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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.

4th Sunday OF ADVENT



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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

MONDAY, December 21

9:00 James Coleman Snyder, Jr., requested by Dianne Simpson

TUESDAY, December 22

9:00 Thomas Penzone (4th Ann), requested by Roseanne Harutunian

WEDNESDAY, December 23

9:00 Camille & Peter Angelina and Michael Nay, requested by the family

THURSDAY, December 24, Christmas Eve

1:00 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
 3:00 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
 5:00 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
 8:00 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated

FRIDAY, December 25, Christmas

8:00 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
 10:00 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated

SATURDAY, December 26

4:00 Special Intentions

SUNDAY, December 27

7:30 Special Intentions
 9:30 Mary Dillon, requested by Johanna LaVia
 11:00 Gioakim Quynh Nguyen, requested by the family

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, December 21

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 22

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

WEDNESDAY, December 23

Wednesday Morning Study Group: resumes in January
 Unemployment Support: resumes in January
 Walking with Purpose: will resume January 6, 2021

THURSDAY, December 24

The Bible Timeline: resumes in January
 Holy Hour: resumes after the holiday

FRIDAY, December 25, Christmas

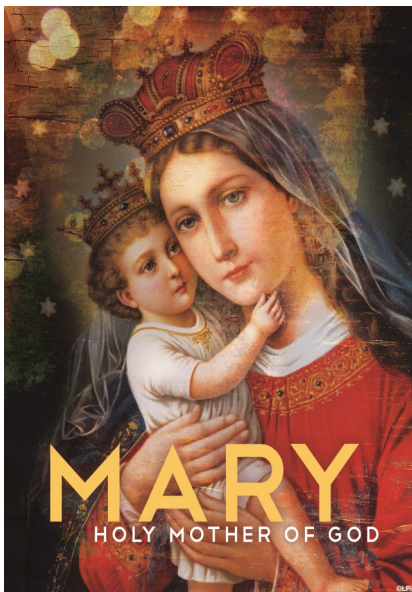
Merry Christmas!

SATURDAY, December 26

SUNDAY, December 27

Masks & social distancing required at all times!

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



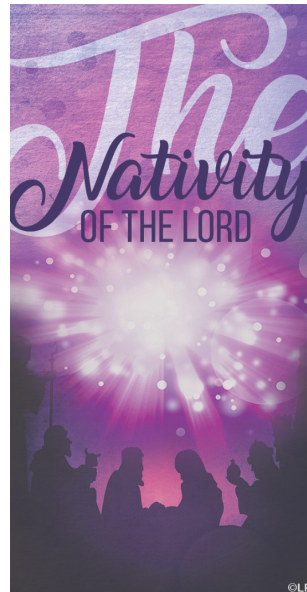
January 1, 2021
 Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Masses:

Thursday, December 31st
 4:00 pm

Friday, January 1st
 8:00 am
 10:00 am

There is currently a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in the Archdiocese of Hartford.



New This Year:
 You Can Now Make a Christmas Donation to St. Ann by Credit Card! No Signing Up Necessary.

If you would like to make a donation to St. Ann for Christmas using a credit card or your bank account please use 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!

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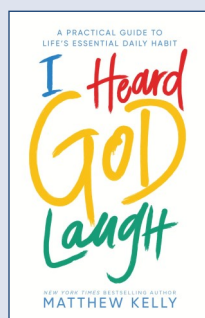
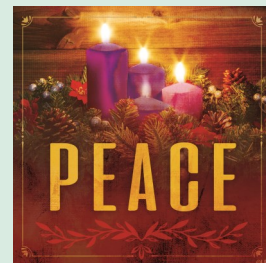
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.

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.



A Gift for You!

Along with his warmest wishes, Father McHugh is giving parish households Matthew Kelly's new book, *I Heard God Laugh*, for Christmas. Copies are available in the Gathering Space, or by contacting the Adult Enrichment office – ann.distefano@stannavon.com, (860) 673-9858, x228.

Please enjoy the book, and then pass it along to someone who could use a boost.

We'll gather for a book discussion online via Zoom Tuesday, January 19th at 1pm or 7pm. Contact Ann, above, to register.



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

As Catholics we welcome with joy the Incarnation of the Infant Jesus on Christmas Day. Because Jesus took on our human nature in the womb of the Blessed Mother, He was able to leave us His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. As a result, the Church teaches us that at every Mass, we experience "The foretaste and the promise of the Pascal feast of Heaven."

If you would like to see a cinematic reveal of what actually happens during Mass (i.e. the transcendent reality) of what some of the saints and mystics experienced during Mass, please take a couple of minutes to view "*The Veil Removed*" on YouTube. May this brief film inspire you to a greater love and appreciation of the gift of the Holy Mass. Christmas blessings and joy to you and your loved ones!

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:

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Calling all St. Ann Fitness, Dance and Yoga Instructors

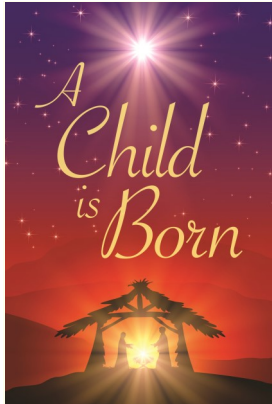


We'd love your help with a special, new series for St. Ann's YouTube channel. "Moved by the Music" will feature short videos of gentle practices/routines, set to inspiring music, to help stir people's souls and move their bodies! (Christmas music for now, other music for later – we have the approved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

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. 9-14): \$ 2,245.00
The second collection next weekend: none



The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

-LPI

Fill the Truck!

This Weekend, December 19/20

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. Our goal is to fill the truck, anything you can do to help out is greatly appreciated! (non-perishable food items and personal care items) Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus



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 Online, 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: info@holyfamilyretreat.org 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.

Annual Toy/Gift Collection

This Weekend!

December 19/20, 2020

Drop Off Information:

Please place gifts on tables at far end of Fr. Bennett Hall this weekend.

God Bless You For Your Generosity

Sponsored by St. Ann's Social Justice Ministry



Divine Mercy Holy Hour



**This 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.

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)

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, Attn: Jennifer Soucy, 289 Arch Road, Avon, CT 06001. Thanks so much for helping to keep the scholarship program going!



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 are invited 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. Don't 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**

-Lpi



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/
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Saturday, October 24, 2020

St. Mary Cemetery - 1141 Stanley St. New Britain, CT
All Saint's 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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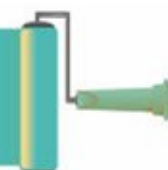
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