readings for the Week of October 22, 2023

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/ Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/ Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. *This* world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. For when I have time, I tell myself. For when I am ready.

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4

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St. Mary's School Open House PreKindergarten thru 8th Grade

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Or 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Register Today!





November 11th

Reservations Only Contact by: 11/5/23

Keilbasa - Pierogi - Stuffed Cabbage - Green Beans - Salad Rye Bread - Dessert - Drink



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As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events.

- Pope Francis

Soprano Rochelle Bard will present a Gala Concert with incredible tenor Soprano Rochelle Bard will present a Gala Concert with incredible tenor Daniel Juarez, an exceptional chorus, and special guests. Music will span from Broadway to Classical & Sacred. Rochelle has been a soloist at Carnegie Hall, Tanglewood, Lincoln Center & beyond. Attend this extraordinary event for only \$10! Proceeds will benefit MATH, Medical Aid extraordinary event for only \$10! Proceeds will benefit MATH, Medical Aid o Haiti. Tickets available at door and at www.medicalaidtohaiti.org/events. Reception to follow!

Haiti Benefit Concert! Sunday Oct. 22nd, 2pm

Sunday, October 22nd at 2pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church 872 Farmington Ave, West Hartford CT

Human Needs Committee Art Show: The Many Faces of Mary

As a first-century Jewish woman, her features and clothing were indicative of that era.

Yet, in her numerous appearances to us, the ways in which she communicates with us, and how she presents herself to us, **differs from country to country and region to region** reflecting, her role as a mother of all God's people and uniting her to the universal mission of Christ. In a sense, she transcends time and culture, immersing herself in our world, while helping us to become immersed in hers. What is it about Mary that is so attractive and surpasses the distinctiveness of each culture?

Join us for an art exhibition on **Friday**, **October 27**, **6:30**-**8:00 pm, in the Parish Hall**, that shows beautiful artwork of our blessed Mother Mary as she is seen in different countries around the world. Cider, wine, and cheese will be served.

Bring your family & friends

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