ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE
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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stannchurchandshrine
Twitter: https://twitter.com/stannmetairie
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/stannchurch

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.

Pastor
Rev. Billy O’Riordan
455-7071, ext. 223

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Colin Braud, ext. 224

Deacons
Mr. Philip Doolen, ext. 231
Mr. Raymond Bertin,
Facilities Manager, ext. 226
Mr. Tom Fox, ext. 257

Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry
Mr. David Wilson, ext. 225
e-mail: stanneled@bellsouth.net

Director of Liturgical Music
Trish Foti, 559-8637
e-mail: foti@stannchurchandshrine.org

Office Manager
Mrs. Debbie Sommers, ext. 221

Church Secretaries
Mrs. Linda Ehrhardt, ext. 222
Mrs. Ann Gauthier, ext. 222

St. Ann School - 455-8383
Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
www.stannschool.org

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. 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).
Twentieth Sunday Year A

It’s a dog’s life! Dwight D. Eisenhower wrote: “What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight - it’s the size of the fight in the dog.”

What was Jesus doing in Gentile territory? Why was Jesus in Tyre and Sidon where the Phoenicians dwelt? Why did Jesus refer to the Canaanite woman as a dog? Wasn’t she an outsider who loudly burst into the introverted Jewish circle? She broke through the barriers of racial hatred and cut through the “red tape” of the Law. The day the Canaanite woman burst into this little circle anticipated the widening outreach of the mission of Jesus and the Church.

Isn’t it interesting how Jesus mentions the depth of the Canaanite woman’s faith whereas he described Peter’s faith as little. Peter, in his doubt and fear began to sink but this Canaanite woman was unsinkable. She truly demonstrates the qualities of a Christian disciple: persistence and humility. Her persistence was remarkable. She is like the woman who wore down the reluctant judge with her persistence. Is this a womanly strength? She humbly knelt before Jesus. However, Jesus did not answer her at first. We have all experienced that empty feeling in prayer … Perhaps delay may be a tactic God uses to deepen our sense of dependence. We have to go through the limitations of “failed prayer” where God puts us to the test.

The Canaanite woman is a model of “tough faith.” There’s more than crumbs at the Lord’s table - always!

Reflection: Fr. Billy

Blue Rose Ball
St. Michael Special School will host their annual gala, the Blue Rose Ball, on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. Enjoy a night of dinner and dancing while supporting a very special charity. Music provided by Dat Band. Silent and Live auctions throughout the evening.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities available at www.stmichaelspecialschool.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Rv 21:3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Saturday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Monday: St. Pius X
Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima
Thursday: St. Bartholomew
Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday August 20
4:00 pm Vigil Ronald Mulligan, Louis & Ruth Duvic, Gardner & McCleland Families, Lins A. Convillion, George Sanderson, Jose Martinez, Robert McGinnis, Deacon Paul Mumme, Earl (Apple) Schmidt, Robert Kinde, Valerie Camilia Zeringue, Bill Peoples In Thanksgiving for his Miraculous Healing
8:00 am Parishioners
9:30 am Carol Ross
11:00 am Jorge Migenes, Henry Ziegler, Sr., Luis Toca, Dewey Bobinger (Recovery), Georgia Newfield, Marilyn Garon, Peggy Greishaber, Chris Richards (Health), Paul Brue, Robert Kinde, Fred Kittler, George Sanderson, Gustav Salasino, Philip Guidry, William Appel, Richard C. Johnson, Lois Fox, Carmen Orellana, Fr. Ronnie Calkins (Health), Marilyn Berry (Health)
5:00 pm Patricia Virgadamo
Monday August 21
6:30 am Adelaide P. Watermeier
8:45 am Ralph G. Watermeier
Tuesday August 22
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am Charles J. Kirchem
7:00 pm Josephine Scalia
Wednesday August 23
6:30 am Henry Ziegler, Sr.
8:45 am Sidney Zaffuto School Mass 3-7
Thursday August 24
6:30 am Paul Brue
8:45 am Willie Sonnier
Friday August 25
6:30 am George Sanderson
8:45 am Luis Toca
Saturday August 26
7:30 am Myra Womble

August 20 - 26, 2017
“Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Carol Ross
Parish Calendar

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School News

St. Ann School has been accredited by SACS/CASI since 2001. We have met the rigorous standards for quality assurance. We are proud to be a member of this prestigious educational organization. Our faculty and staff have been preparing for our next accreditation visit on November 14-16.

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

FRESH FIRE 2017, a day-long gathering for those desiring refreshment and empowerment in the Holy Spirit, will take place Saturday, August 26, 2017, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at St Benilde Cafeteria, 1901 Division St., Metairie. The event is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO). Registration is $30 per person and includes lunch. Special price for youth ages 14-35, $10. Register online at www.ccrno.org no later than Wednesday, August 23, 12:00 noon, to reserve your lunch. On-site registration accepted but no lunch is guaranteed.
Parish School of Religion
Registration for the fall session of our Parish School of Religion is currently completed on-line by going to
https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/11547 Our Registration Day will be Tuesday, August 29 from
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. You may complete registration, pick up textbooks, pay fees, and meet the
teachers for the upcoming year at this registration night. Any student in grades Kindergarten thru High
School who is not attending a Catholic school should register through the Parish School of Religion. The
fee structure is a flat $35.00 per student. Our classes are held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 5
from 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Contact David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225 for more info.

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 Confir-
mation 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 sacra-
ments.

St. Ann CYO will be participating in the archdiocesan CYO Sports League this school year.
This is open to ALL high school students (even non-Catholic school students and non-St. Ann
parishioners). The sports include flag football, basketball, volleyball and cabbageball. If you are
interested in participating in any of these, call the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 or attend
any of CYO meetings listed below and express your interest in participating in CYO sports.

Our calendar for the coming weeks is as follows.
- August 20—CYO Service Night with food
- August 27—CYO Social Night in youth house with snacks
- September 3—CYO Topic Sharing night with snacks
- September 10—Rosary for Peace in church following 5 PM Mass
- Sports Night in Gym with food
- September 17—CYO Service Night with snacks

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.

Pro-Life Pencil Program Pushes Forward!!!
As many of you know and have been supporting, the St. Ann CYO is trying to collect ONE
MILLION PENCILS!!!! Yes, that’s right One Million Pencils! The purpose of this program is to
visually show the more than ONE MILLION BABIES that are lost each year through abortion IN
THE UNITED STATES ALONE!!! Please help support our awareness efforts by purchasing
pencils this “Back-to-School” shopping season. We need all sorts of pencils: big ones, little
ones, new ones, old ones, short ones, fat ones, long ones, skinny ones, any color, any style,
any condition. We have drop boxes in the church entrances or we can even come and get
them from you. Call 455-7071, ext. 225 or email stannycyo@bellsouth.net with questions.
2017 St. Ann Family Fest, October 6th and 7th
“Blast off into Space with St. Ann”

Sponsors in all categories will be listed in the St. Ann Church Bulletin

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: ________________
New Database for St. Ann Parish - ConnectNow

Please log in to ConnectNow https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/Neworleans and verify and/or update your family's information as completely as possible. The more accurate our database information is, the better we can serve your needs. Any questions, please contact Debbie Sommers in the parish office dsommers@stannchurchandshrine.org or 455-7071 (221).

About My Own Church

The My Own Church application in ConnectNow Family Suite is your personal portal to your family's church records. This application enables you to quickly and easily view and make changes to your own church records. You can do this anytime and anywhere from any Web-enabled device as long as you have an Internet connection.

My Own Church uses ParishSOFT's technology to give you secure and personal access to the information in your family and member records. You can access your records using a smartphone, tablet, or computer. As a church member and registered user of the ConnectNow Family Suite, you can log in and perform any of the following tasks in My Own Church:

- Manage your own church records and keep your personal information accurate and up to date. For example, if you move or change phone numbers, you can quickly and easily log into your account and update this information for yourself. No need to call your church, fill out and submit paper forms, and then wait for someone at the church to update your records.

- Add a record for a new family member.

- View your personal giving history.

- Upload a family photo and individual photos of family members for church use only.

- Check your ministry schedule and the schedules of all family members.

Changes you make are processed electronically and without the delays typically experienced from the processing of paper forms. Note that any changes you make to your records must first be approved by an authorized church administrator so there may be a short delay in getting your records updated.

Are you ready to begin? Getting started with My Own Church is simple. Go to https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/cnhelp/moc/getting_started/getting_started.htm to find out how.