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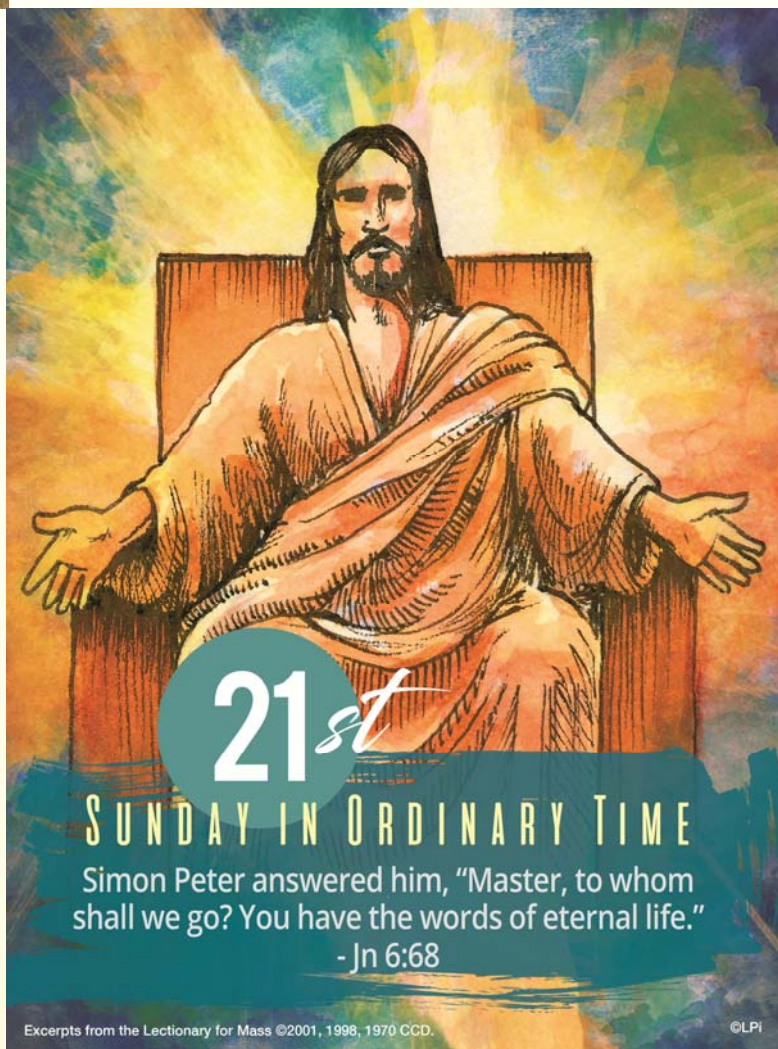
Call the Parish Office

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

MMP Cenacle

Monday: 7:15pm

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 27

9:00 **Teresa Lopez**, requested by her husband

TUESDAY, August 28

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, August 29

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, August 30

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, August 31

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, September 1

4:00 **Mary Hojnowski**, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, September 2

7:30 **Robert Collier (11th Ann.)**, requested by the family

9:30 **Fermin Alambra**, requested by the Henares Family

11:00 **Margaret Bruno**, requested by Mary Ann and Michael Leigh



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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, August 27

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, August 28

WEDNESDAY, August 29

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible: 9:30am in Room 3

THURSDAY, August 30

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 31

SATURDAY, September 1

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, September 2

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

K-8 Faith Formation Classes Begin on September 16th

Registration materials for 2018-2019 are online www.stannavon.org hard copies are at the Faith Formation office. Classes are filling quickly, only registered children whose tuition and fees are paid will be placed into classes. If there are financial concerns, please call Jennifer Soucy, Registrar 860-673-9858 x227 for confidential arrangements. **Reminder:** Children who are entering our program for the first time must provide all sacramental documents. We will return originals or copies to you. If the sacraments were made here at Saint Ann's, please give us approximate dates and we will look up the information.

For Additional Information contact:

*Valerie St. Jean, Director of Religious Education K-8
860-673-9858, ext. 223 or valerie.stjean@stannavon.com*

Grades K-4 are held on Sunday mornings at Avon Middle School from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Grades 5-8 are held on Sunday evenings at Avon Middle School from 5:45 PM to 7:15 PM.



Tools for Schools Collection Through September 8/9

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 8/9 This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford 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!

Please consider these suggested items:

- *Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks
- *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers *
- Pencil sharpeners * Pens
- * Notebook paper * Markers etc.





LUKE STORIES ON THE ROAD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Acclaimed Hollywood Actor and
Church Scholar
FRANK RUNYEON Comes to St. Ann

PRESENTING
"Luke: Stories on the Road"
Friday, October 19th
7pm in the church

Don't miss this inspiring and entertaining live dramatic presentation.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fall Offerings for Adult Education and Enrichment

Visit www.stannavon.org for full details. To register, contact Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; 860-673-9858, x228

Explore Becoming Catholic/Confirmed

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Adult Confirmation programs will begin soon. For information, contact Maureen Fiedler, 860-995-4026, maureen_fiedler@ethelwalker.org

Grow in Faith with Friends

Form a Small Group with your friends/neighbors to explore your faith and deepen your friendships, at your pace and from the comfort of home. Materials and support are waiting for you!

Encounter God in the Bible

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" ...

helps you make personal connections to the Sunday readings. Drop in, all materials provided.

- Sundays, 10:30am, Room 3 with Chip Janiszewski
- Mondays, 7:15pm, Room 3 with Jim Serruta

"Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom"

20-session series begins Sept 19th and 21st

- Wednesdays, 7:00pm, Room 3 with Terry Pendergast
- Fridays, 9:30am, Room 3 with Pat Wall

Materials fee: \$29

"The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy"

10-session series begins Sept 26.

- Wednesdays, 9:30am, Rooms 2 & 3 with Janet Newman

Materials fee: \$25

Parent with a Purpose

Learn about our great offerings on parenting, marriage and faith at the **Parent Socials** on Sunday, Sept 16, at 9am and 5:45pm, during the kids' classes at Avon Middle School. Childcare for infants – preschoolers available at the 9am session!

Contact Ann above for info.



THANK YOU to J Fosters Ice Cream

for their generous donation of ice cream
for our Kids' Ice Cream Social and
Parent Book Talk last week!

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!



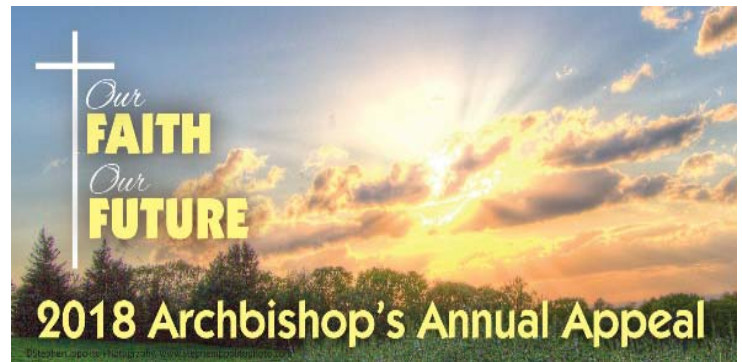
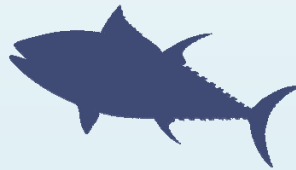
WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

August 19, 2018: \$5,922.33
 Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 8/22/18): \$3,239.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

GOT TUNA? Something Fishy is Going On Here In August...

We will be collecting canned tuna, mackerel and chicken during August. This protein rich food will be shipped to Haiti in September and distributed to families fostering children. Chunk, light, oil packed ... you choose! It all mixes well with their daily rice meal. *Please place donations in the labeled bins in the Gathering Space.* Thank you! St. Ann parishioners are the best!

Gratefully,
 Your Social Justice Committee



THANK YOU!! To the more than 37,900 generous donors have pledged over \$9,527,056 to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Our Faith, Our Future!!*

In response to inquiries received over these past weeks, we again assure you that 100% of the funds donated to Annual Appeal are distributed as published in the annual report. Not a single cent collected from donations to Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used for settlements of sex abuse cases or legal fees.

To view the complete accountability report, please visit this link: <http://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal-impact-2>

CHURCH OF SAINT ANN 100th Anniversary Celebration

In 2019 we mark the 100th Anniversary of St. Ann Parish! This is a great milestone in the life of the parish community of St. Ann and is an occasion of great celebration. It is difficult to imagine the impact that St. Ann Parish has played in the lives of thousands of believers who have come through our doors, who have been educated in the faith, have received the graces of sacramental life, the dignity of Christian burial and have been assisted in their material needs.

It is my intention to begin organizing this event in earnest beginning in September. Presently, a small committee has been formed to plan for this monumental occasion, others are needed. If you would like to be part of the planning committee please call Kris in the parish office. More information is to follow.

Fr. McHugh

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

My wife has a hope chest filled with items from her past. Some memories contained in there are joyous, while others are painful and filled with sorrow. However, all those memories helped to make her the person she is today. They have become a part of her very being.

Traditionally, a hope chest contained linens and clothing for a woman's wedding day. It was a chest filled with the hope for the future. As time goes by, many of our hopes are fulfilled. However, life never goes exactly as planned. Some hopes are dashed by unfortunate circumstances or bad choices we have made.

Our hearts are like hope chests that long for the day when we are joined for eternity with our God. Along the way, our chest may accumulate additional items that we collect on our life's journey. If we are gracious and generous along the way, our chest will fill with fruit to abundance. If we live more with a focus on ourselves, we will find our hope chests nearly barren. We will, in fact, lose hope. May the hope chest of your heart be overflowing with love that you have freely given and that has come back to you tenfold. May your generosity provide hope for the hopeless, and may your hope always remain strong.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.

- St. Augustine

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

(Jos 24:18b)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. (Eph 5:29-30)

Gospel:

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." (Jn 6:65)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 26, 2018

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 [3]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 [12]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction.

When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." For them, their doubt proves too much.

Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them.

In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Jesus' teaching is hard and challenging. In fact, many who originally believed in him left and returned to their former way of life. They were not able to accept what he had to say or to make the changes that are necessary to conform their lives to the Gospel. We often water down our faith and make it more about securing our place in heaven than leading a life in pursuit of the kingdom of God. Following Jesus and living the Gospel require action now. The Gospel demands that we change the way we conduct the business of our lives. Sadly, many are still afraid of taking risks and cannot accept change. Are we really ready to venture forth into the unknown, or would we prefer to simply return to our old ways of doing things?

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Lecture on "‘Haunted House,’ Skeletons of Racist Past, and the Origin of US Buddhism"

Our **Fr. Joe Cheah** has received the Sister Murphy Scholarship Award from the University of St. Joseph for his exceptional scholarly work on changing how the origin of US Buddhism is understood. As part of the Murphy Award recipient, he will be giving a lecture with a Halloween theme on "‘Haunted House,’ Skeletons of Racist Past, and the Origin of US Buddhism" on Tuesday, October 30, from 7 pm to 8 pm at the Reception Room of the University of St. Joseph. This lecture is by invitation only. If you're interested in attending, please print your name and email address on the sign-up list in the vestibule of the church. The University will send you an invitation.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**THE
USCCB'S
REPORT OF
THE WORK
AGAINST
RACISM**

The Archdiocese of Hartford is sending a contingent to this event! If you are interested in attending, please email Sister Clare Miller at ccmiller@hcnct.org

**Monday
Sept. 17th
7:00pm
@McVinney
Auditorium,
43 Dave
Gavitt Way,
Providence**

**With the Most Rev. Shelton J. Fabre,
Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux
and Chair of the US Conference of
Catholic Bishops Ad-Hoc Committee
Against Racism, Chair of the USCCB
Subcommittee on African American
Affairs, & member of the Committee on
Cultural Diversity in the Church**



More Information
Patty January | Office of Black Catholics | Diocese of Providence
401.278.4552 | pjjanuary@diocesaoiprovvidence.org
If you are interested in attending, please email sr.emillia@hcnct.org.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CORNER

**SUNDAYS, 7 AM + 1 PM
ON WJMJ, AND STREAMING
ONLINE AT ORTV.ORG**

Our Lady of Calvary
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS! RETREAT CENTER
60th Anniversary Car Raffle
Proceeds will benefit the installation of new heating and cooling systems.



2018 Mercedes-Benz C-Class Sedan
Tickets: \$60 each

Call 1.888.816.5813 to order tickets. Do not leave credit card information on the answering machine. We will return your call.

Drawing will take place at our 60th Year Anniversary Celebration on October 6, 2018 at 9:00 pm. It will also be live-streamed on our website. (www.OurLadyofCalvary.net)

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