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

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. 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).

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.
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Our Gospel this weekend begins immediately after the miraculous Feeding of the 5,000. This event is the only miracle recorded in all 4 Gospels. If it was significant for them, it should likewise be significant in our minds as well. Among other things this miracle teaches us, it is a prefigurement of the Eucharist for us. At every Mass, bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ through the priest. This is a really big deal! Jesus is actually present on the altar, whether we believe it or not. The challenge for us may be to let this profound mystery permeate our daily lives.

One of the many duties for me as a priest is to help foster reverence and devotion of the Eucharist, not just by what I say, but by what I do. This is one of the reasons why I genuflect a lot when I pass the tabernacle. Jesus is actually present in the Blessed Sacrament that resides in the tabernacle. What a way to prepare for receiving Him in Communion by quieting our lips and our hearts and conversing with Him whom we’ll soon receive!

Another action that I do, that you all may have noticed, that during the Eucharistic Prayer, after saying the words of consecration over the host, I hold my fingers in a funny way, as depicted in the picture. Some of you may have wondered why I do this. Firstly, it serves a very practical function. Once the words of consecration are said, that piece of bread becomes the Body of Christ in my hands. There could be particles of the Eucharist on my fingers, and so I keep my index finger and thumb together until I can purify them after distributing Communion. I hope to be communicating the Real Presence to everyone by doing this. The only reason for doing this is because Jesus is made present on the altar, literally in my hands He becomes present to us. Another reason is that we become affected when we come in contact with Jesus, whether it is in our hearts in prayer, or by coming in contact with Him in the Eucharist. We are affected spiritually every time we receive Him worthily in Communion.

Let us take time to thank God for giving us Himself in the Eucharist. There is no better way to thank God for everything than by going to Mass because the Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” May everyday be a thanksgiving for us. And may everyday provide us opportunities to imitate Him whom we receive at Mass, so that we can utter the same words of St. Paul who said, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” (Gal. 2:20)

Reflection by Fr. Braud

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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August 13 - 19, 2017

“Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Kelly Bankson

“Altar Decorations”
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Preston Guidry
## Parish Calendar

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School began on Thursday, August, 10th. There was an assembly for the students and the opening Mass will be on the Feast of the Assumption. The St. Ann School theme for the year is “Live as Missionary Disciples”. Each month, a different grade will have the opportunity to display this theme in a monthly assembly for the entire school.

### ~ A Holyday of Obligation ~

#### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the Catholic Church, holy days of obligation are days on which the faithful are obliged to attend Mass. The obligation is attached to the holy day, even if transferred, as sometimes happens in the Roman Rite, to another date because of coinciding with a higher-ranking celebration.

**Mass Schedule:** Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14th at 6:30 PM and on Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30 AM, 8:45 AM and 7:00 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the usual schedule except from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM – the school children will have Mass at 2:00 PM to fulfill the obligation to attend Mass on the holy day. Before the school Mass begins, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and exposed following the Mass.

### The August Respect Life Focus - Capital Punishment/Mercy Behind Bars

#### Prayer to End the Use of the Death Penalty

Merciful Father, we ask your blessing on all we do to build a culture of life. Hear our prayers for those impacted by the death penalty.

We pray for all people, that their lives and dignity as children of a loving God may be respected and protected in all stages and circumstances.

We pray for victims of violence and their families, that they may experience our love and support and find comfort in your compassion and in the promise of eternal life.

We pray for those on death row, that their lives may be spared, that the innocent may be freed and that the guilty may come to acknowledge their faults and seek reconciliation with you.

We pray for the families of those who are facing execution, that they may be comforted by your love and compassion.

We pray for civic leaders, that they may commit themselves to respecting every human life and ending the use of the death penalty in our land.

Compassionate Father, give us wisdom and hearts filled with your love. Guide us as we work to end the use of the death penalty and to build a society that truly chooses life in all situations.

We ask this Father through your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen
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.

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.

St. Ann’s CYO program is asking for any parishioner who has any type of gaming equipment that they would like to donate for the new youth facility to please contact David Wilson at 455-7071. These could include play station, X Box, Nintendo, or other game equipment, accessories and game CD’s. We are hoping to begin furnishing the new youth facility in the coming weeks and we were hoping some parishioners would have equipment that your children may have out-grown or are no longer using. Please drop any items off at the church office. If you have any questions, please forward them to David Wilson, the Director of Youth Ministry.
STAGE SPONSORSHIPS - Your business name and logo displayed on the stage banner all weekend at the St. Ann Family Fest! Additionally, your business name and logo displayed on the back of the Family Fest T-shirts (size and position of logo based on level of sponsorship). Deadline is JULY 15, 2017.

Titanium Stage Sponsor - $2,000
Extra large-sized business name and logo in a priority spot on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt + your name and logo displayed on the Family Fest Raffle Tickets, which are distributed to all school children and parishioners to sell. Position of logo will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Platinum Stage Sponsor - $1,500
Large-sized business name and logo on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt.

Gold Stage Sponsor - $1,000
Medium-sized business name and logo on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt.

Maroon Stage Sponsor - $500
Small-sized business name and logo on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt.

FAIR BUCKS SPONSORSHIP - $1,500
Includes your logo displayed on the Family Fest Fair Bucks. Fair Bucks are used for all food, drinks & games purchases throughout the fair. Only ONE sponsorship is available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

T-SHIRT SLEEVE SPONSORSHIP - $1,000
Includes your name and logo displayed on the SLEEVE of the Family Fest T-shirt. Only TWO sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability. Digital logo must be provided.

T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP - $350
Includes your name or logo displayed on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt. Digital logo must be provided.

FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP - $250
Display your company’s banner on the fence at the start/end of the St. Ann Fun Run on Loveland St. from October 1st through October 14th. Banner not to exceed 3’ by 9’. A limited amount of sponsorships are available, so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

TISKET-A-TASKET TENT SPONSORSHIP - $200
Includes an individual banner with name on the Tisket-a-Tasket Tent at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc. Only four sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

BOOTH SPONSORSHIP - $150
Includes an individual sign on your sponsored booth at the Family Fest. It can be the name of a business, family, student, club, etc.

PRIZE CASH SPONSOR - $25 to $100
Donated cash is used to offset the cost of prizes.

PRIZE DONATION
Includes inventory items or promotional items such as pens, pencils, T-shirts, key chains, baseball caps, gadgets, etc.

RAFFLE PRIZES
Includes donations of large items, gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, entertainment, artwork, jewelry, sports memorabilia, etc.

Please complete the form below, attach your check and return to:
St. Ann Family Fest Committee  ATTN: Jennifer LaMonte  4921 Meadowdale Street  Metairie, LA 70006
Questions? Contact Jennifer @ 250-8764 or Amber @ 250-7244 or email: stannfair@gmail.com. Donations of items can be delivered to the St. Ann School Office or to the Church Office, or you can call or email to arrange for a pick up.

Name and/or Business: ____________________________________________
This is how it will appear on signs & acknowledgements. Your donation can remain anonymous & appear as “Friend of St. Ann”.
Address: _________________________________________________________ Zip: _____________
Contact Person: __________________________________ E-Mail Address: __________________________ Phone: _________
Donation Category: ____________________________________________ Amount Enclosed: _____________
Third Annual 24 Hour Vigil of Prayer and Fasting

St. Ann Church and National Shrine

Friday, August 18, 2017
Beginning at 7:30 am
(following the 6:30 am Mass)
Continuing until
Saturday morning, August 19, 2017
Ending with the 7:30 am Mass

(The written prayers collected throughout the vigil will be offered and burned outside of the front of Church after the 7:30 am Mass on Saturday.

Fr. Billy O’Riordan, Pastor of St. Ann Church invites everyone to the Prayer Vigil

The focus of our 24 Hour Prayer Vigil this year is to gather in prayer for,

HEALING ● PEACE ● RETURN TO THE CHURCH

Please join us for ALL or SOME of the Prayer Vigil. Fast as much as you can throughout to the extent that you are able.

Each hour will begin with a prayer devotion or, a reflection on the lives of Saints, Stations of the Cross or a teaching and reflection on a Scripture passage. The remaining part of the hour will be spent in quiet prayer for the intentions of the vigil.

On Friday evening from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm we will have a Special Prayer Service with witnessing by four individuals who will share their stories of their Return to The Church or embracing their faith to new heights. We will also have music and song. Join us during this special time to pray for those 72% of U.S. Catholics who do not practice their Catholic faith.