



# Church of Saint Ann

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## BAPTISMS:

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.



32<sup>nd</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## 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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY, November 9**

9:00 Mary Harvell, requested by Kenna Daly

**TUESDAY, November 10**

9:00 Special Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, November 11**

9:00 Stanislaw Jasiewicz, requested by the Osiecki Family

**THURSDAY, November 12**

9:00 Special Intentions

**FRIDAY, November 13**

9:00 Special Intentions

**SATURDAY, November 14**

4:00 Henry Hojnowski, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

**SUNDAY, November 15**

7:30 Stephen Brighenti, requested by Paul and Constance Rotondo

9:30 Jean Tepley, requested by Paul and Constance Rotondo

11:00 Josefa & Antony Poprawa, requested by the Osiecki Family

## Turkey Express

Weekend of November 21/22, 2020

at Church of Saint Ann

Saturday: 3:30-5pm \* Sunday: 7am-12:30pm  
Look for the truck labeled "Turkey Express"

Please consider donating the following Thanksgiving dinner items for our Avon and Hartford neighbors:

1. Gift Cards to Stop & Shop or Big Y
2. Frozen Turkeys

Suggested Fixings:

stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce, fresh or canned vegetables, rice, small bag of potatoes &/or sweet potatoes, butter, cheddar cheese, fresh or canned fruit, juice, dinner rolls, brownie/cake mixes, frosting, gravy, mayonnaise...

**Our Parish Goal is 220 Turkeys and Lots of Fixings!**

Thank you for your generosity and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sponsored by our  
Social Justice Committee  
"Together We Serve All God's People"



# 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, November 9**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church  
**MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group:** 7:15pm in the church  
**Lectio Divina Live!:** 7:15pm via Zoom\*

**TUESDAY, November 10**

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

**WEDNESDAY, November 11**

**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, November 12**

**The Bible Timeline:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church (wear face masks/social distance)

**FRIDAY, November 13**

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

**SATURDAY, November 14**

**SUNDAY, November 15**

**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. We are hoping every household that is "able" to help, will decide to do so. 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!

(Extra pledge cards can be obtained in the Parish Office or by calling or e-mailing the Parish Office, 860-673-9858, ext. 221, kris.martino@stannavon.com)





## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

By the words of the priest, "This is my Body." "This is My Blood.", there is a change in the substance of the bread and wine. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. (The Council of Trent) Therefore, we receive NOT a symbol, but the LIVING Presence of Jesus. We know this because of Jesus' words in the Gospel of John 6:6, "I Myself am the living bread come down from Heaven." The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that, "The Eucharist is the LIVING heart of the Church."

**Reflection:** Jesus told St. Faustina, the saint of Divine Mercy, that after receiving Him in Holy Communion "People treat Me like a dead object." (The Diary of Saint Faustina) After receiving Holy Communion, do we treat Our Lord as a dead object or are we aware that the LIVING God is intimately present to us and within us? The Holy Eucharist is NOT a thing. It is the LIVING Person of Jesus the Christ.

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

## Dispensation from the Sunday Mass Obligation Extended Through Tuesday, February 16, 2021

From the Archdiocese of Hartford

***"In light of the recent increase in the coronavirus cases within the state of Connecticut and continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for all the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, which is the eve of Ash Wednesday.***

***The Archdiocese of Hartford continues to monitor the severity of the situation surrounding the pandemic and will provide updates regarding decisions reached for the Archdiocese as they are made."***

For the full statement go to: [archdioceseofhartford.org/further-extension-of-dispensation-from-Sunday-mass-obligation/](https://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/further-extension-of-dispensation-from-Sunday-mass-obligation/)

## 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](mailto: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.

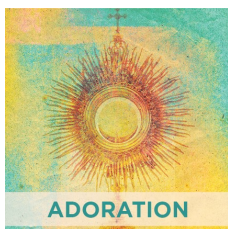


## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**November 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. 28-Nov. 4, 2020: \$3,481.00**

**The second collection next weekend:  
Campaign for Human Development**



**Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament is resuming on  
Mondays from 930 - 1030 a,  
which is after our  
Daily Mass at 9am**

## Thank You!

What a helpful, enlightening and even humorous conversation we had on **Managing Stress in These Tumultuous Times** with clinical psychologist Dr. Tom Finn, on Oct. 26. Thank you, participants, for your excellent questions; Fr. McHugh, for your leadership and prayers; and Deacon Tim, for your insights and for recommending Dr. Finn. Please visit <https://www.stannavon.org/special-events-1> for access to the video recording, Dr. Finn's slides, as well as additional resources for mental health support.



## 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 Feb. 16, 2021, 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](https://www.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.*



## 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:

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](mailto:BrianJud@comcast.net)

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

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



You can now watch **Fr. Cheah's** talk on  
**"The Asian-American Experience"**

on our website: [stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org)

by selecting "Fr. Cheah on Race"

under the COVID-19 tab on our home page

(direct link: <https://www.stannavon.org/fr-cheah-on-race>)

*Fr. Joe speaks about racism and racial micro aggressions experienced by Asian Americans historically and today.*

### 2020 Bereavement Mass:

*I am so sorry, but when I was combining lists for this Mass I made an error and accidentally a handful of names were accidentally left of the list that was read at last weekend's Bereavement Mass. Below is the list in its entirety. I have the names that were left off so if you attended the Mass and didn't hear your loved one's name please call me in the Parish Office so that I can at least schedule a Mass Intention on a date of your choosing for your loved one. Again, my sincerest apologies, Kris*

Lawrence Apuzzo

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Charlene Caveney

Arthur Chouinard

Raphael Constant

Dennis Corso

Julia DeMaio

Giles Desmond

Mary Ann & Richard Dillon

Monica Erickson

Carl Folia

Judy Folia

Steve Gaffney

Paul Galick

David Girardin

Lorraine Gontarski

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John Kilgore

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Nieves Mobilo

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Ryan Rogers

Marguerite Roy

Phyllis Solinsky

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### In Our Midst

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Do you consider yourself spiritually mature and awake? We can become a little presumptuous in the Christian life and even put a little too much stock in God's mercy. We foolishly believe that in the end, God is going to give everyone a passing grade and all will be well. Therefore, until that time comes, I can remain mediocre in my faith disciplines and put aside the effort needed to go from okay to excellent. We can be accomplished procrastinators! The meeting of God face-to-face either when we die or when Christ comes again, whichever comes first, is not going to be as casual as we may think. There is no earthly meeting in our experience that can even compare to what it will be like to meet God. To say that we are going to be caught up in awe is an understatement. But, there is something even more significant than that to consider: If we haven't learned how to be attentive, recognize, and long for the holy of holies in this life, what make us think we are going to recognize and desire it in the next? Pray for the wisdom to act prudently.

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

### Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

### Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

### Gospel:

"Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:11-13)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of November 8 2020

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/  
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13  
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/  
Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19  
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8  
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/  
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### Please join at The House of Bread's 35th Annual Hunger Banquet - Drive Thru

Wed., Nov. 18, 2020,  
from 12 noon to 1pm  
St. Patrick/St. Anthony Church  
parking lot  
285 Church Street, Hartford  
Cost is \$25 per person

You never have to leave your car; we'll bring the food (and other gifts) to you. You can pay when you arrive. RSVPs are encouraged and can be sent to [info@hobread.org](mailto:info@hobread.org).

If you can't make it and would like to donate, your donations can be mailed to The House of Bread at 1453 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120.



### 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), Chalices, 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.*

### Webinar: Responsible Consumption

On Nov. 19, 7:00 PM, The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will present "Responsible Consumption" as part of their webinar series: Examining the Teachings in Pope Francis' Encyclical "On Care for our Common Home". As Christians, we have an obligation to participate in society and to influence public policy, law, economics and politics to foster the well-being of all people, especially the poor and vulnerable, while being responsible stewards of creation. Presenter: Jennifer Schloat, Lead Teacher, St. Gabriel School, Windsor, CT For more information visit [www.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org)



The presenter, Jennifer Schloat, is a parishioner here at the Church of St. Ann! Please check out her presentation.



### New Cookbook from St. Patrick's in Farmington

The **Secrets from the Confessional and other culinary delights, Part 2** cookbooks are spectacular! They will be sold for \$35 each with all proceeds to go to the St. Patrick Church Addition. You can order one by calling St. Patrick's Parish Office at (860) 677-2639. You won't want to miss this - lots of culinary delights in here!

**COVID-19 RESOURCES:** VISIT: [www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus) for all Archdiocesan pandemic related updates

**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)



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**Saturday, October 24, 2020**  
St. Mary Cemetery - 1141 Stanley St. New Britain, CT  
All Saints Cemetery - 700 Middletown Ave. North Haven, CT  
Mt. Olivet Cemetery - 669 Platt Rd. Watertown, CT  
**Saturday, October 31, 2020**  
Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery - 1 Cottage Grove Rd. Bloomfield, CT  
St. Francis Cemetery - 863 South Main St. Torrington, CT  
Mt. St. Peter Cemetery - 219 New Haven Ave. Derby, CT  
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