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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.
Pentecost Sunday Year A

This weekend we remember Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church, as it was on Pentecost when the Apostles finally received the Holy Spirit, giving them the last gifts they needed to leave the Upper Room and bring the Gospel to the world. After the Ascension Mary, the Apostles, and other disciples went to the Upper Room where they prayed for nine days. This is biblical foundation for novenas. Novenas are prayers traditionally prayed for nine days, imitating the Apostles time spent in the Upper Room, the last place they were all with Jesus when He was alive.

On the day of Pentecost the Apostles began the Church’s mission of bringing the message of Christ and salvation to the world. The Sacrament of Confirmation is connected with Pentecost. As the Apostles received the Holy Spirit, we receive the Holy Spirit at Confirmation as well. The Sacrament of Confirmation brings the events of Pentecost to us. We penetrate the mystery and receive the Holy Spirit in the same way the Apostles did. Experiencing the Holy Spirit and receiving the gifts of the Spirit is an integral part in the Christian life.

By virtue of being confirmed we are given the task of bringing the Gospel message to the world around us. This doesn’t mean that we should stop what we are doing and go to a far off place. We do this in and through our voca- tion. The Baltimore Catechism says that those who are confirmed become soldiers of Christ. As soldiers in the military are sent to perform a specific task, we are sent by Christ with the task of witnessing Him to the world. Is it scary? Yes. Is it possible with the grace of God and the gifts of the Spirit? Absolutely.

What we need to do is participate with the gifts of the Spirit, to be docile to the Holy Spirit in letting Him become active in our life. We have to remove the interior obstacles that hinders grace from completely saturating our hearts and souls. We remove these by living a daily life of prayer, by receiving the sacraments, and performing frequent acts of penance. We have to give God the permission to break down our wills, so that we will be doing only the will of God. St. Paul states, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” (Gal. 2:20) When we can honestly say this is true of us, then we are beginning to live the life of the Spirit.

Reflection by Fr. Braud

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday    | 4:00 pm Allen Mulligan, Iris Fitzpatrick, Louis & Ruth Duvic, Gardner & McCleland Families, Elaine Wingertner, Michelle Poole, JoAnn Hirstius, Eunice Lion, Barbara Trosclair, Mary Fields, In Thanksgiving to St. John Paul II, Ann Margaret Boudreaux, William “Bill” Beron, Joyce E. Chols
|           | 8:00 am Beryl Chaix |
|           | 9:30 am Parishioners |
|           | 11:00 am Albert J. Jumonville, Grace Schiflet, Eunice Lion, Paul M. Brue, JoAnn Hirstius, Fabien Lima, Luis Toca, Dewey Bovinger (Recovery), Myrtle Blanchard, Patrick Stack, Anna Margaret Boudreaux, Gordon Case (S.I.), David Oser (Health), Becky Wall, Patricia Aucoin, Ann Gardner (Health), Mr. & Mrs. August Sandrock |
|           | 5:00 pm Patricia Virgadamo |
| Monday    | 6:30 am Joseph A. Scalfani |
|           | 8:45 am Louis Duvic |
| Tuesday   | 6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander |
|           | 8:45 am Harold Vivien |
|           | 7:00 pm Aline Richards |
| Wednesday | 6:30 am Beryl Chaix |
|           | 8:45 am Linda Murry In Thanks to the Blessed Mother for health |
| Thursday  | 6:30 am Mary Quaid |
|           | 8:45 am Nora O’Riordan |
| Friday    | 6:30 am Terri L. Cavallino |
|           | 8:45 am Mr. & Mrs. Bertrand J. Ibos, Sr. |
| Saturday  | 7:00 am Santa Maranto |

Adult Catholic Course St. Ann Parish will be offering a course for Adult Catholics who want to know more about their faith. The title is Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, and is video-led series presented by the most trusted and compelling teachers and filmed around the world with stunning cinematography, Symbolon: Knowing the Faith explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts. These classes will continue on Wednesday nights and run through July 19 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. New members are welcome.
Parish Calendar

6/4   PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION
     PENTECOST SUNDAY
     12:30 PM BAPTISMS IN CHURCH
     6 PM CYO
     6:30 PM VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER/CAFETERIA
6/5   6:30 PM ST. ANTHONY MTG./ST. RAYMOND
6/6   9:15 ADORATION
     5 PM CABBAGEBALL/SCHOOL YARD
8/7   9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
     1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAY
     7 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
     7 PM SYMBOLON: THE FAITH EXPLAINED IN CAFETERIA
     7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
6/8   9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
     5 PM CABBAGEBALL/SCHOOL YARD
6/9   7:30 AM 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA MINI RETREAT
6/11  6 PM CYO

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 If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225.

The school office will be open for another week. There is some availability in some grades for next school year. Please contact the school office at 455-7051 ext. 110 for more information.

Happy summer to all!

New School Program

MyCokeRewards program is now “Coca-Cola Give”. This new program allows individuals to enter codes found under bottle caps and on fridge packs of Coca-Cola products online. Codes entered become cash that are donated to the school of your choice.

St. Ann families can donate to our school by creating a free account and then entering codes at: https://us.coca-cola.com/give/school-profile/?institutionid=1534224. You can also go to https://us.coca-cola.com/give/, click on “Donate to Your Local School” and then search for St. Ann School by using the zip code 70006.

Summer Seminarian 2017

Over the years, St. Ann Church has welcomed seminarians for the summer and basically showed them the “ropes” of what it means to be a parish priest today.

Two years ago, David Frank was our seminarian, now an ordained deacon since May 20th and who will be one of five ordained to the priesthood in June 2018. Dan Darrmanin was our seminarian last summer, and was thrown into the deep end of the pool with Fr. Billy’s sudden departure because of his Mom’s death and Fr. Travis’ visit to Holland to attend the First Communion of a niece - no priest and the seminarian and deacons left to carry the load!

It was a good experience for Dan, and with the graces of the Holy Spirit he will be one of eight ordained deacon in May 2018.

This summer our seminarian is Lee Poche, a native of Crowley, Louisiana who attended LSU to study accounting, and where he met his wife, Maureen. Both graduated from LSU in 1979. Lee is a CPA. He and Maureen had two children and were married for 35 years.

She died nearly two years ago as a result of cancer. Following Maureen’s death, Lee spoke with Archbishop Aymond about becoming a deacon. The conversation ended with Archbishop Aymond asking Lee to consider studying for the priesthood. Lee brings a “grandfatherly” experience to the priesthood, and looks forward to his experience here at St. Ann Parish.

Peter’s Pence Collection June 3 & 4

Our second collection today is for Peter’s Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.
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

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.

Knights of Columbus Council Reopening at St. Ann Parish!

An information meeting to re-open our local council of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Thursday, June 8 in the St. Raymond Room of the St. Ann Parish Center. Meeting will start @ 7:15 PM. This meeting is open to all men over 18 years of age who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. Bring a friend, son, brother or dad.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Congratulations to the following parishioners who celebrated their Wedding Anniversary this weekend at the 4 PM Mass

25 Years
Chuck & Kendra Shorter

30 Years
Brian & Debbie Sommers
Gerald & Karen Johnson
Robert & Kathy Meehan

40 Years
Raymond & Madelyn Garrity
Michael & Barbara Beben
Tom & Madeline Fox
Ted & Chris Kampen
Jimmy & Debbie Gautreaux

45 Years
Dominador & Linda Garfin
Raymond & Lois Bollinger
Rob & Rosalie Lakey

50 Years
Marion & Mary Bonura
Gerry & MiMi Brewer
Joseph & Ena Flack
Bill & Joan Schayot
Jules & Clare Leaumont
Rosemary & Larry Jouet
Paul & Juanita McDonald
Angelo & Patricia Albano
Frank & Susan Fortier

60 Years
Robert & Mary Kleinpeter
Francis & Juliette Rose

65 Years
Walter & Betty Parr

70 Years
Zorastre & Ida Hyver
Pentecost Sunday

Renew Us

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This Week and Beyond

June 9  St. Ephrem
Called the “Harp of the Spirit,” Ephrem was a hymn writer and quite a poet for fourth-century Syria. He not only taught through his hymn texts, he created poetic phrases that captured beautiful meanings for the sacraments, the Church, Christ, and Mary. Find a favorite hymn today, and notice each text, each verse, and each image. What captures your religious imagination in that hymn? Today’s Readings: Colossians 3:12–17; Psalm 37:3–4, 5–6, 30–31; Luke 6:43–45.

June 24  Nativity of St. John the Baptist
With humility, John understood his role as the forerunner of Christ. Anticipating the coming of Christ, he states, “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). The date that we celebrate John’s birth coincides with John’s statement. After the birth of Jesus, which is near the winter solstice, the days lengthen. With the celebration of John’s birth on June 24, close to the summer solstice, the days become shorter. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 139:1b–3, 13–14ab, 14c–15; Acts 13:22–26; Luke 1:57–66, 80.

July 14  St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
The first Native American saint, Kateri Tekakwitha survived the loss of her parents, disfigurement by small pox, and ridicule and bullying from two tribes. Her faith was her solace. She would walk through the woods, picking up twigs and binding them together as a small cross, and then stick them in the ground. When she returned, she would stop at each twig cross to say a prayer. Make twig crosses and use them to mark prayer stations in your home or on your property. Today’s Readings: Hosea 2:16bc, 17cd, 21–22; Psalm 148:1bc–2, 11–12, 13, 14; Luke 10:38–42.

July 18  St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Dedicated to caring for the sick, Camillus de Lellis (d. 1614) not only built hospitals and cared for the ill himself, he founded his own congregation, the Ministers of the Sick, whom he trained and inspired to care for those who are ill, and to treat them with great care and love. Today’s Readings: 1 John 3:14–18; Psalm 112:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8, 9; John 15:9–17.

July 25  St. James, Apostle
Often referred to as St. James the Greater, and brother of John the evangelist, this Apostle is considered to have been part of Jesus’ inner circle. In Spain, his name has become well known as people travel the Camino de Santiago, also known as the Way of St. James, to the Shrine of St. James the Great in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Pilgrims worldwide claim St. James as their patron. Today’s Readings: 2 Corinthians 4:7–15; Psalm 126:1bc–2ab, 2cd–3, 4–5, 6; Matthew 20:20–28.

August 6  Transfiguration of the Lord
The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord unites the Old and New Testaments in a particular way. Not only is Jesus truly transfigured but Moses and Elijah, the Law and the Prophets, are also transfigured. It is not lost on us that Jesus has given new meaning to all that Moses and the Law, or Elijah and all prophets, have supplied up to that time. We can be transfigured as well, as we find new meaning through Jesus Christ in what we say, learn, do, and offer today. Today’s Readings: Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14; Psalm 97:1–2, 5–6, 9; 2 Peter 1:16–19; Matthew 17:1–9.
St. Ann Church and Shrine

Date: June 4, 2017

Contact: Linda Ehrhardt  (504)455-7071 ext. 222

Special Instructions: Please print 1050 bulletins for the summer due to school students are gone

Thanks