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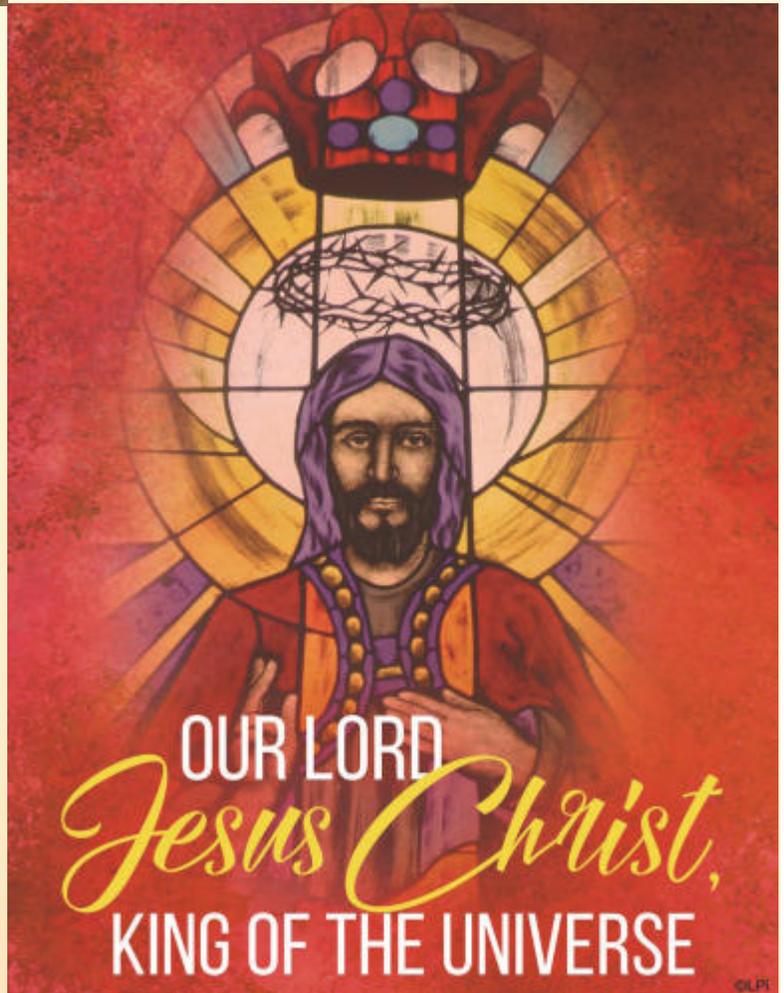
MARRIAGES

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



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

MONDAY, November 22

9:00 Segundina Nuesca, requested by the Nuescal Grigos Fmaily

TUESDAY, November 23

9:00 For the blessing of Sylvia Balolowski (Living), requested by the Sielski Family

WEDNESDAY, November 24

9:00 Sinna Marcotte, requested by the Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast Group

THURSDAY, November 25

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, November 26

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, November 27

4:00 Special Intentions

SUNDAY, November 28

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Nancy Boyd-Martin, requested by the Mascoli Family

11:00 Michael Joseph Oleskewicz, requested by his loving family



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

MONDAY, November 22

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

TUESDAY, November 23

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

WEDNESDAY, November 24

The Lives of Great Christians Series: will return next week
Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom
"Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennet Hall

THURSDAY, November 25



FRIDAY, November 26

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

SATURDAY, November 27

SUNDAY, November 28

Advent Reflection Series: 10:45am in Rm. 3 and via Zoom

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



This 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!



Knights of Columbus
Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Reminder:
Please pick up your
pie order this weekend!
November 20/21

Pre-Empt the



CHRISTMAS CRAZIES

Monday, Nov. 22, 2021
7pm, in Fr. Bennett Hall
St. Ann, Avon, CT

RSVP by Nov 19
ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Come get inspired to
create an Advent full of
Hope, Peace, Joy & Love
for yourself and
your family

FEATURING:

- Guest Speaker Pat Keck, Dir. of Faith Formation, St. Jeanne Jugan, Enfield
- Interactive presentation
- Simple activity
- Quiet prayer



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 11/14/21: \$6,058.35
 Online Giving (Nov.10-15, 2021): \$2,933.50
 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none

Advent Wreath Workshop

Please Join Us on Sunday,
 November 28th -
 3:00 pm or 4:00 pm
 in Fr. Bennett Hall

Adults and Families Welcome!

- Wreath Making
- Cookies
- Hot Cocoa Bar

Register: valerie.stjean@stannavon.com

HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE
 Receive the Gifts of Advent

Advent Reflection Series
 Stay centered and peace-filled this season
 November 28th - December 20th
 Room 3 and Via Zoom

- Sundays @ 10:45 am
- Mondays @ 7:15 pm
- Fridays @ 9:45 am

Or, form your own Small Group!
 Materials provided.

Video, discussion & prayer
 Register: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

THIS WEEKEND!

International Bazaar
 Saturday, Nov 20 from 9am-5:30pm
 Sunday, Nov 21 from 8am-12:30pm
 Church of St. Ann
 Fr. Bennett Hall

There will be items from Haiti, Central America, South America and Africa including textiles, metal art, clothing, baskets and jewelry as well as coffee, chocolates, and olive oil.

Hosted by
 St. Ann's Social Justice Ministry

Thank You

The Treasure Hunt was a great success, and the PEP Team would like to thank all who participated, as well as the following generous individuals/companies who donated prizes:

- Tower Ridge Disc Golf Course/David Tolk
- Farmington Polo Club/Heather Souto
- Adult Faith Formation Ministry
- Paula & Mark Marino
- The North House/Dylan
- The DiStefano Family
- Pam & Steve Rose
- Cake Gypsy/Beth
- The Kretz Family
- Valerie St. Jean
- Rocio Olivares
- Rick Belmonte
- Anonymous

To view the slideshow, visit stannavon.org/photo-tour-of-st-ann

Turkey Express
Thanksgiving Food Drive This Weekend!
Turkeys, Fixings and Gift Cards (Stop & Shop/Big Y)
 Drop donations off at the Turkey Express truck in the St. Ann parking lot before and after Masses this weekend!

Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by those who have already contributed towards our 2019 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.

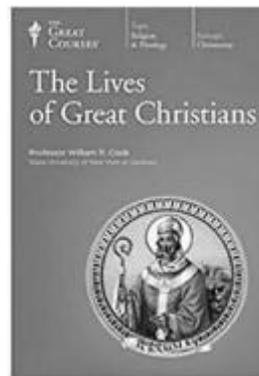
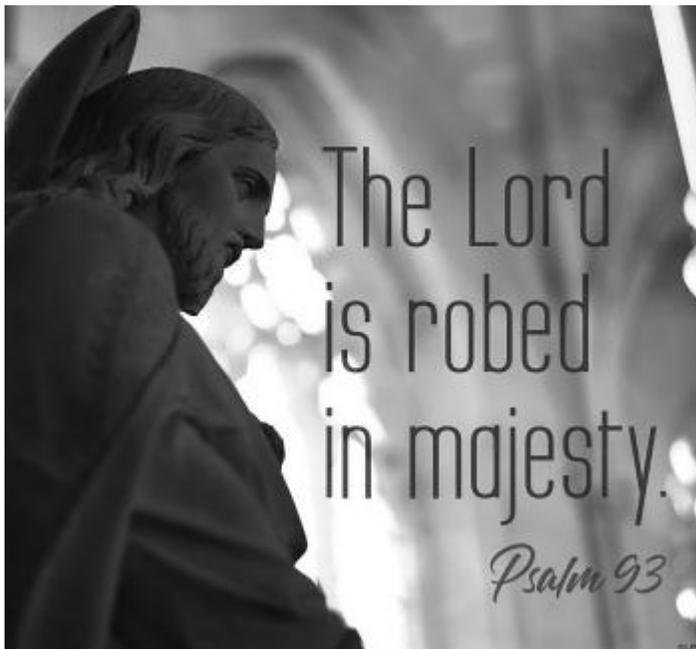
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Thank you.



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Do you see a miracle, when you come to Holy Mass? At each Mass during the words of Consecration, the little, fragile, white Host is transformed into the Body of Christ. The wine becomes the Blood of Christ. The Holy Eucharist should set us both on fire with love for Jesus and with gratitude for this precious gift.

REFLECTION: When you receive Holy Communion, take the time to look beyond the Host to see Jesus offering Himself to you. He is there to strengthen, console, listen and love you most tenderly, as if you were His only child. He longs for you to share this intimate time with Him. Let us not disappoint Him.



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.

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Long Live the King

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of November 21, 2021

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)

Psalm:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)

Second Reading:

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. (Rv 1:5-6)

Gospel:

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." (Jn 18:37)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on our understanding of what it means to be a king by sending us a king who embraces poverty, insults, suffering, ridicule, rejection, and even death. This is our king. Jesus is not the king of prestige or grandeur but the king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. God dances on, around, in and through all of the silliness and ugliness of the world bringing all of creation to the eternal dance of new life and hope. Whether we accept it now or hope that we one day do, Christ is king of the universe. Christ is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Every human being, even those who scorned and rejected him and failed to see him in the least of our brothers and sisters will look upon him. Only those who understand truth will understand that we are on this awesome universal journey to Christ. It is a journey of surprises but also a journey of enlightenment when we will one day see and experience with the deepest joy our being in Christ. We will be restless until we are all one day together united in Christ our King.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

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Broke in America:

Seeing, Understanding, and Ending U.S. Poverty

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7:00 PM, the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host a virtual conversation with the authors of Broke in America Joanne Samuel Goldblum and Colleen Shaddox. We'll discuss what is needed to end poverty in the United States. Jered Bruzas, Director of Operations for St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury will provide local insights to poverty within our state. Registration is required.

To Register go to <https://bit.ly/3yb588C> Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry Archdiocese of Hartford
www.catholicsocialjustice.org (860) 242-5573

St. Mary's School is now enrolling for the 2022-23 school year for Full Day Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade.

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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 or visit them at

"Go your way; your faith has saved you." Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

St. Paul Catholic High School Annual Frosty Falcon 5K

St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol will host its 11th Annual Frosty Falcon 5K in memory of Michael Walsh '07; on Saturday, December 4, 2021. This run/walk is in memory of Michael Walsh who was an avid runner on the cross-country team and graduated from St. Paul in 2007. Proceeds from this run/walk will support students furthering their higher education.

This is a community-wide event and all are encouraged to join the fun this year as we add a Holiday twist! Festive attire is encouraged! The entry fee for the Frosty Falcon 5K run/walk is \$25. Visit www.spchs.com/frostyfun for more information or to register online.

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