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
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

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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
This is celebrated during the nine day novena held during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

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.
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

The Mass is split into two parts, which are called the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The high point of the Liturgy of the Word is the reading of the Gospel and the Homily. The high point of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the most important part of the Mass as a whole, is when we receive the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, in holy communion.

There is portion of the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist that often gets overlooked. I am referring to the offertory, when the bread and the wine are brought to the priest, who in turns presents them on the altar. I think what leads to us overlooking this part is that the collection is taken up at this time, so we’re preoccupied with getting our money out of our wallet or purse. Our kids are fighting with each other as to who gets to put the money into the basket this week. We might be trying to sing the hymn, or watching this couple and their cute kids bring the gifts down the aisle.

So what should be going on at least inwardly inside each of us during the offertory? We are to see ourselves in the bread and the wine that is placed on the altar. As the priest places the bread and the wine on the altar, we are spiritually placing ourselves on the altar. We are to place our joys, our sorrows, our sufferings, stresses; anything and everything should be internally offered to God at this moment during the Mass. As the gifts of bread and wine are presented to God, we, too, are making a gift of ourselves at every Mass. We don’t just come to receive at Mass. We shouldn’t just come to Mass because of what we get out of it. We are to come to give ourselves, to make a self gift of God.

As the bread and wine become transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, we can become transformed as well. May we become more like Jesus with every Mass we attend, not just through receiving Him in communion, but also by imitating Him during the offertory in giving ourselves as gift to Him who gave Himself to us on the Cross.

Let us become more conscious and aware during the offertory and spiritually give ourselves to God at that moment inside of Mass, so that we might better make a gift of ourselves to others outside of Mass.

Reflection by Fr. Braud
Faith and Film Series
Fr. Tom Condon, OP, prior provincial for the Southern Dominican Province of St. Martin de Porres, invites all to his 2017-18 "Faith and Film" Series. The films are shown in the Siena Room, at St. Dominic Church, 775 Harrison Ave., New Orleans, at 6:30 PM on the last Wednesday of the month, October-April (no movie in December). A discussion moderated by Fr. Condon follows. All are welcome. Bring a snack to share!

October 25, 2017: "A River Runs Through It" (1989) starring Brad Pitt
November 29, 2017: "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) starring James Stewart
January 31, 2018: "Moonstruck" (1987) starring Cher
April 25, 2018: "Risen" (2016) starring Joseph Fiennes

For further information, contact Fr. Tom Condon, OP, at 504-837-2129 or tcondon@opsouth.org

Respect Life Program USCCB

Spiritual work of mercy - During the month of October, please join in our prayer.

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Corporal works of mercy - What To Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion

One who is considering abortion needs to know you care about her for her own sake and she is not alone. Take The L.O.V.E. Approach - Listen and Learn-find out what her perspective is. Open Options - provide facts in a loving and caring manner. Vision and Value- let her know she is valued and encourage her. Extend and Empower-provide practical support.

Learn more about The LOVE Approach at Heartbeat International at:

Support the ACCESS Pregnancy Baby Shower at:
http://www.ccano.org/access-pregnancy-services/
We Need Pencils!!!
The St. Ann CYO is on a mission from God! We need to collect One Million Pencils!!! Yes, that’s right One Million Pencils! This is part of a Respect Life Project and will hopefully be on display soon. 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 can even come pick them up! We need as many pencils as you can muster. Please help our CYO reach our goal as quickly as possible. Call 455-7071, ext. 225 or email stannycyo@bellsouth.net with questions.

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 presents
Our next CYO Family Drive-in Movie will be Saturday, October 28th at dusk. Movie to be announced next week! All proceeds support our local CYO Youth group!

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 Love-land 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 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
- November 5—Topic Sharing Night with snacks

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!

Whenever you pass a church,
always make a visit.
So that when you are carried there,
Our Lord won't ask, "Who is it?"
Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to “Chat With The Pope” to learn more about his missions. Scan this year’s World Mission Sunday poster using Facebook Messenger for your mobile device, or learn more at ChatWithThePope.org.

Content Spotlight: The Jesus Stories – More New Children’s Movies!

The Jesus Stories, a series of movies for children, is now available on FORMED! Created to help children apply the lessons found in the parables of Jesus, each 10-minute episode includes a story situation that children today can relate to, a parable, and a thought-provoking way to apply it.

In this episode, The Little Lost Sheep, we learn how losing a pet can teach us about God’s amazing love.

In this episode, The Unforgiving Servant, we learn how playtime fun can teach us to be merciful.

In this episode, The Good Samaritan, we learn how working on a project together can teach us the value of each individual.

In this episode, The Wiseman and the Fool, we learn how following instructions is better than guessing.

In this episode, The Rich Fool, we learn how building a castle taught the kids that people are more important than things.

In this episode, The Merchant and His Treasure, we learn how sometimes it’s important to give up what we want for what is truly best!

Each October, our school participates in Respect Life activities. The school will have two Respect Life Masses this month. The St. Ann middle school students have been investigating Catholic High Schools. It is our goal to assist our students in reaching their highest level of success in high school. Each year we are proud of the number of our 7th grade students who receive academic scholarships to area Catholic High Schools. We are also proud that we have an impressive number of former St. Ann School students who have, through the years, achieved the honor of Valedictorian or Salutatorian at their Catholic high schools.
Solemn Novena in Honor of St. Jude
October 16-24, 2017
St. Mary Magdalen Church
6425 W. Metairie Ave. (corner Airline Park Blvd.)
Dynamic homilist Fr. Sidney Speaks, Celebrant

Weekdays:
12:15pm Novena only * 6:30pm Mass & Novena

Saturday: 12:15pm Novena only
4:00pm Mass & Novena

Sunday: 11:00am & 6:00pm Mass & Novena

Visit our Gift Shop and Prayer Garden
Candles, Books and St. Jude Oil available

Quarterly Mass for Persons with Disabilities
The Commission for Persons With Disabilities would like to announce the next quarterly Mass. It will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2017, at the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri, 6600 Kawanee Ave., Metairie. The commission hosts this Mass at a parish in various parts of the archdiocese each quarter as a way to highlight the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the liturgy. Everyone is invited to attend. If you would like to participate, please call or email Janet Pesce at 504-455-6801 or jcpesce@att.net.

Workers and the Unemployed-That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

Vocation Weekend for High School and College Age Men
Come and See Vocation Discernment Weekend for high school juniors and seniors, and college-age men will be held November 3-5, 2017, at St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington, Louisiana. This is an opportunity for men who are interested in the priesthood and who would like to find out more about seminary life. There is no cost for the weekend, but availability is limited on a first come, first served basis. For more information or to register, call the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 504-861-6298 or e-mail vocations@archdiocese-no.org.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat
Our next Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat in the archdiocese will be November 10-12, 2017, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary Street in Metairie. The price is $170/person with financial assistance available. The priest facilitator is Fr. Joseph Palermo. To register or for more information, please contact the retreat facilitators: Pam Richard at 504-460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net or Donna Scheuermann at 504-258-9183.
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