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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.



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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, July 23
9:00 **Harold Schenk (37th Ann.)**, requested by the Bruno Family

TUESDAY, July 24
9:00 **Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy**, requested by the Parish of Saint Ann

WEDNESDAY, July 25
9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, July 26
9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, July 27
9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, July 28
4:00 **Frederick Anthony Beloin**, requested by the Yurch Family

SUNDAY, July 29
7:30 **Donald Studley**, requested by Patricia Studley
9:30 **Michael D. Gentile**, requested by Mr. and Mrs. James A. Samia
11:00 **Lazara Luis (1st Ann.)** requested by her daughter and grandchildren

MONDAY, July 23
MMP Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!
Young Adult Bible Study: 7pm in the Activity Room

TUESDAY, July 24

WEDNESDAY, July 25
Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible: 9:30am in Room 3

THURSDAY, July 26
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, July 27

SATURDAY, July 28
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 29
"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures": 10:30am in Rm. 3

Volunteer Catechists Needed

This fall, we expect over 450 children, kindergarten through grade 8, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation. With classes offered Sunday mornings and evenings you are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! **AVAILABLE CLASSES:** Grade 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7

- People will say "but I am not a teacher!" Did you know that the word Catechist means "to echo?" Our catechists echo the "Word of God" to our young disciples.
- Did you know that most potential catechists do not have a degree in education, religion or theology?
- Did you know that it will fill your heart with joy and deepen your personal relationship with Jesus?
- Did you know that our catechists' manuals are easy to use and are a tremendous help to all our catechists? They are written to assist those volunteers who have no experience in teaching Religious Education.
- Did you know you can co-teach with your spouse or another parent? Many hands make light work

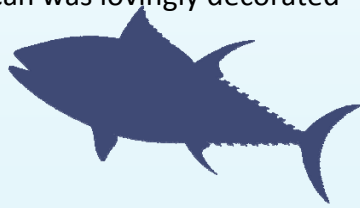
Don't think you could teach? We could also use classroom assistants and hall monitors.

Please contact Valerie St. Jean, Director of Religious Education, K-8:
Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com or (860)673-9858, ext.223



A special shout out to St Ann's Vacation Bible Campers who donated 253 cans of tuna fish.

These cans are being shipped to Haiti to aid the mission of **Helping Haitian Children, Inc.** (HHC) which supports the work of the Petits Freres de Ste. Therese d'Enfant Jesus in Riviere Froide to provide and maintain a school and pre-school lunch program. Each can was lovingly decorated with a greeting or a beautiful drawing by St. Ann's campers.



2018-2019 Faith Formation School Year Registration



It's time to plan for our 2018-2019 Faith Formation school year. Again this year, we will automatically enroll all existing students into the next grade level assuming all requirements have been met. Please visit our website for the registration form and return with your payment including the \$40 late fee as we are now past June 1st. Please do not hold up your child(ren)'s registration due to financial issues. We are happy to make payment arrangements that work for your family. All information is confidential.

Young ADULT GROUP

The St. Ann Young Adult Group welcomes all adults in their 20s and 30s to join us for

- community
- growing in faith
- exploring how our relationship with God can help us navigate life

We hold socials, offer Bible Study, and more. We meet Monday nights at 7:30pm, generally in the Activity Room beneath the left wing of the church. To get on our communications list, contact Kylie Brasel: kylie.brasel13@gmail.com.

To explore further, visit us at www.stannavon.org/young-adults. Come check us out – we can't wait to meet you!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This Summer Taste and See How Adult Faith Formation Can Enrich You:

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures...

will take place on most Sundays at 10:30am in Room 3, by Chip Janiszewski. Materials are provided. Drop ins are welcome! Contact Chip to confirm that we're meeting: chip@chipj.com; (860) 675-6719

- enjoy community, refreshments, prayer and conversation
- make personal connections to the Sunday readings
- enhance your experience of Mass
- practice the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"

- Choose your level of participation
- make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life
- see how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture
- uncover God's message of love for you

This overview of how to read Scripture is perfect for beginners and for those who want a refresher. **Participate according to your availability:**

- Do a self-study, using the workbook and/or viewing the videos online.
- Come to Room 3 to view the 30-minute videos on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am, from July 11-August 29
- Stay for discussion after the video, if you like, led by Janet Newman and friends
- Do a combination of self-study and drop-in

\$20 fee covers workbook and video access.

Register by June 27 with

Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com;

(860) 673 -9858, X228

2018 Good Summer Read

This year's selection is "**The Prayer List and Other True Stories of How Families Pray**" by Jane Knuth. This simple but inspiring book offers something for people of all ages and spiritualities. \$12 discount-copies of the book are available through Ann – ann.distefano@stannavon.com, (860) 673-9858 x228. Drop into the online discussion group anytime, starting July 16th. Email Ann for link. Attend our discussion in the Hall Wednesday, August 22nd at 7:15pm.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 15, 2018: \$4,942.00
 Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 7/18/18): \$2,877.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

CENACLES of the Marian Movement of Priests



Question: Is the cenacle primarily for priests?
Answer: No. In Message #34 (1-17-74), Our Lady introduces this question, "Why do I want them to come together in cenacle with me?" In this message she addresses herself to the priests, but what she tells them is also applicable to the laity. She wants all her children—priests, religious, laity, families, to gather together with her in cenacles of prayer, to pray with her and to learn how to love one another. Also, the cenacle helps us to deepen our understanding and live the obligations we have undertaken through our consecration to her

Immaculate Heart. We refer you to the message dated Nov. 1, 1973, "my Faithful Cohort." (#25)

Excerpt from Cenacles of the Marian Movement of Priests Purpose/Guide

Our cenacle meets every Monday at 7:15pm in the church.
 Come pray the Rosary with us.

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 & leave your name & address if you wish to receive Communion 860-673-9858.

Free Rosary Repair Service

Leave your broken rosaries in the box in the gathering space and they will be repaired and returned within the week. Old and broken rosaries are also accepted to be repaired and sent on to the missions. Please indicate "repair and return to me" or "Donation" along with your phone number so we can let you know when your rosaries can be picked up. holdenbnd@gmail.com or Dick at 239-463-3993 or Betty at 860-595-6370.

ONLINE GIVING

Our parish has been using an Online Giving system that is strengthening stewardship as well as making it easier for members to support our parish. There are many benefits for the parish and for parishioners that choose to give online. Some of the benefits for the parishioner include: no need to write checks; you can give even if you are unable to attend services; and your contribution amount can easily be adjusted at any time. During the summer our weekly collections drop as families leave for vacations so please prayerfully consider making an offering online to our parish. Your contribution will support the operation of the church and all of our different ministries. Sign up today by visiting www.stannavon.com and follow the links.

RETREAT REST REDISCOVER

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Did you know that you can support the **Church of Saint Ann** simply by shopping on AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile's website has all the same products, services and prices as Amazon.com, but 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products will be donated to the charity you select. This costs you absolutely nothing, so please follow the specific link below to easily choose the **Church of Saint Ann** as your charity and shop at [smile.amazon.com!](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-0658084)

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Church of Saint Ann & FAVARH Recycling Project

Church of Saint Ann is partnering with Arc of the Farmington Valley (Favarh) to promote recycling of returnable bottles and cans beginning July 1, 2018.

Favarh is a non-profit agency providing services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

By depositing your cans and bottles in the marked receptacle you will make a positive impact on the earth, take action to promote an ecofriendly future and to help support Favarh's non-profit Day Programs in Avon and the Farmington Valley area.

The proceeds from the returns will help Day Programs purchase much needed supplies to offer a stimulating and active day such as music, electronics, art supplies, books, sensory items, fitness items and much more.

Please consider your support by placing your cans and bottles in the identified receptacle located in the Church Hall.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

My daughter can easily become overwhelmed by having so much to do. She recently graduated from high school, and many times during those four years, she found herself going crazy from being involved in so many things. Sports, drama, youth group, homework, friends, and more all demanded a slice of her attention. Sometimes the slice of time that remained wasn't much and one does have to sleep!

A good everyday steward can get caught up in doing so much and giving so much that he or she loses sight of the fact that you cannot give what you do not have. If you have no time left, you cannot give that. If you have no energy left, you cannot give that. Finally, if you find yourself agitated and overwhelmed, you cannot give that which others benefit from the most: YOU!

Even when we plant seeds in a garden after tilling and watering the soil, we must rest and wait for there to be growth. If we do not take time to rest and recharge, we are not allowing time for God's grace to bring forth new life in us. We fear that things will suffer without us, but the truth is that no one is benefiting from our fatigue. We can think we are giving but really we are empty. Take some time and rest in your God. Retreat and recharge. Then you will be able to share once again. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*With God, every moment is the moment
of beginning again.*
- Catherine Doherty

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow. (Jer 23:3a)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. (Eph 2:18)

Gospel:

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. (Mk 6:34)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 22, 2018

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/
Mk 6:30-34
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/
Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/
Mt 20:20-28
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/
Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/
Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Now what?" It's a difficult thing to hear, isn't it? The train comes late, a child unexpectedly cries, and the latest public policy debate flares up in the news. Life throws us curveballs, and we have no choice but to adapt. Jesus and the Apostles find themselves in that exact situation in today's Gospel.

The Apostles have returned from their two-by-two missionary journey. As Jesus hears all of their stories, he knows they need time to recover and refresh. "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Their wilderness retreat is short-lived, however, as eager crowds discover their location. Jesus is well aware of the needs of his disciples. Still, as he looks out at the crowd, "His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd." The rest break is over. "He began to teach them many things."

For those of us who have experienced a taste of much-needed relaxation only to have it taken away abruptly, perhaps we surmise what the Apostles might have been feeling in that moment. But Jesus isn't being inconsiderate of the Apostles' needs. He offers them - and us - a lived lesson. St. John Paul II wrote, "The whole of Christ's life was a continual teaching: his silences, his miracles, his gestures, his prayer, his love for people, his special affection for the little and the poor, his acceptance of the total sacrifice on the Cross for the redemption of the world" (On Catechesis in Our Time, 9). In Jesus' choice to teach, we see all of these things: sacrificial love, concern for the marginalized, and priority of people's needs over personal preference. These aren't abstract ideals. They're lived realities as we strive to live and love like Jesus. When a new obstacle confronts you in your life, how do you respond?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

The many images we have of God help frame our relationship with Him. Have we ever imagined Jesus so deeply moved with emotion and engulfed with pity for us? We often are sheep without a shepherd who are lured by the emptiness of worldly attractions and superficial desires. We become lost. God, in the depth of His being, is deeply moved by our pain, loneliness, and heartache. God does not judge or condemn. He loves and is mercy itself. He knows firsthand the pain that comes with being lost and alone and desires to teach us about His merciful love. Do we want to be taught? Listen to God's word and be open to God's presence in the Eucharist.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

YOU'RE INVITED: 2018 CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



The 2018 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, October 20, at St. Paul High School, Bristol. This year's theme is "go into the whole world" (Mark 16:15). The program will include a host of speakers, as well as Mass with CCMC Chaplain Fr. James Sullivan, and a Q&A with Archbishop Blair. For more information and to register, please visit: ctcatholicmen.org.

July 22 - 28, 2018
Theme: Generations of Love
Humanae Vitae (1968-2018)
Celebrate God's Gift of Married Love!
"Celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality."

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign promoted by the USCCB. The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

The Office of Family Life offers free introductory sessions on NFP during the year for engaged couples and for all those interested in learning more about these methods. Call or email to register: (860) 242-5573 Ext. 2683
Martha.Pezo-Marin@aohct.org

CELEBRATE A HOLY MAN'S LEGACY ATOP HOLY LAND WATERBURY

Birthplace of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney
 Founder of the Knights of Columbus

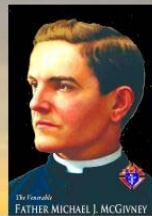
SATURDAY, 11 AUGUST 2018

4:00pm Rosary led by the Knights

Praise & Worship music by Hands & Feet

5:30pm Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair

GATES OPEN AT 2:00PM



The Venerable
FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY
 12 August 1852 - 14 August 1890

Free parking and shuttle bus service from St. Mary's Hospital garage (S. Elm St.)
 Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Food concessions available.

For more details, visit www.HolyLandWaterbury.org or email: august11@holylandwaterbury.org or call 203.516.0649

The Third Annual Robby Brisco Open



Monday, August 6, 2018

Golf Club of Avon

10:00 am Shotgun Start

4:30 pm Dinner, Awards, Prizes and Auction



Register at rbogolf.org



Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, July 24, 2018 • 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
 St. Stanislaus Church • 510 West Street, Bristol

Come and pray to Jesus anytime for the vocations in your Family

Call 860-335-2342
 Father Nadolny Good News Fund, Inc.

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