



# Church of Saint Ann

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Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

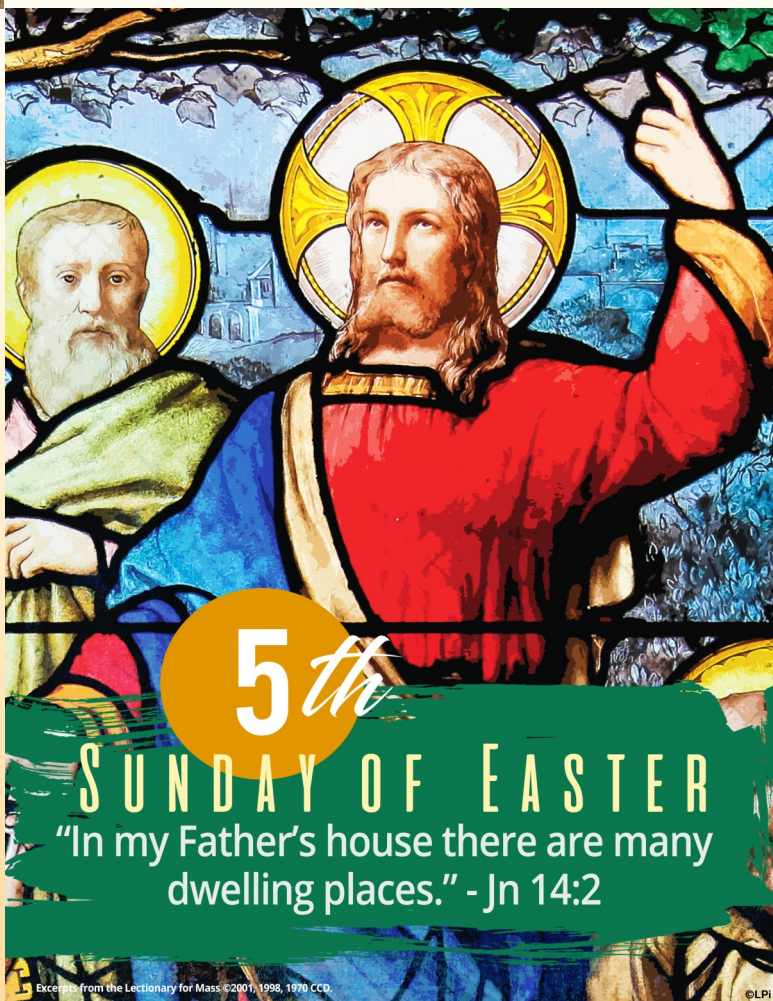
## MARRIAGES

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



**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## MONDAY, May 11

- Special Intentions

## TUESDAY, May 12

- Special Intentions

## WEDNESDAY, May 13

- Special Intentions

## THURSDAY, May 14

- Special Intentions

## FRIDAY, May 15

- Special Intentions

## SATURDAY, May 16

- Manda Koch, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

## SUNDAY, May 17

- Special Intentions
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To schedule Mass Intentions, feel free to call (860-673-9858) or email Kris in the Parish Office. (kris.martino@stannavon.com)

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

# 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

### MONDAY, May 11

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

### TUESDAY, May 12

RCIA: Tuesdays, 7pm via Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, May 13

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

### THURSDAY, May 14

Holy Hour: suspended  
Adult Confirmation: Alternate Thursdays, via Zoom at 7pm (April 2, 16, 30; May 14, 28)  
Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: suspended  
Folk/Contemporary Choir: suspended

### FRIDAY, May 15

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

### SATURDAY, May 16

Men's Breakfast Group: suspended

### SUNDAY, May 17

Lectio Divina Live!: 10:30 am 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

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

9:00am - 12:00pm  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

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



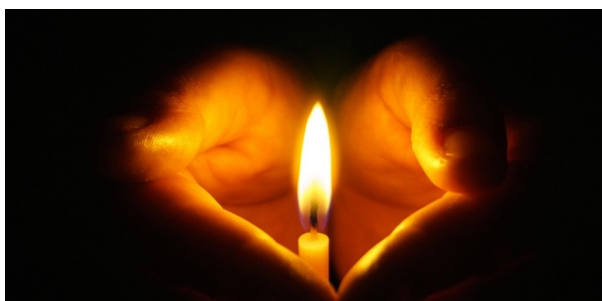
## Ways to stay in touch with St. Ann while at Home



News is happening all the time at St. Ann's. To ensure you don't miss a time-sensitive announcement, here are the best ways to stay connected:

- Our website: [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org) (Check the COVID-19 tab for many different resources)
- eNews Newsletter, emailed directly to you. (To get on our email list, contact [kerry.magrini@stannavon.com](mailto:kerry.magrini@stannavon.com))
- Facebook: Find us at Church of Saint Ann - Avon, CT or @stannavon Like us and click on notifications.
- Instagram: [churchofstannavon](https://www.instagram.com/churchofstannavon) Follow us and click on notifications.





## *Candlelight Prayer Wednesdays, 7pm at Home*

In the spirit of togetherness, Fr. McHugh is inviting all members of our parish family to gather at home on Wednesday nights at 7pm light a candle, and pray for the intentions of our community, our country and the world.

## *"You Are Enough" Women's Reflection Series*

Ladies, if you missed our 2-part series, "You Are Enough: What Women of the Bible Teach You About Your Mission and Worth," don't despair! Here are the links to view the videos on your own:

### **Part 1:**

<https://www.facebook.com/AscensionPress/videos/256121848883361/>

### **Part 2:**

<https://www.facebook.com/AscensionPress/videos/574094560123583/>

Direct links can also be found on our website:

[stannavon.org/you-are-enough-womens-reflection-series](http://stannavon.org/you-are-enough-womens-reflection-series)

*There's more Women's Enrichment to*

*come on Tuesdays at 10:30am*

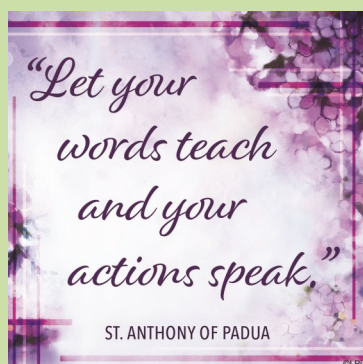
*and Wednesday at 7:30pm.*

*Email [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com) for info and the Zoom links.*



## 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.

Meets weekly via Zoom:

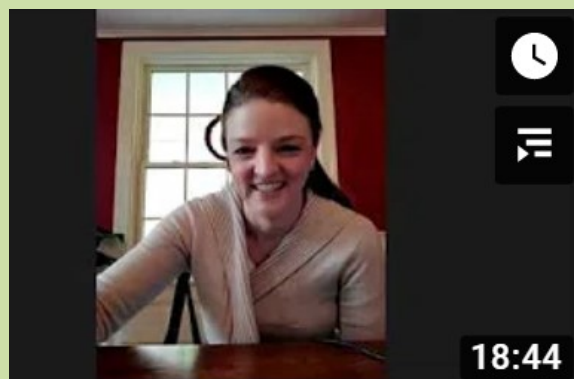
- + Sun, 10:30am with Chip Janiszewski
- + Mon, 7:15pm with Jim Serruta
- + Fri, 9:30am with Terry Pendergast

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 and  
other devices.

## **Learn how to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet**

"Jesus, I Trust in You" is grounding prayer of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, a beautiful devotional with special meaning for our times. In a new videoparishioner Jess Tuthill guides us through the Chaplet, after briefly explaining its origins and why she feels drawn to this prayer. Jess's hope is that anyone viewing might gain "a greater understanding of Jesus' love and mercy for us, especially during this difficult time."

Check out this inspiring video - and many more - on the "Church of St. Ann" YouTube channel: [https://youtu.be/zMmFL\\_iN6kA](https://youtu.be/zMmFL_iN6kA).



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**May 2020:** if you are able to, please consider continuing to support St. Ann via U.S. Mail or Online Giving during these challenging times. Thank You!

**Online Giving April 29-May 5, 2020: \$3,350**

**The second collection next weekend:**

*Catholic Communications*

## K-8 Faith Formation News:

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### First Communion

Fr. McHugh and Mrs. St. Jean have set new tentative dates for First Communion. There will be 2 sessions: Saturday, June 13th at 1pm and Saturday, June 20th at 10am. More information will follow as it becomes available.



### Bible Camp Update

Sadly we have we have decided to CANCEL our regular summer Vacation Bible Camp program scheduled for June 22-25, 2020. Due to the uncertainties the COVID-19 pandemic we feel that it is the best for everyone's safety and good health. We recognize how disappointing this may be for the children of St. Ann and we share in that disappointment, as we always look forward to VBC, seeing God work in the lives of our kids and through our volunteers, but we are confident this is the right decision.

Please know we are working on other fun and impactful ways to reach our parish and families during our current situation, along with planning for when we are back to gathering again.

### Fun Stuff

Mrs. St. Jean, Director of K-8 Faith Formation, put together an Outdoor Scavenger Hunt for you! Check out our website for Directions and the list of items to look for: [www.stannavon.org/resources-for-children](http://www.stannavon.org/resources-for-children)



## 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 1pm.**

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.



## Avon Food Pantry Accepting Donations

The Avon Food Pantry, which is housed in the lower level of the Church of St. Ann, is still serving clients. If you are able to help, please refer to the list of suggested items below.

Any donations can be dropped off at the Gathering Space in the front of St. Ann or outside the food pantry door on the lower level, underneath Fr. Bennett Hall.

May your family stay safe and healthy.

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Spaghetti & Sauce  
Mac & Cheese  
Fruit Cups  
Crackers  
Apples  
Oranges  
Bananas  
Ketchup

White Rice  
Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Detergent  
Cereal  
Chef Boyardee







*"My Immaculate  
Heart will be your  
refuge and the way  
that will lead you to  
God"*

-OUR LADY OF FATIMA



## Youth Ministry

### Senior Spotlight

The Co-vid 19 pandemic has been a test for all of the Teens in our Parish, but especially our Graduating High School Seniors. Instead of this being a time of rejoicing and celebrating the gifts and talents that God has given them, our Seniors are home and isolated from their friends. We going to change this by celebrating and highlighting one of our Senior Youth Ministry Members every week in our bulletin, here at the Church of Saint Ann, starting next week. Every week you will get the opportunity to learn more about our Teens and help shine the Light of God on them by praying and sending good intentions to them, virtually. Stay tuned!



### **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 that St. Ann now has a YouTube channel? We do!**

*There is a link o our website or you can visit us and subscribe at: [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)

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Witnesses for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, "Where I am you also may be." Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well?

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7a)

### Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33) or Alleluia

### Second Reading:

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of May 10, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59  
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

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