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

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
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Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
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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. 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.
The Old Testament tells us that God cared for his people like a good gardener cares for his vineyard. God looks to us to produce the fruits of justice, holiness and peace – a great privilege and a great challenge too.

God has bestowed upon his people the sort of love and care which a dedicated vinedresser bestows on his vineyard, but as we know the vineyard failed, and God sent messenger after messenger in the person of prophets but the people often rejected them and abused them. Finally he sent his son, but the “tenants” killed him too by crucifying him on a cross. So many times people don’t want to be told what to do, and in some cases have lost respect for life and country - it’s all about me attitude!

The parable shows us that there is only one way to overcome evil, and that is with good. God always has the last word. Mahatma Gandhi said: “We must become the change we want to see in the world.” God looks to us to make a difference. Like the song says: Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world … We are the salt of the earth called to let the people see the love of God in you and me … We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see … Go make a difference in the world.

St. Teresa of Avila [1515-1582] put it this way:

**Christ Has No Body**

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on the world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

God looks to us to produce the fruits of justice, holiness and peace - a great privilege and a great challenge too.

Stand up for the national anthem and remember those who have shed their blood for our freedom - don’t abuse it with disrespect!

Reflection: Fr. Billy
Important Notice:
Opening of the 2018 Mass Book
The Mass Book for 2018 will be open on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Please submit your Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Light and Altar Decoration requests in person on Tuesday, October 10 at 10 AM in the Parish Office. No early requests will be accepted. If your first date and time is not available, we will select an alternative date and time at our discretion. We will follow up with a phone call. Also, if one of the priests is away and we have to schedule a Communion Service, the Mass Intention will be moved to another Mass time on the same date. Requests for Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Lights and Altar Decorations will not be posted upon receipt. The requests will be posted in the order in which they are received on Tuesday. We will accept no more than SIX Mass Intentions and ONE Sanctuary Light request per family. The offering (stipend) for each Mass Intention is $5, $10 for each Sanctuary Light, and $35 for each Altar Decoration. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE
All are invited to participate in a one-hour Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14, 2017, in front of St. Ann Church (facing Transcontinental Dr.). This Rally, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.

The rally will begin promptly at 12:00 noon - the time that 70,000 people witnessed the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, Portugal on October 13, 1917. We wish to honor Our Lady and Our Lord within this time frame.

PLEASE BRING A FOLDING CHAIR IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO STAND THE ENTIRE TIME THE ROSARY IS BEING RECITED.

Request for Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Light and/or Altar Flowers

Requested by: __________________________
Street Address: _________________________
City/State/Zip: _________________________
Telephone (day): _______________________
Telephone (night): _____________________

Mass Intentions
Name of deceased Date/Time Requested
1) ______________________________________
2) ______________________________________
3) ______________________________________
4) ______________________________________
5) ______________________________________
6) ______________________________________

Sanctuary Light
Week Date (One week per family)
(Begins on a Sunday and burns for one week.)

Altar Decorations
Week Date (Begins on Sunday-lasts for one week.)

If the requested mass time and/or date is not available, we will select an alternative mass time and date at our discretion. The same policy will apply to Sanctuary Light and Altar Decoration requests. You will be notified by phone if necessary. Also, if one of the priests is away and a mass intention needs to be re-scheduled, the church office will move your mass intention to another mass within the same week. Thank you for your cooperation.

Notations: ____________________________________
Becoming Catholic
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 CYO is open to ALL 8th through 12th graders. Our youth group meets each Sunday evening following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Youth House located at 4909 Loveland Street. If you are interested in participating in any CYO event, feel free to call the church office at 455-7071, ext 225 or attend any of CYO meetings listed below.

Our calendar for the coming weeks is as follows.
October 8—CYO sports night in gym with food
October 13—CYO corn maze outing
October 15—CYO service night with snacks
October 16—CYO Volleyball, St. Dominic vs St. Ann
October 17—CYO Volleyball, St. Ann vs St. Pius
October 22—CYO social night in youth house with food
October 22—World Youth Day—New Orleans Convention Center
October 29—CYO sports night in gym with food

Right to Life Calendars
Beginning this weekend, our St. Ann CYO will begin selling Right-to-Life Calendars. The donation for each calendar will be just $5 and all of the money will help support our local CYO youth group as well as the New Orleans Right to Life organization. Calendars will be offered for sale after all Masses this weekend or in the Church Office during the week. Sales will continue until all calendars are gone. Thank you for your support!

Looking for a good book?
Our Religious Education Department here at St. Ann has established a lending library for use by our teachers, catechists and parishioners. There are hundreds of books and dozens of videos that are available for free! If you’d like to view the library, stop by the church office during office hours or contact David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225 or email at stannrelred@bellsouth.net and we can set up a time for you to come see it.

What: *A walk-through of the Roman Catacombs (replica)!!*
When: Saturday, October 28th 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
**Sunday, October 29th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
**Saturday, November 4th 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
**Sunday, November 5th 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: St. Ann Parish Ministries Center (located behind church)
Who: *Open to the public of any faith!
Cost: *By donations to the CYO only.
*Each visitor receives a candy (and blessing) upon exit!
School News  Our Family Fest Weekend is here! Our fair is a wonderful, wholesome community event that has been a tradition in St. Ann Parish nearly 40 years. We thank the many people who support our fair. The fair proceeds help our school maintain our high educational standards. Tuition alone cannot cover all school expenses. St. Ann Parish subsidizes our school and is the reason we exist. But we need the support of all to expand and meet the needs of all parish families. Here are some other ways to contribute to our school:

- Please clip and save the General Mills “Box tops for Education” labels and the Community Coffee UPC codes, “Cash Back to Schools”.
- Please enroll in Coca Cola “Coca Cola Gives”.
- Please consider a “matching gift” program with your employer or a future endowment to St. Ann School.
- When you shop at Office Depot, please designate St. Ann School and 5% of your purchase will be credited to our school.
- Please consider a personal donation to our St. Ann School Endowment Fund on Nov. 28th, the Archdiocesan “I Give Catholic” Day.

Our school Walk Through tours will begin on Monday at 9:30 am. If you are considering enrolling your child in our school for the 2018-19 school year, please come one Monday at 9:30 am for a tour!

Forty days for life officially started on September 27th. This year, the prayer vigil will be held at the new Planned Parenthood Center on South Claiborne Ave. St. Ann has adopted Saturday October 21 as our day to staff the prayer vigil. The center is NOT open on Saturdays. So, I do not expect any problems. We have to fill the day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with at least two people for each hour. Deborah Sommers has created an online sign up for the hours. Please sign up and encourage your friends to do the same. Also, if your friends or neighbors are pro life but not able to pray in front of Planned Parenthood, please ask them to participate through prayer and fasting. The Archdiocese has arranged adoration as a back up for our street level prayer. We have abundant spiritual support. We just need some soldiers for October 21. Thank you so much for your help and participation. Sign up link is here: https://stannchurchandshrine.org/respect-life.
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