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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



# 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world." - Jn 17:18

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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 12, 2024



Seventh 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

# SATURDAY, May 11

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

## SUNDAY, May 12

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

## MONDAY, May 13

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 14

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6 -7:30pm in the church Social Outreach Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

## WEDNESDAY, May 15

The Way of Trust and Love Book Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

# THURSDAY, May 16

Plant Sale Donation Drop Off: 8:30am-12pm in the parking lot Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Plant Sale Donation Drop Off: 5-7pm in the St. Ann parking lot Heaven: The Heart's Deepest Longing Book Study: 9:30am in Room 3

# FRIDAY, May 17

Plant Sale Donation Drop Off: 8:30am-12pm in the parking lot Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom Plant Sale Donation Drop Off: 1-2pm in the parking lot

# SATURDAY, May 18

**Perennial Plant Sale:** 8am - 12 noon in the St. Ann parking lot **Men's Breakfast Group:** 8:00 am in Room 3

# SUNDAY, May 19

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



### 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

## MONDAY, May 13, Easter Weekday, Our Lady of Fatima

**9:00** Joseph Patrick, Jr. and Jeremy Savidge, requested by the family

## TUESDAY, May 14, Saint Matthias, Apostle

**9:00** Rosemarie Simon (2nd Ann.), requested by the family

## WEDNESDAY, May 15, Easter Weekday, Saint Isidore

9:00 Diane Koch, requested by Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

### THURSDAY, May 16, Easter Weekday

**9:00** For the intentions of Rick Decker (Living), requested by his church friends

### FRIDAY, May 17, Easter Weekday

**9:00** Paul Mason, requested by the Neagle Family

### SATURDAY, May 18, Easter Weekday,

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr **4:00 Diane Koch,** requested by Dan and Mary Healey

### SUNDAY, May 19, Pentecost Sunday

- 7:30 For the intentions of thee Schoen Family (Living), requested by the Pizzuti Family
- **9:30** Cora Sopelak and Aleksandra Smolinski, requested by the Sopelak Family
- **11:00** Michael Rubino, requested by the Yurch Family

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





St. Ann's Scholarship Committee's Annual

# 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).

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

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



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
Chloe M.	Donated treasure
Rosie	Read to her little sister and donated treas- ure
Lavanya J.	Sang in Palm Sunday choir and donated treasure
Braelynn &Aubrianna S.	Donated treasure
Cami	Helped her dad & mom, donated treasure
Kaylin	Helped parents, crocheted for people & played with her sister



# 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.



**The Holy Eucharist** *DID YOU KNOW*?

"The Eucharist began at Bethlehem in Mary's arms. It was she who brought to humanity the Bread for which it was famishing, and which alone can nourish it. It was she who nourished the Lamb whose life -giving Flesh sustains us." (St. Peter Julain Eymard)

**<u>Reflection</u>**: On this Mother's Day let us gratefully remember that it was our devoted mothers who nourished and taught us. Let us also thank our heavenly Blessed Mother for the gift of the Body and Blood of her Divine Son, which she continues to enable us to receive in the Holy Eucharist, which is the continuation of the Incarnation among us.

# WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 4/28/24: \$4,978.00 Monthly Collection: \$1,787.00 Votive Candles for the week ending 4/28/24: \$296.50

Weekly Collection for 5/5/24: \$5,432.50 Votive Candles for the week ending 5/5/24: \$230.17

# Online Giving (April 24-May 1, 2024) Weekly: \$3,175.63 Monthly: \$689.00

# Online Giving (May 1-8, 2024) Weekly: \$3,845.63

# Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Catholic Communications



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During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father, you give to each the ability to share your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their Willingness to risk bringing new life into this world. Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love. We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother. Amen.



# 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you

have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.



# Interested in becoming an-Altar Server?

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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

**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, June 5th

# Register no later than: Friday, May 31st



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

# Worship & Meditation: Seventh Sunday of Easter

# Sunday's Readings

### **First Reading:**

"Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection." (Acts 1:21-22)

### Psalm:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103) Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. (1 Jn 4:16)

### Gospel:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,

so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In his prayer to the Father, Jesus says it aloud to remind us, always and forever: if we belong to Him, we belong to the truth. Lord, may those words ring in our ears as we go into the world as Christ taught us. We are consecrated to the truth.

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# Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: Tutti dentro. It means, "Everyone in." He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church's primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus' concern is unity, praying to the Father, "that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope's desire because it is that of Jesus - and it should be ours, too.

- Father John Muir

## Questions of the Week

**Reflect and Respond to Scripture** 

First Reading: We learn how Peter and the apostles prayed for guidance from the Lord in choosing the right successor to Judas. What difficult decision in your life could you turn to the Lord for help in deciding?

### Second Reading:

John teaches us that God's love remains in those who acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God. When are you most comfortable sharing your faith with others?

### Gospel:

Jesus prays to the Father to keep his followers united in faith, protected from the evil one, and consecrated in the truth. Have you ever thought that Jesus actually prays these things for vou? ©LPi





# (PRACTICING) **By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

# The Truth We Cannot See

I only pray out loud when I want my kids to hear what I'm saying.

I know what you're thinking — hypocrites in the synagogue and the street corner; go to your room and shut the door - but I think if Jesus had to raise children he would understand where I'm coming from. I pray out loud not because I want my kids to think I'm holy and not because I want them to admire me but because I want them to know how broken I am, how desperately I rely on the mercy and love of God.

It's also a really effective way to send a message. "God, I'm sorry I've been losing my patience today. Please help me. And send your Holy Spirit to make these kids stop fighting.'

Vocal prayer, in front of other people, is an incredibly vulnerable action, so it

# **Readings for the Week of** May 12, 2024

# Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/ Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

### Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

### Saturday:

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

### Next Sunday:

*Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12

strikes me whenever Jesus chooses to pray out loud in front of his disciples. Surely, mental prayer was something of a perpetual state for him. I imagine Jesus was ceaselessly in conversation with his Father in heaven throughout even the most ordinary of days. So, when he chooses to make those communications public, my ears perk up.

He wants his kids to hear what he's saying.

In John, chapter 17, we see that he wants us to remember who we are. His disciples are about to see things that will shake the very foundations of their faith. The only way they will make it to the other side is if they remember that truth does not consist only of what we can see with our eves.

This is the same truth in which we have been consecrated. We belong to this truth in a way the world will never understand or accept. It is the truth we cannot see.

"I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." John 17:14

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