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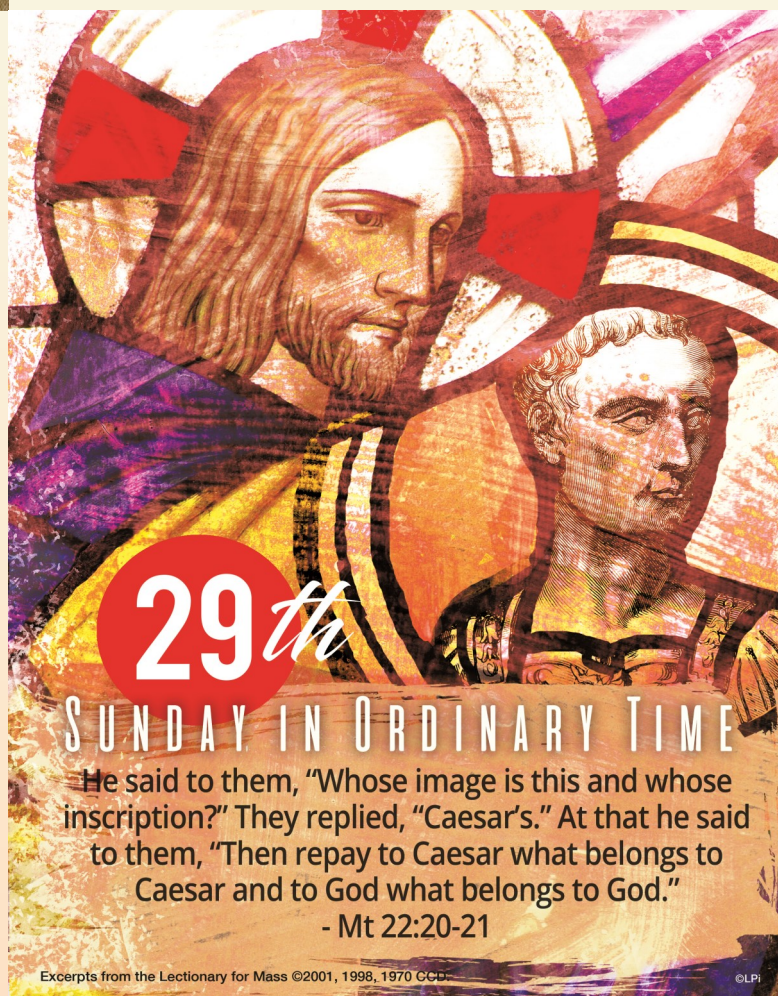
MARRIAGES

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



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, October 19

9:00 Charles Regan, requested by Eleanor and Ken Pratt

TUESDAY, October 20

9:00 Rita Pellegrini, requested by Tom and Lynn Pellegrini

WEDNESDAY, October 21

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, October 22

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

FRIDAY, October 23

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, October 24

4:00 Lewis Brucker, requested by the family

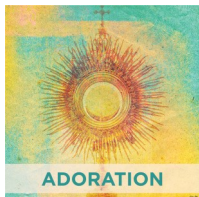
SUNDAY, October 25

7:30 Rose & John King, requested by the family

9:30 Jean Tepley, requested by Anne Affelder and Mike & Joan Gould

11:00 Salvatore Calafiore, requested by the family of Nunzio & Maria Calafiore

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Begins This Sunday!

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

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 19

Lectio Divina Live! 7:15pm via Zoom*

TUESDAY, October 20

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

WEDNESDAY, October 21

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 22

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)

FRIDAY, October 23

Lectio Divina Live! 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, October 24

SUNDAY, October 25

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

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our **2020 Annual Parish Collection**. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated.

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 we received donations from around 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!

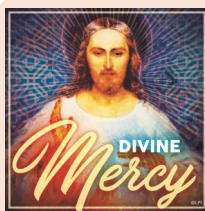


The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

The Holy Eucharist is NOT a symbol. Jesus is ALIVE in the Eucharist. We know this because what Jesus says IS. He is the WORD made flesh. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1) Whatever Jesus says happens. "Lazarus, come forth." And the dead man came forth from his tomb. (John 11:44-45) "Little girl, arise." And the little girl awoke. (Luke 9:55-56) At the Last Supper Jesus said, "This is my body, which will be given for you, do this in memory of me." And "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which shall be shed for you: (Luke 22:21) There was therefore a change in substance from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Our Lord.

Reflection: The Second Vatican Council states that, "God makes things by His words." We read in the Book of Genesis how God creates by saying the words, "Let there be...." And it happens. (Genesis 1) Faith enters into accepting the word of God. Faith enters into accepting the true Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. But for those who need scientific proof, Google "The Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano". God wishes to reveal the Miracle of the Eucharist to doubters. He wishes all to come to Him and be saved. He loves each of us, as if we were his only child.

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



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

**THIS Sunday, October 18th
2:30-3:30pm in the church**

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated at St. Ann's on Sunday, October 18th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The recitation of the rosary will follow to honor Our Lady on the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Please join us for these powerful devotions.

Mary Lou Connors to Receive Social Justice Award



Mary Lou Connors will be honored with the Most Reverend Donnelly Award! The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry honors individuals and organizations for significant contributions to the achievement of the Catholic vision of social justice. Recipients will have shown evidence of motivation by the principles of justice and charity revealed in biblical literature and church teachings.

Join us in honoring Mary Lou - on Zoom, Tuesday, October 20, for a special VIRTUAL gathering. Festivities will include a keynote address by Kimberly Mazyck from Catholic Charities USA, "Grab Your Knapsack - We have a House to Build," and annual Social Justice Awards. Program will begin at 7 pm. Registration is FREE for all but is required. To register or for more information, visit:

<http://www.catholicalsocialjustice.org/annual-dinnergathering.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

Hungry For More?

Are you a non Catholic, or a Catholic who was baptized only? Are you finding that satisfying your appetites doesn't satisfy your deepest hunger? Perhaps it's time to look more closely at this persistent desire for meaning that won't let itself be pushed away. St. Ann's RCIA team is a friendly, welcoming group of Catholics who love to help seekers explore a deeper relationship with God. Come spend some time with one of us, at your convenience. No pressure, no obligation; just conversation and an invitation to find what fills you up. Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com.

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.

We rise,
we heal, we
overcome
with Christ.

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 Oct. 7-14, 2020: \$3,501.00

The second collection next weekend:
Catholic Worker House

Managing Stress in These Turbulent Times

A Conversation with Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Thomas Finn

Private practitioner, and on staff at Franciscan Life Center, Meriden, CT

Host: Church of St. Ann, Avon, CT

Date: Monday, Oct. 26th

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Online, via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 813 9165 0593

Passcode: peace



We'll discuss:

- What's causing our stress
- Its effect on our psyche and spirit
- Strategies for coping

Submit your questions

for Dr. Finn **anonymously**
by Oct 20, here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WL2728D>

Contact: Ann DiStefano, Dir. Of Adult Faith Formation, ann.distefano@stannavon.com, (860) 673-9858, x228



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 21: Maintaining a good attitude
- October 28: Creating a career plan
- November 4: Networking during a pandemic
- November 11: Interviewing techniques on Zoom or Skype
- November 18: Creating balance in your life
- November 25: No meeting. Enjoy Thanksgiving with family & friends!

For more information contact: BrianJud@comcast.net

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3671572517>

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

Discerning Your Vote

With local and national elections coming up, please take a look at the helpful materials from the US Council of Catholic Bishops on our parish website: stannavon.org/faithful-citizenship. These resources will NOT tell you who to vote for, but rather, they will guide you in how to form your conscience so you can make your choices with greater clarity and peace.

Topics include:

- What Does it Mean to Form My Conscience
- Knowing Catholic Social Teaching is Key to Faithful Citizenship
- Fostering Civilized Dialogue
- A Prayer for the Election



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.

St Mary's Mission

Religious Articles Collection

St. Mary's Mission has been working with Catholic churches, Convents, Schools, etc., in helping find new homes for used Religious items that are no longer needed. Over the last few years, our mission work has successfully expanded, and we have recycled several items by donating them to those in need. We can take in just about anything of Religious nature, such as Crucifixes, Statues, Rosaries (also broken and damaged), Chalice, Altar Ware, Vestments, Tabernacles, Relics, Holy Medals, Linens, etc. Please do not throw anything out that may be questionable.

Please, no furniture type items or books at this time, if in question, please contact us. (717-381-5816)

St. Mary Mission will be in the area for pick ups the week of November 16th. If you have any religious items that you'd like to donate, please bring them to the Parish Office by Nov. 15th.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Chosen

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?

In life we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally.

When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

In the time of Jesus, a Roman coin bore the image of Caesar and it was precisely this coin that was returned to the emperor in the form of tax. What bears God's image? Scripture tells us that human beings are made in the likeness and image of God. In truth, however, all of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image of God! Everything radiates Divine Presence and the spark and essence of God's very life exists in all things. God breathes the life of Himself into all things. If we have to give back to civil authorities what speaks to them, then what do we give back to God? While the answer is simple, the implications are profound. We are asked to give back to God our very selves! Ultimately, all creation is in the process of returning to God and is on a journey of finding its final truth and essence in Him. As we continue that journey, all we have, all we are, all we see, and all we are responsible for must be offered back to Him. God is the beginning and the end of all things. Do our lives reflect this Divine

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I am the LORD, there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not. (Is 45:1, 5)

Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction. (1 Thes 1:1-5b)

Gospel:

At that Jesus said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21b)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of October 18, 2020

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/
Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/
Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/
Mt 22:34-40

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

St. Paul Catholic High School Open House

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 attend. 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.

The
safest
place
to be is
within
the will
of God

UPCOMING EVENTS AT:

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center Farmington, CT

Visit: ourladyofcalvary.net
for registration & more information



**Women's Retreats
at OLC**
Retreat Theme:
*All Around Us We Have
Known You*

Join us for a Women's Retreat like none other, unfolding, as it will, all within the span of a single day.



Liturgical Dance Workshop

This in-person workshop at Our Lady of Calvary on **October 21st from 7-9pm** will be conducted in adherence to all Covid-19 safety guidelines and is limited to 15 participants.



Spirituality and Art: Eaten by God

This in-person program at OLD on **October 28th from 9am—12pm** with Brother Michael Moran, CP is limited to 25 participants because of COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. If you are interested, register soon!



At Home 4-Day Guided Retreat on Zoom November 5-8

Entering the Silence Within-
An at-home 4-day guided retreat based on Sacred Scripture

- This will be a retreat made in the comfort of your own home
- Each day will begin with input based on Sacred Scripture
- Time for personal prayer and communal prayer
- Opportunity to meet individually with a facilitator/spiritual director.

*Directors: Sister Eileen Fucito, CP
Sister Joanne Fahey, CP*

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