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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



# 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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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 Tuesdays 6 - 7:30pm 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

### February 4 2024



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **SATURDAY, February 3,** Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop; BVM

4:00 Michael Joseph Oleskewicz (4th Ann.), requested by his loving family

### SUNDAY, February 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Peter Merritt, requested by the Carello Family
- 9:30 Stefania and Jozeph Osiecki, requested by the Osiecki Family
- **11:00** Anna L. Amato (2nd Ann.), requested by the family

### Monday, February 5, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 Henrietta Angelina, requested by the Breakfast Bunch

TUESDAY, February 6, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs 9:00 John Epifanio, requested by the Bruno Family

### WEDNESDAY, February 7 9:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by Bill and Janet Newman

### THURSDAY, February 8,

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin 9:00 Rev. Thomas McCarthy

### FRIDAY, February 9

9:00 Tom Reno, requested by Cindy Reno Waldeck

### SATURDAY, February 10, Saint Scholastica, Virgin

4:00 Claire Galiette (6th Ann.), requested by her family

### SUNDAY, February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Special Intentions
- 9:30 Alice Kuzia, requested by Guy and Jane Ellen Peregrin
- **11:00** Scott Gill, requested by the Waldeck 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



# Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, February 11, 2024 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church Church of Saint Ann Please join us for this powerful devotion!



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, February 3

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

### SUNDAY, February 4

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

### MONDAY, February 5

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, February 6

**Beautiful Eucharist Book Discussion:** 9:30am in Room 3 **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 6-7:30pm in the church **Beautiful Eucharist Book Discussion:** 7pm via ZOOM

### WEDNESDAY, February 7

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall RCIA: 6:30pm in Room 3 Walking With Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### THURSDAY, February 8

Making Sense Out of Suffering Book Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Children's Choir Rehearsal: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

### FRIDAY, February 9

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

### SATURDAY, February 10

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 POTLUCK , International Food Fest: 5pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### SUNDAY, February 11

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



**9:00 am** Mass with distribution of ashes

**12:00pm** Mass with distribution of ashes

**7:00 pm** Mass with distribution of ashes

# "POTLUCK" International Food Feast

# Saturday, February 10th

5:00pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Join your parish family as we CELEEBRATE DIVERSITY in FOOD!

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Sign up to bring your favorite ethnic dish to share, or just come and enjoy!

Hosted by our Social Outreach Ministry



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You can sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space to bring a dish or by contacting Kris in the Parish Office (860-673-9858, x221) or kris.martino@stannavon.com Please leave:

your name, dish bringing & phone #

" half tins available for hot dish transport by poster

You can drop off your dish in the kitchen area of Fr. Bennett Hall anytime after 11am on Saturday, Feb. 10th

## **Beautiful Eucharist Book Discussion**



Tuesday, February 6, 2024 9:30-10:30am in Room 3 OR 7-8pm via Zoom RSVP: <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u> or 860-673-9858, x228

At Christmas, Father Al gifted us the simple yet powerful book, Beautiful Eucharist, a collection of writings from saints to everyday people on encountering Jesus in Communion. Come offer your impressions and share which stories resonated with you.



ADULTS: were you baptized and received First Communion, but were never Confirmed? We have a program just for you!

9 sessions: February 22 - April 25 (skipping Holy Thursday) Thursdays from 4:30-6pm Room 3, under Fr. Bennett Hall \$30 fee

**To register/pay:** osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/adult-confirmation-2024

Questions: ann.distefano@stannavoncom; 860-673-9858, ext. 228

The Confirmation ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 14th at 7pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford

# AN INTRODUCTION TO Faith Study FOR MOMS

Sponsored by St. Ann's Family Ministry

Book Discussion of **REDISCOVER JESUS BY MATTHEW KELLY** 



in a Community of Mon looking to grow their relationship with lesus

S COFFEE & SNACKS PROVIDED !

email jeanpmix@hotmail.com with interest

# **PRO-LIFE MINISTRY**

# Hugs from the Heart

Pro-Life Ministry is sponsoring their Valentine's Day "*Hugs from the Heart*" Outreach to Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center in Torrington.

Huggies or any brand of diapers will help them immensely, especially newborn diapers, sizes 4, 5, & 6.

They also need baby wipes, wash, shampoo, & diaper cream. Boys and girls winter coats sizes 4, 5, & 6. Kids medium to large mittens, gloves, and hats. Socks 3-6 months. Pajamas 2T, 3T, 4T. All types of clothing 2T, 3T, 4T. Gift Cards from Walmart and Target, Visa Cards, and Gas Cards.

Please place the above items in the baby boxes found in the Gathering Space next weekend, February 10th and 11th.

Thank you in advance for helping to support moms & their babies!

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**Connecticut March For Life** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 12pm: Rally at the Capitol 1pm: March for Life around Bushnell Park...*More details to follow* 



### WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 1/28/24: \$3,675.00 Monthly: \$2,006.50 Votive Candles for the week ending 1/28/24: \$269.55

Online Giving (Jan. 24-31, 2024)

Weekly: \$2,510.50 Monthly: \$456.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



Monday, February 5th 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

> All skill levels are welcome! For information call Tina at 860-331-1673





Did you ever wonder about the Divine Wisdom of God in giving us the Holy Eucharist? We know that St. Thomas Aquinas wrote the following reflection in his "Short Summa". He stated, "Among the various indicators that make the holiness of God known to men, the most convincing sign is the holiness of men, who are sanctified by the Divine indwelling." One of the proofs of God's holiness then is His giving of Himself totally to us in the loving intimacy of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Upon our worthy reception of Jesus in Holy Communion, the Divine indwelling resides within each of us.

Reflection: How does the Divine indwelling of Jesus within you, after your personal reception of Holy Communion, affect you? Are you reflecting the holiness of God in your life?

Join us on Wednesdays...

# THE BIBLE and the VIRGIN MARY

This dynamic 12-part video series beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady. We will learn how the Blessed Virgin Mary has been part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time.

DATES:	February 14-May 8, 2024
TIME:	9:30-11am
PLACE:	Fr. Bennett Hall
C0ST"	\$20 for the workbook
RSVP:	andreapizzuti333@gmail.com



# The Council Connection

The Parish Council is beginning 2024 with three new members. Tina Dibble, Janet Fischer and Jayne O'Donnell will join Carole Anderson, Bill Bachhuber, Nelson Bondhus, Carla DuBois, JoEllen Oakes, Jane Ellen Peregrin, Eileen Sibson and Dianne Simpson.

The Suggestion/Comment box in the Gathering space continues to receive topics of interest to many parishioners. The expressed thoughts and ideas are discussed with Fr. Fontana and the Parish Council. As needed, they are addressed with the appropriate personnel or referred to available resources. Please know that your suggestions and comments are being heard. We appreciate the time that you take to share them with us.



THE MEN OF SAINT ANN PRESENT:

Happy as a Clam!

Friday, February 16, 2024 5:30 - 7:00pm Fr. Bennett Hall

# Parish Lenten PASTA DINNER

GLUTEN FREE PASTA WILL BE AVAILABLE

We will be offering both Marinara Sauce & Clam Sauce

Gather some friends & bring the family for a fun night out!



# Worship & Meditation: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

#### Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147) Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, or an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

#### Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come.

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### Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— Father John Muir

### **Questions of the**

Week Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### **First Reading:**

Job was overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and despair. How does your faith help you get through difficult times?

#### Second Reading:

Paul sees his "gospel" (the good news of Jesus Christ) as the center of his life. What do you think is the focus of your life?

#### Gospel:

At the start of Jesus's public ministry in Galilee, we hear he was purposedriven in performing many healings and exorcisms, as well as preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. What could you do this week as an intentional act of charity or kindness?



# (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### **Purpose and Pride**

Father, forgive me. Today's Gospel made me want to fight somebody.

If you want to make me really, really angry, you are sure of doing so if you tell me about an old woman who was sick, but felt a little better, and then her son-in-law and all his buddies showed up, so she cooked them a bunch of food and cleaned up after them.

We all project our own feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires onto the word of God. I certainly do. And most of my feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires spring from my current role as a tired mom of little kids.

I think there is a fear inside many of us of God's purpose for our lives. What if it's not aligned perfectly with what we think we need, or what we imagine we

# Readings for the Week of February 4, 2024

#### Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

### Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/ Mk 6:53-56

#### **Tuesday:**

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

#### Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

#### Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

#### Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

#### Saturday:

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106: 6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

#### **Next Sunday:**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

want? Most of the time, I think I need a nap, and I imagine that I want absolutely no one asking me for any kind of help. And here I am, perpetually napless and always being called on to render assistance.

The actions of Peter's mother-in-law were the only actions we would expect of a woman who had just received a miracle. She jumped up, and with bravery and boldness she served the Lord.

But couldn't she rest? Couldn't she serve him later? Couldn't she thank him with a smile and take a nap? Well, I suppose. But is that how you react to a miracle?

I have received my miracle — my family. My purpose. So why am I still lying down?

"He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them." — Mark 1:31

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Please save the date for some more fun admissions events:

April 3, 2024: 7th Grade Experience Day •

- April 21, 2024: Spring Open House
- For any inquiries, please reach out to Amy Mandrola, Director of Admissions, at 860-236-4221 ext. 140 or at amandrola@nwcath.org.

### It's That Time of Year Again...

If you are a registered parishioner at St. Ann and using envelopes or online giving, and would like a copy of our records of your weekly envelope contributions, please e-



mail Kris in the Parish Office: kris.martino@stannavon.com or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221. Note: Contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are mailed separately

from the Archdiocese.

# "THE LORD HAS LOVED ME SO MUCH. MUST EVERYONE." ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA FEBRUARY S

### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS** FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend March 8-10, 2024 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.



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