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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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SUNDAY OF EASTER As you sent me into the world, so I sent them

Thto the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." - Jn 17:18-19

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 16, 2021



7th Sunday of Easter

MONDAY, May 17 9:00 Special Intention, requested by Maria Burgio

TUESDAY, May 18 9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, May 19 9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, May 20

Olivin Michaud, requested by the Michaud 9:00 and Innarelli Families

FRIDAY, May 21

9:00 Dr. and Mrs. Charles Zmijeski, requested by Barbara and Gino Calderone

SATURDAY, May 22

4:00 Fred Kundahl (month's mind), requested by the St. Ann Scholarship Committee

SUNDAY, May 23

- 7:30 Linda Salvatore Bonini, requested by the family
- 9:30 Frederic Charles Kundahl, requested by book club friends
- 11:00 Brenda Ann Daley Kozuch & Marilyn Daley, requested by the Kozuch, Daley & Hull Families

Divine Mercy Holy Hour This 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.

Adult Confirmation Congratulations!

Thank you for your prayers for the adults who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Ann on May 6th: Patrick (Christopher) Kenney, Antonio (Fabrizio) Liguori, Nary (Lucy) Oo, Samantha (Madeleine Sophie Barat) Sargent, Lindsay (Dymphna) Trobel, and Philip (Thomas More) Waldeck. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit shine bright in their lives, and remind us all of the great power the Spirit gives us to live like Jesus.





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 17

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 18

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, May 19

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in Father Bennett Hall Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom * Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall 33 Days to Morning Glory : 7pm in Activity Room (& via Zoom*)

THURSDAY, May 20

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, May 21 Lectio Divina, Live !: 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, May 22

SUNDAY, May 23 Lectio Divina, Live !: 10:30am via Zoom*

- Face masks & social distancing required -

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

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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.



New Directives for Liturgies in Churches of the Archdiocese of Hartford

May 10, 2021

In light of recent developments from the civil authorities regarding COVID-19 measures, Archbishop Blair is pleased to announce two things:

- As of May 19, 2021, the COVID-19 restrictions and procedures first implemented on May 27, 2020, in the document *Opening Churches For Public Worship In The Archdiocese Of Hartford* are hereby revoked.
- As of Saturday, May 22, 2021, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will no longer be in force.

Therefore, as of the weekend of Pentecost Sunday (May 22/23), there is an obligation once again to participate at Mass. However, since the risk of infection, though diminished, still remains, the following individuals may very legitimately decide not yet to attend church: those suffering from serious pre-existing conditions making them more susceptible to COVID-19; those who are ill or homebound or who are caregivers in close contact with someone who is; those who have tested positive for any contagious disease, including COVID-19; and those who are in quarantine due to exposure to any contagion, or who reside with someone who is quarantined.

(This is first part of the 3-page statement. See below on where to find full statement.)

Some highlights from full statement:

- Masks will still be required at all times, except to consume the blessed sacrament
- All pews will be available for seating
- Congregational singing will resume but masks must stay on
- We will continue to offer the sign of peace without physical contact
- Current rules for Holy Communion will remain in place. Those who want to receive on the tongue should only receive after everyone else has received
- Taking this all into account we will no longer need sign ups for any Mass

You can find the full document on the Archdiocese of Hartford's website (archdioceseofhartford.org) under the top red banner for "*Covid-19 Updates & Worship Guidelines*"

or by directly going to this link:

https://archdioceseofhartford.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/May-10-2021-New-Directives-for-Liturgies-in-Churches-of-the-Archdiocese-of-Hartford.pdf

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/2/21: \$5,100.00 Online Giving (April 28– May 5, 2021): \$3,277.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *monthly*



The Power of Positivity:

Turning OBSTACLES into Opportanities

Finding Fulfillment in Life's Journey...

Presentation by professional consultant Chip Janiszewski Tuesday, May 25 at 7pm In Fr. Bennett Hall AND via Zoom

<u>CHOOSE</u> to look at life's challenges as God's invitation to growth... <u>RESPOND</u> to those challenges guided by your POSITIVE MIND-SET, a MUST for identifying new opportunities for a fulfilling life...

This interactive session will provide you with tools and take-aways for developing and maintaining a Positive Mindset—and practical examples for applying it—to turn obstacles into opportunities personally, professionally, spiritually...

RSVP by May 21 to ames.distefano@gmail.com







Faith Formation Registration 2021-2022

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!! - Electronic Registration and Payment form all in one!! The link to the online 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 online registration is: osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/faith-formation-registration-2021-2022

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 γΟU ΚΝΟW?

When the priest, deacon or Eucharistic minister says, "THE BODY OF CHRIST" as we approach to receive Holy Communion, what does our "AMEN" mean? That word is our consent. We indeed affirm that we do believe that we are about to receive the true, physical and living resurrected Body of Jesus.

It is also our commitment to be and to bring Jesus to others. It is to take what we have been given and then give it as a gift in service to those whose lives we touch.

<u>Reflection</u>: As we receive the sublime gift of Holy Communion, how do we take this gift and use these graces in our daily lives? We do this by bringing the living Christ into the lives of those with whom we live and work each day. Our sanctification is in our daily duty. The Holy Eucharist enables us to do this with grace and love.

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



Unemployment Support 3-5pm 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 the Covid-19 tab)

Upcoming discussion topics:

- May 19: Responding to tough interview questions
- May 26: Tips for telephone interviewing

MAY 16, 2021 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed. -*Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains. ©LPi

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles. (Acts1:26)

Psalm:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. (1 Jn 4:11)

Gospel:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11b)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

	Sunday:	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
		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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	Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
	Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
	Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/
		Jn 17:11b-19
	Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
		Jn 17:20-26
	Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
	Saturday:	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/
		Jn 21:20-25
	Next Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/
		Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/
		Jn 7:37-39
		Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-
		8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
		Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
		27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
		Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/
		1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or
		Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
		JII 1J.20-27, 10.12-13

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

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.



Bishop Blair and Bishop Caggiano will speak.

QUILTS2HEAL

will hold a sew/quilt sandwiching day

MONDAY, May 24 , 2021 9:30-3:00 in Fr. Bennett Hall. No sewing experience needed

We will be ironing, and do LOTS of pinning of quilt tops and backs and "sandwiching" these together. Quilts are created for those in need of comfort, and for local veterans. Contact Paula DeSilva <u>quilts2heal@comcast.net, 860.306.7000</u> or Letha Kunkel <u>lethakunkel@gmail.com</u> Come for an hour or stay for the day. Many caring hands needed. See <u>Quilts2Heal.org</u> to see some of our more than 1,500 completed quilts. Thank you!

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- 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



