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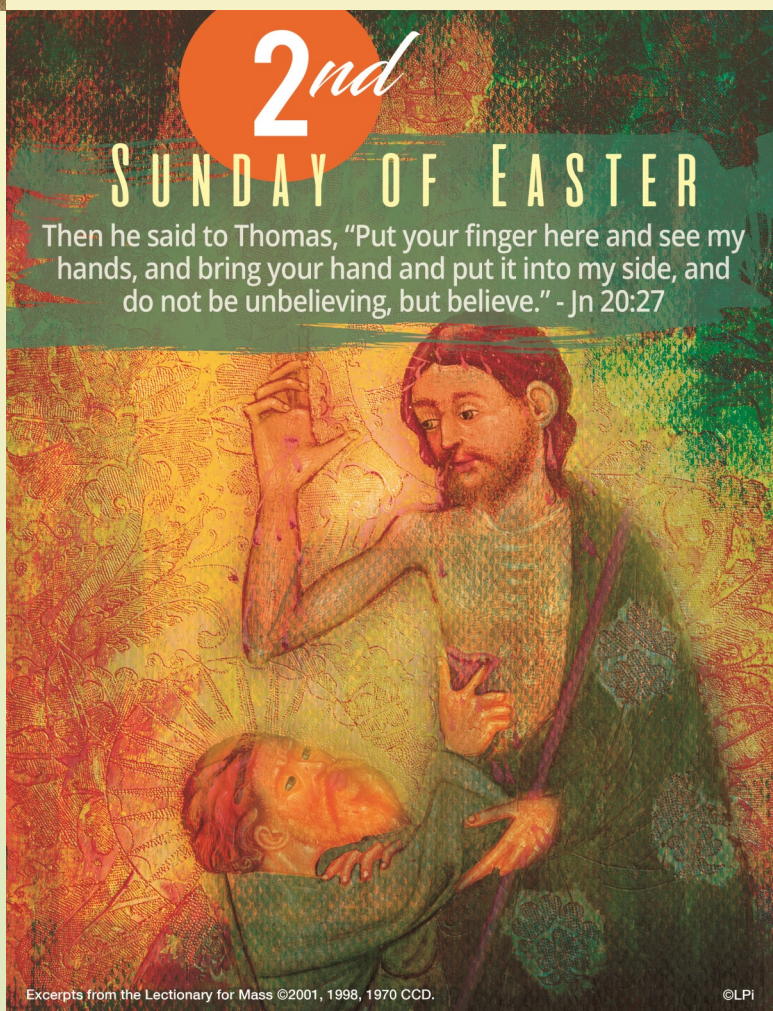
MARRIAGES

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.



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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:

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



Sunday of Divine Mercy



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.

MONDAY, April 12

9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, April 13

9:00 Ryan Rogers, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, April 14

9:00 In Thanksgiving for the Intercession of St. Joseph

THURSDAY, April 15

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, April 16

9:00 Robert Ciosek (1st Ann.), requested by Mary A. Simon, MD

SATURDAY, April 17

4:00 In celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Carole and David Anderson

SUNDAY, April 18

7:30 Thomas Kobylarz, requested by the family

9:30 Samuel Nambatac Galope, requested by Hilaria Galope and family

11:00 Patrick J. Jordan, requested by the Gaborit Family

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

MONDAY, April 12

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church

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

TUESDAY, April 13

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

RCIA: 7:00pm via Zoom*

WEDNESDAY, April 14

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 15

The Bible Timeline: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall & via Zoom

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Adult Confirmation: resumes next week at 7pm via Zoom*

FRIDAY, April 16

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

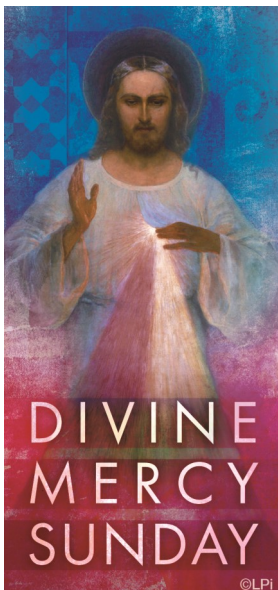
SATURDAY, April 17

SUNDAY, April 18

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom*

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

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



The Feast of Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated here at St. Ann this Sunday, April 11th with a Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 pm.

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.

We began the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, April 2nd. In His revelations to St. Faustina Jesus requested that a Novena be said for the 9 days preceding Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena also included the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.



St. Ann's RCIA team announces with great joy the recent initiation of Lorraine (Domnina) Zacchio and Max (Cassian) Bickley into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please join us in welcoming Lorraine and Max to our family of faith. May their desire know, love and serve God as Catholics inspire us all.



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.



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Take a moment to find the image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, displayed in our Church. This image was painted at the request of Our Lord. It depicts a vision of Christ as He appeared to St. Faustina. The vision shows red and white streams of light emanating from His Heart. As Jesus hung on the cross, a soldier pierced His side and immediately blood and water poured forth. The image shows these red beams, which denote the Precious Blood and the white beams, which denote the waters of Baptism.

In another vision, St. Faustina saw these same beams of heavenly red and white light, but this time they were coming from the Holy Eucharist and enveloping the entire world.

This indicates that the flow of merciful graces from Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament pours forth from His Heart and envelops all.

Reflection: Jesus asked that beneath the image of The Divine Mercy the words, "Jesus, I trust in You." should be written. He promised that the more a soul trusted in His Mercy, the more He would give to the soul. He revealed to St. Faustina that the greatest attribute of God is MERCY.

When we receive the Holy Eucharist, how much to de trust that Christ is truly present to us as an intimate, personal and loving friend? Jesus assures us in the Divine Mercy of the Holy Eucharist that He is Love and Mercy incarnate. Take time after the reception of Holy Communion to be with Him in grateful prayer.

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



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 Divina* 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>

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



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 14: Networking for Introverts

April 21: Career Planning for an Uncertain Future

April 28: Creating balance in your life

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection: 3/28/21: \$6,101.50
4/4/2021: \$9,754.00

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 (March 29-April 7, 2021): \$4,605.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none

Reaching Out, Healing Together

2021 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you very much to all those who have already made a donation or pledge to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal! In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



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



Honor a Veteran with an Engraved Paver at Veterans Memorial Way

We are once again taking orders for engraved pavers at our beautiful Veterans Memorial Way at St. Ann Cemetery! Each paver purchased will be engraved with a veteran's name and information regarding their service. Pavers may honor veterans who are living or deceased. If you are purchasing a brick in honor of a deceased veteran, it is not required that they are buried at St. Ann's Cemetery. Order forms are available to download and print on our website: stannavon.org/veterans-memorial-way-at-st-ann-cemetery



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

Psalms:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/
Jn 20:19-3
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/
Lk 24:35-48

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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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. We are currently limiting seating to 150. Please sign up for weekend Masses. (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 your name, phone #, the Mass date & time, and number attending and she will do it for you.

SALE into Spring April 17, 2021

Sale Into Spring
A giant TAG SALE benefitting the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care

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Call 203-237-8084 for more information.

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.



"Open Wide Our Hearts" Webinar Series United for a Fair Economy's Race and the Growing Economic Inequality Workshop April 14, 2021 at 7:00pm

Please join us as we continue our Webinar Series "Open Wide Our Hearts" April 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM United for a Fair Economy's Race and the Growing Economic Inequality Workshop Presented by: Jeannette Huezo, Executive Director of United for a Fair Economy Elizabeth Pellerito, Director of the Labor Education Program at the University of Massachusetts United for a Fair Economy's Race and the Growing Economic Inequality workshop helps explore how our current economic inequality has been and continues to be shaped by racialized policies and behavior from the past to the contemporary.

Registration is free but is required:

<https://www.trailblz.info/socialjusticemin/eventcomplete.aspx?eventid=268>

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Help Stop State Sponsored Suicide

The Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide". The legislation is House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients".

Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, and we need to be mindful of the threat that a suicide mentality poses to vulnerable people and to people with disabilities.

Many people believe that a physician is deeply involved in this process. This not true. The physician orders the mixture of medications, the patient must then orally consume the deadly cocktail of drugs without assistance. Many times without even a physician or nurse present.

We should never allow legislators to establish suicide as a solution to medical issues.

Catholic teaching condemns physician-assisted suicide because it, like murder, involves taking an innocent human life:

Suicide is always as morally objectionable as murder. The Church's tradition has always rejected it as a gravely evil choice: To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it." True "compassion" leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear. (John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 66).

TAKE ACTION:

Go to the website below, **read more on the issue** and then sign the petition to stop the legalization of assisted suicide in Connecticut

www.ctstopsuicide.o

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