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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

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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

February 7,2021





MONDAY, February 8

9:00 Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy, requested by the Parish of St. Ann

- TUESDAY, February 9
- **9:00** Frances E. Droste, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, February 10

9:00 Valeria & Warren Miller, requested by Dorothy and Ron Miller

THURSDAY, February 11

9:00 For the intentions of Ellen Lamothe & Family (Living), requested by Judy Stafford

FRIDAY, February 12

9:00 David Miller, requested by Dorothy and Ron Miller

SATURDAY, February 13

4:00 Anna Dlugolecki, requested by Faith Weiss

SUNDAY, February 14

- 7:30 Edmund & Caroline Sikora, requested by Nancy & Raymond Sikora
- **9:30** Raymond Griffin, requested by a friend
- 11:00 Fr. William P. Welsh (1st Ann.) requested

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 8

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 9

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

WEDNESDAY, February 10

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 11

The Bible Timeline: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall & via Zoom **Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, February 12 Lectio Divina Live!: 9:45am -via Zoom*

SATURDAY, February 13

SUNDAY, February 14

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.

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Archbishop Blair Has Extended the Dispensationfrom the Obligation to Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through Sunday, May 23, 2021

(Full statement can be found on the Archdiocese of Hartford's website)

Important Ash Wednesday Information

We will be requiring sign-ups for Ash Wednesday similar to Christmas.

More information will be available in next weekend's bulletin, e-news & social media, including date/time the sign-up will "go live". The Ash Wednesday Schedule will be: Masses at 9am, 12:10pm and a Prayer service at 5:30pm.

Adult Faith Formation

We have many offerings to keep you connected and enriched during social distancing! Please visit: stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial 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.
- When we make unloving choices (sin) we damage our relationship with God/self/others. 2)
- 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



Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

St. Augustine states that "Jesus took His flesh from the flesh of Mary." Without Our Blessed Mother's "yes" to the invitation to become the Mother of Jesus, the Holy Eucharist would not be possible. When she consented, the Holy Spirit overshadowed her and the Infant Jesus was conceived in her womb. The Baby Jesus is therefore "flesh of her flesh". Because of this, we are now able to touch the Divinity of Christ through Our Lady in the Incarnation of Our Lord.

Reflection: The Holy Eucharist is the continuation of the Incarnation among us. We owe Our Lady a great debt of gratitude. Devotion to Our Lady should be an integral part of our prayer life. She is our Mother in the order of grace and will always assist us to receive Our Lord reverently and with grateful praise and thanksgiving. St. Louis Marie de Montfort taught that the surest way to Heaven is to Jesus through Mary.

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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Giving: \$3,242.00

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 27-Feb 3,2021): \$3,592.00 Next Weekend's Second Collection: *none*



Get Daily Inspiration This Lent

This year's "Best Lent Ever" program from Matthew Kelly/ Dynamic Catholic will be focused

on the book gifted to you at Christmas, *"I Heard God Laugh!"* Each day of Lent, you can receive an email featuring a brief inspirational message/video reflecting on a portion of the book.

To sign up, visit: <u>https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/</u> <u>lent/best-lent-ever.html</u>

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Diaper & Wipe Collection



God so loved the world that He gave us His only son. He gave him to us as a pre-born child that dwelled for nine months in the womb of his mother Mary. What a beautiful plan for the beginning of life.

Yet the tragedy of abortion robs children of this gift. Approximately 62 million babies were lost to abortion since Roe v. Wade and according to the WHO (World Health Organization) an estimated 500,000 in the U.S. in the first weeks of January 2021.

As followers of Christ we can advance the Culture of Life by supporting Mom's in Need. Please take the time to read a brief article on "Living the Gospel of Life" entitled "Serving Mom's in Need" by the USCCB, which can be found on our website under Ministries/Pro-Life.

It is the backdrop for our Pro-Life Ministry St. Valentine's Day Outreach to Two Hearts Pregnancy Crisis Center in Torrington. COVID has caused a lack of funding and more mom's seeking help from this amazing resource center.

Let's make a huge difference by donating diapers and wipes. We can't give hugs with our arms right now but give Huggies and Luvs (we will take any brand) are "hugs" from the heart! They can be left in the baby boxes found in the Gathering Space until Sunday, February 14th but we will accept them until February 21st.

Thank you in advance for your gifts from the heart! -St. Ann's Pro-Life Ministry



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 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

RSVP to Andrea at andreapizzuti333@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 7, 2021 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises. ©LPi

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it. (1 Cor 9:22-23)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. (Mk 1:34)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

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
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c
	[31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/
	Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/
	1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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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 May 23, 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

Are You Interested in Becoming a Hospice Volunteer?

The hospice care program of Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care is beginning a new virtual Hospice Volunteer class for individuals interested in giving of their time to place calls to families or visit hospice patients. Each volunteer must complete 16 class hours. .If you are interested in joining our volunteer hospice team, please contact **Barbara Raby** at 203-238-1441 or email <u>biraby1@gmail.com</u>.

Coping with Life Alone...In the Beginning Saturday, February 20, 2021 (via In-Person and Zoom)

For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call: Victoria A. at 860-993-5469 Email: info@ BeginningExperieincect.org www. BeginningExperiencect.org

> This program is being offered at the Christ Community Church, Collinsville, CT

Funded in part by the Archdioceses of Hartford through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program.

St. Ann Cares UPDATE



St. Ann Cares' Day of Caring will be moved to sometime in the Fall due to the continuing Covid-19 health and safety concerns. More information will follow as we get closer to Fall. If anyone has any questions please email Steve Rose at sjrose1088@gmail.com.



Catholic Cemeteries Association OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD, INC. All Saints Cemetery-Corporate Office Website: www.ccacem.org 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 <u>every</u> 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 walking 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 amplifier 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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