Issue 16
April 21, 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

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.
Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ann Parish,

Easter Sunday is the greatest day in the Church’s calendar ... Christ reigns anew ... Victory is ours and alleluia is our song. St. Augustine put it well when he said: “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.” Amen to that! The Gospels tell us about the discovery of the empty tomb and the burial cloths lying on the ground. When St. John, the youngest apostle, arrived at the tomb we are told that “he saw and believed.” What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ call us to be and to do? Believing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ means renouncing all fear. The resurrection of Jesus Christ frees us to do only what is inspired by love, the love of God. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, nothing can take away our life. Therefore, resurrection is an emancipation proclamation. We have been freed to live totally for God. The tomb of death is empty ... Jesus Christ is risen and the story of mankind will never be the same again. Easter Sunday is celebrated daily in the soul of all those who live in Jesus Christ ... thinking, behaving, and loving as he did - not just followers but being like Jesus Christ, truly.

There are times when we probably envy the first disciples ... walking daily with Jesus, hearing him preach, seeing him heal the sick, and raising people from the dead. We may feel it was easy for them because they were there, and they saw the risen Christ with their own eyes. However, some who were there didn’t believe in Jesus Christ. In fact they criticized him daily for his miracles and callously plotted his death - it was with hateful hearts they conspired to kill him, and got others to join them in demanding crucifixion ... It takes an empty heart and sometimes a broken heart longing for love to experience Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Jesus Christ is always looking for that empty place and for that wounded heart and mind as his dwelling place, and then he helps roll back the crushing stone that keeps us from being alive. We are all wounded healers ... Resurrection and the stone rolled back reminds me of the following short story and how the risen Christ wants us to be in the world - to be the difference that makes a difference! There was a man who had a terrible row with his father. He refused to speak to his father for several years even though he lived just a few miles away. He was an only child. Mom had deserted the family, and so now the father was all alone. His world was getting smaller and darker with the passing of each day. He wasn’t yet dead but in a sense he was already in the tomb. While we marvel at the stories of how Jesus Christ healed people and raised them from the dead, in a real sense we can do the same. The son in the story had the power to roll back the stone from his father’s tomb of loneliness and despair, and in helping his father he would have helped himself too. It is one of the lovely compensations of life that we cannot raise another without raising ourselves also. Be the difference that makes a difference!

On behalf of Fr. Vincent, deacons and staff, I wish you a Happy Easter.

Fr. Billy
### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday**  
*EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 21*  
**8:00 pm Vigil**  
George A. Sanderson, Jr., Bob & Jean Segura, Robert McGinnis, Leona Mae Rohr, Rosalie Hymel John Couvillion, Ernie Becnel, Gardner & McCleland Families, Juliette Rose, Sherron Leggio, Greg Ciolino, Frederick Bordelon, Jr., Doris Pauratore, Kay Dorman (S.I.), Gustav L. Bickmann, Jr., Jenny Lee Mayeur  
**8:00 am** Parishioners  
**9:30 am** Juanita Delhommer  
**11:00 am** Evelyn Gerard, Cliff Reis, Sr., Laurie Maloney (S.I.), Salvador D’Amico, Uray & Thelma Michot, Christi Lamandre (Healing), William Spath, Juliette Rose, Vivian VanHorn, Gayle Faulk, Kay Dorman (Sf), Harold Gomez, Joseph Meyers, Marjorie Person, Doris Pauratore  
**NO 5:00 pm Mass**  
**Monday**  
*APRIL 22*  
**6:30 am** Duncan Quaid  
**8:45 am** Vivienne Woods  
**Tuesday**  
*APRIL 23*  
**6:30 am** Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander  
**8:45 am** Kelly Pratt (Happy Birthday)  
**7:00 pm** Patrick Collum  
**Wednesday**  
*APRIL 24*  
**6:30 am** Rickey Michael Oddo  
**8:45 am** Tu Tran  
**Thursday**  
*APRIL 25*  
**6:30 am** Marie Hardouin (Health)  
**8:45 am** Peter Woods  
**Friday**  
*APRIL 26*  
**6:30 am** All Aborted Babies  
**8:45 am** Anna Tran  
**Saturday**  
*APRIL 27*  
**7:30 am** Salvador Guggino  

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**Parish Calendar**

**4/21**  
Easter Sunday  
Children’s Choir Rehearsal before 11 am Mass/St. Cecelia  
6 pm CYO Sports Night in Gym  
**4/22**  
9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann  
**4/23**  
9:15 am ADORATION in Chapel  
9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond  
3:15 pm Children’s Choir Reh./St. Cecelia  
6:15 pm NO PSR classes  
**4/24**  
9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond  
9:45 AM Sewing Seams of Faith/JPII  
1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond  
7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia  
7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church  
**4/25**  
9:30am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Raymond  
10 am Adoration Society/JPII  
6 pm Knights of Columbus (General)/St. Raymond  
7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia  
**4/27**  
Catholic Home Missions Appeal  
**4/28**  
Catholic Home Missions Appeal  
6 pm CYO  

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**Hospitality Committee**  
The Hospitality Committee is looking for new members to assist and host church events here at St. Ann.  
If interested please contact the church office at 455-7071 (221). Thank You!

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**Celebrating Faithfulness**

**St. Ann Parish Wedding Anniversary Celebration**  
Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and so on are invited to celebrate the anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, May 25th at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass followed by a reception in the cafeteria. Please call the parish office to RSVP by Monday, May 20th.

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**April 21 - 27, 2019**  
“In Honor/Memory of St. Ann Parishioners”  
**The Sanctuary Light**
This Week at Home

Monday, April 22
The Octave of Easter
At the beginning of the fifty days of Easter is an eight-day celebration called the Octave of Easter. During these days, let the light of Christ shine forth as your family sings “alleluias” at the dinner table or around the prayer table as you celebrate the octave.


Tuesday, April 23
I Have Seen the Lord!
Weeping at the tomb, Mary is so consumed with finding her Lord that she does not realize that she is speaking to angels. Only when Jesus says her name does she realize the man she has questioned is the Lord. The Good Shepherd calls his sheep by name. Christians were called by name on the day of their Baptism, the day they were claimed for Christ. Let us pray this day for all those who are longing to find Christ and to hear their name called by the Lord.


Wednesday, April 24
In the Breaking of the Bread
Two disciples are making their way to Emmaus, which is about seven miles from Jerusalem. Even as Jesus walks with them, they do not recognize him as their Lord. They are only able to know his identity when they sit at table and are breaking bread. How have you come to know Jesus through the Eucharist?


Thursday, April 25
Preaching to All the Nations
“Peace be with you,” Jesus says as he appears to his disciples. Still, they are terrified, afraid they have seen a ghost. In response, Jesus confronts their fears and does a very human thing—he asks for food and eats the fish before them. Where do you find peace in the accounts of Jesus’ Resurrection? Is it comforting to know that Christ ate with those he loved after rising from the dead?


Friday, April 26
An Abundance of Fish and the Bread of Life
Jesus appears to the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. They have been fishing all night and have caught nothing. After Jesus instructs them to cast their net over the starboard side, they took in so many fish that they could not take in the net. Jesus calls them over to the beach, where they eat fish and bread. Does this sharing of bread and fish remind you of another event in Scripture?


Saturday, April 27
Proclaim the Good News
It took three tries for the Apostles to believe the Lord had risen. They believed neither when Mary Magdalene told them nor when the two disciples on the way to Emmaus returned with the news. Only when the Lord appeared to them did they believe. Do you believe enough to “Go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature”? Do you let anyone know of your belief? What holds you back from allowing others to see that you are a Christian?

Date Night

Thank you to all those who participated in our inaugural Date Night on Saturday, March 16! We hope that you had an enjoyable time with your spouse and friends! Your attendance helped to make this event a success! We welcome your feedback as we look forward to planning next year’s event, which is tentatively scheduled for January 18, 2020. Planning will begin in the fall. If you are interested in joining our Date Night Committee or volunteering to help with the event, please contact us. Your time and talent are always welcome!

If you are interested in a Catholic Couples Group or Rosary Group as described during the program, please contact Debbie Sommers in the Church office and she will forward your contact information to someone who can help you get started.

St. Ann Synod – Marriage & Family Life Committee
How well do you know your Catholic Faith?

1. How many times may someone be validly Baptized?
   A. 1  B. 3  C. 7  D. As many times as they desire

2. What is an “epistle”?
   A. Wives of the Apostles  B. Special shoes worn by pope
   C. Vatican Officials  D. Scriptural Letters by Apostles

3. For how many days did Jesus appear to his disciples after the Resurrection?
   A. 3  B. 30  C. 40  D. 50

4. What is the Incarnation?
   A. The bread and wine becoming the body and blood of Jesus
   B. God becoming man
   C. Jesus rising from the dead
   D. A special type of flower that is “in” something

5. The presentation of the bread and wine at Mass is called the __________.
   A. Collection  B. Offertory
   C. Consecration  D. Presentnation

See answers at the bottom of this page.

Dear Annie . . .

This NEW article will endeavor to collect and answer your common questions regarding our Faith, practices or Church. Submit your questions to stanna@bellsouth.net or call the church office and leave a message on extension 225.

Dear Annie,

What is the history of ringing the bells during Mass at the consecration? When and why did it start? Why do we still do it today?

Signed, Just Curious

Dear Just Curious,

Although historical research varies, most Church historians place the start of the use of bells during the Mass in the 12th or 13th Century. The reason for this was obvious—to call attention to the moment of consecration during Mass. However, the specific rational for this varies, depending upon which article you read. In all honesty, all of these reasons likely hold some weight.

Some argue that since the Mass was celebrated in Latin, and since most people could not understand Latin, it was a call to attention for those congregants to know when the consecration was happening. Others argue that without amplified sound systems, it was difficult to hear the celebrant and therefore to know when the consecration was occurring. The use of bells once again, brought one’s attention to this moment. Others suggest that the design of the churches prevented many people from seeing what was happening on the altar (many altars were up several feet from the congregants’ view), and so the bells were a way to indicate when the consecration was occurring.

It is interesting to note, that before the smaller bells were used during the liturgy, the larger outside bells in the bell tower were rung to alert people in the towns and cities that the consecration was occurring so that they could take a moment to pause and offer adoration to the Real Presence of Christ made available to us during the consecration. In either event, it is a call to “ponder and adore.”

St. Ann Vacation Bible School!

Registration for VBS 2019 are currently being accepted. 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 1-12 (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. If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225.
Information Page

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