Issue 9  
March 3, 2019

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  

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CHURCH HOURS  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm  

Pastor  
Rev. Fr. Billy O’Riordan  
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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 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 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.
Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time C  

No matter how good a person may be, it’s easy to find fault … Some like to deflect blame on others to avoid the responsibility they should have taken - easier to blame and point out the speck in another’s eye and at the same time blind to the 2X4 in our own eye, which most likely reflects a jealous, envious, begrudging, and a negative and critical attitude. Our most powerful testimony as a Christian is how we treat others after the celebration of Mass is over. We are sent at the end of Mass. After the blessing, the priest/deacon dismisses the people because the church is sent ... Ite Missa est - Mass is ended, go in peace ... This refers to mission, the mission of the Church and our mission! Mass has not ended. The Mass continues. It continues in each of us in our mission as the sent and by our way of life. Together we form the Church on earth and thus we are in a state of mission and in a state of being sent ...

Our mission is not to find fault, judge, and terrorize others ... Our mission is to see as Jesus Christ sees and get over ourselves and our own hypocrisy. Let the judgment to God - that’s his problem anyway! You might well be misjudging someone. Every time you judge someone, you reveal apart of yourself that needs some healing. Mercy always triumphs over judgement anyway. St. Paul reminds and encourages us at the end of the second reading today: “Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

Mindful of these words of St. Paul and how people can be misjudged, I would like to draw attention to the brave and enduring teenager, Nick Sandmann from Covington, Kentucky. Mainstream media, with a few exceptions, have become haters and don’t hesitate to ruin a person’s life if they think it will get front-page news. He and others from Catholic High in Covington were in Washington, DC to march peacefully for Respect Life. However, he was surrounded and Nathan Phillips and other Native American stepped forward beating native drums and singing tribal chants ... Nick did not speak and did not make any rude gestures, and remained calm in spite of being mocked. None of the major media outlets who ganged up on the student from Covington Catholic High apologized, even though video evidence shows that the entire story was a flat out lie. The lesson is this: If you are a Christian and pro-life, the media hates you. Congratulations to this young man, Nick Sandmann, for being a prophet. His stance didn’t need words!

Remember, the tongue has no bones but it is strong enough to break hearts. Mind Your Words!

Reflection: Fr. Billy
Parish Calendar

3/3 12:30 pm Baptism in Church
3/4 Parish Office and School Closed Mardi Gras Holidays
9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann
6:30 pm St. Anthony Ministry/St. Raymond
3/5 Happy Mardi Gras School & Parish Office Closed
3/6 School Closed
9:30am - 12:30pm Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond
12 noon Liturgy of the Word with Ashes/Church
1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond
3 pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes/Church
6 pm Ash Wednesday Mass
7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
3/7 School Closed
9:30am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Raymond
6 pm Knights of Columbus (Business)/St. Raymond
7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
7 pm Adult Faith Formaation/JPII
3/8 School Closed
7 pm Stations of the Cross/Church
3/10 8:30 am Children’s Church Choir Pre-Mass Reh./St. Cecelia

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Tickets on sale now!

St. Ann’s Marriage and Family Life Committee is hosting “Date Night” on March 16, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Dinner will be $30 per couple, and includes entertainment and babysitting (in the gym for ages 4 and up). Get a group of friends together and enjoy a fun evening with your spouse! Register on our website: https://stannchurchandshrine.org/marriage-family-life-1

March Respect Life Focus-Disabilities

Please join in our spiritual works of mercy by including the following prayer:

Prayer for those with Disabilities-Lord Jesus Christ,
You know the pain of brokenness, You took our
weaknesses upon Your shoulders and bore it to the
wood of the cross. Hear our prayers for our brothers
and sisters whose bodies fail them and whose
minds are crippled by the ravages of disease. Im-
plant a love for them deep within our hearts, that
we, disfigured and disabled by our sin, may trea-
sure and nurture the gifts of their lives. May we find
You in their weakness, and console You in our care
for them. For You are Lord, forever and ever. Amen

Stations of the Cross St. Ann Church

Friday’s March 8, 15, 22, 30
April 5, 12, 19, 2019
7:00 PM
NEVER DEFINED
BY OUR FLAWS

FR. JIM MARCHIONDA, OP

St. Ann Lenten Novena
March 11, 12, and 13, 2019
Masses at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

In an age of blaming, finger-pointing, scapegoating and deceit, Catholics today – along with many other faith-filled people of God – seek a message of HOPE; a hope that renews, reassures and strengthens us in our commitment to and participation in the Church. Through forthright preaching, coupled with inspiring music, longtime Dominican friend of St. Ann’s, Fr. Jim Marchionda, OP, will invite our parish into daring new dynamics of discipleship. During Lent, we do more than repent. We answer God’s call more intentionally!

As always, Fr. Jim’s preaching will challenge us to update our ideas about Lent, reminding us of the “Good (Great!) News” that we are all called to discipleship, no matter our mistakes or sins. Why? Because membership in our Church is not a “prize for the perfect,” as Pope Francis so boldly proclaims. Rather, our call comes from a God who fills us, fuels us, and never defines us by our flaws.

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St. Ann Parish and ALL PARISHES of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer Confession on three consecutive Wednesdays of Lent.

March 27, April 3, and April 10 5:00pm—6:30 pm

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one’s respective parish.

(To register, please contact the parish office before March 1, 2019)

Important Information for People 70 1/2 and older: Qualified Charitable Contributions

What is a Qualified Charitable Contribution? Generally, a qualified charitable contribution is an otherwise taxable distribution from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) owned by an individual who is age 70 1/2 or over that is paid DIRECTLY from the IRA to a qualified charity. Many of our parishioners have inquired about this and several are already taking advantage of this possible tax-free opportunity. Of course, discuss this with your CPA or tax accountant to confirm the benefits of this program.

Please check with the school office at 455-8383 if you missed Registration but wish to check for any grade level openings.

Our school will be closed through next week. Happy Mardi Gras!
Calling ALL High School students!

Our CYO will be entering a team in the archdiocesan CYO sports league for volleyball. Any high school student wishing to participate may do so by emailing us at: stannycyo@bellsouth.net. Games begin in March and will last for about six weeks. Games are co-ed so boys and girls are invited to participate. We practice each Sunday evening at our CYO meetings.

Wanna Know More About Your Catholic Faith?

Did You Know that St. Ann Church offers several opportunities for any adult to know more about the Catholic Faith? The following is a list of opportunities to study or practice your Catholic faith here at St. Ann:

- Monday 9:30 a.m.     St. Ann’s “Come and See” prayer group
- Tuesday 9:30 a.m.      Adult Bible Study
- Wednesday 9:30 a.m.     St. Ann Rosary Group
- Thursday 9:30 a.m.     Adult Faith Formation Study Group
- 1st/3rd Thursdays 7:00 p.m.   Adult Faith Sharing

If you wish to know more about these opportunities, contact the church office at 455-7071.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

1. All of the following are “Holy Days of Obligation” except
   A. Ash Wednesday    B. Immaculate Conception
   C. All Saints Day    D. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

2. At minimum, how often is a Catholic required to receive the Eucharist?
   A. Once a year   B. Once a week   C. Once a Day

3. At minimum, how often is a Catholic required to attend Mass?
   A. Once a year   B. Once a Month   C. Every Sunday   D. Sundays + Days of Obligation

4. The following are the sacraments that may only validly be received once except for
   A. Baptism   B. Matrimony   C. Confirmation   D. Holy Orders

5. Who is/are also known as the “vicar of Christ?”
   A. Priests   B. Bishops   C. Cardinals   D. Pope

See answers at bottom of this page.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?


Catholic Pop Quiz Answers

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