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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.



25th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:16

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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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, September 21

9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, September 22

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, September 23

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, September 24

9:00 Richard Tourville (2nd Ann.), requested by the family

FRIDAY, September 25

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, September 26

4:00 Wayne Randall, requested by The Cooper Family

SUNDAY, September 27

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Wayne Randall, requested by a friend

11:00 Edmund Daniel Keating, requested by Joan Suski and family

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 This September 20th
9:30am and 11:00am Masses

This Sunday is 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. **Don't forget to register for Mass - link is on our website: stannavon.org**

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 21

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

TUESDAY, September 22

Walking with Purpose: 10am in Fr. Bennett Hall

RCIA: 7:15pm in the Activity Room

WEDNESDAY, September 23

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm via Zoom *

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, September 24

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 25

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

SATURDAY, September 26

SUNDAY, September 27

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.**



Fr. Cheah Presents:

"The Asian American Catholic Experience"

September 30, 2020 from 7– 8 pm

*As part of the Office for Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford's **Open Wide Our Hearts Series***

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

To Register or for more information please visit:

www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html

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.

There is still time to join our Fall programs! Sign up today!

**"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 17TH at 9:30am.



**For more information
or to register call:**

Janet Newman at 860-676-0037 or
email: 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**

**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. 9-16, 2020: \$2,693.00

The second collection next weekend:

Catholic Elementary Schools

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

"Bringing a respect for human dignity to practical politics can be a daunting task. There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple. *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled, or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image. Direct abortion is *never* a morally tolerable option".

(US Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n. 21).



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

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)



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 23: *Finding who to contact at companies*

September 30: *Contacting companies as they begin to open*

October 7: *How to follow up with prospective employers*

October 14: *Networking for introverts*

For more information contact: BrianJud@comcast.net

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

(Zoom tutorial at: www.stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial)

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER?

If you're not receiving a weekly newsletter from St. Ann via email on Fridays it means we either don't have an email for you or that the email we have on file is not current. If you would like to receive the e-newsletter, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office to update your email address. Thanks! 860-673-9858, x.221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com (note: check your spam/junk folder in case it went there)

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them? Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship. In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason. Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to Him. God's ways are different than ours.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. (Is 55:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c)

Gospel:

"Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Mt 20:14-16a)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/
Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/
Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/
Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/
Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

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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

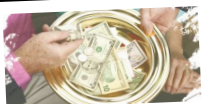
Rosary Congress

The Church of St. Matthew in Forestville, CT will host the Traveling Rosary Congress on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 p.m. through Wednesday, October 7th, with closing and Benediction at 6:00 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME! If you are interested, please call St. Matthew Church at (860)-583-1833 to register. For further important details and a description of what a Rosary congress is, please see our website, titled "Rosary Congress". This is a special event in our Archdiocese to pray for our church and our country.



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.



Church of St. Ann Tools for Schools Collection



Through September 20th

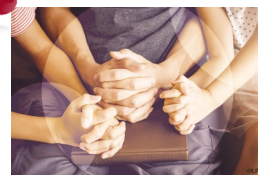
The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling ... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 19/20. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families. 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.

Prayer for Our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.



Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Source: Boston.Catholic.org

There is a special heartache in finding oneself alone after a death, divorce or a separation. All are welcome; woman and men of all ages are encouraged to attend the Beginning Experience® Coping with Life Alone...In the Beginning.

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE: Saturday, October 17, 2020
One Weekend Makes All The Difference: November 13 - 15, 2020

For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call: Victoria A. at 860-993-5469
Email: info@beginningexperiencect.org
www.beginningexperiencect.org

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