ST. ANN CHURCH
AND NATIONAL SHRINE
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CHURCH HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

WEEKEND EUCHARIST
Saturday: 7:30 am Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday Masses:
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday - Friday:  6:30 am & 8:45 am
Tuesday:  7:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday:  9:30 am to 6:00 pm ending with Benediction
First Friday:  9:30 - 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION
Tuesday:  6:00 to 6:45 pm
Saturday:  3:00 to 3:45 pm
5:00 to 5:30 pm

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.

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.

MISSION STATEMENT
St. Ann, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a faith family serving the needs of the parishioners and the wider community.
Home to the National Shrine of St. Ann, we are committed to providing opportunities to all for worship and service, evangelization and education, stewardship and ministry.
St. Ann Parish welcomes and invites all people to join us in proclaiming and living the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.
20th Sunday

The psalm this weekend gives us a great image of how God comes to our rescue. It says that God has pulled us from the pit, from the muddy swamp, and has placed us back on rock, on firm footing. Sometimes we do find ourselves in a spiritual or psychological pit with no way out. At a desperate hour, when we’ve almost lost hope, Christ reaches down and pulls us out.

In the summers growing up, we used to go to the little river in the neighborhood. Once I remember walking into some quick sand and was almost up to my waist in sand. I was stuck. I could not get out on my own. Luckily my siblings were nice enough to pull me out. This is what Our Lord does for us, He pulls us out of situations we might find ourselves stuck in.

These times are very humbling for us because there is nothing we can do on our own. We need the help of others, and the help of Christ to get us out. We ultimately cannot do the Christian thing on our own, nor were we made to. We need Christ and His grace before we even start. We can do nothing separate from Him. We cannot love God without His grace. We cannot love others without His grace. We cannot avoid sin and be virtuous without His grace.

As the psalm begins, we have to wait on the Lord—we have to vigilantly and patiently wait. This waiting implies preparation for the coming of the Lord. This waiting does not mean we become idle, nor does it mean we become preoccupied with other things to pass the time. Jesus should be the first thing on our mind when we wake up in the morning, and the last thing on our mind when we go to bed. May we wait with more patience and vigilance, so that He will find us alert when He comes. Reflection by Fr. Braud

The August 2016, Respect Life Focus Topic - Capital Punishment/Mercy behind Bars

A Prayer for Justice with Mercy on Death Row
by Kathie Uhler, OSF

O God, I pray for all the persons who have been sentenced to death row in our country. Each one bears a sacred dignity, I believe, although my own sinfulness dulls my ability to see this underlying beauty.

I pray, then, for an end to the death sentence itself. Let justice be served where there is clear guilt, but let recompense come from the examples of your own mercy:

☐ When you did not execute but exiled Cain (Genesis 4: 1-15).
☐ When you said you took no pleasure in the death of the wicked but in their conversion (Ezekiel33:11).
☐ When you told us you delight in showing clemency and will tread underfoot our guilt and throw all our sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7: 18-19).

My God, I pray to you each day for largeness of heart and mercy in the words of Jesus: “Father, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us” (Matthew 6: 9-13). Amen.
School News

School began on Thursday, August, 11th. There was an opening of school Mass and an assembly for the students. The St. Ann School theme for the year is “The Faithful Pray”. Each month, a different grade will have the opportunity to display this theme in a monthly assembly for the entire school.

Confirmation

All 11th grade students wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to register for the classes that will begin this school year. This can be done on-line at https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/7103 or by going to the church website and clicking on the Confirmation link. The sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eleventh grade year for all students in a formal religious education program (including Catholic high schools). Any student in tenth grade or above who desires to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should contact the church office to register for the sacrament. Catholic school students who receive religious education in their schools will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the parish in which they are registered. Students who do not receive formal religious instruction must attend a parish school of religion in the parish in which they are registered leading up to any reception of sacraments. Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 if you have any questions or concerns about the reception of any sacraments.

Eucharistic Boat Procession

Come let us adore Him! Fête-Dieu du Teche, a Eucharistic Boat Procession down Bayou Teche, will take place on the Feast of the Assumption, Monday, August 15, 2016. All are invited to a Mass in French at 8:00 AM at St. Leo the Great in Leonville to begin the day. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will preside and give the homily. At the end of Mass, there will be a procession from Church with the Blessed Sacrament to the boat landing. At 9:30 AM, 50 boats will disembark in procession and make their way down Bayou Teche, retracing part of the actual journey of our Acadian ancestors, toward St. Martinville. The boat procession will stop at each Church along the way for recitation of the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (10:20 AM – 11:05 AM in Arnaudville; 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM in Cecilia; 1:35 PM – 2:20 PM in Breaux Bridge; 3:15 PM – 4:00 PM in Parks). The procession will arrive in St. Martinville at about 4:45 PM and disembark behind Notre Dame de Perpetuel Secours and enter the Church for Benediction. The procession will continue on foot to St. Martin de Tours for the 5:15 PM Benediction and then down main street to Mater Dolorosa Chapel for Solemn Vespers and Final Benediction at 6:00 PM. Confessions will be heard at each of the stops along the way, including before Mass in Leonville and at Mater Dolorosa from 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM. Visit our website at www.fetedieuduteche.org, send us an email at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com, or call (337) 394-6550.

Parish Calendar

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Our featured witness for August 18th will be Cassi and Michael Code, St. Ann Parishioners

Come and hear their beautiful message of Faith, Hope and God’s Mercy

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FAITH DIRECT: Thank you for being a part of our St. Ann Church And Shrine family. As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: LA438

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

WINE: Women in the New Evangelization, in partnership with the Archdiocesan Offices of Evangelization and Family Life, invites women of all ages to the WINE: Catholic Women’s Conference. It will be held Saturday, October 15, 2016, at Archbishop Rummel High School in Metairie. Our theme, Mercy: Encountering Boundless Love, is inspired by Pope Francis’ invitation to enter into an extraordinary jubilee, a holy Year of Mercy. Registration is $55.00 before October 1, 2016, and $65.00 afterward. Deadline for registration is October 11, 2016. For more information and to register, visit www.CatholicVineyard.com and select the EVENTS tab.
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 

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. 

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 23rd 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. 

BOOTH SPONSORSHIP ........................................ $150 
Includes an individual sign on your sponsored booth at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc. 

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. 

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Address: __________________________________________ Zip: ____________ 
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