



# Church of Saint Ann

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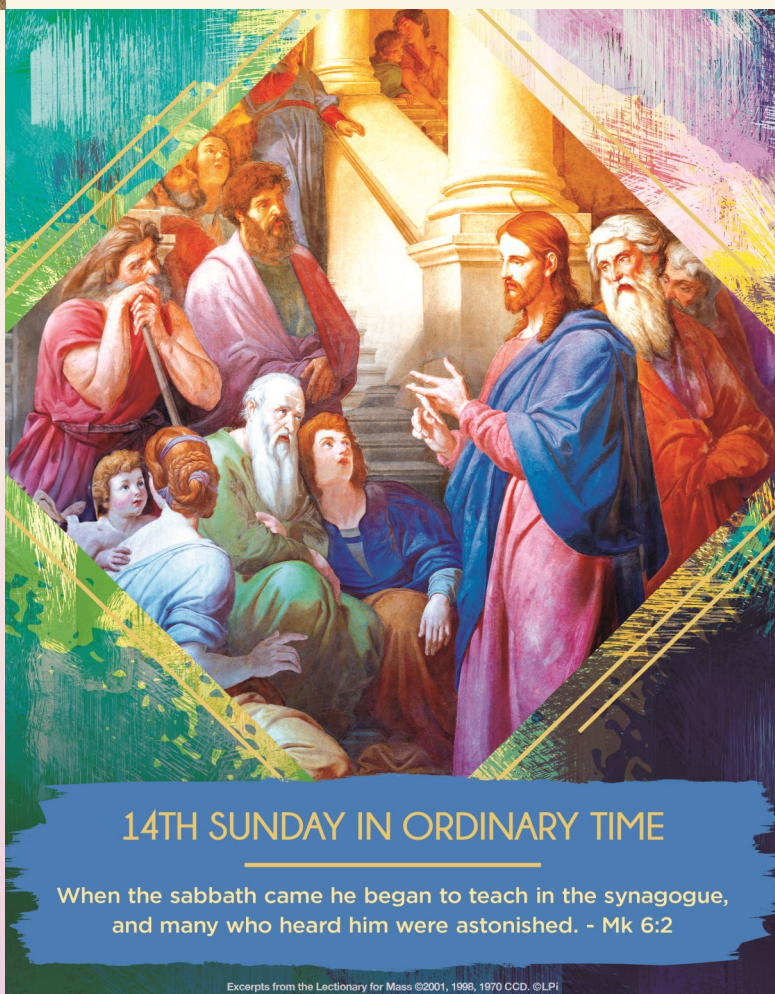
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## 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue,  
and many who heard him were astonished. - Mk 6:2

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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



## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

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!*



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SATURDAY, July 6,** *Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

**4:00** **Salvatore Calafiore (4th Ann.),** requested by the family

**SUNDAY, July 7,** *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**7:30** **Dale Delfino,** requested by Fr. Al Fontana

**9:30** **David J. Hennessey,** requested by John and Maria Manning

**11:00** **Frank and Maria Gallo,** requested by Rose Ann and Ken McBride

**MONDAY, July 8**

**9:00** **Diane Koch**

**TUESDAY, July 9,** *Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*

**9:00** **Rebecca Klenk,** requested by John and Maria Manning

**WEDNESDAY, July 10**

**9:00** **Bob and Connie Theroux,** requested by the Theroux Family

**THURSDAY, July 11,** *Saint Benedict, Abbot*

**9:00** **Craig Schortzmann,** requested by Rose Ann and Ken McBride

**FRIDAY, July 12**

**9:00** **John T. LaVia,** requested by the LaVia Family

**SATURDAY, July 13,** *Saint Henry; BVM*

**4:00** **Dorothy LaRosa,** requested by her husband, Michael

**SUNDAY, July 14,** *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**7:30** **Stefania and Jozef Osiecki,** requested by the Osiecki Family

**9:30** **Ignatius, Anna, William and Nancy Rurka,** requested by Jim and Sophie

**11:00** **Joe Koe,** requested by the 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](mailto:kris.martino@stannavon.com)

Suggested Donations: \$30 Weekends, \$25 Weekdays



### Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

The red sanctuary lamp burns all week (day and night) to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize this candle for a deceased loved one or for someone living in need of prayers. The memorial name will be listed in the church bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10 for each name/couple. Stop by the Parish Office to schedule or use the link on our website: [stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org).

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the Greater honor and glory of God and:

#### In loving memory of:

The Sexton's  
Craig Schortzmann

#### Requested by:

The Hennig Family  
The Schortzmann Family

**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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1LT Brian J. Heaven Jr., USArmy

Capt. Matthew Mascoli, USMC  
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### 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

It is not too late to give to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, **Do This in Memory of Me!** It is only with **YOUR** help that we will be able to achieve the Annual Appeal goal of **\$10 Million!** This year's Appeal goal may be a challenge – but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2024 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

*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.*



## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### SATURDAY, July 6

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

### SUNDAY, July 7

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

### MONDAY, July 8

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

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

### TUESDAY, July 9

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

### WEDNESDAY, July 10

**The Chosen, Season 1 Watch Party:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

### THURSDAY, July 11

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

### FRIDAY, July 12

**Lectio Divina:** 9:45am via Zoom

### SATURDAY, July 13

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

### SUNDAY, July 14

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

## THE CHOSEN

### Season One



Join Us This Summer

**Where:** Fr. Bennett Hall

**When:** Wednesday Mornings

**Date:** July 10th-July 30th

**Time:** 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Come experience this groundbreaking historical video series based on the life of Jesus and his Apostles.

RSVP: Andrea Pizzuti  
andrepizzuti333@gmail.com

## The Council Connection

At a meeting in April the Parish Council discussed the ministries that we have in St. Ann's providing service to address the needs of people in our parish as well as those near and far. It was noted that there are several new ministries, and it would be helpful if we could get an up-to-date account of the role of each ministry to ensure they have the support needed to accomplish their goals. A brief survey was developed and sent to the ministry leaders. At a subsequent Council meeting the results of the survey were discussed. It became apparent that there are three ministries who need additional members at this time: Bereavement Committee, Youth Faith Formation K-8, and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in obtaining more information about these ministries in particular or any other ministry, please contact Chip Janiszewski, Ministries Coordinator, at [chip.janiszewski@stannavon.com](mailto:chip.janiszewski@stannavon.com). We are grateful to all volunteers who are actively involved in the ministries. Their dedication, time commitment and selfless efforts are an indication of putting faith into action. There are plans to post a complete list of ministries in several places like the eNews and the Parish Bulletin.

It has been almost a year since we initiated a Comments/Suggestions box in the Gathering space. All the thoughts, concerns, and ideas submitted have been discussed at Council meetings with Father Fontana (my favorite was the child who requested more cookies...) and have been addressed. We would like to share the decisions that are made with those who take the time to submit a note card; but, we need your contact information to do that. In the future, please consider giving an email address or telephone number if you would like to know the outcome; however, this is not mandatory.

**Best wishes for a fun-filled, safe and relaxing summer!**

*The Parish Council: Carole Anderson, Bill Bachhuber, Nelson Bondhus, Tina Dibble, Carla DuBois, Janet Fischer, JoEllen Oakes, Jayne O'Donnell, Jane Ellen Peregrin, Eileen Sibson and Dianne Simpson.*

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection for 6/30/24:** \$5,169.41  
**Holy Father/Peter's Pence:** \$1,552.50  
**Votive Candles for the week ending 6/30/24:** \$152.17

### Online Giving

**Weekly:** \$2,484.50  
**Holy Father/Peter's Pence:** \$30.00

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:** *none*



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress, which will take place this month, we should consider the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas, the angelic Doctor of the Church. He wrote Eucharistic hymns, prayers and the Divine Office for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. St. Thomas contributed greatly to clarifying the Church's teaching on the Holy Eucharist. He was the one who coined the term "transubstantiation", in an attempt to explain the miracle of the bread and wine becoming the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus at the words of consecration.

Reflection: St. Thomas received many insights into the mystery of the Holy Eucharist through his twice daily Mass attendance, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and deep prayer life. He was frequently found kneeling with his head resting on the door of the tabernacle in prayer. At the end of his life, he was graced with a profound mystical experience of God. This angelic doctor of the Church, who had devoted his life to writing about the profound mysteries of our Faith, after this experience simply stated, "What I have written is but so much straw."

Perhaps his deathbed comment should inspire us with a deeper respect, adoration and love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We truly have no idea, no realization of the gift we possess in this Sacrament.

## Join us for a Good Summer Read

### THE ROCKING CHAIR PROPHET

*by Matthew Kelly*

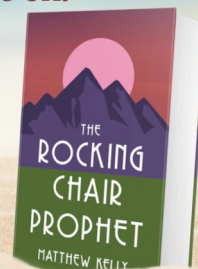
Books will be available for free will offering in the Gathering Space after Masses on the weekends of June 15/16 and 22/23.

*Grab a book and a friend and join us!*

### Book Discussion will be on:

THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 29TH  
6:00PM  
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RSVP:  
Colleen Waterbury  
via text: 203-913-8764



## Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

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Available to serve 2 masses per month

**Next Training:**  
**Wednesday, August 7th**

**Register no later than:**  
**Friday, August 2nd**



To register or for more information contact Brian McDermott:  
Email: [brianmcdermott359@gmail.com](mailto:brianmcdermott359@gmail.com) or Text: 203-641-6560

# Worship & Meditation: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!  
And whether they heed or resist  
— for they are a rebellious house —  
they shall know that a prophet has been among them.  
(Ez 2:4-5)

### Psalm:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.  
(Ps 123)

### Second Reading:

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,  
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.  
(2 Cor 12:9)

### Gospel:

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mk 6:4)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus taught in the synagogue of his native place, he didn't fit the image of the Messiah the people expected. They dismissed him. Let's learn from their example and remember that God often comes to us in forms that are surprising — even challenging. ©LPi

## Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, "You'll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try." Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won't work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week's words from St Paul, "**I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me** (2 Cor. 12:9)." Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn't promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let's face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it's there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— Father John Muir

## Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

The Lord encourages Ezekiel to be courageous in his role as a prophet, regardless of the response of the Israelites. Can you think of a time when you had to be courageous in facing uncertainty?

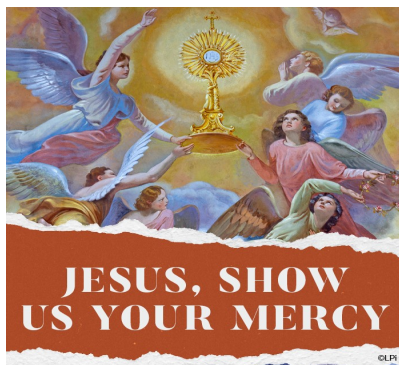
### Second Reading:

Paul learned a "thorn in his flesh" that was given to him to teach him that God's grace alone should be sufficient for his ministry. What are some obstacles in your life you have had to overcome?

### Gospel:

We hear how the villagers of Nazareth were "offended" by Jesus and lacked faith in him. How do you support family or friends who have been hurt by others?

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(PRACTICING)

## CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### A Prophet and His Native Place

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place." It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere.

I speak from experience — I didn't go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn't like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can't reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you'll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what

## Readings for the Week of July 7, 2024

### Sunday:

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/  
2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

### Monday:

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3,  
4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

### Tuesday:

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6,  
7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

### Wednesday:

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5,  
6-7/Mt 10:1-7

### Thursday:

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and  
3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

### Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13,  
14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

### Saturday:

Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/  
Mt 10:24-33

### Next Sunday:

Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14  
(8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he *became*, it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why?

Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don't often see anything worth venerating in the "right now" of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we'll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn't realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn't want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn't look like the "right now" of their lives.

But that's where God is, folks. He's in the right now, and nowhere else. He's waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

Jesus said to them, "*A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.*"

— Mark 6:4

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You can find one by looking up WWME.org.

**Some of the dates to sign up are:**

**August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT \* September 20-22 in Huntington, NY  
October 18-20 in Sunapee, NH**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>.

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