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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.

# Church of Saint Ann

289 Arch Road \* Avon, Connecticut \* 06001

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Rev. John W. McHugh, Ph.D., Pastor www.stannavon.org

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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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:**

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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

June 13, 2021



MONDAY, June 14 9:00 Jolanta Nizanska, requested by Mary Ann Sutter

TUESDAY, June 15 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, June 16 9:00 William E. Dowden, requested by the family

THURSDAY, June 17 9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, June 18 9:00 Helen Roman, requested by Dottie Cialfi

SATURDAY, June 19

4:00 For the deceased members of the Bondhus Family, requested by the Bondhus Family

#### SUNDAY, June 20

- 7:30 For all Fathers, Living and Deceased
- 9:30 For all Fathers, Living and Deceased
- 11:00 For all Fathers, Living and Deceased

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

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour



This Sunday, June 13, 2021 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Our Lord told St. Faustina, "For the soul that trusts much will be given." Please join us as we place our trust in 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, June 14

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, June 15

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, June 16

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in Father Bennett Hall Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, June 17 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, June 18 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

#### SATURDAY, June 19

SUNDAY, June 20 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom

# Do I Still Need to Wear a Mask at Church?

<u>COVID-19 Vaccination Status:</u> Vaccinated: No (mask is optional) Unvaccinated: Yes, wear a mask

As per a statement from the Archdiocese of Hartford:

"Effective Wednesday, June 9, 2021, for those who are vaccinated, wearing masks will now be optional while at Mass, at other liturgies, and at any indoor or outdoor events held at our churches. Those who remain unvaccinated should continue to wear masks, with particular attention being given to the safety of young, unvaccinated children."



Why do you come to Mass? Do you come because it is a Church requirement? Do you come for the homily? Do you come for the music? Perhaps you come for the fellowship? The Church teaches that the preeminent reason to come to Mass is the HOLY EUCHARIST.

We celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus this month. When Christ appeared to St. Margaret Mary and revealed to her His Sacred Heart, He said, "Behold the heart which has so loved mankind and is so little loved in return."

In the Holy Eucharist, we possess this living Sacred Heart of Jesus. He gives Himself totally to us heart to heart. In order to receive this Heart worthily, we must have a desire for union with Him. All true love ardently desires union.

<u>Reflection</u>: Do you desire union with Christ when you receive Holy Communion? Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen wrote, "The highest unity in the Divine order is the unity of the soul and Christ in Communion." What an ineffable treasure we possess as Catholics.

#### St. Ann Church Summer Story Time READ, PRAY and PLAY!

Join us outside at St. Ann's for an interactive faith-based story time. During each 45-minute session, we will read a children's book, enjoy an activity, and pray for intentions based on the book's theme. Suggested age: pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> grades



Parents/grandparents are welcome to participate in the story time with their child or step inside for "Adult Swim" – a time to refresh and recharge, just for you! Questions: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Story Time meeting place: behind Father Bennett Hall at the Food Pantry Garden. If raining, we will meet in Father Bennet Hall.

Adult Swim meeting place: the Activity Room, beneath the north wing of the church. (Walk up the steps, pass the red shed, entrance on the left)

Attend Daily Mass as a family beforehand, if you like! 9:00am in the church Dates and Time: Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 AM Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM

#### Registration helps us plan for you.

Sign Up Genius: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084BA9A82EABFF2-stanns</u> Email: <u>valerie.stjean@stannavon.com</u> Drop ins are welcome!

Facemasks are required for all participants during this program; we will assist in maintaining safe social distancing. Please wear sunscreen and bring a water bottle. Camp blankets will be provided for seating.

QUESTIONS: Contact Valerie St. Jean 860-673-9858 x223

# It's Food Pantry Garden Time!



Enjoy the outdoors and do something for others - join the Food Pantry Garden team! Help us when you can, with planting, watering, weeding and harvesting. All ages and abilities can participate, and families are especially welcome!



To sign up, email: leo.distefano@comcast.net

## 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* 

## **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:

June 19: Zoom interviewing techniques June 23: Open discussion

**June 30:** How to handle tough interview questions

## **WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

Weekly Collection for 6/6/21: \$6,934.08 Online Giving (June 2-9, 2021): \$3,372.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Monthly

## Honor a Veteran with an Engraved Paver at Veterans Memorial Wav



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 through the Parish Office or you can download and print on our website; look for "Veterans Memorial Way" under our "Resources" tab.

## **PRO-LIFE MINISTRY**

# Hyde Saves Lives!

Please respond to EWTN Pro Life Weekly's Call to Action to ask Congress/your Representative to protect the Hyde Amendment. You can do this by going to:

### https://sba-list.guorum.us/campaign/33455/

Once there you can either use their link to Facebook OR just fill in your name, email and address which will do this for you!

> You can also follow the instructions below to sign a petition to Congress!

#### WHAT

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

#### HOW

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpavers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

#### WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS? Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com!

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## **Youth Ministry** High School Senior Spotlight

This weekend we are shining a light on Delia Hogan!

Please keep Delia and in your prayers as she attends The University of Massachusetts Amherst in the Fall. God Bless all our Teens!

## Stop & Shop/Simsbury **Bloomin' For Good** to benefit the

## St. Ann Food Pantry Garden!



For the month of June 2021, the Church of Saint Ann Food Pantry Garden has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker (pictured above) sold at the store located at 498 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury.

Prime Day is coming Shop for deals at smile.amazon.com to generate donations, at no cost to you



## Get ready for Prime Day! June 21-22, 2021

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### JUNE 13, 2021 - 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP** Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

"Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found."

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. "That's what you're looking for," he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people. -*Tracy Earl Welliver, MT* 

#### **INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** Live the Liturgy

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest. ©LPi

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

| Sunday:      | Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/  |
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|              | Mk 4:26-34  |
| Monday:      | 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42        |
| Tuesday:     | 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48     |
| Wednesday:   | 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18      |
| Thursday:    | 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15          |
| Friday:      | 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23 |
| Saturday:    | 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34       |
| Next Sunday: | Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/      |
|              | 2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41                                    |

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

#### Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

#### Second Reading:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)

#### Gospel:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." (Mk 4:31-32)

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#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

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## 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://wwmectw.org/.

Happy Father's Day! Take time for your marriage by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Thursdays/ Mondays Jul 8-29

**2021 Vacation Bible Camp** 

at

## **Trinita Retreat Center!**



Overview

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Dates: June 21st - June 25th Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm Place: Trinita Retreat Center 595 Town Hill Road New Hartford, CT 06057 Price: Grades 1 - 7 - \$250.00 Grades 8-12 - \$150.00 Please inquire about discount for multiple children in same family.

The week will include: **Bible Lessons** Crafts Music Games & Pool Time! Lunch and Snacks Provided

Call Trinita @ 860-379-4329 or email trinita@charter.net for more inforamtion

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