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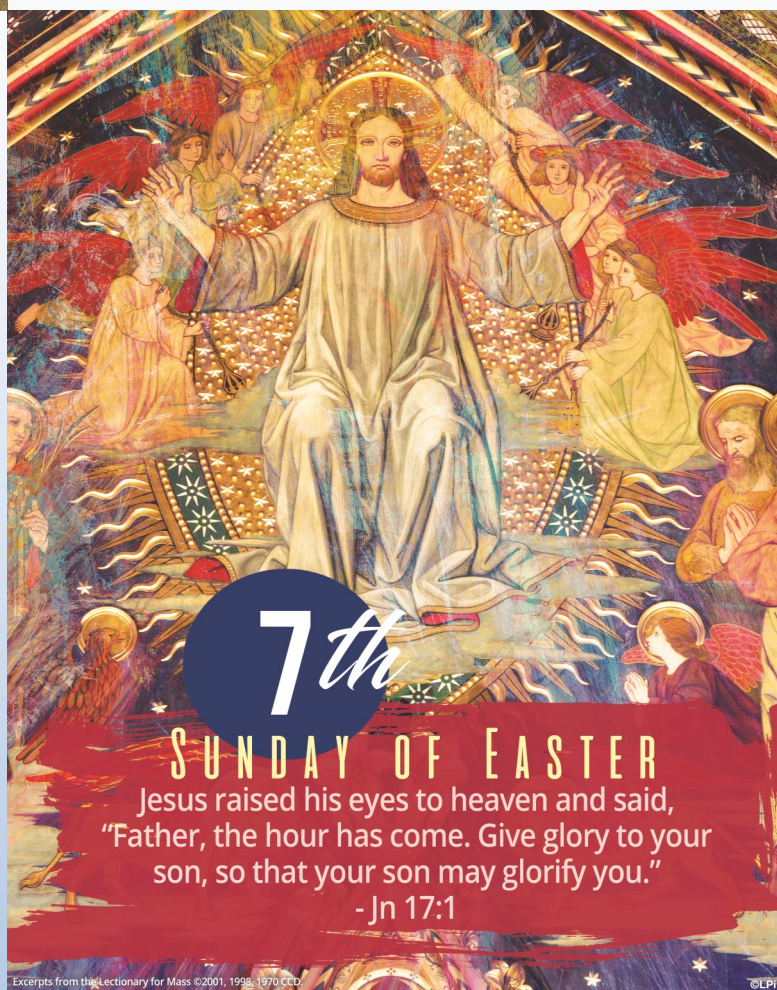
MARRIAGES

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.



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you."
- Jn 17:1

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



**7th Sunday of
Easter, Ascension
of the Lord**

MONDAY, May 25

- **Fausto Masdonati**, requested by the *Walmsley Family*

TUESDAY, May 26

- **Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy**, requested by the *Parish of St. Ann*

WEDNESDAY, May 27

- **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, May 28

- **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, May 29

- **In Celebration of the Ordination of Fr. McHugh**, requested by the *Parish of St. Ann*

SATURDAY, May 30

- **Special Intentions**

SUNDAY, May 31

- **Special Intentions**
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- **Walter A. Welsh**, requested by *Marie Welsh and her 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, May 25

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

TUESDAY, May 26

RCIA: 7pm via Zoom

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

WEDNESDAY, May 27

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

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

THURSDAY, May 28

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

FRIDAY, May 29

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

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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!

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Please also remember in your prayers the residents of our local nursing homes, many of whom are ministered to by Fr. McHugh and our Eucharistic Ministers. These residents and staff are in the eye of the coronavirus storm and are in great need of our prayers!

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

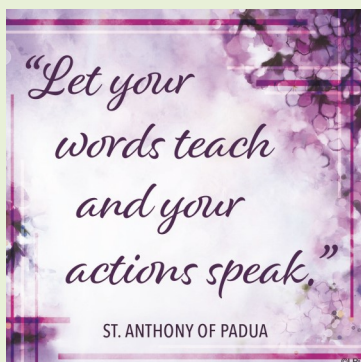
come on Tuesdays at 10:30am

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:

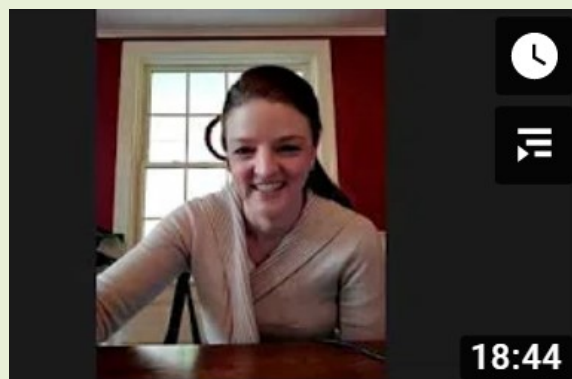
- + Sun, 10:30am with Chip Janiszewski
- + Mon, 7:15pm with Jim Serruta
- + Fri, 9:30am with Terry Pendergast

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 13-20, 2020: \$2,653.00

The second collection next weekend: *none*

K-8 Faith Formation News:

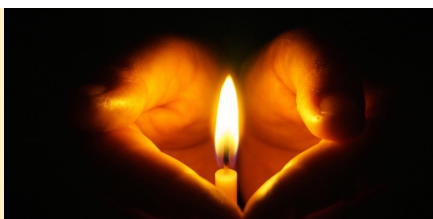
Bible Camp Update

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.

Visit <https://www.stannavon.org/spiritual-enrichment-during-covid-19-crisis>

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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	White Rice
Mac & Cheese	Pancake Mix
Fruit Cups	Syrup
Crackers	Detergent
Apples	Cereal
Oranges	Chef Boyardee
Bananas	
Ketchup	





Youth Ministry

High School Senior Spotlight



This weekend we are shining a light on Madison Gaul!

Madison Gaul has been a key member of our Youth Ministry for the past two years. Madison's favorite part of Youth Ministry has been helping and ministering to people in need, with her peers. Madison has been captain of the Avon High School JV Lacrosse team. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Madison will be attending Pennsylvania State University in the fall, where she will possibly study Bio-Behavioral Health. The last important fact that we would like to share about Madison is that her favorite food is any kind of a potato dish.

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



Re(Discover) the Rosary

Parishioner Eileen DiMauro is a new devotee of praying the Rosary, and she wants to share her enthusiasm with you. She recently filmed a video about where the Rosary comes from, why she loves communing with God this way, and how praying the Rosary can enrich you. Check it out on St. Ann's YouTube channel, under Prayer Practices: <https://www.stannavon.org/st-ann-youtube-channel>



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/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/
- 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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Everlasting Easter

The Easter season is almost over. This season is always a tougher one for us Catholics. We get Advent and Lent: preparation. We are on board with Christmas, mainly because we like to keep up our decorations until someone tells us the exact day we must take them down. But Easter as a season is a bit more difficult to observe. The rest of the world has moved on. There are no Easter eggs left in store windows and all those religious movies on television have given way to reruns or season-ending episodes. It just feels like Easter anywhere ... except in the Church.

The truth is that it should feel like Easter all year-round in the Church. Every Sunday, we celebrate a mini-Easter. Our Lord is ALIVE! He is risen and alive, and we need to celebrate. We also need to be about the work of the Lord. We are an Easter people who bear witness to his resurrection through our stewardship. If he had never risen, then we would be called to nothing by no one. But he lives! As this Easter season is drawing to a close, it is prudent to reflect on what his death and resurrection mean for each of us. How has it changed us? How does it motivate us? It doesn't look like Easter in most corners of the world, so it is up to us to bring a little Easter to every place we go and to everyone we meet.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Being real people of faith comes with a price. Have you ever been seen as unpopular, out of sync or peculiar because of your faith? St. Peter tells us, "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you." If being a Christian comes easy for us, then we ought to rethink how we approach our faith. Developing habits of prayer, living in accord with the Gospel, setting time aside each week for the practice of our faith, seeing our relationship with Christ as the center and focus of our families all come with sacrifice. We are going to look differently than other folks and we ought to. We are going to find ourselves doing less of the things we are "supposed to do" and more of the things we know we "ought to do or want to do." This often means resisting secular tides and putting our boats into different waters. If this is what helps us know the one true God, then so be it. It also brings us to eternal life.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer. (Acts 1:14a)

Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27) or Alleluia

Second Reading:

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. (1 Pt 4:13)

Gospel:

"I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began." (Jn 17:4-5)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

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
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/
Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/
Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/
Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28,
29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps
104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 20:19-23

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

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