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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.

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NDAY OF EASTER

"Thave other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." - Jn 10:17

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 25, 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.

MONDAY, April 26

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

TUESDAY, April 27 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, April 28

9:00 Mildred Lawrynowicz, requested by her daughter, Dottie Cialfi

THURSDAY, April 29

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, April 30

9:00 Special Intention (Living), requested by Bill and Janet Newman

SATURDAY, May 1

4:00 Anthony (4th Ann.) and Antonette (2nd Ann.) Alphonso, requested by the Alphonso Family

SUNDAY, May 2

- 7:30 Marion Rotondo, requested by the family
- **9:30** Jolanta Nizanska, requested by the Wall Family
- **11:00** Pauline Rafala Allen, requested by the members of St. Ann's MMP Cenacle

This Week at St. Ann

MONDAY, April 26

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 27

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom RCIA: 7:00pm via Zoom*

WEDNESDAY, April 28

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in Father Bennett Hall Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom *

THURSDAY, April 29 on in the church

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Adult Confirmation: 7pm via Zoom*

FRIDAY, April 30 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, May 1

SUNDAY, May 2 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.



Congratulations to our 2nd Graders on making their First Communion this weekend!

Little Lambs is Returning!

Little Lambs is returning the first 4 Sundays in May at 9:30 mass. Children 3-7 are welcome to join us for the Liturgy of the Word in the activity room (they can come down with or without caregivers). You can sign your child up by adding "Little Lambs" and their first name in the comments section of the online Mass sign up.

Father will call the children up for a blessing right after the *Gloria* and kids will return directly to your pew after the Prayers of the Faithful. Please sit in the side wing or the cry room of the main naive. Interested in being a helper in this powerful ministry? Contact Heather Hoffman at: heather-hoffman@sbcglobal.net. We look forward to seeing the kids again!!!

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.

<u>Please register by July 1st, 2021 to guarantee a spot for your children in class</u>. 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.

The 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat

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



Save the Date: "OBSTACLES to Opportunities"

presentation by Chip Janiszewski Tuesday, May 25 at 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall AND via Zoom.

Come learn from this seasoned "Happiness & Success" speaker/trainer/consultant how choosing a positive mindset can lead to personal, professional and spiritual fulfillment.



The gift of the Holy Eucharist is precious beyond measure. Here is an insight into one aspect of the treasure of the Blessed Sacrament from St. Maximillian Kolbe, the martyr of Auschwitz. St. Maximillian volunteered to die in the place of a married prisoner in a starvation bunker.

What gives anyone such selfless courage? "You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine. Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support". (St. Maximillian Kolbe)

<u>Relfection:</u> We can only begin to understand in some small manner, the Divine power which is present to us in the Blessed Sacrament. St. Maximillian was given the grace of martyrdom and attributed this strength directly to the Holy Eucharist.

Why not return to Mass each Sunday to receive the true physical presence of the Jesus in the Holy Eucharist? We are all in great need of this spiritual nourishment, as we each bear our individual crosses in life.

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



God Has a Personal Message for You!

Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture, where you listen for what God is saying to you in the Gospel for

the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass. Friendly groups meet via Zoom Sundays at 10:30am, Mondays at 7:15pm, and Fridays at 9:45am. Newcomers welcome!

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit <u>https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live</u>

JOIN US FOR A

God calls us all to be the best version our ourselves—saints! Mary, Queen

of the Saints, can lead us there. Join us on a 6-week journey into holiness, based on Fr. Michael Gaitley's

book, 33 Days to Morning Glory.

FEATURING:

Daily readings; weekly gatherings w/videos

Wisdom from St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximillian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and St. John Paul, II on how consecrating ourselves to Jesus, through Mary, can set our hearts on fire.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm in Fr. Bennett Hall or by Zoom, April 28-June 2 For registration and book order information, please contact, by April 21: Sue Ollestad: sollestad@yahoo.com Colleen Waterbury: mcwaterbu@comcast.net

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

 Weekly Collection:
 4/18/21:
 \$4,755.80

 Online Giving (April 14-21, 2021):
 \$2,962.00

 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:
 none



SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021 ST. ANN'S PARKING LOT 9:00AM TO 2:00PM

Perennial Plants, Art, Home Décor, Jewelry and Accessories

Gardeners, please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing. Plant donations may be dropped off from 9 am to 3 pm on Thursday, May13, and Friday, May 14, on the lawn in front of the parking lot on West Avon Rd. side. Please IDENTIFY plants (name, color, sun/shade).

Proceeds will benefit St. Ann's Social Justice Scholarship Program. If you have any questions, please call Jean Frey, 860-673-1949.

Reaching Out, Healing Together 2021 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

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.



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 28: No meeting
- May 5: Creating balance in your life
- May 12: Dealing with financial pressure while unemployed
- May 19: Responding to tough interview questions
- May 26: Tips for telephone interviewing



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



APRIL 25, 2021 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does. -*Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of selfaggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12) **Psalm:**

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (Jn 10:14-15)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: 10:11-18	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
-	St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/
	Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Next Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/
-	Jn 15:1-8

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures. ©LPi

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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.

Life in a Fishbowl > By Rev. 90seph 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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at

"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." Learn how your marriage can bear fruit on the next English Worldwide Marriage experience on

Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24 Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

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Saturday , May 22 9am - 2pm

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