

ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm
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 Ray Bertin at 455-7071, ext. 226. 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.

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.



**Issue 5
January 29, 2017**

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



In our Gospel this weekend we hear the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with the listing of the 8 Beatitudes. The 8 Beatitudes are very well known, among both believers and non-believers alike. They are like sign posts for us in this life, in that they help point us the way to Heaven. Living these out is a mark of the Christian life.

As powerful as the Beatitudes are, what comes immediately after might be more striking. After listing the Beatitudes Jesus says, "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." What does this mean? It means if we live out the Beatitudes the world will hate us because we possess what the world desires, but can never attain, and that is true happiness. The word "beatitude" means "blessed." Those who are blessed have a happiness that only Jesus Christ can offer. The world tries to take what it wants out of jealousy and envy, which is why Christians always have and always will be persecuted in one form or another. Our Lord is well aware of this reality, and so He prepared those listening to Him then, and is preparing us as well, who live some 2,000 years after Him. He is warning us so that we'll be prepared, and not be surprised when it happens.

This past Friday hundreds of thousands of people, mostly teens and young adults, marched on Washington, D.C. protesting the legalization of abortion in our country. Since 1973, when the *Roe v. Wade* decision was passed, it is estimated that 56 million babies have been terminated. There are many facets in our culture and society that we Christians face persecution, but this issue gets most of the attention, and rightly so. We, who follow Christ, hunger and thirst for righteousness, and so many speak out and fight for the most vulnerable, those millions of voiceless unborn who were denied the most basic human right, the right to life.

When faced with opposition from the world Our Lord comforts us by telling us to rejoice and be glad because our reward will be great in Heaven. Rejoicing in the face of persecution is a joy that only a Christian can attain. May the words of the Sermon on the Mount both encourage us, and also help to continue persevering for Him, so that we will attain that great reward in Heaven.

Reflection by Fr. Braud

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday January 29**
4:00 pm Vigil William Shaw, Jr., Charles Abercombie, Francis Dutilh, Sr., Francis Dutilh, III, Tommy & Ashley Freel (Blessing), Evan Braud (Blessing), Adm & Heather Braud (Blessing), Fr. Colin Braud (Blessing), Debbie Braud (Blessing), McClelland & Gardner Families, Jennie Spitale, Iris Fitzpatrick, Eunice Lion (Health), Becky McMath (Health)
8:00 am Patricia Carter
9:30 am Parishioners
11:00 am Wilkie Sonnier, James Miller, Jorge Migenes, Kenneth Seegers, Mary Fields, Troy Garrity, Beatrice B. Smith, Dr. Marilyn L. Zimny, Carolyn nS. Grandolfo, Estelle M. Garrity
5:00 pm Healing for all Parishioners
- Monday January 30**
6:30 am Cynthia Marie (Happy Birthday)
8:45 am Joseph Bischone
- Tuesday January 31**
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am Mrs. August C. Murphy
7:00 pm Glenn Welch
- Wednesday February 1**
6:30 am Jorge Migenes
8:45 am Eunice Lion (Health)
1:45 pm Mark Borner School Mass (2-7)
- Thursday February 2**
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Bernard J. Puccio
8:45 am Corinne G. Vivien
- Friday February 3**
6:30 am Floyd Halligan
8:45 am Frank Estrada
- Saturday February 4**
7:30 am Patricia M. Carter

January 29 - February 4, 2017
"Sanctuary Candle" In Memory of Mary Quaid



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE
The Blessing of the Throats will be offered during the morning Masses on February 3, and also on the weekend of February 4 & 5 at all the Masses.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on **Sunday, June 11, 2017, at 3:00 PM** in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

Please Note: This year's celebration will not be a Mass, but a **Prayer Service**. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish.

To register, the married couple is asked to contact their parish office before March 3, 2017.



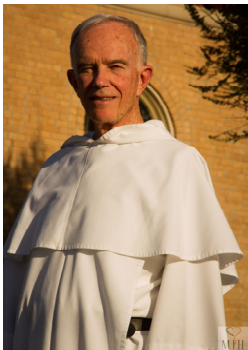
**Catholic Schools Week
January 29 –February 4**

THANK YOU!

On behalf of me and my family, please accept my sincere appreciation for your care and concern, and especially for your prayers, during my recent health issues. That was a source of great comfort in ways that I cannot adequately express especially after having emergency surgery and being hospitalized out of the country.

It's wonderful to be back with the people of St. Ann. I shall always be grateful for that outpouring of prayers.

Please know that all of you are in my daily prayers. May God continue to bless St. Ann Parish.
Deacon Phil



Save the Date!
St. Ann Lenten Novena
Thursday, March 2
through
Friday, March 10, 2017
Presenter:
Fr. Robert U. Perry, O.P.

Father Robert (Bob) Perry, O.P., a member of the Southern Dominican Province of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), recently completed his ministry as Pastor of St. Elizabeth University Parish in Lubbock, Texas where he remains in residence as he continues his preaching ministry and several writing projects.

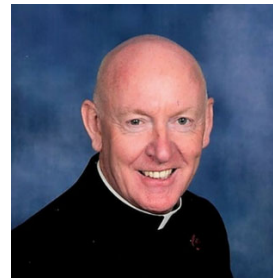
Since his ordination fifty years ago, Father Perry has spent many years teaching at the University level, and has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada for over twenty years, preaching, lecturing and conducting retreats and workshops among high school and university students, young adults and religious sisters, brothers and priests. In 1983, at the request of the newly formed Southern Dominican Province, Father Perry founded and directed the Aquinas Center of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 2006 Father Perry completed thirteen years as Pastor of Holy Ghost Church in Hammond Louisiana, and six years as Pastor of Our Lady of Pompeii in Tickfaw, Louisiana. For twenty years he was in Formation Ministry, preparing Dominican Students for ordination to the priesthood.

Father Perry holds a Ph.D. in Psychology and Religion.

Parish Calendar

- 1/29 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK & COLLECTION
- 1/30 7:30 PM H&S BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS MTG./CAF.
- 1/31 9:15 AM ADORATION
- 6:20 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA
- 7:30 PM BOY SCOUTS/CAFETERIA
- 2/1 8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS GRADES 2-7
- 9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
- 1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
- 7 PM ADULT CHOIR/ST. CECILIA
- 7 PM PARENTS MTG./FOR 1ST COMMUNICANTS/CAFETERIA
- 7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REH./CHURCH
- 2/2 9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
- 7 PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION/WELCOME CENTER
- 7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 2 CLASS 4/CAFETERIA
- 2/4 7:30 AM MENS CLUB MASS/CHURCH
- 8 AM ROSARY FOLLOWING THE 7:30 AM MASS
- 9 AM MAKE-UP CONFIRMATION RETREAT
- 2/5 12:30 PM BAPTISMS/CHURCH



CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR PASTOR

Fr. Billy O'Riordan

ST. JOHN VIANNEY
AWARD RECIPIENT

Attention: St. Ann Church & Shrine Parishioners

I am pleased to announce that your pastor, Fr. Billy O'Riordan, will receive the **St. John Vianney Award** from Archbishop Aymond at the annual Notre Dame Seminary Chancellor's Dinner on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Our congratulations to Fr. Billy O'Riordan who has served the Church as a dedicated priest for nearly 32 years and who exudes the virtues by which St. John Vianney lived out his priesthood. St. John Vianney is the Patron of Priests.

The Chancellor's Dinner is an opportunity to visit our historic Notre Dame Seminary, meet our seminarians, and honor special friends of the seminary like Father Billy. For those who would like to attend the dinner, **table sponsorships are available**. I also invite you to place a congratulatory message to your pastor in the commemorative Chancellor's Dinner program. **For further information regarding the Chancellor's Dinner, please contact the Development Office at the seminary at (504) 866-7426, ext. 374, or visit www.nds.edu.**

Very Rev. James A. Wehner, S.T.D.
Rector/President of Notre Dame Seminary

SCHOOL NEWS

The Beta Club Induction was Friday, Jan. 27th. We are proud of our many sixth grade students who qualified for this distinguished organization. We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week next week. The theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service".

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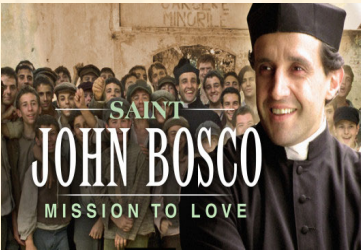
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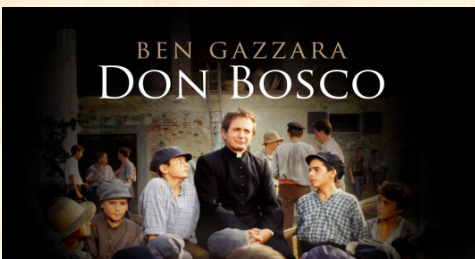
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Some of the Liturgical Content on FORMED.org. for
January and February

JAN. 31 ST. JOHN BOSCO 2 MOVIES ON FORMED.org



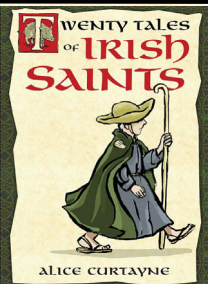
Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John (Don) Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth from the tough streets of Turin, Italy. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that Don Bosco had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order, the Salesians, for helping educate boys. Growing up without a father gave him compassion for the many orphans that he cared for, while he faced persecution from both secular society and the Church as he fought to build a place to house and educate the homeless, outcast youth of Turin. His deep faith, creative imagination, and profound charity shine through in this wonderful film.



Don Bosco is the inspiring true story of a brave and holy priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere. Blessed with tremendous gifts, a creative imagination, and a great sense of humor, Bosco had a winning way with youth and was a brilliant educator.

Having suffered much in his own youth and growing up without a father gave him compassion for the many orphans he cared for, and his profound charity shines through in this film. His deep devotion to and trust in Our Lady was a

great source of blessings and strength for his work with youth that continues to this day.



FEB. 1 ST. BRIGID E-BOOK ON FORMED.org for ages 8 and up

Here's the moving story of what happened when Patrick baptized the daughters of the King of Connaught and the shocking tale of the spike that pierced Aengus, the courageous Prince of Munster, just as Patrick baptized him. You'll read about the spilled jar of milk that led Adamnan to become the Abbot of Iona; how Colman's alarm clocks (a mouse and a rooster) took turns waking him; and a dozen or so other charming tales.

Alice Curtayne brings to these legends of Irish saints a rich grasp and a deep love of the Catholic faith of her native Ireland. She has unerringly chosen stories which will appeal to readers young and old and she tells them with the poetry and feeling that mark the work of every true Irish storyteller.

FEB. 2 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

THE BIBLE and the VIRGIN MARY JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE PROGRAM ON FORMED.org

The Bible and the Virgin Mary is a dynamic twelve-part video series that beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady, showing how she has been a part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time. In addition to explanation of dogmas, answers to common objections, and demonstration of Mary's presence in the Old and New Testaments, this study discusses Church-approved Marian apparitions that play an important role in Catholic Tradition. It's sure to help Catholics and non-Catholics alike grow in an understanding and appreciation of the Mother of God.

MARY OF NAZERATH MOVIE ON FORMED.org



The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

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