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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.

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As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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

April 10, 2022



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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, April 11

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Lenten Confessions (this is an additional confession time during Lent): 6-7pm MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm, in church (all are welcome!) Lent Series Small Group: 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom

TUESDAY, April 12

Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, April 13

THURSDAY, April 14 Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

FRIDAY, April 15

SATURDAY, April 16 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, April 17



St. Ann Cares Day of Caring May 14, 2022

St Ann Cares is back! Save the date. We will be having our Day of Caring on Saturday, May 14th. We will be doing the usual painting, carpentry, and landscaping. All skill levels are needed. Contact Steve Rose with any questions at <u>sjrose1088@gmail.com</u> or 860-250-5355.

<u>Sign Up to Volunteer</u> THIS weekend! April 9/10, 2022 in the Gathering Space after all Masses



MONDAY, April 11 9:00 Julia McHugh, requested by the family

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TUESDAY, April 12

9:00 Lazara Luis, requested by her daughter and grandchildren

WEDNESDAY, April 13

9:00 Arthur Moody (5th Ann.), requested by his wife 7:30 Tenebrae

THURSDAY, April 14, Holy Thursday

7:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until 10pm

FRIDAY, April 15, Good Friday

9:00	Morning Prayer
3:00	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, April 16, Holy Saturday

- 9:00 Morning Prayer
- 10-11 Confessions
- 12:00 Blessing of the Food
- 8:00 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated

SUNDAY, April 17, Easter

- 7:30 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- 9:30 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- 11:00 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated

Vacation Bible Camp June 20-23, 2022 9:30am – 12:30pm



CAMPER SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!

Our theme this year is: Rocky Railway, Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through! All aboard for summer fun! Expect 4 days of amazing fun: art, science, faith discoveries and memorable music!

Online registration at: www.stannavon.org/bible-camp. Campers are students entering pre-k through Grade 5 in September 2022.

Fee: \$75 per camper

ROCKY and

Pray for Vocations

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 4/3/22: \$4,521.76 Online Giving (March 30-Apr. 5, 2022): \$4,781.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Easter/Parish Charities



Please join us for a **Tenebrae Service** Wednesday, April 13th 7:30 p.m.

What is Tenebrae? The name 'Tenebrae' means darkness or shadows and it is a Holy Week devotion dating back to the 7th or 8th Century A.D. It is characterized by successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses. No service during the entire church year is more biblical: Every word of Tenebrae is taken verbatim from the scriptures. The purpose of the service, through prayer and music, is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story and the events leading up to Good Friday; it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Sunday. Attending this powerfully moving service will set the tone, introduce the themes and adjust your heart and mind for the great events of the Passion and will help you prepare your heart for an even greater experience of Easter JOY.



Wednesday, April 13th Tenebrae at 7:30pm

Holy Thursday, April 14th Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm Adoration until 10pm

Good Friday, April 15th Morning Prayer at 9am Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

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Holy Saturday, April 16th

Morning Prayer at 9am Confessions at 10am - 11am Blessing of the Food at 12pm Easter Vigil at 8pm

Easter Sunday April 17th

7:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Bury the Dead

Reach out to family, friends, and neighbors who have lost a loved one, particularly a spouse.



EASTER FOOD BASKETS Collection this Weekend April 9/10, 2022

Drop off at the "Easter" vehicle which will be in the church parking lot.





Preparation for The Feast of Divine Mercy

We will begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, April 15th. We will pray the Novena in the wing of the church following the 3 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. All are welcome to join us. In His revelations to St. Faustina Jesus requested that a Novena be said for the 9 days proceeding Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena also includes the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

Jesus also told St. Faustina, regarding Divine Mercy Sunday, that on that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (699) The Diary of St. Faustina.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated here at St. Ann on Sunday, April 24th with a Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 pm. Please join us to honor Our Lord's request that the Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. Please come and receive extraordinary graces.

THANK YOU!

Your generosity is overwhelming! There were so many -much needed- items donated for the shelters during the Lenten collection. We were able to take huge amounts to ImmaCare to distribute to not only those living at the shelter, but also to those who have recently gotten housing and are struggling to get the basics that are needed. We also took a huge amount to the Prudence Crandall shelter in New Britain, where domestic abuse survivors, mainly women and children, are experiencing homelessness and others are trying to begin again in safe places. The YWCA also received a large supply. All of these places asked us to relay their heartfelt thanks on behalf of the people they serve. Wishing all of you a joyous Easter and many blessings!

The Holy

Eucharist

DID YOU KNOW?



Join One of Our New Faith Studies (First-timers welcome!)

"Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" video series by Dr. Ted Sri

Explore the Biblical roots of our beliefs about Mary the Mother of Jesus; filmed in the Holy Land. Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (4/20: Activity Rm) April 20-June 8 Fee: \$28 RSVP by April 14 to Eileen - ecdimauro@yahoo.com or Sue Ollestad (860)424-7637

"Reaching Out" by Henri Nouwen, Book Study

In this perfect book for our times, see how understanding our struggles helps us to love God, self and others better. Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am in Room 3 April 28-May 19 Fee: \$15 (books provided) Leader: Terry Pendergast, terry@frankpendergastinc.com RSVP by April 21 to: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

"This Sunday is the gateway to Holy Week. These days are the Christian's "High Holy Days", which correlate to the Jewish Passover. In the Hebrew tradition, the Israelites sacrificed an unblemished lamb, sprinkled the lamb's blood on their door posts so that the angel of death would pass over them and then consumed the lamb in a sacred meal.

Jesus is the unblemished Lamb of God. It is His Sacred Blood poured out for us upon the Cross, which brings us eternal life. It is in the Holy Mass that we partake of the Sacred Meal of the Holy Eucharist.

Reflection: Do not miss the graces offered to you this coming week. Consider attending the services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass of Easter. With great and solemn reverence open your heart to the love of Our Lord, who gave us the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday and who confirmed this total gift of Himself to us the following day as He died on the Cross for love of us.

Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 45 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They will be receiving their First Reconciliation on April 24, 2021, and are preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Spring. We will be putting out the "Little Lambs" in the near future so that you can pray for all candidates as they prepare for their sacrament.

Due to ongoing positive response, we would like to continue to gift each child with a First Communion Bible. We are asking that you sponsor any child or children, with this gift anonymously and it will be presented to them on their First Communion Day. In return, we will be asking the children to pray for the person who gave it to them every time they read their Bible.

The Bibles are reasonably priced and if you are interested in being part of this beautiful event, please pick up a form in the Gathering Space and return it with your payment of \$15.00 per Bible (made out to Church of St. Ann). Please mail to the church in an envelope clearly marked "for First Communion Bible" or drop it off at the Parish Offices. How pleased Jesus must be to know that both the children of this year's First Eucharist class and the adults of our Parish are praying for each other!

Thank you so much for your consideration and for your prayerful support of these beautiful children!

Yours in Christ, Father McHugh





APRIL 10, 2022 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely *not* abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared. - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22) Second Reading:

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. (Lk 23:46)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Hailed one moment and rejected the next. This seems to be the pattern that repeats itself not only throughout history but in our own lives as well. Jesus wants to be triumphantly welcomed into our hearts with joy! And welcome him we do! Then come the times when we do exactly the opposite and we reject the teachings of the Gospel and turn our backs on God's friendship. The one who at one time is a friend now becomes an enemy. Jesus understands our ambivalence. He lived it on the way to the cross. Understanding the full array of human emotion, God accepts us where we are. There is a great deal of drama on the road to Calvary. Our lives can be dramatic as well. In all of those whirlwind moments it can be difficult to find God's presence and understand his will. We walk with Jesus this week seeking inspiration and hope, the essential keys needed to unlock the door to God's presence in our lives.

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so. ©LPi

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Leading on Climate: Religious Communities United on Climate Justice On April 11th 7:00–8:30pm via Zoom,

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford, in collaboration with interfaith partners, will offer an interfaith panel presentation. Teresa Eickel, from the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network will moderate the panel of representatives from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities. Learn how the different faiths each call us to respond to the climate crisis. The program is free of charge and all are welcome. Registration is required and available at: https://bit.ly/LeadingOnClimateWebinar2022

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.



May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

POPE FRANCIS



In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at: https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



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