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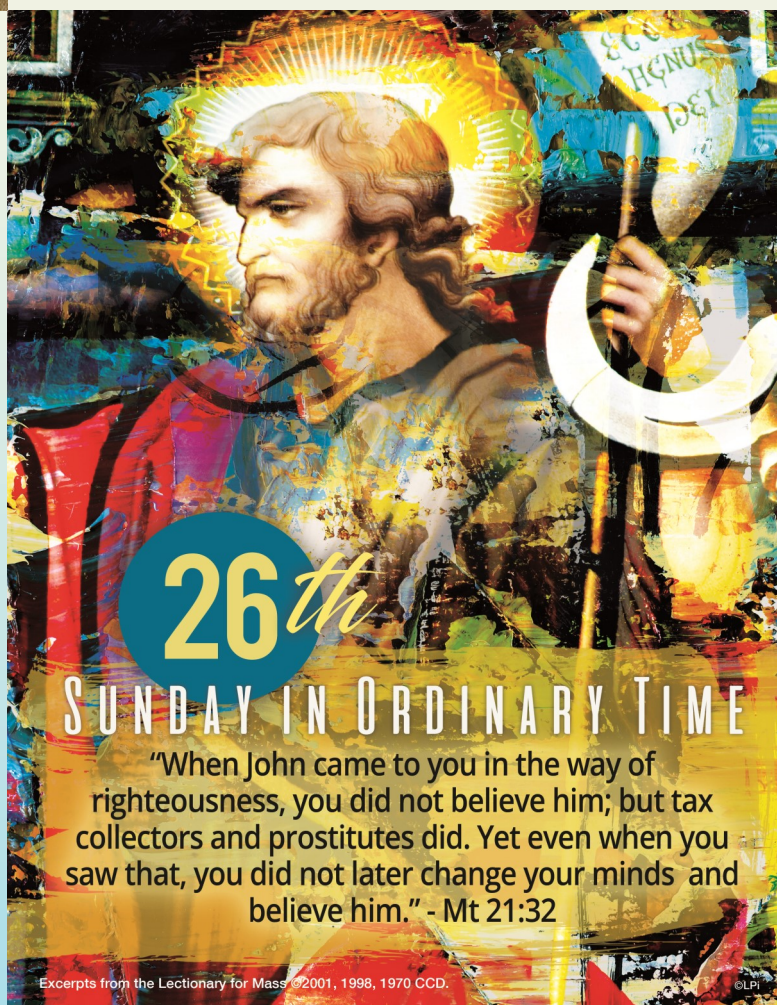
MARRIAGES

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.



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, September 28

9:00 For the Intentions of Maria Yu (Living),
requested by the Yu Family

TUESDAY, September 29

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, September 30

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, October 1

9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love & Divine Will on Earth, requested by
David Woolley & Judith Stafford

FRIDAY, October 2

9:00 Milena Masdonati, requested by
the Walmsley Family

SATURDAY, October 3

4:00 Grace Vuono (1st Ann.), requested by
the Bondhus Family

SUNDAY, October 4

7:30 Peter Pavlik, requested by the family

9:30 Rolando Lingon Metin, requested by
Numer and Ethel deGuia

11:00 Del and Jean Tepley, requested by
Cantori of Savoy Italian Club

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



We are Going Public for the 103rd Anniversary of Fatima on Saturday, October 10th by the Holy Family Statue at St. Ann

We would like to invite you to join other members of St. Ann in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 10th at 12 noon by the Holy Family Statue at St. Ann (in front of Fr. Bennett Hall). This Rosary Rally is sponsored by America Needs Fatima. Therefore, over 20,00 rallies will take place that day. Please join us to show God and His Blessed Mother our love, reparation, and veneration as we pray for the conversion of the United States.

Please remember to wear your mask and bring a chair if you 'd like. We will also be practicing social distancing.

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 28

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

TUESDAY, September 29

Walking with Purpose: 10am in Fr. Bennett Hall

RCIA: 7:15pm in the Activity Room

WEDNESDAY, September 30

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, October 1

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, October 2

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

SATURDAY, October 3

SUNDAY, October 4

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!

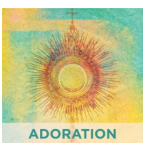
GOOD NEWS! That is the overarching message of all our Faith Formation efforts this year: Regardless of our life circumstances, because we have Jesus, we have hope! This concept is called *The Kerygma* (Greek for 'proclamation of good news') It is the perfect message for these times, and you will be hearing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

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

"In an age of artifice, many voters are hungry for substance. They admire and support political figures who speak out sincerely for their moral convictions. For our part we commend Catholic and other public officials who, with courage and determination, use their positions of leadership to promote respect for all human life" (US Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n. 31).



Sign up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!

St. Ann's Parish is again taking part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign sponsored by the Archdiocese.

There are two parts to this peaceful and prayerful mission. We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, October 18th following the Divine Mercy Holy Hour and continuing until 8am on Monday, October 19th. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE POSTERS IN THE GATHERING SPACE. We must have 2 adorers for each hour.

Respect Life Sunday

On Respect Life Sunday, October 4th a peaceful prayer vigil will take place outside the Hartford OB/GYN Clinic on Jefferson Street in Hartford. Our parish will cover the hours of 6am until 6 pm.



Thank you in advance for your support with our parish's Pro-Life Mission.

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

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. 16-23, 2020: \$3,006.00

The second collection next weekend:

Retired Religious Fund

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)

Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

Every parish family should have received a letter from Father McHugh this week asking for a contribution to our **2020 Annual Parish Collection** to help offset our operating deficit based on the COVID-19 shutdown. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card today. Thank you!



The Deacons' Bench by Deacon Tim

If you're feeling homily-deprived during our pandemic lockdown, you might choose to satisfy your hunger by checking out Deacon Tim's homily page on our parish website. Simply go to <https://stannavon.org/deacons-bench>, where you'll find years and years of homilies in print and audio formats. Grab a beer and take your pick. The homilies were originally put there to help folks just learning English, folks who hadn't been able to hear what Deacon Tim was saying or whatever reason, and folks who simply wanted to listen again, and share with their friends. There are other more or less interesting things there, too, as you'll see. Enjoy!



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 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)

Do You Know Anyone Who Could Use the Comfort of a Prayer Shawl?

St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available! If you know of someone who is going through an illness or time of need and feel a prayer shawl will lift their spirits or provide comfort, please contact Tina Dibble, 860-674-1541, to pick one up. In addition, we have a few lap robes, which are ideally suited for someone who is wheelchair bound.



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

Is It the Thought That Counts?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Phil 2:3)

Gospel:

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." (Mt 21:32)

Alternate Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 27, 2020

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
 Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

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PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA

Almighty God,
We pray that through the intercession of your beloved, Saint Florian,
those courageous men and women fighting fire in California
will be protected and strengthened by Your providence.
Bring consolation to those who have lost loved ones, dwellings,
and their sense of security.
May they find a home in your gracious love
and a hope in the generous works of your servants here on earth.
Amen.



What is a Rosary Congress? It is:

- Seven days of around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosary in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration and prayer;
- A Catholic call to help establish peace in our cities, nation, and world and to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary in a spirit of reparation;
- And a powerful opportunity for prayer and renewal. All are encouraged to participate!

A Traveling Rosary Congress allows each 24-hour period to be hosted at a different parish in the Archdiocese. Please participate! Please call to schedule an hour of Adoration:

Saturday, October 3	Sunday, October 4	Monday, October 5	Tuesday, October 6
Waterbury Basilica of the Immaculate Conception 203-879-4323 Opening Mass 4:15 pm Followed by Adoration until Sunday Closing Mass 4:00 pm	Windsor St. Joseph Church 860-688-4905 Opening Mass 6:00 pm Followed by Adoration until Monday 6:00 pm	Enfield St. Martha Church 860-422-4901 Opening Mass at 6:00 pm Followed by Adoration until Closing Mass Tues 6:00 pm	Forestville Church of St. Matthew 860-583-1833 Exposition 6:00 pm Followed by Adoration until Wednesday 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 7	Thursday, October 8	Friday, October 9
New Haven St. Joseph Church 203-562-6193 Opening Mass 5:00 pm Followed by Adoration until Thursday 4:30 pm	Ansonia Church of the Assumption 203-736-9606 Opening Mass 5:00 pm Followed by Adoration until Friday 1:00 pm	Hartford Cathedral of St. Joseph 860-233-4289 Adoration 1:00 pm- 6:30 pm Rosary Congress Closing Mass 7pm Celebrant - Archbishop Leonard P. Blair

Gifts of Love in Avon is Looking for Volunteers!

As our community needs grow, so do our office needs! Gifts of Love is looking for volunteers to help with the front desk, sorting donations, and assisting clients with their visits. If you are available to help us out for a few hours a week or want to learn more about our opportunities please call Nancy Carlson, Volunteer and Outreach Manager @ Gifts of Love at 860-676-2323. You can also reach her at : ncarlson@giftsoflovect.org. Thank you!

COVID-19 RESOURCES: VISIT: www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus for all Archdiocesan pandemic related updates

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