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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.

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Reverend Alphonso Fontana, Pastor



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16-17

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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

June 4, 2023

The Most

Holy Trinity



MONDAY, June 5 9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, June 6 9:00 Natalie & James Oksanen & the Oksanen Family, requested by a friend

WEDNESDAY, June 7 9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, June 89:00 Charles Deye, requested by his family

FRIDAY, June 9

9:00 Rory Michael Guerrera (1st Birthday in heaven), requested by Ann & Brian Beloin)

SATURDAY, June 10

4:00 In celebration of the ordination of Fr. Cheah, requested by the Parish of Saint Ann

SUNDAY, June 11

- **7:30** Anne Affelder, requested by Bill & Elaine Ahern
- **9:30 Dominic Zacchio,** requested by his wife, Lorraine
- **11:00** David Matthes, requested by his wife Ann and family



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, June 5

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome) Lectio Divina, Live! 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

TUESDAY, June 6

WEDNESDAY, June 7

THURSDAY, June 8

Spring Book Discussion: 9:30am in Room 3 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Lector Meet & Greet: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

FRIDAY, June 9

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, June 10 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, June 11 Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3 and via Zoom Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church



A Message from the Pastor

Welcome, Gregory!

I am so pleased to announce that Gregory Meyer, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Hartford has been assigned to St. Ann Parish for the summer. He is attending Saint Paul Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota along with three other men from the Archdiocese of Hartford. He has completed two years of seminary training and is entering his first year of theology in the fall.

Gregory is twenty-six years old and is from Southbury, CT. He attended Virginia Tech University graduating with an engineering degree and worked for Tilcon Connecticut from 2018-19.

Gregory will work under my supervision as well other parish staff to learn more about pastoral ministry and parish community. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Gregory Meyer!

With prayerful good wishes, Father Alphonso Fontana, Pastor



Sunday, June 4th, 2023 at 11:00am.

Spring Book Discussion

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.

JOIN US FOR A 2-PART DISCUSSION SERIES

DEACON TIM'S NEW BOOK MORE TALES FROM THE MASSES AT ST. ANN CHURCH IN FR. BENNETT HALL



DATES: JUNE 28TH & JULY 12TH

RSVP: andreapizzuti333@gmail.com

Books can be purchased in the Parish Office,

Domestic Monastery, Amazon or Barnes and Noble

TIME: 9:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

Stories Connecting Scripture To Everyday Life! If you enjoy Deacon Tim's homilies, you will definitely enjoy this book!

St. Ann Graduate Blessing This Sunday! 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



Ihank You!

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of St. Ann's Perennial Plant Sale, which was held on May 20th. Once again, we had a lovely, healthy selection of plants from which customers could choose. The selection included flowers, groundcovers, shrubs, herbs, and even some house plants. Our 14th and most profitable sale to date, over \$2,600 was raised to benefit the Social Outreach Scholarship Program. Whether you donated plants, purchased plants, or volunteered your time, your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you! Your Social Outreach Scholarship Committee



PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

There is still time to honor the Mother of God by **taking a Baby Bottle or envelope for Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center** from the display in the Gathering Space at Church.

By doing so you are helping Two Hearts assist "Moms in Need". They desperately need your help due to the rising costs of



diapers and especially infant formula.

Please return the Baby Bottles to the display by Sunday, June 11th. Envelopes can also be returned by the same date or mailed directly to Two Hearts. Pro-LifeMinistry thanks you for your generous support to this worthy outreach.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/28/23: \$6,086.00 Monthly: \$2,137.50 Votive Candles: \$200.15 <u>Online Giving (May 24-31, 2023)</u> Weekly: \$2,659.50 Monthly: \$473.00

Veteran Flags at St. Ann Cemetery



Flags are now up in the cemetery for Memorial Day. If your loved one is a veteran and a flag is missing, please contact Mike Gould, Cemetery Superintendent: 860-673-9858, x. 225



The Holy Eucharist *DID YOU KNOW*?

Today is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. We celebrate the Three Divine Persons in One God: God the Father, our Creator; God the Son, Jesus, our Redeemer and God the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier. The LOVE which exists between the Father and the Son is the Holy Spirit. Because it is the nature of love to seek union, and this Triune Love is a perfect, divine love, the three Divine Persons are One. Recall that St. Patrick used a shamrock as a symbol of this teaching.

Reflection: When you receive Holy Communion today, reflect upon the truth that the Blessed Trinity, the Living, Triune God is dwelling within you. Recall the words of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, "The highest unity in the Divine Order is the unity of the soul and Christ in Communion." It's all about LOVE.



2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

It is fundamental that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the catholic ministries and programs as indicated in the 2023 Appeal literature, which can be found at:

https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Monday, June 5th 7pm Fr. Bennett Hall

Come be a part of our ministry!

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday, Jupe 11, 2023 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

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



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

We Bear the Name of the Lord

The name of the Lord is a curiously powerful thing. Say it deliberately, even in a group of people who are not particularly religious, and you'll know what I mean. There is a shift in the mood, a change in the atmosphere. When we utter the name of the Lord, He turns His head.

Once, in confession, I admitted to the sin of using the Lord's name in vain. "When you do that, tell God that you love him," advised the priest, who was wise enough to know that I would repeat this sin at some point. "You've said His name, after all. You have His attention."

We hear the name of the Lord, and we think of what it represents — John 3:16, salvation history summed up in a neat little sentence, the why and the how and the who of it all laid out before us. The Lord, so slow to anger that He offers us a million chances. The Lord, so rich in kindness and fidelity that He literally gave Himself to us that we might be saved.

But the name of the Lord is more than that. It is not just a symbol, it is an invitation. I think of Moses clutching the commandments, beseeching the Lord: "Come with us. Forgive us. Receive us as your own." The Lord accompanies us down the mountain. We bear the name of the Lord into the world with us wherever we go.

I have to ask myself: do I do that name justice?

"Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages." — Daniel 3:52



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded to encourage one another, to show affection and support. Can we do it? Can we do it in our daily interactions, in our families? Can we even do it on social media?

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of June 4, 2023

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18
Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/Mk 12:1-12
Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17
Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mk 12:18-27
Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 12:28-34
Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mk 12:35-37
Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/
1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." (Ex 34:6)

Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3:52b)

Second Reading:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor 13:13)

Gospel:

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. (Jn 3:17)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my experience, one of the peculiarities of being a man is the somewhat unlikely ability to look into the mirror, no matter how out of shape he may be, and declare with full confidence: "Looking good, buddy!" Ask a man. He'll probably confirm it.

Therein lies a mystery. You might think I refer to man's ability to deceive himself or his propensity toward vainglory. But in this case, I refer to the mystery of a healthy and proper sense of self-love. We human beings (both men and women) have the utterly weird ability to look at ourselves as if we were another. Then we tend to love this "other." Then, somehow, that love becomes a bond between the two. We are three and yet one.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. We ponder anew that God in His unity is a play of multiplicity: Lover, Beloved, and shared Love. Or, as we also proclaim, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If we allow it, this mystery heals our temptation toward self-hatred and destruction. We all know how awful it is to look into the mirror and not know the person we see, or, equally bad, to know and hate who we see. Jesus, the Son of God, draws us into the dynamics of authentic self-knowledge and self-love. Perhaps we could ask the Holy Trinity this Sunday to teach us to truly look at ourselves and to properly love who we see looking back.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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