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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



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more." - Mt 25:20

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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

November 19, 2023



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, November 18, Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin; BVM

4:00 Joseph & Marie Joyce, requested by Tom and Pat Heavren

SUNDAY, November 19, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Michael Joseph Oleskewiczicz, requested by his loving family
- **9:30** Tom Kobylarz, requested by the family
- 11:00 Scott Gill, requested by Jim Randall

MONDAY, November 20

9:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by her husband, John

TUESDAY, November 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 Anne Affelder, requested by the Waldeck Family

WEDNESDAY, November 22, Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by the Wednesday morning Bible Study Group

THURSDAY, November 23, [Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; USA: Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr; USA: Thanksgiving Day]

9:00 Maria Consuegra, requested by her coffee group friends

FRIDAY, November 24, Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 Carmela Gustafson (1st Ann.) requested by the Gustafson Family

SATURDAY, November 25, Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; BVM

4:00 Grace Meyers, requested by the family

SUNDAY, November 26, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 7:30 Silvio Brighenti, requested by the family
- 9:30 Scott Gill, requested by Anne and Robert Yurch
- **11:00** Alphonso Fontana, Sr., requested by the Parish of Saint Ann

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

SATURDAY, November 18

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 International Fair Trade Bazaar: 10am—5:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, November 19

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft International Fair Trade Bazaar: 9am—12:30pm Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

MONDAY, November 20

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

<u>TUESDAY, November 21</u>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6 -7:30pm in the church

WEDNESDAY, November 22 RCIA: not meeting this week

THURSDAY, November 23



FRIDAY, November 24 Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, November 25

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

SUNDAY, November 26 Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft

as of 11/13/23:



We're so very grateful to those who have helped us reach 80 percent of our Annual Collection goal! If you have yet to do so already, please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to help us reach 100% of our goal. If you need a pledge form or would like to make an online donation, please check our website: www.stannavon.org or call the parish office. Thank you!





Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday Evenings from 6-7:30pm,

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore our understanding and devotion to the great mystery of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ's Eucharistic face exposed in a monstrance on the altar.

At The Church of Saint Ann, we are participating in this Program and offering more opportunity to visit with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Beginning on the Feast of the Presentation of The Most Blessed Mother on Tuesday November 21, 2023, and every Tuesday thereafter, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6PM to 7:30PM. We ask all parishioners and families to make this powerful devotion. Come and see. Speak to Jesus in your own words and in your own way.

<u>"TRIFECTA</u> DIVINE MERCY"

SUNDAY-TUESDAY

DECEMBER 10-12,

ABOUT FATHER GARROTT

Fr. Bill Garrott was born and raised in Hagerstown, Maryland. He is the youngest of eight children. He received a bachelor of science in chemistry from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. Fr. Bill entered the Order of Preachers in 1988 and was ordained for the Dominicans in 1994. He is a member of the Province of St. Joseph whose adquarters is based in New York City. He has n master's degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. He has served as a the Angelicum in kome, he has served as a parochial vicar, campus minister and directo of vocations, and has preached over 200 parish missions throughout the United States and Canada using his musical abilities Fr. Bill is currently assigned to St. Dominic Priory in Washington, DC.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH * 7PM "Trifecta One: The Father Blesses'

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH * 7PM "Trifecta Two: The Son Heals"

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH * 7PM "Trifecta Three: The Spirit Strengthens"

+ Fr. Garrott will lead a Rosary prior to the mission each evening, at approximately 6:30pm + Fr. Garrott will hear confessions after preaching each evening + This mission is suitable for children in 2nd grade and above

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world. Let us pray...

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.



We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 11/12/23: \$4,794.00 **Monthly:** \$2,038.85 **Votive Candles for the week:** \$209.00

Online Giving (Nov. 8-13, 2023) Weekly: \$2,220.50 Monthly: \$203.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



Today's Gospel is the parable of the talents. (Matthew 25:14-30) God gives each of us unique gifts. Service is our work. The talents we've been given are ours so that by using them, we can be a gift to others. At the end of Mass, after our reception of the Holy Eucharist, the words of dismissal are to go out.

<u>Reflection:</u> Reception of the Eucharist nourishes us both spiritually and physically to go and bring Christ's love and charity to others. The last words of our Gospel today are "Come, share your Master's joy." True joy consists in giving our gifts away to our neighbor. Blessed Eurasia wrote, "It is not riches, but doing the will of God that makes our heart happy."

Warm Clothing Drive for the House of Bread

In conjunction with the House of Bread soup kitchen in Hartford, St. Ann is participating in a clothing drive to provide warm clothing to those without this winter. This drive will benefit the homeless who visit the kitchen for a warm meal. We are collecting gently used or new warm clothing, like sweatshirts and sweatpants, jackets coats and sweaters, warm hats, gloves and socks. There is a particular need for men's large sizes, but all is useful. You will find a blue bin labeled "House of Bread" in the gathering space where you can deposit your donation.

The clothing will be picked up twice a week and distributed to those in need.



Thank you very much for your generosity.





A Free 2-part Advent Retreat Series



Join us on Wednesdays November 29th & December 13th 9:30am - 11:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

This Advent season walk with Dr. Tim Gray, from the Augustine Institute on "FORMED". This will be a journey to renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ.

These video reflections will be played in 2 sessions to unpack the meaning and traditions of the season. There will also be an engaging Advent activity, and ending with a recitation of The Joyful Mysteries Rosary inside St. Ann Church at the 2nd session on December 13th.

> Please RSVP by November 25th: andreapizzuti333@gmail.com



Worship & Meditation: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128) **Second Reading:**

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light

and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel:

"Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." (Mt 25:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, *get it out of our possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir

Questions of the

Week Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Proverbs describes the ideal wife who runs her household with wisdom and grace. How would you describe your household growing up?

Second Reading:

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to stay alert and sober for the day when the Lord Jesus will return. Why do you think the date of this event is hidden from us?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently in the parable of the talents. What gifts have you used well in your life?

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Remains

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: *Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?*

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up

Readings for the Week of November 19, 2023

Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/ Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/ Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."

1 Thessalonians 5:2

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