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. Tom Fox, ext. 257

Director of Religious Education
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Trish Foti, 559-8637
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Mrs. Debbie Sommers, ext. 221

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Dave McCloskey, ext. 226

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

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

BAPTISM
Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sun-
day of each month at 12:30 pm. Please
call the Church Office at least three
months before the anticipated date of
birth. To schedule the Baptism and a
Preparation Seminar, call Deacon Phil
Doolen at 455-7071, ext. 231.

MATRIMONY
The prospective bride or groom must
contact one of the parish priests or dea-
cons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS
Families should contact the Church Of-
lice 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 Wednes-
day 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).

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.

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.
Pentecost, Year B

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles, Our Lady, and the other disciples in the Upper Room. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. The Apostles were given what they needed to go out and preach the Gospel to all, namely the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised them that the paraclete or advocate would come after Him. The Holy Spirit did finally show up around 9 days after Jesus ascended into Heaven.

The number 9 should be very familiar to us. Novenas are prayed for 9 consecutive days. Where does this come from? We get novenas, or praying for 9 days, from the Apostles, who prayed for 9 days in preparation for receiving the Holy Spirit. This teaches us, among other things, the importance of prayerful preparation when there is a desire to receive something in the spiritual life.

Being the birthday of the Church, Pentecost is a big deal for us. Its a big deal in the liturgical calendar, as it closes the Easter Season. It is also a big deal for us as disciples. As the Apostles received the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room, Pentecost is represented to us liturgically at our Confirmation. Confirmation isn’t that thing that we could get a car. At our Confirmation we pierced through the mystery of Pentecost and received the very same Holy Spirit that the Apostles did.

What did the Apostles do after receiving the Holy Spirit? Did they go about their business as if nothing happened? Did they just go fishing, which is what they were prone to do after the Resurrection? No. They went out and fulfilled God’s plan for them and for the Church. They began to plant the seeds and lay the apostolic foundation for which the Church would spring from, and upon which it would lie.

As God had a plan for the Apostles, He has a plan for us too. He gave the Apostles what they needed to fulfill His plan in beginning the Church. He gives us what we need too, to be faithful to His will for us. All of us are prone to thinking in grand terms. We tend to think big when we contemplate our future. We dream big, and so this can creep into the spiritual life. We can think God has big plans for us, that He wants us to do great things. Some of us are called to do great things. The saints all did great things. But God does not call all of us to do great things. What He does call each and every one of us to, is to be faithful to His will. That’s it. That is all He wants us to do, to be obedient and faithful to His will.

May this Pentecost help to renew the gifts of the Holy Spirit inside of us. The Holy Spirit is given to us, so that we will respond faithfully to what God calls us to do. Let us all respond faithfully and generously to what God asks of us. Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Reflection by Fr. Braud

PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 20, 2018

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:   Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday:  Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:  Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:  Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:   Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:  Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:   Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday:   May 20
8:00 am   Marilyn Garon
9:30 am   Eugene Hickey
10:00 am  Donald J. Trump, (S.I.), Thelma Michot, Bob & Margaret Kinler, Patrick & Nora O’Riordan, Linda Couvillion, Russel Couvillion, Susan Caire, Aleaysha Clay (S.I.), Shirley Guice, Aaron D. Maguire (Health), M/M Labib & Inez Hamide & Family (S.I.), M/M Abdul & Rama Hamide (S.I.), M/M Habib & Rahab Hamide & Family (S.I.), Osama A. Alsatiti (S.I.), Richard Krowicki, Gerald May, Manuel Reyes (S.I.), Blance Reyes (S.I.), Mary Frances & Bernard Maloney
5:00 pm   Parishioners
Monday:   May 21
6:30 am   Joseph Purpera
8:45 am   Hans Fink
Tuesday:  May 22
6:30 am   Ferdinand Petrie
8:45 am   Danny Halligan
7:00 pm   Nora & Patrick O’Riordan
Wednesday: May 23
6:30 am   Carrie Labruzzo
8:45 am   Bob & Margaret Kinler
10:30 am  Susan Kropog (Health)  7th Grade Mass
Thursday: May 24
6:30 am   Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am   John F. Gascon
Friday:  May 25
6:30 am   D. Woolverton
8:45 am   Hans Fink
10:00 am  Susan Kropog (S.I.), Donna Clement (1-6 Grades)
Saturday: May 26
7:30 am   Filipe Alvarez

May 20 - 26, 2018
"Sanctuary Candle" & “Altar Decorations”
In Memory of Marilyn Garon
Parish Calendar

5/20  PETER’S PENCE SECOND COLLECTION
11 AM DEACON DAN DARMAVIN WILL PREACH AND A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW AFTER MASS IN GYM

5/21  9:30 AM COME AND SEE/ST. ANN
1:30 PM KINDERGARTEN PRACTICE/CHURCH
7 PM BAPTISMAL SEMINAR/JPII
7 PM MENS CLUB MEETING/CAFETERIA

5/22  9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
9:30 AM 7TH GRADE ADVANCEMENT PRACTICE/CHURCH
5 PM RCIA/JPII
6:30 PM MAKING MASS MORE MEANINGFUL/PMC

5/23  10:30 AM - 12:30 PM 7TH GRADE ADVANCEMENT MASS & AWARDS
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL IN CHURCH
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REH./ST. CECILIA
7:30 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL MTG./ST. RAYMOND

5/24  9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (GENERAL)/ST. RAYMOND
10 AM END OF SCHOOL MASS (1-6)/CHURCH

5/25  4 PM WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION FOLLOWING IN CAFETERIA

5/26  10 AM END OF SCHOOL MASS (1-6)/CHURCH

“Coping with Life Alone”
Have you lost your spouse due to Divorce, Death or Separation? Having difficulty coping? Help is on the way. Beginning Experience Ministry under the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Office of Marriage and Family Life will begin a 10 week program “Coping with Life Alone” to help those struggling to cope with this loss.

The Coping Program will begin on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM in St. Angela Merici’s Conference Hall adjacent to the Church, 835 Melody St., Metairie. The cost will be $35. Call Bette Armentor at 504-339-7776 to register and for questions.

ONSITE GIVING
EASY, CONVENIENT, SAFE

You’re invited to a
St. Ann Parish
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

All parish adult volunteers are invited to
Celebrate at the St. Ann Fifteenth
Annual Parish Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, June 3, 2018
6:00 PM - School Cafeteria

The Appreciation Dinner is a Gift to all parish adult volunteers. Please RSVP by Friday, May 25 at 455-7071 ext. 221 or 222.

We’re pleased to announce that St. Ann Parish now provides online giving through software called ParishSOFT Giving. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just visit our website, www.stannchurchandshrine.org and click our online giving button. When you participate, your gift will transfer directly into the parish bank account. And you won’t have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays! And if you still want to place something in the offertory basket, “I GAVE ONLINE” cards are available to use at offertory time. A letter with more information is being mailed to your home.

If you are currently using Faith Direct, you will need to create an account in ParishSOFT prior to June 30, 2018 when our contract with them will expire.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Debbie Sommers in the parish office 455-5071 (221) or dsommers@stannchurchandshrine.org.
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. Deadline is JULY 15, 2018.

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FAIR BUCKS SPONSORSHIP - - - - - - - - -$750
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. Deadline is JULY 15, 2018.

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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 September 30th through October 13th. 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.

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, 2018.

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.

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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: ______________________ Phone: ______________________

Donation Category: ________________________________ Amount Enclosed: _________________

Please note that the form includes instructions and details for various sponsorships and donations, along with contact information for the St. Ann Family Fest Committee.
**This Week and Beyond**

**Ordinary Time**

After Pentecost, the Church enters the second period of Ordinary Time. During the summer and fall months, as the readings bring us to reflect on mission and discipleship, we celebrate solemnities, feasts, and memorials of women and men who dedicated their lives to the Gospel. Reading about some of these saints and contemplating their story and the Scriptures on their feast day may encourage you to live more genuinely in hard times and celebrate joyfully in good times. As you reflect on the lives of the saints over the next few months, consider concrete ways you and your family might serve your community. Think of the saints as your traveling companions and make time for a discussion of them while in the car together this summer.

**Wednesday, June 13**

**St. Anthony of Padua**

When St. Anthony of Padua was asked to preach at a gathering of Dominicans and Franciscans, he did so with reluctance. He lived a life of humility, waiting on others, and wished to continue to do so. However, once he began to preach, his gift was discovered. Soon crowds filled churches and marketplaces as he made theological issues relevant to them. He brought many to repentance. May we approach our gifts with such humility.

*Today’s Readings: 1 Kings 18:20 – 39; Psalm 16:1b–2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Matthew 5:17–19.*

**Sunday, June 24**

**Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

The birth of St. John the Baptist is celebrated in the liturgical calendar because of his relationship to Jesus as his forerunner. Filled with the Holy Spirit, John’s father, Zechariah prophesied that his son would “go before the Lord to prepare his ways.” The only other births that the Church observes are those of Mary and Jesus.


**Friday, June 29**

**Sts. Peter and Paul**

Beginning today, through most of July, read a chapter of the Acts of the Apostles each day. After reading, write down information about these Apostles, keeping track of where they traveled, their time in prison, and how others regarded them. Once the Book of Acts is finished, mark on a map the places Sts. Peter and Paul traveled.


**Saturday, July 14**

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

The first Native American to be canonized, St. Kateri Tekakwitha is known for persisting in her desire to follow Christianity. When family members and neighbors objected to her interest in Catholicism, she left them for a Christian Native American community. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile, and Native Americans.

*Today’s Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:26 – 31; Psalm 23:1b – 3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew 13:44 – 26.*

**Tuesday, November 13**

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini dreamed of being a missionary in China, but Pope Leo XIII asked her to leave her native Italy to serve immigrants in the United States. In March 1889, Sr. Frances and other members of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart arrived in the United States, where she founded an orphanage. To care for the poor, and especially immigrants, Sr. Frances and her sisters founded more orphanages as well as schools and hospitals. She is the patron saint of immigrants.


Men’s Club Family Cabbageball Registration Open

This year’s Summer Cabbageball league will offer TWO separate rounds for our students and families to participate in. The first round will be each Monday and Wednesday from June 4—27. The second round will be Mondays and Wednesdays from July 9—August 1. Each session is a stand alone round and students entering grades Kindergarten up to 7th grade can participate in one or both rounds. Prices begin at $35 for one session but will be adjusted to number of sessions played and number of children in a family. Each round will receive team photos, trophies, weekly treats and activities and a closing party. For more info, contact Andrew Silva at 504-858-7103 or asilva06@cox.net. Parents can also volunteer as on field coaches! Register at: https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/14124

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. Registration for volunteers is at: https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/13765. Every effort will be made to accommodate anyone wishing to be a part of the program. If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225

Make Mass More Meaningful!

St. Ann Church will be offering a video-led series with a focus on the Mass and Eucharist. This video is narrated by Dr. Brant Pitre and will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning May 22 in the Parish Ministries Center. There is NO COST to participate and all materials and refreshments will be provided. Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre rigorously digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. We’ll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. The sessions will held from 6:30—8:00 p.m. in the Parish Ministries Center. Join us May 22nd to Make Mass More Meaningful!

Art Show and Auction at Our Lady of Divine Providence Church

50 Original Pieces of Art created Colored Pencil & Oil Pastel Paintings

An art show and auction will be held at Our Lady of Divine Providence Church in Metairie on Friday, June 1, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Bahan Center next to the Church. Admission is free and open to the public (Adults Only) (Food Pantry Donations accepted)

The artwork by Fr. Mike Mitchell, will feature local area Catholic Churches and has been donated to OLDP for this fundraiser. All proceeds will go to renovating the Cuccia Center kitchen.

Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.