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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.



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 10

9:00 Marie Cheah, requested by the family

TUESDAY, August 11

9:00 John Bruno (5th Ann.), requested by the Bruno Family

WEDNESDAY, August 12

9:00 Carl and Mildred Lawrynowicz, requested by their daughter, Dottie Cialfi

THURSDAY, August 13

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, August 14

9:00 Lois Winchester, requested by her children

SATURDAY, August 15

4:00 In celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Nelson & Sandra Bondhus

SUNDAY, August 16

7:30 Kevin Smith, requested by a friend

9:30 For all Venezuelan Physicians who have died during the pandemic, requested by Dr. Yolanda Pena

11:00 For the Intentions of Bethany Fischer and Family (Living), requested by the family

To schedule Mass Intentions, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com.

Saturday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

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, August 10

Lectio Divina Live! 7:15pm via Zoom*

TUESDAY, August 11

WEDNESDAY, August 12

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm via Zoom *

THURSDAY, August 13

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

Pray the Rosary with us, Live: 1pm by our Holy Family Statue (or in FB Hall is hot/rainy - see page 4 for instructions)

St. Ann Cares Meeting: 7pm Fr. Bennett Hall (masks/social distance)

FRIDAY, August 14

Lectio Divina Live! 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, August 15

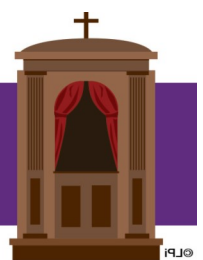
SUNDAY, August 16

Lectio Divina Live! 10:30am-10:30 am via Zoom*

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

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

*Confessions Have Resumed:
Saturdays after 4pm Mass*



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 website (www.stannavon.org/saint-ann-cares) or pick up a form in the St. Ann Cares mail box in the hallway of the church offices.

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

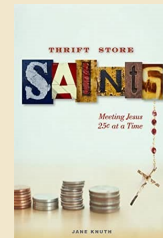
Join Us For An Easy, Breezy Summer Read

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, 10:30 with Chip Janiszewski
- + 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.

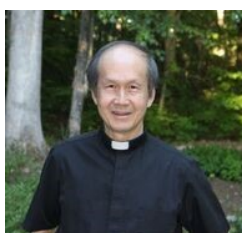


Faith Formation Registration (K-10)

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 29– Aug. 5, 2020: \$3,395.00

The second collection next weekend: monthly



Are you thirsting for more in life?

Exploring a relationship with God through the Catholic faith can help you find ultimate refreshment.

We'd love to talk with you 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/RCIA + Church of St. Ann, Avon, CT + www.stannavon.org

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 (or in Fr. Bennett Hall if it's hot or rainy), 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

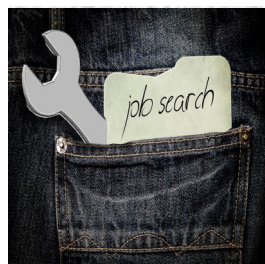
Eileen DiMauro: ecdimauero@yahoo.com.



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

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

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.

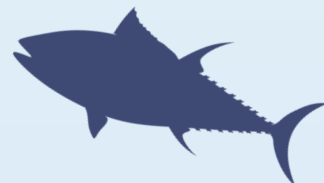
**Please place donations in the labeled bins in
the Gathering Space. Thank you!**

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

Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need — our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

There is something very sacred about silence. Silence connects us. It is where the heartbeat of all of creation — and its life blood and source — are embraced and where oneness is experienced. When in the presence of an environment that is silent, the worries, tribulations, struggles, and challenges of life seem to fade away, and we can experience a peaceful whisper. We can call that whisper God. Through the practice of contemplative prayer, we can find our way to that inner place of silence even in the midst of great distraction, busyness, and noise. The silence becomes one with us and grounds us. When we become friends with silence, friends with God, we can hear the gentle whisper of God's voice saying, "Come, stay here. Trust me and you will not fall."

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 11a)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. (Rom 9:3)

Gospel:

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" (Mt 14:29-30)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/
Mt 14:22-33
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/
Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]
Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

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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:

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



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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