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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

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

UNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27

MASS SCHEDULE:

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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

January 31,2021



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 1 9:00 Dr. Carl Folia, requested by the family

TUESDAY, February 2

9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth, requested by Judith Stafford and David Woolley

WEDNESDAY, February 3

9:00 In gratitude for the blessings bestowed on the Crawford Family (Living)

THURSDAY, February 4

9:00 For the intentions of Adeline Savoia (Living), requested by Ewa Sulewski

FRIDAY, February 5 9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, February 6 4:00 Elsie Daly, requested by Kenna Daly

SUNDAY, February 7

- 7:30 Lewis Affleder, requested by Anne Affelder and the Gould Family
- **9:30** Claire Galiette (3rd Ann.), requested by the family
- **11:00** Michael Joseph Oleskewicz (1st Ann.), requested by his loving family

ADULTS: were you baptized and received First Communion, but were **never Confirmed?**

We have a special program just for you!

St. Ann Spring 2021 Adult Confirmation Prep Program

- + Thursday nights, 7pm
- + 9 weeks, beginning Feb 18th
- + via Zoom
- + Leader: Deacon Jeff Sutherland
- Please register with Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com, 860-673-9858, x228

The Confirmation ceremony will take place in May here at St. Ann's.





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, February 1

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

TUESDAY, February 2

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom RCIA: 7:15pm in the Activity Room

WEDNESDAY, February 3

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, February 4

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

FRIDAY, February 5 Lectio Divina Live!: 9:45am -via Zoom*

SATURDAY, February 6

SUNDAY, February 7

Lectio Divina Livel: 10:30am -via Zoom*

Face masks & social distancing required at all times! * Zoom Instructions are on our website, under the COVID-19 tab.

Join in the fun!

This year we are collecting homemade valentine's day cards for Connecticut Children's Medical Center frontline healthcare workers.

Cards can be dropped off outside the Faith Formation Office. Deadline for donations is Sunday February 7th.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We have many offerings to keep you connected and enriched during social distancing! Please visit: <u>stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial</u> 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.



Understand God's love for you Embrace Jesus' relationship with you Receive the help of the Spirit to live better

RSVP by Feb 5 to: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Week of Feb. 14 -Week of Mar. 21 Cost: \$10 Checks payable to Church of St. Ann Sundays, 10:30am Mondays, 7:15pm Fridays, 9:45am via Zoom small groups



The Holy Eucharist DID γου KNOW?

"To grow, you must adore." These are the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta. One of the things which we owe God is "LATRIA". This Latin word means that we owe God worship and praise. We need to adore Him. God does not need our adoration, worship or praise. However, we need to worship, adore and praise God. When we do this, we grow. The Holy Spirit is able to fill us with a greater abundance of God's love, grace and peace. We become more open to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to bring God's love to the world.

<u>Reflection:</u> What greater gift could Jesus give us than to remain with us in the Blessed Sacrament? He remains with us in profound humility under the visible form of the little, white consecrated Host. He totally gives Himself to us in the Blessed Sacrament to become our corporal and spiritual nourishment.

Bishop Robert Barron posed an interesting question recently. He asked, "If you have been away from reception of Holy Communion due to Covid-19, do you notice a difference in yourself?"

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



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Giving: \$8,418.00

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 (Jan 20-27,2021): \$3,031.00 Next Weekend's Second Collection: Snow Removal

Do You Know Anyone Who Could Use the Comfort of a Prayer Shawl?



St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available! If you know of someone who is going through an illness or time of need and feel a prayer shawl will lift their spirits or provide comfort, please contact Tina Dibble, 860-674-1541, to pick one up. In addition, we have a few lap robes, which are ideally suited for someone who is wheelchair bound.



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

How You Can Help the St. Ann Scholarship Fund

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!



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:

Feb 3:	Control
Feb 10:	Commitment
Feb 17:	Confidence
Feb 24:	Courage
Mar 3:	Creativity
Mar 10:	Competition
Mar 17:	Concentration

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

> Ladies, Start the New Year with a Weekly Oasis of Peace and Fellowship while Strengthening Your Relationship with Jesus!

The Walking With Purpose Study "Opening Your Heart" is currently underway. As we Start up for the New Year, you are welcome to join us at any time.

Each Session can stand alone, and the fellowship has already proven to be a valuable Oasis of Peace for participants!

We look forward to welcoming you into one of our groups, either Tuesday morning via zoom or Wednesday evening socially distanced in Father Bennett Hall

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JANUARY 31, 2021 – 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done - or have not done - with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it - I'm sure the demoniac never did.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

Gospel:

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
	2:22-32
Wednesday	: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/
	Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11
	[cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/
-	Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/	
	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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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.



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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2020

January 13, 2021

Reverend John W. McHugh Saint Ann Parish 289 Arch Road Avon, CT 06001

Dear Father McHugh,

I would like to congratulate and thank you and the parishioners of Saint Ann Parish for your generous support of the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. By exceeding its 2020 goal, the parish has responded to the call of *Growing in Faith, Giving in Love* in a very gratifying way.

As always, the success of the Appeal depends in large part on the effort, enthusiasm, and commitment of the Pastor. So I commend you for your leadership and all that you do to present the Appeal in a positive light and to engage your parishioners in bringing the Appeal to a successful conclusion, especially amid all the challenges posed by the pandemic.

I know that you will continue to help others to see that by supporting the Archbishop's Annual Appeal they are serving Christ Himself through the many ministries, charities and spiritual works that benefit so many throughout the Archdiocese.

Please communicate my heartfelt gratitude to your parishioners for their generous response, and be assured of my prayers and best wishes for you and for everyone at Saint Ann Parish. May you be richly blessed in 2021!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair Archbishop of Hartford

Rooted in Faith, Opening Wide Our Hearts Wednesday, Feb. 3, 7:00 PM (Webinar)

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford will continue its conference series with An Interfaith Panel: The 3 Amigos Speak about Race. Monsignor Joseph Donnelly of Sacred Heart Church in Southbury, Imam Gazmend Aga of the Albanian American Muslim Community in Waterbury and Rabbi Eric Polokoff of B'nai Israel in Southbury are affectionately known as "The Three Amigos". The panel will discuss racism/racial relations from the perspective of their three religious traditions. Each faith leader will then talk about how their interfaith discussions have impacted them personally, and from the point of view of its impact on their congregations. **The Webinar is free; advanced registration is required and available at:** when catholic contractive the section of th

available at: www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-ourhearts.html



Catholic Cemeteries Association OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD, INC. All Saints Cemetery-Corporate Office Website: <u>www.ccacem.org</u> Barbara Gode, Outreach Coordinator 203 780-8418

Mark your calendar! Join us as we embark on a NEW Lenten Journey...

The Way of the Cross

Join us as we pray, reflect and walk the Way of the Cross during Lent.

Our Lenten Walk will begin at 3:00 pm (the hour of Mercy) and will take place every other Tuesday:

February 16th (Tuesday the week Lent begins)

March 2nd March 16th

March 30th

All are welcome to meet by the Mausoleum main entrance at **All Saints Cemetery** in North Haven located at 700 Middletown Ave. Weather permitting, we will be walkling outside. Please dress accordingly for this event.

Programs with prayers and meditations will be provided.

We will follow CDC guidelines to ensure a safe environment for all. We encourage proper distancing as we walk. Our Coordinator, will be using an amplifer for your convenience. Masks are encouraged, but not necessary outdoors. Masks will not be provided. NOTE: Be sure to check our website often for

any changes to this event schedule.





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