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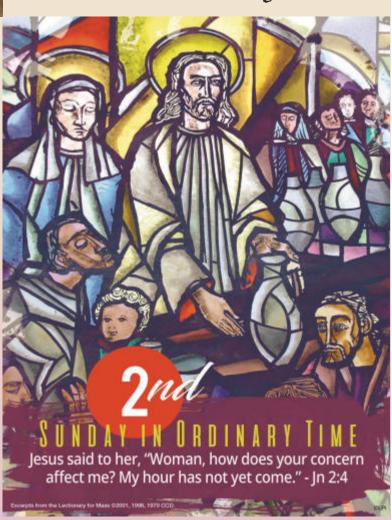
MARRIAGES

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

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri. 9:30–9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, January 17

9:00 Miroslaw Obrebski, requested by

Ewa Sulewski

TUESDAY, January 18

9:00 Ryszard Stodolski, requested by

Ewa Sulewski

WEDNESDAY, January 19

9:00 For the intentions of Henryk Stodolski (Living),

requested by Ewa Sulewski

THURSDAY, January 20

9:00 Adam Sulewski, requested by Ewa Sulewski

FRIDAY, January 21

9:00 For the sanctity of life, especially the unborn

SATURDAY, January 22

4:00 For the sanctity of life, especially the unborn

SUNDAY, January 23

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 For the intentions of Krystyna Zwolak, (Living)

requested by Ewa Sulewski

11:00 Jason Sagnella, requested by

Betsy and Bob Suski

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



Archdiocese of Hartford January 7, 2022

ALL persons are to wear masks regardless of vaccine status.



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, January 17

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church-Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting (rescheduled from 1/3): 7pm in Room 3

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

Lectio Divina, Live!: 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom

TUESDAY, January 18

WEDNESDAY, January 19

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

Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, January 20

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

"Matthew" Bible Study: 7pm in the Activity Room and via Zoom

FRIDAY, January 21

Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom **Holy Hour for Life**: 12 noon in the church

SATURDAY, January 22

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3
Pro-Life Rosary: 12 noon in the church parking lot

SUNDAY, January 23

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

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



This Sunday,
January 16, 2022
2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church

We will pray to end abortion and for renewed sacredness of all human life. Please come and join us.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 1/9/22: \$7,324.45 Online Giving (Jan.5-12, 2022): \$2,850.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Arch. Catholic High Schools

Prayer Shawl *Ministry*

Monday, January 17, 2022 (rescheduled from 1/3) 7-8:30pm in Room 3

Come be a part of our ministry!

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



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.

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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 learn how to navigate the



myriad offerings on FORMED, we're hosting a SIGN UP WEEKEND January 15/16. After all Masses that weekend, join us for orientation/info sessions in Fr. Bennett Hall. Bring your smartphone, laptop and/or tablet and we'll help get you signed up.

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

FORMED KICKOFF PROGRAM FOR ADULTS:





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.

Small groups ("Search Parties!") will be meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00pm via Zoom or 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 ann.distefano@stannavon.com.

Attend as many sessions as you are able:

Jan 18: What Dr 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?

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Upcoming Events:

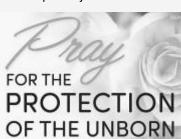
All of our parishioners are invited to participate in the Pro-Life Activities scheduled to memorialize the 49th Anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion.

Sunday, <u>January 16th</u>, St. Ann will celebrate The Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 pm followed. We will pray for the end to abortion and a renewed respect for all human life.

On Friday, <u>January 21st</u> St. Ann will celebrate the 9am Mass with prayers for the sanctity of all life, especially the unborn. At 12 noon we will observe a Holy Hour for Life will be observed until 1pm. We will unite our prayers with those who are on the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The Pro-Life cause is gaining ground...please join us on

Sat., January 22nd at 12 noon in St. Ann's parking lot to pray the rosary for the success of the Dobb's case and the ultimate overturning of Roe v Wade.





Each Mass has infinite value. This gift is so great that we should endeavor to make the Holy Mass the very center of our lives. "Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act. You cannot do anything to glorify God more, than by devoutly attending Mass." (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

Reflection: One of the effects of the Holy Mass and of the Holy Eucharist is to prepare us for the Beatific Vision in heaven. Even now we are able to share on earth in the intimate life of the Three Divine Persons through the Mass and Holy Communion. Only fools would turn away from such a glorious gift.

"Do everything you can for the sake of <u>one</u> Holy Communion." (St. Mary Magdaline de Pazzi)





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

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The ministry knits 20-25 shawls per year, over 100 hats and scarves for the shelters, and over 20 baby blankets.

They have donated to the following organizations:

Immacare shelter, UCONN hospice, West Haven VA hospital, South Park Inn Hartford, United Methodist church in Unionville (they no longer have a ministry).

Hartford Women's shelter, Two Hearts pregnancy in Torrington, St Gerard center for life in Hartford, McLean Hospital, Mercy Shelter.





Prayer shawl made by Phyllis Kayan for a daughter of a fallen soldier



Thank you to all those who purchased the "Bloomin' 4 Good" bouquets at Stop & Shop in December. A total of \$117 was raised for the St. Ann Food Pantry Garden!

JANUARY 16, 2022 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30

or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

Psalm:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

Gospel:

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing! ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

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://wwmectw.org/.

Are you letting Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.



Our Lady of Calvary **Retreat Center** Farmington, CT

We are offering a one-day retreat especially for those who do not feel comfortable attending overnight events amidst the ongoing COVID -19 epidemic. The dates for these are January 19 and February 5.

This one-day retreat will have the same theme as our Women's Weekend Retreat. Our one-day Women's Retreat will include two retreat conferences, a Reconciliation Service with individual confession, and Mass. Retreatants can expect to be on their way home by 4:00 pm. A hearty lunch will be served.





The ABCs of Annulmnet

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

Fr. Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street, Madison, CT, in collaboration with Fr. George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday, January 22nd from 10am to 12pm, 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, and Jim Tottenham.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday, January 29th, February 12th & 19th, from 10am to 12pm. Brother Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present 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 at: 475-221-8464 or email him at: brolarlus300@gmail.com.

St. Mary's School Open House



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30th 1:00 - 3:30 pm

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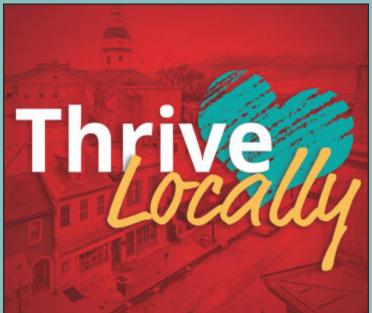
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