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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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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



MASS INTENTIONS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 18,

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Dan Scapellati, requested by
the Scapellati Family

TUESDAY, March 19,

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 Don Sopelak, requested by the Sopelak Family

WEDNESDAY, March 20

9:00 Christine Bielefeld, requested by the family

THURSDAY, March 21

9:00 Carol Cullen, requested by her friends

FRIDAY, March 22

9:00 For the deceased members of the
Vuono Family, requested by the Bondhus Family

SATURDAY, March 23, Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

4:00 Virginia Hennessey, requested by
John and Maria Manning

SUNDAY, March 24, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 John Wall, requested by the Marino Family

11:00 Mary Hojnowski, requested by
Russell and Diane Koch

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



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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, March 16

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

SUNDAY, March 17

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

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

MONDAY, March 18

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 19

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

WEDNESDAY, March 20

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, March 21

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 22

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church

SATURDAY, March 23

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

Easter Egg Hunt: 3pm on St. Ann's back lawn (FULL)

SUNDAY, March 24

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

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

RAIN DATE for Easter Egg Hunt: 12pm on St. Ann's back lawn (FULL)



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 16/17

Visit Those in Prison

Donations collected for *Word Among Us* to be distributed to prisoners

NEXT WEEKEND: MARCH 23/24

Bury the Dead

Reach out to family, friends, and neighbors who have lost a loved one, particularly a spouse.



Also, the EASTER FOOD BASKET collection!
See pg.4 in this weekend's bulletin.

UPDATE ON SEMINARIAN GREGORY MYER

Dear Parishioners:

Last summer our community was blessed to have Seminarian Gregory Myer with us. Since his return to seminary studies in Minnesota, he has made an advancement towards priesthood. Seminarian Gregory received the official Ministry of Lector. The ministry of Lector is reserved for men officially installed by the bishop and who are preparing for ordination to the diaconate and/or priesthood.

On behalf of the Parish of St Ann, I congratulate Seminarian Gregory on this spiritual milestone!



Let's continue to pray for him as he continues his journey to priesthood.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Al Fontana,
Pastor



St. Ann's Totally Catholic Vacation Bible Camp

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

Dive into summer with this year's fun underwater themed Bible Camp!
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CAMPERS (\$75 each):
Pre-K (potty trained) 3 year olds - 4th grade graduates

COUNSELORS/Jr. Counselors (\$25 each):
5th grade graduates- High School

ONLINE REGISTRATION
Opens on Monday, March 18th at 12:00pm
www.stannavon.org/bible-camp

Interested in becoming an-Altar Server?

Training on the 1st Wednesday of EVERY month
7:00 – 8:30pm
*** Pre-Registration Required ***

Brian McDermott and his son Jack (*Senior altar server*)
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3rd to 12th grade
Received First Holy Communion
Available to serve 2 masses per month

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

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




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.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 3/10/24: \$5,568.00

Votive Candles for the week ending 3/10/24: \$246.12

Online Giving (March 6-13, 2024)

Weekly: \$2,565.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *monthly*

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.

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

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Daily Commitment

Join a Community of Moms

looking to grow their

relationship with Jesus

COFFEE & SNACKS PROVIDED!

email jeanpmix@hotmail.com with interest



2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be carried forward.

- Since 1997, Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program has been able to provide over **\$21 million** in funding to community-based local charities throughout Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield Counties to assist them in their important work of serving the needs of God's people. **In 2023, we were able to provide nearly \$900,000 to over 150 various organizations, nominated by pastors, across the Archdiocese.**
- Organizations such as ARC of the Farmington Valley, Little Sisters of the Poor and CT Foodshare, are just a few of many who have received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.

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.



The Holy Eucharist

DID YOU KNOW?

We see the foreshadowing of Jesus' suffering, crucifixion and death in today's Gospel reading. (John 12:20-33) But there is a paradox because through Jesus' passion and death there will blossom forth glory. The glory will be in the reconciliation of fallen humanity with God and in our own personal salvation history.

Reflection: Each reception of Holy Communion brings with it a singular opportunity for each person to grow in the love of Christ. As we continue our Lenten journey, reflect on how our Lent has brought us to a deeper spiritual growth. These graces will allow us to blossom in holiness and thereby take full advantage of the bitter sacrifice that Jesus has made for our personal salvation.

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
 1LT Brian J. Heavren Jr., USArmy



2024 Easter Food Baskets

Start with a ham - add some yams (fresh or canned), potatoes, mix in some green vegetables and rice - garnish with pineapple, include a dessert and sprinkle with some Easter candy.

Any food item that you can donate is appreciated!

Now, place in a box, basket or bag and bring to our "Easter" vehicle

Saturday, March 23rd: 3:30pm- 5:00pm

Sunday, March 24th: 7:30am- 12:30pm

Use all of your creativity and know the satisfaction of helping others in Avon and Hartford to make Easter a joyous day!

P.S. If you cannot deliver it during the collection weekend, please leave it in the kitchen in Fr. Bennett Hall during the week.

Sponsored by the St. Ann Social Outreach Committee
Together We Serve All God's People

I am the Resurrection and the Life; those who believe in Me, though they die, will live; and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. -John 11:25-26



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 to see how you can help!

REMEMBERING HIS MERCY

— Luke 1:54 —

Calling all young adults 18-39 years old!

Join Crossroads 4 Christ for a retreat (April 5th to 7th) to explore what it means to remember and dwell in God's mercy.

Whether it's your 1st or 50th retreat, we warmly invite you to join us for a weekend of rest and rejuvenation centered in Christ and His Mercy with other young adults from throughout Connecticut and beyond.

Registration opens March 8th at 9:00 AM, EST. For more details and to register, visit the 2024 Retreat page at crossroads4christ.org.

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.



“
I FEAR
NOTHING,
BECAUSE
OF THE
PROMISES
OF HEAVEN.”

- ST. PATRICK

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