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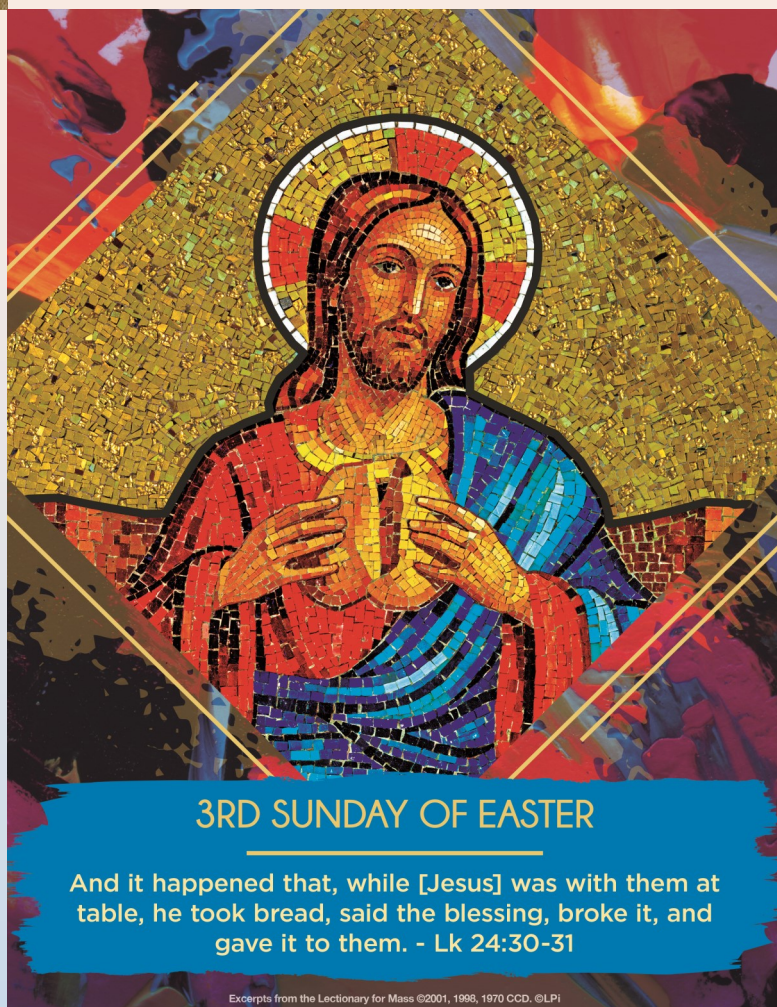
## BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

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.



## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31

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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



### 3rd Sunday of Easter

**MONDAY, April 24**

9:00 Maria Consuegra

**TUESDAY, April 25**

9:00 In Thanksgiving to Jesus and Mary

**WEDNESDAY, April 26**

9:00 Mildred Lawrynowicz, *requested by*  
*Her daughter, Dottie*

**THURSDAY, April 27**

9:00 For the intentions of Emily Dias (LIVING),  
*requested by a friend*

**FRIDAY, April 28**

9:00 Rese Penzone (1st Ann.)

**SATURDAY, April 29**

4:00 Arthur Hennig (1st Ann.), *requested by*  
*the Hennig Family*

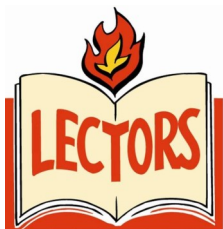
**SUNDAY, April 30**

7:30 Antonio Cusano, *requested by his wife*

9:30 Jean Springman, *requested by*  
*St. Ann's Parish Council*

11:00 Lois J. Sheridan, *requested by the Logan 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](mailto:kris.martino@stannavon.com).*



### VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A WEEKEND MASS LECTOR

We are looking for weekend Mass volunteers who would like to grow in their faith while allowing God to use their talents as they proclaim His Word at Mass.

If you are interested in learning more about the Lector Ministry please email  
Andrea Pizzuti-Liturgical Minister at  
[andreapizzuti333@gmail.com](mailto:andreapizzuti333@gmail.com)



*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.*

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

#### MONDAY, April 24

**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 25

**WWP Touching the Divine:** 10:15am via Zoom

#### WEDNESDAY, April 26

**Philippians Bible Study:** no class this week, will return next week  
**WWP Touching the Divine:** will return 4/19

#### THURSDAY, April 27

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

#### FRIDAY, April 28

**Lectio Divina:** 9:45am via Zoom

#### SATURDAY, April 29

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

#### SUNDAY, April 30

**Lectio Divina:** returns May 7th



## 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 from April 19th - May 31st**

**NO HOMEWORK**

**If you have any questions or to RSVP, please contact  
Andrea Pizzuti: [andreapizzuti333@gmail.com](mailto:andreapizzuti333@gmail.com)**



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**The Holy  
Eucharist**  
*DID YOU KNOW?*

Today's Gospel is the wonderful account of the two disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Initially they do not recognize Our Lord. Yet as He related the passages of Scripture, which referred to Himself, their hearts burned within them. They urged Him to "Stay with us." Afterwards they immediately recognized Him in "the breaking of the bread". (Luke 24: 13-35)

**Reflection:** Where do we today find Jesus staying with us? He stays with us as the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. He stays with us after we receive Him in Holy Communion. Do our hearts burn within us, when we receive Him? Or like the disciples in today's gospel, do we not recognize Jesus. Oh! How foolish are we? Please take some time to reflect on your time spent in thanksgiving after Holy Communion. Recognize Whom you have just received. Recognize that you have the Savior of the World, the LIVING GOD within you.



## **PERENNIAL PLANT SALE**

**Sat., May 20, 2023**

**St. Ann's Parking Lot**

**8am - 12 noon**

As you start to work in your gardens this spring, please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing. Also, we would appreciate the donation of any Easter plants, such as tulips and daffodils, if you don't plan to use the bulbs in your own flower beds. In addition to plants, we would welcome the donation of small, gently used gardening accessories (e.g. tools, flower pots, statuary).

### **DONATIONS:**

Please drop off in the parking lot (West Avon Rd side, under tree)

Thursday, May 18, from 8:30-10am and 5-7pm

Friday, May 19, from 8:30-10am and 1-2pm

Please IDENTIFY plants (name, color, sun/shade).

*Proceeds will support the Social Justice Ministry's Scholarship Program, which supports deserving urban students with partial tuition to local Catholic High Schools*

*If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer,  
please call Jean Frey: 860.673.1949.  
We would be happy to have new volunteers join us!*



**Curious about becoming Catholic?  
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or 860-673-9858, x228.

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 4/16/23: \$5,050.26

Votive Candles: \$262.10

Online Giving (April 12-19, 2023)

Weekly: \$2,855.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none

## Little Lambs

**Upcoming Little Lambs dates:**  
**April 23 & 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

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

*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 COUNCIL CONNECTION

The Parish Council is an advisory board that assists Father Fontana in serving our highly engaged parish community. We are excited to be working with Father Fontana who has expressed his appreciation for being able to collaborate with this ministry. The Council includes registered members of the parish who are actively involved in their faith development through worship, prayer, and the liturgy. The current members are: Jane Ellen Peregrin (chairperson), Bill Bachhuber (co-chairperson), Carole Anderson, Nelson Bondhus, Carla DuBois, JoEllen Oakes, Eileen Sibson, and Dianne Simpson.

The focus of our initial meetings this year has been redefining our goals. Revising the Parish Council Mission Statement, supporting Father Fontana and his plans for the spiritual and physical well-being of the entire parish community, ensuring that the needs of all parish ministries are met and increasing communication between the Council and the parishioners are of utmost importance. We are exploring various ways to improve communication by using technology, the parish bulletin, and the E-News; and hopefully, we will share the results in our next posting.

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. *You may also order online at our website: [stannavon.com](http://stannavon.com).* 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!





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

### "I Am Not Afraid — I Was Born to Do This."

Have you ever felt like you weren't doing the work you should be doing?

We have all had jobs that leave us feeling unfulfilled. Bored. Dreading the next day. We may even experience a sensation of unfamiliarity, of being unable to recognize ourselves.

Most of us have also been lucky enough to have a job that we love — a vocation, a calling that makes us look in the mirror and think, *This. This is who I'm supposed to be. I recognize this person.*

For me, that work is the work of marriage and motherhood. The hours are terrible, the pay is even worse, and my coworkers are frequently disappointed in me — but it doesn't matter. When I look in the mirror every morning and see my tired, wrinkled face gazing back, choruses of "I said I don't want the BLUE SHIRT, MOMMY, ugh!" and "Honey, I've got an early meeting, I'm so sorry but I have to run," ringing in the background, I think to myself: *I recognize this girl. She was born to do this.*

Christ's own disciples did not recognize him on the road to Emmaus. It wasn't until he took the bread and broke it that their eyes were opened, and they realized they had known it all along — "Were not our hearts burning within us?"

In that moment, Christ was doing the very work he was born to do, making the sacrifice.

I don't know what kind of vocation you are called to. I don't know what kind of work reveals your true self. But I hope that whatever work you are doing, you can look in the mirror and feel your heart burning within you.

*"He was made known to them in the breaking of bread." — Luke 24:35*



## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw him for who he was — God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see.

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of April 23, 2023

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  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it." (Acts 2:23-24)

### Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16) Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. (1 Pt 1:17-19)

### Gospel:

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. (Lk 24:30-31)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus *always* has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

— Father John Muir

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD



### 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."

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Reception & Awards | Approx. 4:00 pm

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