

Church of Saint Ann

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Reverend Alphonso Fontana, Pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

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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. 9:00

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March 26, 2023







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, March 27

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Lenten Confessions: 6pm in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome) Lectio Divina, Live! 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

TUESDAY, March 28

WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, March 29

No Greater Love Series: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall RCIA: 1pm in Room 3 WWP Touching the Divine: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, March 30

Step by Step: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Adult Confirmation: 7:15pm in Room 1

FRIDAY, March 31 Kingdom of Happiness: 9:45am via Zoom Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church

SATURDAY, April 1 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, April 2 Kingdom of Happiness: 10:30am in Room 3 and via Zoom

Marcia and family

WEDNESDAY, March 29

MONDAY, March 27

TUESDAY, March 28

THURSDAY, March 30 9:00 Joseph and Sadie Klish, requested by Barbara and Gino Calderone

Jean Springman, requested by St. Ann's Social Outreach friends

Mark Vuono, requested by the Bondhus Family

Edwin Lysak (10th Ann.) requested by

FRIDAY, March 31 9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, April 1

4:00 James LaCroix, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rosenberg

SUNDAY, April 2

- 7:30 Special Intentions
- **9:30** For Divine Peace on Earth, requested by David Woolley
- **11:00** Jozefa and Antony Poprawa, requested by the Osiecki Family

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

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: 7:00 pm



Mondays during Lent: 6:00pm

Annual Easter Plant Sale

Help us decorate the altar for Easter by purchasing an Easter plant in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. Plants are \$10 each.

Weekends of March 18/19 and 25/26, 2023 after all Masses in the Gathering Space

On our website you can (stannavon.org/easter-plant-sale)

- download order form
- order and pay online with credit card or bank accout. (This is a singular form/payment, no need to sign up for Online Giving.)

NOTE: Forms must be received no later than Wednesday, March 29th, for your loved ones' names to be included in the Easter bulletin.





No Greater Love Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am Fr. Bennett Hall

March 29th:	Session 1: The Prayer of the Agony		
	Session 2: "Are you the Christ?"		
April 5th:	Session 3: The Trial Before Pilate		
	Session 4: The Death of the Messiah		
April 12th:	Session 5: The Seven Last Words		
	Session 6: The Resurrection		

Each date features two 30-minute videos followed by discussion.

DROP IN - ALL ARE WELCOME! no registration required * no homework

Questions: Ann.DiStefano@stannavon.com Video Trailer: https://youtu.be/3kQlQ1_Z6Qk

	Holy	Meek <u>SCHEDULE</u>
	Wednesday April 5	TENEBRAE 7:30 PM
	Thursday April 6	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:30 PM ADORATION UNTIL 10 PM
	Good Friday April 7	MORNING PRAYER 9 AM LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3 PM
	Holy Saturday April 8	MORNING PRAYER 9 AM CONFESSIONS 10 AM-11 AM BLESSING OF THE FOOD 12 PM EASTER VIGIL 8 PM
	Easter Sunday April 9	MASSES 7:30 AM, 8:45AM, 10 AM & 11:30 AM

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

During this Lenten season, our Parish family Lenten commitment is to practice the corporal works of mercy, both individually and as a community. Donations should be placed in the labelled boxes in the Gathering Space. Anything you can donate is appreciated!

THIS WEEKEND:MARCH 25/26

Visit Those in Prison

Donations collected for *Word Among Us* to be distributed to prisoners

NEXT WEEKEND: APRIL 1/2 Bury the Dead

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





Start with a ham - add some yams (fresh or canned) or potatoes - mix in some green vegetables and rice - garnish with pineapple - include a dessert and sprinkle with some Easter candy for the kids. Now, place in a box, basket or bag and bring to our "Easter" vehicle which will be in the church parking lot on:

Saturday, April 1st:	3:30pm - 5:00pm
Sunday, April 2 nd :	8:00am - 12:30pm

Use all of your creativity and know the satisfaction of helping others in Avon and Hartford to make Easter a joyous day!

P.S. If you cannot deliver it during the collection weekend, please leave it in the kitchen in Fr. Bennett Hall during the week.

> Sponsored by the St. Ann Social Outreach Committee Together We Serve All God's People

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I am the Resurrection and the Life; those who believe in Me, though they die, will live; and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. -John 11:25-26



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 3/12/23: \$5,120.00 Weekly Collection for 3/19/23: \$4,422.72 Weekly Online Giving (March 15-22, 2023): \$2,507.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



2023 Archbishop's **Annual Appeal**

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2023 Appeal literature! Organizations such as ARC of the Farmington Valley and local food banks received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today.

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.



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

This week's theme: The Consolation of the Eucharist

We read the glorious miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead today. (John 11:1-45) How deeply touching are the words that "Jesus wept" upon learning that Lazarus, His friend, had died. We know that each of us must experience the profound sadness of some loss in life: the death of a loved one, a suffering of illness, a disappointment in family life, etc. We know that Our Lord weeps with us as well. He has not left us alone in our sorrows but gives us the great consolation of the Holy Eucharist. Through this gift of Himself, Our Lord accompanies us through all of our bitter trials throughout life to the very moment of our own death.

Reflection: One saint who understood the consolation of Holy Communion was Blessed Maria Adeodata Pisani. This 19th century Benedictine sister had a passionate love for Jesus Eucharistic. She kept a beautiful diary entitled "The Mystical garden of the soul that loves Jesus and Mary". She was beatified by St. Pope John Paull II in 2001. As she lay dying, Blessed Maria dragged herself from her death bed to attend one last Mass. Shortly after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, she died. Blessed Maria obviously knew that the greatest consolation of all could be found only in one place: upon the bosom of Jesus in the Holv Eucharist.

Little Lambs

Upcoming Little Lambs dates: April 16, 24 & 30, at the 9:30am Mass.

All children are welcome to join us for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Father will call them up after the **Opening Prayer.**

No need to sign up ahead. **Older siblings and Caregivers** welcome too.

Any questions, please call: Colleen Waterbury: mcwaterbu@comcast.net Heather Hoffman: heather-hoffman@sbcglobal.net

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT







Little Sisters of the Collection Poor Visit St. Ann Next Weekend

Next weekend, April 1st and 2nd, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish. The collection taken for them will be exclusively for the care of the elderly poor who reside with them at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield. The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving

the needs of the elderly poor in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts for over 150 years.

They are most grateful for your generosity.



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.



MARCH 26TH, 2023 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Practicing) Catholic, Recognize Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments, by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings

Offer it up. My grandmother used this phrase with her children, and my mother, in turn, used it with me. It's a kind of verbal heirloom, a gift of wisdom from a generation that knew suffering all too well.

We know it to be true that God will work through our suffering if we invite him to. We know it and we have seen it — we have only to look at Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary.

But, often, I invite God into my suffering only to tell Him where I want Him to stand. I make an offering of suffering but expect God to do something very specific with it. *Teach me this, please. Give me this specific grace. Show me this specific answer.*

The happy ending in today's Gospel is not the alleviation of the sorrow Martha and Mary feel because it isn't alleviated, Lazarus is still human, and death still awaits him. Someday, his sisters will have to mourn at his tomb. That loss and pain will not be avoided.

The happy ending is that he is resurrected *now*, and in doing so, brings so many to belief. The happy ending is that Martha and Mary do not abandon discipleship because things didn't work out exactly the way that they wanted. They run out to meet Christ, eyes dim with tears. They fling themselves into his company and onto his providence.

They made an offering of their suffering, and their happy ending is that their offering was accepted.

"You are not in the flesh, on the contrary, you are in the spirit." - Romans 8:9



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Though weighed down by grief, Martha rushes out to meet Jesus. She may not understand why he was absent upon the death of her brother, but her faithfulness is undeterred. In the hour of her heartbreak, she knows her only solace is in the embrace of the Lord.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42 Wednesday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59 Thursday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42 Friday: Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56 Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Sprit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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Avon Volunteer Fire Department Company 1

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Friday, April 7, 2023 11:00 am - 4:00pm

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org. Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Use Sponsor Code = AVFD

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AT SOUTHINGTON COUNTRY CLUB | MEN AND WOMEN PLAYERS WELCOME!

SCHEDULE:

Registration & Practice | 8:30am Shotgun Start | 10:00am Reception & Awards | Approx. 4:00 pm

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Single Player: \$175 Foursome: \$700

Includes 18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch at the turn, dinner and awards, refreshments on the course, raffles and more!



Stop & Shop/Unionville **Bloomin' For Good** to benefit the St. Ann Food Pantry Carden!

Through the month of March, the **Church of Saint Ann** Food Pantry Garden has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker (pictured above) sold at the Unionville location.





\$15/meal Reservations are requested Call 860-678-0488 or email secretary@avon-church.org by Thurs., April 6th to reserve your meal Take-Out Available Walk-Ins Welcome



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