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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



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, June 29

9:00 Thomas Penzone, requested by Rosanne Harutunian

TUESDAY, June 30

9:00 Thomas McMahon (2nd Ann.), requested by the McMahon Family

WEDNESDAY, July 1

9:00 Charles Vuono, requested by The Bondhus Family

THURSDAY, July 2

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, July 3

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, July 4

4:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love, and Divine Will on Earth, requested by Judith Stafford & David Woolley

SUNDAY, July 5

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Special Intentions

11:00 For the Intentions of Anita Salmon, Bethany Fischer & Family (Living) 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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, June 29

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

TUESDAY, June 30

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

WEDNESDAY, May July 1

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm via Zoom

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

THURSDAY, July 2

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church (wear face masks/social distance)

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

FRIDAY, July 3

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

SATURDAY, July 4

GOD Bless AMERICA

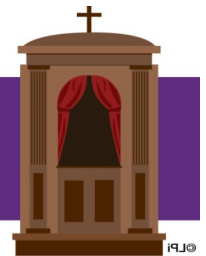
SUNDAY, July 5

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

Instructions on how to work Zoom are on our website, under the COVID-19 tab.

Confessions Have Resumed: Saturdays at 5pm

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



Weekend Masses to Resume July 4/5



Same Archdiocese of Hartford Guidelines as Weekday Masses apply:

- 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. Due to our limit of 100 we will need to have sign-ups. (see below)
- 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 to watch from home.

Sign-Ups will be required for weekend Masses due to our limit of 100 persons at any given Mass. More information on this process will be forthcoming.

We look forward to safely welcoming our parishioners back for weekend Masses!



Rejoice!



Please join us in congratulating Emma (Cecilia) MacSweeney, Christopher (Matthew) Bohnert, Thomas (Dymphna) Shannon, Stephanie (Genevieve) Brosseau, and Christian (John Paul II) Brosseau, on their recent anointing as disciples of Jesus and Spirit-filled members of His Church! Special thanks go to our wonderful RCIA team, priests and deacons, and music and liturgical ministers for creating such a beautiful initiation liturgy.



Thank You, Maureen!

This ceremony marks the last for Maureen Fiedler, who is stepping down as RCIA Coordinator. THANK YOU, MAUREEN, for your 20+ years of heartfelt dedication to those who seek full communion with the Church. You have blessed us with your unique gifts of welcoming, nurturing, faith-sharing and administrating. We will miss you!

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Adult Confirmation This Week!



Please pray for Larry Barker, Dante Caruso, Eh Hsee, Gillian LaRose, Victoria Martin and Joao Prado, our six adult candidates who will be anointed in the Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, June 30th in a family ceremony at St. Ann. Come, Holy Spirit!



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

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.

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 17-24, 2020: \$3,048.00

The second collection next weekend: none



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



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 1st, 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)

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:



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

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

A Zoom tutorial can be found on our website at:

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

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!

Come Pray the Rosary with us, Live!

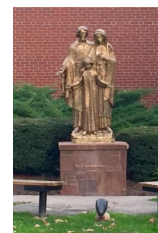
Find peace, comfort and an invitation to grow closer to Jesus through the Rosary, given to us by our Blessed Mother. Join Eileen DiMauro and friends on Thursdays at 1pm to pray the Rosary together. We'll gather outside the church, around the statue of the Holy Family, at a safe distance. Please bring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

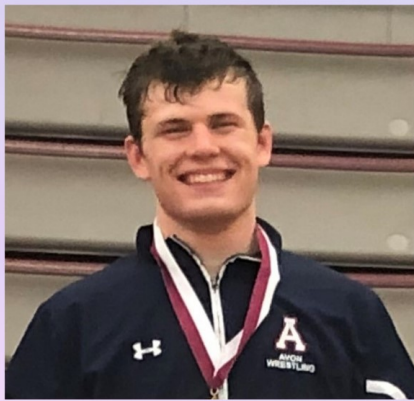
For more info, contact Eileen DiMauro:

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>





Youth Ministry

High School Senior Spotlight

This weekend we are shining a light on Chris Gens!

Chris has been a member of our Youth Ministry Program for the past two years. His favorite part of Youth Ministry has been the realization that God has brought him and his friends closer together to learn more about Him. Chris has been Captain of both the Avon High School Wrestling and Football Teams. He has been an All Conference and All State and All New England Athlete in Wrestling. He has also been All Conference Athlete in Football. Chris will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the Fall where he plans to study Engineering and participate in Wrestling. Other important facts that we would like to share about Chris is that he has been an avid Lego builder and considers himself a people person.

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



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 ask for gift cards to 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.

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.

COVID-19 RESOURCES:

VISIT: www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus for all communications from the Archdiocese relating to the 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.



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

Mass: If you are unable to attend Mass here are some options to watch 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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

God Is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

"Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" What do you understand these words to mean? Many see these words as an indication of what may come in eternal life. In actuality, they have more to do with our lives here and now. We are called to die to ourselves and offer our lives as gifts given generously to others. It is not about us. We are asked to serve God and not continue in our service of sin. Life is about learning to do what we really do not want to do because it brings us deeper into the mystery of God, ourselves, and others. Learning how to accept and live with the "small deaths" and sacrifices we encounter teaches us how to live with and approach our final death. We can do so with a heart that has been touched by and is open to mercy or one that is self-focused and closed.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kg 4:16a)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)

Gospel:

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Mt 10:38)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of June 28, 2020

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
Monday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8,
17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17
[23b]/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/
Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

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