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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

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Reverend Alphonso Fontana, Pastor



### **6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." - Jn 14:20-21

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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

MONDAY, May 15

**TUESDAY, May 16** 

WEDNESDAY, May 17

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4:00

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11:00

12:10

FRIDAY, May 19

SATURDAY, May 20

SUNDAY, May 21

May 14, 2023



Mary Puthen, requested by his The Lobo and Dias Families

**Anne Affelder,** requested by

THURSDAY, May 18, The Ascension of the Lord

Dorothy LaRosa, requested by

**Special Intentions** 

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her husband, MIchael

Judy Krohomer

David Woolley

Addis & Elsie Daly, requested by Kenna Daly

Rosemarie Simon, requested by Dr. Mary Simon

**Pete Tromza,** requested by Mary Jane Jeter

Franca Morelli Mancini, requested by

For Divine Peace on Earth, requested by

Joseph Calandriello, requested by

Jane Ellen and Guy Peregrin

Dick & Lorraine ZuWallack

### 6th Sunday of Easter



If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our parish. You can do so by stopping by or calling the Parish Office (860-673-9858,ext.221). You can also register online at: www.stannavon.org/register-at-st-ann 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, May 15

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, May 16

WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom Social Outreach Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room

### WEDNESDAY, May 17

Philippians Bible Study: 9:30am in Fre. Bennett Hall Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

### THURSDAY, May 18

**Plant Sale Donation Drop Off:** 8:30-10am & 5-7pm on the front lawn **Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

### FRIDAY, May 19

Plant Sale Donation Drop Off: 8:30-10am & 5-7pm on the front lawn Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

### SATURDAY, May 20

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 Perennial Plant Sale: 8am-12 noon on the front lawn

### SUNDAY, May 21

Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3 and via Zoom Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church



## Tr. Cheah Visits the White House

Our own Father Joseph Cheah, OSM was given the honor of being invited to the White House as a part of the "Asian American Christian Collaborative (AACC) delegation." They are American Christian leaders from across the country and also delegates of AACC. Father Cheah is the only Catholic priest and one of three scholars in the delegation. Father Cheah is in the middle of the photo under the Presidential seal.

**Congratulations Father Cheah!** 





### **Prayer For Mothers**

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.

May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.





Sunday, June 4, 2023 11:00 am Mass

All graduates, from preschool through college - and beyond - are invited to join us for a Mass with a special blessing of graduates on Sunday, June 4th, 2023 at 11:00am.



Eileen DiMauro and Dr. Francis Kiernan

## **Divine Mercy Holy Hour**



Next Sunday, May 21, 2023 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Please join us to implore God's Mercy upon us and the whole world.



An Evening for Couples: "**THE POWER OF GRATITUDE**" *Includes dinner and childcare* 

Thurs, June 1, 2023, 5:30-7pm St. Ann Church, Fr. Bennett Hall

GRATITUDE IS POWERFUL. Studies show that grateful couples (and their children) are more: HEALTHY + HAPPY + SPIRITUAL + LOVING

In this program, facilitators Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Dir. of Family Life for the Diocese of Norwich, and her husband, Pat will introduce you to the 'whys and hows' of couples gratitude. You'll also receive a take-home guide to start you on your way to a more grateful relationship

Enjoy date night, dinner & childcare for the kids!



Cost: \$10 adults; \$5 children, RSVP by May 25, indicating ages of child(ren) requiring care ann.distefano@stannavon.com



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/7/23: \$6,466.02 Votive Candles: \$221.00 Online Giving (May 3-10, 2023) Weekly: \$2,850.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Catholic Communications



HOPE Against Darkness: The Transforming Vision of St. Francis in an Age of Anxiety by Richard Rohr, OFM

Thursdays, May 18-June 15, 2023 9:30-11am, Room 3 Leader: Terry Pendergast Book Cost: \$12 RSVP by May 12: <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u>

Join us as we discuss Richard Rohr's description of how Saint Francis' way of forgiveness and love can guide us out of the postmodern storm of cultural biases, victimhood, and fearful attitudes toward one another and the Church/religion, transform our lives, and heal our culture.





"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him. (14:21)

<u>Reflection:</u> Think of this promise the next time you receive Holy Communion and are imbued with the intimate love, grace and mercy of Christ. Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, we are enabled to have a vision of whom Jesus truly is. This is not a textbook definition of Our Savior, but the reality of Divine Love being totally poured out and present to you in a personal manner. Ask the Holy Spirit to make you aware of this revelation, which Jesus has promised us. "Thanks be to you, my joy, my confidence, my God....and I myself shall be with you, for from you is my being." (St. Augustine, "The Confessions")



# perennial plant sale

### Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00am - 12 noon St. Ann's Parking Lot

Please come to shop and support the Social Outreach Scholarship Program. A variety of plants will be offered, and knowledgeable gardeners will be available to assist shoppers. The scholarship program supports deserving urban students by providing partial tuition to area Catholic high schools. Payment: Cash/Check Only.

If you are donating plants or small, gently used gardening accessories, please drop them off in the parking lot (West Avon Road side in designated area) on Thursday, May 18, from 8:30-10 a.m. and 5-7 p.m., and Friday, May 19, from 8:30-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. Please be sure to label plants with name, color, and sun/shade preference.





### God Has a Personal Message For You!

Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture, where you listen for what God is saying to you in the Gospel for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass.

### Friendly groups meet via Zoom & in person. Newcomers welcome!

Sundays at 10:30am both in Room 3 & via Zoom

Mondays at 7:15pm in Rm 3 and via Zoom

### Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit: <u>https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live</u> (Practicing) Catholic, Recognize Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments, by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Weirdly Christian

For some time, I have worn a brown scapular. If you don't know much about this devotional practice, here is a very quick-and-dirty version, greatly lacking in detail: it's two little pieces of brown cloth, connected by a cord and worn around the neck beneath one's clothing. One of the cloth pieces depicts Our Lady of Mount Carmel appearing to St. Simon Stock, and the other piece — the one that is sometimes visible at the nape of my neck — depicts Our Lady's "scapular promise:" *Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.* 

This reflection is not about the brown scapular, but let me just quickly say that, while I believe the scapular promise, I do not view the scapular as a get-out-ofjail-free card, and neither does the Church. I don't wear it for the purpose of avoiding eternal fire. I wear it as a reminder to myself of my Marian consecration and as an act of humility and prayer.

I have sometimes cringed at the thought of how it looks to the person standing behind me in line at the coffee shop, should they happen to glimpse my scapular and read its brazen promise. We don't go in for talk of hellfire and salvation in polite society these days. I wonder if they think I'm a crazy person. I wonder if I should try to tuck the scapular back down below my collar.

Sometimes I do. But more often than not, I take a deep breath and decide that it's okay for me to feel self-conscious and trust that, if God wants to use this moment for His glory, he will — and if He doesn't, all I've lost is the esteem of others, which isn't worth that much to begin with.

I've always heard it said that if you do Christianity right, the rest of the world should think you're just a little bit weird.

"...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." — John 14:17



### 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

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.

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

If we love Christ, we will keep his commandments, and the world will not accept us. But we are not left orphans — God sends us an Advocate. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth! ©LPi

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/
	Mt 28:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/
	Mt 28:16-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/
	Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17) **Psalm:** 

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66) Or Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. (1 Pt 3:18)

#### Gospel:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." (Jn 14:15-17)

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#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

### THE BULLETIN BOARD



# "Become familiar with the Bible so that it can be your compass pointing out the road to follow." more about the Bible and enroll at the New England Catholic Biblical School

### SAVE THE DATE !!! May 21, 2023

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 the see the list of the 21 schools that once flourished in New Haven and the dates that they were founded.



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