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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



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 March 24, 2024



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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 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)

MONDAY, March 25

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 26

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

WEDNESDAY, March 27

The Bible and the Virgin Mary Bible Study: will return next week **RCIA:** will return next week Tenebrae: 7:30pm

THURSDAY, March 28, Holy Thursday

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Children's Choir Rehearsal: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft Adult Confirmation Prep: will return next week "The Chosen" Watch Party: will return next week Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm (adoration until 10pm)

FRIDAY, March 29, Good Friday

Lectio Divina: *will return next week Morning Prayer: 9am Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3pm*

SATURDAY, March 30, Holy Saturday

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 Morning Prayer: 9am Confessions: 10am Blessing of the food: 12 noon

SUNDAY, March 31, Easter

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft "The Chosen" Watch Party: will return next week



 SATURDAY, March 23, Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
4:00 Virginia Hennessey, requested by John and Maria Manning

SUNDAY, March 24, Palm Sundayof 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

Monday, March 25

9:00 Liam James Manning, requested by John and Maria Manning

TUESDAY, March 26

9:00 Henrietta Angelina, requested by the Breakfast Bunch

WEDNESDAY, March 27

9:00 Mark Vuono, requested by the Bondhus Family7:30 Tenebrae

THURSDAY, March 28, Holy Thursday

7:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until 10pm

FRIDAY, March 29, Good Friday

9:00 Morning Prayer3:00 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, March 30, Holy Saturday

- 9:00 Morning Prayer
- 10:00 Confessions
- noon Blessing of the Food
- 8:00 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated

SUNDAY, March 31, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 7:30 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- 9:30 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- 11:00 For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated



LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Mondays during Lent: 6:00pm



Wednesday, March 27th 7:30pm

What is Tenebrae? The name 'Tenebrae' means darkness or shadows and it is a Holy Week devotion dating back to the 7th or 8th Century A.D. It is characterized by successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses. No service during the entire church year is more biblical: Every word of Tenebrae is taken verbatim from the scriptures. The purpose of the service, through prayer and music, is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story and the events leading up to Good Friday; it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Sunday. Attending this powerfully moving service will set the tone, introduce the themes and adjust your heart and mind for the great events of the Passion and will help you prepare your heart for an even greater experience of Easter JOY.

Wednesday, March 27th Tenebrae at 7:30pm

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28th Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm Adoration until 10pm

Good Friday, March 29th Morning Prayer at 9am Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

Holy Saturday, March 30th Morning Prayer at 9am Confessions at 10am - 11am Blessing of the Food at 12pm Easter Vigil at 8pm



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7:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am

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Preparation for The Feast of Divine Mercy

We will begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, March 29th. We will pray the Novena in the wing of the church following the 3 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. All are welcome to join us. In His revelations to St. Faustina Jesus requested that a Novena be said for the 9 days proceeding Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena also includes the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

Jesus also told St. Faustina, regarding Divine Mercy Sunday, that on that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (699) The Diary of St. Faustina.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated here at St. Ann on Sunday, April 7th with a Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 pm. Please join us to honor Our Lord's request that the Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. Please come and receive extraordinary graces.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 3/17/24: \$4,351.01 Catholic Relief Services: \$1,851.00 Prison Ministry: 1,355.00 Votive Candles for the week ending 3/17/24: \$201.10

Online Giving (March 13-19, 2024) Weekly: \$2,532.50 Catholic Relief Services: \$30.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Easter/Parish Charities



2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education

programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided daily by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and **Do This in Memory of Me**, by sharing your blessings with the less fortunate.

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.



The Holy Eucharist DID γΟU ΚΝΟΨ?

Today is both a time to celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) as well as a time to profoundly reflect upon the solemn reading of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

<u>Reflection</u>: It will be on the night before He dies that Jesus will give us the gift of the priesthood and the gift of the Holy Eucharist. Please keep in mind: **No Priests.... No Eucharist.** Remember to pray for our priests and for vocations. Also be ever increasingly grateful for the gift of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus truly present for us in the Blessed Sacrament. We are so greatly blessed to be Catholic.



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) Offering Full Training Special Blessing and photo with Father Fontana

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Requirements:

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: <u>brianmcdermott359@gmail.com</u> or Text: 203-641-6560



Thank you for the wonderful response for our Bible Camp Registration!

All Spots are FULL





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
Annie	Donated food and treasure
Rosie	Made cards for seniors at school
James	Helped a friend with a coding challenge for library in school.
Amiyah	Prayed and sang and donated treasure
Blair	Made a friend happy
Scarlett	Prayed
Cami	Cleaned up after herself and donated treasure
Kaylin	Made bikes for kids and donated treasure

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

Do You Know Anyone Who Could Use the Comfort of a Prayer Shawl?



St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available! If you know of someone who is going through an illness or time of need and feel a prayer shawl will lift their spirits or provide comfort, please contact Tina Dibble, 860-331-1673, (tmdibble@comcast.net), to pick one up. In addition, we might also have a few lap robes, which are ideally suited for someone who is wheelchair bound.

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

PALM SUNDAY



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

REMEMBERING HIS MERCY -Luke 1:54 -

Calling all young adults 18-39 years old!

Join Crossroads 4 Christ for a retreat (April 5^{th} to $7^{th})$ 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.

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COMING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH 8

ANGEL

Cheryl H. White, Ph.D. owned Shroud of Turin expert, will explain why this is the most studied artifact in the world - a cloth that bears the mysterious image of a man who has been scourged, crucified, with thorns. nerced in the right side. This resentation will cover many aches, from theological to scientifi



Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. Jesuit scholar, author, teacher, founder of the Magis Center, and popular EWTN television host, Fr. Robert Spitzer will address four topics the debunking of the 1988 carbon 14 test, the prolific presence of real blood on the Shroud, the founder of the Magis Center, remarkable parallels between the portrayal of the crucified man on the Shroud and the man on the shroud and the Gospel accounts of Jesus' passion and death, and the formation of the Shroud's image and the evidence of urrection in glory.

Saint Ann Cemetery Cleanup

> Please remove all Christmas decorations by Easter.

Thank you!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.



At the Intersection of Faith and Science

Explore

The Shroud

April 13th, 2024 12:00 - 3:30pm Albertus Magnus College - Behan Community Room Hubert Campus Center

Presented by The New England Catholic Biblical School



