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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.

## Church of Saint Ann

289 Arch Road \* Avon, Connecticut \* 06001

#### 860-673-9858

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

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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#### 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:**

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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 14,2021



### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### MONDAY, February 15

**9:00 Tracy Miller Freehart**, requested Ron and Dorothy Miller

#### **TUESDAY**, February 16

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

#### WEDNESDAY, February 17, Ash Wednesday 9:00 Dottie & John Kondzielaski,

- requested by Dorothy and Ron Miller
- 12:10 Special Intentions
- 5:30 Prayer Service

#### THURSDAY, February 18

9:00 Special Intentions

#### FRIDAY, February 19

9:00 Shawn Kruse, requested by Dorothy and Ron Miller

#### SATURDAY, February 20

4:00 Paul Argay, requested by the Cooper Family

#### SUNDAY, February 21

- 7:30 Francis McHugh, requested by the family
- 9:30 For the intentions of Anita Salmon &
- Family (Living), requested by her niece 11:00 For the Intentions of the Alphonso Family (Living)

## Lenten Fast & Abstinence

- Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence: likewise Good Friday.
- Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal. Two light meals are allowed, but no solid food should be taken between meals.
- Fasting binds those between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent is required of ALL persons over the age of 14. (No meat is to be eaten).



## Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent: 7:00 pm



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 15

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Lenten Reflection Series: 7:15pm -via Zoom\*

#### TUESDAY, February 16

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

#### WEDNESDAY, February 17

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 18

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

#### FRIDAY, February 19

Lenten Reflection Series: 9:45am -via Zoom\* Stations of the Cross: 7pm

#### SATURDAY, February 20

#### SUNDAY, February 21

Lenten Reflection Series: 10:30am -via Zoom\* Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church

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



## ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

9:00 am Mass with Distribution of Ashes
12:10 pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes
5:30 pm Prayer Service w/ Distribution of Ashes

#### **Registration required!**

Please find link to the sign-up on our website: stannavon.org

We will also have take home packets of ashes to pick up in the Gathering Space for imposition at home. Instructions for a family prayer service will be included.



## 2021 Lenten Reflection Series

Week of February 14th - Week of March 21st Sundays, 10:30am \* Mondays, 7:15pm \* Fridays, 9:45am via Zoom small groups (Zoom instructions under COVID-19 tab)

> **Cost: \$10** Checks payable to: Church of St. Ann

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

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

### Confessions to Be Heard on Monday Evenings During Lent

If you have gotten caught up in the busyness of life and have fallen away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can change that. This Lenten season, we continue the Archdiocesan-wide effort to inspire Catholics to experience God's love and mercy offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Church of Saint Ann will be open on Mondays during Lent from 6 to 7pm for confessions.

## GOODBYE TO

Alleluia!



In our music this week we sing many Alleluias, and say

"Goodbye" to Alleluia during our offertory hymn, "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" in the Red hymnal.

Read this meaningful and ancient text during a quiet moment in church for a moving description of our preparation for the upcoming Lenten Season.

### Corporal Works of Mercy 2021

During this Lenten season, our Parish family Lenten commitment is to practice the corporal works of mercy, both individually and as a community. Donations should be placed in the labelled boxes in the Gathering Space. Anything you can donate is appreciated!

In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own, and to take practical steps to alleviate it. - Pope Francis

### Next Weekend: February 20/21 Feed the Hungry & Give Drink to the Thirsty

Food collection for the Avon Food Pantry and two Hartford parishes. Bags are provided at the church entrances with suggested grocery items.



### **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.

#### WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

#### Weekly Collection: \$6,635.00

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 (Feb 3-10, 2021): \$3,321.00 Next Weekend's Second Collection:



### 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>

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday, February 21st 2:30-3:30pm in the church

Please join us for this powerful devotion.



#### The Holy Eucharist DID γου KNOW?

Since the Holy Eucharist is the continuation of the Incarnation of Jesus among us, it is also the promise of Jesus fulfilled. Before His ascension into Heaven, Our Lord said these parting words to his disciples, "I will be with you always until the end of time." (Matthew 28:20) In the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lord fulfills this promise to us. He remains with us in every tabernacle in every Catholic Church throughout the world. He is always available to us at all times and in every one of our needs.

<u>Reflection:</u> We should be very mindful of the fact that without the priesthood, there is no Mass. And without the Mass, there is no Blessed Sacrament. Therefore: no priest...no Holy Eucharist! Our Lady, Queen and Mother of the clergy, pray for our priests and bless us with many vocations. We are indebted to our priests for their lives of selfless sacrifice, which provide for us the surest means of sanctity: the Eucharist.

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

### 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.



### 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. For more information: BrianJud@comcast.net Zoom link: https:// zoom.us/j/3671572517 \* (Zoom tutorial on our website under Covid-19 tab)

#### Upcoming discussion topics:

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

**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.



#### FEBRUARY 14, 2021 – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP** Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

#### **INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** Live the Liturgy

Everybody has a place at the table, and nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, or marginalized. It is not part of God's vision. Jesus came to heal, make things whole, set things right, and restore relationships. No one is to feel unwelcome or alienated from the community. Whether we like it or not, this message is at the core of the Gospel. It makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Perhaps this is why people kept coming from everywhere to listen to Jesus speak and to be in his presence. He made perfect sense. Most of us have no issue buying into this vision. We run into trouble, however, when we fall into the trap of privilege and power. We diverge from God's vision when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement have no place in the kingdom of God, and even the most needy and hurting among us are worthy of the compassion Jesus desires to offer. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But one thing is for certain, no one can be singled out, excluded or mistreated. Everyone matters. **©LPi** 

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp. (Lv 13:46)

#### Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)  $\,$ 

#### Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 Cor 10:31)  $\,$ 

#### Gospel:

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:42)

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#### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/
Mondov	Mk 1:40-45 Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/
Monday:	Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10
	[11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	JI 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/
	2 Cor 5:20—6:2/
	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	ls 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/
	Mk 1:12-15

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

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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 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

## It's That Time of Year Again...



If you are a registered parishioner using envelopes or online giving, and would like a copy of our records of your weekly envelope contributions, please e-mail Kris is the Device Contributions,

please e-mail Kris in the Parish Office: kris.martino@stannavon.com or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221. Note: Contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are mailed separately from the Archdiocese.

PLANTING SEEDS for the Coming HARVEST

#### Please Consider Remembering the Church of St. Ann in Your Will

For further information, please contact: Eileen Sibson at 860-321-7266

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.

### Stop & Shop/Simsbury Bloomin' For Good to benefit St. Ann Food Pantry Garden!



From February 26th through the month of March, Church of Saint Ann Food Pantry Garden has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker (pictured at left) sold at the store located at 498 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury CT.



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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