



# Church of Saint Ann

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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.



## 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



**Sunday of  
Divine Mercy**

## MONDAY, April 20

- Rita Vamvakas (1st Ann.), requested by the Cialfi Family

## TUESDAY, April 21

- Special Intentions

## WEDNESDAY, April 22

- For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth

## THURSDAY, April 23

- Special Intentions

## FRIDAY, April 24

- Special Intentions

## SATURDAY, April 25

- Mary Melanson, requested by a friend

## SUNDAY, April 26

- John Gray, requested by the Dully Family
- Fr. Francis Callahan, requested by friends
- Antonette Alphonso (1st. Ann.) and Anthony Alphonso (3rd. Ann), requested by Nina & Ajoy Alphonso

*The Archdiocese of Hartford  
has suspended confessions  
until further notice.*

**The Church of Saint Ann is  
open for prayer from:**

**9am - 12noon  
4pm - 6pm**

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



*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, April 20

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: suspended  
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: suspended  
Lectio Divina Live!: 7:15pm via Zoom (see website)

### TUESDAY, April 21

RCIA: Tuesdays, 7pm via Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, April 22

Lunch with Friends: 12:15pm Online via Zoom (see website)  
Video Series/Catholicism: suspended  
Walking with Purpose: suspended

### THURSDAY, April 23

Holy Hour: suspended  
Adult Confirmation: Alternate Thursdays, via Skype at 7pm  
(April 2, 16, 30; May 14, 28),

Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: suspended  
Folk/Contemporary Choir: suspended

### FRIDAY, April 24

Lectio Divina Live!: 9:30am via Zoom (see website)  
Traditional Choir: suspended

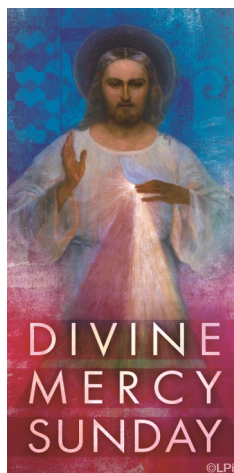
### SATURDAY, April 25

Men's Breakfast Group: suspended

### SUNDAY, April 26

Lectio Divina Live!: 10:30 am via Zoom (see website)  
Defining Moments Discussion: 4pm via Zoom (see website)

*Please visit our website: [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org)  
for more information on the Virtual Adult Faith Formation  
options & instructions on how to work Zoom*



# Divine Mercy Sunday April 19, 2020

Since we are not able to attend Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the soul that makes a good act of contrition with the intention of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as is possible and makes a spiritual communion while watching Mass on television or on the internet will receive a plenary indulgence.





## RESOURCES:

VISIT: [www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus) for all communications from the Archdiocese of Hartford relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Please visit St. Ann's website: [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org)**

*Look under the "COVID-19" tab for updates and spiritual enrichment ideas for adults, children & families.*

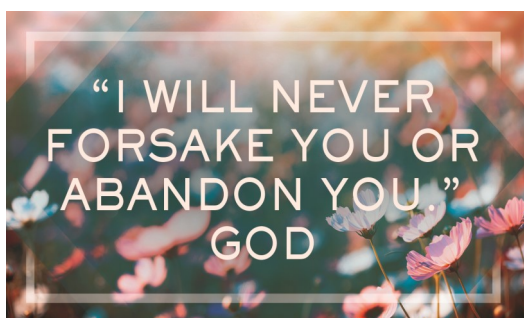
**Did you know St. Ann now has a YouTube channel? We do!**



There is a link on our website or you can visit us to subscribe at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQb8GEZT\\_REAvzOGVM4\\_9UA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQb8GEZT_REAvzOGVM4_9UA?view_as=subscriber)

### Daily Mass: Options for Viewing at Home

- 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.
- Bishop Robert Barron: "Word on Fire" Daily Mass webpage: [www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/)
- EWTN, either on your TV or online at: [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)
- You could also try searching something like "Catholic Daily Masses" on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

According to Luke, the original community of believers in Jerusalem met daily to pray, break bread, and commit themselves to the teaching of the Apostles. When have you experienced a similar level of communal harmony?

### SECOND READING

The First Letter of Peter opens with a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings received from the resurrection of Jesus. In what ways do you show gratitude for Jesus' resurrection from the dead?

### GOSPEL READING

John is the only evangelist to record the episode of Thomas' initial doubt in Jesus' resurrection. What role does doubt have in your spiritual journey?



### The Divine Mercy Chaplet

from the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA is on EWTN every day at 3pm.

**Holy Rosary** from Lourdes, France follows at 3:30pm. and can be viewed on EWTN television, or on your smart phone & other devices.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We have many offerings to keep you connected and enriched during social distancing! Please visit <https://www.stannavon.org/spiritual-enrichment-during-covid-19-crisis> for instructions on using Zoom and for links to access our Zoom video meetings.

"Lectio Divina, Live!" – Find God's message to you in the coming Sunday Gospel reading through the popular *lectio divina* prayer practice. Meet weekly via Zoom:

- + Sun, 10:30am with Chip Janiszewski
- + Mon, 7:15pm with Jim Serruta
- + Fri, 9:30am with Terry Pendergast

### "Defining Moments" Bible Study

by Lisa Brenninkmeyer of Walking With Purpose.

While we can't receive Jesus in Eucharist, let's make our Spiritual Communion more meaningful by diving deep into the Sunday Mass readings. Unpack each of the Mass readings with a daily study guide, watch a video commentary on the weekend, then join us via Zoom for prayer and discussion on Sundays at 4pm.

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**April 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 April 8-15, 2020:** \$2,278

**The second collection for next weekend is:**  
monthly

## Growing in Faith. Giving in Love 2020 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

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.

## Join Us For Lunch

"Lunch with Friend's" Wednesdays, 12:15pm, via Zoom. Come connect with members of our parish family as we relax together at lunchtime, sharing stories, inspiration, and even a few surprises. It's the perfect mid-week, mid-day break during these challenging times.

*Pop in for a bit or stay until 1:00pm.*

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*The plants decorating the altar for Easter have been donated in  
Honor of, or in Memory of the following persons:*



### *In Honor Of:*

Fr. McHugh  
Jim and Barbara Martino

### *In Memory Of:*

The ZuWallack Family  
The Zalenski Family  
The McHugh Family  
The Cheah Family  
Mary Hojnowski  
Henry Hojnowski  
Manda Koch  
Alfred Koch

William LaMonica, Sr.  
Katherine LaMonica  
James Waldron  
Gertrude Waldron  
The McCusker Family  
Edwin Lysak  
John and Agnes Lysak  
Joseph & Armande Brennan  
The Girard/Ahern Families  
Alois and Cecile Kiedrowski  
Nelson Kiedrowski  
Henry Zielinski  
Delpha and Norm Duncan

Ken Smith  
Rose and Tony Immatteo  
Leo and Teresa Soucy  
Deanna Bailey Nasto  
John Richard Nasto  
Carl & Mildred Lawrynowicz  
The Pirnat Family  
The Anderson Family  
Gerald Gill  
Helen Randall  
Paul Irving  
Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Give Yourself Completely

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Have you ever experienced awe? Awe is commonly defined as a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder. A moment of awe has the ability to lift us up out of ourselves and immerse us into something that causes us to wonder about ourselves, the meaning of life, and truth. Awe is an experience of connection that links us to something that is beyond the normal happenings of life. For us who believe that the resurrected Christ is present in all of life and the totality of the universe, being touched by awe can lead us to exclaim, "My Lord and my God!" Pondering the vastness of God's presence also brings us to a profound sense of God's mercy, which is the showering of His unconditional love on each of His daughters and sons. When we internalize this mystery, we may find ourselves standing in awe once again and feeling an intense sense of peace.

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:46b-47a)

### Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

### Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pt 1:3-9)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:19-31)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of April 19, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/  
Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/  
1 Pt 1:17-21/

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

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## *Remember in Your Prayers*

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**



Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen

*"Put your finger here and see  
my hands, and bring your  
hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving, but  
believe." Thomas answered  
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Jn 20:27b-29*

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