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AND NATIONAL SHRINE
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CHURCH HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & 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

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.

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.

ROSAZY 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.
This past Super Bowl between the Patriots and Falcons was one for the books. It was the first Super Bowl to go into overtime and the largest come-from-behind win in Super Bowl history (25pts). It was the first time a quarterback has won 5 Super Bowls and the first time a coach has won 5 Super Bowls and the greatest Super Bowl ending, however, even more than on our journey to our heavenly homeland?

I see three virtues in particular that we can learn: perseverance, fortitude, and hope. It is obvious that the game teaches us perseverance. I’m sure by halftime, or the end of the third quarter, most of us thought the game was over. The Patriots persevered through 3 very difficult quarters of football, never giving up the fight. We, too, should never give up fighting and progressing in the spiritual life, no matter how difficult it may seem, nor how many times we keep on committing that one sin.

We can also learn about fortitude. The Catechism defines fortitude as “the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good” (CCC #1808). Being a moral virtue, fortitude helps us to overcome any difficulties, fears, or temptations that might come our way. Again the Patriots displayed this for us. They didn’t give into thoughts of the game being over. They were down 25 points in the second half, were beaten down and tired, yet they had the strength to pursue the good of still competing, which kept them in the game mentally, even if it the scoreboard showed otherwise.

Lastly we see hope. The Patriots never gave up hope. For them it was always possible to come back. Living out hope in the spiritual life is never losing sight of the end goal. For us the end zone is heaven. In the midst of our journey it can seem like we’re not making progress or improving ourselves. The key to getting through this is not losing sight of Christ, who is our guide through life. The way to get through a fog is to continue going forward.

With the help of perseverance, fortitude, and hope, may we always move towards Jesus Christ, in order to receive our heavenly reward.

Reflection by Fr. Braud
Parish Calendar

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February Respect Life Focus - Human Trafficking

February 9th - 17th is our Archdiocesan novena to end Human Trafficking. To sign up for our archdiocesan daily email reminder for the February 9th-17th novena, please send an email to: mexnicios@archdiocese-no.org.

Our corporal work of mercy...

This month we are assisting a local safe house, the Free Indeed Home, where girls ages 12-17 who have been sex trafficked can come for healing and restoration. Donations can be placed in the plastic bins at the entrances to the church throughout the month of February. Cash and/or gift cards can be sent to the parish office or placed in the collection basket. Please be sure donations are in an envelope marked “Respect Life - Free Indeed Home.”

The following items are needed:

- Cash or gift cards for grocery/big box stores
- Canned vegetables, flour, sugar, corn meal, seasoning, cooking oil, pasta, rice, cereals, canned meats, boxed cake mix, pudding
- Paper towel, toilet paper, paper napkins
- Comet cleanser, Clorox clean-up, dish detergent, disinfectant spray, multi-surface cleaner, baking soda, floor wax for hardwood floors, laundry detergent
- Feminine products
- Board games, puzzles, craft items
- Copy paper (Cheapest kind), pens/pencils/crayons/color pencils/markers/dry eraser markers, loose leaf paper, notebooks, binders, printer ink: HP 950 and 951, batteries (all sizes, primarily AA and AAA)

Please be aware of the signs of #humantrafficking. If you see something, SAY SOMETHING! It is better to report a suspicious incident and be wrong than to be right and say nothing. Learn more at http://polarisproject.org/recognize-signs.

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

In addition to our strong academic program, we are happy to offer fun, community events for our students. Our annual school Girl Scout parade will be next Friday. Last month we had a pajama party and movie for second and third grade students. We had a PK through second grade bingo and a Bonko for fourth and fifth grade students. The Home and School Club will also provide a special 6th and 7th grade student activity. The students always enjoy these special weekend activities with their classmates.
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.

**Novena Schedule**

**Weekdays:** 10:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses with Homily, followed by Novena to St. Ann. Sacrament of Reconciliation with private confession before and after the Masses.

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

10:00 am Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, followed by Novena to St. Ann. Sacrament of Reconciliation with private confession before and after Mass. **The Sewing Seams of Faith ladies will be handing out Prayer Blankets to those in need after Mass at all the entrances.**

**Sunday Masses:**

4:00 pm Vigil (Saturday), 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. All Masses followed by Novena to St. Ann.

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11:00 am - 6:00 pm.
**JOB FAIR**

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COMPANY: Inspired Living at Kenner  
TIME: 8AM - 6PM  
DATE: Feb 22 & 23  
ADDRESS: 3801 Loyola Drive Kenner, LA 70065

The St. Ann Altar Servers collected over 6,000 diapers and over 12,000 baby wipes for their service project. We wish to thank all the St. Ann Parishioners for your generosity in supporting the Diapers and Wipes Drive. All the diapers and wipes will go to the Access Women’s Center.

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**THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS…**

TO CHAMPION THE RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN,

THE DYING,

THOSE ENSLAVE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING,

AND THOSE CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Please contact Barbara Weller at barbaraweller@earthlink.net if you can give some of your time to protect the vulnerable.
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Some of the Liturgical Content on FORMED.org.

PROGRAM: DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT  13 SEGMENTS ON FORMED.org

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God’s love and transforming power. This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our heavenly Father. As you walk through this series I will continually be praying that you will encounter the Holy Spirit and that the Spirit will breathe life into your very being.

11 AWARD-WINNING MOVIES FOR CHILDREN’S MOVIES NOW ON FORMED.org
SAINTS AND HEROES AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH
SAINTS AND HEROES MOVIES USE COMEDY, SONG, CAPTIVATING ILLUSTRATIONS, AND HEARTWARMING EMOTION TO TELL THE TALES OF SOME OF THE GREAT SAINTS AND EPIC HEROES OF THE FAITH.

FEB. 14TH BELOVED: MYSTERY AND MEANING OF MARRIAGE PROGRAMS ON FORMED.org

More than a union based on romantic love or mutual fulfillment, marriage goes back to the very essence of what it is to be human – and reflects a design placed in our hearts by God himself. Beloved – from the producers of the renowned Symbolon series – explores the spiritual and eternal reality behind “I Do.” Beautifully filmed and featuring acclaimed marriage experts, Beloved speaks to the very heart of every husband and wife, bringing sacramental truth and God-infused love into the everyday challenges of married life. Beloved: Mystery & Meaning of Marriage includes six inspiring and informative sessions.

A MOTHER’S RULE E-BOOK ON FORMED.org.

Motherhood and homeschooling had overwhelmed her. The house was dirty, the laundry undone. Holly felt frustrated, discouraged, and alone. She couldn’t find time to snuggle and have fun with her five children or to go out with her husband. Yes, she loved Philip and she did love God, but she had come to resent Philip’s freedom and she almost never found time for prayer.

Today, everything’s better. Holly still homeschools, but the house is cleaner, she gets more done, and the kids are happier. There’s less stress, less strife, and less housework. Holly’s been healed of past wounds that troubled her soul and her marriage. Best of all, she spends at least an hour each day in prayer and time each evening with Philip.

Holly’s Rule is not just another set of schedules; it’s a way for Christian mothers to answer God’s call to holiness. With the help of your own Rule, you can get control of your own household, grow closer to God, come to love your husband more, and raise up good Christian children.
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