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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.

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UNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - In 15:10_

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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

May 9, 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, May 10

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, May 11

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, May 12

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 13

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Perennial Plant Drop Off: 9am-3pm in St. Ann parking lot

FRIDAY, May 14

Perennial Plant Drop Off: 9am-3pm in St. Ann parking lot Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, May 15 Outdoor Marketplace: 9am-2pm in St. Ann's parking lot

SUNDAY, May 16

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

- Face masks & social distancing required -

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

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A Prayer for Mothers...

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

9:00 Enrico Spalvieri (1st Ann.), requested by his wife, Marion Spalvieri

TUESDAY, May 11 9:00 Special Intentions

MONDAY, May 10

WEDNESDAY, May 12 9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, May 13, Ascension of the Lord 9:00 Special Intentions

12:10 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, May 14 9:00 Eileen Mountan, requested by the Waterbury Family

SATURDAY, May 15 4:00 Special Intentions

SUNDAY, May 16

- 7:30 John Murphy, requested by the Burnett Family
- 9:30 Special Intentions
- **11:00** Daniel Scapellati, requested by the Yurch Family



Ascension

of the Lord

Thursday, May 13, 2021 Masses will be at:

9:00 am & 12:10 pm

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday, May 16th 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.

Attention: Online Giving Users

Our Online Giving, by *Our Sunday Visitor*, is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform on <u>May 10th</u>! 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 infomation will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Hopefully you have already received an email from *Our Sunday Visitor* explaining theses changes.

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.

<u>GARDENERS</u>: 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



OUTDOOR MARKETPLACE

Come Shop!

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

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! (plants only if heavy rain).

Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Covid-19 guidelines will be observed.

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



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.

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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/2/21: \$5,174.85 Online Giving (April 28– May 5, 2021): \$4,003.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Catholic Communications Campaign

The Francine M. Sider Memorial Scholarship

Fr. McHugh is delighted to announce the Francine M. Sider Memorial Scholarship which is available to St. Ann 8th Graders that will be entering a Catholic high school in Fall 2021.

The application is available on our webpage under the "Resources" tab. You can also stop by or call the Parish Office for a copy.

Don't delay as the deadline is June 4, 2021!

If you have any questions please contact Jane Ellen Peregrin at: jep325@hotmail.com.





Do you know what the word "viaticum" means? Viaticum refers to the last Holy Communion that a person is able to receive before departing this earthly life. St. Thomas Aquinas defines viaticum as "food for the journey". It is Jesus journeying with the soul and accompanying the person on their journey into eternity.

<u>Reflection:</u> What a great comfort! Imagine having the presence of Jesus with us as we die. Usually viaticum is given by the priest during the Sacrament of the Sick. It can also be given to the person outside of the Sacrament of the Sick by a deacon or Eucharistic minister. Being able to give that grace to a loved one is a gift beyond measure. Never hesitate to offer this treasure of grace to a loved one by calling the rectory. It is your gift of love to them for all eternity.

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

The Power of Positivity: Turning OBSTACLES to Opportunities



presentation by Chip Janiszewski Tuesday, May 25 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. Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/3671572517 * (Zoom tutorial on our website under Covid-19 tab)

Upcoming discussion topics:

May 12: Dealing with financial pressure while unemployedMay 19: Responding to tough interview questionsMay 26: Tips for telephone interviewing

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!!!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)

Gospel:

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

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
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
	Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
-	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or
	Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Friday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	
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	Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/
	Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share. ©I Pi

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.

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.

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.

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.

Make an impact this Mother's Day

Find the perfect gift at **smile.amazon.com** and Amazon donates.

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Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St Anns Church of Avon" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
- 3. Select "St Anns Church of Avon" as your charity
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

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.@nbsp; The next English Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24



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





