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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

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.



Sunday of Divine Mercy



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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

MONDAY, April 17

9:00 Jean Springman, requested by
Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

TUESDAY, April 18

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, April 19

9:00 Special Intentions, requested by a parishioner

THURSDAY, April 20

9:00 Charles Deye, requested by his family

FRIDAY, April 21

9:00 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by
her husband, Michael

SATURDAY, April 22

4:00 Winefred McDermott, requested by
Brian McDermott

SUNDAY, April 23

7:30 Pat Clark (15th Ann.), requested by his wife
9:30 Brian Blouin, requested by
Guy and Jane Ellen Peregrin
11:00 Lois J. Sheridan, requested by the Klotz Family

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

MONDAY, April 17

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am 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, April 18

WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, April 19

Philippians Bible Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall
WWP Touching the Divine: will return 4/19

THURSDAY, April 20

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Adult Confirmation: 7:15pm in Room 1

FRIDAY, April 21

Kingdom of Happiness: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, April 22

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, April 23

Kingdom of Happiness: 10:30am in Room 3 and via Zoom



Please pray
for our
First Eucharist
class as they
prepare to receive
Jesus for the
first time in
Holy Communion,
on Saturday,
April 22nd.

A Message from the Pastor



A Big Thank You to all those who worked so hard and gave so much of their time and talent in making my first Lent, Holy Week and Easter at St. Ann most special. I am so grateful for the Men of St. Ann for hosting their Lenten Pasta Dinners. The food was delicious, and the community and fellowship were invaluable. I would like to thank Deacons Tim and Jeffrey for their service to the Lord. I would like to thank our Music Director, Tom Stockton, Carl Sauerbrunn, Sarah Gedicks, Danielle Hugill, Rai Reyes and the entire choir for the beautiful music they performed. I would like to thank the Decorating Committee for the time they took to make our church look beautiful for Easter. And a special THANK YOU to Lorraine ZuWallack for the countless hours she devoted to Lent, Holy Week, and Easter!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Father Al Fontana

*Women of St. Ann
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Sisters in Christ Luncheon

**FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER
KELLY HENDERSCHDT**
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Sunday
APRIL 30

Immediately Following
11:00 Mass

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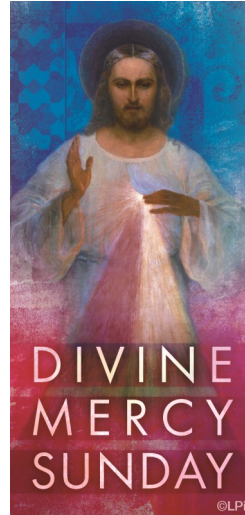
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Sue (860) 424-7637



The Holy Eucharist *DID YOU KNOW?*

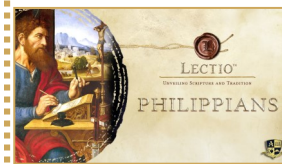
Thomas doubts the resurrection of Jesus in our Gospel today. (John 20:19-31) But Jesus gently invites Thomas to see His wounded hands and to place his hand into the sword wound in His side. The wound in Christ's side confirmed that He had already died. When pierced by the soldier's lance, blood and water gushed forth from Christ's side. In the Divine Mercy image of Jesus, which He revealed to St. Faustina, we can see streams of red and white light emanating from His side. (Google it.) The red is His Precious Blood in the Holy Eucharist. The white is the cleansing water of Baptism. Both give us Divine Life. Baptism makes us a beloved child of God. The Precious Blood washes us of our sins and nourishes us as we journey to Heaven.

Reflection: Like Thomas, do you doubt the true Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Do you doubt the great outpouring of Divine Mercy available to us in the Holy Eucharist at every Mass? Jesus gently invites us to union with Himself with each Holy Communion. He tenderly places us into His pierced Heart and pours out an abundance of grace and mercy upon us.



Divine Mercy Sunday **April 16, 2023**

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated here at St. Ann this Sunday, April 16th with a Holy Hour from 2:30– 3:30pm. Please join us to honor our Lord's request that the Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Divine Mercy. He promised that the floodgates of heaven would open and extraordinary graces would be poured out among us.



PHILIPPIANS *Bible Study*

Toward the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, St. Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. Paul's affection for the Christian community at Philippi is apparent from his opening words. At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model for Paul's life. In 6 sessions, Dr. Tim Gray (Augustine Institute) combines insight and practical guidance to make the Scriptures come alive in the wonderful study of the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Join us Wednesday Mornings
9:30 am-11:30 am in Fr. Bennett Hall
April 19th - May 31st
NO HOMEWORK

If you have any questions or to RSVP, please contact
Andrea Pizzuti: andreapizzuti333@gmail.com



Curious about becoming Catholic?
Or are you Catholic, but never had
Confirmation as a youth?

We would love to chat with you – no pressure, just friendly conversation about how God might be calling you into closer relationship with Him.

Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com
or 860-673-9858, x228.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 4/9/23: \$8,960.03

Easter/Parish Charities: \$15,028.03

Online Giving (April 3-12, 2023)

Weekly: \$4,549.00

Easter/Parish Charities: \$246.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *monthly*

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

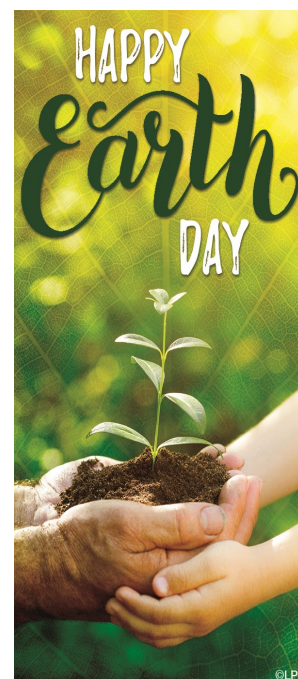
2023

Archbishop's Annual Appeal



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.



Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 58 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They recently received their First Reconciliation and are currently preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament this 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 the many years of 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!

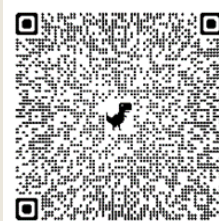


Check out Deacon Tim's New Book This Spring!

Deacon Tim has written a new book, *More Tales for the Masses*, picking up where he left off with the original *Tales for the Masses*. If you enjoy his homilies, you'll definitely enjoy this book too, which contains stories, poems, reflections and even a piece of "music!" At the end of each chapter are reflection questions that you can use in your small Christian Community or similar faith-sharing groups, or just for personal reflection.

If you hate his homilies and wish he'd just go away, you should still buy a copy and read the chapter entitled "How to Listen to a Bad Homily."

The book's available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and directly from Deacon Tim. Here's a QR code you can use to go right to the book's page at Amazon:



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

The Doors We Lock

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation — and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." — Psalm 118:3

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. (Acts 2:46)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pt 1:3)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. **"Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe."** Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— Father John Muir

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Doubting Thomas is a mood, and we've all had it. We hang our every hope on this sign, that proof. We challenge God: "Make me believe." To each of us he extends his wounded hand, to each of us he shows his pierced side. He will always meet us in our unbelief.

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Are you a graduate of one of the
21 New Haven Catholic elementary schools?

Are you interested in the future of Catholic
education in New Haven?

Then this event is for you... Save-the-date for the Legacy Brunch: Celebrating the History of Catholic Elementary Education in New Haven. Sunday, May 21, 2023. This is an opportunity for Catholic school alumni and supporters to come together, share memories, see old classmates and celebrate all that has been and will be! Tickets for the brunch at Anthony's Ocean View are \$50 and will go on sale on January 15, 2023. Proceeds will benefit All Saints Catholic Academy. We warmly welcome you to join us beforehand for the celebration of Sunday Mass by Archbishop Blair at St. Bernadette's Church at 10:30am.

For more information please call 203-777-5352 or visit www.AllSaintsNewHaven.org/LegacyBrunch and see the list of the 21 schools that once flourished in New Haven and the dates that they were founded.

7TH ANNUAL FRIDAY, MAY 12
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