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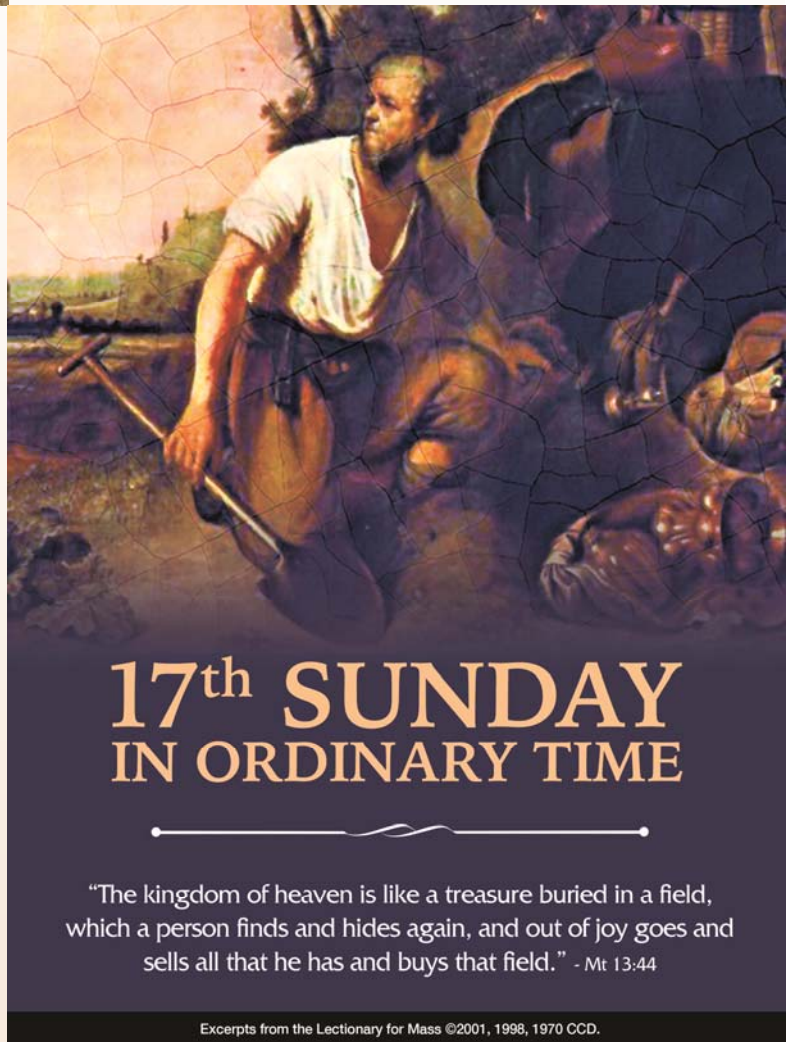
Call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. 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.



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME!



If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our office manager. You may call 860-673-9858 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

MONDAY, July 31

9:00 James Coleman Sneider, Jr., requested by Dianne Simpson

TUESDAY, August 1

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

WEDNESDAY, August 2

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, August 3

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, August 4

9:00 Bill Ryan (3rd Ann.), requested by the family

SATURDAY, August 5

4:00 Sam Riela, requested by the family

SUNDAY, August 6

7:30 Lewis Affelder

9:30 Fred Hallenbeck, requested by The Downey Family

11:00 Gerard Sumaguingsing, requested by Joan and Michael Gould

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, July 31

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church. Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

TUESDAY, August 1

WEDNESDAY, August 2

THURSDAY, August 3

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 4

SATURDAY, August 5

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

Memorial Service for Fr. Michael Donahue: 11am in the church, Reception following in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, August 6

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures": 10:30am in Rm. 3

Calling All Parishioners!

The Confirmation Program is looking for a couple of parishioners to assist with our large group events and the Confirmation ceremony in March... about 4-5 times total throughout the school year. This is a small time commitment with a great reward.

If interested please contact

Rosemary Neamtz:

rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com

or 860-673-9858, x. 226.



Please join the family of

Rev. Michael Donahue

at a

Memorial Service

on

Saturday, August 5th at 11:00 am

Fr. Donahue is a local priest who served in Bolivia for over 30 years. He passed away in Bolivia earlier this year on May 4th. His obituary will be featured in the Summer 2017 NEXUS which will be mailed this month.

The NEXUS is also available right now

on our website at:

http://www.stannavon.org/documents/2017/7/Nexus_Summer2017-1.pdf

A reception will follow in Fr. Bennett Hall

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 23, 2017: \$7,383.55
Online Giving/Payments (week ending 7/26/17): \$2,947.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
none

**Announcing
 St. Ann's Good
 Summer Reads!**



Summer is a great time to relax and enjoy a good read or two. Choose from the following selections, and join us for discussions at summer's end:

**"The Joy of the Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium),
 Pope Francis**

The Holy Father discusses the blessings and challenges of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others in today's world. The writing is at times earnest, but always inspiring, and the theme is perfect for the US Church's faith formation focus for 2017-2018: "Living as Missionary Disciples". The work is available in book form, or you may download it for free via stannavon.org/book-discussions-1.

The Five Love Languages, Gary Chapman, PhD.

Years of practice as a Christian psychologist/Marriage Counselor led the author to the discovery that there are five primary ways that people receive and express love. Gain wisdom about yourself and others that can inform ALL your relationships.

For Parents & Godparents:

**The Five Love Languages of Children
 Gary Chapman, PhD, and Ross Campbell, MD**

Learn how to express love to each of your children in a language that they understand.

ADULT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

By Popular Demand...

We will continue to offer "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" on most* Sundays through the summer, from 10:30am- 12pm in Room 3. Come discover what the Sunday readings meant when they were written, and what they mean to you personally today (*Lectio Divina*) Please register with Chip Janiszewski, chip@chipj.com, however, **DROP INS ARE WELCOME!** This is the perfect time to try out a Small Group Bible Study experience – join us! All materials are provided – bring your own Bible, if you like. *Check www.stannavon.org for the updated schedule.

Curious about the benefits of a small group Bible Study? Here's what one participant has to share:

"As a stay at home mom to four young children, Bible study has never been a priority. I had been pushing away the idea of attending St. Ann Bible Study for some time. I was too busy, too scared and felt like I lacked adequate knowledge of the Bible. But I felt like there was something absent from my life.

I have been to Bible studies at other churches, but attending St. Ann's "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" has given me something more than what I feel like I was getting anywhere else. This group leaves me feeling uplifted, recharged and giving something back just for me!

Being surrounded by a loving community and caring individuals helps me learn more about myself and my faith. Becoming more actively involved within my church has helped me make deeper connections with others, myself and my relationship with God. These relationships have developed into some life-long friendships. I feel beyond blessed to be part of St. Ann's Bible Study!" - Callie Barnes



Visit our website for news, events, to learn about our many ministries and for great resources: stannavon.org

"Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes."

- Mt 13:49-51

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St. Ann's Re-Employment Group

meets every other Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Activity Room at St. Ann's. For more information, or if any working member of the parish hears of :**JOHN DRAKE**, **860-989-2377** or email at: johndrake.humancapital@live.com.

Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle Monday evenings in the church from 7:15-8:15pm

The MMP is for priests and laity who are devoted to Our Lady and her Rosary. The Prayer Cenacles are gatherings of prayer that consist of the Holy Rosary and Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Message from the MMP Book "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons" is read at every Cenacle. We are praying for an outpouring of The Holy Spirit, and for Our Lady's intercession. For more information on the Marian Movement of Priests, please visit the official website at www.mmp-usa.net

Come and see, come pray with us. All are welcome.

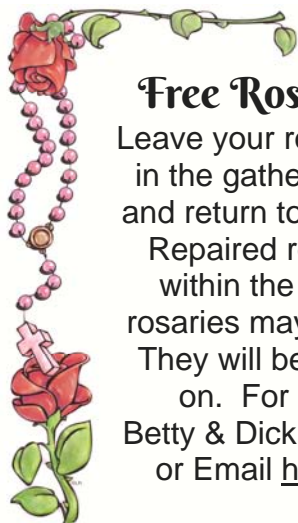
Communion For Shut-Ins

The Eucharistic ministers would be happy to bring Communion to those in our parish who are unable to come to church. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and address if you wish to receive Communion **860-673-9858**.



HEARTS & SOULS

There will be no office hours in July and August.
See you in September!

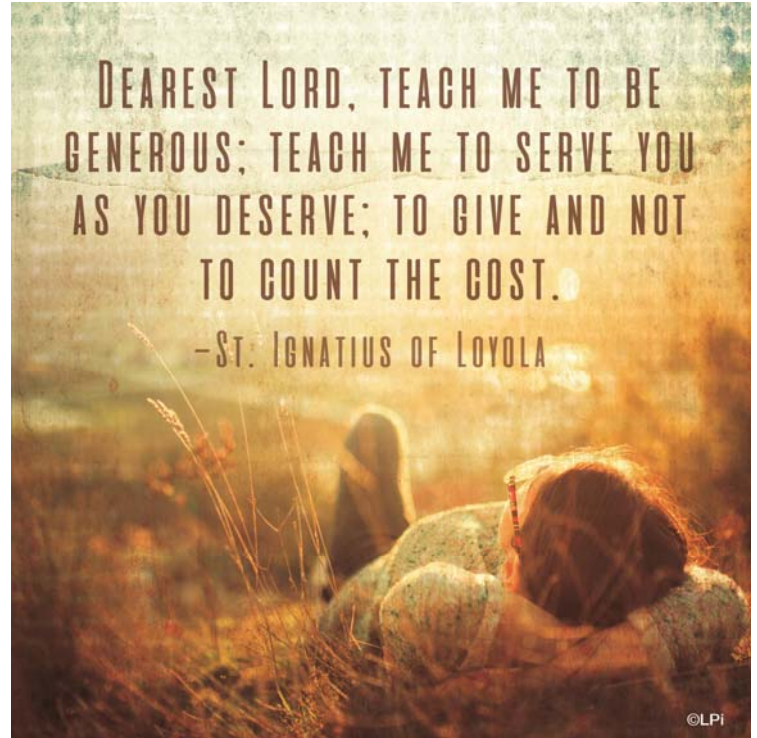


Free Rosary Repair Service

Leave your rosary for repair in the box in the gathering space. Mark repair and return to me or this is a donation.

Repaired rosaries will be returned within the week. Old and broken rosaries may be left for the missions.

They will be repaired and then sent on. For more information call Betty & Dick Holden at 239-463-3993 or Email holdenbnd@gmail.com.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time?
Can you explain?

Answer:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, "tempus ordinarium," conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

My wife is a big Dave Ramsey fan. She loves when he tells people that in order to pay down their debt they need to sell so many of their possessions that the kids think that even they can be sold for the right price. He definitely sees earthly possessions as simply tools to be used and not possessed. This is a tough, countercultural message for sure in the eyes of the average American. Too often, our self-worth is derived from our wealth and the items we own. The size of our house, the brand of our car, and the quantity of our belongings are all gauges of success in our world. For Ramsey, not only can you not truly own anything if you owe money to others, it belongs to God anyway and is only given to us as stewards.

Could you sell all you have right now? Could you walk away from all that you have amassed and be truly free? When Jesus speaks of the merchant who sells all he has to obtain a pearl of great price, he calls us to see the pearl as the kingdom of heaven. Nothing on earth can rival the value of the kingdom. If that is true, why is it so hard to surrender everything to God to obtain it? It can be fear that keeps us from stepping out in faith. It can be selfishness that prevents us from letting go. Whatever it is, we must face the fact that we are possessed by it. The good news is that God does not expect us to conquer this obstacle on our own. But with God, all things are possible.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

- Romans 8:28

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 30, 2017

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
- Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/
Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mt 17:1-9

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." Jesus today gives us the image of a merchant who knows he has discovered a great treasure. In fact, its value is so tremendous that the man is willing to sell EVERYTHING else in order to possess it. Why? Because he knows it will all be worth it. He knows that the pearl will bring him more reward than anything else he has ever owned, more even than all his possessions combined.

This Gospel story is meant to help us understand the unfathomable value of the kingdom of heaven. Nothing else can compare to it. No material item, no honor or success, can compete with this pearl of great price. Everything we have, short of this, is FINITE: limited, temporary, and ultimately fleeting. Eternal happiness, on the other hand, is INfinite. It never ends. This is the deep contentment, the satisfaction, the peace, and happiness that we crave, the kind that doesn't disappoint.

Like the merchant in the parable, we too should understand the value of this discovery. As Christians, we have "found" the treasure beyond all other treasures! Life in Christ, both now and in heaven, is truly the pearl of great price. The only question is whether we are willing to "sell" all that we have to obtain it. In other words, are we willing to release the other things that claim hold on us? Are we ready to put Christ first in our lives? All of us need to take pause from time to time and examine our attachments and priorities. Money, pleasure, success, or comfort can often seem so important to us that we falsely begin to imagine these things will bring the happiness we so desire. But the message is loud and clear today: the kingdom of heaven is the true treasure we long for.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

As human beings, we desire to find happiness. This desire is so strong that we often go to great lengths to discover and obtain it. Unfortunately, our search sometimes brings us to the wrong places. We mistakenly think that money, certain possessions, social status, popularity, and even power and control can satisfy the longing that exists in our hearts. Time and again, one after another, these things come up empty and we find ourselves with the same unfulfilled longing gnawing at us deep within. It is only the kingdom of God that can satisfy our desire and that ache. We are made and hardwired for this. When we discover it, we know that we have found something very special--a pearl of great price. Then, everything comes together and is put in proper order: our relationship with God, others, ourselves, and even the universe in which we live.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" (1 Kings 3:9)

Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Mt 13:44)

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

Read, Reap and Rise to New Life!

The plowman should plow in hope, and the thresher in hope of receiving a share. (1 Cor 9:10)

The Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School (CBS) invites adults to engage the Word of God from the perspective of Catholic faith. Enrollment begins May 1. Contact the CBS office by August 15 to enroll. Classes begin in locations throughout the Archdiocese just after Labor Day.

For more information, check out our website www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org or contact us in the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573 or catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org.



St. Catherine of Siena Women's Club Bus Trip to The Frick Museum and St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City on Thursday, August 10, 2017.

Museum fee- \$22 pp; \$17 seniors, Roundtrip bus-\$45. For more information please contact Janet Fischer – 860-217-7464

Franciscan Golf Classic

The 22nd Annual Franciscan Golf Classic will be held on Monday August 21, 2017, at Tunxis Plantation Golf Club, Farmington, Connecticut. This yearly event benefits the programs and services of the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care. The day includes 18 holes of golf, lunch on the course, an outdoor dinner, and Four Chances to Win a Hole In One:

- \$22,000 in cash
- Trip for two St. Andrews
- Trip for two Augusta National
- 2018 Hyundai Sonata



Join us!

Cost to play \$175/person.

Sponsorship Opportunities are Available.

Call 203-237-8084 or visit flcenter.org for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

That St. Mary's School's Mission is: "To ignite spiritual growth and promote academic excellence within a nurturing faith community. United together, we inspire students to know love and serve God."

There is still time to explore St. Mary's School as the education solution for your family! Serving students in grades pre-k through 8, the school consistently graduates students fully prepared for the finest high schools and colleges. The consistency of being part of a school community for many years helps students grow in caring for one another and in becoming all that they can be! Call, drop in on Wednesdays or make an appointment. Mrs. Chagnon, Advancement and Admissions Director or Mrs. Williamson, Principal, will be happy to meet with you!

Contact us at 860-658-9412 or tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net.

JOIN US TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS at the

2017 Blue Mass

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 11 a.m.

Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford
All faiths are welcome • www.archdioceseofhartford.org

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Information Session.

NFP is an umbrella term for modern, healthy, scientifically accurate, natural, and reliable methods of family planning.

An introductory NFP session will be held on **Saturday September 16, 2017, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** at **St. Joseph Church, 149 Goodwin St. Bristol, CT 06010**

Open to anyone interested in understanding more about NFP. Free. Registration required by Sept. 9th. Call Office of Family Life (860) 242-5573 Ext. 2683

or email Martha.Pezo-Marin@AOHCT.org