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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.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 3

9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth, requested by Judith Stafford & David Woolley

TUESDAY, August 4

9:00 For Vocations and Our Priests

WEDNESDAY, August 5

9:00 James Upson, requested by the ZuWallack Family

THURSDAY, August 6

9:00 Bill Ryan (6th Ann.), requested by the family

FRIDAY, August 7

9:00 Donna Haverley (27th Ann.), requested by the Bruno Family

SATURDAY, August 8

4:00 Special Intentions

SUNDAY, August 9

7:30 Thomas Kobylarz, requested by the family

9:30 Special Intentions

11:00 Special Intentions

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, August 3

Lectio Divina Live! 7:15pm via Zoom*

TUESDAY, August 4

WEDNESDAY, August 5

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm via Zoom *

THURSDAY, August 6

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, August 7

Lectio Divina Live! 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, August 8

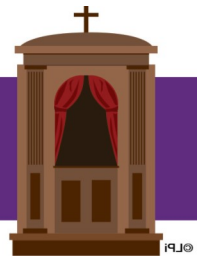
SUNDAY, August 9

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



St. Ann Cares' DAY OF CARING Saturday, September 12th

St. Ann Cares **Day of Caring** has been moved to Saturday, September 12. This year's project will be to help an elderly woman in Avon. The house needs much repair, painting and landscaping. Please consider joining us for this very worthy project. Sign up can be done by going to the St. Ann's web-site (www.stannavon.org/saint-ann-cares) or pick up a form in the St. Ann Cares mail box near the church office.

Any questions please contact Steve Rose at: sjrose1088@gmail.com or 860-250-5355.

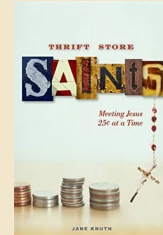
Join Us For An Easy, Breezy Summer Read

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.

For more information contact

Eileen DiMauro at: ecdimauro@comcast.net

**Book discussion will take place on
August 19th at 9:30am and 7:00pm
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.

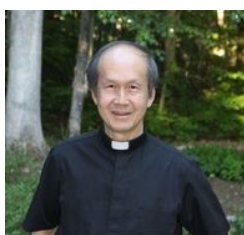


Faith Formation Registration (K-10)

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)



Fr. Cheah on Race

Recently, Fr. Joe Cheah gave a thought-provoking interview on the new podcast series, **COVID-19 & Equity**. Fr. Joe shares his own story as an Asian immigrant, discusses current and past issues surrounding anti-Black racism and hate crimes against Asians, unpacks the concept of "model minorities," and more.

Listen to it here: <http://www.insideoutsidepodcast.com/944182/4407560-iioi-episode-6-covid-19-equity-hate-crimes-directed-at-asians-fr-joseph-cheah>

Upcoming:

"The Asian American Catholic Experience"

As part of the Office for Social Justice Ministry's Open Wide Our Hearts Series
September 30, 2020 from 7- 8 pm

This virtual workshop will cover:

- Historical background of the Asian American Catholic Experience
- Distinguishing features of this community
- Xenophobia and Anti-Asian Racism in the time of COVID-19 crisis

For more information visit:

<http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html>

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

August 2020: For those attending Mass, we have placed Offer-tory 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 22-29, 2020: \$3,180.00

The second collection next weekend: none



Are you thirsting for more in life?

Wondering if exploring a relationship with God through the Catholic faith might help you find refreshment?

Let's talk about it over coffee/tea, or via Zoom. No pressure, no obligation; just open, friendly conversation, one-on-one, with someone who's been thirsty, too.

Contact Ann at ann.distefano@stannavon.com or 860-673-9858, x228

"The water I shall give will become in (you) a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Jesus Christ

Adult Faith Formation + Church of St. Ann + Avon, CT

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:

**If you can help out with our
K-8 Faith Formation Program,
please contact Valerie St. Jean at
860-673-9858, ext. 223 or
valerie.stjean@stannavon.com.**

Thank you!



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:

August 5: Creating balance in your life

August 12: Maintaining a good attitude

August 19: Creating a career plan

August 26: Networking during a pandemic (Part 2)

September 2: Interviewing techniques on Zoom or Skype

For more information contact: BrianJud@comcast.net

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

A Zoom tutorial can be found on our website at:

GOT TUNA?

**Something Fishy is Going On At
St. Ann in August & September...**

We will be collecting canned tuna, mackerel and chicken during August & September. This protein rich food will be shipped to Haiti and distributed to families fostering children.

Chunk, light, oil packed...you chose!
It all mixes well with their rice meal.

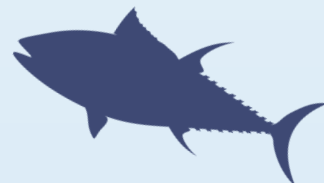
**Please place donations in the labeled bins in
the Gathering Space. Thank you!**

St. Ann parishioners are the best!

Gratefully,

Your Social Justice Committee

**Protein bars would
also be much
appreciated!**



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

What do you really hope and hunger for? We are most familiar with our physical hungers and cravings as they are quite obvious. What we don't always realize is that we also have emotional and spiritual hungers. Many are starving for acceptance and love. Many others hunger for a sense of purpose, more focused direction, and deeper connection and meaning. Our hungers can easily get confused. We think we are in need of one thing but are actually being driven by another. We need to recognize and pursue our spiritual hungers. If we do not do so, we will attempt to fill these needs with lesser, and not always healthier, things. God, ultimately through the Eucharist, is the only One who can quench our more profound thirsts. Have we discovered this yet?

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. (Is 55:3a)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39)

Gospel:

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. (Mt 14:19-20a)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 2, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/
Mt 14:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23
[17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mt 17:1-9
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/
Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/
Mt 14:22-33

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

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:

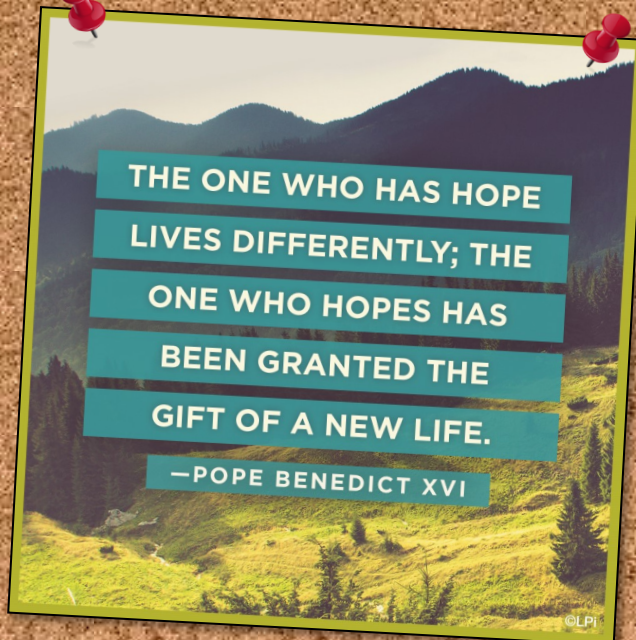
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Mass: If you are unable to attend Mass here are some options to watch at home

- 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
Special Olympics Connecticut

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