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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.

Church of Saint Ann

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

MASS SCHEDULE:

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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

February 6, 2022



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 7 9:00 Antoni Ptak, requested by James Cunningham

TUESDAY, February 89:00 Rev. Thomas McCarthy, requested by the parish

WEDNESDAY, February 9 9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, February 10 9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, February 11 9:00 Carolyn England, requested by the Waterbury Family

SATURDAY, February 124:00 John Elniski, requested by the Cooper Family

SUNDAY, February 13

- 7:30 Special Intentions
- 9:30 Special Intentions
- **11:00 Kathleen Tannery** requested by The LaVia Family

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

This Week at St. Ann

MONDAY, February 7

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the churc MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2(rescheduled to 2/21) Lectio Divina, Live!: 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom

TUESDAY, February 8

"The Search" Series from FORMED: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom **Social Justice Committee Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, February 9

Confessions of St. Augustine: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall "Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennet Hall

THURSDAY, February 10

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church "Matthew" Bible Study: 7pm in the Activity Room and via Zoom Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

FRIDAY, February 11 Lectio Divina, Livel: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, February 12 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, February 13

Lectio Divina, Livel: 10:30am via Zoom



Adult Confirmation Program Begins Soon

Adults: were you baptized and received First Communion, but were never confirmed in the Catholic faith as a youth? Perhaps it's time to receive the grace of the Holy Spirit via the Sacrament of Confirmation, and find greater **peace**, **power and purpose** in your life! Our Adult Confirmation prep program will take place Thursdays at 7:15pm in Room 3, from February 24-April 28. The Confirmation ceremony will be at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, on May 17, 2022 at 7pm. We are praying for you as you discern whether God is calling you to this next step on your faith journey. To learn more, or to register, contact: <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u>.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 1/30/22: \$7,949.06 Online Giving (Jan.26-Feb. 2, 2.022): \$3,564.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none*



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 * Newcomers welcome Sundays at 10:30am, and Fridays at 9:45am. For registration details and inspiringtestimonials, visit: <u>https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live</u>

Winter Book Study:

The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

Each human being experiences restlessness – whether passion or desire, or simply the sense that 'something more' is out there. "Spirituality is about what we do with our unrest." In The Holy Longing, Fr. Rolheiser asserts that each person

has an innate spirituality uniquely suited to them. Finding yours can connect you to the Divine and open your heart to others on a profound level. For Christians, this involves balancing:



a) private prayer and private morality

- b) social justice
- c) mellowness of heart and spirit
- d) communal worship

Come explore these notions in a 5-week book study on Thursdays beginning January 13th.

Groups will meet via Zoom at 10am with Terry Pendergast and 7pm with Claudine Meaney

Participant fee is \$15 (books included)

Please register soon: ann.distefano@stannavon.com.

FORMED. THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

FORMED News!

At Christmas, Fr. McHugh gifted all parishioners a FREE year-long subscription to FORMED.org - The Catholic Faith on Demand, which offers thousands of faith-based videos, movies, podcasts and audio/ebooks for adults, teens and children.



To access your **FREE subscription** now, go to: <u>formed.org/signup</u>. Enter "St. Ann 06001" and type your name and email, **or scan the QR code**. Questions: ann.distefano@stannavon.

FORMED KICKOFF PROGRAM FOR ADULTS:



"The Search" Series

What is my purpose? Why doesn't happiness last? Does God really care about me? Do you ever ponder these thoughts? If your children/grandchildren, friends, or coworkers asked you these questions, would you know what to say? Discover the answers to these and other big questions of life, with our first parishwide program from FORMED, "The Search."

The Search is a new, award-winning video series that guides viewers through an arc of seven episodes, examining the great big story of everything—life and death, sorrow and happiness, science and faith—through the commentary of astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and popular host Chris Stefanik.

A small group ("Search Party!") will be meeting at 7:15pm in Room 3 and on Zoom. We'll gather for 75 minutes to view and discuss "The Search" videos together. RSVP to <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u>.

Attend as many sessions as you are able:

Jan 18: What Do You Seek?Feb 15: Who is Jesus?Jan 25: Who Are You?Feb 22: Am 9 Saved?Feb 1: Why a God?Mar 1: Why a Church?Feb 8: What's Our Story?

Prayer Shawl Ministry

-Monday, February 7, 2022 (rescheduled to 2/21) 7-8:30pm in Room 2

Come be a part of our ministry!

All are welcome ...including brand new knitters! For more information call Tina: 860-674-1541





The Holy Eucharist DID γΟU KNOW?

St. Louise de Marrillac wrote, "With all of my heart I desire You, O Bread of Angels! Do not look on my unworthiness which separates me from You, but look on Your love which so often has invited me to approach You." St. Louise exhibited a tender humility in expressing her unworthiness to receive the Holy Eucharist. She was aware that in Holy Communion, she was receiving the living God.

<u>Reflection:</u> As we say the words, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof...", let us reflect on the fact that Jesus is ALIVE and PRESENT to us in the Blessed Sacrament. We are about to receive Him into our very being in a most personal and intimate way. How can we possibly be worthy of such a gift? How pleased Our Lord must be when He is welcomed by a humble heart. "Jesus, gentle, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine."

"O My Mother, it is to your heart that I come to lay down the anguish of my heart; it is there that I draw strength and courage."

SAINT BERNADETTE



PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Hugs from the Heart

Pro-Life Ministry is sponsoring their Valentine's Day "*Hugs from the Heart*" Outreach to Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center in Torrington.



Huggies or any brand of diapers will help them immensely. All sizes, but especially size 4 are desperately needed. They can use newborn sleepers and stretchy outfits. 12 months, 18 months, and 2T size clothes, baby lotions/wipes, or gift cards would also be greatly appreciated.

Please place the above items in the baby boxes found in the Gathering Space on or before the weekend of February 12th and 13th.

Thank you in advance for helping to support moms and their babies!

BEEN ON OUR WEBSITE LATELY?



We've got some great new resources for you! This week, check out:

https://www.stannavon.org/how-we-live-love

Here, you'll find a helpful list of special ways that Catholics respond to life's defining moments, from how to bless a teenager getting their driver license, to what to send to comfort someone whose loved one has died. (If you have additional suggestions, please submit them to ann.distefano@stannavon.com.)

It's That Time of Year Again...

If you are a registered parishioner using envelopes or online giving, and would like a copy of our records of your weekly envelope contributions, please e-mail Kris in the Parish



Office: kris.martino@stannavon.com or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221. Note: Contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are mailed separately from the Archdiocese.

FEBRUARY 6, 2022 - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The gift of the Mission

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name. - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 6, 2022

Sunday:	ls 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11
	or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/
	Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
	Lk 6:17, 20-26

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel:

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

When we encounter or even ponder God's magnificence, power, and awesomeness, we easily begin to feel our own smallness and perceived insignificance. After all, who can compete with eternal greatness, seraphim, or the ability to catch great numbers of fish? We unfortunately think that God's presence somehow overrides us, reduces our importance, and only seeks to judge our inadequacies and doubts. Things begin to change a bit when we realize that what we may have seen as overwhelming and frightening is really only unconditional, unmerited love. Love has tremendous majesty and power. When we listen to this power and stop seeing it as threatening or dooming, our fear dissipates and Divine friendship takes root. Remaining close to what we once preferred at a distance, we can journey to places we never thought possible and do things we never thought we could do. Strengthened by Divine friendship and encouraged by its life-giving power, we can say "here I am, send me!" when God asks, "whom shall I send?" Sin and fear no longer are of concern to the one who remains close to God in a bond of trust. **©LPi**

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God's Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It's easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn't require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God's providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God's presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn't seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own "god" and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.



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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

January 28, 2022

Reverend John W. McHugh Saint Ann Parish 289 Arch Road Avon, CT 06001

Dear Father McHugh,

I am writing to congratulate you and the parishioners of Saint Ann Parish for your generous support last year of the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The parish responded to the call to be part of **Reaching Out, Healing Together** in a very gratifying way by exceeding its 2021 goal.

In every parish the success of our Annual Appeal depends in large part on the effort, enthusiasm, and commitment of the parish priest. I thank you for your leadership and all your efforts to present the Appeal in a positive light and for all you did to encourage your parishioners to support the Appeal, especially amid all the challenges posed by the pandemic.

I am confident that you will continue to help others to see that by their support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal they are serving Christ himself through the many ministries, charities and spiritual works that benefit from their generosity.

Please communicate my heartfelt gratitude to your parishioners for their generous response, and be assured of my prayers and best wishes for you and for everyone at Saint Ann Parish. May God grant you a blessed and healthy 2022.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair Archbishop of Hartford

"Reaching Out, Healing Together"



