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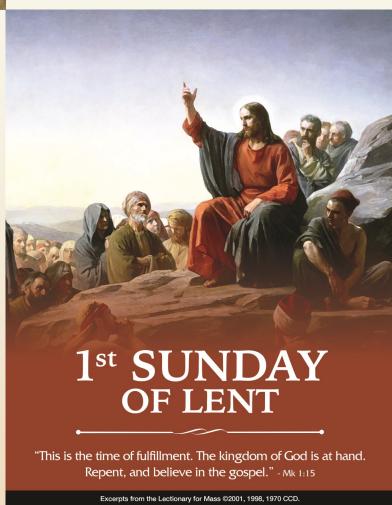
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## **BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:**

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 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



## First Sunday of Lent

**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

Monday, February 19

9:00 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by

her husband, Michael

TUESDAY, February 20

**9:00 Linda Sexton,** requested by the Hennig Family

WEDNESDAY, February 21,

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, February 22, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, February 23, Saint Poycarp, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 Raymond Zalenski,

requested by the ZuWallack Family

SATURDAY, February 24

4:00 Manda Koch, requested by

Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, February 25, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 Claire Bialaski, requested by

Greg and Maria Mascoli

**9:30** Alice Kuzia, requested by Lionel and Doris Cyr

11:00 Giustino (Gus) Penna,(1st Ann.), requested by

his wife, Janet and children

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent: 7:00 pm

except on March 1st, Stations of the Cross will be at 3:00pm. Please join us that evening for the live Tolton production at 7:30pm.



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 17**

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

### **SUNDAY, February 18**

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft "The Chosen" Watch Party: 10:30am in Room 3

#### **MONDAY, February 19**

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 20**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6 -7:30pm in the church

### WEDNESDAY, February 21

The Bible and the Virgin Mary Bible Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

RCIA: 6:30pm in Room 3

Walking With Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

### **THURSDAY, February 22**

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Children's Choir Rehearsal: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft Adult Confirmation Prep: 4:30-6pm in Room 3 "The Chosen" Watch Party: 7pm in Room 3

### FRIDAY, February 23

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church

## SATURDAY, February 24

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

Finding Peace Through Forgiveness: 2:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

#### SUNDAY, February 25

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft "The Chosen" Watch Party: 10:30am in Room 3



## **LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

Mondays during Lent: 6:00pm



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## **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!

THIS WEEKEND: FEBRUARY 17/18

## Feed the Hungry Give Drink to the Thirsty

Food collection for the Avon Food Pantry and the Catholic Worker food pantry.

NEXT WEEKEND: FEBRUARY 24/25

## Visit the Sick

Tums

Collection of health aids for Helping Haitian Children at the Carrefour Clinic in Haiti:

Vitamins: Children & Adult (no gummy vitamins) Cough/Cold/Sinus medicines Bacitracin Ointment Bengay/muscle rub Antifungal ointment

Antifungal ointment Toothpaste
Tylenol/Aleve/Ibuprofen Toothpaste
Anti-bacterial soap (Dial) Artificial tears
Hemorrhoid cream Eucerin cream

Pepto-Bismol

Pepto-Bismol Calamine lotion Cortisone cream Wound cleanser Ace bandages (wraps)

FOR MOMS

Sponsored by St. Ann's Family Ministry

Book Discussion of

REDISCOVER JESUS BY MATTHEW KELLY



MONDAYS | February 26th - April 15th | 9:30 am - 10:45 pm

\*No meeting April 8th

Meeting in the Activity Room @ St. Ann's Church & via Zoon

Hosted by Jean Mix

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looking to grow their
relationship with Jesus

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## **WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

Weekly Collection for 2/11/24: \$6,284.10 Votive Candles for the week ending 2/4/24: \$289.58

**Online Giving (Feb. 7-14, 2024)** 

Weekly: \$2,720.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: monthly

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.

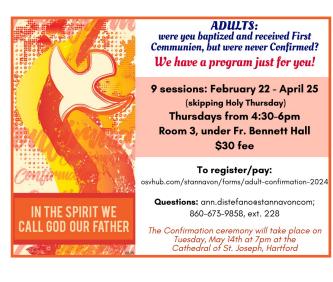


DATES: February 14-May 8, 2024

TIME: 9:30-11am
PLACE: Fr. Bennett Hall

COST" \$20 for the workbook

RSVP: andreapizzuti333@gmail.com



## **Knights of Columbus Meeting**



Wednesday, February 21st at 7-8:30pm in Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)



#### **About the Production:**

Tolton: From Slave to Priest is a powerful new live production based on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest. This compelling true story of courage, forgiveness, and reconciliation resonates deeply with modern American audiences. Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago, postulator for Fr. Tolton's canonization cause, is calling Tolton a production that will "inspire a new era of peace, hope and forgiveness in America."

*Tolton* is a riveting multimedia drama not to be missed. The production runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for middle school age and up.

### **About Father Tolton:**

To characterize Fr. Augustus Tolton's life as remarkable is an understatement. He was born a slave on a Missouri farm in 1854, and his mother risked everything to reach freedom in Illinois with her three small children. After settling in the town of Quincy, Illinois, the family continued to experience hardships and prejudice. In spite of this, he persevered in his deep desire to become a Catholic priest. When every seminary in the United States rejected him, Augustus did not give up, and he was finally ordained in Rome. Upon his return to Illinois, Fr. Tolton worked tirelessly to serve people of all races, especially the former slaves who flocked to Chicago.

Fr. Tolton saw the Catholic Church as the antidote to the discrimination and rejection that he experienced in his own life. "It was the priests of the Church who taught me to pray and to forgive my persecutors," he said. "We should welcome all people into the Church, not send them away."

At the young age of 43, Fr. Tolton died after collapsing from heat exhaustion in Chicago. Now his cause for sainthood is moving forward, as more and more people are beginning to recognize the humble perseverance, courage, and compassion of this extraordinary man.

### **About the Actor:**

Jim Coleman is excited and honored to be playing the role of Father Tolton. Having appeared in more than 50 national commercials, Jim is best known for his role of Roger Parker in the hit Nickelodeon show *My Brother and Me*.

"Father Tolton's story needs to be told," says Coleman. "As a black man, this very important part of history is something that I want the world to hear about. I truly feel blessed to be the one to share Father Augustus Tolton with all who will listen!"

Jim and his wife Robin reside in Florida; they are the proud parents of six children.

## 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.





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
Brianna R.	Helps kids who fall while skiing
James L.	Collected & delivered his neighbor's mail
Rosie	Brought dad his slippers, made Valentines Day cards and donated treasure
Jayce R.	Prayed & helped
Olivia	Sings in the children's choir at church
John R.	Helped lift heavy things
Amiyah S.	Went to Mass and sang
Addy V.	Prayed and danced



Bishop Robert Barron states that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, "We are infused with the Divine Life of Christ." Our worthy reception of Holy Communion has a tremendous effect upon our souls. In the sacrament of Baptism, we become children of God. In the sacrament of the Eucharist, we are filled with the life of God, which is sanctifying grace. By this means we are deified and are made **holy** children of God.

Reflection: The depth of the grace that we receive in this sacrament is dependent upon us. How focused are we in our prayer after the reception of Holy Communion? The amount of grace that we receive depends upon our openness to Jesus, who is truly present within us.

## Connecticut March For Life: March 20<sup>th</sup>

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.



## 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.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD



Get ready for Easter with a restorative retreat during Lent. Our Lady of Calvary offers specially designed retreat weekends for women at any stage of their spiritual journey. Whether you're basking in spiritual abundance or grappling with doubts, our retreats offer comfort and inspiration. Join us for a weekend of self-reflection and growth. Visit our website to learn more and register.https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/retre

**Women's Weekend Retreats During Lent** 

February 23 @ 7:00 pm - February 25 @ 12:00 pm March 1 @ 7:00 pm - March 3 @ 12:00 pm March 8 @ 7:00 pm - March 10 @ 11:00 am March 15 @ 7:00 pm - March 17 @ 11:00 am

Are you new to retreats at OLC? Check out the link below for a downloadable brochure specially designed for new retreatants.https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/What-Happens-on-Retreat.pdf New retreatants, use Coupon Code OCR70 to receive a 10% discount when registering for your retreat online.



## 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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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.



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