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BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221. Wedding dates should be scheduled 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



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." - Mt 28:19

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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



SATURDAY, May 25, Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope;

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin; BVM

4:00 Sandeve George D'Costa (month's mind), requested by the family

SUNDAY, May 26, The Most Holy Trinity

- 7:30 **Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy,** requested by the Parish of Saint Ann
- **9:30** Bernard Atkins, requested by the Del Prete Family
- **11:00** Salvatore and Linda Bonini, requested by the family

MONDAY, May 27, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

9:00 Fausto Masdonati (8th Ann.), requested by the Walmsley Family

TUESDAY, May 28

9:00 For the intentions of the Schoen Family (Living), requested by the Pizzuti Family

WEDNESDAY, May 29, Saint Paul VI, Pope

9:00 Henrietta Angelina, requested by the Breakfast Bunch

THURSDAY, May 30

9:00 Henrietta Angelina, requested by Susan Riela and Amy Brown

FRIDAY, May 31, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 In celebration of the 27th Anniversary of Fr. Fontana's Ordination, requested by Parish of Saint Ann

SATURDAY, June 1, Saint Justin, Martyr

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

SUNDAY, June 2, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

- **7:30** For the intentions of the Schoen Family (living), requested by the Pizzuti Family
- 9:30 In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry
- **11:00** Autumn Fisher, requested by Dianne and Bob Anderson

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, May 25

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

SUNDAY, May 26

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

MONDAY, May 27

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Mom's Faith Study: will return next week Lectio Divina: will return next week MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

TUESDAY, May 28 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6 -7:30pm in the church

WEDNESDAY, May 29

THURSDAY, May 30 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Heaven: The Heart's Deepest Longing Book Study: 9:30am in Room 3

FRIDAY, May 31 Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, June 1 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, June 2 Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday, June 2, 2024

2:30-3:30pm in the church

Please join us for this powerful devotion!

DO THIS

MEMORY

OF

ME



Notice in today's Gospel (Matthew 28:16-20) when the disciples accompanied Jesus to the mountain, they worshiped Him, but they also doubted. Jesus then states that "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

<u>Reflection:</u> In spite of the fact that Our Lord affirms that all power has been given to Him, do you still doubt that the Holy Eucharist is the Living Christ: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity?

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



Prayer for the Fallen

God our creator and sustainer, today our country brings to our memory those who have defended this nation in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores from those who would limit our freedoms or enslave us to ways that are against your will. Bring all those who have died in service to our country into your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down your blessing on those still serving; grant your heavenly protection to these men and women, and open your Sacred Heart to give them peace and comfort.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

It is fundamental that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident the funds are used

wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the catholic ministries and programs as indicated in the 2024 Appeal literature, which can be found at <u>https://</u> archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



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, 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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/12/24: \$4,333.00 Catholic Communication Campaign: \$1,546.98 Votive Candles for the week ending 5/19/24: \$319.25

Online Giving (May 15-22, 2024) Weekly: \$2,386.00 Catholic Communication Campaign: \$30.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none







Please help Girl Scout Troop 66703 spread cheer to children at CCMC!

Troop 66703 is collecting donations to make slime kits that include a message of positivity for the children at CCMC. They are looking for donations of:

- 6 oz. Elmer's Washable Color Glue
- Elmer's Magical Liquid Slime Activator (any size)
- Gallon Sized Zip Lock Bags
- 16 oz. Clear Plastic Screw Top Jars

A collection bin will be in the Gathering Space of the Church for donations from May 18th - June 2nd.



Thank you in advance for helping this Troop to spread kindness and for your support! Any questions reach out to **Paula Marino at <u>pkuhn3@gmail.com</u>**.

Worship & Meditation: The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other." (Dt 4:39)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:15)

Gospel:

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are children of God, and as His children God shares with us a magnificent inheritance: suffering that becomes glory, fear that becomes strength, death that becomes life. With this mighty gift in our hearts, let us go confidently into the world. $\otimes LPi$

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look begged for clarification. "Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."** (Matthew 28:19-20). The word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better.

- Father John Muir

Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Moses taught the Israelites the best response we can give to God's fidelity and love is to keep His statues and commandments. How do you respond to God's generosity in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Romans that as believers we are led by the Spirit of God. Where do you sense God's Spirit leading your family?

Gospel:

Jesus's final command to his followers is to make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How can we encourage others to follow Jesus?

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Precious Things

I once wrote an article about a school that embraced the Reggio Emilia approach to education. This meant, in practice, a lot of fascinating things, and it was a fun piece to work on. But all these years later, I could not accurately describe the Reggio Emilia style of learning to anyone except to say this: they give the kids glass bowls and china plates.

That's what stuck with me, and that's what sticks out in my memory amidst the hundreds of intervening articles and interviews on other equally fascinating topics. I remember those glass bowls and cups lining the shelves, the fine china dishes, the beautiful shiny cutlery the children used for lunch.

This was a pre-school, and these students were three-year-olds. "If they drop a cup and it shatters, then they learn that glass can break. We clean it up," the teacher said with a shrug. The idea was that a child will never learn to handle a

Readings for the Week of May 26, 2024

Sunday:

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/ Mt 28:16-20

Monday:

1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/ Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday:

1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19 -20/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday:

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday:

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday:

Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

fragile, precious thing — and grow into an adult who can respect and cherish a fragile, precious thing — if they are not sincerely trusted with a precious thing whose fragility they bear personal witness to.

The breaking, you see, was part of the education.

The disciples worshiped, but they doubted. And yet, Christ gave them the Great Commission anyway, something fragile and important, something that could be easily dropped and easily broken. Christ knew who they were, what they were. They were mere human beings, deeply imperfect, scared and hesitant, a little slow on the uptake. He knows that's exactly what we are, too. But he gives us the Great Commission just as he gave it to them. Because that is what the Faith is: it is something perfectly beautiful, passed from one flawed person to another, throughout the ages constantly dropped, constantly broken, and constantly, miraculously, pieced back together again.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." — Matthew 28:19-20

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