



# Church of Saint Ann

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Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

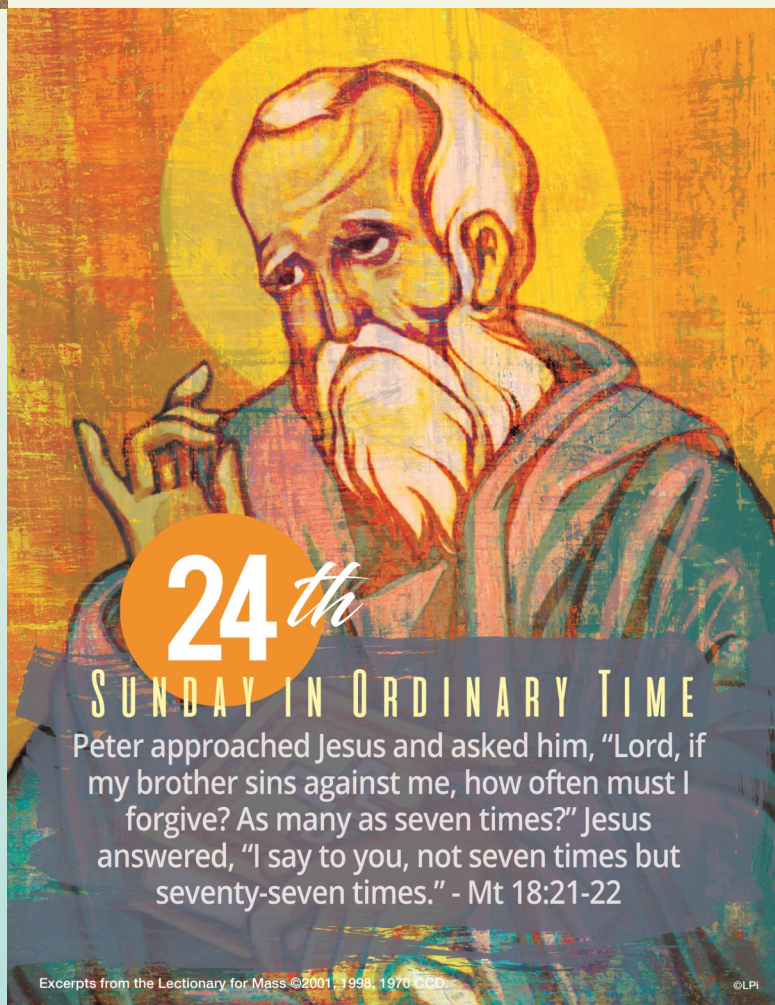
## MARRIAGES

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.



**24<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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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

**24th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, September 14**  
**9:00 Special Intentions**

**TUESDAY, September 15**  
**9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth, requested by David Woolley and Judith Stafford**

**WEDNESDAY, September 16**  
**9:00 Charles Regan, requested by the Ryan Family**

**THURSDAY, September 17**  
**9:00 Special Intentions**

**FRIDAY, September 18**  
**9:00 Special Intentions**

**SATURDAY, September 19**  
**4:00 Elsie and Addis Daly, requested by Kenna Daly**

**SUNDAY, September 20**  
**7:30 Pio Ogonowski Flores, requested by Numer and Ethel de Guia**  
**9:30 Fred Bielefeld, requested by the family**  
**11:00 Donald Rock, requested by Pat Wall**

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



## *Catechetical Sunday is September 20, 2020*

Next week, on Catechetical Sunday, we will thank and bless all those who will serve this year as teachers of the faith to our children, youth and adults. With the challenges posed by social distancing, our catechists, parents and catechetical leaders need a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit! Let us pray that God would inspire and strengthen them, and each baptized Catholic, that we may embrace our call to spread the faith by giving witness to the blessings we experience through our relationship with Jesus.



*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 14

**Lectio Divina Live!**: 7:15pm via Zoom\*  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting**: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### TUESDAY, September 15

**Walking with Purpose**: 10am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**RCIA**: 7:15pm in the Activity Room

### WEDNESDAY, September 16

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**Unemployment Support**: 3-5pm via Zoom\*  
**Walking with Purpose**: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### THURSDAY, September 17

**The Bible Timeline**: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**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 18

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

### SATURDAY, September 19

### SUNDAY, September 20

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

**Masks & social distancing required at all times!**

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



## Tools for Schools Collection

**Through September 20th**

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 \* Rulers  
Dictionaries \* Pencil sharpeners \* Pens \* Notebooks/paper  
Markers etc.





## 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!

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.

## "Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ"

*Saint Jerome*

Join us on Thursday mornings for "The Bible Timeline" program to deepen your relationship with Christ and learn how God reveals himself to us through His Sacred Word. Learn how to read the Bible and develop a strong foundation for understanding.

Registration includes online viewing of the series.  
Homework is optional.

COVID 19 guidelines will be followed.

Materials fee is \$40 and scholarships are available.

Sessions begin in Fr. Bennett Hall on:  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> at 9:30am.**



For more information or to register call:

Janet Newman at  
860-676-0037 or email:  
[wjnewman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjnewman@sbcglobal.net)

**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](mailto:andreapizzuti333@gmail.com)**

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

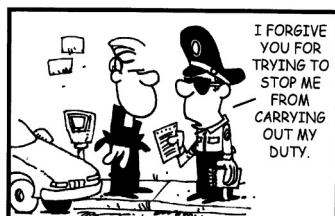
## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**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 Sept. 2-9, 2020: \$3,708.00**

**The second collection next weekend: monthly**

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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)

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Upcoming Meeting: Monday, September 14th  
at 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall**



**Masks & Social Distancing Required**

All skill levels are welcome!

For info. call Tina: 860-674-1541

## 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](mailto:ecdimauro@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 the



## 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 on registering your children for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation year. Classes will be starting October 4th so please register soon. Please don't 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))



## 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/](http://archdioceseofhartford.org/extension-of-dispensation-from-sunday-mass-obligation/)

## 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](http://stannavon.org/mass-times)**



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Deciding to travel the challenging road of forgiveness is choosing a journey toward greater freedom. Resentment, anger, and clinging to past hurts not only keep open wounds that long for healing but bring us down paths that are eventually self-destructive. Harboring grudges and withholding forgiveness not only shut down relationships with others, but with God and myself as well. To choose to forgive another person, regardless of how grave the wrong, is a choice to be released from bondage to past wounds and scars and to pursue the gift of life and love again. Who among us has not wrong or sinned against another? We certainly would want God to understand, forgive, and show mercy upon us. It is hypocritical of us to not extend that same grace to our neighbor.

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

### Psalms:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

### Second Reading:

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:8)

### Gospel:

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

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  
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/  
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6,  
15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/  
Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/  
Lk 8:4-15

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### COVID-19 RESOURCES:

VISIT: [www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus) for all updates from the Archdiocese relating to the Pandemic.

Please visit St. Ann's website: [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org)

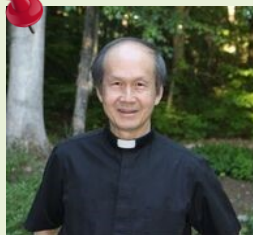
Look under the "COVID-19" tab for updates and spiritual enrichment ideas for adults, children & families.

### Check out St. Ann's YouTube Channel!

There is a link on our website or you can visit us & subscribe at: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCQb8GEZT\\_REAvzOGVM4\\_9UA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://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/](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-ioui-episode-6-covid-19-equity-hate-crimes-directed-at-asians-fr-joseph-cheah](https://www.insideoutsidepodcast.com/944182/4407560-ioui-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)

### 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**  
here at St. Ann.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The House of Bread, ESOL program held at Jubilee House, 40 Clifford St., Hartford is in dire need of volunteer tutors. Our classes are held Monday through Thursday, 9:30 - 11:30am. Our staff, building and classrooms are Covid-19 ready following the CDC guidelines for safety. If you are interested in helping out, please call 860-247-3030, X108. Michele, our Educator, will be happy to discuss further details.

"Do not be afraid  
to take a chance on  
peace, to teach peace,  
to live peace...  
peace will be the last  
word of history."

—St. John Paul II