



# 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.



SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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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



**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*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.*

**MONDAY, June 21**

**9:00 Special Intentions**

**TUESDAY, June 22**

**9:00 Special Intentions**

**WEDNESDAY, June 23**

**9:00 Christopher Tabora, requested by Dr. Mary Simon**

**THURSDAY, June 24**

**9:00 William Weldon, requested by the family**

**FRIDAY, June 25**

**9:00 Elizabeth Basil, requested by the Ledwidge Family**

**SATURDAY, June 26**

**4:00 Alfred Koch, requested by Russell and Diane Koch**

**SUNDAY, June 27**

**7:30 John Evans, Jacki Holland, Carmela & Andrew Kucera, requested by the family**

**9:30 Michael Kealy, requested by the Tolin Family**

**11:00 John Winchester, requested by his children**

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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

**MONDAY, June 21**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church

**Storytime:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

**MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group:** 7:15pm in the church

**Lectio Divina, Live!:** not meeting this summer, will resume in Fall

**TUESDAY, June 22**

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

**WEDNESDAY, June 23**

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

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

**THURSDAY, June 24**

**Storytime:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

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

**FRIDAY, June 25**

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

**SATURDAY, June 26**

**SUNDAY, June 27**

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

# The Prudence Crandall Center Thanks You For Your Donations!

Dear St. Ann Church parishioners:

On behalf of Prudence Crandall Center, we are grateful for your generous collection of sheets, towels, toiletries, and children's clothing! Thank you for your efforts and kindness in providing us with these essential items. We are so honored that you thought of us and the survivors and families we serve.

This year more than ever, we are humbled by the compassion and unwavering support of our community. Each gift and caring gesture is treasured by us all, lifting our spirits and strengthening our ability to always be there, regardless of the challenges, for victims and children in their time of need.

While these times are full of uncertainty, the needs of victims and families experiencing domestic violence remain a constant. In fact, during this unprecedented year we faced a crisis of need for emergency safe shelter like we've never experienced before, and, with it, staggering costs and health safety concerns that continue at this time.

With you by our side, we know we will rise to the challenges of the year ahead, stronger and more resilient than before. With your support, we will continue to provide survivors and their children with safety, healing, and hope for a bright future ahead.

We thank you, once again, for your vital contribution!

Sincerely,

*Carolyn*

Carolyn Jasper

Director of Development

*Emmeline*

Emmeline Mysliwiec

Development Associate





## 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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084BA9A82EABFF2-stanns>

Email: [valerie.stjean@stannavon.com](mailto:valerie.stjean@stannavon.com)

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

## 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.quorum.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 taxpayers 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](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)!

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## Looking for Things to Do with the Kids this Summer?

### Why Not Volunteer to Help with the Food Pantry Garden!



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](mailto:leo.distefano@comcast.net)

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

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3671752517> \*

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

### Upcoming discussion topics:

**June 23:** Open discussion

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

## 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, and Fridays at 9:45am. Newcomers welcome!

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit:

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



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

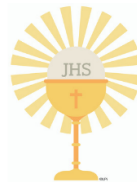
**Weekly Collection for 6/13/21:** *will report next weekend*

**Online Giving (June 9-16, 2021):** \$2,807.00

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

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



## The Holy Eucharist *DID YOU KNOW?*

The Church teaches in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the Holy Eucharist is "the LIVING HEART of the Church". Therefore, when we receive Holy Communion we are receiving the living Sacred Heart of Jesus. But Jesus is a gentleman and will never force us to be aware of His Presence in the Sacred Host.

In his book, "Fire Within", Father Thomas Dubay writes, "God bestows a more or less depth of Communion with Himself according to our degree of readiness for it. It depends upon our own receptiveness." (p. 114)

Reflection: If you find that receiving Holy Communion has become a dry routine for you, consider how you are approaching the Living God in the hidden humility of the small, white, consecrated Host. What is your degree of receptiveness to the fullness of LOVE that you have just received?



### Youth Ministry High School Senior Spotlight

This weekend we are shining a light on  
**Lauren Carlson !**

Please keep Lauren in your prayers as she attends Clemson University in the Fall.  
God Bless all our Teens!



### *Blessing of Fathers*

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts.

You are our model of a loving father.

When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children.

Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.

Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.





## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He *does* have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up? *-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of June 20, 2021

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

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/  
Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/  
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/  
Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled! (Job 38:11)

### Psalms:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107) Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away, behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

### Gospel:

Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mk 4:40-41)

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## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless. ©LPi

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"? ©LPi

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

# BUILD 511

"THEREFORE, ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP, AS INDEED YOU DO." (1 THESSALONIANS 5:11)

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Passion Principles

## Leadership Young Christian Leader Camp at Trinita!

For Students Grade 9-12

This camp includes:

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Activities  
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&

Y.C.L. Binder and Notebook

Dates: July 19th - 23rd

Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Place: Trinita Retreat Center, 595 Town Hill Road, New Hartford, CT

Price: \$300.00 per student

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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://www.mectw.org/>.

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



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