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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.



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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



19th 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, August 14

9:00 Lois Winchester requested by her children

TUESDAY, August 15, Assumption

9:00 Lewis Affelder, requested by the Connors Family

12:10 Dr. Theodore deGroot, requested by his wife and family

7:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, August 16

9:00 In celebration of the 55th wedding anniversary of Don & Sophie Sopolak

THURSDAY, August 17

9:00 Leo Lausier, requested by the Cyr Family

FRIDAY, August 18

9:00 In celebration of the 46th wedding Anniversary of Nelson & Sandy Bondhus

SATURDAY, August 19

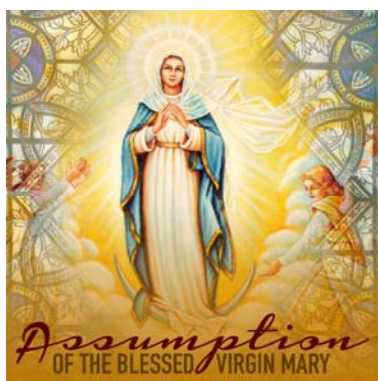
4:00 Elizabeth Desmond Godbout, requested by Godbout Family

SUNDAY, August 20

7:30 Nick Ballindras, requested by a friend

9:30 Special Intentions

11:00 Enrico Nori, requested by his wife & family



TUESDAY,
AUGUST 15TH

Holy Day
of
Obligation

MASSES WILL BE AT:

- 9:00 AM
- 12:10 PM
- 7:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, August 14
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
 Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

TUESDAY, August 15, Assumption

WEDNESDAY, August 16


THURSDAY, August 17
 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 18

SATURDAY, August 19
 Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 20
 "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures": 10:30am in Rm. 3


Tools for Schools Collection
 Through September 2/3



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 2/3 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.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

August 6, 2017: will be reported next weekend
Online Giving & Payments (week ending 8/9/17): \$3,791.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
monthly

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.

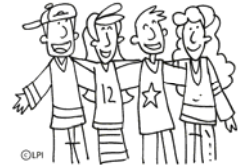
VIRTUS Training Tuesday, September 5, 2017 Fr. Bennett Hall 6:00pm

All volunteers and employees at Catholic churches are required to complete this training. The session will last approximately 2.5 hours. If you volunteer or plan to and have not yet completed this course, you can get more information and register at: www.virtusonline.org.

St. Ann's YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Ann's Youth Ministry is seeking 9th - 12th Grade Teens who are interested in further exploring their faith and continuing to serve those less fortunate. We will meet once a month, starting in September. Please email Rosemary Neamtz at: rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com to register.

Why not grab a friend and join us!



Prayer to Care For Our Common Home



Father of all,
 Creator and ruler of the universe,
 You entrusted your world to us as a gift.
 Help us to care for it and all people,
 that we may live in right relationship--
 with You,
 with ourselves,
 with one another,
 and with creation.

Christ our Lord,
 both divine and human,
 You lived among us and died for our sins.
 Help us to imitate your love for the human family
 by recognizing that we are all connected—
 to our brothers and sisters around the world,
 to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation,
 and to future generations.

Holy Spirit,
 giver of wisdom and love,
 You breathe life in us and guide us.
 Help us to live according to your vision,
 stirring to action the hearts of all—
 individuals and families,
 communities of faith,
 and civil and political leaders.

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home.

Amen.

*This prayer from the
 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is based on
 Pope Francis' Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*

ADULT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

By Popular Demand...

We will continue to offer "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" on 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.

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 a job opening: **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.

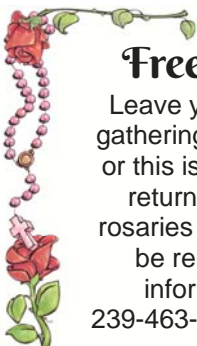
Communion For Shut-Ins

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 holdenbd@gmail.com.

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.



Thank You

To All Donors & Volunteers to Rev. M. Donahue Memorial Luncheon

With heartfelt gratitude and appreciation, thank you for your generous donations of food, service and attendance. Father Michael's family is also very thankful to **Evan Edgar** for his technical expertise.

The family created video was possible only by his committed efforts to make it work. All done with smiles and patience. Father Michael's mission service for special needs children continues in Tarija, Bolivia. Details are in the NEXUS that was mailed last month. The NEXUS is also available on our website (www.stannavon.org) under the "Resources" tab.

Muchas gracias and may the Lord hold you in the palm of His hand,
The Social Justice Committee

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I remember when all three of my children were learning to swim. In the beginning, it seemed like no matter how much assurance I gave them, they were certain they would drown. Even after watching me float in the water, they were pretty sure their bodies were created to sink. In time, they grew more comfortable in the water. Eventually, they could even swim the length of the pool. But this did not happen overnight. They had to grow in their faith that swimming was possible, not just for others, but for them as well.

Too many of us who are Christians believe that holiness is for someone else. We believe that the stories of the saints are about super humans who had something in greater supply than us. When our faith is weak, we assume that we can never have the faith of these holy men and women.

On the contrary, faith and holiness are not things only possible for a few. But we must practice our faith to grow in our faith. We must strive for holiness if we are to become holy.

Like a child fears the water before learning to swim, we often fear the path that leads to greater faith or holiness. We are not convinced that God can work in our lives to create a saint. Yet except for Mary, the Immaculate Conception, every saint was a sinner. God called every saint to exit the boat and walk toward Jesus on the water. In time, with practice and trust in God, they found they did not sink either.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

After the earthquake there was fire-but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave. (1 Kgs 19:12-13a)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. (Rom 9:3)

Gospel:

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" (Mt 14:28-30)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 13, 2017

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21--19:1
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
 Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Oh, to be on that mountain! What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who he said he was, their confidence surely got a boost on the day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus' divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true: Jesus really is the Son of God!

Why did Jesus reveal himself in such a remarkable way to these men? Perhaps we have an answer in today's epistle. Peter writes, "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain." Peter mentions this fact in order to confirm his credibility as a preacher as he goes on to say, "We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it." Because of the mission that Peter had to help shape and nurture the Church in its earliest days, his position as an "eyewitness" to the Transfiguration helped to gain the attention, and the faith, of his hearers.

So although we were not there during this holy apparition, we have the benefit of it. We, and the faithful through the ages, have heard the testimony that Jesus is truly our God from those who saw in person that it was for real. In this way, the Transfiguration is able to bolster the faith of many, not just the three men who were there that day. May we have the grace to allow the feast we celebrate today to truly deepen our faith.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Peter saw Jesus walking on the water and began to walk toward him. He became frightened at how strong the wind was and began to sink. He took his focus off of Jesus and allowed his fears to get the best of him. Fear often gets the best of us and cripples us. We sink. Many of our actions and thoughts are motivated by fear. Think of how many opportunities you have missed because of fear. Jesus tells us to trust and to meet each day with faith and confidence. God is with us. We have nothing to fear.

THE BULLETIN BOARD



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.

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.



On Behalf of the Director of the Catholic Biblical School

BIBLICAL SCHOOL INFORMATION FAIRS

READ the Bible, REAP the REWARDS, and RISE to new life in Christ!

If you are longing to know how to read the Bible to enrich your faith, we invite you to discover what the Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School can offer. Our adult learners come to know, love, and live Scripture through the "gold standard" of Bible studies. You will have the opportunity to enroll in the program at each Info Fair:

St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield: Aug. 15, 7:00 p.m.

Christ Redeemer Parish Center, Milford: Aug. 21, 7:00 p.m.

Caritas Christi Center at Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden: August 23, 10:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Loreto Parish Center, Waterbury, August 24, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

For more information check the website <http://www.catholicedaohct.org>, or contact BJ Daly Horell or Jill Costa at the Archdiocese (catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org; 860-242-5573). The Catholic Biblical School wishes for you the joy of the gospels as you grow in faith.