ST. ANN CHURCH 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

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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.
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Our readings this Sunday give us some bold challenges, which aren’t easy to follow. Loving your neighbor as yourself, turning the other cheek, or loving your enemy, is not an easy thing to do. And then on top of that the Gospel ends with encouraging us to be as perfect as our heavenly Father. So what’s going on here? Is Jesus crazy for thinking we can be as perfect as God? Or is He mean in telling us to do something that He knows we cannot?

Well God is not mean, nor is He crazy, so it is neither of these. The particular challenge of being as perfect as the Father seems very puzzling to us. How can we, an imperfect and fallen creature, be as perfect as God, who is the Creator? On our own we cannot. To say that we are as perfect as God almost makes us an equal to Him. We cannot merit this on our own. We cannot elevate our humanity to the level of divinity on our own.

With grace all things are possible with God. Cooperating with God’s grace is the only way that we can live up to these challenges, especially in becoming as perfect as the Father. With grace we can become like God, or develop a certain similitude with Him. St. Irenaeus is credited with saying, “God became man so man could become like God.”

This should be no surprise to us, especially when we look at the theology of Baptism. When we are baptized we become adopted sons and daughters of the Father, and joint heir to the Kingdom of Heaven with Christ. At our baptism we become like God. It may be difficult at times to live up to our baptismal promises, loving others including our enemies as our self, or turning the other cheek, but the graces that we receive at baptism makes it possible.

What I think our readings are trying to teach us can be summed up in one word: divinization. This is a technical theological term, but what it refers to is the process by which we human beings become like God, or divinized. Baptism starts off this process of divinization, and it is completed by those souls who enter Heaven and the very life of the Trinity itself.

We may encounter certain difficulties along the way as we, with the help of God’s grace, become divinized and like God. May we open our hearts every day to receive His life and His grace, and set our will to putting the grace we receive into action. In this way we actually can be as perfect as our heavenly Father.

Reflection by Fr. Braud

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday February 19
4:00 pm Vigil McCleland & Gardner Families, Mr. & Mrs. Nick Fitzpatrick, Becky McMath (Health), Mary F. Hitchins, Dominic DiGiovanni, Elaine Wingerter, Anna P. Quinlan, Nick Coletti (Health), Edward Landry (Health)
8:00 am Edison & Jeanne Schayot
9:30 am Parishioners
11:00 am James Miller, Ellie & Tennyson Rodrigue (S.I.), For our President & Leaders, Cover-sion of Sinners & USA to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary, Vivian Wesner, Paul Brue (Health), Jorge Migenes, Ann Gardner (Health)
5:00 pm Michael S. Breaux, Jr.
Monday February 20
6:30 am Chris Alessi
8:45 am Mr. & Mrs. J. Goodyear
Tuesday February 21
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am Jorge Migenes
7:00 pm Jackie Scalco
Wednesday February 22
6:30 am Esther Callia
8:45 am Chris Alessi
Thursday February 23
6:30 am George S. Turpie, III
8:45 am Lee Russell Centanni
Friday February 24
6:30 am Patricia Virgadamo
8:45 am Esther Callia
Saturday February 25
7:30 am Shirley Schneider

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

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February 19-25, 2017
“Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Mary Quaid
“Altar Decorations”
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Preston Guidry

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.
February Respect Life Focus
Human Trafficking

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 erase 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/recognizesigns.

Parish Calendar

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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

We still have some availability in some grades for next school year. Please contact the school at 455-8383 for more information. We continue to offer “Walk Through” tours for potential new parents every Monday morning at 9:30 am. No appointment is necessary, just come to the school office for 9:30 am.
Save the Date!
St. Ann Lenten Novena
Thursday, March 2 - Friday, March 10, 2017
Presenter:
Fr. Robert U. Perry, O.P.

Theme:
Christian Life: The Kingdom and the Cross

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.
Looking for a doctor whose values align with yours? Hope Woman’s Clinic is for you!

Hope Woman’s Clinic tailors high quality care to your individual needs. We offer a broad range of women’s health services for women of all ages, **including:**

- **Well-woman exams**
- **Adolescent wellness exams**
- Treatment of many gynecologic issues, such as:
  - Irregular cycles
  - Hormonal imbalances
  - Infertility
  - Recurring miscarriage
  - Post-partum depression
  - And more
- **Instruction in Natural Family Planning**

Hope Woman’s Clinic grew out of the mission of Woman’s New Life Center to affirm the dignity of women. No medications or treatments that intentionally harm the function of a woman’s reproductive system are used.

Experience authentic women’s healthcare and help build a culture of life by becoming a patient.

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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 **barbara.weller@earthlink.net** if you can give some of your time to protect the vulnerable.
Congratulations Confirmands!!!

St. Ann Church wishes to congratulate the following students who received Confirmation on Thursday, February 16th. Please make sure to congratulate them personally if you see them at Mass!

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