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

WEBSITE POLICY
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This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

MISCELLANEOUS

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 for 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.

Pastor
Rev. Billy O’Riordan
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Parochial Vicar
Rev. Colin Braud, ext. 224

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Mr. Raymond Bertin, Facilities Manager, ext. 226
Mr. Tom Fox, ext. 257

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Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
www.stannschool.org

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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.
6th Sunday of Easter Year A

In the Gospel this weekend we hear Jesus say that if we really love Him then we will keep His commandments. Actions speak louder than words. Our actions really show our true self. He is talking within the context of relationships. Just look at spouses for example. Husband and wife promise lifelong love and fidelity on the altar at their wedding. The rest of their life is spent showing the power and force of these words. Their actions towards one another prove that what they said on their wedding day is true and real.

I think the same goes for our relationship with Christ. We who have been baptized, and especially confirmed, have promised love and fidelity to Christ. We have rejected Satan and sin, and vowed to live our lives according to Christ and His Gospel. We show Him how much we love Him by our actions each day. Just like husband and wife show their love to one another, we, too, show our love to Him. And we do this by being faithful to His commandments and His will. The psalms are filled with expressions of happiness and joy at following the commands of God. His will is not a burden to us. In fact, following Christ brings freedom and liberty. We find ourselves in Him as we follow His will. A lot of people today, particularly the youth and young adults, like to express their individuality in many ways. The height of this individualism really is only found in Christ.

So we show our love for Him by following His commandments. We have to follow all of them, not some of them, or just the ones we agree with, but all of them. This might be part of the rub of what Jesus is telling us. If we love Him we will keep all of His commandments. For some of us this may come easy. There might not be much that the Church asks us to do, as revealed through Christ, that we find difficulty in following. For others there might be some things that we completely disagree with, and so the Church can seem to be a burden because of what she says no to. But we try to understand the reasons why this is the case, and we’ll begin to see what the Church is saying yes to. We’ll see that following God’s commands, which are given to us through the Church, does in fact bring that true freedom that all of us desire.

More and more people in our country today seem to be putting their trust and investment in politics and on politicians. The way we used to view religion is now how we view politics. Politics seems to have become national religion. Freedom doesn’t come from the government, whether local, state, or federal. Freedom comes from Christ and following His will. May we show Him our love for Him by being faithful to His commands, and finding the meaning of true freedom in this life.

Reflection by Fr. Braud
**Parish Calendar**

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**100th Anniversary of Fatima Mini Retreat Opportunity**

**Saturday, June 10, 2017**

**St. Ann Church & Shrine**

**Schedule:** 7:30AM Mass

**Devotional Prayers & Confession:** 8 AM—9 AM

**Reflection:** 9 AM—11 AM

Join us as we explore the theological depths of the Fatima Prayer.

In his new book, *O MY JESUS*, The Meaning of the Fatima Prayer, Luke Arredondo will explore with us the great themes of Christianity within this brief prayer: Sin, Forgiveness, Mercy, Heaven and Hell. It also touches on the topic of having a personal relationship with “my Jesus” as well as the hope that “all souls” may ultimately be saved.

**Books will be available for $10. Free Will Offering will be taken.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017**

is currently registering campers! We will host the events July 3-14 (TWO WEEKS!!) and participants will have the option of half or full day program.

The program will include Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts and drama skits. Children entering grades pre-K (potty-trained) through 4th grade are welcome to participate and adults and/or students entering grades 5-12 are encouraged to volunteer as group leaders and station coordinators. Registration is done on-line at [https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/10402](https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/10402) If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225.

The tots, early childhood students and preschool students had their end of the year picnic on Friday, May 19th. 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 the school year.

**St. Ann Parish Wedding Anniversary**

Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and so on are invited to celebrate the anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, June 3rd at the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass followed by a reception in the cafeteria. Please call the parish office to RSVP by Monday, May 22th.

**Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill**

May 27-28, 2017 Mission Cooperation Appeal,

We are pleased to have this opportunity to learn about the missions from Sister Patrice Hughes, SC. As the sisters continue to bring the love of the Lord to the people they serve, they need our help—they cannot do it alone! Wherever we may live we are all missionaries and can help in different ways!

Please give from the heart on May 27-28 to help spread the Gospel throughout the world and assist the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill to share God’s love with those in need. Your prayers and donations will bring blessings of hope and healing!

God Bless You for Your Generosity!
Saint Ann Parish would like to salute, thank and pray for our U.S. Military parishioners who are currently serving our Country.

Please submit your U.S. Military uniform picture and include your:

- Name, Rank, Branch of Service

A display will be prepared for an appropriate area in the Church and Shrine.

We hope to get an enthusiastic response in honoring our Military for their brave and loyal service to our Country.

God bless you and God bless America!

You may drop your picture off at the Parish Office, 4940 Meadowdale Avenue, 455-7071. Or, you can scan your info to Stephanie Schaff, stephanie.schaff@gmail.com

You are invited to a
St. Ann Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

All parish adult volunteers are invited to
Celebrate at the St. Ann Fourteenth Annual Parish Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, June 4, 2017
6:30 P.M. - School Cafeteria

The Appreciation Dinner is a Gift to all parish adult volunteers. Please RSVP by Friday, May 26 at 455-7071 ext. 221 or 222.

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RCIA
Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Do you want to know more about the Catholic Church? The parish faith community of St. Ann Church invites you or someone you may know to a series of inquiry sessions that will invite inquirers to the Faith an opportunity to explore the church in a non-committal way. Invite someone you know who may be interested in the Catholic Church. Your invitation may be the one that they are waiting for! Call the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 for more information.

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. 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. Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 if you have any questions or concerns about the reception of any sacraments.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Spirit of Grace and Truth

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the Universe,
for you have graced us with your presence
and given us your Spirit, the Spirit of Truth.
May we, who have been baptized by water and the Spirit,
receive your grace and truth, respond with hope,
and bless others with the light of your love.
And may we, anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit,
find the peace, healing, strength, and faith you give
as we accept your gifts.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today’s Readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21. In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he will not abandon them as orphans. For three years, they had followed him and trusted that he would show them the Truth. Each of the Twelve relied on Jesus to guide them, to demonstrate the best way to be good, loving, religious people. Now he tells them to demonstrate their love by keeping the Commandments. And he assures them that he will send the Advocate. He tells them that they need to trust what they already know, for within that knowing, they will have all that is necessary to live in God’s love. Jesus was trying to teach the Apostles the hard lesson that they need to trust what they have learned and what they have been living. We, too, need to take that lesson to heart.

Today’s Gospel is a bit about handing on what is in the family. Every family has a talent, an attitude, or a particular trait that appears here and there throughout the family tree. Jesus tells us today that he lives on in each of us through the Spirit. Jesus lives on through a holy attitude, a helping hand, a grateful smile. Guided by his commandments, we have the Spirit coursing through our spiritual veins, and we recognize him in others, and sometimes in ourselves. He remains with us, lives through us, and we share the life of God in those familiar and holy ways of the Spirit inherited through the sacraments.

May 21, 2017

No Longer Orphans
This Week at Home

Monday, May 22

Our Advocate

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus refers to the Advocate as the Spirit of truth. In the First Reading, Lydia who is persistent and faithful, becomes an advocate for her household and her friends, who eventually are baptized by Paul. For whom are you an advocate? Today’s Readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a, 9b; John 15:26—16:4a.

Thursday, May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Holiness and humor mark the life of Philip Neri (1515–1595), who frequently used lighthearted methods to emphasize a more spiritual, deeper meaning. He turned Carnival into a pilgrimage to the seven churches, complete with music, laughter, and dancing. The focus on the churches attracted so many, and the movement around the city of Rome was so exhausting, that there was no time for sinful partying. How can you use humor for holiness’ sake? Today’s Readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.

Saturday, May 27

Complete Confidence in God

“If you ask anything of the Father in my name he will give it to you,” Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel. We often take that as an endorsement to ask for just about anything. Our prayer, however, must truly be in Jesus’ name. That implies less control on every small desire we have, and more asking for the joy promised. How that joy is delivered is up to God. Today’s Readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.
