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Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

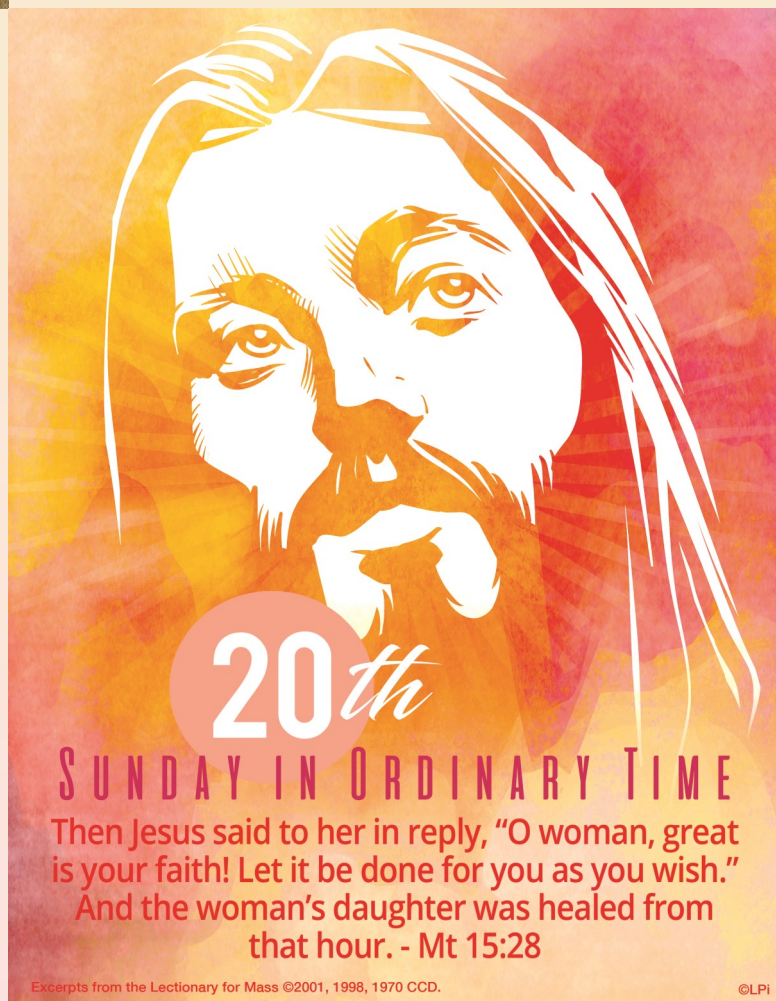
MARRIAGES

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



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 17

9:00 Dottie Kondzielaski (8th Ann.), requested by Dorothy and Ron Miller

TUESDAY, August 18

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, August 19

9:00 Elizabeth Desmond Godbout, requested by the Godbout Family

THURSDAY, August 20

9:00 In Celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Russell & Diane Koch, requested by the staff of St. Ann

FRIDAY, August 21

9:00 Blaine Murphy, requested by Elizabeth Larrabee

SATURDAY, August 22

4:00 Derek Stockwell (3rd Ann.), requested by the family

SUNDAY, August 23

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 For all persons who have passed away due to COVID-19, requested by Dr. Yolanda Pena

11:00 Special Intentions

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 17

Lectio Divina Live! 7:15pm via Zoom*

TUESDAY, August 18

WEDNESDAY, August 19

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm via Zoom *

THURSDAY, August 20

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 21

Lectio Divina Live! 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, August 22

SUNDAY, August 23

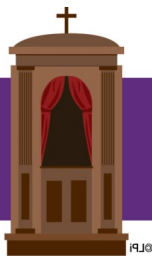
Lectio Divina Live! 10:30am 10:30 am via Zoom*

* 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. Thank you!

**Confessions Have Resumed:
Saturdays after 4pm Mass**

(Mass has been ending around 4:30-4:45pm, please arrive accordingly)



Your Opinion, Please

Adult Faith Formation has been going strong throughout the pandemic, and we are excited for what the upcoming 2020-2021 season has in store! To help us match your interests and meet your learning needs, please complete the brief survey on the website, as soon as possible: www.stannavon.org/survey

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.

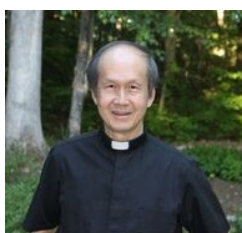


Faith Formation Registration (K-10)

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 Aug. 12-19, 2020: \$3,355.00
The second collection next weekend: none



THIRSTY?

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 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.

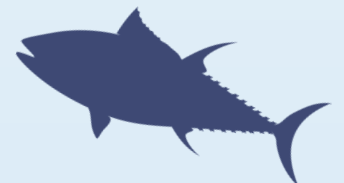
Chunk, light, oil packed...you chose!
 It all mixes well with their rice meal.

**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

The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

As much as some folks may not want to admit it, we all want to be healed. Human beings suffer physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. There are many wounds. Of all of the maladies that can afflict us, the ones that require the greatest attention are of a spiritual nature. What can happen if we are healed inwardly, brought back to center, and restored in our relationships, especially in our relationship with God? We will find the courage, strength, conviction, and hope needed to deal with the more tangible struggles that may not find an easy remedy. Inner strength, gained by persistent faith, is what allows strong, determined, and courageous people to overcome incredible challenges and hurdles. Be persistent in your faith, and seek the inner spiritual healing that you so desperately desire and need.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)

Psalms:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. (Rom 11:30-31)

Gospel:

Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. (Mt 15:28)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/
Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/
Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/
Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

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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:

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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