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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

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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

April 2, 2023



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 3

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

<u>TUESDAY, April 4</u>

WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, April 5

No Greater Love Series: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall **WWP Touching the Divine:** will return 4/19

THURSDAY, April 6, Holy Thursday See Holy Week Schedule on next page

FRIDAY, April 7 Good Friday See Holy Week Schedule on next page

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<u>SUNDAY, April 9, Easter</u> See Holy Week Schedule on next page



We will be having a "Sisters in Christ" Luncheon, featuring Guest Speaker Kelly Henderschedt from the Archdiocese of Hartford, for all of the ladies of the parish on Sunday, April 30th following the 11:00 Mass.

All women of the parish are welcome. Please watch for the invitation containing details in future bulletins!

MONDAY, April 3 9:00 Joseph & Jeremy Savidge, and Mike Gilotti,

requested by the Savidge Famiy

TUESDAY, April 4 9:00 Carol DeVita (6th Ann.), requested by the DeVita Family

WEDNESDAY, April 5

- 9:00 Special Intentions
- 7:30 Tenebrae

THURSDAY, April 6, Holy Thursday

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

FRIDAY, April 7, Good Friday

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

SATURDAY, April 8, Holy Saturday

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

SUNDAY, April 9, Easter

- 7:30 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- 8:45 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- 10:00 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- 11:30 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated

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



Mondays during Lent: 6:00pm



Please join us for a **Tenebrae Service** Wednesday, April 5th 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.



Cemetery Cleanup

Please remove all Christmas decorations by Easter.

Thank you!



Holy Week Schedule



Preparation for The Feast of Divine Mercy

We will begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, April 7th. 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 16th 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.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 3/26/23: \$5510.00 Weekly Online Giving (March 22-28, 2023): \$2,605.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Easter/Parish Charities



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



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

As we enter Holy Week, we recall that it was during the Lord's Last Supper that Jesus gave us both the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. We cannot have one without the other. If we have no priests, we won't have the Holy Eucharist.

Reflection: Father James Brent, O.P. who is a priest obviously devoted to the Eucharist wrote, "Though our weeks might be busy and our schedules might be full, the real reason to live is on Sunday. The real reason to live is the Eucharist. There is nothing greater on Earth than the Eucharist. There is no greater Love in our midst."

Let us celebrate Holy Week, which are our Catholic "High Holy Days". If you have never done so, try to participate in the services offered this week in preparation for our great Feast of Easter.

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.



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



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

This 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.



APRIL 2ND, 2023 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

Making Way for God

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: *And you're not going to do anything about it?*

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." — Matthew 21:5





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.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Our relationship with Christ should leave us mesmerized — "shaken," like Biblical Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It should leave our jaws hanging. If it does not, we should ask ourselves: what needs to change? ©LPi

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of April 2, 2023

Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Mandau	Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/
	Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/
	Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/
	Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/
5	Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday:	Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12,
	13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or
	22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/
	Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ls 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
	(2a)/ls 55:1-11/ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
	11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/
	Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or
j	1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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:

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, **"The master has need of it**," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus *knew* they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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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!





Lenten Scripture Retreat: Saturday, March 25th 8:45-2:15pm







Lasagna (Beef or Vegetarian) along with Caesar Salad, Italian Bread, & our Incredible Dessert Bar!

\$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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