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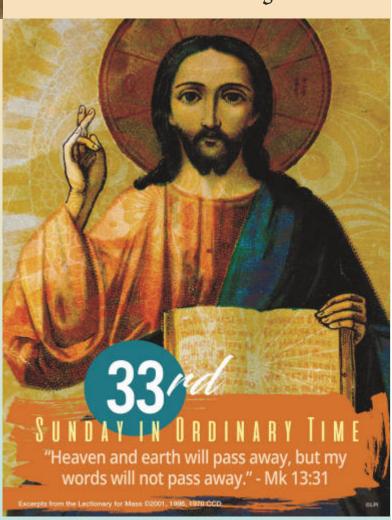
Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

## **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:**

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays 9:30-10:30am

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



## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY, November 15** 

9:00 Mary Harvell, requested by

Kathy and Scott Gill

TUESDAY, November 16 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, November 17 9:00 Special Intentions

**THURSDAY, November 18** 

9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will

on Earth, requested by Judith Stafford and

David Woolley

FRIDAY, November 19

9:00 Richard Cialfi, requested by

Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

**SATURDAY, November 20** 

4:00 Marie and Joseph Joyce, requested by

Tom and Pat Heavren

**SUNDAY, November 21** 

7:30 Sylvio Brighenti, requested by the family

9:30 Special Intentions

11:00 For the deceased members of the

Galick Family, requested by Helen Galick

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com.



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

#### **MONDAY, November 15**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church Lectio Divina, Live!: 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom

#### **TUESDAY, November 16**

"Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 10:15am via Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, November 17

The Lives of Great Christians Series: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom

"Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennet Hall

Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

#### **THURSDAY, November 18**

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

"Matthew" Bible Study: 7pm in the Activity Room and via Zoom

#### FRIDAY, November 19

Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

#### **SATURDAY, November 20**

International Bazaar: 9am—12:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Turkey & Fixings Collection: 3:30-5pm in the St. Ann's Parking Lot

#### **SUNDAY, November 21**

Turkey & Fixings Collection: 7am-12:30pm in St. Ann's Parking Lot

International Bazaar: 8am - 12:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church



## Knights of Columbus Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Orders can be placed after Masses on November 6/7 and 13/14. Pick up pies after Masses the weekend of November 20/21.

Still only \$10 each our locally sourced pies are made just for you!

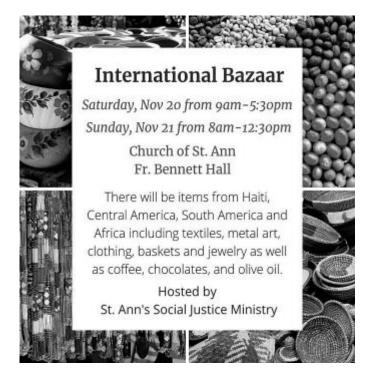
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All proceeds benefit St. Ann's ministries and charities within our local community!

## **WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

Weekly Collection for 10/24/2021: \$5,540.00 Weekly Collection for 10/31/21: \$6,339.12 Weekly Collection for 11/7/21: \$6,599.19 Online Giving (Nov.3-10, 2021): \$3,257.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Catholic Campaign for Human Development



## TREASURE HUNT CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND!

Thank you to all who participated in the St. Ann Treasure Hunt - it was great fun, and we have the photos to prove it!

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to our socials this weekend, Nov 13/14, after 4pm Mass and 11am Mass, in Fr. Bennett Hall. Come enjoy refreshments and find out the answers to our Treasure Hunt clues via our fabulous slideshow! The prize drawing for participants will also take place.

Sponsored by St. Ann's Parish Engagement (PEP) Team. To join PEP, contact chip@chipj.com.

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## Turkey Express

Weekend of November 20/21, 2021 at Church of Saint Ann

Saturday: 3:30-5pm \* Sunday: 7am-12:30pm Look for the truck labeled "Turkey Express"

Please consider donating the following Thanksgiving dinner items for our Avon and Hartford neighbors:

Gift Cards to Stop & Shop or Big Y
 Frozen Turkeys (Chickens are okay too)

#### Suggested Fixings:

stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce, fresh or canned vegetables, rice, small bag of potatoes &/or sweet potatoes, butter, cheddar cheese, fresh or canned fruit, juice, dinner rolls, brownie/cake mixes, frosting, gravy, mayonnaise...

## Our Parish Goal is 220 Turkeys and Lots of Fixings!

Thank you for your generosity and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sponsored by our Social Justice Committee "Together We Serve All God's People"



## Family Advent Wreath Making Workshop & Blessing Prayer Service



## Sunday, November 28th 3pm in Father Bennett Hall

Begin your four-week journey to Christmas with a custom-made Advent wreath to use in your home to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Each week, as the frenzied pace toward Christmas grows busier, louder, and more insistent, gather as a family to light the candles and take a few quiet moments to contemplate the true reason of the Christmas season.

All are welcome!
One complete advent wreath making kit will be
provided per family.

A Hot Cocoa bar and cookies will be offered.

Please sign up using this link:

www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084BA9A82EABFF2-advent

To ensure COVID safe gathering guidelines, we are limiting attendance to 20 families.

We will happily add a second session if needed.

Masks are recommended per the Archdiocese of Hartford.



Annual Parish Collection
Church of Saint Ann

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by those who have already contributed towards our 2021 Annual Parish Collection.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.

Donate online via our website: www.stannavon.com Pledge forms available in Parish Office or on our website.

Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated! Thank you.



## The Holy **Eucharist** DID YOU KNOW?

During the month of November, the Church places special emphasis on the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Showing concern for the dead and the dying is a great sign of love. Therefore, it is fitting that we recall with special attention the souls of our dearly departed. "If during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in Purgatory, God will see that help will not be denied to us after death." St Paul of the Cross

<u>REFLECTIION:</u> St. Pio of Pietrelcina said, "We must empty Purgatory with our prayers." There is no greater prayer than the Holy Mass. After our reception of Holy Communion, there is no better time to remember those of our family and friends who have gone before us. The Divine Presence of Jesus remains with us until the Host is dissolved. Take those precious minutes to commend your departed relatives and friends to Jesus, who is the Divine Mercy. Consider having a Mass offered for your loved one and rest assured they will be eternally grateful to you.

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday,
November 21, 2021
2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church

Our Lord told St. Faustina, "For the soul that trust much will be given." Please join us!

## **Advent Reflection Series**

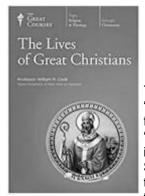
Stay centered and peace-filled this season

November 28-December 20, Rm 3 & via Zoom

Sundays, 10:45am Mondays, 7:15pm Fridays, 9:45am



Video, discussion and prayer
Register: Ann.DiStefano@stannavon.com



## AN INSPIRING NEW SERIES ON WEDNESDAYS 9:30 am Fr. Bennett Hall

Taken from The Great Courses program, "THE LIVES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS" and from Bishop Barron's Word On Fire program, "PIVOTAL PLAYERS," this series offers an interesting look at the lives of a few important Saints. The focus is on the way they lived their lives, providing us with insights on how to become a better Christian.

**NOVEMBER 10:** What Makes a Great Christian? (30 minutes)

St. Paul and the First Christian Missionaries

(30 minutes)

NOVEMBER 17: St. Augustine

St. Patrick and the Conversion of Ireland

**DECEMBER 1:** St. Francis of Assisi

St. Clare of Assisi

**DECEMBER 8:** St. Catherine of Siena (1 hour)

DECEMBER 15: (1 hour) St. John Henry Newman

## NO NEED TO REGISTER DROP IN FOR JUST ONE OR FOR ALL SESSIONS

For questions call Janet Newman at: 860-573-3446 or email: wjnewman@sbcglobal.net

## NOVEMBER 14, 2021 - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### **Giving Until it Hurts**

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## WEEKLY READINGS

## Readings for the week of November 14, 2021

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155,

158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44

Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/

Mt 14:22-33

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a,

12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." (Dn 12:3)

#### Psalm:

You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)

#### Second Reading:

For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Heb 10:14)

#### Gospel:

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." (Mk 13:26-27)

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## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Every human being asks and answers a very important existential question. What happens to us when we die? The answer we provide will determine how we chart the course of our existence. It will also determine whether the Second Coming of Christ will be of any concern to us. For many, life is simply a random occurrence with no significant intention or meaning about it. For these people, their eventual death, and the end of the earth as they know it, have little importance beyond their personal consequences. But, for people of faith our natural death and the Second Coming of Christ have huge implications. It is to these things that our faith speaks volumes and can bring a keen understanding and direction that the secular world simply cannot provide. This is where the call to vigilance and the primordial virtues of faith, hope, and love become useful and meaningful. We are works in progress who can either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful surprising creativity of his will.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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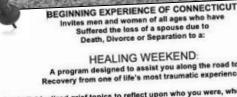


We invite you to join us for our second "drive thru" version of our beloved House of Bread tradition, the **36**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Hunger Banquet**! Please join us on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 between 11:30am and 1:00 pm in the parking lot across from St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St., Hartford. Meals will include a bowl of soup, a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mug, and additional goodies as we raise money to benefit our programs. The cost is \$30 per person. Those planning on stopping by to pick up meals can RSVP at <a href="info@hobread.org">info@hobread.org</a>. More information is available at <a href="www.hobread.org">www.hobread.org</a>. We hope you can join us!

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447

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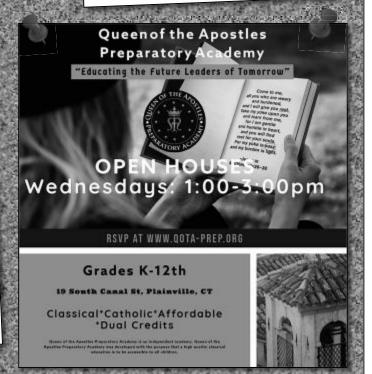
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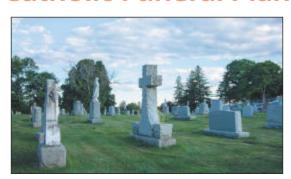
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