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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



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

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

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!



MASS INTENTIONS Fourth Sunday of Advent



Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the Greater honor and glory of God and:

In loving memory of:

Prayers for the living:

Gary & Gabriel Tuvek

The Zeffiro & Stevens Families Frank & Marie Gallo Eileen & Nicole Laidman Haley Gens Lionel Girard Mildred Bonk Matthew Griffin Mary S. Patterson Valerie Magro

Requested by:

Deb & Michael Stevens the family the Hennig Family Thomas & Tracy Gens Elaine Ahern Carol Smith the Griffin Family Eileen Reilly the Hole Family

<u>Requested by:</u> Elaine Ahern



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







We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many parish households to our **Annual Collection**. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. The collection, if successful, will provide funding to assist the parish in balancing the operations budget and earmarking funds for capital improvements. **Thank you!**

SATURDAY, December 21,

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church 4:00 Terry Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

SUNDAY, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 Special Intentions
- 9:30 Dr. John Pappalardo, requested by Doris & Lionel Cyr
- **11:00** David Matthes, requested by Ann and family

MONDAY, December 23, Saint John of Kanty, Priest

9:00 For the deceased members of the Angelina & Nay Families, requested by the family, requested by the family

TUESDAY, December 24

9:00 Special Intentions

- **4:00** For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- **6:00** For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- **10:00** For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated

WEDNESDAY, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

- **8:00** For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated
- **10:00** For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated

THURSDAY, December 26, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

9:00 Art Hennig, requested by a friend of the family

FRIDAY, December 27, Saint John Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 Geraldine Downey, requested by the Ledwidge Family

SATURDAY, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs4:00Nella Ciaccia, requested by Pat Hennig

SUNDAY, December 29,

- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- 7:30 Special Intentions
- **9:30 Raymond Griffin,** requested by the family
- **11:00** Frank and Marie Gallo, requested by the family



as of 12/9/2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, December 21

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

SUNDAY, December 22 Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

MONDAY, December 23

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: not meeting this week Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3 (check with group leader)

TUESDAY, December 24 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: will return next week

WEDNESDAY, December 25

MERRY hristmass

THURSDAY, December 26 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, December 27 Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom (check with group leader)

SATURDAY, December 28 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00am in Room 3 (check with group leader)

SUNDAY, December 29 Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Giving for Sunday, December 15, 2024

Due to having an early publisher deadline for this bulletin, these numbers will be reported next weekend

Upcoming Collections: December 24/25: Christmas Collection Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



A Christmas Prayer

As we mark the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lit four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world. Let us pray...

God bless us all this Christmas season, those who enter and exit our home, those near and far away, those who will visit and those who cannot. Fill our lives with the peace that comes from You. Amen



2024 Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Tuesday, Dec.24th 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm 10:00 pm

Christmas Wednesday, Dec.25th

> 8:00 am 10:00 am



MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy day of Obligation

> Masses will be at: 9:00 am, 12 noon and 7:00 pm

Maximize Your Year-End Gifts to the Church of St. Ann



Fall is traditionally when we think about making gifts to support our favorite charities, like the Church of Saint Ann. There are many options for tax-effective giving both for those who can continue to itemize their deductions and for those who will no longer itemize.

Making your gift from your IRA

If you are 70.5 or older, you can make qualified charitable distributions (QCD's) directly from individual retirement accounts (IRS's) using funds that might otherwise be taxed when withdrawn. Gifts can be made in any amount up to a total of \$100,000 per individual per year. The benefits of a QCD are reduced for those who continue to make deductible IRA contributions.

Because you are giving directly from your IRA, you won't increase your adjusted gross income and possibly subject your social security or other income to higher levels of taxation. These tax-free gifts are particularly wise for those who no longer itemize deductions for income tax purposes. Consult your financial or tax advisor for more information.





save the date

Annual Used Book Sale

February 28th and March 1st

More details in future bulletins

Save Books to Donate!





Will you need some rest after the Christmas holiday?

We invite you to come and explore the depths of a life of prayer and learn ways to maintain the sacred connection to God through Christ, the true vine. Conferences and workshops will be offered along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Women's Retreat: January 3-5, 2025 Contact: Eileen DiMauro at ecdimauro@yahoo.com

Men's Retreat: January 10-12, 2025 Contact: Paul Watson at pgwatson33@gmail.com

Couples' Retreat: February 14-16, 2025

For more information & additional retreat date options, go to: holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats





We continue our Watch Party Series:

The Chosen Season 3

Join us on Wednesdays Jan. 15th-Feb. 5th from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fr. Bennett Hall



Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas Eve and New Years and will re-open on Thursday, January 2nd.

CHURCH OF SAINT AND Avon, CT AND PARISH LIFE December 2024





Deacon Jeff speaks with our 7th-10th grade families about the scientific evidence of the existence of God.





United in Christ: Patrick and Margaret Smith. May God richly bless their sacred covenant.

Our K-8 Faith Formation Team! Julie Dombrowski. Asst. (left) and











Tuesday, November 26, 2024 7:00pm

Church of Saint Ann 289 Arch Road, Avon, CT 06001

















International Fair Trade Bazaar November 23rd and 24th









The Christmas plants decorating the altar have been donated in honor of, or in memory of, the following persons:

<u>In Honor Of</u>

The Lopes Family Sue Beatty Sheryl Thompson Jim Martino

In Memory Of

John T. Wholley **David Paquette** Laura Paquette Senecal Joan Ann Taylor Alice Kuzia The Kuzia Family The Herman Family Jennifer Murphy Fitzgerald Dawn DeSantis The Tomasko and DiMauro Families Van and Ruth Burleigh Ken and Delpha Smith Anthony and Rose lammateo Leo and Teresa Soucy Deanna Bailey Nasto John Nasto The Marcotte and Messier Families Claire M. Kohanski Margaret and Joseph Juliano Anita and Horace Abate Marcella and Bob Getz Jack and Sally O"Neill Rita, Ben and Carol Flannery Angelo and Claire Galiette Corinne Elizabeth Wall Helen Francis Walls George Frances Walls Patricia Gifford Wall John Shipman Wall Edwin Gribbon Aldo and Elizabeth Zeffiro Mary O. Stevens and William J. Stevens Mary and Ed Gorski Maria, Alice and Henrietta The Rucci Family

The Corso Family Vinny Tucker Stella and Andrew Werner The Connors Family The Benoit Family John T. LaVia Vernon J. LaVia Michael Luongo Clare Archer **Rick Spalvieri** Benito Chapa The Driscoll and O'Neill Families Virgil Refano Robert Hogan Anna Zerafa Mary S. Patterson John M. Reilly Steven P. Patterson Rosemary Reilly Peter P. Patterson, Sr. John and Vivian McDonnell Natale and Ruth Balich John and Frances Curran The Calcagni Family The Ahern and Girard Families Adrian B. Lemon, Sr. Eileen Lemon Bartholomew Pifferi Ersilia Pifferi Adrian B. Lemon, Jr. Rodney Lemon Raymond Orsi Matilda Orsi Robert K. Wick John Wick Carol Horrigan Dennis Murphy Matthew Griffin John and Dorothy McCoy Hank Frey Peter G. Kelley Ed and Kay Sullivan

Helen and Margaret Sullivan Warren and Larry Kelley Frank Scalzo, Jr. Frank and Angelina Scalzo, Sr. Domenic and Filomena Pizzuti Joseph and Fernand Santarelli William LaMonicak. Sr. Katherine LaMonica James Waldron Gertrude Waldron William Sharp Dot Weiss Jack Tyler Stephan Peron Adele, Tadeusz and Mary Peron Paul and Nadine Maglietti Scott R. Gill Helen and Wayne Randall Gerald Gill Paul Irving Edwin John Lysak Agnes and John Lysak Armande and Joseph Brennan Lawrence J. Martin, Jr. "Papa" Anthony and Bridget Burti Wallace and Joan Neal Joseph and Angelina Boccio Joseph and Teresa Russo Robert and Muriel Glynn Joseph and Margaret Kreivenas Mr. and Mrs. Charles Devanney Mr. and Mrs. Miner Fyler, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fee The Peregrin Family John Kiernan Katherine Kiernan Kenneth Montanye Ruth Montanye Kenneth Montanye Jr. Barbara Martino

The Pirnat & Tomsick Families The Anderson, Morgan & Thomas Families



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<u>In Memory Of (cont.)</u>

John G. Bernetich The O'Hagan and Bernetich Families Sheila O'Hagan Jadovich Maxime and Louise Lozier and Family Alexis and Clotilde Cyr and Family Daniel Miley Mary Miley Jeanne Miley The Tyler Family: Joan, Teddy and Jimmy Bryce II and Fran White Philip Anthony Pantano Joseph and Lucienne Guillot **Robert Guillot** Art Hennig The Hennig Family The Ward Family The Sexton Family William and Elvira Severni Arthur and Philomena Leone Fred/Linda Beloin Wil and Kathy Talbot George and Cathie Jerto John and Miriam Muth Frank Baloun Joe Dillon John J. Murphy Douglas & Mildred Gould Lewis and Anne Affelder Dindo and Lena Salvadori Alfina Milluzzo Jim Smith Jean-Luc Fortin Monique Fortin Matthew Griffin Mr. and Mrs. N. Hartonavich Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jud John Kryszpin Donna Auclair Kryszpin Frances Fredericks Jack Fredericks

Elsie Grace Belanger Rosemarie and Joseph Wallack Jack and Sally Murphy Bob and Julie Guglielmo Joanne Tousignant Lawrence Tousignant Robert Turmelle Mr. and Mrs. Khoshneviss Mary and Bart Kelly Renee Thomson-Hohl Selma Gage The Turmelle Brothers & Family The Gleason Siblings Maleh Bahari Rene Langlois Leo and Rita Smith Richard Simpson Jean Springman Edward and Norma Speich Conklin and Henriette Scribner John and Stephanie Cochefski Edmund and Claire Bialaski The Bielefeld and Schliphack Families Frank and Marie Gallo Thomas J. McClure Ann McClure Tom Morrow Thaddeus Baldyga Marcel Robaczynski Edward and Helen Dorniak Stanley and Marion Robaczynski Dee Dee Sullivan Douglas Blood John S. Gray The Plewacz & Potkay Families The Kondsacka and Polonis Families Florence and Tony Malentacchi Laurie Liberator Virginia R. Cronin Charles and Anna McNamara Leo and Bea Salvatore

Giustino "Gus" Penna Diane Koch Manda Koch Alfred Koch Mary Hojnowski Henry Hojnowski Florence and Wallace Stevens Vincent Biscoglio Muriel and Betty Ann Tomlinson Patrick R. Shea Eric C. Nolin The Bingham and DuRoss Families Frank Scarpini, Jr. Frank Scalzo, Jr. Frank and Angie Scalzo Filomena and Domenic Pizzuti Fernand and Joseph Santarelli Nicholas and Jeanne Nardola Janet Carroll Anthony J. Centofanti Christine Christensen Viola Jerzyk Stephen Fischl Maryann O'Mea John and Ida Franciosi David Michael Federico Mario D'Errico Irving and Josephine McBride Eileen and Robert Rooney Marian and Leonard Hudak Connie and Ed DeRoehn Vincent Trantolo Craig Schortzmann Ruby Sutherland Eugenie Gooden Gwen Wilson The DeSantis Family The O'Donnell Family

Please forgive any spelling errors; we do the best we can trying to read everyone's handwriting.



My friends, I am pleased to share with you this first Christmas pastoral letter as your Archbishop. Many of you are regular Mass goers. Some of you come occasionally, once a month or so. Some come once or twice a year on the major holidays of Christmas or Easter. For others, this may be the first time you have been in a church for years or maybe even for the first time. To all of you, I say, "Welcome and merry Christmas."

Whatever your relationship with the Church may be, I invite you to consider how the moment of the Incarnation – God becoming man in Jesus Christ – has graced all of creation with the saving power of God. Throughout the course of the Church's history, great saints and poets have authored heartfelt praise to the mystery of the Incarnation in which they tried to capture what it meant that God, the Supreme Creator of all that is, became one like us. Writing in the 4th c., St. Gregory Nazianzen came close to offering a perfect blend of the poetic and the theological when he wrote:

"The very Son of God, older than the ages, the invisible, the incomprehensible, the incorporeal, the beginning of beginning, the light of light, the fountain of life and immortality, the image of the archetype, the immovable seal, the perfect likeness, the definition and word of the Father: he it is who comes... ...to take to himself all that is human, except for sin... ...He who makes rich is made poor; he takes on the poverty of my flesh, that I may gain the riches of his divinity. He who is full is made empty; he is emptied for a brief space of his glory, that I may share in his fullness."

But, while St. Gregory's words may transport us into the Mystery of the Divine Majesty of God made manifest, the greeting of the angels to the shepherds that we hear proclaimed in the Gospel of Luke lead us deeply into Christ's humanity:

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

In this Christmas celebration, we recall the mystery of Christ, true God and true man, and offer thanksgiving that "God so loved the world, that he gave us his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life," and remember that every time we celebrate the Mass we encounter the same Christ present among us in the Church gathered, in the Word proclaimed, and in the Sacrament of the Eucharist - and what a Christmas gift that is!

* Christophen J. Coyne

Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne Archbishop of Hartford



