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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



### 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again." - Jn 10:17

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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 April 21, 2024



Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

#### MONDAY, April 22, Easter Weekday

**9:00** Rose Penzone (2nd Ann.), requested by Rosanne Harutunian

#### TUESDAY, April 23, Easter Weekday,

Saint George, Martyr, Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 Vincent Trantolo, requested by Michael and Mary Jo Biedrzycki

### WEDNESDAY, April 24, Easter Weekday,

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr 9:00 Maria Consuegra, requested by her coffee group friends

### THURSDAY, April 25, Easter Weekday,

Saint Mark, Evangelist 9:00 Frank Foy, requested by the Hamel Family

#### FRIDAY, April 26, Easter Weekday

**9:00** Mildred Lawrynowicz, requested by her daughter, Dottie Cialfi

SATURDAY, April 27, Easter Weekday 4:00 Jack Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

### SUNDAY, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### 7:30 Special Intentions

- 9:30 Regina Foy, requested by
- Bill and Theresa Bachhuber **11:00** Severino and Marion Rotondo, requested by the family





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 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

#### MONDAY, April 22

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

TUESDAY, April 23 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6-7:30pm in the church

#### WEDNESDAY, April 24

*The Bible and the Virgin Mary* **Bible Study:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall **The Way of Trust and Love Book Study:** *will return next week* 

### THURSDAY, April 25

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Adult Confirmation Prep: 4:30-6pm in Room 3

FRIDAY, April 26 Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, April 27 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, April 28 Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM



### 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

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### **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, May 1st

### Register no later than: Friday, April 26th

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

### 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 Capt. Matthew Mascoli, USMC 1LT Andrew Mascoli, USMC ME3 Luke Hobbs, USCG



Friday, May 17, from 8:30-10am and 1-2pm Please IDENTIFY plants (name, color, sun/shade)

lf you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please call Jean Frey; 860–673–1949. We happily welcome any new volunteers join us.

Proceeds will Support the Social Outreach Ministry's Scholarship Program, which provides deserving students with partial scholarships to local Catholic High Schools.

### 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!



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

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### WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 4/7/24: \$4,950.87 Votive Candles for the week ending 4/7/24: \$380.95 Weekly Collection for 4/14/24: \$8,371.00 Votive Candles for the week ending 4/14/24: \$178.11

Online Giving (April 10-17, 2024)

Weekly: \$2,787.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: monthly





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## 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

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 KNOW?

Today we have the gospel about Jesus, the Good Shepherd. (John 10:11-18) Our Lord makes it clear that He is our shepherd who has laid down His life for us. In this passage Jesus states, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." He further states, "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again."

**<u>Reflection</u>**: Spend a few moments after the reception of Holy Communion today thinking about the love with which Jesus freely gave His life for us. Then reflect on the fact that He has the power to "take it up again". This is the power of Redemption: the power of His Death and His Resurrection. This is the power of Christ's word: Whatever God says, **IS**. Therefore, when Jesus says, **"This is my body." It <u>IS</u> His body. It is not just a mere symbol.** 



### Book Study: Heaven: The Heart's Deepest Longing by Peter Kreeft Thursdays, May 16th - June 6th., at 9:30am in Room 3

Theologian Karl Rahner once said that in this life we come to realize that all symphonies must remain unfinished. Long before him, St. Augustine said that to be human is to have a restless heart. What is the universal, never-ending longing for something beyond this earthly existence that we feel, and where does it come from? In his book *Heaven: The Heart's Deepest Longing* Peter Kreeft beautifully expresses how it is the hope of heaven, planted within us by God, that drives the heart's quest for joy. Join our discussion of Kreeft's rich masterpiece that feeds both the soul and the mind, and shows us how a more intimate relationship with Jesus can give us a taste of heaven now. Meeting Thursdays, 5/16- 6/6 at 9:30am in Room 3.

RSVP to <u>terry@frankpendergastinc.com</u> by May 2nd. Books are available via bookstores and online. Dear Parishioners,

It is with mixed feelings that I announce the departure of Ann Distefano as Adult Faith Formation Director as of April 30, 2024. Ann will be relocating out of the area, and she has prayerfully decided to step down.

Over the past eight years, Ann has taken Adult Faith Formation to new heights. Her dedication, hard work, and commitment to sharing and teaching the Catholic faith is truly inspiring. She has brought numerous men and women into the fullness of the Catholic faith and has helped so many adults grow closer to the Lord Jesus. Although she is looking forward to new adventures, she has shared with me how much she will miss the community of St. Ann's. Ann is woman of deep faith, and she will no doubt serve the Lord's Vinyard and continue to do great things.

On behalf of the Parish of St. Ann, I send my prayerful good wishes to Ann.

Thank you and God bless you, Ann! Father Fontana



are invited to a Send Off Coffee

# Sunday, May 5, 2024 after the 11:00am Mass Fr. Bennett Hall

Ann has been our Adult Faith Formation Leader since 2016. If you have taken any of her classes, studied under her team of her leaders, or worked with her in OCLA you know the incredible dedication she has to our parish family. This Spring she embarks on her next adventure and we would love for you to join us to wish her all the best.

## St. Ann's Family Ministry bringing SOULCORE to St. Ann

Join SoulCore Leader Diana, to nourish body, mind & soul with SoulCore - a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level or experience required. All are welcome! Visit <u>www.soulcore.com</u> for more information.

### WHAT YOU NEED:

Exercise mat or large towel, water bottle, and an open heart.

WHEN/WHERE: Thursday, May 9th, 1:30 pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

There is no cost but a suggested donation of \$10, for those who are able.

For planning purposes, please email <u>familyministrystann@gmail.com</u> if you are planning to attend!





### THE BULLETIN BOARD



APRIL 30



Angels in the Dark: Meet Your Inner Healer with Meditation and Paint <sup>With George Herrick</sup>

In this day-program, you will meet one of your "inner angels," and learn how to easily paint it, even if you have never picked up a brush before. The program will include input, reflection, hands-on painting experience, silence and sharing.

Only a few spots left.

REGISTER AT: www.mercybythesea.org/programs-and-retreats/ upcoming-programs/angels-in-the-dark-3/

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## DID YOU KNOW?

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IS OBSERVED ON GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fourth Sunday of EASTER:

"Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are." -1 John 3:1

John 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd, and I will lay down my life for my sheep." Jesus leads us as we listen and hear his voice. Let us lay down our life for our spouse. Let us make a decision to love our spouse. Signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will help you and teach you tools to transform your marriage.You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA

### June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or https://wwmectw.org/.

Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Hartford as priests or religious brothers and sisters. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth .





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