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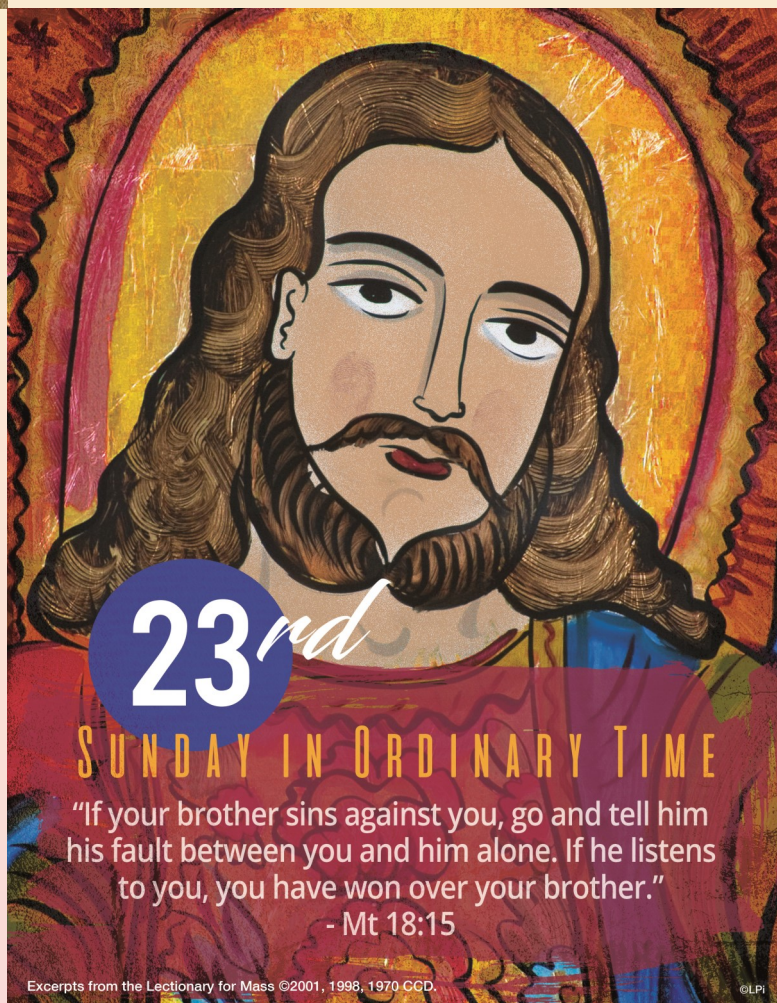
MARRIAGES

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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, September 7

9:00 Jolly Puliyaenal, requested by Joseph Binoy

TUESDAY, September 8

9:00 David Matthes, requested by Ann & family

WEDNESDAY, September 9

9:00 Kirkor Tavtigan, requested by Pat Wall

THURSDAY, September 10

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, September 11

9:00 John Kondzielaski (27th Ann.), requested by Ron and Dorothy Miller

SATURDAY, September 12

4:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love & Divine Will on Earth, requested by Judith Stafford & David Woolley

SUNDAY, September 13

7:30 Kevin Smith, requested by Pat Wall

9:30 Lawrence Apuzzo, requested by Anne Affelder and Mike & Joan Gould

11:00 Jean Dapra, requested by Bob and Kathy Dully

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, September 7

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

TUESDAY, September 8

WEDNESDAY, September 9

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm via Zoom *

THURSDAY, September 10

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 11

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

SATURDAY, September 12

St. Ann Cares Day: sign up information below

SUNDAY, September 13

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.*

Volunteers Needed for St. Ann Cares DAY OF CARING Next 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:

archdioceseofhartford.org/extension-of-dispensation-from-sunday-mass-obligation/

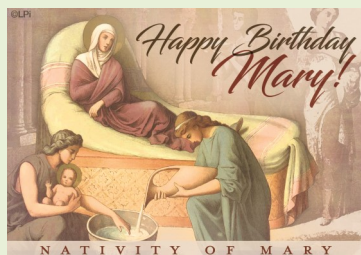
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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



Good News!

That is the overarching message of all our Faith Formation efforts this year: Regardless of our life circumstances, because we have Jesus, we have hope! This concept is called *The Kerygma* (Greek for 'proclamation of good news') It is the perfect message for these times, and you will be hearing a lot about it throughout the year ahead. Embrace hope through *The Kerygma*!

THE KERYGMA:

- 1) God is Love and created us for relationship with Him.
- 2) When we make unloving choices (sin) we damage our relationship with God/self/others.
- 3) Jesus restores this relationship through his life, death and resurrection.
- 4) Jesus invites us to new life by living like Him now, and with Him forever.
- 5) When we accept Jesus' invitation, we receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to empower us to love.

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



Through September 20, 2020

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. 26-Sept. 2, 2020: \$3,533.00

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

To the Town of Avon Food Pantry Donors:

Volunteers and participants are most grateful for your generosity. Fresh garden vegetables and food continue to arrive weekly filling our shelves.

These few words are all we have to express our sincere appreciation for you faithful participation with our pantry. We can continue to provide this needed relief to our neighbors. May God's blessing fill your hearts with peace and joy!



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

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 the FREE Zoom service:

Thursday Morning Bible Study: THE BIBLE TIMELINE

Come to a greater understanding and love of scripture by participating in this 24 part Bible Study. This program is presented in a simple, direct and to the point manner from Ascension Press by Scripture Scholar Jeff Cavins. Through study questions, group discussion and DVD presentations you will:

- learn how to read the Bible and develop a strong foundation for further reading and study,
- deepen your relationship with Jesus,
- understand how the Holy Spirit has worked throughout human history,
- see how God reveals himself to us through scripture and how God's Word applies to our lives today.

Sessions will begin on Thursday, September 17th at 9:30 AM in Father Bennett Hall.

We will be following all the COVID19 guidelines. Home work is optional.

For more information and to register call **Janet Newman at (860) 676-0037** or email at: wjnewman@sbcglobal.net.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

If you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

Whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Rom 13:9a)

Gospel:

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." (Mt 18:19)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/
Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

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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

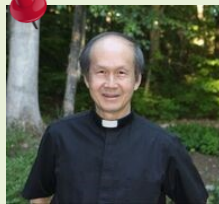
Look under the "COVID-19" tab for updates and spiritual enrichment ideas for adults, children & families.

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-ii-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:

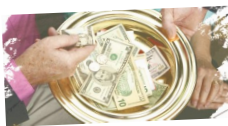
- Historical background of the Asian American Catholic Experience
- Distinguishing features of this community
- Xenophobia and Anti-Asian Racism in the time of COVID-19 crisis

For more information, including how to register, 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**.



**HARDEN
NOT YOUR
HEARTS.**

PSALM 95



Labor Day Catholic Teaching on the Dignity of Work:

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's act of creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers, owners, and others must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and choose to join a union, to economic initiative, and to ownership and private property. These rights must be exercised in ways that advance the common good.

-USCCB Administrative Committee, Faithful

Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility, p15

