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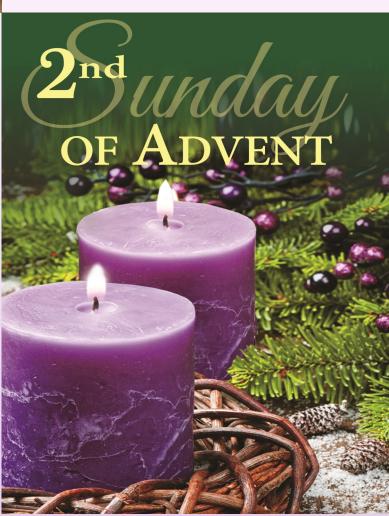
BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

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.



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



Second Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 9, Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
4:00 Donald Nelson (1st Ann.) requested by his wife,
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

MONDAY, December 11, Saint Damasus I, Pope

9:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

TUESDAY, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by Dan and Mary Healey

WEDNESDAY, December 13, Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 Arthur Godbout, Sr., requested by Arthur Godbout

THURSDAY, December 14,

Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor or the Church

9:00 Anna ZuWallack, requested by the ZuWallack Family

FRIDAY, December 15

9:00 Fr. Thomas P. Quinn, requested by Sandra Bondhus

SATURDAY, December 16

4:00 Dan Scapellati, requested by the Scapellati Family

SUNDAY, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by

her husband, Michael

11:00 Jozef and Stafania Osiecki, requested by

the Osiecki 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

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)

MONDAY, December 11

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church

Lectio Divina: will return next week

Parish Mission, Trifecta of Divine Mercy: 7pm in the church

(Fr. Garrott will lead a rosary around 6:30pm & hear confessions following his preaching)

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: will return next week

TUESDAY, December 12

Parish Mission, Trifecta of Divine Mercy: 7pm in the church

(Fr. Garrott will lead a rosary around 6:30pm & hear confessions following his preaching)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: will return next week

WEDNESDAY, December 13

Advent Reflection (session 1): 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

RCIA: 6:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, December 14

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Children's Choir Rehearsal: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, December 15

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal: 4pm in the church & Hall

SATURDAY, December 16

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 Christmas Pageant: 6pm in the church

SUNDAY, December 17

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



"TRIFECTA OF DIVINE MERCY"

2023 Parish Mission

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



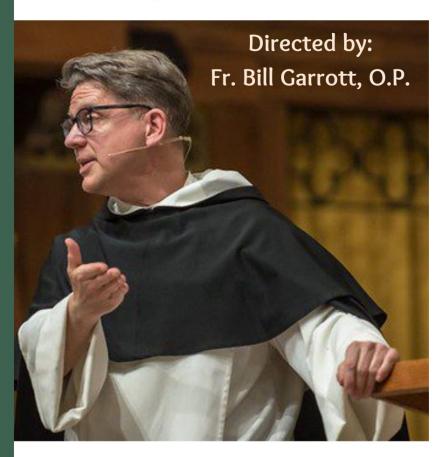
ABOUT FATHER GARROTT

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 has a master's degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. 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.

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CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

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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

Weekly Collection for 12/3/23: \$5,481.92

Avon Special Needs: \$1,922.14 **Votive Candles for the week:** \$258.48

Online Giving (Nov. 29-Dec. 5, 2023)

Weekly: \$3,295.50

Avon Special Needs: \$135.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: monthly



Stay Close to Jesus this Advent!



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



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.

Contact: Eileen DiMauro at ecdimauro@yahoo.com

Men's Petreut 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





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!

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.

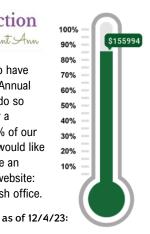
On our website you can download a form to print and return completed with payment. There is also an option to order/pay online: www.stannavon.org/poinsettia-sale



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

Annual Parish Collection Church of Saint Ann

We're so very grateful to those who have helped us reach 85 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!



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 securely tape the identifying tag to the 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

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



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

We hear St. John the Baptist speak to us in today's gospel of Mark 1:8. "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is the Love which exists between the Father and the Son. We receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism and at our Confirmation. But the Holy Spirit is also present when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. The three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity are always present to each other in the unity of our one, triune God.

During the Consecration of the Blessed Sacrament, the priest extends his hands over the bread and wine and prays to the Holy Spirit. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the transformation (transubstantiation) of the bread and wine takes place and becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Reflection: Are you spiritually stagnant and need to be set afire with the love and gifts of the Holy Spirit? Advent is a good time to rekindle our prayer life, our penances and our reception of the sacraments. Ask the Holy Spirit, by whom Our Lady conceived the Infant Jesus, to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus anew this Christmas and with every Holy Communion we receive.

The Saint Ann Scholarship Committee presents their

2024 Annual Used Book Sale

-proceeds go to Catholic High School Student scholarships-

Friday, January 19th

5:00pm - 7:30 pm (\$5 adult admission)

Saturday, January 20th

9:00am - 2:00 pm (no admission fee)

Snow dates: January 26/27

Please donate books on:

Wednesday & Thursday, January 17/18 9:30am - 4pm

Friday, January 19: 9:30 - 11:30am

Types of books (in good condition) to donate:
best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, religious, classics,
biographies, memoirs, self-help books, vintage books,
cookbooks, politics, children's books, young readers,
CDs, puzzles, vinyl records, etc.

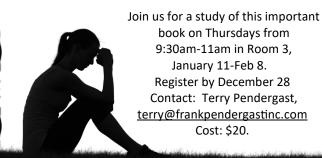
PLEASE NO: textbooks, reference books, encyclopedias

Volunteers are needed for collection & sale week.

To volunteer, please contact Meg Kundahl, 860-521-1051, mkfk@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

"Making Sense Out of Suffering" Book Study

Have you ever wondered: Why would a good and generous God allow suffering? Why are we — especially the innocent - plagued by apparently pointless and random pain? These are certainly questions that our children ask, and that athiests throw in our faces. Dr. Peter Kreeft has undertaken a real and honest quest inside this difficult topic in his book, *Making Sense Out of Suffering*. In it, he asks the challenging questions, and, drawing from his deep well of wisdom, experience and observation as a professor of religion and philosophy, wrestles with them in ways that are both engaging and convincing.



THE BULLETIN BOARD



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.

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

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection: December 9/10

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer ministry, education and care for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25, 000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.





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