



# Church of Saint Ann

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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



## 5th Sunday of Easter

**MONDAY, May 3**

9:00 Special Intentions

**TUESDAY, May 4**

9:00 Special Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, May 5**

9:00 Special Intentions

**THURSDAY, May 6**

9:00 Michael Sumers (17th Ann.), requested by  
Rosanne Harutunian

**FRIDAY, May 7**

9:00 Special Intentions

**SATURDAY, May 8**

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

**SUNDAY, May 9**

7:30 For all mothers, living and deceased

9:30 For all mothers, living and deceased

11:00 For all mothers, living and deceased



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Please pray for the six women and men who have been preparing for Adult Confirmation this spring. They will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in a special Mass at St. Ann's this week. Come, Holy Spirit!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Upcoming Meeting: Monday, May 3rd  
7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall**



All skill levels are welcome!  
For information call  
Tina at 860-674-1541

**Covid Guidelines will be followed**

# WELCOME!



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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

**MONDAY, May 3**

**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, May 4**

**Walking with Purpose:** 10am -via Zoom

**RCIA:** 7:00pm via Zoom\*

**WEDNESDAY, May 5**

**Wednesday Morning Study Group:** 9:30am in Father Bennett Hall

**Unemployment Support:** 3-5pm -via Zoom \*

**33 Days to Morning Glory :** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (& via Zoom\*)

**THURSDAY, May 6**

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

**Adult Confirmation:** 7pm via Zoom\*

**FRIDAY, May 7**

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

**SATURDAY, May 8**

**SUNDAY, May 9**

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

**- Face masks & social distancing required -**

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



## Attention: Online Giving Users

Our Online Giving, by Our Sunday Visitor, is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon.





## 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](https://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:jennifer.soucy@stannavon.com) or 860-673-9857, ext. 227.

## The Power of Positivity: Turning 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.



## 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](mailto:BrianJud@comcast.net).

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/3671572517> \*

(Zoom tutorial on our website under Covid-19 tab)

### Upcoming discussion topics:

**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



## 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 <https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live>



The Scholarship Committee is looking forward to holding its perennial plant sale once again after missing last year due to the Coronavirus. This year the sale will be part of the May 15th Outdoor Marketplace.

**GARDENERS:** please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing this spring. In addition, we would welcome donations of herbs and purchased perennials if you are unable to donate from your home.

**DONATIONS:** may be dropped off on the lawn in front of the parking lot (West Avon Road side) from 9am-3pm on Thursday, May 14th and Friday, May 14th. Please identify plants (name, color, sun/shade).

Please come to shop on the 15th! Knowledgeable gardeners will be available to answer questions concerning plant selection.

*Proceeds will support the Social Justice Ministry's Scholarship Program*

If you have any questions, please call Jean Frey: 860.673.1949

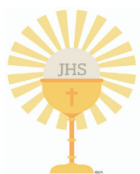
## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection for 4/25/21:** \$7,209.50

**Online Giving (April 21-28, 2021):** \$3,387.00

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:**

*Helping Haitian Children*



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

St. John Paul II wrote in his encyclical, "Ecclesia de Eucharistica", that "The Eucharist is Christ's presence par excellence....that the completeness and substantive presence of Jesus is unmatched." St. Thomas Aquinas agrees in his "Summa Theologica". He writes that in relation to the other sacraments, the Holy Eucharist "is greater than all others and perfects them." This is because in Holy Communion we have the LIVING PERSON of Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

**Reflection:** Consider taking a few thoughtful moments when you are approaching the Lord to receive Him in Holy Communion. How aware are you of **not WHAT, but WHOM** you are about to receive in your outstretched hand?

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

## 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.*

## OUTDOOR MARKETPLACE

*Come Shop!*

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021**

**ST. ANN'S PARKING LOT**

**9:00AM TO 2:00PM**

*Perennial Plants \* Art \* Home Décor,  
Jewelry \* Accessories*

The marketplace will feature perennial plants from parishioners' gardens, art (including oils and watercolors), home décor (including vases, bowls, figurines, and platters), jewelry (vintage and costume), and accessories (including pocketbooks, scarves, belts, and ties). Merchandise will be new or pre-loved and gently used.

The event will be held rain or shine. All except plants will be sheltered under tents. Proceeds will benefit St. Ann's Social Justice Scholarship Program.

Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted.

Covid-19 guidelines will be observed.

*Proceeds will benefit our Social Justice Ministry's Scholarship Program.*

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## 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 nave. Interested in being a helper in this powerful ministry? Contact Heather Hoffman at: [heather-hoffman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heather-hoffman@sbcglobal.net). We look forward to seeing the kids again!!!



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.  
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding. ©LPi

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. (Acts 9:26)

### Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22) Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

### Gospel:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/  
Jn 15:1-8  
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/  
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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## 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. 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](http://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.*

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
2:30-3:30pm in the church

*The recitation of the rosary to honor Our Blessed Mother, which we do in May, will follow.  
Please join us for this powerful devotion.*

### 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 <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage [relationship@nbpsp.org](mailto:relationship@nbpsp.org); The next English Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

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JUNE 25, 2021 — AT 5 PM

Rain Date 6/26/21

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### 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](http://stannavon.org/veterans-memorial-way-at-st-ann-cemetery)





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