



# Church of Saint Ann

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Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

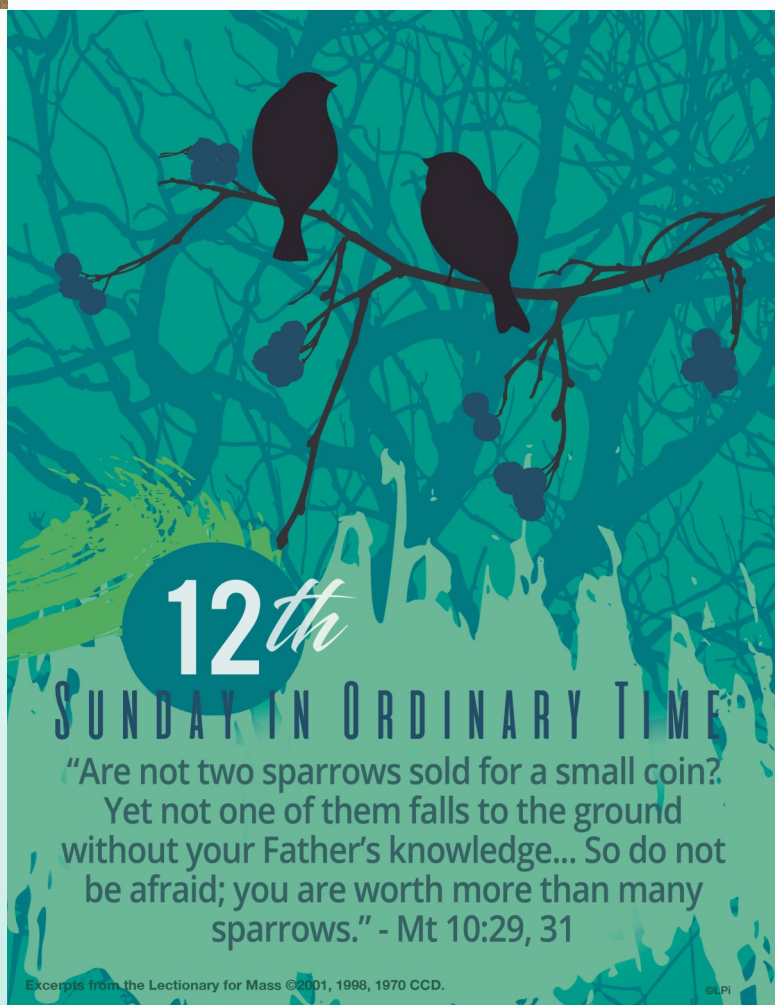
## MARRIAGES

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



**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, June 22**

**9:00 Joseph A. Ferry**, requested by friends of the family

**TUESDAY, June 23**

**9:00 Christopher Tabora**, requested by Liem & Long Thai

**WEDNESDAY, June 24**

**9:00 Jeanette Sas**, requested by the ZuWallack Family

**THURSDAY, June 25**

**9:00 Monica Erickson**, requested by her sons, James & Glenn Erickson

**FRIDAY, June 26**

**9:00 John Winchester**, requested by his children

**SATURDAY, June 27**

- **Alfred Koch**, requested by Russell & Diane Koch

**SUNDAY, June 28**

- Special Intentions
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- **Roger & Joyce Lamothe**, requested by the family

To schedule Mass Intentions, feel free to call (860-673-9858, ext. 221) or email Kris in the Parish Office. (kris.martino@stannavon.com)

## 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, June 22**

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

**TUESDAY, June 23**

**RCIA**: 7pm via Zoom

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

**WEDNESDAY, May June 24**

**Unemployment Support**: 3-5pm via Zoom

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

**THURSDAY, June 25**

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

**FRIDAY, June 26**

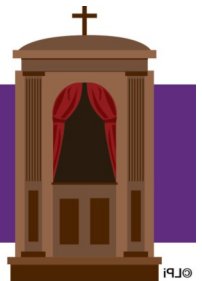
**Lectio Divina Live!**: 9:30am via Zoom (see website)

**SATURDAY, June 27**

**SUNDAY, June 28**

**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 under the COVID-19 tab.*



*Starting Saturday, June 20, 2020 Confessions Will Resume:  
Saturdays at 5pm*

*Please remember to wear a face mask and respect the 6 foot social distancing guidelines. Thank you!*



## Weekday Masses Monday - Friday at 9:00 am

*(The Archdiocese has not yet set a date for when weekend Masses will resume)*

**According to the Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Hartford:**

- Face masks/coverings required.
- Please bring hand sanitizer for use during the liturgy.
- There will be limits on the number of socially distanced persons that may be present at a given Mass.
- Dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation has been extended through September 6th, so elderly, those with pre-existing conditions, even those who are anxious need not be concerned if they miss Mass. Continue watching Mass on TV/online.



## Rejoice!

On Sunday, June 21, our parish welcomed five initiates into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, in a joyous family ceremony in the church. Please pray for and support Emma MacSweeney, Christopher Bohnert, Thomas Shannon, Stephanie Brosseau, and Christian Brosseau, as they live out their anointing as disciples of Jesus and Spirit-filled members of His Church, sharing God's love with the world. May their initiation inspire each of us to renew our own baptismal call to be the Light of Christ to all we encounter.

### Our FREE Women's Video Discussion Series Continues!

#### ALPHA - Asking the big questions of faith:

- June 9/10: *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?*
- June 16/17: *How Does God Guide Us?*
- June 23/24: *How Can I Resist Evil?*
- June 30/July 1: *How Does God Heal Today?*

Tuesdays at 10:30am with Colleen Waterbury  
Wednesdays at 7:30pm with Sue Ollestad

**Come as you are (NO homework!)**  
**Join us when you can via Zoom!**

For the Zoom link and instructions, please contact:  
ann.distefano@stannavon.com

*Our RCIA initiates, at the  
Rite of Election/Call to  
Continuing Conversion  
at the Cathedral of  
St. Joseph on  
March 1, 2020*



## Lunch with Friends

Our weekly Wednesday noontime gathering on Zoom, is taking a summer break. We'll reassess starting up again in the fall, if social distancing remains an issue. Enjoy the summer!

## 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 Pendegast

### 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 video format, parishioner, 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

**June 2020:** For those attending Mass, we have placed Offertory baskets placed within the church. For others, if possible, 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 June 10-17, 2020: \$2,808**

**The second collection next weekend:**

*Holy Father/Peter's Pence*



## It's Food Pantry Garden Time!

Enjoy the outdoors and do something for others - join the Food Pantry Garden team! Help us when you can, with planting, watering, weeding and harvesting. The sugar snap peas are already blooming! All ages and abilities can participate, and families are especially welcome!

To sign up, email: [leo.distefano@comcast.net](mailto:leo.distefano@comcast.net)



## 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](mailto:ecdimauro@yahoo.com).

If rain is forecasted, we'll meet online via Zoom. Contact [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto: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>



## SCAM ALERT:

Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 pandemic we've seen another increase in suspicious e-mails, calls &/or texts that claim to be from clergy, church staff members, fellow parishioners or volunteers. These messages usually ask you to get back to them quickly...that they're busy and need a favor. If you accidentally get back to them they usually asks for gift cards be purchased for something like a relative's birthday or a sick parishioner. These are fake e-mails in an attempt to scam people out of money. Do not respond to these emails. Our parish does not make unsolicited calls or e-mails to request money, the purchase of gifts, or your personal information. If you are unsure of any correspondence that appears to be from our parish, please call us at: 860-673-9858 to verify. Thank you for your vigilance and cooperation.



## Faith Formation Registration (K-10)

**NEW THIS YEAR-** Electronic Registration and Payment form all in one!! Please visit: <https://www.stannavon.org/k-10-registration> for more information including the link below to use the electronic registration form to enroll your children in Faith Formation 2020-2021. Faith education is an important part of your child's religious education and classes will be starting in the fall, whether online or in-person. Church of St. Ann is dedicated to continuing the education of our youth. They are the future of our Church. Please register by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to guarantee a spot for your children in class.

Please do not hold up your family's registration because of financial issues. We are happy to make arrangements that work for your family. All information is confidential. Please contact, Jennifer Soucy, Registrar, with any questions. ([jennifersoucy@stannavon.com](mailto:jennifersoucy@stannavon.com))



## Unemployment Support

**3-5pm on Wednesdays via Zoom**

A weekly, virtual networking meeting to share your experiences coping with job loss to help everyone navigate the transition back to employment. We will meet via Zoom every Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. For more information contact:

[BrianJud@comcast.net](mailto:BrianJud@comcast.net)

**Zoom link:** <https://zoom.us/j/3671572517>

A Zoom tutorial can be found on our website at:

<https://www.stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial>

## 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 through the Parish Office or you can download and print on our website: [stannavon.org/veterans-memorial-way-at-st-ann-cemetery](https://www.stannavon.org/veterans-memorial-way-at-st-ann-cemetery).



# Youth Ministry

## High School Senior Spotlight

This weekend we are shining a light on David D'Errico!

*David has been a member of our Youth Ministry Program for the past two years. David's favorite part of Youth Ministry has been being able to be a part of this small, tight knit, young adult community within our Parish and being able to give back to those in need. David has been a member of the National Honor Society at Avon High School and has been a member of Student Government for the past 4 years. He has also played Varsity Football and Varsity Basketball at AHS. David will attend Bentley University in the Fall where he plans to study Business. One other important fact about David that we would like to share is that he is excellent in Geography.*

Let's keep David and all our Teens at the Church of Saint Ann in our Prayers!

## Father's Day Blessing

Single fathers usually sit in the back row of their children's school performances. Fathers who are married usually sit as close to the front of the audiences, with their spouses. Why is this?

Well, we all know how important mothers are to the well-being of a family. However, we as a culture look at single fathers with a bit of suspicion. Fathers are as important as mothers are, but offer a different perspective on life and bring a much needed role in bringing up children. Let us welcome all fathers today to the front row of our lives and acknowledge how important they have been, and continue to be in our lives.

Let us pray...

*Gracious God and Father, our first father, You are the One who has brought us to life in this world you created. You created us and everything around us. We turned away from you and only after disappointing you did we return your love.*

*Look with favor on our earthly fathers. They helped create us in your image. We have disappointed them, but have come to realize just how important they are to us.*

*Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health. We bring all their needs to you and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.*

*We ask all this in the name of your Son, our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.*

*In Christ's name.  
Amen.*



## 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.*



**Check out St. Ann's YouTube Channel!**

*There is a link on 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)

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Will You Say Yes?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Jesus knows that the challenges a disciple of the Gospel will face in the world are real. He tells all of us point blank, "Do not be afraid." There are many things we can fear as we attempt to live the Gospel: unpopularity, being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. Many folks know that their faith calls them to live life more deliberately and radically but are cowards when it comes to putting it into practice. We easily justify sticking with the "acceptable" norms with which we are accustomed. These only serve to keep us stuck and mired in mediocrity. The Gospel — given flesh by the very presence of Christ — seeks to stretch, challenge, and change us. We do not have to fear anything, even death. Sometimes, living with our fears brings us a sadly disordered sense of comfort. Maybe what we really fear above all else is change.

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

### Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

### Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. (Rom 5:12-15)

### Gospel:

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." (Mt 10:32)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of June 21, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/

Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/  
1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17.

*Day:* Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/

Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/  
Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/  
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the "what has always been" and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness.

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