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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.

Church of Saint Ann

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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." - Mk 14:22

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:

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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 4:00

June 2, 2024



SATURDAY, June 1, Saint Justin, Martyr

Alfred Koch, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



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, June 1 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, June 2

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

MONDAY, June 3

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Mom's Faith Study: 10:30am in the Activity Room Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Lectio Divina: will 7:15pm in Room 3 MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

TUESDAY, June 4

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

WEDNESDAY, June 5

Arch. of Hartford: Marriage Matters: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, June 6

Heaven: The Heart's Deepest Longing Book Study: 9:30am in Room 3 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, June 7

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

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SUNDAY, June 9 Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM Archbishop's Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend And **Called By Name** Weekend

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



This Sunday, June 2, 2024

2:30-3:30pm in the church Please join us for this powerful devotion!

- SUNDAY, June 2, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
 7:30 For the intentions of the Schoen Family (living), requested by the Pizzuti Family
- 9:30 In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00 Autumn Fisher, requested by Dianne and Bob Anderson

MONDAY, June 3,

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 James A. Hayes, requested by the Downey Family

TUESDAY, June 4

- 9:00 In celebration of Claudia Sielski's Birthday (Living), requested by the Pizzuti Family
- WEDNESDAY, June 5, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- **9:00** Diane Koch, requested by St. Ann's Social Outreach Ministry
- THURSDAY, June 6, Saint Norbert, Bishop
- **9:00** Addie Carone, requested by Liz Getz

FRIDAY, June 7 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00 Andrea Smyth, requested by the Ledwidge Family

SATURDAY, June 8,

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 4:00 Pete Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

SUNDAY, June 9, 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **7:30** Gerald J. Scelza, requested by Judy Krohomer
- **9:30 Dee Dee Sullivan,** requested by Dick and Anita Sullivan
- **11:00** Lillian and Jess Benton, requested by the Harvell Family

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

Called By Name Weekend: June 8-9, 2024

Called By Name is an initiative which takes much of the stress and worry out of the discernment process. There are many vocations to the priesthood and religious life which are never realized simply because no one has ever invited them. Called By Name changes that.

You can use these submission cards to write down the name of a person whom you think may have a calling to be a priest or nun. You can also use the QR code on the card to

A person who is nominated does not need to make any commitments. They will receive a letter from Archbishop Coyne congratulating them on living the Christian life in an exemplary way and be invited to begin discerning God's calling through the Vocations Office in the normal way.

Other dioceses which have done Called By Name have reported astonishing numbers of new priests and religious sisters simply by inviting them to begin the discernment process.

Please take a moment now to prayerfully nominate a person whom you think might have a calling from God and imagine if this was the moment a vocation to the priesthood or religious life began because you made it so that this person could be called by name....



DO THIS 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal MEMORY OF Next weekend is Commitment Weekend!

All parishioners will have the opportunity to make a pledge to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal during Mass. Please visit the Appeal website at <u>https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/</u> to learn more or make your gift today by clicking the donate button on top of the website.

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 <u>https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/</u>

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



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/26/24: \$3,932.00 Monthly: \$1,874.80 Votive Candles for the week ending 5/26/24: \$201.54

Online Giving (May 22-29, 2024) Weekly: \$2,479.00 Monthly: \$258.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Parish Cemetery

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



Contact the Parish Office to have your family members added.

LCDR Jack Hamel, USCG LT Victoria Hamel, USCG 1LT Sean Neagle, USArmy 1LT Brian J. Heavren Jr., USArmy Capt. Matthew Mascoli, USMC 1LT Andrew Mascoli, USMC ME3 Luke Hobbs, USCG





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!



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Today is a great Feast Day! It is the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Jeus plainly told His followers, "I am the LIVING Bread come down from Heaven." (John 6:51) Our Lord could not express His Divine Presence in the Blessed Sacrament more clearly than with these words.

<u>Reflection:</u> When you approach to receive Holy Communion, are you aware that the Priest, Deacon or Eucharistic Minister is saying, "THE BODY of Christ." Your response "AMEN" is your personal affirmation in the belief that you are indeed receiving the LIVING Jesus under the form of consecrated bread. If you are truly aware of what you are doing, what should your prayer after you return to your seat be like? The Living Lord is within you. He is residing in the profound humility of a fragile, consecrated Host. Should your personal response not also include a profound humility of gratitude?

Worship & Meditation: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

'This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his." (Ex 24:8)

Psalm.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 116) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. (Heb 9:14)

Gospel:

'Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." (Mk 14:22-24)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus is the Passover Lamb come to fulfillment, and his sacrifice washes our hearts in the blood of the new covenant. He is passing us the cup of salvation. Let us take it and call on the name of the Lord.

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The best way to understand the Eucharist is to recall God's long, careful teaching process beginning in the Old Testament. This week in Exodus 24, we learn the basic pattern. Moses reads the dictates of God's law to the people, who profess their allegiance to it. Then Moses takes representatives of Israel's twelve tribes and splashes the sacrificed blood of animals in two directions: on the altar and on the people. It's clear and serious business: clear, because the participants are entering a blood-bond with God Himself; serious, because the dead animals symbolize the life-and-death stakes at play.

Many centuries later, God uses the experience at Sinai to teach us something new. At the Last Supper, like a new Moses, Jesus proposes to "pour out" blood as a new covenant. It will land on the altar of the cross and the lips of his disciples. They have promised to be obedient to him who is God's law in flesh. This renews and elevates the breath-taking romance God wants with His people, unfolding from Sinai to this Supper. The Body and Blood of Christ is the sacrificial action whereby this covenant is strengthened.

How hopeful that, like us, the Israelites and the apostles repeatedly fail to live up to their promises and discover that the blood of the covenant continually renews and refreshes them. Today the blood of Christ faithfully flows, to unite and renew, moving us forward toward where our great teacher is taking us. This week, we should say a renewed "amen" to God who so carefully teaches us how to be one with Him in this new covenant.

Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear the Israelites' enthusiastic commitment to the covenant at Mount Sinai with their words: "We will do everything that the Lord has told us." What are you passionately committed to in your life? Second Reading:

Hebrews teaches us that through his death (Jesus's blood), believers receive the promised eternal inheritance. How often do you think about "eternity?"

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that through his death, his body and blood would be shed for many. How should we show gratitude for such a sacrifice?

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(PRACTICING) By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Is My Body

A friend in high school once asked me why I wore a Crucifix around my neck. She was a Christian and very devout, so I was surprised at her confusion. "To remember Jesus' sacrifice," I said.

Her upper lip curled in disgust. "The cross is a sign of Jesus' sacrifice," she said. "He's not on the cross anymore. It's really weird that you wear his dead body.'

As someone raised Catholic, the Corpus was an image I knew intimately. We had Crucifixes all over our home, everyone in my family did. And for reasons I couldn't quite explain, I actually preferred them over the plain crosses I saw elsewhere. The crosses seemed more elegant, more refined — but the Crucifixes felt more complete. More to-the-point.

Readings for the Week of June 2, 2024

Sunday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday:

2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/ Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday:

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday:

2 Tm 1:1-3. 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab. 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday:

2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34

Friday:

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Saturday:

2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday:

Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

My friend's disgust compelled me to reflect, in a way I never had before, on the image of Christ's body, wounded and twisted and tortured. Why was this a visual that compelled me? It didn't make a lot of sense for someone who abhorred dead bodies so much that I found it difficult to look into a casket at a wake. So, what was different about this?

My friend wasn't wrong: Christ is no longer on the cross. The sacrifice has been made. But does that mean it is over? We re-present it every single Mass. It's the point of everything that we do. Jesus did not sacrifice his spirit; he sacrificed his body. He bought us with every tear of the flesh, with every drop of blood.

The cross is crucial, yes. But that wood didn't bleed for us. If the body wasn't the point, Jesus would not have become human at all. Jesus needed the body.

We need it, too.

"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.' — Matthew 26:26

THE BULLETIN BOARD LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE **CLASSIC** Please help Girl Scout Troop 66703 **CAR SHOW** spread cheer to children at CCMC! Troop 66703 is collecting donations to make slime kits that JUNE 21, 2024 — AT 5 PM include a message of positivity for the children at CCMC. They are looking for donations of: Rain Date 06/28/2024 • 6 oz. Elmer's Washable Color Glue Where: 1365 Enfield Street Enfield, CT 06082 Elmer's Magical Liquid Slime Activator (any size) Gallon Sized Zip Lock Bags • Donation I6 oz. Clear Plastic Screw Top Jars A collection bin will be in the Gathering Space of St. Ann Church for donations from May 18th - June 2nd. For More Information call 860-265-1872 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. **CENTER FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FORMATION** SAINT THOMAS SEMINARY - ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD NEW 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 9TH ANNUAL RETREAT sessions and making human connections that can help heal broken uo Vadis Retreat is a 4 day hearts. eir Faith, grow in Virtue, learn more To register scan the QR code. Questions? Contact: Valerie St. Jean REGISTER AT QUOVADISNEWENGLAND.COM Coordinator of Adult and Family Ministries Valerie.StJean@aohct.org 860-242-5573 ext. 2678 JUNE 20-23, 2024 LOCATION: FR. ERIC CAD ECADIN@RCAB.OF ANNA MARIA COL \$150 PAXTON, MA





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