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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

KICKOFF WEEKEND: FEB. 24-25, 2024



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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



Second Sunday of Lent



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 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

MONDAY, February 26

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Faith Study for Moms: 9:30am in the Activity Room 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 27

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

WEDNESDAY, February 28

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

THURSDAY, February 29

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, March 1

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom Stations of the Cross: 3pm in the church Tolton: From Slave to Priest Production: 7:30pm in the church

SATURDAY, March 2

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

SUNDAY, March 3

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



Stations of the Cross

3pm: This Friday, March 1st (rest of Lent: Fridays at 7pm) Please join us this Friday, 3/1 at 7:30pm in the church



LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Mondays during Lent: 6:00pm

SATURDAY, February 24

4:00 Manda Koch, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, February 25, Second Sunday of Lent

- Claire Bialaski, requested by 7:30 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

Monday, February 26

9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, February 27

Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church 9:00 Jack Kevin O'Leary, requested by the Wojewoda Family

WEDNESDAY, February 28 9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, February 29 Art Hennig, requested by a friend 9:00

FRIDAY, March 1 9:00 Tom Reno, requested by Cindy Reno Waldeck

SATURDAY. March 2

4:00 Dawn DeSantis-Mancini, requested by Jayne and Bud O'Donnell

SUNDAY, March 3, Third Sunday of Lent

- Joe Koe requested by the family 7:30
- 9:30 Marcel Robaczynski, requested by the family
- 11:00 Joseph Blakley, requested by the Valley Family

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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 24/25
Visit the Sick
Collection of medical supplies for the Carrefour Clinic in Haiti

NEXT WEEKEND: MARCH 2/3

Shelter the Homeless

Collection for ImmaCare Inc. & Prudence Crandall Center

NEWLY REVISED list as many residents/families are now entering apartments rather than needing shelters as long-term housing.

toothbrushes/toothpaste feminine products shower gel/bodywash shampoo & conditioner bars of soap all-purpose cleaner laundry detergent dish soap/sponges blankets & sheets (twin, full, queen)



dish/plate sets glass/cup sets mixing bowls pots/pans bakeware

flatware comforters towels deodorant razors

The Eternal God is thy refuge - Deut. 33:27



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.

AN INTRODUCTION TO Faith Study FOR MOMS Sponsored by St. Ann's Family Ministry

Book Discussion of
REDISCOVER JESUS BY MATTHEW KELLY



1-2 pg Daily Commitment Join a Community of Moms looking to grow their relationship with Jesus

email jeanpmix@hotmail.com with interest

DO THIS 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal **MEMORY**

This weekend marks the start of the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. As Catholics in the

Archdiocese of Hartford we can have a profound impact on our local communities not only spiritually, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

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We hope you can help us meet our parish goal. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at <u>https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/</u> or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at: <u>https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/.</u>

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 2/18/24: \$4,459.00 Ash Wednesday: \$2,659.75 Votive Candles for the week ending 2/18/24: \$362.42

Online Giving (Feb. 14-21, 2024) Weekly: \$2,699.50 Ash Wednesday: \$83.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



IN THE SPIRIT WE

CALL GOD OUR FATHER

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



THE ST. JOSEPH MEDAL OF APPRECIATION 2024

The St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation is a means of recognizing the dedicated laity of our parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford. The nominees for the medal can be one individual or one married couple (in a valid church marriage) selected among the laity. The person/couple must be in full communion with the church and have given exceptional service and devotion to the parish over a period of years. I am so excited to announce that the 2024 St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation is being award to William and Theresa Bachhuber!

Bill and Theresa have been member so St. Ann's for 36 years. Both Bill and Theresa have worked together on several ministries including the Annual Tools for Schools Collection, Turkey Drives, Easter Basket Collections, Cookbook Committee raising several thousand dollars for the church. Both Theresa and Bill have been team lectors for several years. Theresa participated in Parish Nurse Ministry and Bereavement Ministry Chairperson. Bill participated in Parish Council and Ministry of Hospitality (Ushering).

I am truly grateful to Bill and Theresa, and I am honored to award them with this prestigious medal. Bill and Theresa will receive the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation from Archbishop Leonard Blair on Sunday March 10, 2024 at 3:00PM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.



Sincerely yours in Christ, Father Al Fontana, Pastor



HOSTED BY OUR FAMILY MINISTRY

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 AT 3:00PM

This FREE Egg Hunt is for children ages pre-school through 4th grade and will be held outside in the field behind Fr. Bennett Hall. Bring your own basket for the egg hunt. There will also be fun activities, crafts, a light snack and pictures with the Easter Bunny! In addition, please consider joining us for the family mass immediately following at 4pm.

Spaces fill quickly for

this fun family event!

RAIN DATE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

Sign up at this link or use QR code:

www.signupgenius.com/go/

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Marinara Sauce & Clam Sauce

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



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU ΚΝΟΨ?

Did you know that it takes about 15-20 minutes for a consecrated Host to dissolve in your stomach? For those few minutes, you literally have the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Savior and Redeemer within you.

<u>Reflection:</u> One day a lady approached St. Teresa of Avila and said, "If only I had lived in the time of Jesus... If only I had seen Jesus....If only I had talked with Jesus..." St. Teresa replied, "But do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present to us?" Why not take advantage of the precious few minutes that Jesus is residing within you in the



Cemetery Cleanup

Kids under 18:

\$3.00

Family Max:

\$20.00

Please remove all Christmas decorations by Easter. Thank you!

We pray for the safe return of those currently serving in our Military Contact the Parish Office to have your family members added



LDCDR Jack Hamel, USCG LT Victoria Hamel, USCG

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.



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 Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington 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. cones For Sale Little Sisters of The Poor 365 Enfield Street - Enfield, CT 06082 Pick up - 10am - 4pm JAN 22 Order Online https://LSPScones24.gives nart.com Or Call 860-265-1872 to pre-order www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com Cranberry 860-242-5573 Raisin \$3.00/ea COME VISIT AN IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL CLASS AND SEE HOW STUDYING ALL 73 BOOKS OF THE



