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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 EASTER

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:46

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 April 14, 2024



Third Sunday of Easter



- Saint Martin I, Pope & Martyr
- **4:00** Daniel Bauman, requested by Faith and Jim Weiss

SUNDAY, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter

- **7:30 Terry Moody,** requested by his wife, Connie
- **9:30** Joseph Thomas Duffy, requested by Joanie and Roman Fedorciw
- 11:00 Walter and Mildred Newman, requested by Bill and Janet Newman

MONDAY, April 15, *Easter Weekday*

9:00 Joanne Tousignant, requested by the family

TUESDAY, April 16, Easter Weekday

9:00 Elena Giamatti, requested by Liz Getz

WEDNESDAY, April 17, Easter Weekday

9:00 Dorothy La Rosa, requested by her husband, Michael

THURSDAY, April 18, Easter Weekday

9:00 William Severni, requested by the family

FRIDAY, April 19, Easter Weekday

9:00 Rosa Capasso, requested by her children & family

SATURDAY, April 20, Easter Weekday, 4:00 Antonio Cusano, requested by Edward Cusano

SUNDAY, April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 Frank (49th Ann.) and Helen (50th Ann.) Gress, requested by The McCutcheon and Notarangelo Families
- **9:30** Marcel Robaczynski, requested by Saint Ann's Adult Choir
- **11:00** Craig Schortzmann, requested by Rose Ann and Ken McBride

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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, April 13

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 Food Packing for Haiti: 9am—1pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, April 14

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

MONDAY, April 15

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)

TUESDAY, April 16

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

WEDNESDAY, April 17

The Bible and the Virgin Mary Bible Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall OCIA: 6:30pm in Room 3 Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, April 18

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 Way of Trust and Love Book Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

FRIDAY, April 19

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, April 20 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, April 21

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM





LCDR Jack Hamel, USCG LT Victoria Hamel, USCG 1LT Sean Neagle, USArmy 1LT Brian J. Heavren Jr., USArmy Capt. Matthew Mascoli, USMC 1LT Andrew Mascoli, USMC ME3 Luke Hobbs, USCG

Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 43 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They recently received their First Reconciliation and are currently preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament this Spring. We will be putting out the "Little Lambs" in the near future so that you can pray for all candidates as they prepare for their sacrament.

Due to the many years of positive response, we would like to continue to gift each child with a First Communion Bible. We are asking that you sponsor any child or children, with this gift anonymously and it will be presented to them on their First Communion Day. In return, we will be asking the children to pray for the person who gave it to them *every time they read their Bible*.

The Bibles are reasonably priced and if you are interested in being part of this beautiful event, please pick up a form in the Gathering Space and return it with your payment of \$15.00 per Bible (made out to Church of St. Ann). Please mail to the church in an envelope clearly marked "for First Communion Bible" or drop it off at the Parish Offices. You may also order online at our website: stannavon.com. How pleased Jesus must be to know that both the children of this year's First Eucharist class and the adults of our Parish are praying for each other!

Thank you so much for your consideration and for your prayerful support of these beautiful children!

To order & pay online, please go to: www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/first-holy-communion-bible-gift





WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Will be reported next weekend: Weekly Collection for 4/7/24 Votive Candles for the week ending 4/7/24

Online Giving (April 3-10, 2024) Weekly: \$3,137.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised 52% of our parish goal for the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the

more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.

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 story in today's gospel is about the disciples meeting the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus. (Luke 24:35-48) At first, they don't recognize Jesus until He "opened their minds". When we approach the reception of Holy Communion are our minds open? Or have we fallen asleep in indifference to the true Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?

Reflection: Are you one of those 70% of Catholics, who in a recent Pew Poll state that Holy Communion is just a symbol? Are you missing out on the greatest treasure given as a gift to you from the Heart of God?



Congratulations and blessings to our 11 candidates who were initiated/received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, and to their sponsors!



Katie Damon Drew Damon **Paisley Damon** Parker Damon Kristen Dombkowski Jinju Jalahan

Jeff Landsberg Bobby Mineo Luis Molina Ksenyia Nosenko William Renjit

Some people come to us who have never been baptized; others were baptized Christian, and want to become Catholic; and others were baptized Catholic but never received the other sacraments. We welcome all! To learn more about our process of growing closer to God through the Catholic faith - OCIA -Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com.

Worship & Meditation: Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15) Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He is expiation for our sins,

and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." (Lk 24:46)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us — so reach out. Touch him.

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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

- Father John Muir

Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Peter challenges the religious leaders of Jerusalem who put Jesus to death to repent of their sins and be converted. Have you ever seen someone have a conversion to the Faith?

Second Reading:

John tells us that we should turn to Jesus, our Advocate, when we sin and fail to keep his commandments. Can you think of a time when you sought Jesus in a time of need?

Gospel:

The resurrected Jesus taught the disciples how they were witnesses to the Scriptures being fulfilled in his suffering, death, and resurrection and that forgiveness of sins was to be preached in his name. How might you share your faith this week at home or at work?





The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the "dead main character trope" fairly often. This is the famous *Sixth Sense* twist ending (I would say "spoiler alert," but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you've probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I'm always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You've come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

Readings for the Week of April 14, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16 -17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don't like to have the rug pulled out. It's why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It's what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: *he was a ghost the whole time!* The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

"Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." — Luke 24:39 ©LPi

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