



# Church of Saint Ann

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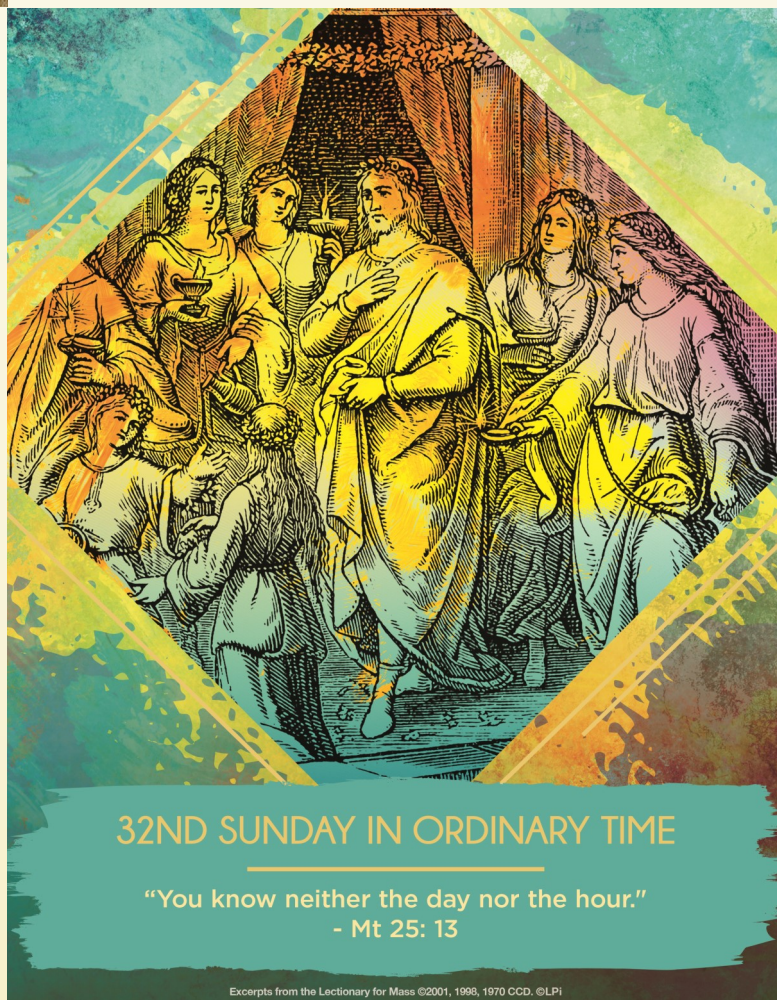
Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221

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.



## 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You know neither the day nor the hour."

- Mt 25: 13

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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



**32nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**SATURDAY, November 11, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**  
**4:00 Frank Chach (20th Ann.), requested by**  
*his daughter*

**SUNDAY, November 12, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:30 Dave Romani, requested by Mike Williams**  
**9:30 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by**  
*her husband, Michael*  
**11:00 For the intentions of Claudia Kusmierz (Living),**  
*requested by the Osiecki Family*

**MONDAY, November 13, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini,**  
*Virgin*  
**9:00 Edward Stepien (11th Ann.), requested by**  
*Lorraine and family*

**TUESDAY, November 14**  
**9:00 Special Intentions**

**WEDNESDAY, November 15, Saint Albert the Great,**  
*Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
**9:00 Special Intentions**

**THURSDAY, November 16, Saint Margaret of Scotland;**  
*Saint Gertrude, Virgin*  
**9:00 Special Intentions**

**FRIDAY, November 17, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**  
**9:00 Gerald T. Ramsay, requested by a friend**  
*of the family*

**SATURDAY, November 18, Dedication of the Basilicas of**  
*Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine*  
*Duchesne, Virgin; BVM*  
**4:00 Joseph & Marie Joyce, requested by**  
*Tom and Pat Heavren*

**SUNDAY, November 19, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:30 Michael Joseph Oleskewicz, requested by**  
*his loving family*  
**9:30 Tom Kobylarz, requested by the family**  
**11:00 Scott Gill, requested by Jim Randall**

## 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again!*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### SATURDAY, November 11

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

### SUNDAY, November 12

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

### MONDAY, November 13

**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, November 14

**Walking With Purpose:** 10:15am via Zoom  
**Social Outreach Committee Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

### WEDNESDAY, November 15

**Jesus: The Way, the Truth & the Life:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**RCIA:** 6:30pm in Room 3  
**Walking With Purpose:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**Knights of Columbus:** 7pm in Room 2

### THURSDAY, November 16

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church  
**Children's Choir Rehearsal:** 4pm in the Choir Loft

### FRIDAY, November 17

**Lectio Divina:** 9:45am via Zoom  
**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal:** 4pm in the church

### SATURDAY, November 18

**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8:00 am in Room 3  
**International Fair Trade Bazaar:** 10am—5:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### SUNDAY, November 19

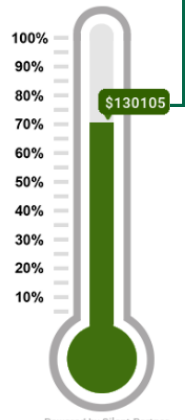
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## Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

We have currently reached about 70% of our Annual Collection Goal. We're so grateful to those who have helped us reach this point! If you have yet to do so already, please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to help us reach 100% of our goal. If you need a pledge form or would like to make an online donation, please check our website: [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org) or call the parish office. Thank you!

as of 11/6/23:



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## International Fair Trade Bazaar



\* **Saturday, November 18th:**  
10am - 5:30pm

\* **Sunday, November 19th:**  
9am - 12:30pm

\* **Fr. Bennett Hall**

\* Please join us to support farmers and artisans from developing countries. Your faithful support is always appreciated!

\* Coffee (Haiti)  
\* Woven crafts (Honduras & Guatemala)  
\* Chocolates (Haiti)  
\* and more!

sponsored by Saint Ann's Social Outreach Ministry

## Turkey Express

**Weekend of November 18/19, 2023**

**at Church of Saint Ann**

**Saturday: 3:30-5pm \* Sunday: 7am-12:30pm**

Look for the truck labeled "Turkey Express"

Please consider donating the following Thanksgiving dinner items for our Avon and Hartford neighbors:

1. Gift Cards to Stop & Shop or Big Y
2. Frozen Turkeys and Hams (Chickens are okay too) (under 20 lbs.)

### Suggested Fixings:

stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce, fresh or canned vegetables, rice, bag of potatoes &/or sweet potatoes, butter, cheese, fresh or canned fruit, juice, dinner rolls, frosting, brownie/cake mixes, gravy, mayonnaise...

**Our Parish Goal is 200 Turkeys and 50 Hams and Lots of Fixings!**

Thank you for your generosity and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sponsored by our  
Social Outreach Committee  
"Together We Serve All God's People"



## "TRIFECTA OF DIVINE MERCY"

*2023 Parish Mission*

SUNDAY-TUESDAY  
**DECEMBER 10-12,**  
**7:00 PM**

### ABOUT FATHER GARROTT

Fr. Bill Garrott was born and raised in Hagerstown, Maryland. He is the youngest of eight children. He received a bachelor of science in chemistry from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. Fr. Bill entered the Order of Preachers in 1988 and was ordained for the Dominicans in 1994. He is a member of the Province of St. Joseph whose headquarters is based in New York City. He has a master's degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. He has served as a parochial vicar, campus minister and director of vocations, and has preached over 200 parish missions throughout the United States and Canada using his musical abilities. Fr. Bill is currently assigned to St. Dominic Priory in Washington, DC.

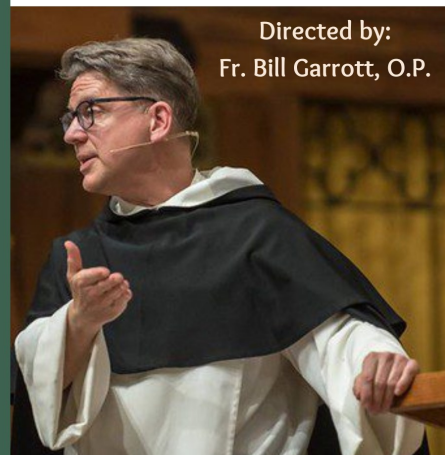
[www.dominicanpreachers.com](http://www.dominicanpreachers.com)

+ Fr. Garrott will lead a Rosary prior to the mission each evening, at approximately 6:30pm  
+ Fr. Garrott will hear confessions after preaching each evening  
+ This mission is suitable for children in 2nd grade and above

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Directed by:  
Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH \* 7PM**

*"Trifecta One: The Father Blesses"*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH \* 7PM**

*"Trifecta Two: The Son Heals"*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH \* 7PM**

*"Trifecta Three: The Spirit Strengthens"*

## Early Deadlines for Bulletin Submissions

The publishing company that prints our bulletins has early upload deadlines during the holidays, therefore there needs to be earlier submission deadlines.

For the November 19th bulletin, submissions are due by 11am this **Monday, Nov. 13th**

For the November 26th bulletin, submissions are due by **11am this Wednesday, Nov. 15th**

Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence.

-Pope Francis



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday Evenings from 6-7:30pm, Starting on November 21, 2023

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore our understanding and devotion to the great mystery of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ's Eucharistic face exposed in a monstrance on the altar.

At The Church of Saint Ann, we are participating in this Program and offering more opportunity to visit with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Beginning on the Feast of the Presentation of The Most Blessed Mother on Tuesday November 21, 2023, and every Tuesday thereafter, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6PM to 7:30PM.

We ask all parishioners and families to make this powerful devotion. Come and see. Speak to Jesus in your own words and in your own way.

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection for 11/5/23:** \$5,060.00

**All Saints:** \$1,463.00

**Archdiocese for Military Services:** \$1,872.00

**Votive Candles for the week:** \$278.01

### Online Giving (Nov. 1-8, 2023)

**Weekly:** \$3,218.50

**All Saints:** \$20.00

**Archdiocese for Military Services:** \$40.00

### **Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:**

*Catholic Campaign for Human Development*



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Are you prepared to welcome the Bridegroom of your soul? Today's parable of the 10 virgins (Matthew 25: 1-13) challenges us to realize that we must live a life that is always prepared to enter eternity at any moment. In relation to our sublime privilege, as Catholic Christians, to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, how prepared are we to receive Holy Communion?

**Reflection:** "He who carries God in His heart bears Heaven with him wherever he goes." (St. Ignatius of Loyola) Once you have received Jesus worthily, you are carrying Him with you, if you remain in the state of grace. Receiving worthily requires that we not be in the state of serious, mortal sin. Jesus offers us His unfathomable Divine Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a remedy for our sins. This merciful sacrament has a direct correlation to Christ's redemption of our souls, as a result of his brutal suffering and death on the Cross. We have been purchased at a great price.

## Christmas Pageant Last call!

If your child is interested in participating in our Christmas Pageant please e-mail [familyministrystann@gmail.com](mailto:familyministrystann@gmail.com) by November 14th! Our rehearsals begin Nov. 17th. Please e-mail Family Ministry with any questions. We are excited to bring back this wonderful tradition.



## Warm Clothing Drive for the House of Bread



In conjunction with the House of Bread soup kitchen in Hartford, St. Ann is participating in a clothing drive to provide warm clothing to those without this winter. This drive will benefit the homeless who visit the kitchen for a warm meal. We are collecting gently used or new warm clothing, like sweatshirts and sweatpants, jackets coats and sweaters, warm hats, gloves and socks. There is a particular need for men's large sizes, but all is useful. You will find a blue bin labeled "House of Bread" in the gathering space where you can deposit your donation. The clothing will be picked up twice a week and distributed to those in need.

*Thank you very much for your generosity.*



## Knights of Columbus Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

**Orders can be placed after Masses on November 4/5 and 11/12.**

**Pick up pies after Masses the weekend of November 18/19.**

**Only \$15 each our locally sourced pies are made just for you!**

**Apple \* Peach Praline \* Pumpkin \* Very Berry**

**OR...order & pay online at:**

**[www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/koc-thanksgiving-pie-sale](http://www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/koc-thanksgiving-pie-sale)**

*All proceeds benefit St. Ann's ministries and charities within our local community!*





# Worship & Meditation: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,  
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,  
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

### Psalm:

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

### Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,  
so too will God, through Jesus,  
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.  
(1 Thes 4:14)

### Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out. ©LPI

## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look *exactly* the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll *always* end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "**Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.**" Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is *always* better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— Father John Muir

## Questions of the Week

### Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading:

Wisdom is presented as a virtue seeking to be found. How might you search for wisdom this week?

#### Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be comforted in the belief that believers will be raised from the dead and live eternally with the Lord Jesus. What family members, friends, or co-workers need to hear these words of comfort?

#### Gospel:

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus is teaching about the importance of being prepared for his Second Coming. In what ways is this directive from Jesus a challenge for you?

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(PRACTICING)

# CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Seeking Wisdom

I think if any of us were asked the question, "Do you love wisdom? Do you seek wisdom?" we would, at first, be a little taken aback. And then we would answer quickly "Of course!" with absolutely no doubt in our minds.

But a different way of asking the question is this: "Are you making wise choices?" That's a question that would put a fair few of us on the back foot.

The virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom were all the same. They had the exact same intentions. They had the exact same stamina, or lack of it. They had the exact same knowledge of the night being dark and lamps being necessary.

What made five foolish, and five wise?

It was their choices. Only their choices set them apart.

## Readings for the Week of November 12, 2023

### Sunday:

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

### Monday:

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

### Tuesday:

Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

### Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

### Thursday:

Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

### Friday:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

### Saturday:

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

### Next Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

We may rely upon the wisdom of another — the parent who reminds us to go to confession, the friend who demurs when we start speaking gossip, the priest who preaches boldly from the pulpit against an injustice we lack the courage to denounce ourselves. But even if we feel safeguarded by their good influence, their wisdom won't save us.

We may possess a little wisdom ourselves — we may know well that a dark night is hard to navigate, and that we need the assistance of a lamp. We may go to Mass once in a while, read the Bible when we have time and serve others when it's convenient.

But a lamp needs oil to burn in the darkness, just as wisdom requires action to be brought forth into the world.

We may love God just as much as we should — our flesh may pine, our soul may thirst. But a parched field never brought rain on itself just by being dry.

We must make the choice.

*"Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name." — Psalm 63:4*

## THE BULLETIN BOARD



### Advent Evening of Reflection at Trinita

Join us as we cross the threshold...through the doorway to the Advent Season as we open our hearts to welcome Jesus.

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023 from 6:30pm-8:30pm.**

*Free will offering*

Trinita Retreat Center, 595 Town Hill Rd, New Hartford.

**To register call Trinita at: 860-379-4329**

**or email : trinita1923@gmail.com**



### St. Paul Catholic High School OPEN HOUSE

If you or someone you know has a prospective student looking to attend St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol in the 2023 or 2024 school years this is the open house you'll want to visit. All tours are by appointment and each family will take a guided tour around our campus building. Visit [spchs.com/openhouse](http://spchs.com/openhouse) to register for an appointment time on **November 18 with appointments beginning at 10:00am.**

Also, St. Paul Catholic High School will hold a **Placement Exam** for prospective grade 9 and grade 10 students. The Placement Exam is a standardized test that incoming students take which evaluates their performance levels in math, language and reading. This exam will be held at the school on **Saturday, December 2 beginning at 8:00am.**

To register, visit [spchs.com/placementexam](http://spchs.com/placementexam).



### Coping with Grief & Loss During the Holidays

*A free community presentation offering ways to help.*

**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00 p.m.**  
The Lodge  
130 Deerfield Road  
Windsor

**6:30 p.m.**  
Carmon Funeral Home  
& Family Center  
301 Country Club Road  
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This program is free and open to the public, but if you will be attending in person, please R.S.V.P. by November 13<sup>th</sup>

**860-688-2200**  
Windsor

**860-673-8610**  
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Each presentation will also be available online at  
[CarmonFuneralHome.com/About-Us/Community-Events](http://CarmonFuneralHome.com/About-Us/Community-Events)



### PIANO BENEFIT CONCERT

**Sunday, November 19th**  
**2pm**  
**St. Mary Star of the Sea**  
**Unionville**

Next Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, **Rick Daddario**, music director at Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church, Unionville will present his annual piano concert at the church to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, CT Chapter with **100% of the proceeds donated to the Chapter.** Refreshments provided following the performance.





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