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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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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

## 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 INTENTIONS

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

**SATURDAY, March 9, Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

**4:00 Harold Schenk, requested by  
the Kalamarides Family**

**SUNDAY, March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**7:30 Robert and Betty Nelson, requested by  
Shawn Logan**

**9:30 Paula Erickson, requested by  
Mary Jo & Michael Biedrzycki**

**11:00 Zofia and Henryk Wroblewski, requested by  
the Grzybek Family**

**Monday, March 11**

**9:00 Mike Martin (2nd Ann.), requested by  
Eve Spencer**

**TUESDAY, March 12**

**9:00 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by  
her husband, Michael**

**WEDNESDAY, March 13**

**9:00 Elaine Harkins, requested by  
Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack**

**THURSDAY, March 14**

**9:00 Richard Blake, requested by  
Bill and Theresa Bachhuber**

**FRIDAY, March 15**

**9:00 Jakob James Tangen, requested by  
John and Maria Manning**

**SATURDAY, March 16**

**4:00 For the deceased members of the  
Liptack Family, requested by the Bondhus Family**

**SUNDAY, March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**7:30 Joseph Patrick Savidge, Jr., requested by  
the family**

**9:30 Michele Brady, requested by  
the Randall Gill Family**

**11:00 Jennifer Fitzgerald, requested by  
the O'Donnell and Fitzgerald Families**

# WELCOME!



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.stannaon.org/register-at-st-ann](http://www.stannaon.org/register-at-st-ann)

*If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshipping with us and we hope to see you again!*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### SATURDAY, March 9

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

### SUNDAY, March 10

**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

### MONDAY, March 11

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church

**Faith Study for Moms:** 9:30am in Room 1

**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 12

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

**Social Outreach Committee Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

### WEDNESDAY, March 13

**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 14

**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 15

**Lectio Divina:** 9:45am via Zoom

**Stations of the Cross:** 7pm in the church

### SATURDAY, March 16

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

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration:** 7-10pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### SUNDAY, March 17

**Adult Choir Rehearsal:** 8:20am in the Choir Loft

**"The Chosen" Watch Party:** 10:30am in Room 3



## Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: 7:00 pm



## LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Mondays during Lent: 6:00pm

## 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 9/10

### Clothe the Naked

Collection of clothing for Hartford Catholic Worker Youth Outreach

NEXT WEEKEND: MARCH 16/17

### Visit Those in Prison

Donations are being collected to help fund the purchase of religious periodicals that are distributed to incarcerated persons in CT. This periodical (Word Among Us) enriches faith, and the recipients are very grateful.



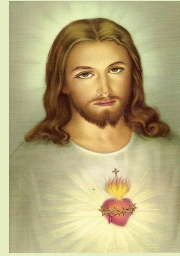
## THE ST. JOSEPH MEDAL OF APPRECIATION 2024

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 awarded to William and Theresa Bachhuber!

Bill and Theresa have been members of 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*



## 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!



## Interested in becoming an-Altar Server?

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

**\* Pre-Registration Required \***

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

### Requirements:

3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Received First Holy Communion

Available to serve 2 masses per month

**Next Training:**  
**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Register no later than:**  
**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

To register or for more information contact Brian McDermott:  
Email: [brianmcdermott359@gmail.com](mailto:brianmcdermott359@gmail.com) or Text: 203-641-6560



## 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the unhoused, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2024 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

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.**

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 3/3/24: \$5,137.12

Votive Candles for the week ending 3/3/24: \$243.11

Online Giving (Feb. 28-March 6, 2024)

Weekly: \$3,465.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

*Catholic Relief Services*

## 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.*

**St. Ann parishioner, Joseph Theroux,  
stars as Simba in FAVARH's The Lion King Jr.**

**You won't want to miss it!**

March 15 & 16 @ 7:00pm  
March 17th 1:00pm

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**FAVARH PLAYERS**  
PRESENT  
**The Lion King Jr.**  
Sat., March 16, 2024; 7PM  
The Roberts Theater  
at Kingswood Oxford School  
832 Trout Brook Dr.  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
[www.favarh.org](http://www.favarh.org)

The Lion King Jr. will be Favarh Player's 9th show since the program began! The pandemic slowed the Players down a bit...but they are back! You can't stop these actors... cause as you know...

The Show Must Go On!

The Favarh Players program is designed to include people with and without disabilities working together to achieve their personal best. The stage is their platform to shine. Shine they do! So mark your calendars because you do not want to miss this show!

The GATHER Committee is Hosting the Popular

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH  
7-10PM IN FR. BENNETT HALL

Featuring: Irish Dancers from Mulcahy Academy of Irish Dance  
Music with Dancing provided by Irish DJ  
Corned Beef Sliders \* 50/50 Cash Raffle

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## 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  
FOLLOWING THE 11:00AM MASS**

Sign up at this link or use QR code:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/)

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**AN INTRODUCTION TO  
Faith Study  
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 am  
\*No meeting April 8th  
Meeting in Room 1 @ St. Ann's Church & via Zoom  
Hosted by Jean Mix

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

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Cleanup**

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.



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

**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](mailto: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.



**Tax Day**  
April 15

**St. Ann's Totally Catholic Vacation Bible Camp**

**SCUBA:** *diving into  
friendship with God*

**JUNE 17-20, 2024  
9:30AM - 12:30PM**



**Dive into summer with this year's fun underwater themed Bible Camp!**  
Expect 4 days of amazing fun, art, science, faith discoveries  
& memorable music!

**CAMPERS (\$75 each):**  
Pre-K (potty trained) 3 year olds - 4th grade graduates

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5th grade graduates- High School

**ONLINE REGISTRATION**  
Opens on Monday,  
March 18th at 12:00pm  
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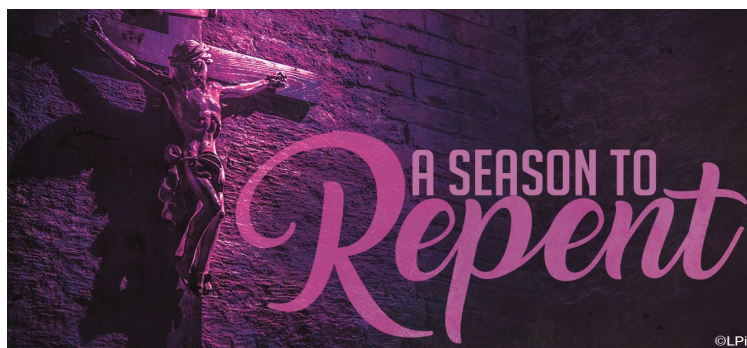


## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

We hear in today's Gospel reading (John 3:14-21) the very famous scriptural quote, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." This is a teaching on the Incarnation.

Bishop Barron commented on the Incarnation of Jesus taking on our human flesh, while still retaining his Godhead. (i.e. the mystery of the Hypostatic Union: Jesus is BOTH God and man.) He quotes from St. Thomas Aquinas that "The Incarnation is the purest indication of God's goodness. God moves towards us and He becomes the other with love."

**Reflection:** The Holy Eucharist is only possible because of the Incarnation. The consecrated Host is the continuation of the Incarnation among us. By giving us His living Presence in Holy Communion, God moves intimately towards us with profound love. And because it is the nature of love to seek union, Jesus becomes one with us in love in the Holy Eucharist.



## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### Catholic Relief Services Spotlight

Your voice is urgently needed! At a time of rising global hunger, tell Congress you care about children and families around the world experiencing severe hunger and malnutrition. Food for Peace is an international hunger-reducing program in the Farm Bill that provides lifesaving food aid during emergencies. In addition, its long-term development programs address the root causes of hunger and help communities lift themselves out of poverty.

**But Food for Peace programs that prevent hunger are in jeopardy. Congress is considering a bill called the American Farmers Feed the World Act that would effectively end Food for Peace long-term development programs, reaching 3 million fewer people with support. We need your help to protect Food for Peace programs so that families can access the resources they need to build thriving futures. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to see how you can help!**

### Lenten Day of Prayer, Reflection & Adoration Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Featuring Fr. Anthony Federico

The day will begin with Mass at 8AM; following the Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar and will remain there throughout the day for personal prayer and adoration.

At 7PM, Praise and Worship will be led by Chris Casey and our team of cantors. During the Praise and Worship service, Fr. Anthony Federico will give a talk:

#### Discovering Oneself in Christ:

*A Journey of Grace and Courage Through Life's Twists and Turns.*

The evening will conclude with benediction.



Fr. Anthony Federico

Fr. Anthony Federico is the Vocations Director of the Archdiocese of Hartford. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2019 and served as the Parochial Vicar at two parishes before being appointed to his current ministry.

Before entering the seminary, Father Anthony was a sportswriter and editor at ESPN. He is the author of *Joe B.*, a novel that reimagines the Book of Job in modern-day Manhattan, and the co-host of the *Practically Catholic* podcast, which, along with a young missionary mom, offers the faithful practical advice about living the Catholic faith in everyday life.



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### Cabrini Movie

*Head to the theaters to see this powerful biopic movie being released nationally March 8, 2024 about the life and ministry St Frances Cabrini, first American citizen to be named a saint and the Patron Saint of immigrants. Over the course of 34 years she established an astonishing 67 hospitals, orphanages, and schools. Her energy was fueled by an intense focus on serving Jesus in whatever he asked of her.*



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### Easter Drop AND Candy Drop

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March  
**23<sup>rd</sup>**  
10AM - 3PM

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East Windsor, CT 06088

For more info call 860-265-1872



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER!

Sunday March 17

Serving 5-6 pm at

Memorial United Methodist Church,  
867 West Avon Road, Avon.

Join us for a delicious meal of Corned Beef, Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Irish soda bread and desserts!!!

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