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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



Pentecost Sunday

MONDAY, June 1

- Special Intentions

TUESDAY, June 2

- Christine Ananstasio, requested by Sophia Creighton and family

WEDNESDAY, June 3

- Special Intentions

THURSDAY, June 4

- Special Intentions

FRIDAY, June 5

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

SATURDAY, June 6

- Special Intentions

SUNDAY, June 7

- Dee Dee Sullivan, requested by Dick and Anita Sullivan
- Joseph Jamilkowski, requested by his wife, Eileen
- Special Intentions

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!



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, June 1

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

TUESDAY, June 2

RCIA: 7pm via Zoom

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

WEDNESDAY, May June 3

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

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

THURSDAY, June 4

Pray the Rosary with us, Live: 1pm by our Holy Family Statue (see page 4 for instructions)

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

FRIDAY, June 5

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

SATURDAY, June 6

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Lectio Divina Live!: 10:30 am via Zoom (see website)

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

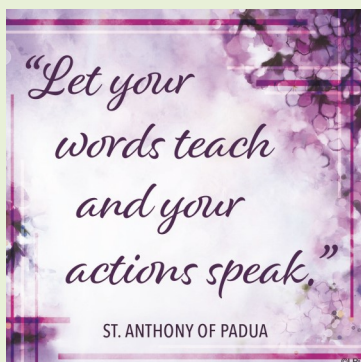
come on Tuesdays at 10:30am

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:

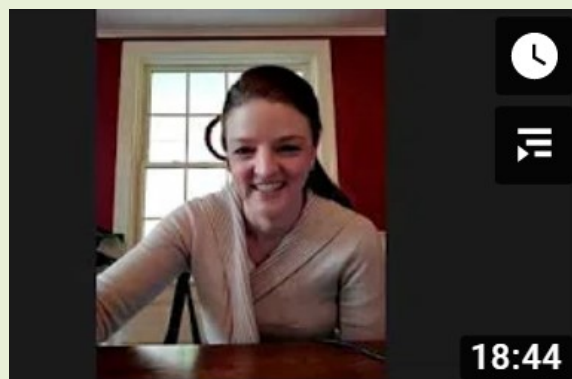
- + Sun, 10:30am with Chip Janiszewski
- + Mon, 7:15pm with Jim Serruta
- + Fri, 9:30am with Terry Pendergast

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.



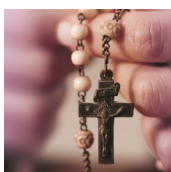
WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

May/June 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 20-27, 2020: \$2,973.00

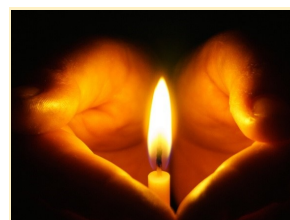
The second collection next weekend: *none*



Come Pray the Rosary with us, Live!

Find peace, comfort and an invitation to grow closer to Jesus through the Rosary, given to us by our Blessed Mother. Join Eileen DiMauro and friends on Thursdays at 1pm to pray the Rosary together. We'll gather outside the church, around the statue of the Holy Family, at a safe distance. Please bring your own lawn chair, a face mask, and your Rosary beads if you have them; if not, simply follow along. For more info, contact Eileen DiMauro: ecdimauro@yahoo.com.

If rain is forecasted, we'll meet online via Zoom. Contact ann.distefano@stannavon.com for the Zoom link. Visit our website to learn about using the FREE Zoom service: <https://www.stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial>



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.

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>



Honor a Veteran with an Engraved Paver at Veterans Memorial Way

We are once again taking orders for engraved pavers at our beautiful Veterans Memorial Way at St. Ann Cemetery! Each paver purchased will be engraved with a veteran's name and information regarding their service. Pavers may honor veterans who are living or deceased. If you are purchasing a brick in honor of a deceased veteran, it is not required that they are buried at St. Ann's Cemetery. Order forms are available to download and print on our website: stannavon.org/veterans-memorial-way-at-st-ann-cemetery





Youth Ministry

High School Senior Spotlight



This weekend we are shining a light on Thomas Howard!

Thomas has been an integral part of our Youth Ministry for the past two years. Thomas says that being a part of Youth Ministry has felt like being apart of a little family and he has most enjoyed interacting with peers that he doesn't get to do so during the day at Avon High School. Thomas has been Captain of the Avon High School Varsity Basketball Team for both his Junior and Senior years.

He has been a Varsity Athlete in 10 different events for Track and Field and an All Conference Hurdler. He has been a part of the CIAC Leadership Group and on the Honor Roll for the past 4 years. Thomas will be attending Adelphi University where he will be majoring in Nursing and running Track and Field. Another important fact about Thomas is that all his friends call him "Tboy", not Thomas!

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

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.



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

We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

With Pentecost, the disciples significantly changed. They were charged up and ready to go. They received the Holy Spirit and no longer harbored fear and apprehension. They knew who they were and what needed to be done. With the peace of the Lord and the power of the Spirit within them, they set out to do amazing things with simple means. We have received the Holy Spirit as well. What keeps us from truly understanding the mission of Christ and continuing the advancement of the Gospel? Some may think this was a work of the past and not relevant now. Others may believe that the work set before me is simply about doing what I need to do to merit heaven and has little to do with my brothers and sisters. Take a good look at the world. More are in need of hearing the Good News than there ever were. We have the power to get up and out and start doing life changing things!

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalms:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) or Alleluia

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20:22-23)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 31, 2020

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
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk
12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

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