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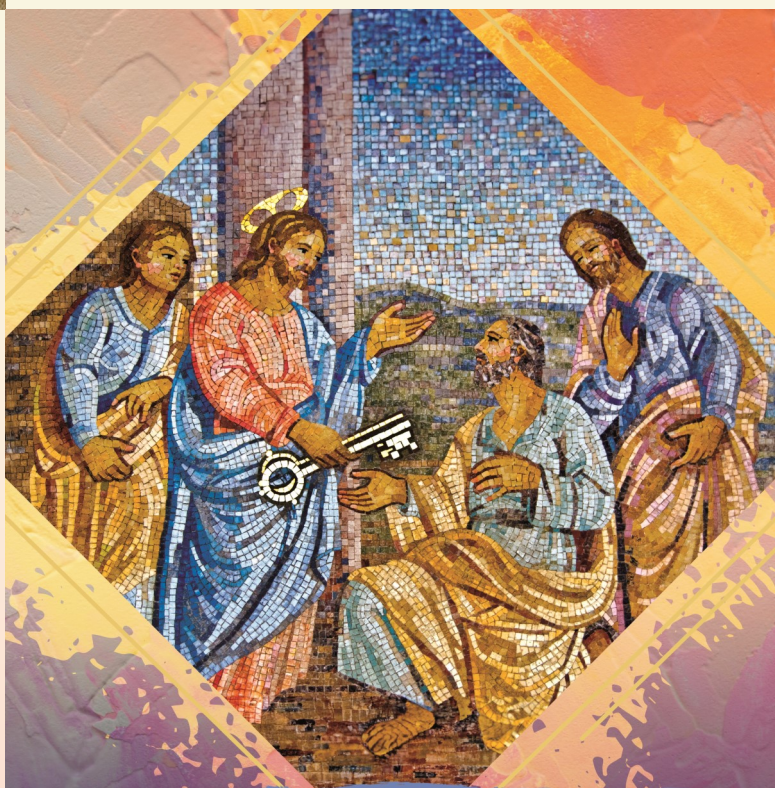
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:68-69

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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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, August 24, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

4:00 Derek Stockwell (7th Ann.), requested by his mom, dad and sisters, Jaclyn Stockwell & Jessica Rivera

SUNDAY, August 25, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Hugh and Susan Linnane, requested by Christine Linnane

9:30 Robert Mansfield, requested by his children

11:00 Fermin Alambra, requested by John & Jean Henares

MONDAY, August 26

9:00 Richard Kulikowski, requested by his wife

TUESDAY, August 27, Saint Monica

9:00 Michael Sumers, requested by Rosanne Harutunian

WEDNESDAY, August 28,

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Mary & Alec Kulikowski, requested by the family

THURSDAY, August 29, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

9:00 Robert Wengler, requested by his wife

FRIDAY, August 30

9:00 In Thanksgiving for the life of Sandeve George D'Costa, requested by the family

SATURDAY, August 31

4:00 David Spino, requested by the Theroux Family

SUNDAY, September 1, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Steven Krenisky, requested by Deb and Michael Stevens

9:30 David Healy, requested by Fiona Tolin & family

11:00 Dave Matthes, requested by Tom & 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 Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the Greater honor and glory of God and:

In loving memory of:

Michael & Gloria Roscigno
 Mary Wallace
 Ida Maillet

Requested by:

The Roscigno Family
 Roger Wallace
 Lionel & Doris Cyr

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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, August 24

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

SUNDAY, August 25

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

MONDAY, August 26

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 27

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

WEDNESDAY, August 28

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

THURSDAY, August 29

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Good Summer Read Book Discussion: 6pm in the Activity Room

FRIDAY, August 30

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, August 31

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

SUNDAY, September 1

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



OUR VOLUNTEERS HELP US THRIVE

The Church of St. Ann is Offering an **In-Person VIRTUS Training**

We're excited to announce an in-person VIRTUS training session here at St. Ann. Come join Ginamarie Garabedian, Director of Safe Environment - Archdiocese of Hartford, as she hosts this training to help us maintain a safe environment for all our volunteers.

VIRTUS Training

Wednesday, September 11th: 2-5pm
Church of St. Ann (Avon) in Fr. Bennett Hall



Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Training is the full 3 hours.

It is essential that all regular volunteers complete a VIRTUS training.

RSVP by September 9th:
Jennifer Soucy: 860-673-9858, x.234



Tools For Schools Collection

Through September 7/8

Please consider
these
suggested items:

Backpacks
Calculators
Notebooks
Pencils * Rulers
Pens
Notebook paper
Markers, etc.

The school buses will soon be rolling... it's time for our annual *Tools for Schools Collection*. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford (new) refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families. **Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed!** Backpacks are especially needed.

Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall.
May you be blessed for your generosity!



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Assumption, August 15, 2024

In-person: \$3,918

Online: \$120

TOTAL: \$4,038

Weekly Giving for Sunday, August 18, 2024

Weekly In-person: \$5,643

Weekly Online: \$2,709.50

Weekly TOTAL: \$8,352.50

Votive Candles: \$276.25

Other Online Donations:

Monthly: \$606.50

Utility: \$20

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none

2024 Good Summer Read

THE ROCKING CHAIR PROPHET

by Matthew Kelly

Book Discussion will be on:

**THURSDAY,
AUGUST 29TH
6:00PM
ACTIVITY ROOM**

This Week!

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

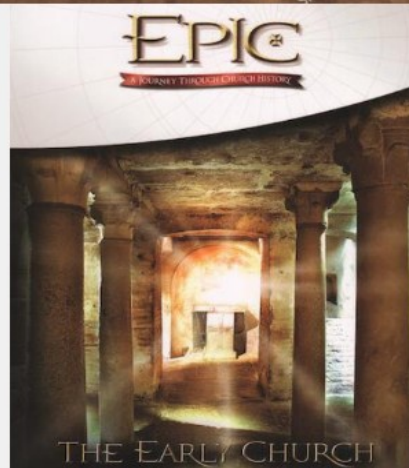


**The Holy
Eucharist**
DID YOU KNOW?

In today's gospel we hear that some of Christ's disciples turned away from the idea of the Holy Eucharist. They murmured, "This saying is hard, who can accept it?" Jesus replied, "But there are some of you, who do not believe." Despite this, Our Lord did not change a word of His teaching.

Reflection: Bishop Sheehan taught that the purpose of the Holy Eucharist is to heal, strengthen and sanctify. Our Lord gave us this Sacrament of sacraments for the very reason that He wished to accompany us in our daily lives by His very Presence. Through the gift of Himself, He remains with us throughout the perils of this life and into eternity. "Remember that God is always with us, when we are in the state of grace." St. Padre Pio

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



Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Training on the 1st Wednesday of EVERY month
7:00 – 8:30pm

*** Pre-Registration Required ***

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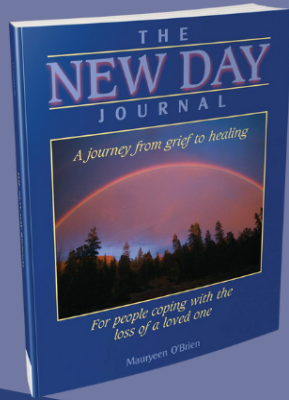
3rd to 12th grade
Received First Holy Communion
Available to serve 2 masses per month

**Next Training:
Wednesday, September 4th**

**Register no later than:
Friday, August 30th**



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



The Bereavement Ministry at the
Church of St. Ann is now providing

The New Day Seminar

Grief support group

starting September 26, 2024

Grieving the loss of a loved one is some of the most difficult work a person can experience. Many find it difficult to come to terms with the staggering loss of a spouse or family member and would welcome some gentle, compassionate accompaniment. St. Ann's is expanding the Bereavement Ministry to provide this companionship for parishioners who wish to accept it. In addition to the customary funeral planning help that has always been offered, you'll find at the heart of the ministry the well-known New Day Seminar.

Seminar sessions are focused on different facets of grief, guided by The New Day Journal. A typical meeting begins with prayer, followed by reflection and voluntary sharing. Participants are encouraged to journal (write down one's thoughts relating to a topic discussed) during the session as well as in preparation for subsequent meetings. Journaling has been found to be an excellent tool to elicit thoughts and feelings which give us insights into ourselves. Through journaling we are better able to see where we have been in our grief journey and where we are now. Many other resources will become available as the ministry flourishes.

The New Day Seminar curriculum was developed by the late Sister Maureen O'Brien, O.P. while working with many different grief support groups. It has brought comfort and hope to many as they try to fill the void in their life that has been created as a result of the loss of their loved ones.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved, we hope that you, and perhaps others you feel may also benefit, will consider joining us for the Fall series of The New Day Seminar, which begins on September 26, 2024.

If you are interested, please call Kris Martino, Office Manager, at 860.673.9858.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Marriage Help Program September 6-8, 2024

Location: Hotel near Bradley
International Airport Windsor Locks, CT

If communication in your marriage is a struggle, or things have become troubled, unloving or uncaring, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage.

For information, call confidentially:
1-800-470-2230,
email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go
to our website
www.helpourmarriage.org.

We encourage everyone to "Go Gold" during September for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month! We are hosting this blood drive in memory of our warrior, Chris Swetzes.

Chris was diagnosed with metastatic Ewing's Sarcoma and fought a valiant 5-year battle that included three relapses. He received over 100 transfusions during his treatment. Chris passed away on 6/17/21 at the age of 21. He was a 2018 graduate of Avon High School and was passionate about photography, robotics, hiking, and fishing.

Chris was an active advocate for cancer awareness. He started a Relay for Life team (Chris & Company) that his family and friends continue in his honor. He was also Vice President of Vie for the Kids, a local charity focused on supporting pediatric cancer clinical trials at Connecticut Children's. His family has taken over his role to continue this mission.

Please consider sharing the gift of life.

With love & gratitude,
The Swetzes Family



Donate Blood In Memory of Chris Swetzes, In Honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Avon Senior Center

Held in the Meeting Room
635 West Avon Road, Avon, CT 06001

Saturday, September 28, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Use Sponsor Code: IMOCHRIS

Fall into donating! Come to give blood Sept. 16 thru 30 for a \$15 e-gift card: reblood.org/fall.



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Join Vie for the Kids in honoring
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
and continuing our support of the
pediatric clinical trials program at
Connecticut Children's.

SEPTEMBER

14

6 PM - 9 PM

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of Avon

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Tickets include a buffet dinner and dessert. Cash bar available.



Wide selection of prizes to be won in a raffle, silent auction, and wine pull!



Attire is dressy casual with an optional touch of gold to honor Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!

All proceeds directly benefit our local pediatric cancer warriors by providing better access to diverse, cutting edge care close to home.



Event details
& tickets

RSVP deadline Sept. 8



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Vie For The Kids

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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:
Time for Self-Care
and Renewal

You'll feel better when you leave!

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

Calling all women of all ages!
Join us for a rejuvenating women's retreat in September, filled with workshops, activities, and self-care. Bring a friend along!

Learn more at <https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/event/hope-healing-retreat/>



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