



# Church of Saint Ann

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Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

## MARRIAGES

Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE & INSERTS

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 2pm on the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it published.

Also, please contact the office to obtain permission to insert fliers into the weekly bulletin.



## 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



**Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, King of  
the Universe**

## MONDAY, November 23

9:00 Sadie Klish, requested by  
Barbara and Gino Calderone

## TUESDAY, November 24

9:00 Elizabeth Ronkiewicz, requested by  
Ewa Sulewski

## WEDNESDAY, November 25

9:00 Roger Michaud, requested by  
Kenna Daly

## THURSDAY, November 26

9:00 Wojciech Krajewski, requested by  
Ewa Sulewski

## FRIDAY, November 27

9:00 Special Intentions

## SATURDAY, November 28

4:00 Michael Joseph Oleskewicz, requested  
by his loving family

## SUNDAY, November 29

7:30 Silvio Brighenti, requested by the family

9:30 Louise Davenport, requested by  
The Saxe Family

11:00 Wayne Randall, requested by  
Anne and Robert Yurch

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour

This Sunday, November 22nd

2:30-3:30pm in the church



Please join us for this powerful devotion!

## Thanksgiving Food Drive This Weekend!

**Turkeys, Fixings and Gift Cards (Stop & Shop/Big Y)**

Drop donations off at the Turkey Express truck in the St. Ann parking lot before and after Masses this weekend!



# 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### MONDAY, November 23

**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 24

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

### WEDNESDAY, November 25

**Wednesday Morning Study Group:** resumes next week  
**Unemployment Support:** 3-5pm via Zoom \*  
**Walking with Purpose:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### THURSDAY, November 26



### FRIDAY, November 27

**Advent Reflection Series:** resumes next week

### SATURDAY, November 28

### SUNDAY, November 29

**Advent Reflection Series:** resumes next week

**Masks & social distancing required at all times!**

\* Zoom Instructions 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!

(Pick up a pledge card in the Gathering Space or in the Parish Office or by calling or e-mailing the Parish Office, 860-673-9858, ext. 221, [kris.martino@stannavon.com](mailto:kris.martino@stannavon.com))





## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

When we eat our food, we assimilate the food and it becomes a part of us. When we worthily receive Jesus in Holy Communion, He assimilates us into Himself. We become what we consume.

We therefore become more Christ-like; more filled with the Holy Spirit. We share in the Divine Life of the Blessed Trinity through sanctifying grace. The Spiritual Life given to us in Baptism is sustained. We grow in our capacity for holiness. Venial sins are forgiven.

**Reflection:** "O Precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! ... here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift." Saint Thomas Aquinas (Opusculum 57, Feast of Corpus Christi)  
How can we ever thank Our Lord enough for this gift? How can we ever forego these graces offered to us at every Mass?

**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.

### Put stress aside this Advent and focus on HOPE!

# ADVENT

**Our Advent Reflection Series, "Jesus Will Be Home HOPE For Christmas," begins soon.**

Don't miss this 4-part program, where we will explore the HOPE that comes when we *Discover, Follow, Worship and Share Jesus*. This is part of our focus on The Kerygma (see below) this year, and its timely message of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- + Groups will meet online weekly via Zoom, for 90-minutes. (We'll walk you through Zoom - it's simple!)
- + You'll enjoy fellowship, prayer, music, video, reading and discussion; materials provided; no homework!
- Sundays, 10:30am (Nov 22, 29; Dec 6, 13)
- Mondays, 7:15pm (Nov 23, 30; Dec 7, 14)
- Fridays, 9:45am (Nov 20; Dec 4, 11, 18)

Contact Ann DiStefano to register : 860-673-9858, ext. 228  
[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:** not available due to early upload deadline  
**The second collection next weekend: none**

## Growing in Faith. Giving in Love 2020 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To the extent that you are not adversely affected financially by the pandemic, please respond to the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal as best you can. Any gift, no matter the size, is truly appreciated and can make a significant difference. Next weekend is Commitment Weekend, if you have not made your gift to the 2020 Appeal, please give prayerful consideration to including the Archbishop's Annual Appeal this year in your year end giving, as all gifts can be paid through December 31, 2020.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

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<https://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org/donations/>



## 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](http://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.*

## Thanksgiving PRAYER

*This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world. Let us pray...*

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother,  
 in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
 Amen.

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## 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 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))



## 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: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com) or 860-673-9858, x.228.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!  
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Titles and privileges, palaces and guards, banquets and benefits, servants and fine living, are all things earthly folks associate with kings and royalty. These have no place in Christ. To understand the kingdom of Christ and what it means to have Christ as our king, one must be willing and able to understand transformation, engagement and empowerment. To live in the kingship of Christ, we have to live deeply and contemplatively; allowing God to change not only how we act, but how we feel, think, and see. It is not an easy journey or one that is always welcomed. Sometimes, it is easier and safer to live as if Christ were our earthly king. It's a more black and white world. But the kingdom of Christ exists in a world of gray where the hungry, thirsty, those who are strangers, naked, ill, and imprisoned find a welcome home. It is a kingdom that doesn't always make sense, where the last are first and the weakest are most strong. World economics and secular philosophy doesn't like this kind of king. Maybe that is why they crucified him the first time and continue to. Whatever we do to the least of God's children, we do to God. Do you really want to inherit the kingdom?

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

As for you, my sheep, thus says the Lord God, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

### Second Reading:

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Cor 15:25-26)

### Gospel:

"He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" (Mt 25:33-34)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5  
[Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/  
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/  
Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
[4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

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## VIRTUAL ABC's OF ANNULMENT Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal Bloomfield

Father Nicholas P. Melo, Pastor of Christ the King Parish at 84 Somerset Street, Wethersfield, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar from the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, will host the first Virtual "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday of December 5, from 10-11 AM on Zoom. An updating of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as updates made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be discussed by Br. Larry Lussier CSC and Jim Tottenham, the Annulment Team. Included will be a complete review of the Archdiocesan Application Form or Petition. The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all. Registration is required so that we can email the details of the meeting. • Potential applicants need to download the application form from the Archdiocesan Website by clicking here (also available in Spanish here). • After the workshop, participants can sign up for one-on-one virtual assistance at their convenience with Br. Larry Lussier, at 475-221-8464, or James Tottenham, at 203-859- 4195.

For further information call Br. Larry at 475-221-8464 or email him at [larlus300@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larlus300@sbcglobal.net).



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## St. Mary's Mission (Lancaster, PA) Religious Articles Collection \*\*\* Deadline Extended \*\*\*

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

If you have any religious items that you'd like to donate, please bring them to the St. Ann Parish Office by December 4th. St. Mary Mission will be in our area for pick ups the week of December 7th.

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.

## The Spirit of the Franciscan Christmas Fair November 21-December 20, 2020

This year, because of the pandemic, our Franciscan Christmas Fair, benefitting the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care will be online. We invite you to join us for *The Spirit of the Franciscan Christmas Fair* November 21 - December 20, 2020. We will be recapturing the spirit of our Living Crèche from past years, selling fair items online including Christmas trees, wreaths, centerpieces, pottery, handmade miniature reindeer, handmade candles, Merry Miscellaneous items, Holy Land pieces and more. There is a Basket Raffle and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be live from the North Pole. Please join us in supporting *The Spirit of the Franciscan Christmas Fair* by visiting [franciscanchristmasfair.org](http://franciscanchristmasfair.org).

**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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### Open House Specials!!

Please visit our cemeteries during our Fall Open House Program. Stop in and speak with our Family Service Advisors from 9 AM to 2 PM, get a tour of the park and take advantage of our Open House Special Offers just for those who visit during the following schedule:

#### Saturday, October 24, 2020

St. Mary Cemetery - 1141 Stanley St. New Britain, CT  
All Saints Cemetery - 700 Middleton Ave. North Haven, CT  
Mt. Olivet Cemetery - 669 Platt Rd. Waterbury, 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  
St. Lawrence Cemetery - 280 Derby Ave. West Haven, CT

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