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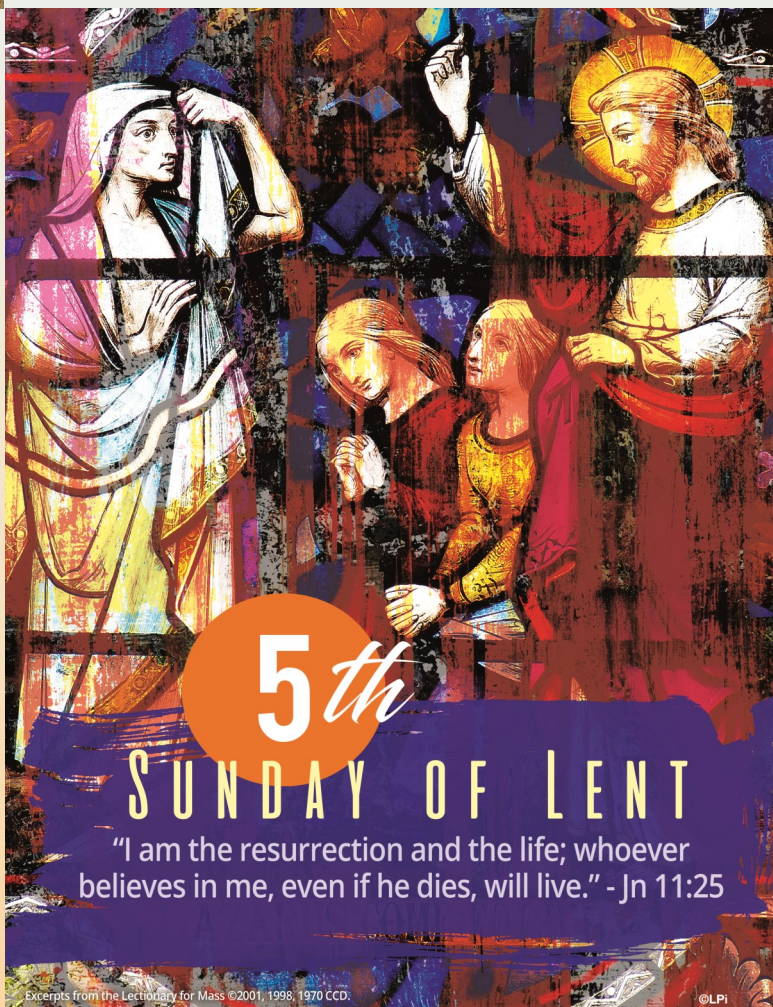
MARRIAGES

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



MASS INTENTIONS

5th Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, March 30

9:00 **Joseph Klish**, requested by
Barbara and Gino Calderone

TUESDAY, March 31

9:00 **Eugene Joseph Conlon**, requested by
Robert and Cathy Arciero

WEDNESDAY, April 1

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, April 2

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, April 3

9:00 **Carol DeVita**, requested by
the DeVita Family

SATURDAY, April 4

4:00 **Fern and Joseph Santerelli**, requested
by the Pizzuti Family

SUNDAY, April 5

7:30 **Patricia Hatch**, requested by the
Wednesday Morning Bible Group

9:30 **Barbara Ringwood**, requested by
the Watson Family

11:00 **Gary Chestone**, requested by
his mom, Linda Chestone



Confessions:

Mondays from 6-7pm

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, March 30

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: suspended

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: suspended

Lenten Confessions: 6-7pm (will continue at this time)

Lent Series: suspended

TUESDAY, March 31

RCIA: suspended

WEDNESDAY, April 1

Video Series/Catholicism: suspended

Walking with Purpose: suspended

THURSDAY, April 2

Holy Hour: suspended

Adult Confirmation: suspended

Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: suspended

Folk/Contemporary Choir: suspended

FRIDAY, April 3

Traditional Choir: suspended

Lent Series: Room suspended

Stations of the Cross: suspended

SATURDAY, April 4

Men's Breakfast Group: suspended

SUNDAY, April 5

Lent Series: suspended

The Church of Saint Ann
will be open for prayer:

9am - 12noon

4pm - 6pm

Please **ONLY** sit in designated
areas while also maintaining
the CDC's social distance
guidelines.





RESOURCES:

VISIT: www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus **for all communications from the** **Archdiocese of Hartford relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Please visit our website: ww.stannavon.org

**For updates and spiritual enrichment ideas for adults & families under the Lent 2020 tab
and children under the Faith Formation tab (K-8 Information)**

**There is a Stations of the Cross video series available on the Archdiocese of Hartford's YouTube channel.
The channel's name is Archdiocese of Hartford. Just search "Archdiocese of Hartford, YouTube"**

**The Office of Radio and Television of the Archdiocese of Hartford broadcasts Mass every day at 10:00am
on WCCT. Channel 11 on our local cable. It is celebrated by one of our own Archdiocesan priests in the
ORTV studio.**

Corporal Works of Mercy 2020

During this Lenten season, our Parish family Lenten commitment is to practice the corporal works of mercy, both individually and as a community. Donations should be placed in the labeled boxes in the Gathering Space. Anything you can donate is appreciated!

***In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to
confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it,
to make it our own, and to take practical steps to alleviate it.***
- Pope Francis

Modifications due to Coronavirus

March 28/29: Visit Those in Prison

This monetary collection to help fund religious periodicals that are distributed to incarcerated persons in CT will take place when Masses resume. These periodicals (Word Among Us) enrich faith, and the recipients are very grateful.

April 4/5: Bury the Dead

Reach out to family, friends, and neighbors who have lost a loved one, particularly a spouse via phone calls at this time!

EASTER FOOD BASKET collection is on hold at this point

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

CANCELLED: Connecticut March for Life

Joint Statement on the Cancellation of the Connecticut March for Life

The sponsors of the Connecticut March for Life, with deep regret, have made the difficult decision to cancel the April 15th Connecticut March for Life. This decision was made out of concern for the health of those planning to attend and in line with the Governor's Executive Order #7, which bans large events.

We know many people will be disappointed with the cancellation of the Connecticut March for Life, so we will be exploring options for holding the event at a future date. We are committed to ensuring that the pro-life voice be heard by the Governor and our legislators.

The response to the March was very positive, with many pro-life residents of Connecticut planning to attend. We want to thank everyone who was helping to coordinate getting the message out about the March and who undertook efforts to guarantee a large attendance. We hope to capitalize on that enthusiasm by setting a new date for a 2021 March which will be announced as soon as that decision has been made. Please stay tuned for future announcements.

Sincerely,
*The Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference
 Family Institute of Connecticut
 National March for Life*

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

March 22, 2020: *if you are able to, please consider continuing to support St. Ann via USmail or Online Giving during these challenging times. Thank You!*

Online Giving (week ending 3/25/20): \$2,642

Next weekend's 2nd collection: n/a

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation is moving to virtual formats or postponing our classes and group gatherings.

Please contact your group leader for more details on individual classes.

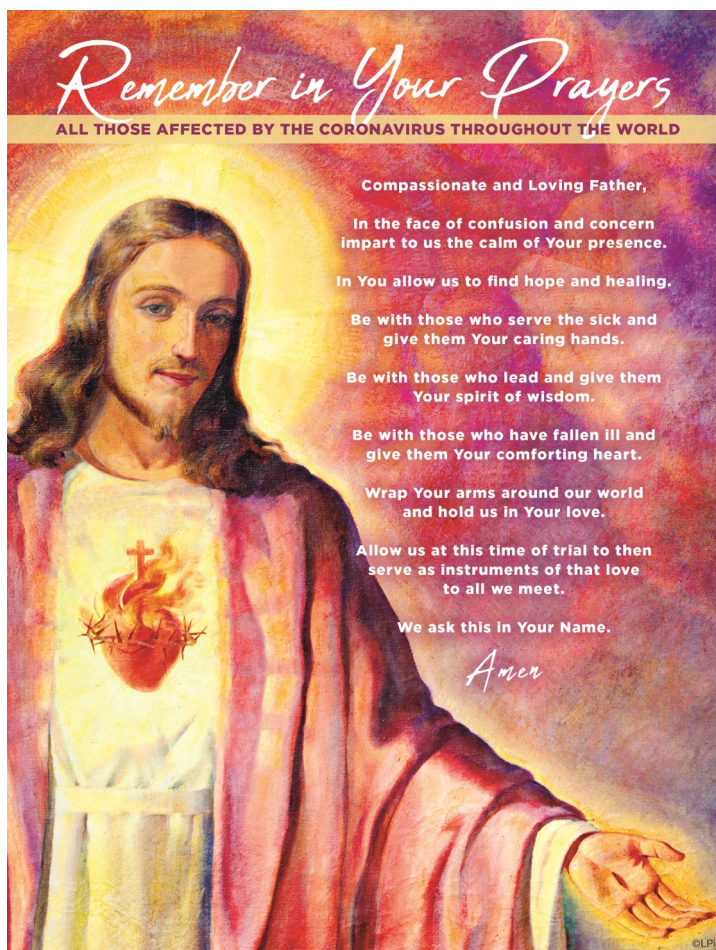


**St. Ann
Cares is post-
poning their
Day of Caring
(originally scheduled
for May 2nd)
to a later date.**

Growing in Faith, Giving in Love 2020 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.

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 <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



Vacation Bible Camp

**June 22-25, 2020
9:30am – 12:30pm**



**Registration, originally scheduled for
April 1st is now on hold**

Easter Plant Sale

The annual Easter Plant Sale must be modified this year. If you wish to donate an Easter altar plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please download the order form on our website (www.stannavon.org/easter-plant-sale) and MAIL IT BACK to the church along with your donation of \$10 per plant. Names received before Wednesday, April 1st will be included in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!

Church of St. Ann, Easter Plant Sale, 289 Arch Rd., Avon, CT 06001



MARCH 29, 2020 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent — Committed —

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, "Don't give up; you can never give up." The former coach of the NC State men's basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

You shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! (Ez 37:13)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading:

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. (Rom 8:10)

Gospel:

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." (Jn 11:25)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time? ©LPi

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

We face death every day. Whether it comes with the actual death of someone we love (or someone we don't even know), a failed relationship, the loss of a job, a broken dream, or pondering our own mortality, death is always around us. What does death say to us? What we believe about our death experiences is going to say volumes about how we live our lives. Jesus comes to us today just as he did many years ago to people who were struggling with loss and death and wondering what to do. He calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" Jesus leads us out of death and gives us hope. There is always hope. There is always transformation. Although we may not always see where the road of life is taking us or see God's presence with us on our journey, we will be brought to a new place and be given new life. Walk with God and listen to Him call you. Tomorrow, there awaits another surprise. ©LPi

THE BULLETIN BOARD



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GOD'S SON
SICKNESS
RISE

LAZARUS
MARY
MARTHA

BELIEVES
WEEPING
WRAPPED

S A O E T R H I E T Y
T W R A P P E D H O N
O E K R W Y A O Y U T
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Mission for the Week

Write the words, "God can do anything" on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.

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HEARTS & SOULS

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The CDC recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask (facemasks are **only** needed for those who show symptoms of coronavirus).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

In the context of church, suspend shaking hands during the sign of peace. Communion should be taken in the hand (vs mouth). Do not come to church if you are sick (the mass is aired at 10 am daily by the Archdiocesan Office of Radio and Television).

It's That Time of Year Again...

If you are a registered parishioner using envelopes or online giving, and would like a copy of our records of your weekly envelope contributions, please e-mail Kris in the Parish Office: kris.martino@stannavon.com or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221. Note: Contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are mailed separately from the Archdiocese.



Please Consider Remembering the Church of St. Ann in Your Will

For further information, please contact:
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CARRY
you.

ISAIAH 46:4

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