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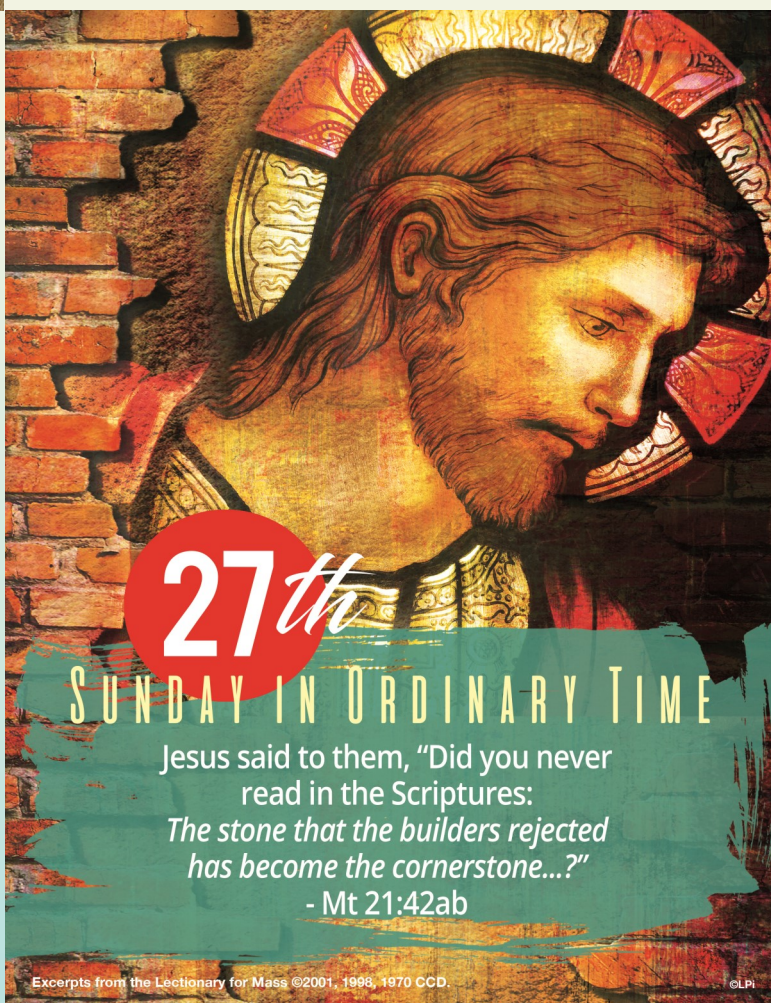
MARRIAGES

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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, October 5
9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, October 6
9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, October 7
9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, October 8
9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, October 9
9:00 Eugene and Jonathan Gaddis, requested by the ZuWallack Family

SATURDAY, October 10
4:00 Maria Xuan Nguyen (4th Ann.), requested by the family

SUNDAY, October 11
7:30 Robert C. Simon, requested by the family
9:30 Douglas Blood, requested by Anita and Dick Sullivan
11:00 In celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

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, October 5

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

TUESDAY, October 6

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

WEDNESDAY, October 7

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 8

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 9

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

SATURDAY, October 10

SUNDAY, October 11

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.

Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

It is time once again for our Annual Parish Collection. This year's collection is critically important due to the pandemic which has greatly reduced our parish revenue over the past six months. COVID-19 has certainly changed all of our lives. We have lost loved ones, members of our parish and local community. Our Lord calls us to press forward to serve those in need, to think and act on behalf of others. Last year, around \$180,000 was generously donated by 26% of our parishioners. Our hope is that more parish families will consider participating this year. As always, making a contribution that is based on your means and circumstances. Thank you!

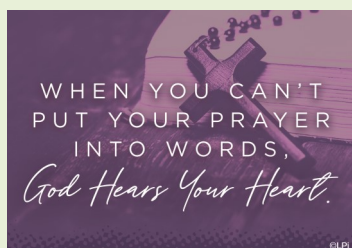
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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!

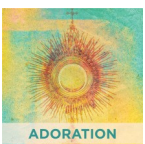
GOOD NEWS! That is the overarching message of all our Faith Formation efforts this year: Regardless of our life circumstances, because we have Jesus, we have hope! This concept is called *The Kerygma* (Greek for 'proclamation of good news') It is the perfect message for these times, and you will be hearing 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 a striking way, we see today a heightening of the tension between our nation's founding principles and political reality. We see this in diminishing respect for the inalienable right to life and in the elimination of legal protections for those who are most vulnerable. There can be no genuine justice in our society until the truths on which our nation was founded are more perfectly realized in our culture and law. (US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life, 1998, n. 14).



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 this 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.



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

We as Catholic Christians possess a great treasure. No other denomination has been given so great a gift. This treasure is the Living God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus, who is TRULY present to us in the Holy Eucharist. Last year a Pew Poll found that 70% of Catholics and 80% of young Catholics do not believe in the Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. This weekly treatise will be an effort to delve more deeply into this "Mystery of Mysteries".

We shall explore why the Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Eucharist as "The Living Heart of the Church" and why Vatican II pronounced the Eucharist to be "The Source and Summit of the Christian Life". We'll look at the graces we receive in Holy Communion. What happens to us when we come to Mass and receive the Sacred Host. What are the eternal promises that Christ has made to those who receive Him in this Sacrament? And we shall also examine the insights which the Saints were given into the mystic realities of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Jerome said that "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Perhaps ignorance of the Holy Eucharist is also ignorance of Christ....and on a most profound level. This series will hopefully enhance our love, gratitude and appreciation for this most gracious gift of Divine love.

Please join us each week as we probe the depths of this Sacrament of Sacraments.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

October 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. 23-30, 2020: \$3,271.00

**The second collection next weekend:
monthly**

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.

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 Attending Mass In Person

Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Hartford

- 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. If you aren't able to sign up online, please call the Parish Office and let Kris know the date, time, family name and number attending and she will do it for you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Upcoming Meeting: Monday, October 4th
at 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall**



Masks & Social Distancing Required

All skill levels are welcome!
For info. call Tina: 860-674-1541



SHARE THE JOY OF THE EUCHARIST

Adult catechists are needed to lead virtual classes for a small group of 2nd graders. Please prayerfully consider taking advantage of this special opportunity to shepherd St. Ann's little angels on their Sacramental journey.

For more information contact

Valerie St. Jean, Director of Faith Formation

Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com or 860-673-9858 x223



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:

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/3671572517>

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



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!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Who has authority over God's kingdom? While we know that the obvious answer is Jesus, that is not the answer our lives always reveal. We struggle with wanting control over God's kingdom. We wrestle with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. However, at the end of the day nothing in this world or in the one to come belongs to us. All that we see and know to be true belong to God, and Jesus is the only one who has any authority. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? We often conduct our business as if we are the owner, lord and master of it all, but sadly we are not. God gives us the means and the potential to bear good Gospel-centered fruit. This desire and capacity exist within each individual. Unless we really acknowledge and accept who is ultimately in charge, the type of love, justice, peace, and other good fruits God desires for the world will never be realized.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry! (Is 5:7)

Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Ps 80)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:6-9)

Gospel:

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." (Mt 21:43)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of October 4, 2020

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
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/
Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

Human Trafficking and COVID 19:

A Dangerous Combination

Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7-8 pm

The novel coronavirus pandemic has impacted nearly every aspect of society. In particular, it has aided in the rise of sex trafficking on national and global levels. Victims are being exploited through the internet, gaming platforms, web cams, and chat rooms. What is happening in CT? What can be done to protect our children? Tammy M. Sneed, the Director of Connecticut's Human Anti-trafficking Response Team for DCF, will share some insights on how the pandemic is affecting human trafficking in CT and the nation. Annmarie Boulay, co-founder of The Underground, will share some of the challenges faced by survivors and how the Underground is assisting them during this time.

This event is co-sponsored by The Underground CT and The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Advanced Registration is required.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Yrhd8RyMRfWOnRu_oYEa5RQ

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar and reminders.

St. Paul Catholic High School has announced its' in-person **open house tour dates for this Fall**. If you or someone you know has a prospective student looking to attend St. Paul in the 2020 or 2021 school years this is the open house you'll want to visit. All tours are by appointment and each family will follow a socially distanced, guided walk around our campus building. St. Paul is taking all safety precautions for the in-person tours. Come with your mask and we will have the hand sanitizer and follow our one-way halls! Visit spchs.com/openhouse to register for an appointment time on **Saturday, October 24** starting at 10am or on **Saturday, November 21** starting at 10am with the last appointment being 1pm. Also, St. Paul Catholic High School has scheduled two **Placement Exam dates** for prospective grade 9 and grade 10 students. The Placement Exam is a standardized test that incoming students take which evaluates their performance levels in math, language and reading. This exam will be held at the school on **Saturday, November 7 and Saturday, December 12 both beginning at 8:00am.**

To register visit spchs.com/placementexam.

"IN THE END
my Immaculate Heart
will TRIUMPH..."

- Our Lady of Fatima

Archdiocese of Hartford
Traveling Rosary Congress
October 3 - 9, 2020

www.RosaryCongressUSA.org

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

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