



# Church of Saint Ann

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Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

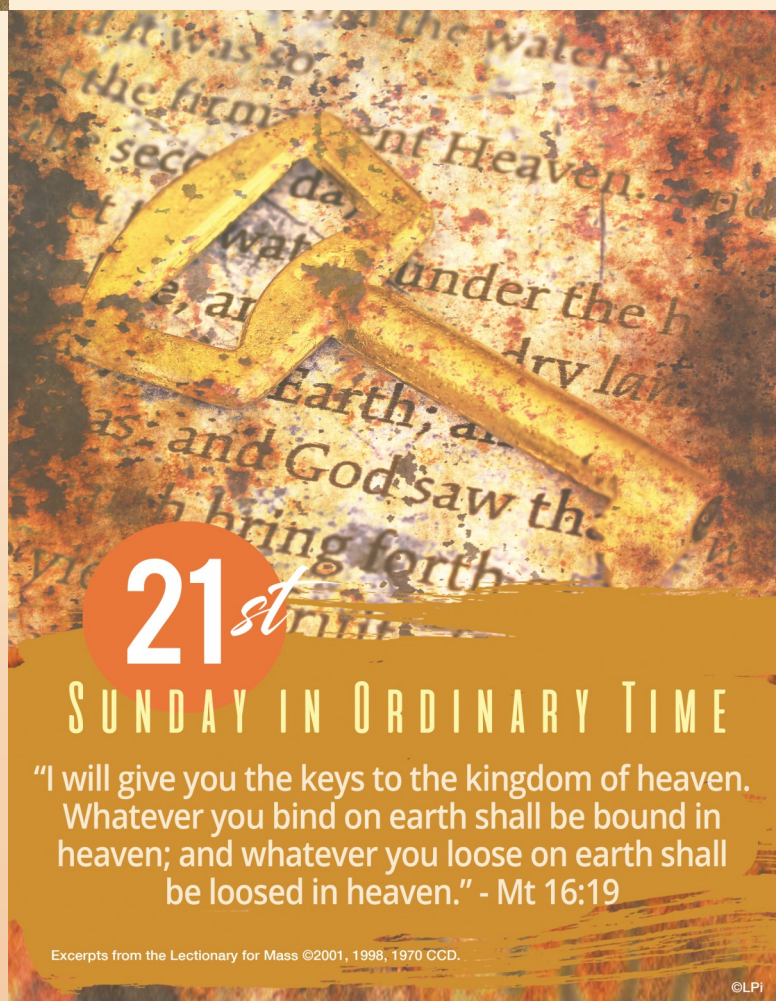
## MARRIAGES

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.



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## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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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



**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## MONDAY, August 24

**9:00 Michael Sumers, requested by Rosanne Harutunian**

## TUESDAY, August 25

**9:00 William Weldon, requested by his family**

## WEDNESDAY, August 26

**9:00 David Miller, requested by Ron and Dorothy Miller**

## THURSDAY, August 27

**9:00 Teresa Lopez, requested by her husband**

## FRIDAY, August 28

**9:00 Margaret Maynard, requested by her children**

## SATURDAY, August 29

**4:00 Dr. Edgar Manazero (month's mind), requested by Dr. Yolanda Pena**

## SUNDAY, August 30

**7:30 Stephanie Cochefski, requested by Maria Mascoli**

**9:30 Larry Apuzzo, requested by Dan and Mary Healey**

**11:00 Robert Mansfield, requested by his children**

To schedule Mass Intentions, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or [kris.martino@stannavon.com](mailto: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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

### MONDAY, August 24

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

### TUESDAY, August 25

### WEDNESDAY, August 26

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

### THURSDAY, August 27

**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 28

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

### SATURDAY, August 29

### SUNDAY, August 30

**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.



## St. Ann Cares DAY OF CARING is: 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](http://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.

## 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)



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



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](http://www.stannavon.org/survey)



### Who Makes the Coffee?

Early one morning, a husband and wife were playfully arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, "You have to make the coffee. It's in the Bible!" The husband was shocked. "Is not! Show me!" Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it the New Testament and declared, "It says right here — HEBREWS!"

### 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))



### Tools for Schools Collection



**Now through September 19/20**

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling ... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 19/20. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families. Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed. Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall. May you be blessed for your generosity!

#### Please consider these suggested items:

- \*Backpacks \* Calculators \* Notebooks \*Pencils
- \* Dictionaries \* Rulers \* Pencil sharpeners \* Pens
- \* Notebooks/paper \* Markers etc.



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**August 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 Aug. 12-19, 2020: \$2,708.00**

**The second collection next weekend: none**



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](mailto: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](http://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

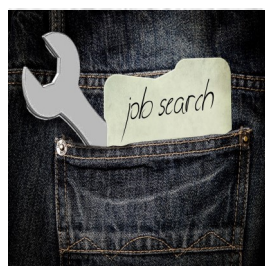
Eileen DiMauro: [ecdimauero@yahoo.com](mailto:ecdimauero@yahoo.com).



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

**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](mailto: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 26: Networking during a pandemic (Part 2)**

**September 2: Interviewing techniques on Zoom or Skype**

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>

## 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.

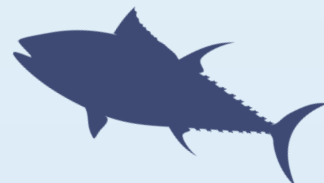
**Please place donations in the labeled bins in  
the Gathering Space. Thank you!**

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 Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

### Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

### Second Reading:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! (Rom 11:33)

### Gospel:

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of August 23, 2020

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/  
Mt 16:13-20  
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/  
Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17  
[cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/  
Mt 16:21-27

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

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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!**

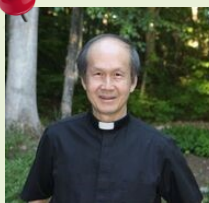
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### **Mass: If you are unable to attend Mass here are some options to watch at home**

- 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/](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/)
- EWTN, either on your TV or online at: [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.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: [www.insideoutsidepodcast.com/944182/4407560-iooi-episode-6-covid-19-equity-hate-crimes-directed-at-asians-fr-joseph-cheah](http://www.insideoutsidepodcast.com/944182/4407560-iooi-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: [www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html)



### **Nursing Opportunities**

Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care is seeking a full time **Registered Nurse** for its home care program and an on-call **Registered Nurse** for its hospice program. Candidates must have a RN license; home care and hospice care experience, driver's license, and understand computers.

Nurses and staff uphold the mission of caring for individuals and families in their homes.

Visit [franciscanhc.org](http://franciscanhc.org) for more information or send resumes to:  
Marie Laffin, RN, Clinical Director – [mlaffin@franciscanhc.org](mailto:mlaffin@franciscanhc.org)  
Laura Borrelli, RN, Hospice Director – [lborelli@franciscanhc.org](mailto:lborelli@franciscanhc.org)

**Best Place to be is Home**