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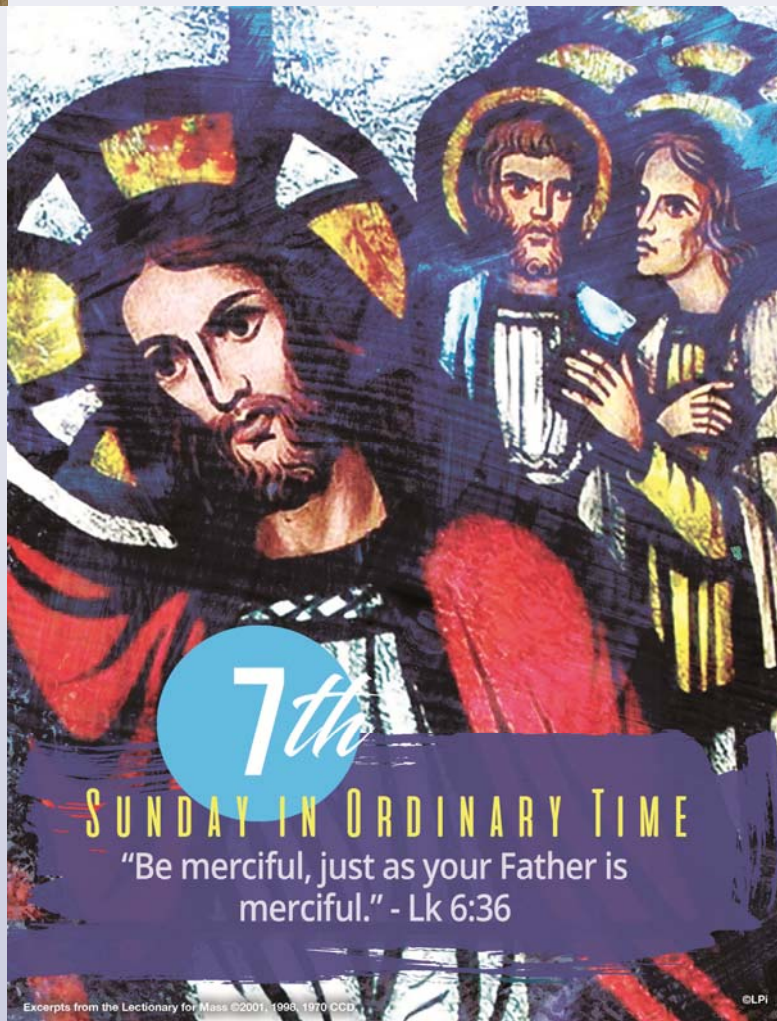
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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.



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



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 25

9:00 **Raymond Zalenski**, requested by the ZuWallack Family

TUESDAY, February 26

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, February 27

9:00 **Aleksandra Smolinski and Cora Sopelak**, requested by the Sopelak Family

THURSDAY, February 28

9:00 **Claude Maillet**, requested by the Maillet Family

FRIDAY, March 1

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, March 2

4:00 **Richard Nista**, requested by Elizabeth Nguyen

SUNDAY, March 3

7:30 **Special Intentions**

9:30 **Richard A. Simonick**, requested by his loving family

11:00 **Doris Stockton**, requested by The St. Ann Music Ministry



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'S

MONDAY, February 25

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!

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, February 26

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

RCIA (evening group): 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, February 27

John Bible Study: 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3

Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, February 28

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

St. Ann Cares Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

Adult Confirmation Class: 7pm in Room 3

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

FRIDAY, March 1


Acts Bible Study: 9:30am in Room

SATURDAY, March 2

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

Confirmation: 1am in the church

SUNDAY, March 3

 **Parish Coffee:** after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall
(sponsored by our K-8 Faith Formation families)

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Rm. 3



The St. Ann Welcoming Ministry invites you to join us for

Wine & Cheese

after the 4pm Mass on Saturday, February 23, 2019 in Fr. Bennett Hall

SNACKS FOR CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED

Confirmation 2019
Saturday, March 2nd
11:00am



Please keep our 78 Year-Two Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

More details are at stannavon.com, or contact Director of AFF, Ann DiStefano: ann.distefano@stannavon.com (860) 673-9858, x.228

Adult Enrichment for Lent 2019: The Mass: An Invitation from Jesus

The Mass is a divine banquet, brimming with rich conversation, choice food and drink, candlelight, fine music, and special guests - all of us! This Lent, let's DIG IN to the Mass and explore the beauty, meaning and power of this awesome mystery that calls us together as family, and invites us to experience love, forgiveness, nourishment and purpose around the table of our Host - Jesus.



Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass" 6-part Video Series (come when you can!)

An in-depth, engaging walk through the Mass with brilliant, personable Bishop Barron. Lite brunch, video, prayer, discussion.
Sundays, March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and April 7th, 14th
12-1:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall.

"Getting More Out of Mass" Small Group Reflection Series (come when you can!)

A fresh, relatable look at what the parts of the Mass mean, and how that can enrich your life

(Booklets available at church entrances)

**Sundays, 10:25-11:55am; Mondays, 7:15-8:45pm;
Fridays, 9:30-11am
March 8th -April 15th
Room 3, lower level of Fr. Bennett Hall**

**At Parent Enrichment 9-10:30am (with babysitting)
and 5:45-7:15pm
Sundays, Feb 24th, Mar 10th, Mar 31st
Room 228 at Avon Middle School**

**At your convenience! Form a small group with friends.
Support available!**

At-Mass Engagement

Listen for the theme for each Mass and record your 'takeaway' on a Pew Note.

"Teaching Mass"

Saturday, March 23rd, 4pm Family Mass. Learn-as-you-go at this interactive experience of Holy Mass, hosted by Youth Faith Formation.

Interactive display

in Gathering Space -add your "Meaningful Mass Moments" to those of other adults and children.

Farmington Valley **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Come to encounter Jesus in His Word and in community. Men's and women's small groups available as well as occasional social get together! Join our Facebook Group: Farmington Valley Young Adult Group

For details please contact:

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Check Us Out... On Instagram!



Did you know the Church of Saint Ann is on social media? Like us on Facebook (facebook.com/stannavon) and follow us on Instagram @churchofsaintannavon to stay up-to-date on what's going on in our parish community!

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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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.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 17, 2019: \$15,802.71
Online Giving (week ending 2/20/19): \$2,226.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
St. Ann Cares

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.



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 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

Church of St. Ann

Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary



As part of our 100th anniversary celebration, St. Ann's Church is planning a historical exhibit at the Avon Free Public Library during the months of July and August, 2019. This will be a dual exhibit with the Avon Congregational Church, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary. The exhibit will be in the History Corner, and St. Ann will be using the tackboard wall and metal shelves to the right of the glass case. If you have items (photos, old documents, etc.) that you would like to share for the exhibit, please contact Jean Frey at 860-673-1949. It would be nice to be able to include photos or memories related to the first church on Mountain View Avenue as well as our current church. Copies could be made of any photos.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY



Pro-Life Parish Coffee
THIS Sunday, February 24th
After the 9:30am Mass
Fr. Bennett Hall

Pro-Life Ministry would like to invite all parishioners to join us for our Parish Coffee this Sunday, February 24th following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Come hear more about this amazing ministry and our mission to defend and protect the sacredness and dignity of every human life.

For those who took a Stand in Celebration of Life this is also our way of thanking you. Here's the hot coffee, hot cocoa, and treats plus a chance to share our experience without the fierce wind and 28 degree temps.



National Day of Mourning

Due to recent legislation in New York allowing for late term abortions a National Day of Mourning is scheduled for Saturday, February 23rd. We are asked to pray, fast, and wear black on that day hoping to make up for apathy on this issue and to beg God for His Mercy on us. Here at St. Ann's, we will gather to pray the rosary and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy from 1-2:30 p.m. in the church. Please join us.

<https://drrichswier.com/2019/02/07/national-day-of-mourning-repentance-february-23rd-2019/>

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

The more I reflect on the graces I have received, the more they astonish me.
 -St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD; whose hope is in the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

PSALM:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

SECOND READING:

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? (1 Cor 15:12)

GOSPEL:

Raising his eyes toward his disciples [Jesus] said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 24, 2019

- Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/ Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/ Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/ Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

GOSPEL MEDITATION

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich ? who are filled now ? who laugh ? when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor ? you who are now hungry ? when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Getting ahead in the world is something many see as important. Success, a comfortable life, and worldly securities are seen as what is needed to achieve happiness. Whether or not we like to admit it, these pursuits are operative in many of our lives. As much as we want to believe in the Gospel, we also find it hard not to cling to these other things. Unconditional trust in God must be first if we are going to perceive the kingdom of God. And while God does not want us to go out of our way to be miserable, Jesus clearly gives preference to those who are poor, hungry, weeping, marginalized, vulnerable, and despised. When people encounter these things, they touch God. It teaches us not to get too comfortable with our riches and that there is much more to true life than the stuff we find so important.

THE BULLETIN BOARD



St. Thomas the Apostle School will host an Open House for Prospective Families on Sunday, March 10th, 11:30AM- 1PM.

All are welcome to drop by to explore our classrooms, meet our fabulous teachers, and learn more about our dynamic learning community. St. Thomas the Apostle is a fully accredited PreK3- Grade 5 Catholic elementary school serving the Hartford area with a current enrollment of 213 students. We provide a rigorous academic environment that includes daily differentiated instruction, a religion curriculum enriched by service projects in every grade, an expansive music and arts program, as well as after school clubs and sports.

To register for the Open House or for additional information please contact the admissions office at 860-236-6257 or email: dklingman@stthomasapostlewh.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekend is Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT.

For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Lenten Day of Recollection

A Lenten Day of Recollection will be held at Montfort House, Lourdes in Litchfield, Saturday, March 9th, 9:30-3:30. Spend a day and learn how to approach Lent through the art of Contemplation with Fr. Donald LaSalle, SMM and Lisa Hudkins, Spiritual Director. The suggested offering is \$35.00 (lunch included).

For further information or to make a reservation, call 860-567-1041 or email: lourdesshrinect@gmail.org by March 6th.

Visit us on the internet at www.shrinect.org

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford

Group Spiritual Direction Every Tuesday: 12:30-1:30pm

Group Spiritual Direction refers to the active conversation centering on the relationship with God/Divine Presence/Higher Power of what is life-giving. Every Tuesday after the 12:05pm Mass, two Spiritual Directors gather with all who attend for reflection on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday Mass. As companions on the journey, the directors listen for the underlying flow of life (often named 'spirit') in the reading while facilitating conversation within the group. Please join us!

To register please call our Parish Office at 860-675-4034.

Free, well-lit parking is available in the Saints Surface Parking Lot across from the Franciscan Center

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend March 1 -3 in Litchfield, CT The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance.

For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org