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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.



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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

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

MONDAY, May 18

- Special Intentions

TUESDAY, May 19

- Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, May 20

- Special Intentions

THURSDAY, May 21, The Ascension of the Lord

- Dr. Charles and Evelyn Zmijeski, requested by Barbara and Gino Calderone

FRIDAY, May 22

- Special Intentions

SATURDAY, May 23

- Gerard T. Lynch, requested by the Longfield Family

SUNDAY, May 24

- Pat Clark, requested by the family
- Lewis Affelder (3rd Ann.), requested by the family
- Paul Burgio, requested by Maria Burgio and family

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.

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!



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, May 18

Lectio Divina Live!: 7:15pm via Zoom (see website)

TUESDAY, May 19

RCIA: 7pm via Zoom

Women's Alpha Series: 10:30am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, May 20

Lunch with Friends: 12:15pm via Zoom (see website)

Women's Alpha Series: 7:30pm via Zoom

THURSDAY, May 21

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

FRIDAY, May 22

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

SATURDAY, May 23

SUNDAY, May 24

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Please visit our website: www.stannavon.org for more information on the Virtual Adult Faith Formation options & instructions on how to work Zoom



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Sadly, Fr. Sullivan recently fell and broke his femur. He is presently in the hospital and will be going to rehab.

Please keep him in your prayers during this difficult time!

Girl Time Continues!

Join Us for a FREE Women's 4-Week
Video & Discussion Series:

ALPHA - Asking the big questions:

Who is Jesus? Why/How should I pray?
What does the Holy Spirit do? Why/How do I read the Bible?

Beginning May 12 & 13
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
or Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Come as you are (NO homework!)

Join us when you can

From the comfort of your home, via Zoom*!

*For the Zoom link & instructions, please contact
ann.distefano@stannavon.com

"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:

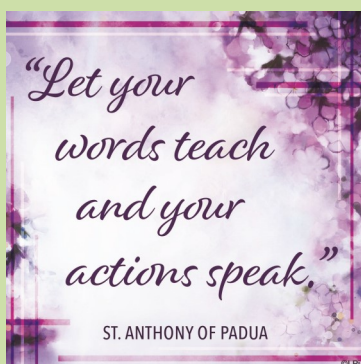
<https://www.facebook.com/AscensionPress/videos/574094560123583/>

Direct links can also be found on our website:
stannavon.org/you-are-enough-womens-reflection-series

There's more Women's Enrichment to come on Tuesdays at 10:30am and Wednesday at 7:30pm.
Email 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:

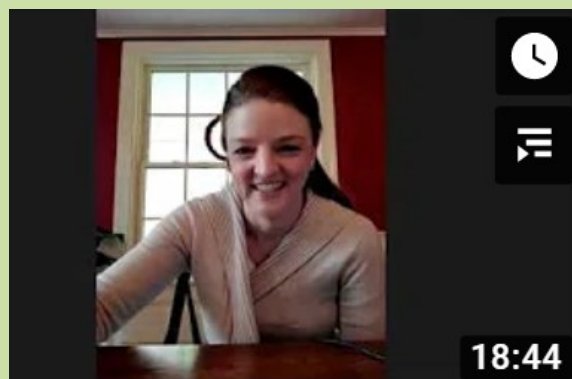
- + Sun, 10:30am with Chip Janiszewski
- + Mon, 7:15pm with Jim Serruta
- + Fri, 9:30am with Terry Pendergast

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.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

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

Thank You!

Online Giving May 6-13, 2020: \$3,038

The second collection next weekend: *Monthly*

K-8 Faith Formation News:

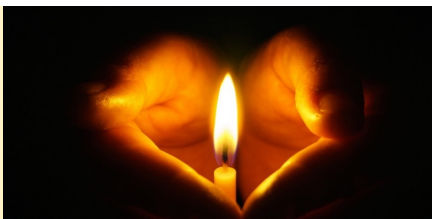
Bible Camp Update

Sadly 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



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.

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.

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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





Youth Ministry

High School Senior Spotlight

*This weekend we are shining a light on **Payton Fox**!*

Payton Fox has been an integral member of our Youth Ministry, for the past two years. Her favorite part of Youth Ministry has been working with a diverse group of Peers that she doesn't get to see daily at Avon High School. Payton has been the Captain of her Soccer Team and a member of the National Honor Society. Payton will be attending Marist College in the Fall, where she will study Childhood Special Education. The last important fact that we would like to share about Payton is that her favorite ice cream is Chocolate Peanut Butter.

Let's all keep Payton and all our of Teens at the Church of Saint in our Prayers.

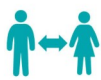
3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**



**DON'T TOUCH
YOUR FACE**



**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE**

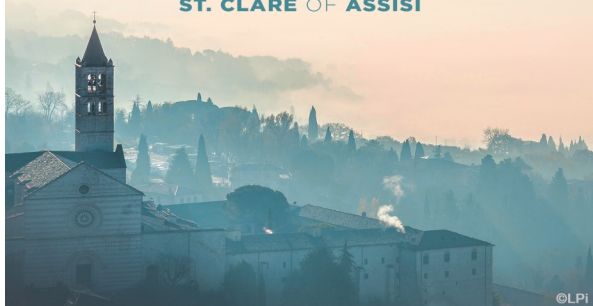
Stay Connected While You're Away.



Go to www.parishesonline.com to view your church bulletin and stay up to date.

"WE BECOME WHAT WE LOVE
AND WHO WE LOVE SHAPES
WHAT WE BECOME."

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RESOURCES:

VISIT: 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

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? Check it out!**



*There is a link o our website or you can visit us and subscribe
at: [www.youtube.com/channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQb8GEZT_REAvzOGVM4_9UA?view_as=subscriber)*

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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/
- EWTN, either on your TV or online at: www.ewtn.com
- You could also try searching something like "Catholic Daily Masses" on www.youtube.com

MAY 17, 2020 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word “love”? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife’s. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn’t read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: “Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever.” Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don’t know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ’s promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn’t set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ’s resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17)

Psalms:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66) or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18a)

Gospel:

“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live.” (Jn 14:18-19)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 17, 2020

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

7th Sunday of Easter:

Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ’s promises and don’t rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God’s promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God’s greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don’t carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

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