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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

1st Unday OF ADVENT

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



First Sunday of Advent

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

MONDAY, December 4,

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Alice Kuzia, requested by Robert & Anne Yurch 9:00

TUESDAY, December 5 9:00 Elizabeth Singer, requested by Paula Allan

WEDNESDAY, December 6, Saint Nicholas, Bishop 9:00 Annalee Lasch, requested by Paula Allan

THURSDAY, December 7,

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 9:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by Janet Fischer

FRIDAY, December 8, Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00 Maria Consuegra, requested by her coffee group friends
- Susan Linnane, requested by Christine Linnane 12:10 and the Stack Family
- 7:00 For the intentions of Tom Reno (Living), requested by the Waldeck Family

SATURDAY, December 9, Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Donald Nelson (1st Ann.) requested by his wife, 4:00 Rosemarie and their children

SUNDAY, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 Dennis Berti, requested by Michael and Deb Stevens
- 9:30 Bill and Terry and Patrick Roderick, requested by Tom and Pat Heavren
- 11:00 Derek Stockwell, requested by the 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



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, 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

MONDAY, December 4

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

TUESDAY, December 5

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6 -7:30pm in the church Social Outreach Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, December 6

RCIA: 6:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, December 7

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Children's Choir Rehearsal: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, December 8

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

SATURDAY, December 9

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

SUNDAY, December 10

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft

Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

Parish Mission, Trifecta of Divine Mercy: 7pm in the church (Fr. Garrott will lead a rosary around 6:30pm & hear confessions following his preaching)



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 by the end of the year.

If you would like 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!





Divine Mercy Holy Hour



This 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.

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





"TRIFECTA OF DIVINE MERCY" 2023 Parish Mission

sunday-tuesday DECEMBER 10-12, 7:00 PM

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 headquarters is based in New York City. He har a master's degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. He has served as a parochial vicar, campus minister and director of workings and has preached over

the Angelicum in Kome. He has served as a parochial vicar, campus minister and director 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.

www.dominicanpreachers.com

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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"*

7:00PM

+ 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

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection: December 9/10

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Domincan Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection next weekend. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25, 000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

Masses will be at:

9:00AM

2:10PM *

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 11/19/23: \$4,240.00 Campaign for Human Development: \$1,757.06 Votive Candles for the week (11/19/23): \$172.50 Weekly Collection for 11/26/2023: \$4,814.00 Votive Candles for the week (11/26/23): \$256.36

Online Giving (Nov. 17-29, 2023) Weekly: \$4,647.00 Campaign for Human Development: \$60.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Retired Religious Fund

> Annual Christmas POINSETTIA SALE



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



We will also be selling Oplatek, Polish Christmas wafers, in the Gathering Space after Masses on December 2/3 and 9/10!





Will you need some rest after the Christmas holiday?

Please join us on a weekend retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT. This year's retreat theme is "only Say the Word...", which is based on teh belief that God can-and will- heal us and all of creation. During this retreat, we will explore where healing is needed in us and in the world.

Women's Retreat Dates: January 5-7, 2024 Contact: Eileen DiMauro at ecdimauro@yahoo.com

Men's Retreat Dates: January 12–14, 2024 Contact: Paul Watson at pgwatson33@gmail.com For more information & additional retreat date options, go to: holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats





Today is the First Sunday of Advent. We begin our spiritual preparations for the great Feast of Christmas. Frequently this season becomes a rushed hustle and bustle of "not enough time" to get everything done. In contrast to our frequently frenetic Advents, St. Padre Pio's Masses would last for several hours. The reason was his vibrant, living Faith. At the Consecration, St. Pio would not see the Holy Eucharist under the usual forms of bread and wine. Instead, this saint would see the Infant Jesus laying there in place of the Sacred Host and Precious Blood. He was so captured by the vision that he would be caught up in praise, thanksgiving and adoration of the Divine Child

Reflection: This Advent might be the time to grow in OUR living Faith. We now have evening adoration of the Blessed Sacrament here at St. Ann's each Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:30 (in addition to 9:30-10:30 each Monday). Why not seize this golden opportunity to spend some time with the same Infant Jesus, whom St Pio saw in the Holy Eucharist. What a loving and intimate way to prepare ourselves for Christmas!

How We Can Help the Homeless During the Holidays...



Following an over 35 year

tradition, we will again be putting together Christmas gift bags for the guests at ImmaCare shelter. At a time that is particularly tough for so many of the men, these gifts reinforce this is a ministry of love. With winter coming, we always like to include warm gloves, socks, hats and scarves. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and chapsticks are welcome items. Hopefully enough will be donated that gift bags can be distributed to the people who, unable to find shelter, remain outdoors. Please leave any donations in the ImmaCare box in the kitchen before Dec 15.

Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas!





We'd like to share some of our Faith Formation students' offerings of their time, talent and/or treasure.

Name	Gave of their Time-Talent-Treasure
John L.	Helped a friend with math & donated treasure
Mike P.	Shared his basketball talent with his brother
Mason G.	Cooked ramen for his brother

Annual Toy/Gift Collection Weekend of December 16/17, 2023

Option 1:

Take one or more paper Christmas gift requests from the panel in the Gathering Space or side entrance. Purchase gift, wrap in Christmas paper and <u>securely tape the identifying tag to the</u> **gift**. Recipients will be children and families at Catholic Worker House, Catholic Charities families and Prudence Crandall Center (domestic violence shelter).

Option 2:

Purchase one or more gifts (please, no war games) **DO NOT WRAP.** Recipients will be children in Avon & Hartford.

Drop Off:

Please place gifts on tables at far end of Fr. Bennett Hall the weekend of Dec. 16/17. **If you are going away:** Please leave gifts in Fr. Bennett Hall and bring gift cards to the Parish Office. Thank you.

God Bless You For Your Generosity! Sponsored by: St. Ann's Social Outreach Ministry

Our friendly Lectio Divina groups invite you to join us for weekly 90-minute reflections and fellowship, around the Sunday Gospels.

Stay Close to Jesus this Advent!

Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

- 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, 18



Knights of Columbus Annual Pie Sale Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who helped to make our annual pie sale such a success this year. Thanks to your support our Council is able to continue work in our parish and local community.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL. PIUS XII COUNCIL 4376 - AVON



The Council Connection

Parish Council is checking the suggestion/comments box in the Gathering Space, and we would like to thank all those parishioners who have taken the time to provide their input. Please know that your thoughtful comments have been shared with Father Fontana and other appropriate personnel for their attention.

As Advent begins the weekend of December 2/3 there are many ways to prepare for the birth of Jesus through participation in the Adult Faith Formation programs, retreat series, community service, Parish Mission, and the Christmas Pageant. Please consult the Parish bulletin, E-News and website for more details.

Parish Council is hoping to expand its membership. As an advisory board to Father Fontana, we have recently:

- updated our mission statement,
- increased communication between Parish Council and the parishioners by instituting a suggestion/comment box,
- supported the creation of the Family Life Ministry and Social Committee, and
- coordinated the first inclusive Volunteer Appreciation Reception for all active members in our twenty ministries.

If you are interested in becoming a member and can commit to monthly evening meetings, please submit a brief essay to Father Fontana about why you would like to join the Council. Essays can be mailed to Father Fontana at 289 Arch Road or placed in a collection basket during Mass.

On behalf of the Parish Council members, Carole Anderson, Bill Bachhuber, Dr. Nelson Bondhus, Carla DuBois, JoEllen Oakes, Eileen Sibson, and Dianne Simpson, I wish you a faith-filled Advent season. Jane Ellen Peregrin

Thank You! Muchas Gracias!

You donated:

205 Turkeys 14 Hams \$400 in cash \$620 in gift cards and loads of fixings!

Wow! Your generosity is heartwarming and happily received by our recipients at the: Avon Food Pantry Hartford Catholic Worker Food Pantry, Maria Reina De La Paz, Htfd.

With deepest gratitude, St. Ann Social Outreach Ministry



Please be aware that we have seen another increase in scam emails, calls &/or texts that claim to be from our clergy, church staff members, fellow parishioners or volunteers.

These messages usually ask you to get back to them quickly...that they're busy and need a favor. If you accidentally get back to them they will usually asks for gift cards be purchased for something like a relative's birthday or a sick parishioner. These are fake e-mails in an attempt to scam people out of money. Please do not respond to these emails. Our parish does not make unsolicited calls or e-mails to request money, the purchase of gifts, or your personal information. If you are unsure of any correspondence that appears to be from our parish, please call the Parish Office at: 860-673-9858 to verify. Thank you for your vigilance and cooperation.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

St. Ann/Avon Early Deadlines for all December Bulletin Submissions 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 BulletinWednesday, November-30th- - Desember-9/40- - -Wednesday, December 6thDecember 16/17Monday, December 11thDecember 23/24Monday, December 18thDecember 30/31



Advent Evening of Reflection at Trinita

Join us as we cross the threshold...through the doorway to the Advent Season as we open our hearts to welcome Jesus.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Free will offering

Trinita Retreat Center 595 Town Hill Rd, New Hartford





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