



Church of Saint Ann

289 Arch Road * Avon, Connecticut * 06001

860-673-9858

Rev. John W. McHugh, Ph.D., Pastor

www.stannavon.org

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Joseph P. Cheah, OSM, Ph.D.

Rev. Daniel J. Sullivan

DEACONS

Jeffrey Sutherland: deacon.jeff@stannavon.com

Tim Healy: deacon.tim@stannavon.com

SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER

Russell Koch: russ.koch@stannavon.com

COORDINATOR OF SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Tom McCabe: tom.mccabe@stannavon.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR (K - 8)

Valerie St. Jean: ext. 223 valerie.stjean@stannavon.com

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Rosemary Neamtz, MSW: ext. 226

rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com

REGISTRAR & CONFIRMATION ASSISTANT

Jennifer Soucy: ext.227 jennifer.soucy@stannavon.com

DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

Ann DiStefano, MPS: ext. 228 ann.distefano@stannavon.com

RCIA DIRECTOR & LITURGY COORDINATOR

Maureen Fiedler: 860-995-4026

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Tom Stockton: ext. 230

OFFICE MANAGER

Kris Martino: ext. 221 kris.martino@stannavon.com

BUILDING & CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

Mike Gould: ext. 225

BAPTISMS (Registered Parishioners):

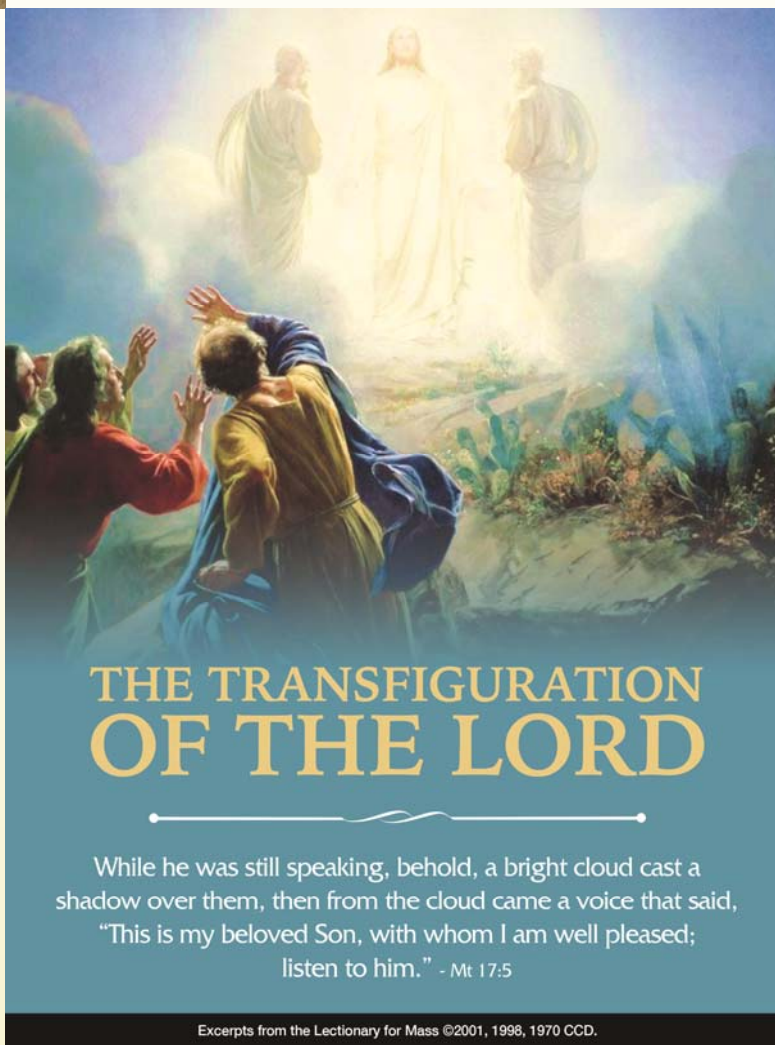
Call the Parish Office

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.



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon

MASS INTENTIONS



*The
Trasfiguration of
the Lord*

MONDAY, August 7

9:00 **Donna Haverley (24th Ann)** requested by the Bruno Family

TUESDAY, August 8

9:00 **Vera Alft**, requested by the Newman Family

WEDNESDAY, August 9

9:00 **John O'Neill**, requested by Heidi O'Neill

THURSDAY, August 10

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

FRIDAY, August 11

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

SATURDAY, August 12

4:00 **Ralph DiMartino**, requested by Gladys & Sal

SUNDAY, August 13

7:30 **Kathleen Ann Stevens**, requested by Joan and Michael Gould

9:30 **Terry Tromza**, requested by Joan Tyler

11:00 **Angelo Naples**, requested by the family

WELCOME!



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, August 7

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church. Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

TUESDAY, August 8

WEDNESDAY, August 9

THURSDAY, August 10

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

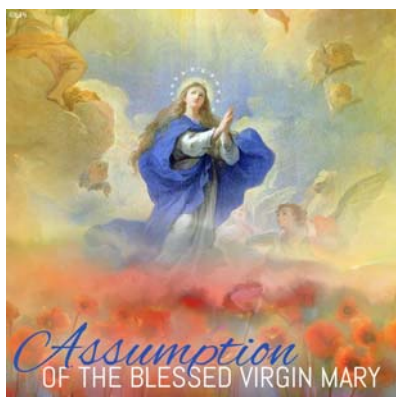
FRIDAY, August 11

SATURDAY, August 12

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 13

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



TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Holy Day of Obligation

MASSES WILL BE AT:

9:00 AM

12:10 PM

7:00 PM



Tools for Schools Collection



Through September 2/3

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 2/3 This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families.

Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed.

Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall.

May you be blessed for your generosity!

Please consider these suggested items:

- *Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks
- *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers *
- Pencil sharpeners * Pens
- * Notebook paper * Markers etc.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 30, 2017: \$6,465.90
Online Giving/Payments (week ending 8/2/17): \$5,041.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
none

**Announcing
 St. Ann's
 Good Summer Reads!**



Summer is a great time to relax and enjoy a good read or two. Choose from the following selections, and join us for discussions at summer's end:

**"The Joy of the Gospel" (*Evangelii Gaudium*),
 Pope Francis**

The Holy Father discusses the blessings and challenges of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others in today's world. The writing is at times earnest, but always inspiring, and the theme is perfect for the US Church's faith formation focus for 2017-2018: "Living as Missionary Disciples". The work is available in book form, or you may download it for free via stannavon.org/book-discussions-1.

***The Five Love Languages*, Gary Chapman, PhD.**

Years of practice as a Christian psychologist/Marriage Counselor led the author to the discovery that there are five primary ways that people receive and express love. Gain wisdom about yourself and others that can inform ALL your relationships.

For Parents & Godparents:

***The Five Love Languages of Children*
 Gary Chapman, PhD, and Ross Campbell, MD**

Learn how to express love to each of your children in a language that they understand.



Please take a moment to "LIKE" us on Facebook our page **AND** choose to "RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS". Thank you and see you on Facebook!

To do this, please follow these 5 simple steps:

- Step 1: Log onto FACEBOOK
- Step 2: Search: Church of Saint Ann – Avon, CT
- Step 3: Go to the page and Click the "LIKE" button
- Step 4: Click the "LIKED" button, then drop down to "RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS"
- Step 5: Click "ALL POSTS" AND "EVENTS" to be informed of happenings at the Church of Saint Ann



ADULT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

By Popular Demand...

We will continue to offer "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" on most* Sundays through the summer, from 10:30am- 12pm in Room 3. Come discover what the Sunday readings meant when they were written, and what they mean to you personally today (*Lectio Divina*) Please register with Chip Janiszewski, chip@chipj.com, however, **DROP INS ARE WELCOME!** This is the perfect time to try out a Small Group Bible Study experience – join us! All materials are provided – bring your own Bible, if you like. *Check www.stannavon.org for the updated schedule.

Curious about the benefits of a small group Bible Study? Here's what one participant has to share:

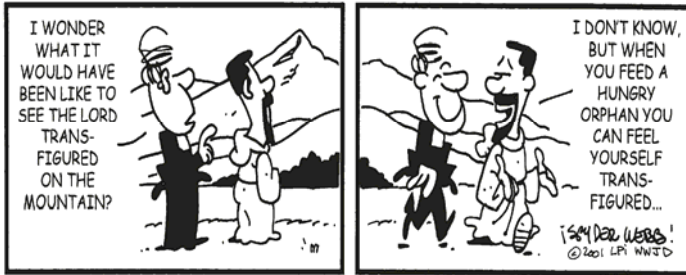
"As a stay at home mom to four young children, Bible study has never been a priority. I had been pushing away the idea of attending St. Ann Bible Study for some time. I was too busy, too scared and felt like I lacked adequate knowledge of the Bible. But I felt like there was something absent from my life.

I have been to Bible studies at other churches, but attending St. Ann's "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" has given me something more than what I feel like I was getting anywhere else. This group leaves me feeling uplifted, recharged and giving something back just for me!

Being surrounded by a loving community and caring individuals helps me learn more about myself and my faith. Becoming more actively involved within my church has helped me make deeper connections with others, myself and my relationship with God. These relationships have developed into some life-long friendships. I feel beyond blessed to be part of St. Ann's Bible Study!" - Callie Barnes



TRANSFIGURATION



St. Ann's Re-Employment Group

meets every other Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Activity Room at St. Ann's. For more information, or if any working member of the parish hears of :**JOHN DRAKE**, **860-989-2377** or email at: johndrake.humancapital@live.com.

Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle Monday evenings in the church from 7:15-8:15pm

The MMP is for priests and laity who are devoted to Our Lady and her Rosary. The Prayer Cenacles are gatherings of prayer that consist of the Holy Rosary and Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Message from the MMP Book "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons" is read at every Cenacle. We are praying for an outpouring of The Holy Spirit, and for Our Lady's intercession. For more information on the Marian Movement of Priests, please visit the official website at www.mmp-usa.net
Come and see, come pray with us. All are welcome.

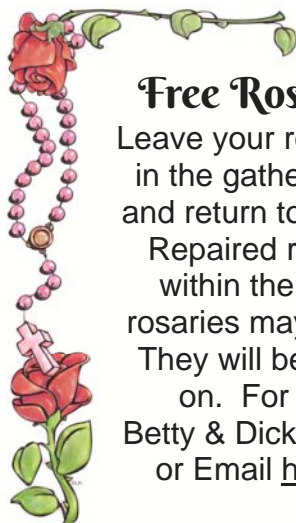
Communion For Shut-Ins

The Eucharistic ministers would be happy to bring Communion to those in our parish who are unable to come to church. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and address if you wish to receive Communion **860-673-9858**.



HEARTS & SOULS

There will be no office hours in July and August.
See you in September!



Free Rosary Repair Service

Leave your rosary for repair in the box in the gathering space. Mark repair and return to me or this is a donation.

Repaired rosaries will be returned within the week. Old and broken rosaries may be left for the missions. They will be repaired and then sent on. For more information call Betty & Dick Holden at 239-463-3993 or Email holdenbnd@gmail.com.

Calling All Parishioners!

The Confirmation Program is looking for a couple of parishioners to assist with our large group events and the Confirmation ceremony in March... about 4-5 times total throughout the school year. This is a small time commitment with a great reward.

If interested please contact

Rosemary Neamtz:

rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com

or 860-673-9858, x. 226.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

On August 10 we celebrate the feast of St. Lawrence. Can you tell us a bit about him?

Answer:

Little is known about Lawrence other than he was a deacon during the reign of Emperor Valerian from 253-259. In 258, Valerian began a persecution of the Roman Church. Lawrence was in charge of the purse for the church of Rome. Roman officials demanded that the riches of the church be handed over to them. Lawrence asked for a few days to gather them.

Lawrence took the money he had charge over and distributed it to the poor of Rome. Then he gathered all the homeless and poor together. When the officials came again demanding the riches of the church, Lawrence pointed to the destitute and homeless, saying that these were the true riches of the church. For this he was imprisoned and tortured, and put to death by burning on a gridiron. It is said that as he was dying, he told his executioners to turn him over because he was done on one side and needed to be fully cooked for the Lord.

Lawrence continues to be a model for us today. The church needs continual reminders that its riches are the people. The primary purpose and mission of the church is to be continually sensitive to the needs of all God's people, most especially the least of our brothers and sisters.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him.
That is all the doing you have to worry about.*

- St. Jane Frances de Chantal

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him.

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

Psalm:

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth. (Ps 97)

Second Reading:

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. (2 Pt 1:18)

Gospel:

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Mt 17:5)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981,
1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 6, 2017

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/
Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Oh, to be on that mountain! What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who he said he was, their confidence surely got a boost on the day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus' divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true: Jesus really is the Son of God!

Why did Jesus reveal himself in such a remarkable way to these men? Perhaps we have an answer in today's epistle. Peter writes, "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain." Peter mentions this fact in order to confirm his credibility as a preacher as he goes on to say, "We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it." Because of the mission that Peter had to help shape and nurture the Church in its earliest days, his position as an "eyewitness" to the Transfiguration helped to gain the attention, and the faith, of his hearers.

So although we were not there during this holy apparition, we have the benefit of it. We, and the faithful through the ages, have heard the testimony that Jesus is truly our God from those who saw in person that it was for real. In this way, the Transfiguration is able to bolster the faith of many, not just the three men who were there that day. May we have the grace to allow the feast we celebrate today to truly deepen our faith.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Today our Gospel presents us with the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. We hear God say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Because of our baptism, we share in the same intimate relationship with the Father that Jesus has. This intimate relationship we have with God can transform us, just as it transformed Jesus. We, too, can radiate with love and newness of life and then help in transforming and positively impacting the lives of others. How has your relationship with God transformed you?


THE BULLETIN BOARD



JOIN US TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS
at the
2017 Blue Mass

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 11 a.m.
Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford
All faiths are welcome • www.archdioceseofhartford.org



St. Catherine of Siena Women's Club Bus Trip to The Frick Museum and St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City on Thursday, August 10, 2017.


Museum fee- \$22 pp; \$17 seniors, Roundtrip bus-\$45. For more information please contact Janet Fischer – 860-217-7464

Franciscan Golf Classic

The 22nd Annual Franciscan Golf Classic will be held on Monday August 21, 2017, at Tunxis Plantation Golf Club, Farmington, Connecticut. This yearly event benefits the programs and services of the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care. The day includes 18 holes of golf, lunch on the course, an outdoor dinner, and Four Chances to Win a Hole In One:

- \$22,000 in cash
- Trip for two St. Andrews
- Trip for two Augusta National
- 2018 Hyundai Sonata

Join us!
Cost to play \$175/person.
Sponsorship Opportunities are Available.
Call 203-237-8084 or visit flcenter.org for more information.



DID YOU KNOW?

That St. Mary's School's Mission is: "To ignite spiritual growth and promote academic excellence within a nurturing faith community. United together, we inspire students to know love and serve God."

There is still time to explore St. Mary's School as the education solution for your family! Serving students in grades pre-k through 8, the school consistently graduates students fully prepared for the finest high schools and colleges. The consistency of being part of a school community for many years helps students grow in caring for one another and in becoming all that they can be! Call, drop in on Wednesdays or make an appointment. Mrs. Chagnon, Advancement and Admissions Director or Mrs. Williamson, Principal, will be happy to meet with you!

Contact us at 860-658-9412 or tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net.

On Behalf of the Director of the Catholic Biblical School

BIBLICAL SCHOOL INFORMATION FAIRS

READ the Bible, REAP the REWARDS, and RISE to new life in Christ!

If you are longing to know how to read the Bible to enrich your faith, we invite you to discover what the Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School can offer. Our adult learners come to know, love, and live Scripture through the "gold standard" of Bible studies. You will have the opportunity to enroll in the program at each Info Fair:

- St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield: Aug. 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Christ Redeemer Parish Center, Milford: Aug. 21, 7:00 p.m.
- Caritas Christi Center at Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden: August 23, 10:00 a.m.
- Our Lady of Loreto Parish Center, Waterbury, August 24, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

For more information check the website <http://www.catholicedaohct.org>, or contact BJ Daly Horell or Jill Costa at the Archdiocese (catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org; 860-242-5573). The Catholic Biblical School wishes for you the joy of the gospels as you grow in faith.