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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

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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



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

MONDAY, November 27

9:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by the Waldeck Family

TUESDAY, November 28

9:00 Vincent Lappin, requested by Lou and Eileen Del Prete

WEDNESDAY, November 29

9:00 George Waldeck, requested by the Waldeck Family

THURSDAY, November 30, Saint Andrew, Apostle9:00 Arthur Hennig, requested by the Hennig Family

FRIDAY, December 1

9:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by Nelson and Sandy Bondhus

SATURDAY, December 2, 4:00 Terry Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

SUNDAY, December 3, First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 Special Intentions
- **9:30** Jozef and Stephanie Osiecki, requested by the Sutter Family
- **11:00** Marion Zalenski, requested by the ZuWallack Family



Our friendly Lectio Divina groups invite you to join us for weekly 90-minute reflections and fellowship, around the Sunday Gospels. Contact: <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u>

- Fridays, 9:45am via Zoom with Ann: Dec 1, 8, 15.
- Sundays, 10:30am in Rm 3 & via Zoom with Chip: Dec 3, 10, 17
- Mondays, 7:15pm in Rm 3 with Silvina: Dec 4, 11, 18



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

SUNDAY, November 26

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

MONDAY, November 27

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)

TUESDAY, November 28

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

WEDNESDAY, November 29

Advent Reflection (session 1): 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall RCIA: 6:30pm in Room 3

<u>THURSDAY, November 30</u> Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Children's Choir Rehearsal: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, December 1

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom Christmas Pageant Rehearsal: 4pm in the church & Hall

SATURDAY, December 2 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, December 3

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

Annual Parish Collection

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!

as of 11/15/23:







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



Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday, **December 3, 2023** 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

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

Annual Christmas POINSETTIA SAI



Poinsettia sale time is here again! Please help us decorate our beautiful church for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Plants are \$10 each and will be used to decorate the church. They will be sold after Masses in the Gathering Space on the weekends of: December 2/3 & 9/10.

On our website you can download a form to print and return completed with payment. There is also an option to order/pay online: www.stannavon.org/poinsettia-sale

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

2023 Parish Mission

SUNDAY-TUESDAY DECEMBER 10-12, 7:00 PM

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ABOUT FATHER GARROTT

Fr. Bill Garrott was born and raised in gerstown, Maryland. He is the youngest o sight children. He received a bachelor of ience in chemistry from Mount St. Mary's sity in Emmitsburg, MD. Fr. Bill entered Order of Preachers in 1988 and was ned for the Dominicans in 1994. He of the Province of St. Jo ters is based in New York City. H r's degree in spiritual theol elicum in Rome. He has sei vicar, campus minister cations, and has preach sh missions throughout The second mass preached over TSh missions throughout the United the Canada using his musical abilities s currently assigned to St. Domisi Priory in Washing

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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



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

* Due to having to upload the bulletin early, these figures will be reported next weekend

Weekly Collection for 11/19/23: * Campaign for Human Development: * Votive Candles for the week: *

Online Giving (Nov. 13-17, 2023)

Weekly: \$813.50 Campaign for Human Development: * Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Avon Special Needs JHS

The Holy Eucharist DID γΟU KNOW?

Did you ever wonder how in the end you will be judged by God? In today's Gospel Our Lord gives us the answer. (Matthew 25:31-46) "Whatever you did for the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Here we find ourselves, as Pope Francis said, "in the midst of a love story." We are never closer to Jesus or more loved by Him than when we are serving others in union with Him.

<u>Reflection</u>: The union that exists between Christ and the soul though the Holy Eucharist is the closest we shall enjoy this side of heaven. It's no wonder that Christ ends this parable with the words, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matthew 25: 34) How truly blessed by God we are to be able to share in such an intimate union with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Holy Day of Obligation

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

Masses will be at: 9:00AM * 12:10PM * 7:00PM

Early

Deadlines

for all

December

Bulletin

Submissions

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.

Every year during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays season our bulletin publisher has early upload deadlines for our bulletins. Therefore, your bulletin submissions are needed much earlier than is typical.

Please note the deadlines below. Thank you!

Submission Deadline	For This Weekend's Bulletin
Wednesday, November 30 th	December 9/10
Wednesday, December 6 th	December 16/17
Monday, December 11 th	December 23/24
Monday, December 18 th	December 30/31

Worship & Meditation: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

Gospel:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." (Mt 25:31-32)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking His face.

Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few

a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends. — Father John Muir

Questions of the

Week Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Ezekiel offers a beautiful vision to the Israelites held captive in Babylon of God as a shepherd tending carefully to the sheep in his flock who are lost, injured, or sick. Who do you know needs to hear this message of hope?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Corinthians how believers are destined to share in resurrected life with our Lord Jesus Christ. What do you imagine resurrected life with Christ will look like?

Gospel:

The final Gospel reading of the Liturgical Year focuses on Judgement Day. All will be measured by how we treated those on the margins of society. What could you do this week to help the poor or the stranger or those in prison?

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The King Comes Holding a Mirror

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day.

It's just one very short question: Which Christs did I not recognize today?

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart.

Readings for the Week of November 26, 2023

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

Monday:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/ Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ Mt 4:18-22

Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

"And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." — Matthew 25:32

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