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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34

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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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, September 14, *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

4:00 Angela Chiara, requested by
Sandra and James Williams

SUNDAY, September 15, *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 Kathleen Cook, requested by the Duarte Family

9:30 Angela Chiara, requested by Phyllis Kelleher

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

MONDAY, September 16,

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9:00 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by her husband, Michael

TUESDAY, September 17, *Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church, Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church*

9:00 Emmanuel Kefakis, requested by
John and Maria Manning

WEDNESDAY, September 18

9:00 Maria and Adam Krach, requested by the family

THURSDAY, September 19,

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 For the intentions of Jimena Carmona (Living),
requested by Alicia Carmona-Levy

FRIDAY, September 20, *Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,
and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

9:00 Bruce Levy, requested by Alicia Carmona-Levy

SATURDAY, September 21,

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

4:00 James Tobin, requested by
John and Maria Manning

SUNDAY, September 22, *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 Douglas Blood, requested by
Anita and Dick Sullivan

9:30 Hank Frey, requested by Kathy Randall Gill

11:00 James Gabriel, Sr. (4th Ann.), requested by
the family



Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

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

In loving memory of:

Maryellen Hooper

Requested by:

Marcia Lysak

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. Heavren Jr., USArmy

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

Pallium Mass

The Archdiocese of Hartford will celebrate the Investiture of the Pallium to be bestowed upon Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Christophe Cardinal Pierre, on **Monday, October 14, 2024, at 11am at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford.** This will be a historic event and all invited. If you wish to attend, please **register online at: hartfordcathedral.org/pallium** or call the parish office at (860) 673-9858.



Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

Every parish family should have received a letter from Father Fontana this past week inviting their financial participation in the 2024 Parish Annual Collection. The collection if successful will provide funding to assist the parish in balancing the operating budget and earmarking funds for capital improvements.

The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the
of this effort. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, September 14

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

SUNDAY, September 15

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

Adult Choir: Starts next week, Sept. 22! (8:20am in the choir loft)

MONDAY, September 16

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

Mom's Faith Study: 10-11:15am in the Activity Room

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

TUESDAY, September 17

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

WEDNESDAY, September 18

Epic: Early Church History: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, September 19

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Children's Choir: 4:15-5pm in the choir loft

FRIDAY, September 20

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, September 21

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

SUNDAY, September 22

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

Adult Choir: 8:20am in the choir loft

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Giving for Sunday, September 8, 2024

Weekly In-person: \$4,324.00

Weekly Online: \$2,607.50

Weekly TOTAL: \$6,931.50

Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$381.43

Other Online Donations:

St. Ann Cemetery: \$520, Monthly: \$863, Catholic

Elementary Schools: \$23, Utility Fund: \$20

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Catholic Elementary Schools



Adult Choir

If you can match pitch, have a basic musical ability and love to sing, share your musical talents with your fellow parishioners! Consider joining the church choir, it is a wonderful way to connect with yourself, your community, and God.

Rehearsals: Sundays at 8:20am in the Choir Loft

Starts: Sunday, September 22, 2024

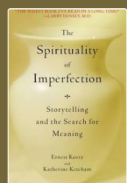
CHILDREN'S CHOIR



St. Augustine once said, "to sing is to pray twice." Encourage your children to share in this gift of music! Saint Ann's music program is looking for children in grades 4 to 7 (flexible) to join the new children's choir. If your child/children are interested, please email: mercedes.featherston@stannavon.com. Thank you!

Rehearsals: Thursdays at 4:15-5pm in the Choir Loft.

Feel free to visit Mercedes in the Choir Loft after our weekend Masses for more information on either choir!



Join us for *The Spirituality of Imperfection*
by Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketcham

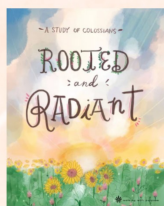
The group will meet Thursdays
October (10, 17, 24 & 31) at 9:30 in Rm 1

"I am not perfect" is a simple statement of truth and the first step to understanding the human condition. To deny this truth is to deny our self and our humanity. By accepting our imperfect nature, a path forms for developing compassion, both for ourselves and others. The authors explain how spirituality is not a solitary pursuit, but finds its meaning in community with others. *Major themes include resentment, forgiveness, gratitude, humility, humor and tolerance.*

Books are available on Amazon

RSVP to Terry at terry@frankpendergastinc.com





LADIES, PLEASE JOIN US THIS FALL FOR
"ROOTED AND RADIANT",
A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS!

We will seek to understand the challenges facing the Colossians,
recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our
own challenges today.

CHOOSE FROM TWO SESSIONS:

Tuesdays 10:15 AM via ZOOM

Or Wednesdays 7:00 PM in Person in Father Bennett Hall

DATES: September 24 & 25 through December 10 & 11

COST: Book is \$25
It can be purchased on the Walking With Purpose website

CONTACT: Colleen Waterbury at (203)913-8764
or Pat Wall at (860)508-0947



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

3rd & 6th Grade Catechists Needed

Help, we are still in need Catechists for 3rd and 6th
Grades for our K-8 Faith Formation program.
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:

deborah.benson@stannavon.com or 860-673-9858, ext. 223

Grief Support

This Fall, the Bereavement Ministry will be offering a new
program entitled "The New Day Seminar". This 10-week
offering will be held on Thursday mornings beginning on
September 26 and uses The New Day Journal: a journey
from grief to healing to help participants work through their
grief. *New Day* has brought comfort and hope to many as
they try to fill the void left by the loss of a loved one.

More information can be found at:
www.stannavon.org/new-day-seminar
Please contact the Parish Office to register.

St. Ann's Family Ministry bringing SOULCORE to St. Ann

Join SoulCore Leader Diana, to nourish body, mind &
soul with SoulCore - a prayer experience that combines
the prayers of the rosary with core
strengthening, stretching and functional
movement. No fitness level or experience
required. All are welcome!
Visit www.soulcore.com for more information.

WHAT YOU NEED:

Exercise mat or large towel, water bottle,
and an open heart.

WHEN/WHERE:

Thursdays, September 26 - November 14
1-2 pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (no class on Oct. 3rd)

For planning purposes, please email
familyministrystann@gmail.com
if you are planning to attend!

*There is no cost but a free will offering is welcome,
for those who are able.*

St. Ann Scholarship Committee's Annual

Used Clothing Sale



Friday, October 4th: 5-7pm (\$5 fee)

Saturday, October 5th: 9am-2pm (no fee)

Please start saving your gently used adult and children's
clothing and accessories. Donations can be dropped off the
week of the sale (Tues.-Thurs). More details next weekend!

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

DID YOU KNOW?

Outlawing abortion will not affect
treatment for miscarriage

In the tragic case of miscarriage,
surgery maybe necessary and is an
ethical treatment - to remove the remains of an unborn child
that has already died. While the same surgery is done to
perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a
living child with the intention of ending his or her life. -USCCB



Join us for

ADORATION

of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays

6:00 - 7:30 PM

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

— Mother Teresa of Calcutta



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Today's reading from the Letter of St. James 2:14-18 reminds us that faith without works is dead. Losing our lives by being united to Christ in Holy Communion means that we are sent out into the world. Bishop Barron in his address this year at the Eucharistic Congress stated that there should be a stronger emphasis on the laity. God designates us, the laity, to be on the front lines of spiritual warfare in the world. We must bear witness to what is good, just and true.

Reflection: Our union with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist provides us with the means to be in the forefront of the moral and ethical battles of life.



COME JOIN US FOR A

Faith Study FOR MOMS

Sponsored by St. Ann's Family Ministry

Book Discussion of
LIVING IN THE FATHER'S LOVE



MONDAYS | Sept. 16th - Nov. 4th | 10:00 am - 11:15 am
*Children welcome
Meeting in the Activity room @ St. Ann's Church & via Zoom
Hosted by Jean Mix and Colleen Waterbury

Small
Daily Commitment

Join a Community of Moms looking to grow their relationship with Jesus

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email jeanpmix@hotmail.com with interest

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Haiti Ministry's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Farmington Polo Club (Clubhouse Dining Room)

Come help us celebrate 25 years of feeding & educating students at Ste. Thérèse in Lilavois, Haiti! Visit stmariestpat.org/stmaryhaiti or scan the QR code for more information or reserve online!

St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol, CT

Join St. Paul Catholic High School on 9/19 for a virtual information session and learn all about what is offered at this great school. Hear from current parents and students why there's something greater here to begin your child's high school career! RSVP at spchs.com/informationalsessions.

St. Paul Catholic High School's open house will take place on **Saturday, September 28** with tours starting at 10:00am. If you or someone you know has a prospective student looking to attend St. Paul in the 2025/2026 school year this is the open house you'll want to visit. Sign up for a time that works best for your family - spchs.com/openhouse.

CONCERT!

"The Irish Singing Priest", Fr. Ray Kelly 10th year Hallelujah Anniversary Tour

His only CT performance

Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6:30pm

St. Mary's Church, Unionville

Tickets \$20.00 (also available at the door)

Proceeds to benefit St. Mary's
Guild Scholarship fund.
Checks payable to St. Mary's
Women's Guild. Contact
Lynda Bonato:
lynda@bonatodesign.com or
860-777-5235.



Interested in becoming an Altar Server at St. Ann?

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

*** Pre-Registration Required ***

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Requirements:

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

Next Training:
Wednesday, October 2nd

Register no later than:
Friday, September 22nd



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

Rachel's Vineyard Weekends For Healing After Abortion



If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **October 25-27, 2024 in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance.

For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030,
-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org,
or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.



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