



# Church of Saint Ann

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Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

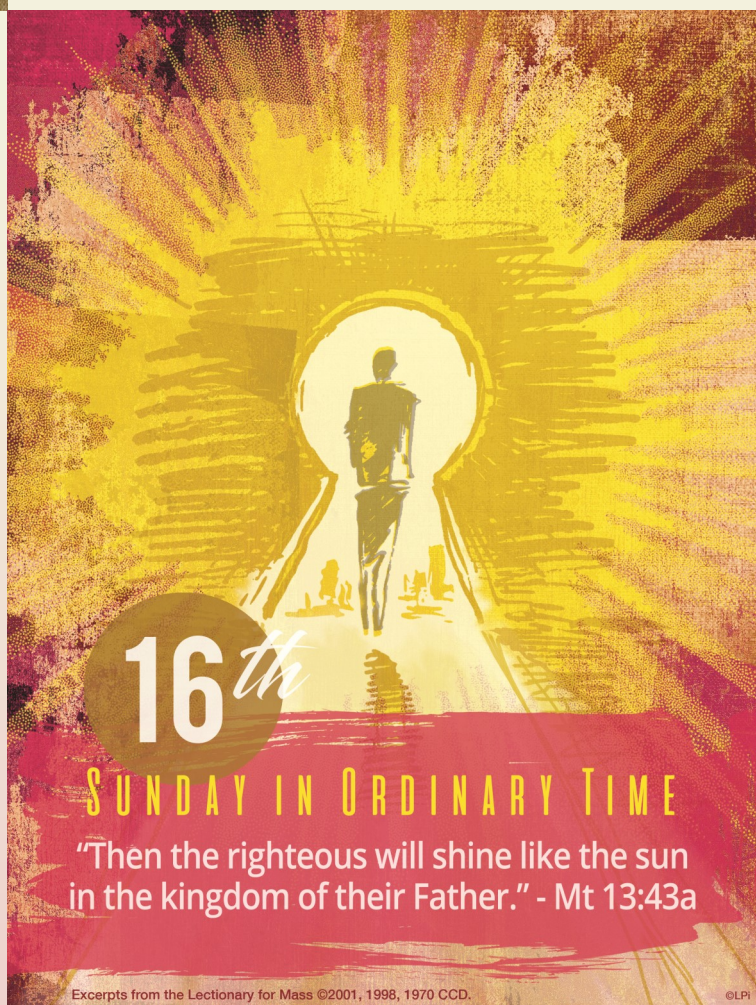
## MARRIAGES

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



**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## MONDAY, July 20

**9:00 For the Intentions of Alison Simpson (living), requested by Dianne Simpson**

## TUESDAY, July 21

**9:00 Salvatore Calafiore, requested by the Calafiore family**

## WEDNESDAY, July 22

**9:00 Special Intentions**

## THURSDAY, July 23

**9:00 Harold Schenk (39th Ann.), requested by the Bruno Family**

## FRIDAY, July 24

**9:00 Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy, requested by the Parish of St. Ann**

## SATURDAY, July 25

**4:00 Michael D. Gentile, requested by James and Lisa Samia**

## SUNDAY, July 26

**7:30 Donald Studley (15th Ann.), requested by Patricia Studley**

**9:30 Special Intentions**

**11:00 Lazara Luis, requested by her daughter and grandchildren**

*To schedule Mass Intentions, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or 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 20

**Lectio Divina Live!:** 7:15pm via Zoom\*

### TUESDAY, July 21

### WEDNESDAY, May July 22

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

### THURSDAY, July 23

**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 24

**Lectio Divina Live!:** 9:45am via Zoom\*

### SATURDAY, July 25

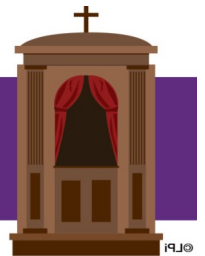
### SUNDAY, July 26

**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

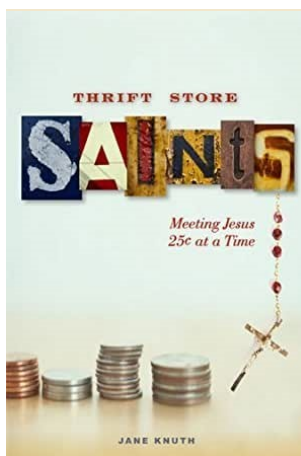


### Archdiocese of Hartford Guidelines for Attending Mass:

- 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](http://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.

**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](https://youtu.be/zMmFL_iN6kA).



## 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))



**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](mailto: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 July 8-15, 2020: \$2,570.00**

**The second collection next weekend:**

*Parish Special Needs*



## 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)**



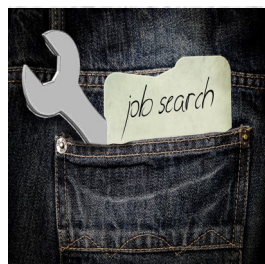
## Honor a Veteran with an Engraved Paver at Veterans Memorial Way

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](http://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. If you prefer more anonymity you may call (646) 558-8656 and use meeting code 3671752517.

### Upcoming discussion topics:

**July 15:** Controlling your attitude

**July 22:** Networking during a pandemic

**July 29:** NO MEETING

**August: 5:** Creating balance in your life

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>

## Come Pray the Rosary with us, Live!

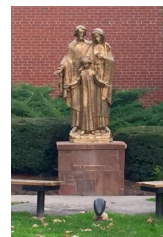
Find peace, comfort and an invitation to grow closer to Jesus through the Rosary, given to us by our Blessed Mother. Join Eileen DiMauro and friends on Thursdays at 1pm to pray the Rosary together. We'll gather outside the church, around the statue of the Holy Family, at a safe distance. Please bring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



**BE A GIFT OF LOVE  
AND COMPASSION  
FOR ONE ANOTHER.**

ST. MARY MACKILLOP





## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God's presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God's mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener.

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. (Wis 12:16)

### Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

### Second Reading:

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)

### Gospel:

"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" (Mt 13:30b)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of July 19, 2020

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  
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/  
Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/  
Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/  
Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/  
Mt 20:20-28  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130  
[97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### **COVID-19 RESOURCES:**

VISIT: [www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus) for all communications from the Archdiocese relating to the 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/](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQb8GEZT_REAvzOGVM4_9UA?view_as=subscriber)

[UCQb8GEZT\\_REAvzOGVM4\\_9UA?view\\_as=subscriber](http://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/](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/)
- EWTN, either on your TV or online at: [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)



### **CRAFTERS WANTED**

St. Ann Craft Fair is a "Handmade Crafters Only" Event

Saturday, November 21, 2020

215 West St. Bristol, CT



For an application & event documents, please contact:

Rachel at [urieldionne@sbcglobal.net](mailto:urieldionne@sbcglobal.net) or 860 989-1560

## **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**  
Special Olympics Connecticut

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