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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



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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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



Third 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, 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

MONDAY, March 4

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Faith Study for Moms: 9:30am in Room 1 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall 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, March 5

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

WEDNESDAY, March 6

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, March 7

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 8

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, March 9

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

SUNDAY, March 10

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Mondays during Lent: 6:00pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft "The Chosen" Watch Party: 10:30am in Room 3 Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: 7:00 pm (except March 1st: 3pm)

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Joe Koe requested by the family

Jayne and Bud O'Donnell

John and Maria Manning

Mercedes Featherston

Nelly Featherston, requested by

Claudia and Bernie Flannery

FRIDAY, March 8, Saint John of God, Religious

Leo ZuWallack, requested by the ZuWallack Family

Harold Schenk, requested by

Paula Erickson, requested by

Mary Jo & Michael Biedrzycki

the Kalamarides Family

SUNDAY, March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Shawn Logan

the Grzybek Family

SATURDAY, March 9, Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Robert and Betty Nelson, requested by

Zofia and Henryk Wroblewski, requested by

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email

Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or

kris.martino@stannavon.com

Suggested Donations: \$30 Weekends, \$25 Weekdays

Candace Right (5th Ann), requested by

THURSDAY, March 7, Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Tom Reno, requested by the Cooper Family

SUNDAY, March 3, Third Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 4, Saint Casimir

TUESDAY, March 5

WEDNESDAY, March 6

Dawn DeSantis-Mancini, requested by

Marcel Robaczynski, requested by the family

Austin Christopher Pudwill, requested by

Joseph Blakley, requested by the Valley Family

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!

THIS WEEKEND: MARCH 2/3

Shelter the Homeless Collection of supplies for ImmaCare and YWCA shelters in Hartford

NEXT WEEKEND: MARCH 10/11

Clothe the Naked

Collection of clothing for Hartford Catholic Worker **Youth Outreach**



SNACKS

Deoderant Socks (child & adult sizes)

Underwear (girls, all sizes) Underwear (boxers, all sizes boys/men) T-shirts (children ages 5-18 & adults) Childrens' pajamas and sweat pants (sizes 8-adult)

> AN INTRODUCTION TO Faith Study FOR MOMS

Sponsored by St. Ann's Family Ministry





email jeanpmix@hotmail.com with interest



Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday, March 10, 2024 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Church of Saint Ann

Please join us for this powerful devotion!



2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the success of the Appeal, both here in our parish and across the three counties of the Archdiocese

To view some of the wonderful things accomplished through your generosity, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is continuing the web-series called, The Annual Appeal at Work. The season premiere will be airing on Thursday, 3/7/2024 on all Archdiocesan Social Media sites as well as the Archbishop's Annual Appeal webpage. New episodes will air the first week of each month, for the rest of 2024. Each episode will highlight some of the wonderful ministries supported by the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, Do This in Memory of Me by going to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Website, https://archdioceseofhartford.org/ appeal/ you will find a link for each episode. Please tune in Thursday, March 7th for the season premiere.

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 https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Please respond as generously as you means allow.





Many thanks to the parish of St. Ann's for their donations of diapers, wipes, clothing, and financial support to Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center. Gifts such as these as well as your prayers and financial assistance from generous donors, enable us to continue to provide care and support for God's precious children and to fulfill the mission work of Two Hearts. Every mother and child who visits the Center will be touched by your grace,

prayers, and generosity. Please know that your gift is truly appreciated and is a blessing to our clients. May God bless you and your parish family.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 2/25/24: \$5,943.00 Monthly \$2,425.50 Votive Candles for the week ending 2/25/24: \$236.51

Online Giving (Feb. 21-28, 2024) Weekly: \$2,572.50 Monthly: \$256.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



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





Lenten Watch Parties

Join the millions who've experienced this groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus, seen through the eyes of those who knew Him.

Sundays, Feb. II-March 81 10:30-11:45am in Room 3 Thursdays. Feb. 15-Apr.11 7-8:30pm in Room 3

Register: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

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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We will be offering both Marinara Sauce & Clam Sauce

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



Adults:

\$7.00



The Holy Eucharist DID γου KNOW?

In today's Gospel (John 2:13-25) Jesus uses a prophetic symbol. He refers to the future of the resurrection of His body after being laid in the tomb for three days. He tells the temple priests, "Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up." They think Jesus is referring to the temple building and deride Him. We however know that Our Lord was referring to the Temple of His Body and His resurrection.

<u>Reflection</u>: When was the last time that you spent some silent time in prayer with Jesus in the Temple i.e. the present Temple of His Body, the Holy Eucharist? Lent is a great time to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament whenever you pass a Catholic Church. Stop the noisy din of life and spend some quiet time with Our Lord. "God's first language is silence."-St. John of the Cross

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



LCDR Jack Hamel, USCG LT Victoria Hamel, USCG 1LT Sean Neagle, USArmy

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:



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 selfreflection 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.





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Saint Ann Cemetery Cleanup

Please remove all Christmas decorations by Easter. Thank you!





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