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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.

Church of Saint Ann

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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

February 21,2021

First Sunday

of Lent



MONDAY, February 22

9:00 Carole Miller, requested Ron and Dorothy Miller

TUESDAY, February 23 9:00 James McHugh, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, February 24

9:00 Raymond Zalenski, requested by the ZuWallack Family

THURSDAY, February 25

9:00 Teresa Pendergast, requested by the Thursday Morning Bible Group

FRIDAY, February 26

9:00 Ann and Frank Kondzielaski, requested by Dorothy and Ron Miller

SATURDAY, February 27

4:00 Manda Koch, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, February 28

- 7:30 Marie Yu, requested by the St. Jean Family
- **9:30** Cora Sopelak and Aleksandra Smolinski, requested by the Sopelak Family
- **11:00** Stephen D'Souza, requested by the Alphonso Family

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



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

Please join us for this powerful devotion.





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 22

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

TUESDAY, February 23

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall RCIA: 7:15pm in the Activity Room

WEDNESDAY, February 24

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 25

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

FRIDAY, February 26

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

SATURDAY, February 27

SUNDAY, February 28

Lenten Reflection Series: 10:30am -via Zoom*

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

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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection: \$3,744.00

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 10-17, 2021): \$2,856.00 Next Weekend's Second Collection: *monthly*



During the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, the Blessed Mother requested that we pray the daily rosary. She also showed the three children disturbing future world events, but promised "that in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph." What will be the Triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart? It will be the reign of Jesus' Sacred Eucharistic Heart. As always, Our Lady will lead us and draw us to her Divine Son, Jesus, who is substantially present in the Holy Eucharist.

<u>Reflection:</u> Pope Leo XII wrote, "Our own belief is that the renovation of the world will be brought about only by the Holy Eucharist." Increasing our devotion, love and adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will contribute to this coming Reign of Jesus Eucharistic.

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important

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.

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

to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN

Please join us all Fridays in Lent | 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19 | FEBRUARY 26 MARCH 5 | MARCH 12 MARCH 19 | MARCH 26

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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/lent/best-lentever.html</u>

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 labeled 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

This Weekend: February 20/21, Feed the Hungry Food collection for the Avon Food Pantry and two Hartford parishes.

Next Weekend: February 27/28 Visit the Sick

Collection of health aids for Helping Haitian Children at the Carrefore Clinic in Haiti:

vitamins: Children & Adult (no gummy vitamins) Toothbrushes & toothpaste Powdered milk Bacitracin ointment Eucerin cream Tylenol & Aleve Ben Gay/Muscle Rub antifungal ointment Artificial tears Spoons Cough/cold/sinus medicines Calamine lotion/ Cortisone cream



Anti-bacterial soap (Dial) Hemorrhoid cream Tums

Band-Aids Wound cleanser



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 above*) sold at the store located at 498 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury CT.

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.



FEBRUARY 21, 2021 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects. *-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth. (Gn 9:11)

Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days, tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/
	Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/
	Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17,
-	18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does. ©LPi

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

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 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

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.

VIRTUAL ABC's OF ANNULMENT Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

Father John Dietrich, Pastor of Saint Matthews Parish at 20 Church Avenue, Forestville, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar from the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, will host the second Virtual "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday of March 20th, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on ZOOM. An updating of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as updates made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be discussed by Brother Larry Lussier C.S.C., and Jim Tottenham, of the Annulment Team. Included will be a complete review of the Archdiocesan Application Form or Petition. The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all. Registration (below) is required so that we can email the details of the meeting. Potential applicants also need to download the application form from the Archdiocesan Website by clicking here (also available in Spanish here). After the workshop, participants can sign up for one-on-one virtual assistance at their convenience with Br. Larry Lussier, at 475-221-8464, or James Tottenham, at 203-859-4195. For further information call Br. Larry at 475-221-8464 or email him at larlus300@sbcglobal.net.

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 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 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





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