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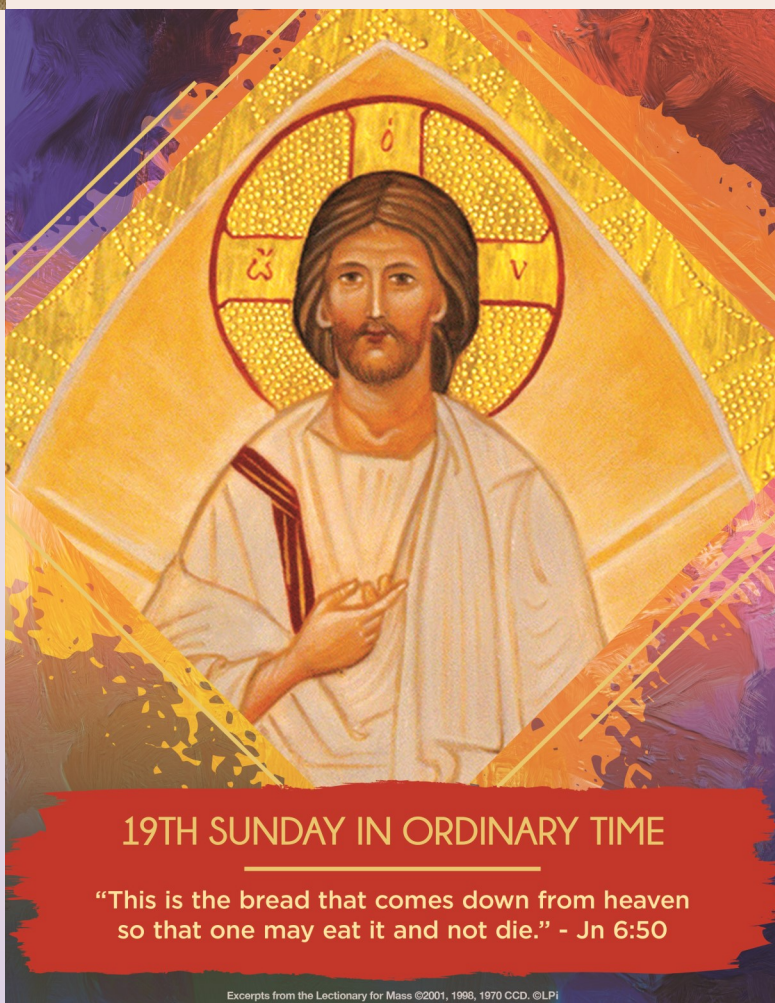
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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"This is the bread that comes down from heaven
so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:50

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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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY, August 12, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

9:00 Donald Sopelak (2nd Ann.), requested by the Sopelak Family

TUESDAY, August 13,

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

9:00 Ida Maillet, requested by the Kostrisak Family

WEDNESDAY, August 14,

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

9:00 Lois Winchester, requested by her children

THURSDAY, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 Carl and Mildred Lawrynowicz, requested by their daughter, Dottie Cialfi

12:00 Michael L. Girard (1st Ann.), requested by Aunt Elaine

7:00 David Michael Federico, requested by Maria D'Errico & Family

FRIDAY, August 16, Saint Stephen of Hungary

9:00 In celebration of the 54th wedding anniversary of Sandy and Nelson Bondhus (Living)

SATURDAY, August 17

4:00 Mary Harvell, requested by the Harvell Family

SUNDAY, August 18, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 James Jablonski, requested by the Zone Family

9:30 Autumn Fisher, requested by Dianne and Bob Anderson

11:00 For all those who are starting a new journey in life this Fall



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:
 David Michael Federico
 Wil & Kathy Talbot

Requested by:
 Tom & Maria D'Errico Family
 Brian & Ann Beloin

Prayers for the living:

Requested by:

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. 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 10

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

SUNDAY, August 11

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

MONDAY, August 12

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 13

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

WEDNESDAY, August 14

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

THURSDAY, August 15

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 16

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, August 20

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

SUNDAY, August 21

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

Reception for Sending Mass: after 11am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall



Join Us on Wednesday Mornings in August from 9:30 - 11:30am 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.



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that comes down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51)

Reflection: Are you aware of Eucharistic miracles? Right from the beginning, for centuries people have doubted the true Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Are you one of those who needs proof? For centuries Jesus has proved His words, "The bread I will give is my flesh." Science is now able to examine many cases of Eucharistic miracles. Consecrated Hosts have turned into LIVING, human heart tissue and consecrated wine into Type AB positive FRESHLY SHED blood. Please type in EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE of LANCIANO in your browser and be convinced that the Eucharist is NOT just a symbol. You can find over 100 scientifically verified Eucharistic miracles on the Internet. Lanciano is just one of them.



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, August 4, 2024

Weekly In-person: \$5,055.45

Weekly Online: \$3,202.50

Weekly TOTAL: \$8,247.95

Votive Candles: \$273.30

Other Donations:

Miscellaneous: \$200

Monthly: \$631

Utility: \$20

Easter: \$50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none

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



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Catechists Needed



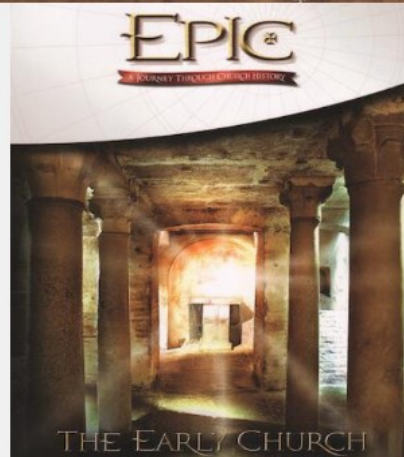
Help, we are in dire need of Catechists to help with the Faith Formation for the children out of Parish. All levels needed K-10..please think about volunteering for this very rewarding and Faith filled opportunity.

*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 this September for this Exciting Study
Epic: A Journey through Early Church History



Discover the extraordinary story of the Catholic Churches beginnings. This study encourages you to grow closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of His Church

When: September 11th - November 20th (Wednesday's)

Where: St. Ann Church in Fr. Bennett Hall

Time: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Cost: \$25 for workbook

RSVP is required: andreapizzuti333@gmail.com

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Worship & Meditation: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

He got up, ate, and drank;
then strengthened by that food,
he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of
God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in
love,
as Christ loved us. (Eph 5:1-2)

Gospel:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
world." (Jn 6:51)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he is the living bread that came
down from heaven. His actions, his example, his
teachings — they are not just words on a page, sto-
ries from a moth-eaten history book. They are life.
They are food for our journey, and they are forever.
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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This week we hear Jesus say, "**He that believes in me, has eternal life**" (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you're like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this "good" possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let's believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.

— Father John Muir

Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Elijah was exhausted and prayed for death under a broom tree.

How do you help a friend or family member who has such despair?

Second Reading:

Paul's high standard for living in the community of believers was literally unheard of in the ancient world. How can any community of faith achieve such an ideal way of living?

Gospel:

Despite opposition from those who knew Jesus and his family personally, Jesus offered eternal life to all who believe in him. How can someone remain open to new or challenging ideas?

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Seeing Through the Lens of Faith

Readings for the Week of August 11, 2024

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

Monday:

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt
18:15-20

Thursday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,
18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday:

Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Murmurings

When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It's also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn't have to be whispered.

"Stop murmuring among yourselves," Jesus tells the community in today's Gospel, and I think I detect a hint of impatience in his voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it's true that what they were whispering about wasn't particularly flattering, and it also wasn't very accurate: *Did you hear what he said? That he's the bread of life?*

Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don't know, but we do know that they're not bringing their questions into the open. They're whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy.

We know this guy. Who does he think he is?

Well, if you ask me...

And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand.

In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. *Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...*

Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps this Gospel shows us that this is no new thing.

Today, we see Jesus respond to his sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of his teaching. *Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.* And that is the end of their murmuring.

The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51 ©LPI

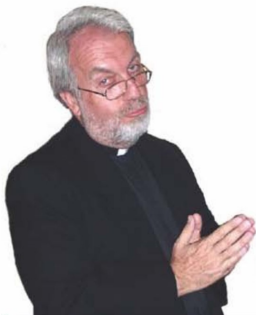
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289 Arch Rd Avon, CT

DOORS OPEN: 7:00PM
PERFORMANCE: 7:30PM

FREE ADMISSION

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Location: Hotel near Bradley International
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our website www.helpourmarriage.org.



Our Lady of Calvary RETREAT CENTER

Welcome back! We're excited to share the new retreat season at OLC. In this newsletter, we'll unveil our fresh retreat theme and introduce our upcoming fall retreats and programs.



**Hope and Healing:
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and Renewal**

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Hope & Healing Retreat
September 27 @ 5:00 pm - September 28 @ 4:00 pm

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