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Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

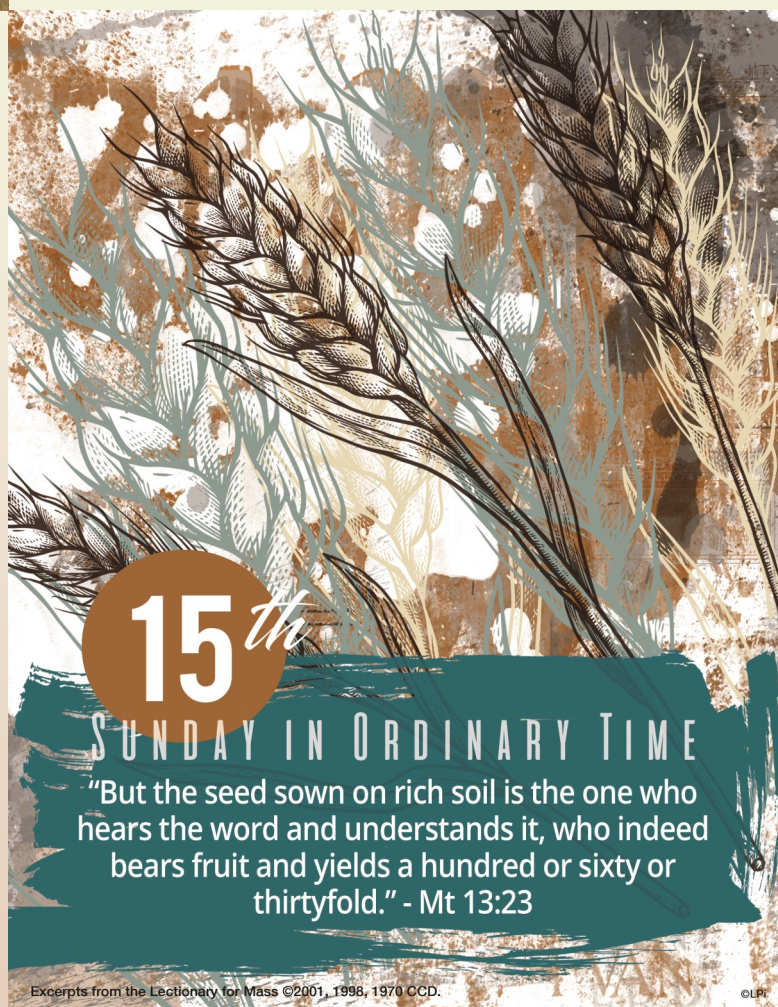
MARRIAGES

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.



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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



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, July 13
9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, July 14
9:00 In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

WEDNESDAY, July 15
9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, July 16
9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, July 17
9:00 Edwin Lysak, requested by the family

SATURDAY, July 18
4:00 Special Intentions

SUNDAY, July 19
7:30 Maryann Enderle, requested by Bill and Theresa Bachhuber
9:30 Mary Melanson, requested by a friend
11:00 Giacomo Abruscia, requested by Tom and Susan McCabe

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, July 13
Lectio Divina Live!: 7:15pm via Zoom*

TUESDAY, July 14

WEDNESDAY, May July 15
Unemployment Support: 3-5pm via Zoom

THURSDAY, July 16
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 3 for instructions)

FRIDAY, July 17
Lectio Divina Live!: 9:45am via Zoom*

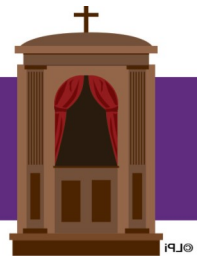
SATURDAY, July 18

SUNDAY, July 19
Lectio Divina Live!: 11:00am-10:30 am via Zoom*

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

Confessions Have Resumed: Saturdays after 4pm Mass

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



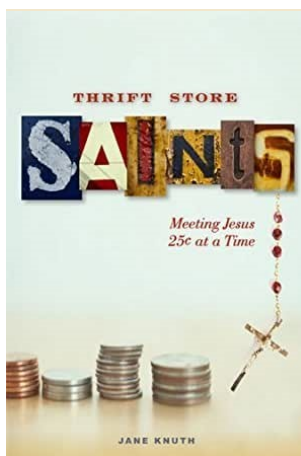
Guidelines and Sign Up Information for Masses



Archdiocese of Hartford Guidelines for Attending Mass:

- 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.

You can find more information about attending Mass in person and the links to sign up for Masses on our website: stannavon.org/mass-times



Join Us For An Easy, Breezy Summer Read

This year we will read "*Thrift Store Saints - Meeting Jesus 25 cents at a Time*" by Jane Knuth. Jane shares her inspiring stories about how while serving the poor, they gave her much more than she could give them. The cost of the book is \$12.00 and is available through Eileen DiMauro at ecdimauro@yahoo.com.

Deadline to order a book through Eileen is Monday, July 13th .
(checks should be made out to St. Ann)

Book discussion will take place on August 19th at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Fr. Bennett Hall.

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, 11:00 with Chip Janiszewski
(not meeting July 4th weekend)
- + Mon, 7:15pm with Jim Serruta
- + Fri, 9:45 am with Ann DiStefano

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.



Faith Formation Registration (K-10)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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)

We are currently looking for parishioners who would be willing to stay after Mass for about 15 minutes to help wipe down the main "touch points" in the church.

If you can help out please contact:
Gary.Balich@comcast.net

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 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 29-July 8, 2020: \$4,466.00

The second collection next weekend: monthly



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



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.



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.



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>

Come Pray the Rosary with us. Live!

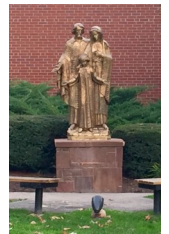
Find peace, comfort and an invitation to grow closer to Jesus through the Rosary, given to us by our Blessed Mother. Join Eileen DiMauro and friends on Thursdays at 1pm to pray the Rosary together. We'll gather outside the church, around the statue of the Holy Family, at a safe distance. Please bring 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>



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The things that we love tell us what we are.”

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God's seed is sown, it doesn't always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow?

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. (Is 55:11)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on the good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. (Rom 8:18)

Gospel:

"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Mt 13:8-9)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/
Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/
Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21
[20b]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/
Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mt 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

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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:

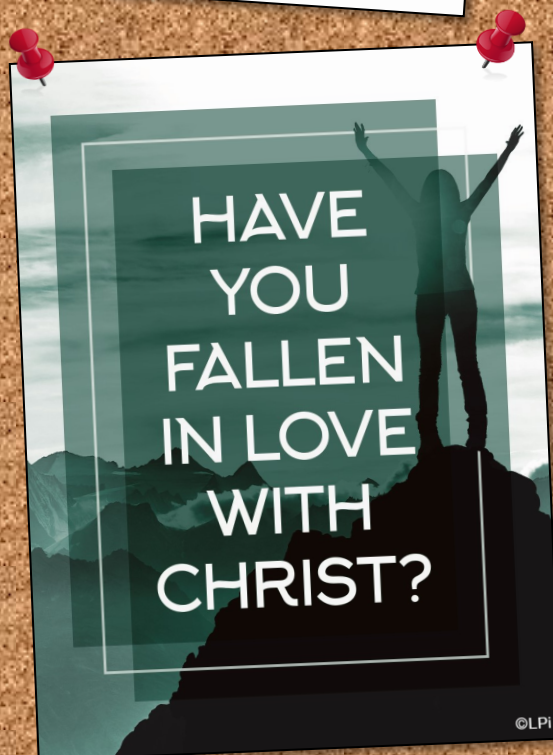
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Mass: If you are unable to attend Mass here are some options to watch at home

- 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



Franciscan Sports Banquet and Silent Auction Rescheduled for 2021

The 35th Annual Franciscan Sports Banquet and Silent Auction benefitting the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care is cancelled this year due to Covid-19. The new date is Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT.

All honorees are returning next year including:

Saint Francis Award, Eli Manning
Legendary Quarterback, New York Giants

Saint Clare Award, Jackie DiNardo
Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Danbury High School

Jim Calhoun Community Service Award
Andy Bessette, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Travelers; Nathan Grube, Executive Director, Travelers Championship

Dean of Sports Award, Rich Marazzi
Author and MLB Rules Consultant/Analyst

Mother Shaun Appreciation Award
Thomas and Donna Finn, Marriage and Family Advocates

Athletes
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