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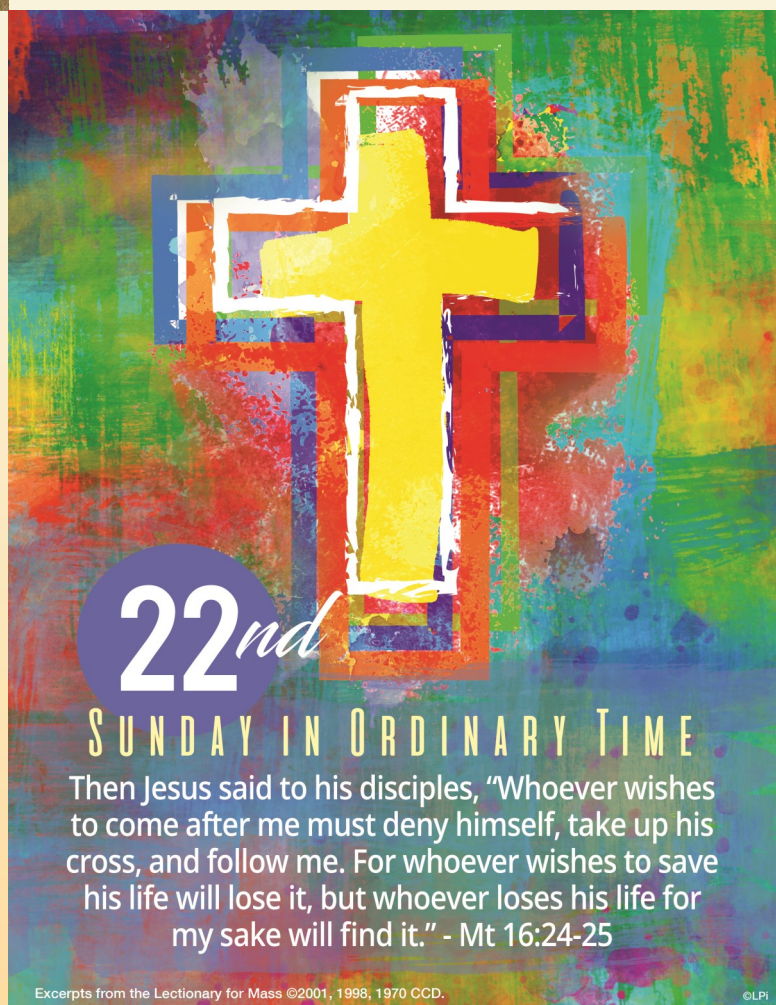
MARRIAGES

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



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 31

9:00 Valerie & Warren Miller, requested by Ron and Dorothy Miller

TUESDAY, September 1

9:00 Robert Collier (13th Ann.), requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, September 2

9:00 Margaret Bruno, requested by the Bruno Family

THURSDAY, September 3

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, September 4

9:00 Shawn Kruse, requested by Ron and Dorothy Miller

SATURDAY, September 5

4:00 Mary Hojnowski, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, September 6

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Cecile Gerry, requested by a friend Dan and Mary Healey

11:00 Yang-Jin Kim, requested by her daughter

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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, August 31

Lectio Divina Live! 7:15pm via Zoom*

TUESDAY, September 1

WEDNESDAY, September 2

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm via Zoom *

THURSDAY, September 3

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, September 4

Lectio Divina Live! 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, September 5

SUNDAY, September 6

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) 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 Nov. 28th, so the 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



Archbishop Blair Extends the Dispensation from the Sunday Obligation to November 28th

"In light of continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state of Connecticut and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended this dispensation from the Sunday obligation through Saturday, November 28, 2020, which is the last day of the current liturgical year. "

For Archbishop Blair's full statement go to:

<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/extension-of-dispensation-from-sunday-mass-obligation/>

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.



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

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)



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

September 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. 19-26, 2020: \$3,018.00

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 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: 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

**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!



Ladies, Come Find Peace Amidst the Chaos!

Feed Your Soul & Focus Your Heart and Mind on Christ in the Fellowship of Women

We'll Dive into the Foundational Study of the Walking With Purpose Program:

"Opening your Heart"

A Great Place to Start – Or Continue – Walking With Purpose!

Tuesday 10 AM Or Wednesday 7 PM
Beginning September 15 & 16

Cost is \$45

RSVP to Andrea Pizzuti
andreapizzuti333@gmail.com

For Women of All Ages and Stages – Bring a Friend!

walking with purpose

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:

September 2: Interviewing techniques on Zoom or Skype

For more information contact: BrianJud@comcast.net

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3671752517>

(Zoom tutorial at: 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.

Protein bars would also be much appreciated!

Please place donations in the labeled bins in the Gathering Space. Thank you! St. Ann parishioners are the best!

Gratefully, Your Social Justice Committee

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Vision of Stewardship

I love the original movie *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don't know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt 16:24) \

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/
Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/
Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

COVID-19 RESOURCES:

VISIT: www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus for all updates from the Archdiocese relating to the Pandemic.

Please visit St. Ann's website: www.stannavon.org

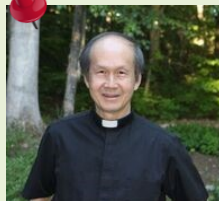
Look under the "COVID-19" tab for updates and spiritual enrichment ideas for adults, children & families.

Check out St. Ann's YouTube Channel!

There is a link on our website or you can visit us & 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



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

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

Help Our Parish Elementary Schools - HOPES Collection

The **HOPES** Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual **HOPES Grants**. Last year's HOPES Grants funded advances in technology, safety and the marketing and promotion of Catholic schools through branding and social media. Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2020 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection on the weekend of **September 26/27, 2020**.



CHALLENGED TO
"THINK LIKE GOD"



St. Maron Church Fundraiser

"It is the Lord"

Featuring Paintings of the Eucharist by Antoine Ménéret

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<http://www.saintmaronchurch.org/>
Tel: 860-489-9015

Saturday August 22nd – Sunday August 30th

Grand opening:

Saturday August 22nd 3 PM

Artist talks:

Saturday August 22nd 5:45 PM

Saturday August 29th 5:45 PM

Gallery opening times:

Saturdays 8/22 & 29; 3-8 PM

Sundays 8/23 & 30; 10 AM-1 PM

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