ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE
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Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

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WEBSITE POLICY
The parish bulletin is published on the parish website on the internet. Any person who does not want his or her name or picture in the bulletin or on the internet, please notify the Parish Office immediately in writing.

A CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM
Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. Please call the Church Office at least three months before the anticipated date of birth. To schedule an interview and date for Pre-Baptism Seminar, call Deacon Phil Doolen at 455-7071, ext. 231. The celebration of infant Baptism will be arranged during the interview process.

MATRIMONY
The prospective bride or groom must contact one of the parish priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS
Families should contact the Church Office before making any arrangements with the funeral home.

VISITATION OF THE SICK
Please notify the Church Office when someone is in the hospital or sick at home and unable to attend Mass.

ROSARY GROUPS
1st Saturday of each month following the 7:30 am Mass in Church.
Every Saturday 3:20 pm-3:40 pm, before the 4:00 pm Mass in Church.
Rosary & Divine Mercy, every Wednesday 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the St. Ann Room.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN
Every Tuesday after the 8:45 am and 7:00 pm Masses. Twice a year a solemn nine day novena is held at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, consisting of Mass, homily and novena prayers. July 18th through 26th (Feast of St. Ann) and the Thursday after Ash Wednesday through Friday of the first week of Lent.

“LITTLE CHURCH”
“Little Church” is a babysitting service which is available every Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass for children ages 1 to 5 years old. Please bring your children to the Parish Ministry Center, behind the church.
Please Welcome Seminarian Dan Darmanin to St. Ann Parish
he will be with us until July 17th
Seminarian, Archdiocese of New Orleans

Growing up a faithful Catholic, I never considered the priesthood as a potential vocation. In 2006, while studying at the University of Florida, I fell ill and returned home to recuperate. At the Easter Vigil Mass of that same year, I heard God call me to consider the priesthood. Returning to university, I began seriously discerning what this meant and eventually transferred to the college seminary in Miami and graduated in 2012.

Following graduation, I decided to take time away from formation and began working as a Mechanical Engineer in Florida. Three years later, I would meet an Air Force chaplain who asked if I ever considered the Military Chaplaincy. After much prayer, I felt this is how God was calling me back to seminary. Through the assistance of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, I found myself here in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and studying Theology at Notre Dame Seminary. I am very grateful to both Archbishop Timothy Broglio and Archbishop Gregory Aymond for their support of my vocation. Over the past year, I am happy to call New Orleans my home and could not be more excited for where the Lord continues to lead me.

Summer Service Opportunity for High School Students

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans is offering a summer service program, Students Engaging in Reflective Volunteer Experiences, SERVE. This an opportunity for high school students to give back to the community and achieve the service hours required by many parochial high schools. Sessions run for four weeks with 40-hour sessions or a 15-hour session. Northshore SERVE is two 40 hour 1-week sessions running for 2 weeks. SERVE sites include day camps and a food bank. SERVE is offered on both the Northshore and Southshore. Students must be incoming freshman. Registration is non-refundable – $25.00 for SERVE, $15 for Mini-SERVE. Registration is open now until full. All participants will receive a t-shirt. For more information contact Shannon Murphy, Director of Volunteers at (504) 310-6962. Register online at http://www.ccano.org/serve/

RCIA Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

You are invited to a series of inquiry sessions that will explore the Catholic Church from a non-Catholic’s perspective. These sessions will begin on Sunday, May 22 at 6:15 PM in the Welcome Center. If interested call Fr. Travis at the parish office 455-7071 ext. 224.

Pastoral Council seeking New Members

Would you like to become more involved in the Parish? Are you looking for a way to help serve your Parish? The Pastoral Council serves in a consultative role to the Pastor. Council members are selected by a discernment process. Please consider becoming a member of the Pastoral Council. If you or someone you know are interested, please complete the form below and turn it in to the Church office or drop it in the collection basket. A council member will contact you with more details.

NAME: ____________________________________________
PHONE #: __________________________________________
E-MAIL ADDRESS ____________________________________

May 15 - 21, 2016
“Sanctuary Candle ” & “Altar Flowers” In Memory of Aline G. Richards

 MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday May 15
4:00 pm Vigil
Patricia Bernard, Dale St. John, Gardner & McCleland Families, Theodore Bomba, Carol Tusa (Health), Mary Fields, Robert Lord, Capozza Family, Russell Howley
8:00 am Frances deFee
9:30 am Tom Tobin
11:00 am Gladys Hazel Blanke, Roy Kaiser, Carl J. Eberts, Catherine Perillous, Jennifer Courville, Rose Marie Fox, Gilda Pugliese, Mary LaBuzo, Mildred Gilberti, Catherine Reinhart (Health & W. B.), Anthony Capozza, Sr., Philip Russo, Sr., Russell Howley, Cornelius Coyle
5:00 pm Parishioners

Monday May 16
6:30 am Khai Nguyen
8:45 am Mr. & Mrs. George Ramirez –46th Anniversary

Tuesday May 17
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am Mr. & Mrs. George M. Gilbert
7:00 pm Raymond St. John, Sr.

Wednesday May 18
6:30 am Sidney Cavalier
8:45 am Jennifer Courville
10:30 am Mark Borner

Thursday May 19
6:30 am Daniel Halligan
8:45 am Aline B. Richards

Friday May 20
6:30 am Tina Bouzon (Health)
8:45 am Olivier Family

Saturday May 21
7:30 am Duncan & Mary Quaid (In Thanksgiving)
TUESDAYS WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We would like to thank June Estopinal for her 20 years of service for coordinating Adoration on Tuesdays. Thank you for a great job your time and service to St. Ann Parish. Our new coordinator is Eunice Lion.

Jesus invites you spend some time with Him in a private conversation before the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday at St. Ann Church. If you are willing and able to accept His invitation and commit one hour every Tuesday between 1 PM and 5 PM please call the church office. Jesus wants your company. He promises the time you spend with Him will be well spent.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Comforting

The Spiritual Work of Mercy of comforting the afflicted can be a little hard to understand. After all, “Who are the afflicted, and what could I possibly do to comfort them?” The bad news is that the afflicted are all around: they are anyone who is suffering, distressed, hurt, or troubled. The good news is that God gives the afflicted to others as a blessing to both sides. Those not suffering as heavily are given the opportunity to speak God’s love and truth into others’ lives, and those suffering are given someone who has mercy on their suffering just as God has mercy on suffering.

Suffering is the part of this life that purifies each person so that they may hold on to God alone, but that doesn’t make it easy to handle. Suffering comes, but in all of the storms of stress, pain and grief, the Lord is asleep in the boat of the heart. He calls each person to curl up next to him, and like a child, sleep (See Mark 4:35-41).

It is this comfort of receiving the Lord’s love that enables Christians to broadcast it to the afflicted ones around them. Without it, however, it will be all too easy to grow impatient, short, and selfish with the people God has given them to comfort. That is why a real relationship with the Lord is so important to living this spiritual work of mercy. Every day, God calls each of his children to silence their hearts and bring their troubles, joys, tasks, and entire life to the foot of the cross. He wants them to hear him saying “I love you” while resting in his presence.

In this way they will have strength to proclaim his mercy: “Go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach every- one, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!” (Pope Francis)

It is easy to fall into the trap of asking why God doesn’t just comfort those hurting. “Why would he rely on me, who messes up so easily?” God uses humans because he loves them, and wants to give them an opportunity to act like him, to be his presence in the world. It is an act of mercy to be his mercy.

Let us keep on the lookout, then, for those who are suffering, who need a kind word, who need a reminder of the kind and abiding presence of God. How easily they are missed when everyone goes about their day only worrying about themselves! How easy it would be for Christians to reach out to those whom the Lord is calling them to show his mercy!

Parish Calendar

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Have a Generous Heart

As you make your way through the Bible, you discover a God both gracious and compassionate. As we choose to follow Him, He beckons us to follow His example and be kind and openhearted ourselves. We continue to look at Bible verses that give us a glimpse into the generosity that God wants us to cultivate.

10. Matthew 10:42 God keeps track of our giving

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

Again we see a relationship between how we treat the needy and vulnerable around us and our future reward. The Lord is keeping pretty intricate accounts, and doesn’t even neglect to record water given in his name.

School News

The tots, early childhood students and preschool students had their end of the year picnic on Friday, May 13th. The school patrol picnic and swim party was also on Friday. The school provides this to thank the volunteer patrols for helping to keep our students safe at arrival and dismissal times. The fourth grade annual “Fais Do Do” was also on Friday. We are happy to provide enriching, happy activities for the students as they end the school year.

St. Ann School is still accepting applications for Kindergarten and PK. Please check our website at www.stannschool.org to learn more about our school. You may also call 455-7051 ext. 111 if you would like more information.

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS relies solely on private donors in support of its mission, “Serving those who serve” and its ministry to provide the same pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs’ Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations, as does any other Catholic diocese. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.
2016 St. Ann Family Fest, September 30th & October 1st

“St. Ann Goes to the Movies”

SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES

Sponsors in all categories will be listed in the Church Bulletin

STAGE SPONSORSHIP - Your business name and logo displayed on the stage banner all weekend at the St. Ann Family Fest! Additionally, your business name and logo displayed on the back of the Family Fest T-shirts (size and position of logo based on level of sponsorship). Digital logo must be provided.

Deadline is JULY 15, 2016.

Titanium Stage Sponsor $2,000
Extra large-sized business name and logo in a priority spot on the stage banner $ on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt $ your name and logo displayed on the Family Fest Raffle Tickets, which are distributed to all school children and parishioners to sell. Position of logo will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Platinum Stage Sponsor $1,500
Large-sized business name and logo on the stage banner $ on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt

Gold Stage Sponsor $1,000
Medium-sized business name and logo on the stage banner $ on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt

Maroon Stage Sponsor $500
Small-sized business name and logo on the stage banner $ on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt

FAIR BUCKS SPONSORSHIP - $1,500
Includes your logo displayed on the Family Fest Fair Bucks. Fair Bucks are used for all food, drinks & games purchases throughout the fair. Digital logo must be provided. Only ONE sponsorship is available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability. Deadline is JULY 15, 2016.

T-SHIRT SLEEVE SPONSORSHIP $1,000
Includes your name and logo displayed on the SLEEVE of the Family Fest T-shirt. Only TWO sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability. Digital logo must be provided. Deadline is JULY 15, 2016.

T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP $350
Includes your name and logo displayed on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt. Digital logo must be provided. Deadline is JULY 15, 2016.

FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP $250
Display your company’s banner on the fence at the start/end of the St. Ann Fun Run on Loveland St. from Sept 25th through October 7th. Banner not to exceed 3’ by 9’. A limited amount of sponsorships are available, so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

TISKET-A-TASKET TENT SPONSORSHIP $200
Includes an individual banner with name on the Tisket-a-Tasket Tent at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc. Only four sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

STAGE SPONSORSHIP - $1,000
Includes your logo displayed on the Family Fest Fair Bucks. Digital logo must be provided. Only ONE sponsorship is available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability. Deadline is JULY 15, 2016.

PRIZE CASH SPONSOR $25 TO $100
Donated cash is used to offset the cost of prizes.

PRIZE DONATION
Includes inventory items or promotional items such as pens, pencils, T-shirts, key chains, baseball caps, gadgets, etc.

RAFFLE PRIZES
Includes donations of large items, gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, entertainment, artwork, jewelry, sports memorabilia, etc.

Please complete the form below, attach your check and return to:

St. Ann Family Fest Committee • ATTN: Jennifer LaMonte • 4921 Meadowdale Street • Metairie, LA 70006

Questions? Contact Jennifer @ 250-8764 or Amber @ 250-7244 or email: stannfair@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to “St. Ann Family Fest”. Donations of items can be delivered to the St. Ann School Office or to the Church Office, or you can call or email to arrange for a pick up.

Name and/or Business:

This is how it will appear on signs and acknowledgements. Your donation can remain anonymous and appear as “Friend of St. Ann”.

Address: ___________________________________________ Zip: _____________________________

Contact Person: ___________________________________________ Phone: _____________________________

E-Mail Address: ___________________________________________ Amount Enclosed: _____________________________

Donation Category: ___________________________________________

Come Meet Jesus! Calling all Christians! Are you looking for an in-depth Scriptural understanding of Jesus? Beginning May 17th, Patty Fortunato, one of our parishioners, will be offering a 12-week in-depth Scripture study entitled “Jesus, the One and Only.” This personal study program will take attendees on a life-changing journey based on the Gospel of Luke that will lead you from the shores of Galilee and through the hills of Jerusalem. Get to know Jesus intimately ... as though you had walked with Him during His days of earthly ministry. We will offer two concurrent options to attend. The group will meet in the Parish Ministries Center located just behind the church either from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning May 17th. The cost is $20 per person, which includes all materials and refreshments. Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 to reserve your place. This is one experience that you will never forget!

Pilgrimage along the Alpine Way All are invited to join Fr. Robert Cooper on a 15 day Grand Pilgrimage along the Alpine Way visiting Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and the Czech Republic: October 9th – October 23rd 2016. For detailed information about the Pilgrimage (including pricing, itinerary, and logistics), please visit www.frcooper.info/alpine_way_2016 or call Fr. Cooper at 834-4980, ext. 111.
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