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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



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

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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 May 5, 2024



Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

<u>SATURDAY, May 4</u>

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

SUNDAY, May 5

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM Send Off for Ann DiStefano: after 11am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

MONDAY, May 6

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, May 7

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

WEDNESDAY, May 8

The Bible and the Virgin Mary **Bible Study:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall **The Way of Trust and Love Book Study:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, May 9

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church SOULCORE: 1:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

FRIDAY, May 10

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, May 11

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 1pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, May 12

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

SATURDAY, May 4, Easter Weekday

4:00 Manda Koch, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 John Wall, requested by the Walking with Purpose Ministry
- **9:30** Elizabeth Paine, requested by the Rotondo Family
- **11:00** Elizabeth Ann Paine, requested by the Keating Family

MONDAY, May 6, Easter Weekday

9:00 Michael Sumers (20th Ann.), requested by Rosanne Harutunian

TUESDAY, May 7, Easter Weekday

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, May 8, Easter Weekday

9:00 Kenneth Kowalczyk (1st Ann.), requested by his wife, Lory

THURSDAY, May 9, The Ascension of the Lord

- 9:00 Richard Cialfi, requested by his wife, Dottie
- 12:00 Special Intentions
- 7:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, May 10, Easter Weekday, Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

9:00 Sheila O'Hagan Jadovich (7th Ann.), requested by Evelyn O'Hagan

SATURDAY, May 11, Easter Weekday

4:00 Patrick Leyden ,requested by JoAnn and Stephen Byrne

SUNDAY, May 12, Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 For all mothers, living and deceased
- 9:30 For all mothers, living and deceased
- 11:00 For all mothers, living and deceased

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com



Please pray for our First Eucharist class as they receive the body and blood of Jesus for the first time this weekend.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, May 5, 2024 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Please join us to honor God's greatest Attribute, His Mercy.



PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Sat., May 18, 2024 from 8am - 12 noon St. Ann's Parking Lot

DONATIONS NEEDED:

As you start to work in your gardens this spring, please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing. Also, we would appreciate the donation of any Easter plants, such as tulips and daffodils, if you don't plan to use the bulbs in your own flower beds. In addition to plants, we would welcome the donation of small, gently used gardening accessories (e.g. tools, flower pots, statuary).

Drop off plant donations in the parking lot (West Avon Rd side, under tree) on:

Thursday, May 16, from 8:30-10am and 5-7pm 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 ean 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 urban students with partial scholarships to local Catholic High Schools.



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 leaders, or worked with her in OCIA 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.



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Book Study: Heaven: The Heart's Deepest Longing by Peter Kreeft

Thursdays May 16th - June 6th 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.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 4/28/24:

will be reported next weekend Votive Candles for the week ending 4/28/24: will be reported next weekend

Online Giving (April 24-May 1, 2024)

Weekly: will be reported next weekend Monthly: will be reported next weekend

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Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Helping Haitian Children



2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Organizations such as Little Sister's of the

Poor, ARC of the Farmington Valley and local food pantries received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local 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?**

In today's Gospel (John 15:9-17) we hear Our Lord address love and joy. He asks that we remain in His love that His joy may remain in us and be complete.

Reflection: "We must not separate our life from the Eucharist, the moment we do so, something shatters." This quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta, affirms the fact that to be separated from Christ's love in the Eucharist greatly affects the joy with which we live our lives. Joy is a gift from the Holy Spirit. Without the peace and love of living in union with God, we have no joy.



For information call Tina at 860-331-1673

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 www.soulcore.com 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 familyministrystann@gmail.com if you are planning to attend!



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

serving in our Military Capt. Matthew Mascoli, USMC

1LT Andrew Mascoli, USMC ME3 Luke Hobbs, USCG

Worship & Meditation: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (Acts 10:45-46)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

Or: Álleluia.

Second Reading:

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:8)

Gospel:

"No one has greater love than this,

to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ's love for us is radical — it changed the whole world. It will not be easy to love as Christ loved, but this is the mission for which we have been chosen by God. So let us love one another. Let us change the world. ©I P

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command to love, to lay down our lives for others - will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal. - Father John Muir

Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Jewish believers who accompanied Peter to the house of Cornelius were "astonished" that Gentiles who had faith in Jesus also received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Have you ever been surprised by what God has done in your life?

Second Reading:

John teaches us that the essence of God is love and we are called to love one another. Who might you work on loving this week?

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that loving him and loving each other brings "complete joy." What brings you joy in your life?

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As I Love You

This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars - one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. "Most of the ener-gy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end," my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

"Because you're old," she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It's so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

Readings for the Week of May 5, 2024

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/ Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11 -13/Mk 16:15-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another - to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn't give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn't fear death or the world's hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn't ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can't see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." — John 15:12

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MAY 13

'Oned in Bliss": Exploring the Mystery of Suffering and Mercy with Julian of Norwich (Online) With The Rev. Mark S. Burrows, Ph.D.

In recognition of the Feast Day of Saint Julian of Norwich, we will explore what she called "the mysterious safekeeping of God" as the deep ground of our life. The virtual program will include prayer, reflection, presentation and small and large group discussions focused on the mystery of suffering and mercy.

To Register: www.mercybythesea.org/programsand-retreats/upcoming-programs/one-in-bliss-/



Join us on Friday, May 17th when Sir Ted will be donning his best Sonny Crockett attire and heading to the Farmington Polo Club for 80's Knight, St. Mary's School's largest fundraiser of the year!

Arrive to an open bar cocktail hour with passed hors d'oeuvres, followed by a full buffet dinner.

Whether you get "Footloose" on the dance floor with our totally awesome DJ, enter the seriously radical Pac-Man tournament, or spend the evening bidding like you are Gordon Gekko during our silent and live auctions, it will be a gnarly good time! Sir Ted will pity the fool that doesn't get their tickets today!

Contact Advancement Director Paige Stenrud with any questions and more information. pstenrud@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net or (860)-658-9412



8TH ANNUAL FRIDAY, MAY 10 ST. LUKE GOLF 10AM SHOTGUN TOURNAMENT SCRAMBLE FORMAT

AT THE SOUTHINGTON COUNTRY CLUB | ALL PLAYERS WELCOME!

SCHEDULE:

Registration & Practice | 8:30am Shotgun Start | 10:00am Reception & Awards | Approx. 4:00 pm

REGISTRATION OPTIONS: SINGLE PLAYER: \$175

FOURSOME: \$700 Includes 18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch at the turn, dinner and awards, refreshments on the course, raffles and more! GOD MADE US FOR JOY. GOD IS JOY, AND THE JOY OF LIVING REFLECTS THE ORIGINA JOY THAT GOD FELT IN CREATING US

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