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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.



6th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

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

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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:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12 Noon

MASS INTENTIONS

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 18
9:00 Special Intention

TUESDAY, February 19
9:00 Special Intentions


WEDNESDAY, February 20
9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, February 21
9:00 Francis McHugh, requested by the family

FRIDAY, February 22
9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, February 23
4:00 James McHugh, requested by the family

SUNDAY, February 24
7:30 Lawrence D'Amato, requested by
Leo Herbette
9:30 Jozefa and Antony Poprawa, requested by
the Osiecki Family
11:00 Doris Stockton, requested by
Susan and Tom McCabe

*The
St. Ann
Welcoming
Ministry
invites you to
join us for*

Wine & Cheese

*after the 4pm Mass
on Saturday,
February 23, 2019
in Fr. Bennett Hall*

SNACKS FOR CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED



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, February 18

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church.

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

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

TUESDAY, February 19

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

RCIA (evening group): 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, February 20

John Bible Study: 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3

Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3

Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, February 21

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

St. Ann Cares Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

Adult Confirmation Class: 7pm in Room 3

Marthas + Marys Book Discussion: 7pm in the Activity Room

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

FRIDAY, February 22


Acts Bible Study: 9:30am in Room

SATURDAY, February 23

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

Wine & Cheese Party: after 4pm Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall
(Sponsored by our Welcoming Committee)

SUNDAY, February 24

 **Parish Coffee:** after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall
(sponsored by our Pro-Life ministry)

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

Marthas + Marys Book Discussion

The Invisible Wall, by Harry Bernstein

Thursday, February 21st
7pm * Activity Room
(snow date is Feb. 28th)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

More details are at stannavon.com, or contact Director of AFF, Ann DiStefano: ann.distefano@stannavon.com (860) 673-9858, x.228

Winter/Spring Offerings to Deepen Your Relationships with God and Others

Encounter God in the Bible

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" helps you make personal connections to the Sunday readings through the lens of historical context and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method.

Drop ins welcome! All materials provided.

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

Parenting with Purpose

Join us for our engaging video series on parenting on CCD Sundays at Avon Middle School, Room 228.

* 9am - For K-4th Grade parents (**Childcare for babies-preK is available at this session - sign up by Thurs prior with babysitters Lisa, lrg1010@comcast.net AND Paula, uconnloves@att.net**)

* 5:45pm - For 5th-8th Grade parents

Farmington Valley Young Adult Group

Come to encounter Jesus in His Word and in community. Men's and women's small groups available as well as occasional social get together! Join our Facebook Group: Farmington Valley Young Adult Group

For details please contact:

Kylie Brasel at 860-951-6211 or kylie.brasel13@gmail.com

Tim Shaffer at 303-332-8045 tim.shaffer92@gmail.com

Hospitality Help Needed

This Lent, we will be hosting a video series (Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass") from 12-1:30pm on six Sundays, March 10th-April 14th. The sessions will take place in Fr. Bennett Hall and will include light refreshments (coffee, muffins, yogurt, etc.). Help is needed in purchasing, setting out and cleaning up the refreshments. Even if you could cover just a few of those Sundays, it would be so appreciated!

Please reach out to Ann DiStefano if you're able to help (contact info on bulletin front). Thank you!



Check Us Out... On Instagram!



Did you know the Church of Saint Ann is on social media? Like us on Facebook (facebook.com/stannavon) and follow us on Instagram [@churchofsaintannavon](https://www.instagram.com/churchofsaintannavon) to stay up-to-date on what's going on in our parish community!

Confirmation 2019 Saturday, March 2nd 11:00am



Please keep our 78 Year-Two Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit!

CONFIRMED?

Are you an ADULT CATHOLIC who has received the sacraments of Baptism and First Communion, but were NEVER CONFIRMED? St. Ann's in Avon is delighted to offer a 7-week Adult Confirmation program just for you, leading to your receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tues, May 14, 2019 at 7pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford.

WHEN: Thursdays, Feb 21st - April 4th, 7- 8:30 pm

WHERE: Church of St. Ann, 289 Arch Rd, Avon, CT, Room 3, Lower Level of Fr. Bennett Hall

FACILITATORS: Deacon Jeffrey Sutherland & Ann DiStefano

TO REGISTER: Contact Maureen Fiedler, 860-995-4026, maureensoderburg@hotmail.com



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 10, 2019: \$6,967.70
Online Giving (week ending 2/13/19): \$2,541.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
monthly



As part of our 100th anniversary celebration, St. Ann's Church is planning a historical exhibit at the Avon Free Public Library during the months of July and August, 2019. This will be a dual exhibit with the Avon Congregational Church, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary. The exhibit will be in the History Corner, and St. Ann will be using the tack-board wall and metal shelves to the right of the glass case. If you have items (photos, old documents, etc.) that you would like to share for the exhibit, please contact Jean Frey at 860-673-1949. It would be nice to be able to include photos or memories related to the first church on Mountain View Avenue as well as our current church. Copies could be made of any photos.

National Day of Mourning

Due to recent legislation in New York allowing for late term abortions a National Day of Mourning is scheduled for Saturday, February 23rd. We are asked to pray, fast, and wear black on that day hoping to make up for apathy on this issue and to beg God for His Mercy on us. Here at St. Ann's, we will gather to pray the rosary and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy from 1-2:30 p.m. in the church. Please join us.

<https://drrichswier.com/2019/02/07/national-day-of-mourning-repentance-february-23rd-2019/>



HEARTS & SOULS

Ministering to body, mind and spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling and referrals to our community of faith. Office hours are generally the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.



Pro-Life Parish Coffee Sunday, February 24th After the 9:30am Mass Fr. Bennett Hall

Pro-Life Ministry would like to invite all parishioners to join us for our Parish Coffee on February 24th following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Come hear more about this amazing ministry and our mission to defend and protect the sacredness and dignity of every human life.

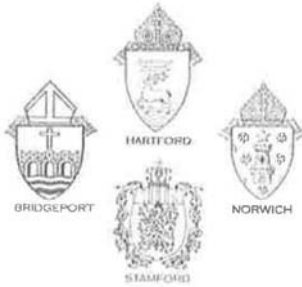
For those who took a Stand in Celebration of Life this is also our way of thanking you. Here's the hot coffee, hot cocoa, and treats plus a chance to share our experience without the fierce wind and 28 degree temps.



Sandwich Sunday a Huge Success!

Thank you to the hundreds of participants who brought ingredients to Fr. Bennett Hall and made sandwiches for the hungry in Hartford this past Sunday. We delivered 903 sandwiches (nearly double last year's quantity!!) and dozens of homemade St. Valentine's Day cards to ImmaCare and Mercy Shelters and the Cathedral Food Pantry. With such a windfall, we also made a spontaneous delivery to McKinney Shelter, whose clients were so grateful to have fresh meat and cheese sandwiches on Superbowl Sunday! Thanks to broader publicity, several people from the greater community joined our sandwich ministry this year, to "do something kind for people in need." At each sandwich-making session, we talked about the factors that contribute to hunger and homelessness (poverty, abuse, mental and physical illness, etc.), asked for God's blessing on the food, and prayed that our gesture of love would alleviate some of our recipients' suffering.

**Mark your calendar for next year's Sandwich
 Sunday, February 2, 2020!**



CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE
134 FARMINGTON AVENUE
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Bishops' Message Affirming Life

(The recent passage of disturbing new abortion laws in New York State and public comments from Virginia political leaders has properly raised the public debate on abortion and the rights of the unborn and now born.

The following is statement in response to these events by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of the Bridgeport Diocese, Bishop Michael R. Cote of the Norwich Diocese and the Most Reverend Paul P. Chomnycky, OSBM, Ukrainian Eparchy of Stamford)

February 7, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ:

On January 22, 2019, Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York signed into law the Reproductive Health Act (RHA), a tragic abortion expansion bill which allows for the killing of an unborn child until birth as a "fundamental" right. Safeguards that previously protected those infants accidentally born alive during an abortion have also been repealed under this new law. Other provisions of this unjust law also place the lives of women in jeopardy by allowing abortions to be performed by non-physicians at the discretion of the abortionist and prevent prosecution for an attack on an unborn child through criminal acts of violence or coerced abortion.

Other states such as Rhode Island, Virginia, and New Mexico are now trying to pass similar legislation.

We, the Catholic Bishops of Connecticut, unequivocally denounce such legislation and all legislation that allows the direct taking of human life at any stage of development, especially in the womb. We uphold the Church's unchanging teaching that affirms every human life to be unique, precious, and a gift from God. It is a basic human right that every life be protected from the moment of conception to natural death.

At a time when we should be working together to better safeguard all lives and find common ground in our increasingly polarized society the New York law makes late-term abortion more available by adopting an absolutist "pro-choice" position that is unacceptable and should speak to the conscience of all those who value life.

As a community of faith, we must continue to take a stand for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in the womb and their mothers, who are often coerced and

pressured into making choices against the life they carry. They need our prayers, support and accompaniment to help them choose life, especially when they face any difficulties during pregnancy.

For those who have undergone an abortion, the church stands ready to assist with healing and reconciliation through a variety of means, including Project Rachel, a program which manifests the forgiveness and mercy of God.

As we continue this struggle, we can remain confident that everything is in the hands of God, who sees all, who judges justly, and from whose hand no one can be snatched away – especially an innocent unborn child.

Committed to prayer, education, advocacy and acts of reparation for the millions of lives already lost through abortion, we invite you to join us to serve as witnesses of the truth and defenders of human life in our society.

With every best wish and prayer, we remain

+ *Leonard P. Blair*

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

+ *Frank J. Caggiano*

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

+ *Michael R. Cote*

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+ *P. Chomnycky, OBM*

Most Reverend P. Paul Chomnycky
Eparch of Stamford

THE BULLETIN BOARD

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford

Group Spiritual Direction
Every Tuesday: 12:30-1:30pm

Group Spiritual Direction refers to the active conversation centering on the relationship with God/Divine Presence/Higher Power of what is life-giving. Every Tuesday after the 12:05pm Mass, two Spiritual Directors gather with all who attend for reflection on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday Mass. As companions on the journey, the directors listen for the underlying flow of life (often named 'spirit') in the reading while facilitating conversation within the group. Please join us!

To register please call our Parish Office at 860-675-4034.
Free, well-lit parking is available in the Saints Surface Parking Lot across from the Franciscan Center