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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.



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

April 4, 2021







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, April 5

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 Lectio Divina, Live!: 7:15pm via Zoom*

TUESDAY, April 6

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom RCIA: resumes next week at 7:15pm via Zoom*

WEDNESDAY, April 7

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, April 8

The Bible Timeline: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall & via Zoom Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Adult Confirmation: 7pm via Zoom*

FRIDAY, April 9 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, April 10

SUNDAY, April 11

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom* Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30 pm in the church

Face masks & 6' social distancing required at all times!

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



Preparation for The Feast of Divine Mercy

We began the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, April 2nd. We will pray the Novena in the wing of the church following the 3 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. All are welcome to join us. In His revelations to St. Faustina Jesus requested that a Novena be said for the 9 days proceeding Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena also includes the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

Jesus also told St. Faustina, regarding Divine Mercy Sunday, that on that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (699) The Diary of St. Faustina.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated here at St. Ann on Sunday, April 11th with a Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please join us to honor Our Lord's request that the Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. Please come and receive extraordinary graces.

MONDAY, April 5

9:00 For the intentions of Ashley Hatch & the Hatch Family (Living), —

TUESDAY, April 6 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, April 7

9:00 Fern and Joseph Santerelli, requested by the Pizzuti Family

THURSDAY, April 8

9:00 Joseph and Dahlia Calcagni, requested by the family

FRIDAY, April 9

9:00 Michael Casadonte, requested by Brian & Erinn Clifford

SATURDAY, April 10

9:00 Filomena & Dominic Pizzuti, requested by the Pizzuti Family

SUNDAY, April 11

- 7:30 Julia McHugh, requested by the family9:30 Jolanta Nizanska, requested by
- the Osiecki Family 11:00 Pauline Allen, requested by
- the Cody Family

To schedule Mass Intentions, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com.



Faith Formation Registration 2021-2022

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!! - Electronic Registration and Payment form all in one!! The link to the electronic registration form to enroll your children in Faith Formation 2021-2022 can be found by selecting "Registration Info..." under the Faith Formation tab on our website stannavon.org. The direct link to the electronic registration is:

osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/faith-formation-registration-2021-2022

Faith education is an important part of your child's religious education and classes will be starting in the fall, whether online or in-person. Church of St. Ann is dedicated to continuing the education of our youth. They are the future of our Church. Please register by July 1st, 2021 to guarantee a spot for your children in class. Please do not hold up your family's registration because of financial issues.We are happy to make arrangements that work for your family. All information is confidential.

Please contact our Registrar, Jennifer Soucy, with any questions at: jennifer.soucy@stannavon.com or 860-673-9857, ext. 227.

Lectio Divina, Live! ... We're Back!

After a Lenten hiatus, we will once again meet to God's individual message to us in the Sunday Gospel, via the popular Lectio Diving prayer practice. Join us via Zoom Sundays at 10:30am, Mondays at 7:15pm, and Fridays at 9:45am, beginning the week of April 5. All are welcome, including first-timers! Visit our webpage for some inspiring testimonials, and registration details: https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, April 5, 2021 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall



Masks & Social Distancing Required All skill levels are welcome!

For information call Tina: 860-674-1541

The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

ALLELULIA! "Our Sacramental Lord will comfort us in life, sustain us in death and show us His unveiled beauty in eternity." (Blessed Crescentia of Kaufbeuren)

Reflection: Each time that we receive Holy Communion we receive the Risen Lord. The word "EUCHARIST" means "THANKSGIVING". As Christ has given Himself totally to us, let us give Him what is best in ourselves: our whole heart, whole mind and whole soul. The purpose of the Holy Eucharist is a sacred TRANSFORMATION i.e. that we may be transformed into Christ.

Life in a Fishbowl By Rev. Joseph P. Cheah, OSM, Ph.D.

With the increase in anti-Asian hate and violence. Fr. Cheah would like to share his article that was published a few months ago in a book. It's from an autobiographical perspective and he hopes you will find it of interest!

You can read it on our website: www.stannavon.org/fr-cheah-on-race



Dear Parishioners.

This year there will be 45 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They will be receiving their First Reconciliation on March 27, 2021, and are preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Spring. We will be putting out the "Little Lambs" in the near future so that you can pray for all candidates as they prepare for their sacrament.

Due to ongoing overwhelming positive response, we would like to continue to gift each child with a First Communion Bible. We are asking that you sponsor any child or children, with this gift anonymously and it will be presented to them on their First Communion Day. In return, we will be asking the children to pray for the person who gave it to them every time they read their Bible.

The Bibles are reasonably priced and if you are interested in being part of this beautiful event, please pick up a form in the Gathering Space and return it with your payment of \$15.00 per Bible (made out to Church of St. Ann). Please mail to the church in an envelope clearly marked "for First Communion Bible" or drop it off at the Parish Offices.

You can also place order & pay online at: www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/first-holy-communion-bible-gift. Thank you so much for your consideration and for your prayerful support of these

beautiful children!

Yours in Christ, Father McHugh



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection: 3/28/21: will be reported next weekend 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 (March 23-29, 2021): \$3,187.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none

Reaching Out, Healing Together 2021 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.



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:

- April 7: Interviewing techniques on Zoom or Skype II
- April 14: Networking for Introverts
- April 21: Career Planning for an Uncertain Future
- April 28: Creating balance in your life

The plants decorating the altar for Easter have been donated in Honor of, or in Memory of the following persons:



In Honor Of:

Rev. John W. McHugh Jim and Barbara Martino Nana Thomas Stockton Max Bickley DeVille Gene & Marian Beno

In Memory Of:

Carl & Mildred Lawrynowicz The Zalenski Family The ZuWallack Family The McHugh Family The Cheah Family James & Mary Martino Harold & Hope Whalen John T. LaVia

Michael Luongo Natale & Ruth Balich John & Frances Curran John Kryszpin Donna Kryszpin Auclair Francis Fredericks Tony Nadolny The Bondhus & Vuono Families Fr. Thomas P. Quinn The O'Neill & Driscoll Families Aldo P. & Elizabeth L. Zeffiro William J. & Mary O'Brien Stevens Kay Kiernan John Kiernan Patricia Niedziocha Bertha Bolster Mr. & Mrs. N. Hartonavich Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Jud

The Ahern & Girard Families John & Stephanie Cochefski Edmund Bialaski Ruth Montanye Kenneth Montanye Arthur & Betty Godbout George & Ginny Yurch Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Devanney The Maxime Lozier Family The Alexis Cyr Family Joseph & Jeremy Savidge Doris & Dan Savidge Pam Van Blerkom Mike Gillotti Mr. & Mrs. Miner L. Fyler, Sr.

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In Memory Of (continued):

Joseph, Dahlia & Carolyn Calcagni *Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy* The Hennig Family The Ward Family The Bingham & DuRoss Families Jean Leavitt Robert Girard Joseph & Margaret Juliano Horace & Anita Abate The Marcotte & Messier Families Mr. Bruce L. Clark Mr. Paul G. Landers Sr. Alice Marie Landers William LaMonica, Sr. Katherine LaMonica James Waldron Gertrude Waldron Deanna & John Nasto Joseph Cavanagh Joann Carvlin Ryan John Rogers Joseph O'Boyle Mary Hojnowski Henry Hojnowski Manda Koch Alfred Koch John & Lindy Welde Aurelie & George Wax John Magrini Richard Kennedy Loretta Magrini Jordan Wright Joseph Freebairn Margaret Wright Barbara Keating The Rucci Family The Corso Family Robert E. Girard, Sr.

Arizona Deville Kevin Smith Barbara Sieber Gary Tierney Ken Zawadski Arthur Crosby Wayne Randall Helen Randall Gerald Gill Paul Irving Zelindo & Lena Salvadori Lewis C. Affelder Douglas & Mildred Gould Brent Mimeault Fred & Doris Stockton Leon & Helen Gloshinski Fr. Peter Colapietro Maryann Enderle Helen Ann Bachhuber John Bachhuber John G. Bernetich The O'Hagan Family Vincent Tucker Stella Werner Andrew Werner Ruth Rossini John & Dorothy McCoy Pat Clark Janice Crowe Nicholas Dias Anthony & Antonette Alphonso The Alphonso & Dias Families Souls lost during the Pandemic Robert Turmelle Afsar Khoshneviss Ahmad Khoshneviss Mary Claire Kelly Bartholomew Kelly The Bielefeld & Schliphack Families

Laurie B. Liberator Florence & Tony Malentacchi Raymond Teodosio Maureen Smyth George Wlaldeck Paul Argay Francis Wise & Family Adam Pirnat & Family Dee Dee Sullivan Douglas Blood Wilfred & Kathy Talbot George & Cathie Jerto Fred/Linda Beloin Frank Baloun John & Miriam Muth Thomas Ledwidge John Downey Dominick Assano Corinne Elizabeth Wall George Francis Walls Helen Frances Walls Patricia Gifford Wall Arthur Moody The Renaud Family Anonymous Anonymous Anonymous Anonymous James Joseph McHugh Cynthia Capeci Sheila McHugh Vachris Eleanor Byrne John S. Gray The Gray & Scully Families The Sullivan & Bycholski Families The Clifford & Smith Families The Edwin Lysak Family The John Lysak Family The Joseph Brennan Family



Near Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Christ is Risen!" The world turns on this fundamental truth that changes everything and that explains who we are and where we are headed: "Christ, yesterday, today and forever!" On Easter Sunday the Church exults in the joyful proclamation that He is truly risen from the dead. God gave His Son to be the sacrifice that takes away our sins, and has raised Him up as the victor over sin and death, so together we cry out: Alleluia!

The first words of the Risen Lord to his terrified and downcast disciples were: "Peace be with you." (Luke 24:36) Their first thought was that the ghost of the one they had abandoned at his Passion had returned for retribution. Far from it! On the Cross Jesus had said of all those involved: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) Christ died for the forgiveness of sins, including yours and mine, because "God so loved the world."

Over the past year we have dealt with a worldwide pandemic. Many have felt isolated, helpless, and at times have fallen into discouragement and even despair, but today on this Easter Sunday we have cause to **Rejoice** for Christ is Risen from the dead ... He has conquered every illness and even death itself. In a world filled with doubts and darkness, where bitter division appears to be getting the best of us, where, out of indifference to faith and worship, so many people are faced with inner spiritual and moral destitution, we have a duty to proclaim from the rooftops: **"Christ is Risen."** He alone is the answer to the deepest longings of the human heart. He is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. As he told us: "No one comes to the Father except through me."

Our mission in 2021 and always is to make the Gospel credible to others by loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves, inspired by the countless acts of selfless service we have witnessed this past year from our health workers, neighbors, families, friends and clergy. In times like these people of faith and character really shine. If we take to heart the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter and partake of the Holy Eucharist worthily, then we will do the same.

The Easter candle is lit as a symbol of the Risen Christ. Our light has dawned inextinguishable and hope is restored. Just as it was for the disciples, today we too are reborn as we celebrate "Christ has Risen!!"

> May the Risen Lord be with you always and grant you the peace and joy that only He can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair Archbishop of Hartford





