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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

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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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

# SATURDAY, December 23, Saint John of Kanty, Priest 4:00 Camille/Peter Angelina & Michael/Devon Nay, requested by the Angelina Family

#### SUNDAY, December 24,

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve

- **7:30** For the intentions of the parishioners of Saint Ann
- **9:30** For the intentions of the parishioners of Saint Ann
- **11:00** For the intentions of the parishioners of Saint Ann

#### **Christmas Eve Masses**

- **4:00** For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- **6:00** For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- **10:00** For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated

#### Monday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

- **8:00** For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- **10:00** For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated

#### **TUESDAY, December 26,** *Saint Stephen, The First Martyr* **9:00** Arthur Hennig, requested by the family

#### WEDNESDAY, December 27,

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 9:00 Alice Kuzia

 THURSDAY, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 9:00 Maria and Florondo Aquino, requested by their son, Francesco

FRIDAY, December 29, Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
9:00 Arthur Hennig, requested by a friend of the family

SATURDAY, December 30 4:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by her friends

#### SUNDAY, December 31,

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph7:30Alice Kuzia, requested by<br/>Deacon Tim and Chris Healy

- 9:30 Nancy Boyd-Martin, requested by the Mascoli Family
- **11:00** Scott Gill, requested by the Keating 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

# \*\*\* Please check with your ministry leaders whether or not meetings/rehearsals will happen this week.\*\*\*

SATURDAY, December 23

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 SUNDAY, December 24

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft Lectio Divina: (check w/leader) 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

#### MONDAY, December 25

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TUESDAY, December 26 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6 -7:30pm in the church

WEDNESDAY, December 27

RCIA: 6:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, December 28 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Children's Choir Rehearsal: check with music director

FRIDAY, December 29 Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom (check with leader)

SATURDAY, December 30 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

#### SUNDAY, December 31

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Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years and will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd.



# A Christmas Prayer

As we mark the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lit four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world. Let us pray...

#### God,

you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary. Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season. Amen

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#### The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Reflect upon the bonds of love which were shared by Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their humble home in Nazareth. The Holy Family is the model of what each of our families should strive to exemplify. Jesus' presence was a continuous source of grace for Mary and Joseph.

<u>Reflection:</u> Our Lord's Eucharistic grace and presence is also available to each of our families. "Jesus is a living person always present among us. Love Jesus present in the Eucharist." St John Paul II



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



#### WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 12/17/23: will be reported later monthly: will be reported later Votive Candles for the week: will be reported later

Online Giving (Dec. 11-15, 2023)

Weekly: \$813.50 Monthly: \$228.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



Thank you and God bless you, Theresa!

#### 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

<u>Types of books (in good condition) to donate:</u> 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

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# 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.



Join us for a study of this important book on Thursdays from 9:30am-11am in Room 3, January 11-Feb 8. Register by December 28 Contact: Terry Pendergast, <u>terry@frankpendergastinc.com</u> Cost: \$20.



Join us in January for this FREE 3-Part Series on the Eucharist

At St. Ann Church in Fr. Bennett Hall on Wednesday Mornings <u>Dates:</u> January 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> (Snow Date – February 7<sup>th</sup>) <u>Time:</u> 9:30 am – 11:00 am

RSVP: andreapizzuti333@gmail.com

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members.

It is the crescendo of the entire story of Salvation!



The poinsettias decorating the altar for Christmas have been donated in honor of or in memory of the following persons:

## <u>In Honor Of</u>

Gaetano Amato Robert DeGroat The Amato Family Nana Kennedy Jim Martino Ruth Burleigh Pat Olsen Mom, Jessica Jacques

### In Memory Of

Anna Amato John & Loretta Magrini Richard Kennedy The Ahern & Girard Families Joe Koe The Calcagni Family John & Dorothy McCoy Joan Downey John Downey Thomas Ledwidge Ian Hahn James Hahn Juliet Sielski Nicholas & Jeanne Nardoia Janet Carroll The Tromza Family Joan Tyler The Corso Family The Rucci Family The Cronin & Robinson Families Glenn Wiseman Mary Wiseman Walter Smith Joyce Smith The Bingham & DuRoss Families Scott R. Gill Gerald Gill Helen & Wayne Randall Paul Irving David K. Matthes The Mattes & Lupo Families Tadeusz, Mary, Adele Peron Paul & Nadine Maglietti Mr. & Mrs. Charles Devanney Mr. & Mrs. Miner Fyler, Sr. Aldo & Elizabeth Zeffiro

Mary OBrien Stevens William J. Stevens Donald Nelson Savatore Calafiore Robert Turmelle Mr. & Mrs. Khoshneviss Mary & Bart Kelly Selina Gage The Gleason & Turmelle Families Tony & Florence Malentacchi Laurie Liberator The Polonis Family The Potkay Family Eugene Duarte Avis Duarte The St. Jean Family The Bryant Family John Kryszpin Donna Auclair Kryszpin Frances Fredericks Jack Fredericks John & Stephanie Cochefski Edmund Bialaski Corinne Elizabeth Wall George Francis Walls Helen Francis Walls Helen Frances Walls Patricia Gifford Wall John S. Gray Lew & Anne Affelder Douglas & Mildred Gould Prima & Annie Butteri Danny, John & Michael Ruth Pacchiana Glynn Family Kreivenas Family William LaMonica, Sr. Katherine LaMonica James Waldron Gertrude Waldron Pat Clark The Blanchard & Crowe Families Richard Caserta Sheila Bahre Douglas Blood Dee Dee Sullivan The Peregrin Family

The Fee Family Donald Sopelak Mr. & Mrs. Nikodem Smolinski Kathleen Manion Tony & Concetta Gugliotti Bud & Mary Thompson The Kuzia Family The Herman Family Yvette Cyr & Family Joanne Tousignant Lawrence Tousignant The Bielefeld & Schliphack Families Peter & Jenny Brereton Paul & Louise Davenport Philip Driscoll The Connors Family The Benoit Family The Messier & Marcotte Families Richard Mase Richard Cialfi Carl & Mildred Lawrynowicz Arthur Moody II The Renaud Family John & Sally Murphy Bob & Julie Guglielmo Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Giardino Mr. & Mrs. Peter SanAngelo Joe Lester Daniel Miley Mary Miley Jeanne Miley Wil & Kathy Talbot George & Cathie Jerto Frank Baloun Linda Beloin & Fred Beloin John & Miriam Muth Joe Dillon Anita & Horace Abate Margaret & Joseph Juliano Barbara Martino Harold & Hope Whalen James & Mary Martino The ZuWallack Family The Zalenski Family The Family of Fr. Fontana The Family of Fr. Cheah Hank Frey



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Mac & Amy McGinley Bill & June Bryson Steven Susco Thomas Joseph McClure Ann Gibbons McClure Bob & Estelle Girard Arizona Deville Pauline Edgar Joe Koe John & Madeleine Noel Rene & Catherine Picard Eric Noel Terry Ruta William Peck Pauline Peck Eleanor Ruta Gabriel Ruta Charles Vautaret Betsey Warren Jeanine Barrett Harrison Arthur Waterbru Jordan Wright Donald Wright Joseph Freebairn Chris Tabora Les Haley John & Ida Franciosi Alexis & Clotilde Cyr & Family Maxime & Louise Lozier & Family Frank & Marie Gallo Irving & Josephine McBride Mary & Ed Gorski Anna & Charles McNamara Beatrice & Leopardo Salvatore Anthony & Shirley Catinelli Maria Mae Theroux The Bondhus & Vuono Families Rev. Thomas P. Quinn Fr. Thomas McCarthy The Leone Family The Severni Family Ruby Sutherland Gwen Wilson Eugene Gooden Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Jud Mr. & Mrs. N. Hartonavich

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Please forgive any spelling errors; we do the best we can trying to read everyone's handwriting.







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