



Church of Saint Ann

289 Arch Road * Avon, Connecticut * 06001

860-673-9858

Rev. John W. McHugh, Ph.D., Pastor

www.stannavon.org

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Joseph P. Cheah, OSM, Ph.D.

Rev. Daniel J. Sullivan

DEACONS

Jeffrey Sutherland: deaconjeff@stannavon.com

Tim Healy: deacontim@stannavon.com

SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER

Russell Koch: russ.koch@stannavon.com

COORDINATOR OF SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Tom McCabe: tom.mccabe@stannavon.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR (K - 8)

Valerie St. Jean: ext. 223 valerie.stjean@stannavon.com

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Rosemary Neamtz, MSW: ext. 226

rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com

REGISTRAR & CONFIRMATION ASSISTANT

Jennifer Soucy: ext.227 jennifer.soucy@stannavon.com

DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

Ann DiStefano, MPS: ext. 228 ann.distefano@stannavon.com

RCIA DIRECTOR & LITURGY COORDINATOR

Maureen Fiedler: 860-995-4026

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Tom Stockton: ext. 230

OFFICE MANAGER

Kris Martino: ext. 221 kris.martino@stannavon.com

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

Mike Gould: ext. 225

BAPTISMS (Registered Parishioners):

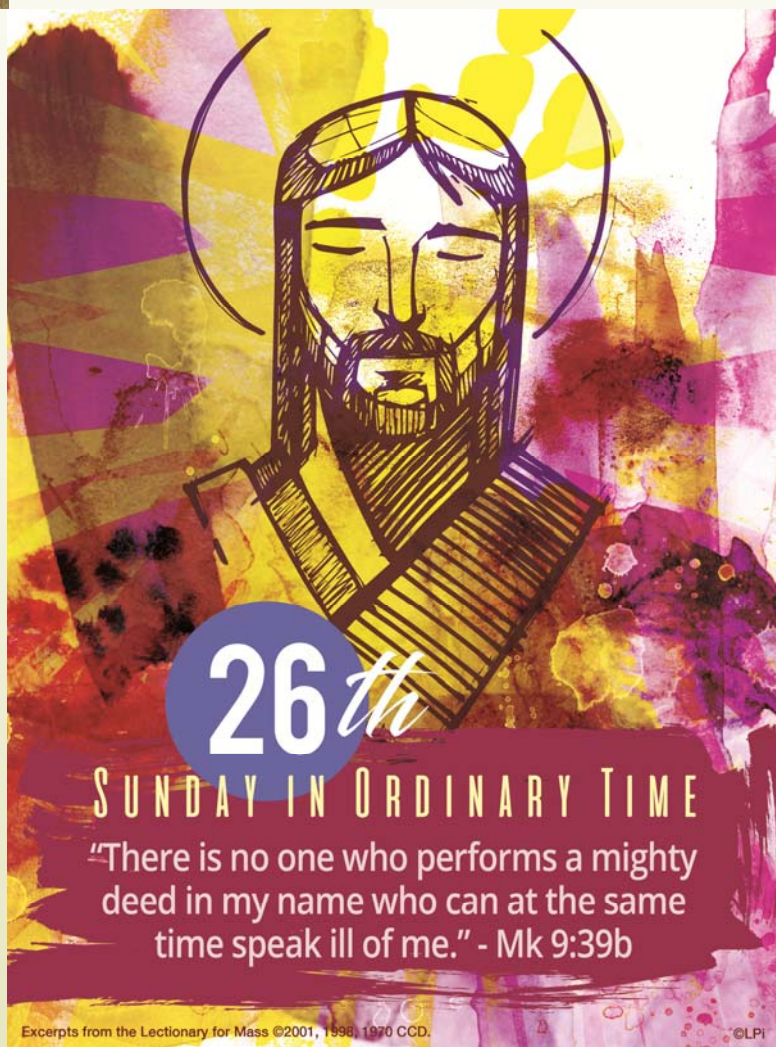
Call the Parish Office

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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

MMP Cenacle

Monday: 7:15pm

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, October 1

9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, October 2

9:00 Milena Masdonati, requested by
Alessandra Walmsley and Family

WEDNESDAY, October 3

9:00 Nikodem Smolinski and Andrew Sopelak,
requested by the Sopelak Family

THURSDAY, October 4

9:00 Lorenzo Fernandez, requested by Virginia

FRIDAY, October 5

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, October 6

4:00 Frederic Beloin, requested by
the Scapellati Family

SUNDAY, October 7

7:30 Edith Phillips, requested by
Jeanne and Ralph Droste
9:30 Thomas and Marilyn Clavenna, requested
by Tina Dibble
11:00 William Mathiasen, requested by
the Anderson Family

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." - Mk 9:39a, 40-41

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



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, October 1

MMP Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.

Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

Young Adult Bible Study: 7:30pm in the Activity Room

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, October 2

RCIA (morning group): 9:30am in Room 3

RCIA (evening group): 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, October 3

Prophets Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 2/3

Acts Bible Study: 7pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, October 4

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Youth Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, October 5

Acts Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, October 6

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, October 7

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

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Coming to St. Ann's October 6 & 7 (Feast of the Holy Rosary)

Commissioned by Lucia, one of the three children who the Blessed Mother appeared to in Fatima. Travels the world & was displayed at the United Nations last year

- Displayed in Father Bennett hall October 6, & processed into the church for viewing during all Masses the weekend of October 6th & 7th
- The statue's custodian will talk following each mass on the statue's history & on the statue's healing properties

A Rosary will follow the 4pm mass on October 6, as well as the 7:30am and 11am masses on October 7



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

New Date!

**Sunday,
October 28th**

**2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church**

The recitation of the rosary will follow to honor Our Lady on the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Please join us for these powerful devotions.



Food Collection This Weekend September 29/30

Please drop food off in the Gathering Space.
Donations will be going to the Avon Food Pantry,
and Catholic Worker House in Hartford.



Do you know people interested in becoming Catholic? St. Ann's warmly invites adults who are baptized but have not received Eucharist and Confirmation, as well as those who

are unbaptized, to explore the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. In RCIA, seekers gather with our team to explore the person of Jesus, the content and structure of the church, and Catholic perspectives on worship, prayer and community.

*Sessions meet every Tuesday, September through Easter. Choose: AM Session from 9:30-10:30am
OR PM session from 7-8:30pm Room 3.
Contact: Maureen Fiedler at 860-995-4026.*



Come journey through one of the most thrilling books of the Bible in the "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom" Bible Study

Acts of the Apostles is a story of hope. It's the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They taught as Christ did. They performed miracles as he did. Some even gave their lives for him. They faced secular forces, internal strife, hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men. **Acts will enrich your faith and rekindle your love for Christ as you live the lives of his first disciples.** Join us for this 20-week series, Wednesdays at 7pm or Fridays at 9:30am in Room 3, **beginning this week!** \$29 materials fee. Register with Ann in the Adult Ed office.



St. Ann's New Welcome Ministry Looking for Volunteers

We are forming a new Welcoming Ministry at St. Ann and we would love some help! If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry please contact Dianne Simpson at 860-673-6831 or diannesimpson360@gmail.com.

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

Our rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) groups are welcoming inquirers! 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

Parenting with 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.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

September 16, 2018: \$6,259.08
 September 23, 2018: \$7,322.05
 Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 9/26/18): \$4,450.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Immaculate Conception Shelter

Church of St. Ann

Celebrating Our

100th Anniversary

2018 ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION

"Rejoice, Rejoice again I say Rejoice"

These words taken from the sacred scripture underscore the 100th Anniversary of Saint Ann Church. It is difficult to imagine the number of Catholics that have come through the doors of Saint Ann Church who receive the Grace of the sacraments, or have had their spiritual and material needs met. Truly, this is a momentous occasion in the lives of our parish. Plans are already underway to celebrate this event during the months of May and June. Part of this celebration is to increase our **Annual Parish Collection** to preserve the financial stability of our parish now and in the future. After consultation with the Finance Council, we have set our financial goal for this year's appeal at **\$375,000**. I would ask you to please be generous as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

**YOUTH CHOIR:
 CALLING ALL KIDS
 IN GRADES 4-8
 WHO LOVE TO SING!**



We rehearse on Thursdays in the choir loft from 4:15 - 5pm and we sing several times a year. It's fun, and you'll learn a lot too! We have a great season planned, so invite a friend and join us! Can't commit for the entire season? Come when you can! Youth Choir Director: Carl Sauerbrunn, c.sauerbrunn@comcast.net or (860)673-5882.

SAINT ANN'S ANNUAL CLOTHING SALE



**Friday, Nov. 2nd
 6 - 8 p.m. (\$5 admission)**

**Saturday, Nov. 3rd
 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



HEARTS & SOULS

Ministering to body, mind & spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling & referrals to our community of faith. Office Hours are generally the 2nd Sunday of the month from 8:15am-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). PLEASE NOTE for October Hours will be the 1st Sunday of the month. No appointment necessary.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Baby Bottle Drive for St. Gerard's Center for Life

St. Gerard's Center for Life is very grateful to be welcomed back into St. Ann's Parish on the weekend of October 6th and 7th for its annual baby bottle drive. Pledge cards or baby bottles will be distributed after all weekend Masses and collected after the weekend of October 27th and 28th. Thank you for your generosity as we partner together to keep this pro-life mission alive in the greater Hartford area.



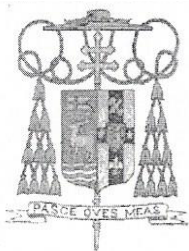
New Dates!

**October is Respect Life Month
 Sign up for Adoration of the
 Blessed Sacrament!**

St. Ann's Parish is again taking part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign sponsored by the Archdiocese. There are two parts to this peaceful and prayerful mission. We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, October 28th beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until Monday, October 29th at 8 a.m. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE POSTERS IN THE GATHERING SPACE.** We must have 2 adorers for each hour. On Sunday, October 21st a peaceful prayer vigil will take place outside the Hartford OB/GYN Clinic on Jefferson Street in Hartford. Our parish will cover the hours of 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space for an hour or more if you would like to stay longer. Thank- you in advance for your support with our parish's Pro-Life Mission.

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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD
134 FARMINGTON AVENUE
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
06105-3784

**OFFICE OF
THE ARCHBISHOP**

As a Catholic Bishop who has experienced firsthand the unfolding of the sexual abuse crisis in the Church since 2002, recent revelations of abuse in Pennsylvania and regarding former Cardinal McCarrick are a cause of renewed outrage, feelings of betrayal, and hurt for me personally. The same is true for our priests and religious, and above all for our Catholic people, many of whom are shaken in their faith or who even question their continued practice of the faith in light of the sins and crimes of certain priests and bishops.

The clergy who betrayed the trust placed in them and who grievously sinned against their high calling have failed our people by teaching and preaching moral precepts while failing to live by them. And with regard to the accountability of bishops, I fully support the preliminary four-point plan adopted by the Administrative Committee of the United States Bishops' Conference as announced on September 19 (<http://www.usccb.org/news/2018/18-152.cfm>).

To those who have been victims of child sexual abuse by clergy, and to the parents, siblings, and friends of those who were abused – I ask, the Church asks – for forgiveness. Healing and reconciliation continue to be an essential but not easy goal, given the terrible effects that these sins and crimes can cause in the lives of victims, to whom the Church owes the deepest expression of sorrow and apology.

In light of all that has been written and continues to be written about clergy sexual abuse over the years, people in the Archdiocese of Hartford justifiably want to know what is the current situation in the Archdiocese of Hartford, and what has been done by the Archdiocese of Hartford to protect children over the past couple of decades or so. I appreciate this opportunity to respond to those questions.

Let me begin by addressing our current situation and stating some very important facts. Over the past two decades, two Archdiocesan priests have been credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor during that entire period, and both of those priests were criminally charged and prosecuted for their crimes. Although even two are two too many, it is extremely important to know that clergy sexual abuse of minors has not been occurring widely in the Archdiocese of Hartford for at least the past 20 years.

Second, there are no Archdiocese of Hartford priests currently in ministry in the Archdiocese of Hartford who have had credible allegations of child sexual abuse asserted against them. That is the result of the zero-tolerance policy that has been in effect since 2002. Such priests have been removed from ministry and not returned to service in the Church.

Let me now address what the Archdiocese of Hartford has been doing since 2002 to protect children (and more recently, vulnerable adults) from sexual abuse. Since 2002, when the bishops of the United States adopted the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the subsequent Church reforms have resulted in an array of best practices and even groundbreaking policies and procedures to keep children safe. In addition to adopting and enforcing the zero-tolerance policy, the Archdiocese of Hartford also implemented the following programs and procedures:

- It has reported all claims of sexual abuse by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford to the State's Department of Children and Families without regard to how long ago the alleged abuse occurred and without regard to the credibility of the claims.
- It updated its written policy regarding sexual abuse matters to clarify the need to report claims and the steps to be taken in handling such claims.
- It established a Review Board comprised principally of lay people from different professions to serve as a confidential consultative resource to review abuse claims and provide advice to me on how to respond to them.
- It established a Safe Environment Program that provides ongoing education and training both to adults and children in how to recognize all aspects of sexual abuse and exploitation and how to respond appropriately if and when it is encountered. As examples, since 2003, the Archdiocese of Hartford has trained 52,725 adults, and during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, over 34,000 children participated in an age appropriate program.
- It established a requirement of criminal background checks on all of its personnel who have contact with children (and later, vulnerable adults) in their ministries.
- It established a Victim Assistance Coordinator whose function is to reach out to victims and offer assistance of various types, psychological counseling, spiritual counseling, etc.
- It established a program where every victim is offered the opportunity to meet and speak with me or my designee to discuss their sexual abuse experience and related spiritual issues.
- It voluntarily undergoes annual audits by an outside, independent agency whose function is to determine whether all requirements of the Charter are being complied with. The Archdiocese of Hartford has been found to be in compliance with the Charter each year.

The protection of children and vulnerable adults and keeping them safe is our highest priority. I hope that this information provides reassurance that the Archdiocese of Hartford has taken and will continue to take these matters very seriously.

I will continue to pray twice daily, and offer Mass regularly, for all victims of child sexual abuse by clergy, and their families, especially those in our Archdiocese. May God have mercy on us all.

Sincerely,

+ Leonard P. Blair

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

www.archdioceseofhartford.org

THE BULLETIN BOARD



Northwest Catholic High School invites prospective students and parents to attend our annual Open House on Sunday, October 28th from 1-3 p.m. NWC will offer an entrance exam on Saturday, November 17th at 8 am. A completed application serves as registration for the exam. Walk-ins are welcome!
You can apply online at: www.northwestcatholic.org/apply. Please contact Andrew Selig at aselig@nwcah.org with any questions.

29th Annual Rosary Rally October 7, 2018 Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Waterbury

The 29th Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on October 7th from 2-3:30pm. There will be a procession, rosary, talk and Benediction. Fr. Greg J. Markey, stationed at St. Lawrence Church in Shelton, professor of Latin and Philosophy at St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford, will be the guest speaker. The topic of his talk is "The Rosary and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary". For more information call: Lorraine Greski at 203-736-9606.

Here at the Church of St. Ann
Please
Join us in
honoring
"Our Lady
of
Fatima"
visiting
Statue
on
Oct. 6 and 7



Children
Join us Oct. 4 at 4:30 pm to learn
a decade of the rosary to be re-
cited after the 9:30 Mass on Oct. 7
Questions?
Call Shirley Blyther 601-398-7868
Joan Gould 860-677-7881



For the third year in a row - Thanks to the generosity of the donors to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal, **Our Faith, Our Future**, the Vicariate Outreach Program has been able to provide over **\$1,000,000** in critical funding to over 200 local, community based, organizations. This funding provides support to families and individuals for life's basic necessities: a warm meal, a bag of groceries, a place to sleep, or a place to turn for guidance and support. The Annual Appeal is one way to share our blessings and express thanks for the blessings with which God has graced us with our neighbors.

If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider, making your pledge or gift today. Every gift makes a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and families throughout our Archdiocese, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link **Our Faith, Our Future**, to learn more and make your pledge or gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31st 2018 towards this year's Appeal.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal-impact-2/