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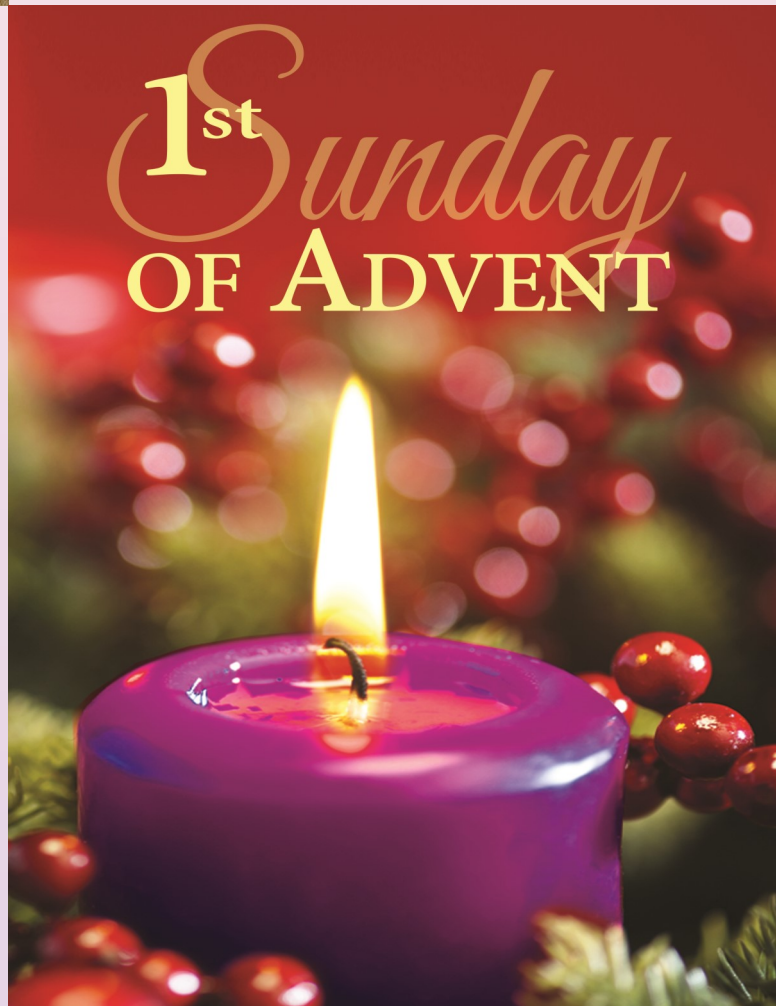
## MARRIAGES

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



## First Sunday of Advent

### MONDAY, November 30

9:00 **Special Intention**, requested by  
Dianne Simpson

### TUESDAY, December 1

9:00 **Kurt Beger**, requested by  
the Savarese Family

### WEDNESDAY, December 2

9:00 **Radek Kazmierczak**, requested by  
the Osiecki Family

### THURSDAY, December 3

9:00 **Marion Zalenski**, requested by  
the ZuWallack Family

### FRIDAY, December 4

9:00 **Anthony Trouern-Trend**, requested by  
Kenna Daly

### SATURDAY, December 5

4:00 **Derek Stockwell**, requested by the family

### SUNDAY, December 6

7:30 **Special Intentions**

9:30 **Jean Tepley**, requested by Pat Wall

11:00 **Zenaida B. Quiambao**, requested by  
Numer and Ethel deGuia



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 30

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church  
**MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group:** 7:15pm in the church  
**Advent Reflection Series:** 7:15pm via Zoom\*

### TUESDAY, December 1

**Walking with Purpose:** 10am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**Christmas Tree Lighting:** 7pm on the front lawn  
**RCIA:** 7:15pm in the Activity Room

### WEDNESDAY, December 2

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

### THURSDAY, December 3

**The Bible Timeline:** 9:30am in F.B. Hall  
**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

### FRIDAY, December 4

**Advent Reflection Series:** 9:45am via Zoom\*  
**Drive Through Clothing Donation:** 3-5pm in the parking lot

### SATURDAY, December 5

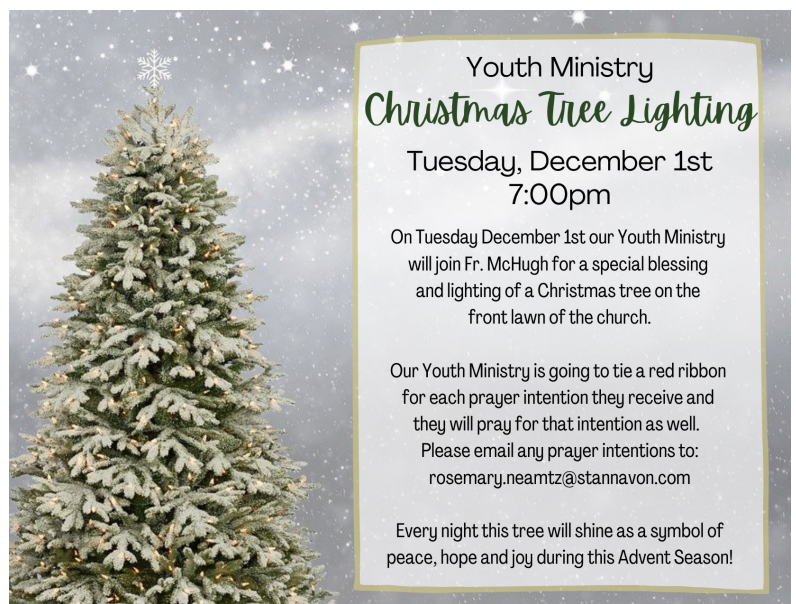
**Art in the Outdoors:** 2-5pm in the parking lot

### SUNDAY, December 6

**Advent Reflection Series:** 10:30am via Zoom\*

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

\* Zoom Instructions are on our website, under the COVID-19 tab.





## 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.**

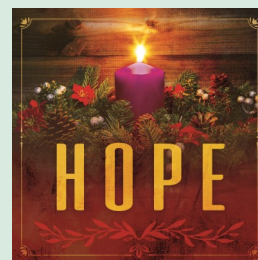
Don't miss this 4-part program, where we will explore the HOPE that comes when we *Discover, Follow, Worship and Share Jesus*. This is part of our focus on The Kerygma (see below) this year, and its timely message of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- + 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

### 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.



**The Holy Eucharist**  
*DID YOU KNOW?*

The Holy Eucharist is the central pillar of the Catholic Faith. St. John Paul II wrote, "The Eucharistic Sacrifice is a single sacrifice that embraces everything. It is the greatest treasure of the Church: an inexpressible gift." We should always be aware of WHOM we are receiving when we approach Holy Communion. We should not be passive, but have an ardent and true desire for union with Jesus. The greater our desire for intimacy with Our Lord, the greater the graces that we shall be open to receive. Recall that Our Lord gives us His all in this Sacrament of His Divine Love.

### Reflection:

When Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed to her His Sacred Heart, he said, "Behold the Heart which has so loved humankind and which is so little loved in return." Our prayer time after the reception of Holy Communion is precious, intimate, one on one time with Our Lord. We should cherish those minutes.

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



### "Drive-Through" Clothing Collection for ImmaCare Shelter Friday, December 4th from 3-5pm St. Ann Parking Lot



There will be a "Drive-Through" Clothing Collection for ImmaCare scheduled for Friday, December 4, from 3-5 in the St. Ann's parking lot. The shelter is not yet open so our St. Ann's ImmaCare ministry cannot yet serve meals. There is, however, an anticipated critical shortage of warm clothing items this winter which is why we are teaming up with the Avon High School staff (as they did for the highly successful ImmaCare Food Drive in May), this time to collect new socks, gloves, hats, scarves, and tee shirts for men, women and children. We will also collect "gently used" coats, sweatshirts, and sweaters. It will be done safely-masks and social distancing- and no need to even get out of your car! Hope to see you then!



**Archbishop Blair Has Extended the Dispensation  
from the Sunday Mass Obligation Through  
Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

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

## 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: Avon Special Needs**



### New This Year: Make Your Christmas Donation to St. Ann By Credit Card! No Sign-Ups Necessary

If you would like to make a donation to St. Ann for Christmas using a credit card or your bank account by using the following web address. There's no need to sign up for online giving as this is a direct donation to our Christmas Collection! Thank You!

[www.osvonlinegiving.com/230/DirectDonate/4294](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/230/DirectDonate/4294)

## 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. **This 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.

Donate online via the button on our website's homepage or directly go to:

<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.*

## Annual Poinsettia Sale



Our annual poinsettia sale will still take place this year although a bit differently due to the pandemic. Forms will be available in the Gathering Space or can be downloaded from our website ([stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org) – look under Advent 2020 tab). Place your forms and payment in a sealed envelope, marked "Poinsettia Sale" and then either drop into an Offertory baskets at church or drop off at the Parish Office. You may also mail it to the church.

### New This Year!

If you'd like to pay by credit card or via your bank account you can do so using the link on our website at:

[stannavon.org/poinsettia-plant-sale](http://stannavon.org/poinsettia-plant-sale)

This is a singular form/payment, no need to sign up for Online Giving.

#### NOTE:

Forms must be received no later than Wednesday, December 16th for you loved ones' names to be included in the December 27th bulletin.



## Annual Parish Collection

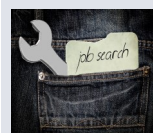
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We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our **2020 Annual Parish Collection**. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. We are hoping every household that is "able" to 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!

(You can 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))



## 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:

**Dec 2: Interviewing techniques on Zoom or Skype (Part Two)**

**Dec 9: Networking for Introverts**

**Dec 16: Career Planning for an Uncertain Future**

**Dec 23 & 30: No meeting**

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))



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### In the Unexpected

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming, and even Christ's coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit! ©LPi

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19b)

### Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

### Second Reading:

God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor 1:9)

### Gospel:

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." (Mk 13:35)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

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  
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/  
2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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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/)
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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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