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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.

# Church of Saint Ann

289 Arch Road \* Avon, Connecticut \* 06001

860-673-9858

Rev. John W. McHugh, Ph.D., Pastor www.stannavon.org



### 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

December 13, 2020



Third Sunday of Advent



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, December 14

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 15

*Walking with Purpose*: will resume January 5, 2021 **RCIA:** 7:15pm in the Activity Room

#### WEDNESDAY, December 16

Wednesday Morning Study Group: resumes in January Unemployment Support: 3-5pm via Zoom \* Walking with Purpose: will resume January 6, 2021

THURSDAY, December 17

*The Bible Timeline*: resumes in January **Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, December 18 Advent Reflection Series: 9:45amvia Zoom\*

### SATURDAY, December 19

<u>SUNDAY, December 20</u> Advent Reflection Series: 10:30am via Zoom\* Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church

<u>Masks & social distancing required at all times!</u> \* Zoom Instructions are on our website, under the COVID-19 tab.

# Annual Toy/Gift Collection

Weekend of December 19/20, 2020

#### Option 1:

Take one or more paper Christmas gift requests from the panel in the Gathering Space or side entrance. Purchase gift, wrap in Christmas paper and securely tape the identifying tag to the gift. Recipients will be children and families at Family Life Education, Catholic Worker House and Catholic Charities Refugee Families.

### Option 2:

Purchase one or more gifts (please, no war games) **DO NOT WRAP.** Recipients will be children in Avon & Hartford.

### Drop Off:

Please place gifts on tables at far end of Fr. Bennett Hall the weekend of December 19-20. **If you are going away:** Please leave gifts on tables at far end of Fr. Bennett Hall.

> God Bless You For Your Generosity Sponsored by St. Ann's Social Justice Ministry

#### MONDAY, December 14

9:00 Anna ZuWallack, requested by The ZuWallack Family

#### **TUESDAY**, December 15

**9:00** Bill and Terry Roderick, requested by Pat and Tom Heavren

WEDNESDAY, December 16

**9:00 Hyong-Seok Kim**, requested by his daughter

**THURSDAY, December 17 9:00 Peter Leto**, *requested by the Yu Family* 

FRIDAY, December 18

**9:00** Donald Kubik (3rd Ann.), requested by his wife, Ruth and family

#### SATURDAY, December 19

4:00 David F. Peter, requested by the Suski Family

#### SUNDAY, December 20

- 7:30 Donald King, requested by the King Family
- 9:30 Terry Tromza requested by Mary Jane Jeter
- **11:00** Nancy Boyd-Martin, requested by the Mascoli Family

### Fill the Truck!



The **Knights of Columbus** will be conduction a Food Drive on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Avon Food Pantry. The truck will be parked in the parking lot at St. Ann's from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on Saturday, and from 8:00am to 12:00 pm on Sunday. At this time of year we want to try to help our neighbors through these trying times.

Some suggestions for items that are needed are listed below. Our goal is to fill the truck, anything you can do to help out is greatly appreciated!

Personal Care items (Bath/ Shower soap, Toothpaste/toothbrushes, Shampoo/ conditioner, Deodorant, Toilet Paper) Laundry Detergent Dish Soap Canned Tuna / Chicken Coffee Crackers Cookies Condiments (Mustard, Relish, May, Ketchup) Sugar Flour Canned Fruit Fruit Juice Baked Beans Cake/ Brownie Mix Bottled Water



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIUS XII COUNCIL 4376 - AVON

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

We have many offerings to keep you connected and enriched during social distancing! Please visit: <u>https://www.stannavon.org/spiritual-enrichment-during-covid-19-crisis</u> for instructions on using Zoom and for links to access our Zoom video meetings.

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

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)

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 γου ΚΝΟΨ?

The first millennial Blessed was added to the calendar of saints in October. Carlos Acutis was a young teen with a passionate love of the Holy Eucharist. He was a computer buff and enjoyed playing video games. He cataloged all of the Eucharistic Miracles and Marian Apparitions on the World Wide Web. He was an avid devotee of daily Mass and Holy Communion. He converted his parents, who were lapsed Catholics, as well as his young friends by bringing them along with him to daily Mass. Blessed Carlos said, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." He also said, "The more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."

**<u>Reflection</u>**: Consider what a wonderful example Blessed Carlos is for our youth, as well as for all of us. Carlos also said, "When we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints." This young lover of Jesus Eucharistic died of acute leukemia at age 15. Can we begin to emulate his wisdom regarding the importance of the Blessed Sacrament in our lives?

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

Are you hungry for meaning. purpose & community or simply looking for something more in your life?

Exploring a relationship with God through the Catholic faith could help. We'd love to talk with you about it via phone or Zoom. No pressure, just friendly, open conversation, one-on-one.

> Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

### Calling all St. Ann Fitness, Dance and Yoga Instructors

Contact Ann DiStefano to register : 860-673-9858, ext. 228

ann.distefano@stannavon.com

We'd love your help with a special, new series for St. Ann's YouTube channel. "Moved by the Music" will feature short videos of gentle practices/routines, set to inspiring music, to help stir people's souls and move their bodies! (Christmas music for now, other music for later – we have the approved public domain playlist for you). Please contact Ann ASAP to learn more: <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u>.





### WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**December 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 (Dec. 2-8): \$ 3,656 The second collection next weekend: monthly

JESUS IS BORN

### 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

### **Gift Ideas**

### Still have shopping to finish for special people on your list?

Due to the pandemic, the Scholarship Committee has been unable to have their large sales (clothing, books etc) which means a shortage of funds to award scholarships to deserving city students attending Catholic High Schools. This year, why not consider a donation in someone's honor to the St. Ann Scholarship Fund. You will check

people off your list and help a young person with a partial tuition support scholarship. If you'd like to pay online, there is a link on the St. Ann website (*choose Scholarship Committee under the Ministries tab*). You can also write a check to St. Ann Scholarship Fund and send it to Church of St. Ann, Att: Jennifer Soucy, 289 Arch Road, Avon, CT 06001. Thanks so much for helping to keep the scholarship program going!



### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Next Sunday, December 20th

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church



Because it's Advent the recitation of the Rosary will follow as we ask Our Lady to intercede for us to her infant son, the Prince of Peace.

### Attention: Women of St.Ann

During these months of isolation and separation, we have felt a longing to gather as a community, and for a sense of "normalcy" in our lives. Please join us

on our journey of reconnection by participating in "Together We Rise", the Women's Retreat for 2021. The retreat

experience will be offered <u>Online</u>, presented by the Holy Family Retreat Team on Saturday, January 9, 2021 or Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are unable to make either day, please see consult the HF Website: <u>info@holyfamilyretreat.org</u>

for additional dates. For questions call; Eileen DiMauro at (860) 675-4330 or Jacquie Warren at (860) 673-6761, or Holy Family Retreat Center at (860) 521-0440.

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### 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 – 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 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 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!

(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)



### **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:

Dec16: Career Planning for an Uncertain Future Dec 23 & 30: No meeting

For more information contact: BrianJud@comcast.net Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/3671572517 (Zoom tutorial at: www.stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial) as of 12/8/2020

# 2020 **Christmas Mass Schedule**

# Christmas Eve

1pm, 3pm, 5pm & 8pm

Christmas

8am & 10am

Fr. McHugh plans to have a videotaped Christmas Mass available to watch on our website & YouTube channel.

## **Reservations are Required!** Limited Seating is Available

You may sign up for a Christmas Mass beginning at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 16th via our website: stannavon.org. Please sign up online! If you don't have internet access you may call the Parish Office by noon on December 22nd at 860-673-9858, ext. 221. Please leave your name, phone number, Mass you'd like to attend and the number of people attending in your family. We understand that this is going to be a challenging Christmas season due to the pandemic, so we pray that you will help us keep yourself and your fellow parishioners safe by following our sign up procedure and safety requirements! Our deepest gratitude!

### As Mandated by the Archdiocese of Hartford:

- Masks are to be worn, covering nose & mouth at all times, except when consuming the host.
- Remain at least 6 feet away from those who do not live in your household at all times.
- Follow all Connecticut state COVID requirements regarding quarantine and travel.

love your neighbour as yourself" - Leviticus 19.18

### THE BULLETIN BOARD

# 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. 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.

### OUR LADY OF CALVARY

OLC Christmas Eve Celebration on Zoom December 24 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Free



You <u>are invited</u> to join the OLC Retreat Team on Zoom for a special Christmas Eve celebration featuring music, prayer, reflection and sharing.

We will gather for one hour on Christmas Eve morning to pray, reflect and share. <u>Don't</u> miss this opportunity to connect with friends.

We hope that you will join us for our first ever OLC Christmas Eve celebration.

### Visit: ourladyofcalvary.net for more information & to register

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### Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas Raffle Online: November 8<sup>th</sup> to December 21<sup>st</sup> https://e.givesmart.com/events/jfx/

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we are holding this Christmas Raffle event online only. As we strive to keep our Residents, Sisters & Staff safe. This also allows anyone and everyone to participate. Items Won will need to be PICKED UP here at 1365 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082

We have not been able to have many fundraisers due to the Pandemic. The first time we used this site was for our Golf Tournament in September and it was received very well. So many people like the contactless aspect of doing our Raffles & Auctions online. And many who could not attend the Golf Tournament were able to participate as well.

The Sisters have not been able to go out on the weekends to visit all the local Churches to get donations. And as we continue to keep the home as safe as we can, we have missed out on at least 8 Fundraisers we would typically have INSIDE the home.

We hope everyone stays safe & Healthy throughout these winter months. Have a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

Because all purchases are contactless and must be made with a credit card, all participants must be over the age of 21!

### 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



