

# Church of Saint Ann

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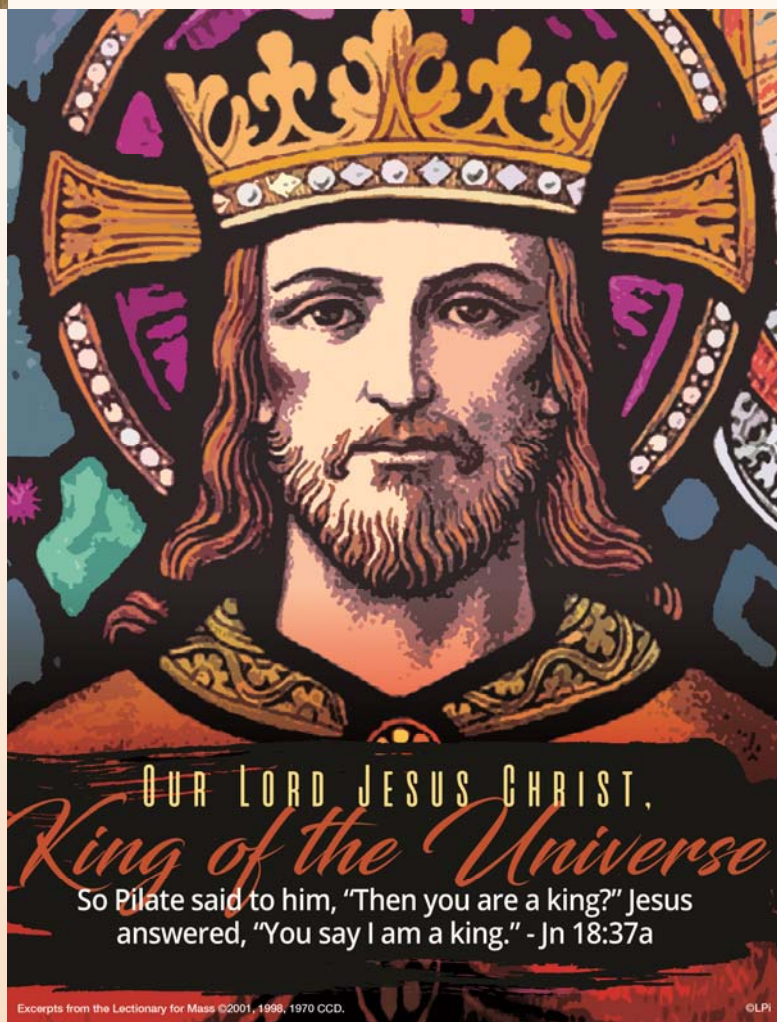
Call the Parish Office

## 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.



## 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

Chaplet: following daily Mass

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12 Noon

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**Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, King of the  
Universe**

**MONDAY, November 26**  
9:00 **Special Intentions**

**TUESDAY, November 27**  
9:00 **Donald Kubik**, requested by  
his wife, Ruth, and family

**WEDNESDAY, November 28**  
9:00 **Special Intentions**

**THURSDAY, November 29**  
9:00 **John Bruno**, requested by  
the Bruno Family

**FRIDAY, November 30**  
9:00 **Teresa Lopez (2nd Ann)**, requested by  
her husband

**SATURDAY, December 1**  
4:00 **Winifred Stabile** requested by  
Martha Kennedy

**SUNDAY, December 2**  
7:30 **Silvio Brighenti**, requested by the family  
9:30 **Fiorella Burgio**, requested by the family  
11:00 **Terry & Bill Roderick**, requested by  
Tom and Pat Heavren



*Live This  
Advent with  
Peace and  
Purpose!*

Our Advent Reflection Series begins the week  
of November 25.

Form a small group at home with friends, or  
join us at church in Room 3 on  
Sundays at 10:30am or Mondays at 7:15pm,  
or Thursdays at 9:30am.

**All materials are provided!**

To register, please contact: 860-673-9858,  
x228 ann.distefano@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'S**

**MONDAY, November 26**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church  
**MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group:** 7:15pm in the church.

*Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!*

**Advent Series:** 7:15pm in Rm. 3

**Young Adult Bible Study:** 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30pm (Activity Rm)

**TUESDAY, November 27**

**RCIA (morning group):** 9:30am in Room 3

**RCIA (evening group):** 7pm in Room 3

**WEDNESDAY, November 28**

**Prophets Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 2/3

**Acts Bible Study:** 6:30pm in Room 3

**THURSDAY, November 29**

**Advent Series:** 9:30am in Room 3

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

**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft

**Youth Choir:** 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

**Folk/Contemporary Choir:** 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

**FRIDAY, November 30**

**Acts Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 3 (check w/leader if meeting today)

**SATURDAY, December 1**

**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8am in Room 3

**SUNDAY, December 2**

**Advent Series:** 10:30am in Room 3

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** 2:30pm in the church



**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**

**Sunday, December 2nd**

**2:30 - 3:30pm in the church**

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated at St. Ann in Avon on  
Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Jesus told St. Faustina,  
“I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My  
mercy. Please join us for this powerful devotion.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Visit [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org) for full details. To register, contact Ann: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com); 860-673-9858, x228

### Grow in Faith with Friends

Form a Small Group with your friends/neighbors to explore your faith and deepen your friendships, at your pace and from the comfort of home. Materials and support are waiting for you!

### Encounter God in the Bible

#### "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures"

helps you make personal connections to the Sunday readings. *Lectio Divina* prayer included. Drop in, all materials provided.

- Sundays, 10:30am, Room 3 with Chip Janiszewski
- Mondays, 7:15pm, Room 3 with Jim Serruta

### Parenting with Purpose

*"The video presenters are so relatable." "These are great tips not just to help me raise my kids, but to help me be a better person!"* Come see what your peers are talking about!

Join us for our engaging video series on parenting on CCD Sundays at Avon Middle School, Room 228.

\* 9am – "Sharing Faith" For K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade parents

**Childcare for babies-preK is available at this session - sign up by Thurs prior with babysitters Lisa, [lrg1010@comcast.net](mailto:lrg1010@comcast.net) AND Paula, [uconnloves@att.net](mailto:uconnloves@att.net)**

\* 5:45pm – "Families of Character" for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents

### Young Adult Group

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of the month at 7:30pm in the Activity Room (beneath the left wing of the church). Unwind, connect and explore faith with other men, women and couples in their 20's and 30's.

Contact: Kylie Brasel, (860) 951-6211, [kylie.brasel13@gmail.com](mailto:kylie.brasel13@gmail.com).

Find us on Facebook: St. Ann's Young Adult Group



## Visit Our Website!

Visit our website for news, events, to learn about our many ministries and for great resources:

**[stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org)**

*Did you know that you can also read our weekly bulletin in full color on our website? Check it out!*



## Advent Wreath Making

**Saturday, December 1  
3:00 – 3:45 pm in  
Fr. Bennett Hall**

*Join the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation students for some family parish fun followed by a family Mass at 4:00 PM.*

Come and craft a wreath to enjoy all Advent season and have it blessed during Mass. Christmas cookies and Hot Coco will be served. So, make plans now and reserve the time on your calendar to join us for this annual favorite! **PLEASE RSVP** so we can plan accordingly: [valeri.stjean@stannavon.com](mailto:valeri.stjean@stannavon.com)

*The Season of Giving is Upon Us!*

### What's a QCD... and Why Taxpayers Need to Know Now

Looking for a way to support the Church of Saint Ann and reduce your tax liability? If you are at least 70.5 years, donate to charities, and don't like taxes—you may be very interested in qualified charitable distributions. Although this instrument has been around since 2006, big changes in deductions on federal income tax returns mean that QCDs are attracting a lot more attention.

This is the time of year when every nonprofit sends an appeal while you are still evaluating what charitable gifts you will make before the tax year ends. The Church of Saint Ann sincerely hopes to make it onto your priority list.

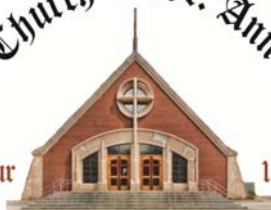
**Please see bulletin insert for more information.**  
*If you have any questions, please contact Russ Koch at [russ.koch@stannavon.com](mailto:russ.koch@stannavon.com).*

**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

**November 18, 2018: 7,686.00**  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*Avon Special Needs*

*Church of St. Ann*

*Celebrating Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



**2018 ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION**

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our 2018 Annual Parish Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated! Thank you.

**You can pick up a pledge form in the Gathering Space, Parish Office or print one out from our website:**  
[www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org)



**HEARTS & SOULS**

Ministering to body, mind and spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling and referrals to our community of faith. Office hours are generally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2<sup>nd</sup> door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

**CENACLES**  
**of the Marian Movement of Priests**



**Question:** Is the cenacle primarily for priests?  
**Answer:** No. In Message #34 (1-17-74), Our Lady introduces this question, "Why do I want them to come together in cenacle with me?" In this message she addresses herself to the priests, but what she tells them is also applicable to the laity. She wants all her children—priests, religious, laity, families, to gather together with her in cenacles of prayer, to pray with her and to learn how to love one another. Also, the cenacle helps us to deepen our understanding and live the obligations we have undertaken through our consecration to her

Immaculate Heart. We refer you to the message dated Nov. 1, 1973, "my Faithful Cohort." (#25)

*Excerpt from Cenacles of the Marian Movement of Priests Purpose/Guide*

**Our cenacle meets every Monday at 7:15pm in the church. Come pray the Rosary with us.**

**Eucharistic**



**Adoration**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a source of abundant graces and blessings. Archbishop Blair has instituted an hour of Eucharistic Adoration each week in every parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford. This hour at the Church of Saint Ann will take place on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30am. We would love you to join us!

*Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." - Jn 18:36*

CHRIST THE KING



**PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA**

Almighty God,  
 We pray that through the intercession of your beloved, Saint Florian, those courageous men and women fighting fire in California will be protected and strengthened by Your providence. Bring consolation to those who have lost loved ones, dwellings, and their sense of security. May they find a home in your gracious love and a hope in the generous works of your servants here on earth. Amen.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*When I was growing up, my parents told me about Elvis Presley, the King of Rock 'n' Roll. He received that title from fans due to the huge effect he had on rock music. When I was a teenager, people called Michael Jackson the King of Pop. The designation was based on the fact that he had so many hits for so many years and because of his power as a live performer. The title of king carries with it a lot of weight and communicates to people that the one bearing the title is at the pinnacle of something, some people, or some reality. I sometimes even like to say that I am King of the House, but my wife can easily remind me that a true king would have servants and would not have to take out the trash by themselves. Touché!*

*There are many kings of many things, but only one King of the Universe. If you were the king of a kingdom, all would be your subjects. In the universe, all creation bows down to this king. No other king stands above him. All belongs to Him, although much is given to each of us as gift. He gives out of love and our love for Him should cause us to use those gifts for His glory, for we are more than simple subjects. We are sons and daughters of the King. We are royalty due to the mark of Baptism.*

*Elvis and Michael are gone. Monarchs from different eras and places have vanished. However, our King is alive and well, calling us to have full membership in His Kingdom. His name is Jesus. His Kingdom is at hand.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*"...and every tongue confess, to the glory of God the Father, that Jesus Christ is Lord!"*

- St. Paul

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14b)

### Psalm:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)

### Second Reading:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." (Rv 1:8)

### Gospel:

"For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (Jn 18:37b)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 25, 2018

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37  
 Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rv 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rv 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28  
 Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22  
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b; cf Rv 22:20c]/Lk 21:34-36  
 Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and victorious. We see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant?

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Here is the heart of Jesus' reign. He is a king -- and his "subjects" are alive and well on earth -- but, ultimately, Jesus' kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus' invitation also endures. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ's kingdom.

First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favor of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God's grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn't mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must "testify to the truth" of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

We live in interesting times. Life is constantly changing. While this can be exciting on one hand, change also presents challenges. We live in an age of relativism where people can pick and choose the truths that suit them and build their own system of beliefs. While humans certainly have the freedom to choose, losing sight of long-standing universal truths is not such a healthy course. Jesus Christ our King is our universal truth! He is the God who is nonnegotiable, our non-option! In Christ, we know what truth is. He alone points us to God, our true selves, our proper relationships with one another, and the world in which we live. Christ directs us to the poor and vulnerable and teaches us what God's kingdom is meant to be. Christ is the king who serves others. He gets dirty. He ascends the throne of the cross. We are called to do the same.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### Help for the Bereaved

St. Thomas Parish of Southington CT will offer a bereavement seminar beginning November 28, 2018. Anyone grieving the death of a loved one is encouraged to enroll and participate at no cost. The New Day process, developed by Sr. Mauryeen O'Brien, OP, will be used. Participants will meet 9 times from 6 – 8 pm. The winter dates will be Nov 28, Dec 12, 19, Jan 2, 10, 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6. During each meeting, participants work through one element of the grieving process using prayer, reflection, sharing and journaling. Everything that is shared during the meetings is held confidential.

*For more information or to enroll please call  
Deacon Vinny Raby 860-628-9425  
or the St. Thomas Parish office 860-628-4713.*

### Help Wanted!

St. Patrick Church has an opening for a part-time (12 hours per week) Parish Secretary. The Parish Secretary is responsible for providing secretarial and related office services for the Pastor and other parish staff and ministries, as directed. This position is the initial point of contact for church members and visitors or when calling or visiting the Parish office. Duties will include, but are not limited to: general secretarial support of the parish, maintaining record-keeping and filing systems, computer and internet work, updating the parish website, phone and reception duties as well as other office-related duties. Qualified candidates should have strong written and verbal communication skills as well as excellent computer skills, a high level of confidentiality, professionalism, and the ability to multi-task while maintaining a high level of organization and productivity.

Please submit resume to: St. Patrick Church,  
P.O. Box 523, Farmington, CT 06032-0523



**CNA** needed for a home health aide position  
Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care  
licensed, faith-based home health care agency  
Contact Marie Laffin, RN, 203-238-1441 or resume to  
franciscanhc.org.

AVON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
PRESENTS

## JOYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

AT THE HISTORIC AVON MEETING HOUSE

Feast on four courses of traditional holiday  
fare while enjoying the joys of  
Christmas song and traditions.

Proceeds to benefit the restoration of Avon's  
Historical Meeting House on its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## December 14, 15 & 16

Fri 6:00 pm

Sat 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sun 2:00 pm

\$40 per person  
(includes meal, glass of  
wine & entertainment)

6 West Main Street, Avon, CT 06001  
Catering by Bees Knees of Avon CT

Questions? Call 860-678-0488

Purchase reservations at  
[www.avon-church.org](http://www.avon-church.org)

Women of St. Patrick's

### GINGERBREAD FAIR

**Saturday, December 1 from 10am - 7pm**

**Sunday, December 2 from 8am - 12noon**

Unique Hand-Crafted Items - Gift Baskets - Bake Table  
Teacup Auction & more!

**"GINGERBREAD CAFE!"**

Relax and enjoy homemade items from our  
delicious menu!

**HOMEMADE** Gingerbread with **REAL Whipped Cream!**