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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 and 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.
Easter Sunday 2018

St. Augustine said: “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.” Those words resonate in my ears for many reasons … I think of those whose loved ones have died since Easter 2017. Christmas was not the same without them. My own father’s death on December 22nd made Christmas a little different, and I became all too aware that my mother and father are now gone before me marked with the sign of faith. Claimed for Christ by the sign of the cross … Only Jesus could build a bridge to heaven with two pieces of wood - the Cross! Isn’t it interesting that Easter Sunday is April 1st this year - April Fools’ Day! Easter is on April Fools’ Day, but resurrection is no joke!

Where did the idea for April Fools come from anyway? Well, the prevailing theory is a tale of two calendars. Julius Caesar came up with his own calendar in 46 BC starting the new year on January 1st in honor of the god, Janus. When Christianity took hold, many Christians wanted April 1st as New Year’s Day because it was the closest day to Easter. Starting the new year on that day was a suitable commemoration. However, Pope Gregory XIII came up with his calendar and marked January 1st as the day the new year would begin. Some folks still clung to April 1st and were ridiculed for their stubbornness and were referred to as April fools … No fooling, it’s Easter!

Jesus has the last laugh! While Satan and those who condemned Jesus to death laughed and scoffed at the crucified Jesus, God raised him up and placed him on the highest throne of humanity. Now, the fool’s joke is on anyone who refuses to follow Jesus. We would be foolish to ignore such a gift! The second reading says: “Since you have been raised up in company with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms … Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth …” [Colossians 3:1-4] Be humble enough to look up … People who look down are not humble.

Easter is on April Fools’ Day, but resurrection is no joke! On behalf of Fr. Braud, deacons, staff at Church and School, I wish you a Happy Easter 2018 and thank you for your prayers.

Reflection by: Fr. Billy

Mass Intentions

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Encounter Retreat for Young Adults
"Calling all young adults in their 20s and 30s! Join us for the upcoming ENCOUNT ER retreat, April 13-14, 2018, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center. Guest speakers include: Timmy McCaffery, Adam Fuselier, Rita West, Sr. Benedicta Turner, and Fr. Jacob Dumont.

To learn more and register please visit www.yamarchno.org."
**Parish Calendar**

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**School News**

Happy Easter to All! The school will be closed through April 6th. The students participated in Stations of the Cross last week.

**Fr. Braud book study continues on Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre at 6:30 p.m. The next meetings will be:**

- April 9th on Chapters 3 & 4
- April 23rd on Chapters 5 & 6
- April 30th on Chapters 7 & 8

**April 2018 Quotes for Pro-Life**

“Pray that America will wake up to the tragedy of children being killed through abortion every day in this nation.”

**SAM**

The SAM group is a parish-based ministry that offers help, healing, and hope, and support, to those afflicted with or affected by alcohol or drugs through Education, Prevention, Support, and Referrals.

If you have any question you may call Lisa Carroll at (lisacrrll2@gmail.com) or by phone at 504-314-8271.

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**Born to Run/5K and Fun Run April 7, 2018**

**Join Go Make a Difference Team!**

**EVENT INFORMATION**

Audubon Park
Shelter #10/Newman Bandstand

- **7:30 am** - Runner sign-in, race day registration
- **8:30 am** - 1-mile Fun Run/Walk begins
- **9:00 am** - 5K/Walk begins
- **Post-race "Birth"Day Party** to follow.

The 2018 Born to Run/NOLA is a great opportunity for runners and walkers alike to take an active role in Woman’s New Life Center’s mission. Woman’s New Life Center (WNLC) is a life-affirming counseling and medical center that serves women facing unplanned pregnancies in the New Orleans and Greater Baton Rouge areas. You can help WNLC continue to save and change lives by participating in Born to Run/NOLA.

Olga Ann Frank, our pianist at the 11:00 a.m. mass has a team participating in the Born to Run race which raises money for the Women’s New Life Center.

Questions? Contact Caroline Sholl at 504-496-0212 or csholl@womansnewlife.com or team captain Olga Ann Frank at 504-940-4457.

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**The Catholic Foundation will host its First-Annual Swinging Fore Champions Golf Tournament benefiting the Champions of Catholic Education Fund on Thursday, April 5, 2018, at Bayou Oaks at City Park’s South Golf Course. The morning will begin with a sunrise service Mass at 7AM. A shotgun start is scheduled for 8:15AM.**

All proceeds will benefit the Champions of Catholic Education Fund, which provides need-based scholarship assistance to students attending Archdiocese of New Orleans schools.

Questions? Please contact J.T. Hannan at jthan-nan@arch-no.org or call 504-310-6981.
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Go Forth

O God, source of all joy,
your majesty has been proclaimed
throughout all of creation
in the dying and rising of your Son, Jesus.
Today, we celebrate his victory,
his triumph over darkness and death;
and rejoice in the gift of new life.
Like Mary of Magdala,
grant us joyful hearts that go forth
announcing salvation.
Instill within us a deep faith and an
intense love.
On this Easter day, filled with wonder,
help us to know your Son more intimately
so that, filled with the Holy Spirit,
we may forever proclaim the enduring
love poured out on all.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Good News

Today’s Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; John 20:1–9. As the trumpets sounded the introduction to the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil one year, Christ’s triumph over death and sin was truly present to me; the reality that God’s love saves me set in and tears of joy filled my eyes. How could I be loved so much? As the congregation’s Alleluia broke the silence of the Triduum, I asked, “How can we not rejoice and sing with all creation at God’s marvelous gift?” Think of a time when your Easter joy flooded you. What did you come to know about Christ, about the Resurrection and your life?

The mystery of the Resurrection is hard to comprehend, but this is truly the day that the Lord has made. All creation shouts with a profound joy in exultation to our loving God, who, in his kindness, gave his Son that we might live. This is the fulfillment of the covenant promised to Noah and Abraham and all our ancestors. Many of us will gather around a table to share a meal with family and friends. Like the Eucharist, keep in mind that this is the feast of joy; a feast where the Church not only gives thanks and praise, but also learns what it means to live in the light. The suffering and challenges of Lent make way to a new life, in which we are called to serve the poor and marginalized and to proclaim the Good News. During the Octave of Easter, strive to eat a festive meal as a family each evening.
This Week at Home

Monday, April 2

Good News

Today’s Gospel picks up right after the two Marys encounter the angels at the empty tomb. These faithful women hurried to share the news with the others. If we have truly seen and heard the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection, then why wouldn’t we also go forth to tell of God’s salvation? Imagine yourself meeting these two on their way to share the news. What would they say to you? How would you respond? Write a note of Good News to a friend. Today’s Readings: Acts 2:14, 22 – 33; Psalm 16:1 – 2a and 5, 7 – 8, 9 – 10, 11; Matthew 28:8 – 15.

Tuesday, April 3

Mary at the Tomb

John’s Gospel presents another telling of Mary Magdalene at the tomb. It’s a bit more somber than yesterday and you can hear the sorrow that fills Mary’s heart. When she finally recognizes Jesus, she goes to tell the others that she has seen him. Like Mary, we must witness to others. Like Peter in Acts, we invite others to hear the story and come to know Jesus more intimately. For your prayer before meals, sing your favorite “Alleluia” in praise to God. Today’s Readings: Acts 2:36 – 41; Psalm 33:4 – 5, 18 – 19, 20 and 22; John 20:11 – 18.

Wednesday, April 4

Hearts Burning

The story of the road to Emmaus captures a scene soon after the Resurrection account. Think about who introduced you to Jesus. When Christ is present in our lives, our hearts should burn with joy. This joy overflows and propels us to share the Good News to the ends of the earth. Break bread at dinner tonight and talk about the joy of the Lord in your life. Today’s Readings: Acts 3:1 – 10; Psalm 105:1 – 2, 3 – 4, 6 – 7, 8 – 9; Luke 24:13 – 25.

Thursday, April 5

Peace be with You

It’s easy to imagine the fear the disciples had immediately after the death of Christ. They believed he was the Savior and yet, he had been killed. The encounters with Christ after the Resurrection help his followers understand more fully God’s plan. The Messiah came as a servant who gave himself so that others might have life. In the Gospel, Jesus offers the disciples peace and attempts to calm them. Think about ways you can bear the light of peace in your family and community. Today’s Readings: Acts 3:11 – 26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6 – 7, 8 – 9; Luke 24:35 – 48.

Friday, April 6

Eucharist

In this third encounter with Jesus, the disciples share a meal with him after a night of fishing. As with the Emmaus reading, Jesus is revealed in the breaking of the bread. At every Mass, the Risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking and sharing of bread. The Eucharist provides the nourishment we need to go forth, “fish” for people, and share the news of salvation. Where else do you see Christ present? Invite a friend to lunch today. Today’s Readings: Acts 4:1 – 12; Psalm 118:1 – 2 and 4, 22 – 24, 25 – 27a; John 21:1 – 14.

Saturday, April 7

Proclamation

In the First Reading, we hear that, despite the elders’ warning, Peter and John continue to speak of Jesus. The truth they experienced in the person of Christ is undeniable and filled with love. To continue Christ’s work and build up the Kingdom, they are committed to sharing the Good News with any person they encounter. As an Easter people, we must fervently share the Gospel. Make it a point to get to know one of the neophytes in the parish and hear their story of encountering Christ. Today’s Readings: Acts 4:13 – 21; Psalm 118:1 and 14 – 15ab, 16 – 18, 19 – 21; Mark 16:9 – 15.
Vacation Bible School

Plans for VBS 2018 are underway! Our theme for this year is VBS Beach Party! Registration for campers and student volunteers are now open! The registration link can be found on the church website at:
http://stannchurchandshrine.org/vacation-bible-school
We will host the events July 2-13 (TWO WEEKS!!!) and participants will have the option of half or full day program. The two options are 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, or 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The program will include Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts and drama skits. Children entering pre-K (four years old) through 4th grade are welcome to participate as campers and students entering grades 5-12 are encouraged to volunteer as group leaders and station assistants. Every effort will be made to accommodate anyone wishing to be a part of this year's program. If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225.

St. Anthony Ministry

The St. Anthony Ministry, formerly known as St. Vincent DePaul, encompasses many efforts designed to those help in need within St. Ann parish. Ranging from food assistance with our pantry, or various financial assistance, spiritual guidance, Thanksgiving baskets, and housing or furnishing assistance. If you wish to become involved in any of these ministries, simply contact the church office at 455-7071, and we’d be happy to share how you can get involved.

Living out our Christian faith is the role of every Baptized Catholic!
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