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## **BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:**

Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 Please schedule marriage dates at least 6 months ahead. 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.

## Church of Saint Ann

289 Arch Road \* Avon, Connecticut \* 06001 www.stannavon.org 860-673-9858

Reverend Alphonso Fontana, Pastor

## **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

December 25, 2022



The Nativity 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, December 26**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church RCIA: will return January 9th MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

**TUESDAY**, December 27 WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, December 28

RCIA: 1pm in Room 3 WWP Touching the Divine: will return next week

**THURSDAY**, December 29 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, December 30

SATURDAY, December 31

SUNDAY, January 1, 2023



Sunday, January 1, 2023

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Will be celebrated at our regular Sunday Masses)





**SAVE YOUR BOOKS!!! Annual Used Book Sale** Fri-Sat January 27-28

> Volunteers Needed Details upcoming



#### **MONDAY, December 26**

9:00 For Divine Peace on Earth, requested by James Woolley

**TUESDAY, December 27** 

9:00 George England, requested by the Downey Family

#### WEDNESDAY, December 28

9:00 **Richard Hill,** requested by Paul and Constance Rotondo

THURSDAY. December 29 9:00 Ernest Wollmann, requested by a dear friend

#### FRIDAY, December 30

9:00 For Divine Peace on Earth, requested by Kathryn Woolley

SATURDAY, December 31 4:00 Grace Meyers, requested by the family

#### SUNDAY, January 1, 2023

- For the intentions of Molly & Tom Kane (Living) 7:30
- For the intentions of teh Snell Family (Living) 9:30
- 11:00 For the intentions of Mary Grace Dimock (Living)



## A Christmas Prayer

As we mark the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lit four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world. Let us pray...

#### God,

you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary. Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season. Amen -LPi

## How We Can Help the Homeless During the Holidays...



Once again St. Anns is hoping to make up a gift bag for each of the men staying at ImmaCare shelter. With the cold weather upon us, these bags provide desperately needed items but also show that people care. As we get deeper into winter, the weather will get worse and the shelter numbers will increase. Items we'd like to include are socks (both warm and athletic), hats, gloves, chapstick and toothbrushes. Please drop off any time in the church kitchen or Gathering Space. Many thanks in advance!



## **COME SING in the LOFT!!**

Join a CHOIR for Masses in 2023



A quote often attributed to Saint Augustine says "To Sing is to Pray Twice."

We are adding voices for Christmas Eve and for Masses in 2023. Have you ever wanted to explore singing with our Music Minsters in the Choir Loft? If so, please reach out to our Director of Music,



Tom Stockton at 860-673-9858, ext. 230, and/or our Ministries Coordinator (and long time Choir Member), Chip Janiszewski at chip.janiszewski@stannavon.com for more

information - we would love to chat with you!





### Text & Calls from Father Al

This Advent we are launching a new channel of communication to keep everyone up- to-date on church events, Mass schedules and share a "spiritual snack" from Father Al.

If you did not receive the first text or want to add another line, text JOIN to (860) 359-2648. To add a landline or have questions please contact: kerry.magrini @stannavon.com

## **St. Ann Cares Looking For New Leadership**

St. Ann Cares is looking for new leadership and planning members. The continuity of this ministry depends on someone stepping forward to lead it. St. Ann Cares repairs, paints and performs landscaping tasks for those in need. If this sounds like something you would be interested in let me know. I would love to talk to you.

Thank you , Steve Rose 860 -250-5355 or sjrose1088@gmail.com



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 12/18/22: will be reported next weekend Online Giving (Dec. 12-16, 2022): \$919.00 Next Weekend's 2nd & 3rd Collections: Solemnity of Mary



You are invited to join us on a Weekend Retreat

## "A Missing Peace"

### At Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday with a Celebration of Mass followed by a hot brunch.

#### WOMEN'S RETREAT DATE: JANUARY 6-8, 2023 Contact: Eileen DiMauro: <u>ecdimauro@yahoo.com</u>

MEN'S RETREAT DATE: JANUARY 13-15, 2023 Contact: Paul Watson: pgwatson33@gmail.com

Additional Info: www.holyfamilyretreat.org

Let us find together, "A Missing Peace" for which we all long. Through our prayer together, our presentations, and our discussions, we can come closer to understanding how to achieve the peace that Jesus meant for us to have, and equally important, the peace that is meant for us to share in our families and in our world.

#### Jesus wished peace for us.

In the Gospel of John, just before he departs this earth, he says to his friends: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)

Peace is something we crave, something we seek, and something thatseems so elusive. We rarely find true peace, and when we do, it lasts but a short time. We speak about **inner** peace, **world** peace, and the promise made by Jesus for **eternal** peace. But peace often seems missing in our lives.





## **The Holy Eucharist** DID γΟU KNOW?

## <u>This week's theme:</u> Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to men of goodwill.

"Gloria in excelsis Deo" (Glory to God in the highest.) are the words sung by the choirs of angels to welcome the birth of the Infant Jesus. (Luke 2: 14) May we give joyful praise and thanksgiving together with the angels for the gift of our salvation: our Infant King.

<u>Reflection</u>: The ANGELS PROCLAIMED GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY! Today we find Him not in the manger, but in every tabernacle throughout the world. May the Infant Jesus always bring you an abundance of His peace and joy, as you receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. A Blessed Christmas to all!

## **DO SOMETHING FOR YOU THIS YEAR!**

Our Adult Faith Formation office has a variety of programs to enrich you this winter, including weekly studies, one-time offerings, parent enrichment, Adult Confirmation & RCIA. Check our webpage for details and join us!

## Newcomers always welcome!

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# The poinsettias decorating the altar for Christmas have been donated in honor of or in memory of the following persons:

## <u>In Honor Of</u>

Nana Kennedy Gaetano Amato The Giovanni Calandra Family The Mario D'Errico Family Philip Driscoll Jim Martino Jean Springman St. Ann's Church Brian McDonnell Florence Stevens The Downey Family

## In Memory Of

In Memory of: The Zalenski Family The ZuWallack Family The Cheah Family The Family of Fr. Fontana Wil & Katy Talbot George & Cathie Jerto John J. Murphy Fred Baloun John & Miriam Muth Linda Beloin, Fred Beloin Mary Hojnowski Henry Hojnowski Manda Koch Alfred Koch Janet Carroll Nicholas & Jeanne Nardoia Art Hennig The Hennig Family The Ward Family The Naumec Family Blaine Murphy Christine Pappalardo-Grief John G. Bernetich The O'Hagan Family John & Loretta Magrini Richard Kennedy William LaMonica, Sr. Katherine LaMonica

James Waldron Gertrude Waldron The Maxime Lozier Family The Alexis Cyr Family The Ahern & Girard Families Patrick & Noreen Murnane John & Dorothy McCoy Father McCarthy Henritte & Conklin Scribner Edward & Norma Speich The Peron Family Paul & Nadine Maglietti Raymond Teodosio Freda McDermott John & Stephanie Cochefski Edmund Bialaski Ruby Sutherland Gwen Wilson Lucienne & Joseph Guillot, Vincent & Frances Pantano Dr. Paul Thomas Bauer Mary Susan Bauer The Calcagni Family Laurie Liberator Florence & Tony Malentacchi Rita Pellegrini Joe Lester John & Sally Murphy Bob & Julie Guglielmo The Corso & Rucci Families Derek Stockwell Natalie Nicole Virginia Dunn Anna Stockwell Virgil Refano Anna Zerafa The Vuono & Bondhus Families Rev. Thomas P. Quinn Hugh David Jones Robert Turmelle The Turmelle Family The Gleason Family Selma Gage Renee Thomson-Hohl

Claire Williams & Family The Khoshneviss & Bahari Families Jane Downes The David K. Family The Lupo & Matthes Families Terry Moody The Renaud Family Bob Turmelle Mary Kelly The DuRoss & Bingham Families Anna Amato David Michael Federico Richard Cialfi Carl & Mildred Lawrynowicz The Lenihan & Miller Families Carol DeVita Wayne Randall Helen Randall Gerald Gill Paul Irving Paul & Louise Davenport The Fee Family The Peregrin Family Peter & Mildred Herman Chester & Dorothy Kuzia Daniel Miley Mary Miley Jeanne Miley Barbara Martino James & Mary Martino Harold & Hope Whalen Pat Clark The Blanchard & Crowe Families William Weldon Dr. & Mrs. Romeo Levesque Dee Sullivan Douglas Blood The Shoulder & Healey Families Aldo & Elizabeth Zeffiro William J. Stevens and Mary O'Brien Stevens Natale & Ruth Balich John & Frances Curran



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