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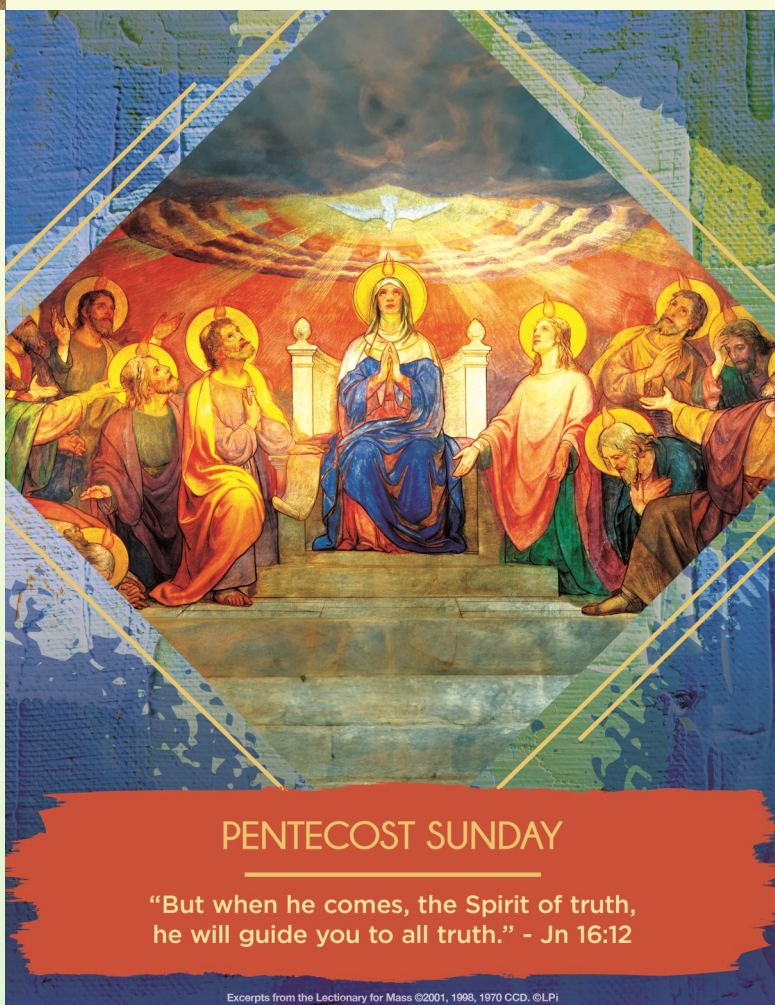
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:12

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BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221.
Wedding dates should be scheduled 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.

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
Tuesdays 6 - 7:30pm
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



Pentecost Sunday

SATURDAY, May 18, *Easter Weekday,*

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

4:00 Diane Koch, requested by Dan and Mary Healey

SUNDAY, May 19, *Pentecost Sunday*

**7:30 For the intentions of thee Schoen Family
(Living), requested by the Pizzuti Family**

**9:30 Cora Sopolak and Aleksandra Smolinski,
requested by the Sopolak Family**

11:00 Michael Rubino, requested by the Yurch Family

MONDAY, May 20,

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

**9:00 Brian Sullivan, requested by
John and Aelish Clifford**

TUESDAY, May 21,

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

**9:00 Dr. and Mrs. Charles Zmijeski, requested by
Barbara and Gino Calderone**

WEDNESDAY, May 22, *Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*

**9:00 For the intentions of the Schoen Family
(Living), requested by the Pizzuti Family**

THURSDAY, May 23

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

FRIDAY, May 24

9:00 Carmela Gustafson, requested by the family

SATURDAY, May 25, *Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and*

Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope;

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin; BVM

**4:00 Sandeve George D'Costa (month's mind),
requested by the family**

SUNDAY, May 26, *The Most Holy Trinity*

**7:30 Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy, requested by the
Parish of Saint Ann**

**9:30 Bernard Atkins, requested by
the Del Prete Family**

**11:00 Salvatore and Linda Bonini, requested by
the family**

*To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email
Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or
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Suggested Donations: \$30 Weekends, \$25 Weekdays*

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

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

SATURDAY, May 18

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

SUNDAY, May 19

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

MONDAY, May 20

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church

Mom's Faith Study: 10:30am in the Activity Room

Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

TUESDAY, May 21

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6 -7:30pm in the church

WEDNESDAY, May 22

THURSDAY, May 23

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Heaven: The Heart's Deepest Longing Book Study: 9:30am in Room 3

FRIDAY, May 24

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

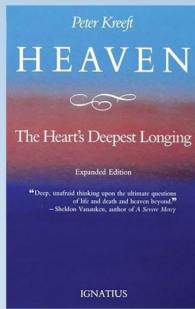
SATURDAY, May 25

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

SUNDAY, May 26

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





Book Study:
Heaven:
The Heart's Deepest Longing
by Peter Kreeft
Thursdays
May 16th – June 6th
9:30am in Room 3

Theologian Karl Rahner once said that in this life we come to realize that all symphonies must remain unfinished. Long before him, St. Augustine said that to be human is to have a restless heart. What is the universal, never-ending longing for something beyond this earthly existence that we feel, and where does it come from?

In his book *Heaven: The Heart's Deepest Longing* Peter Kreeft beautifully expresses how it is the hope of heaven, planted within us by God, that drives the heart's quest for joy. Join our discussion of Kreeft's rich masterpiece that feeds both the soul and the mind, and shows us how a more intimate relationship with Jesus can give us a taste of heaven now.

Meeting Thursdays, 5/16– 6/6 at 9:30am in Room 3.

RSVP to terry@frankpendergastinc.com
by May 2nd.

Books are available via bookstores and online.



The Holy Eucharist
DID YOU KNOW?

As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit today on Pentecost Sunday, let us recall that it is through the invocation of the Holy Spirit by the priest that the bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus at the Consecration of the Mass. The main work of the Holy Spirit is the sanctification of souls. Our souls are so united to Christ at the reception of the Holy Eucharist that the work of the Holy Spirit flourishes.

Reflection: Pay special attention to the words of the SEQUENCE today on Pentecost. It is an ancient prayer of the Church, which invokes the Holy Spirit and is worth praying daily for your own personal sanctification.



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Friday, May 31st



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2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations especially in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Be assured every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at: <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/12/24: \$8,032.65
 Helping Haitian Children: \$2,114.00
 Ascension: \$1,402.00
 Votive Candles for the week ending 5/5/24: \$224.00

Online Giving (May 8-15, 2024)

Weekly: \$2,722.00
 Helping Haitian Children: \$60.00
 Ascension: \$45.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *monthly*

**We pray for the safe
 return of those currently
 serving in our Military**



Contact the Parish Office to have your family members added.

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Church of St. Ann In Avon

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH 2024

GAME TIME: 7:10 pm | GATES OPEN: 6:00 pm
 PORTLAND SEA DOGS (AA—RED SOX) vs
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Spend an evening at the ballpark with
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Church of St. Ann in Avon at Dunkin' Park

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH 2024
 GAME TIME: 7:10 pm—GATES OPEN: 6:00pm

TICKET TYPE	PRICE
Field Box	\$16

Children 3 and under are free if sitting on a parent's lap during the game.

Purchase tickets through June 20th
 through the QR Code

Tickets include a \$2.00 loaded value amount that can be put towards
 concessions or the team store

If you have
 questions about this event, please contact
 Karen Edgar at the5edgars@comcast.net



The Center for Catholic Education & Formation
 Adult & Family Life Ministries invites married couples to a date night

Marriage Matters

Presenter: Deacon Kenneth Bangs.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saint Ann Church - Father Bennet Hall

289 Arch Road Avon

Light supper and babysitting will be provided.

To register scan the QR code. Questions? Contact:

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 SAINT THOMAS SEMINARY - ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



When you hear “**marriage enrichment**,”
 what typically comes to mind?

Maybe you think marriage advice is only
 for newlyweds.

Or maybe only useful for couples who have
 been married for several decades and
 have lost their original “spark.”

Some people think marriage enrichment
 is for couples who “have it all together,”
 or appear to have “a perfect marriage.”

The truth is simple: marriage enrichment
 is for couples at all stages of marriage.

Whether you’ve been married for six months
 or sixty years, you and your spouse
 can benefit from some marriage TLC.

Come and invest in your marriage!



Please help Girl Scout Troop 66703
 spread cheer to children at CCMC!

Troop 66703 is collecting donations to make slime kits that
 include a message of positivity for the children at CCMC.

They are looking for donations of:

- 6 oz. Elmer's Washable Color Glue
- Elmer's Magical Liquid Slime Activator (any size)
- Gallon Sized Zip Lock Bags
- 16 oz. Clear Plastic Screw Top Jars

**A collection bin will be in the Gathering Space of
 the Church for donations from May 18th - June 2nd.**



Thank you in advance for helping this Troop to
 spread kindness and for your support! Any questions
 reach out to **Paula Marino** at pkuhn3@gmail.com.

Worship & Meditation: Pentecost Sunday

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalms:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal 5:22-23)

Gospel:

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 16:13)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

— Father John Muir

Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear how the Holy Spirit allowed the mighty acts of God to be heard by people of all languages in every nation. Where do you see God at work in the world or in your workplace?

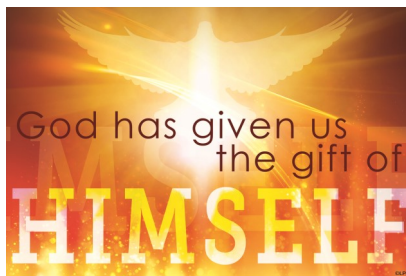
Second Reading:

Paul encouraged believers in Galatia to be guided by the fruit of the Spirit (joy, peace, self-control) rather than by the works of the flesh (immorality, lust, idolatry) in order to inherit the kingdom of God. How might you practice the fruits of the Spirit this week?

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples he would send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to guide them and offer them divine gifts. What guidance are you seeking from the Lord?

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(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Spirit to Spirit

Talk to any couple who are devoted to one another. Ask them when they realized they were in love — call-me-in-a-crisis love, face-the-day-to-day-with-me love — and the answer will probably not be "When I realized he was only dating me to win a bet with his boss."

If you know what movie that references, you and 12-year-old me would have been great friends.

Like any other self-respecting American tween of the early 2000s, I used to watch a lot of romantic comedies. I forget how old I was when I realized that romantic comedies are actually ... really boring. Not because they're about love — true love is *fascinating*. I could watch real-life people talk about who they love for *hours*.

Because when we say we love someone — truly love them — what we mean is we love their spirit. We love what they are. We love the qualities that escape description, the attributes we have to talk around or reduce to cliché in order to

Readings for the Week of May 19, 2024

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday:

Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday:

Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday:

Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday:

Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/
Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday:

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

define. We cannot love a body alone. We cannot love a name or a reputation. We cannot love a story that we've built around a relationship.

To be in love with someone you need to know their spirit. Intimately. And that knowledge cannot help but change everything about you. It changes your goals, your understanding of the world. It changes the amount of courage you have to face the life ahead of you. It changes your ability to be who God wants you to be.

The disciples lived and ate and walked with Jesus for three whole years before they really knew his spirit. They didn't know it on Good Friday when they scattered and hid and wept. They didn't know it on Easter Sunday, when they couldn't believe what they saw. They thought they loved him, but when push came to shove their love failed.

But by the end of their lives, the disciples knew the kind of love that sustained them even in the face of martyrdom.

What was it that changed? It was the Spirit. They finally knew the Spirit.

"No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."
— 1 Corinthians 12:3

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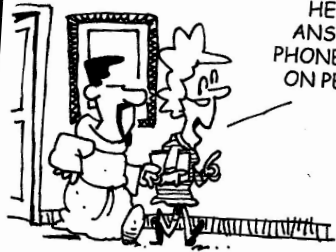
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New Day Bereavement Facilitator Training Workshop

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saint Jerome Parish Hall - 1010 Slater Road, New Britain

This is a free program and lunch will be included.

This training workshop is for anyone looking to become a **New Day Bereavement Facilitator** or for seasoned facilitators looking for new energy and ideas. The workshop will offer direction in developing bereavement groups at the parish level, planning and guiding group sessions and making human connections that can help heal broken hearts.

To register scan the QR code. Questions? Contact:

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