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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

# MASS INTENTIONS



**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## MONDAY, August 9

**9:00** Carl and Mildred Lawrynowicz, requested by their daughter, Dottie Cialfi

## TUESDAY, August 10

**9:00** Marie Cheah, requested by the family

## WEDNESDAY, August 11

**9:00** John Bruno (6th Ann.), requested by the Bruno Family

## THURSDAY, August 12

**9:00** In Thanksgiving for the 51st Anniversary of Nelson and Sandra Bondhus, requested by the Bondhus Family

## FRIDAY, August 13

**9:00** Lawrence Apuzzo (1st Ann.), requested by The Apuzzo Family

## SATURDAY, August 14

**4:00** Lois Winchester, requested by her children

## SUNDAY, August 15

**7:30** Bill Ryan (7th Ann.), requested by the family  
**9:30** Catherine Wahl, requested by the Saxe Family  
**11:00** For the intentions of Katarzyna Machlarz (Living), requested by Katarzyna Machlarz

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



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, August 9

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

### TUESDAY, August 10

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

### WEDNESDAY, August 11

**Wednesday Morning Study Group:** will resume August 18th  
**Unemployment Support:** 3-5pm -via Zoom

### THURSDAY, August 12

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

### FRIDAY, August 13

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

### SATURDAY, August 14

### SUNDAY, August 15

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



**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021**

*The Feast of the Assumption falls on a Sunday this year. The Feast will be celebrated at all the Masses on the weekend of August 14-15.*

**Are you hungry for**  
*meaning, purpose & community*  
**or simply looking for**  
**something more in your life?**

Exploring a relationship with God through the Catholic faith could help. We'd love to talk with you about it in person or via Zoom. No pressure, just friendly, open conversation, one-on-one.

**Contact:**  
[ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com)



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 8/1/21: \$7,824.14  
 Online Giving (July 28-Aug.4, 2021): \$3,593.00  
 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *Assumption*

## 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.

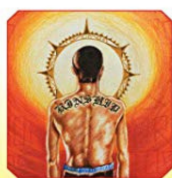
Friendly groups meet via Zoom  
**Sundays at 10:30am, and Fridays at 9:45am.**  
**Newcomers welcome!**

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit:  
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## Book discussions open to all!

**WED. Aug 25**  
**7pm, via Zoom\***

**THURS. Aug 26**  
**7pm, Activity Rm**

CHURCH OF ST ANN 2021

## GOOD SUMMER READ!

Founder of the world's largest gang-intervention and rehabilitation program, Fr. Greg shakes up our ideas about God as he gently and humorously leads us through stories about finding kinship with others and peace within ourselves. Be surprised and inspired!

\*For questions/RSVP/Zoom link:  
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Books available via [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)  
 (designate "St. Anns Church of Avon" as your preferred charity) or at bookstores.

## St. Ann Cares

St. Ann Cares is meeting to plan for its **Day of Caring** in September. If you would like to join us, we meet Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Room 2. Our next meeting is August 12. Any questions contact Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or [sjrose1088@gmail.com](mailto:sjrose1088@gmail.com)



## Unemployment Support



**3-5pm**  
**Wednesdays**  
**via Zoom**

A weekly Q&A meeting with a discussion of a job-search topic of interest to attendees. If you prefer more anonymity you may call (646) 558-8656 and use meeting code 3671752517.

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## CALLING ALL KIDS

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## St. Ann's Fun Day

**August 25/26**  
**10am-12:15pm**

## Details

- \$25 per camper
- 1 session per camper
- limited to 30 campers each session
- includes games, Bible story, craft and more!
- Registration via website opens:  
**Monday, July 26th at 10am**  
[www.stannavon.org/information-1](http://www.stannavon.org/information-1)  
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## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Have you ever seriously considered what your number one priority is in life? Is sainthood at the top of your list? Consider the importance of that being your primary goal because that goal will last for an eternity. We have only two permanent destinations once we leave this earthly life: Heaven or Hell. By the choices we make every day, we choose exactly where we shall spend our eternity.

We can only comprehend the importance of our choice in the light of Divine Wisdom. As St. Pope John Paul II wrote, "Be a person for whom the Holy Mass, Communion and Eucharistic Adoration are the center and summit of your whole life."

**Reflection:** By centering your life with faithful love and devotion on the mystery of the Holy Eucharist, you will assure your choice for Heaven. Why not make that decision today as you receive Jesus in Holy Communion? Ask Him for the grace to desire Him above everything else. He will be so pleased to grant you those graces necessary to achieve your goal.

## Archdiocese of Hartford's Annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 2:00pm  
Cathedral of Saint Joseph/Hartford

(couples can register to attend online at: [bit.ly/aohmarriagemass](https://bit.ly/aohmarriagemass))

## marriage anniversary celebration

ALL THOSE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD WHO OBSERVED OR WILL BE OBSERVING 25th, 50th, 60th, AND OTHER SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN EITHER 2020 OR 2021 ARE INVITED TO JOIN ARCHBISHOP BLAIR FOR THIS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY MASS

THE MASS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021  
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## 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](https://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 as soon as possible 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.



## Save the Date!

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join **Christopher West** and **Mike Mangione** as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive...

Tickets are available in the parish offices. Call Ann DiStefano for more



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/  
Jn 6:41-51  
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26  
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/  
Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1  
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15  
Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/  
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

### Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

### Second Reading:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma. (Eph 5:1-2)

### Gospel:

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:44)

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## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love. ©LPi

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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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/>.

*Jesus is the living bread. Put God in your marriage. Look on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website for the next experience near you.*

## **"The ABCs of Annulment"**

**Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield**

Father Thomas Walsh, Pastor of Saint Augustine Parish, 10 Campbell Ave, Hartford, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday of September 18th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above.

Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC in English, while Deacon Ramon Rosado will deliver the presentation in Spanish.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on September 25th and October 2nd and 9th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Deacon George Frederick and Jim Tottenham, members of the Annulment Team, will join Br. Larry and Deacon Rosado for the Workshops.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at [brolarius300@gmail.com](mailto:brolarius300@gmail.com).





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