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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

289 Arch Road * Avon, Connecticut * 06001 www.stannavon.org 860-673-9858

Reverend Alphonso Fontana, Pastor

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 11, 2024



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 12

9:00 Father Robert E. Gariepy, requested by John and Maria Manning

TUESDAY, February 13

9:00 In celebration of the 47th wedding anniversary of George and Mary Padavil

WEDNESDAY, February 14, Ash Wednesday

- 9:00 For the intentions of the parishioners of St. Ann
- 12:00 For the intentions of the parishioners of St. Ann
- 7:00 For the intentions of the parishioners of St. Ann

THURSDAY, February 15, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 Aaron and Tyler Uy, requested by Mark and Alina Douglass

FRIDAY, February 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, February 17, *Saturday after Ash Wednesday The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

4:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by Cindy, Bryan and Megan Rourke

SUNDAY, February 18, First Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 Caroline and Edmund Sikora, requested by Nancy Zickefoose and Raymond Sikora
- **9:30** Karen Dobbs, requested by the Hamel Family
- **11:00** Steven L. Polesel, requested by Paul and Constance Rotondo



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 10

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

MONDAY, February 12

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) Lenten Confessions: 6pm

TUESDAY, February 13

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

WEDNESDAY, February 14

The Bible and the Virgin Mary Bible Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall RCIA: will return next week

Walking With Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, February 15

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Children's Choir Rehearsal: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft "Chosen" Watch Party: 7pm in Room 3

FRIDAY, February 16

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom Lenten Pasta Dinner: 5:30-7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church

SATURDAY, February 17

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

SUNDAY, February 18

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





Please place your donations for Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center in the baby boxes in the Gathering Space this weekend.

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



9:00 am: Mass with distribution of ashes

12:00 pm: Mass with distribution of ashes

7:00 pm: Mass with distribution of ashes

If you have gotten caught up in the busyness of life and have fallen away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can change that! This Lenten season, we continue the Archdiocesan-wide effort to inspire Catholics to experience God's love and mercy offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Confessions to be Heard on Monday Evenings During Lent 6:00pm

Lenten Fast & Abstinence

- Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence: likewise Good Friday.
- Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal. Two light meals are allowed, but no solid food should be taken between meals.
- Fasting binds those between the ages of 18 and 59; those who have reached the age of 14 are bound by abstinence.
- All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence; that is, days on which no meat is to be eaten.

Stations of the Cross



Fridays During Lent: 7:00 pm



It's That Time of Year Again...



If you are a registered parishioner *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.

2 0 2 4 CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

During this Lenten season, our Parish family Lenten commitment is to practice the corporal works of mercy, both individually and as a community. Donations should be placed in the labelled boxes in the Gathering Space. Anything you can donate is appreciated!



Feed the Hungry Give Drink to the Thirsty

Feed the Hungry and Give Drink to the Thirsty food collection for the Avon Food Pantry and the Catholic Worker food pantry. Bags are provided at the church entrances with suggested grocery items.

FEBRUARY 17/18

St. Maria Faustina - Prayer to be Merciful

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors souls.

- Help me, O Lord, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors needs. Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful so that I should never speak negatively of my
- neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all. Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only
- good to my neighbors. Help me, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my teet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor. Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my

neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence.

May your mercy O Lord rest upon me. Amen.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 2/4/24: \$5,355.00 Snow Removal: \$1,720.50 Votive Candles for the week ending 2/4/24: \$365.80

Online Giving (Jan. 31-Feb. 7, 2024) Weekly: \$3,397.50 Snow Removal: \$55.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



Saturday, Feb 24th, 2024,

2:30-3:45pm

Father Bennett Hall

Church of St. Ann, Avon, CT

RSVP by Feb 19: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; 860-673-9858, x228

Join longtime minister/hospital chaplain/Army Veteran Deacon Tim Healy for his powerful presentation on:

- What forgiveness is, and what it is not
- The connection between forgiveness & mercy
- Obstacles to & benefits of forgiveness
- How to forgive others; even oneself; & even God...
- Inspiring stories of mercy
- How to stay 'forgivingly fit,' and more...

Forgiveness is difficult, but God calls us to it, and promises to help us through it, all out of LOVE



Interested in becoming an-Altar Server?

Training on the 1st Wednesday of EVERY month 7:00 - 8:30 pm

* Pre-Registration Required *

Brian McDermott and his son Jack (Senior altar server) Offering Full Training Special Blessing and photo with Father Fontana

Requirements:

3rd to 12th grade * Received First Holy Communion Available to serve 2 masses per month

Next Training: Wednesday, April 3rd Registration no later than Friday, March 29th

To register or for more information contact Brian McDermott: Email: <u>brianmcdermott359@gmail.com</u> or Text: 203-641-6560



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





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

Prayers for **Those Currently** Serving in Our Military



Do you have any family members in the military currently on active duty? We would love to include their names in our bulletin (which is also available on our website) so that our parish family can pray for them and their safe return. If you are interested, please contact Kris Martino in the Parish Office with their name/s (include spelling): 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com.



email jeanpmix@hotmail.com with interest



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

At the young age of 18, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, a Carmelite nun, had great insight into the value of the Eucharist. She wrote, "I want this heavenly bread." As she recognized the Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, she was filled with a longing desire to receive Him in Holy Communion.

Reflection: As we approach Holy Communion, how much desire do we have to receive Jesus and to welcome Him with love, gratitude and appreciation for this great sacrament of His Divine Love for us? Because of the Eucharist, your interior life thrives, and the Life of the Blessed Trinity is increased in your soul i.e. sanctifying grace. Sanctifying grace is your entrance pass into heaven.

Performed Live by Jim Coleman From Slave to Priest

THE NATIONAL TOURING PRODUCTION OF

Friday, March 1 at 7:30pm **Church of St. Ann**

289 Arch Road, Avon, CT 06001

Admission: Free-will Offering

Information: Church of St. Ann 860-673-9858 www.stannavon.org Sponsored by Father Nadolny Good News Fund Inc.

Suitable for Ages 10 & Up Saint-Luke-

www.ToltonDrama.com

Connecticut March For Life: March 20th

Life is a Gift, God's precious Gift

12 noon: Rally at the Capitol 1pm: March for Life around Bushnell Park



A bus will leave St. Ann's parking lot around 10:15am and return to St. Ann around 3pm No cost for the bus (47 seats available) Let's fill the bus and together stand for life!

Please help us turn Connecticut into a state that protects the unborn and rejects euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide for our sick and dying. We need everyone's help to make Connecticut a state that shows respect and compassion for life.

Please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space. More details can be found on the poster.

THE BULLETIN BOARD



Prayer Request for Northwest Catholic High School Students (& St. Ann Parishioners) Who Will Be Attending a Kairos Retreat This Week

Northwest Catholic High School asks St. Ann Parish to pray for its students, Andrew M., Curran W., Gavin G., Hope M., Jack Early, and Tristen H., who will be attending Kairos February 13-16. Kairos is one of the oldest student formation retreats in Catholic High Schools in the United States. Kairos is rooted in the pillars of our spiritual traditions,

emphasizing and modeling intentional small Christian community, individual and shared prayer, Eucharist, Reconciliation, spiritual reflection, and Christian leadership. Northwest Catholic students in their junior and senior years are invited to participate in this 4-day, 3-night retreat which allows students to disconnect from the world (no technology!) and develop a deeper understanding of who they are, who God is calling them to be and how to live an authentically Christian life in the world. Thank you for keeping Andrew, Curran, Gavin, Hope, Jack, Tristen and their fellow retreatants in your prayers!

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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NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Northwest Catholic High School is now accepting applications for the 2024-25 academic year! We educate the whole person, mind, body, spirit, and imagination. Discover the depth and breadth of a Northwest Catholic education by scheduling a tour at www.northwestcatholic.org/admissions.

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.



