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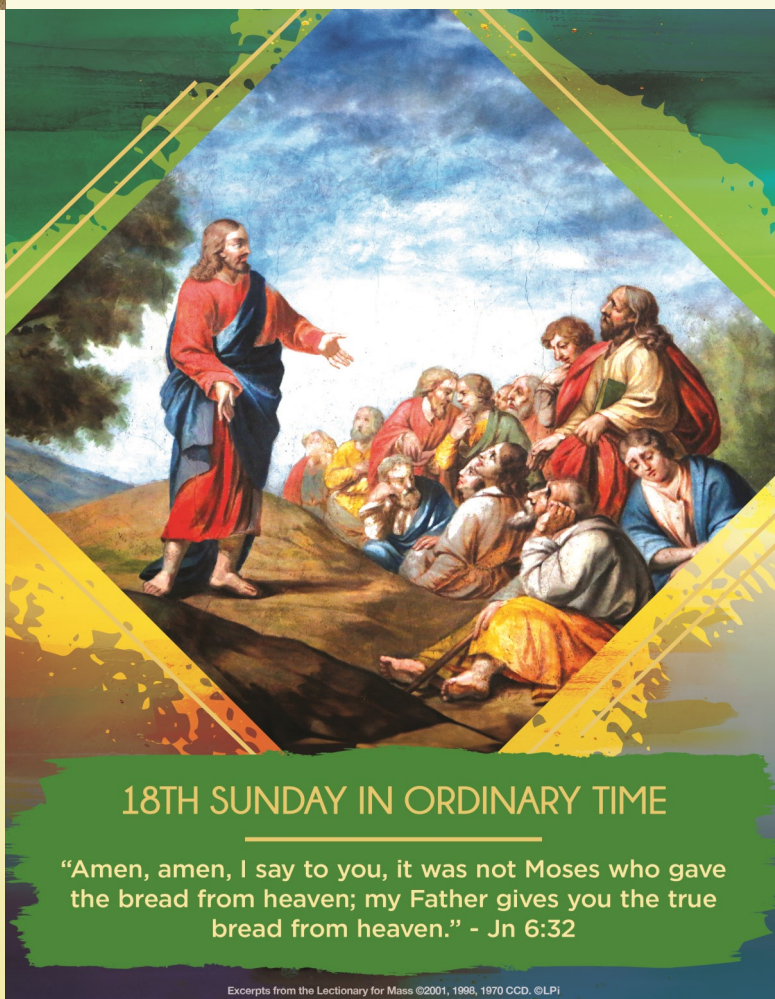
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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven." - Jn 6:32

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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
If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshiping with us and we hope to see you again!



MASS INTENTIONS

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, August 3,

4:00 For Vocations and Our Priests, requested by the Bondhus Family

SUNDAY, August 4, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Brent Rydin, requested by his mom and dad

9:30 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by her husband, Michael

11:00 Jane Gordon, requested by St. Ann's Social Outreach Ministry

MONDAY, August 5,

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

9:00 Special Intentions, requested by the Pizzuti Family

TUESDAY, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 Maria Mae Theroux, requested by the Theroux Family

WEDNESDAY, August 7, Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

9:00 Camille Angelina, Peter Angelina, Michael Nay and Devon Nay, requested by the family

THURSDAY, August 8, Saint Dominic, Priest

9:00 Special Intentions, requested by the Pizzuti Family

FRIDAY, August 9,

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 Special Intentions, requested by the Pizzuti Family

SATURDAY, August 10, Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

4:00 Marie Cheah, requested by the family

SUNDAY, August 11, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Joseph Patrick Savidge, requested by the family

9:30 Mike Martin, requested by Eve Spencer

11:00 Virginia Cronin, requested by Tom and Marilyn Lenihan

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



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 if submitted at least one week prior to the requested week, 2 weeks prior during Advent & Lent. 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.

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

In loving memory of:
Kathleen Ann Stewart

Requested by:
Ronald Stewart

Prayers for the living:
Dee Morneaut

Requested by:
the Lysak 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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LT Victoria Hamel, USCG
1LT Sean Neagle, USArmy
1LT Brian J. Heaven Jr., USArmy

Capt. Matthew Mascoli, USMC
1LT Andrew Mascoli, USMC
ME3 Luke Hobbs, USCG

Sending Mass

August 18, 2024

11:00am Mass

Join us in Fr. Bennett Hall after Mass for light refreshments and fellowship!



Are you starting a new journey in life this fall? Maybe a new educational, professional, or military pursuit. If you are, please join us on August 18, 2024, at the 11am Mass where we will send you off with a special blessing. May God bless you and watch over you on your next adventure.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, August 3

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

SUNDAY, August 4

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

MONDAY, August 5

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, August 6

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

WEDNESDAY, August 7

The Chosen, Season 2 Watch Party: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, August 8

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 9

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, August 10

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

SUNDAY, August 11

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



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

For the month of August all of the Sunday Gospel readings are from the 6th Chapter of St. John. They are called the Bread of Life discourse and deal with Jesus' very direct and pointed teaching on the Holy Eucharist as truly being His Body and Blood. This week Christ exhorts us by saying, Do not work for food that perishes but for food that endures to eternal life." He continues, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and who believes in me will never thirst." (John 6:35)

Reflection: Our Lord addresses the innate spiritual hunger for God by giving us the Holy Eucharist. This desire for God is an intimate part of our human nature. We are made so that nothing except God can satisfy our longings: no material thing or physical pleasure can satiate the longing for God, which He writes in every human heart.

MARRIAGE BANNES



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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast of the Assumption

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

9:00 am * 12:00 pm * 7:00 pm



Preston McNulty-Socha Countertenor

For the last year we had the privilege of being lead in song an inspire by Preston. Now as he moves on to attend Harvard University - New England Conservatory. I want to take this opportunity to thank him on my name and in the name of St Ann's Parish community. We hope he comes back for Christmas!
-Mercedes Featherston, Music Director

On Sunday August 18, Preston will present an extended prelude to the 11am Mass. If you love music, plan to arrive 10:45am.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Giving for Sunday, July 28, 2024

Weekly In-person: \$6,106.56

Weekly Online: \$2,414.50

Weekly TOTAL: \$8,521.06

Votive Candles: \$189.36

Other Donations:

Monthly: \$280.00

Utility: \$20

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



Join Us on Wednesday Mornings in August from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in Fr. Bennett Hall for Season 2 of The Chosen Series

Season 2 is set in 1st century Galilee and follows Jesus and his disciples as they travel to nearby regions. Jesus prepares for the Sermon on the Mount.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Catechists Needed



Help, we are in dire need of Catechists to help with the Faith Formation for the children out of Parish. All levels needed K-10..please think about volunteering for this very rewarding and Faith filled opportunity.

If you are interested in helping out or would like more information please contact:

Kindergarten-8th grade: deborah.benson@stannavon.com or 860-673-9858, ext. 223

Confirmation (9/10): rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com or 860-673-9858, ext. 226

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. If none are left it can be purchased on Amazon.com or through a local bookstore.

Grab a book and a friend and join us!

Book Discussion will be on:

THURSDAY,
AUGUST 29TH
6:00PM
ACTIVITY ROOM

RSVP:
Colleen Waterbury
via text: 203-913-8764



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Friday, August 30th



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Worship & Meditation: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.
Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion." (Ex 16:4)

Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds,
and put on the new self,
created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of
truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

Gospel:

"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Jesus reminds his followers: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." We are so often distracted by the world before us, by the here and now. Let us not forget what is eternal. We were made for what is eternal. ©LPI

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Since my college days I've loved a song called "Dance with You" by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: "I've tasted all the wines/ a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for." These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus' words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God's gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you'll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for.

— Father John Muir

Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

God heard the plea of the Israelites who feared they would die of starvation in the desert and in response, God sent them quail and bread to eat. What will you pray for this week?

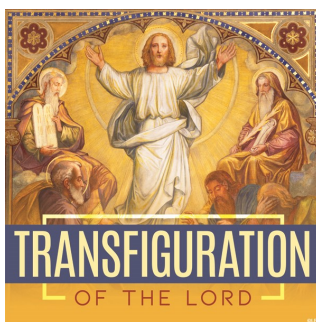
Second Reading:

Paul taught the Gentiles of the Ephesian church to give up their former way of life and live with renewed minds in the truth of Jesus. What have you gained by being a believer in Jesus?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches the crowds in Capernaum that he is "the bread of life" who feeds all who believe in him. Is there someone you know hungry for Jesus? do you find the need to be alone?

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(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Food That Perishes

It's so easy to do the right thing because we want to tick all the right boxes. We want to live by the law. We want to accomplish the work of God.

Or, at least, we say that we do.

But Jesus tells us that in order to accomplish the work of God, we have to believe in the one he sent. And to believe in Christ is to be filled with the spirit of truth — to do what is right because it is right, not because we want to be filled with good feelings.

What is the difference between doing what is right because you want to be a good Christian, and doing what is right because you believe in Christ?

It's the difference between eating manna and the Eucharist. One fills your stomach and keeps you alive, and nothing more. The other satisfies a hunger you might not

Readings for the Week of August 4, 2024

Sunday:

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

have even known you had, or if you did know, you called it by another name — sadness, unfulfillment, fear. One achieves a corporeal goal, and that's the end of it. The other accomplishes something invisibly, secretly, silently, and though there is physical evidence of its work all around us, you have to be shrewd to recognize it.

It's the difference between making a social media post condemning sin and enveloping a sinner (the one at our dinner table, the one on the street, the one staring back at us in the mirror) with love and concern. It's the difference between simply going to Mass and living the Gospel. It's the difference between speaking to God and saying a prayer. It's the difference between telling someone they're wrong and telling them about the truth.

There's nothing wrong doing what is right because we long for heaven, and there's nothing wrong with eating manna if you're starving. But that alone isn't enough. We must also long for the bread of heaven, the bread that gives life to the world.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.' — John 6:35

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The Parish of St. Teresa Of Calcutta, will hold Unique Boutique, a large quality tag sale at St. Bridget Church, 80 Main Street, Manchester, CT., August 15th – August 18th. On Thursday, August 15th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm admission fee is \$10.00. Thursday admission includes wine and cheese while you shop. Admission Friday, August 16th from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm is \$1.00. Admission on Saturday, August 17th from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm is free. Admission on Sunday, August 18th from 8:30 am – 11:00 am is free. Items for sale include furniture, books, jewelry, collectibles, toys, hardware, artwork, household items, linens, glassware, sporting goods, holiday items, crafts, stationery, gardening supplies, luggage, pocketbooks and much more.





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