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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
or by appointment

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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.

BLAIIUrTS
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. 2231.

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.
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Proverbs 8:22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

On this Trinity Sunday, the Church invites us to enter into the mystery of the interior life of God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to reflect on the truth that God has shared His own life with us. In the first reading from the book of Proverbs, we hear “wisdom” speak of being with the Lord before anything was created, and then being the “craftsman” beside Him. St. Augustine, along with many Church Fathers, understands the “wisdom of God” to be the Eternal Son Jesus Christ, and so we should hear these words as coming from Christ. In this light, the Son shines forth from the text as begotten by the Father, not created, and creating the world with Him as His craftsman. Also, the Son is shown to be the delight of the Father as the Son describes Himself as “playing before him all the while.” This should strike us with wonder. The beautiful life of the Trinity is broken open for us through the Holy Scriptures, and the love of God is portrayed between the Divine Persons as one delighting in the other. Further, this delight is expressed in the context of “playing,” which connotes a pure joy in being with each other. Thus, through the scriptures we gain some insight into the community which is the Blessed Trinity.

Once we understand this relation between the Father and the Son as one of equality and pure joy, we may ask the question, “How do we fit in all of this?” Turning back to the text of Proverbs, we hear the Son declare: “I found delight in the human race.” The same delight and the same pure joy that the Father has in the Son, the Son now has in the human race. Thus, we are delighted in by Him, and that is the reason why He took the form of one of us: to recreate us in holiness to again be delighted in by God, and to share in the joy that is the life of the Trinity. What is so astounding and incomprehensible is that the love of God is the end for which we were made to share, because we are made in the image and likeness of that same love of the Trinity. We are sought after, even desired by God because of who we are. So strong is His love for us that the Father sent the Son to die for us. He asks us to believe in Him and follow in His path, and we will have the promise of Eternal Life, Eternal Delight, Eternal Love, Eternal Joy.

Therefore, what we celebrate today is our God’s generosity in making us partakers of the joy and love which He is as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We must come to recognize ourselves as loved and sought after by God, as well as alive in the very life of the Trinity. When we feel worthless or unloved; when we experience trials and difficulties; when we endure the pains of loss; we should rejoice and be glad, for our sufferings have been joined to Christ so that, by His power, they might become the source of Eternal Life. We do not live for this world, and we will never find the satisfaction for which we long in this world. So, let us live each moment with an awareness of the immense love constantly poured out to us, shaking off our selfish tendencies; and let us devote ourselves to loving God and loving neighbor in complete generosity and total self-gift in imitation of the Most Holy Trinity.

~ Paolo Taffaro, Parish Seminarian
**Parish Calendar**

6/16  Father's Day  
Mission Co-op/Rev. M. S. Selva Raj  
CYO Sports Night in Gym

6/17  9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann Room  
6 pm SAM Meeting/JPII  
7 pm Baptismal Seminar/JPII  
7 pm Men's Club Meeting/Cafeteria

6/18  9:15 am ADORATION in Chapel  
9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond

6/19  9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond  
1 pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond  
7 pm - 9 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia  
7 pm - 8 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church

6/20  9:30am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Raymond  
7 pm Adult Choir Reh./St. Cecelia  
7 pm Adult Faith Formation/St. Raymond

6/23  CYO

**TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST RETREAT**

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day retreat weekend of prayer, reflections, discussions, and activities based on the Paschal Mystery. TEC is a special experience with topics and an approach designed for older adolescents and young adults who have completed their second semester of their sophomore year of High School. The next TEC Retreat, TEC #137, is June 22-24, 2019. New Orleans TEC weekends are held at the Rosaryville Spirit Life Center, and the cost is $85. For more information or to apply to attend, please visit www.tecneworleans.com.

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

David Frank will be Ordained to the Priesthood on June 1st and will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Ann on June 23rd at the 11 a.m. Mass. The Knights of Columbus Council #3465 will host a reception following in the cafeteria. All are welcome to help newly ordained Fr. David Frank celebrate his Ordination to the Priesthood.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
- **Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
- **Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- **Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
- **Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
- **Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
- **Sunday:** Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

**Our 2019 Mission Cooperative Appeal June 15 & 16, 2019**

As was announced last weekends bulletin, we welcome as our guest preacher this weekend Father M. S. Selva Raj.

Fr. M. S. Selva Raj will speak to us about the missionary activities and challenges of The Diocese of Kumbakonam, India. Our second collection today will be for the missionary activities of that diocese.

You may issue your check in favor of our parish church as usual and mark mission at the memo section.

Please help support the Mission Cooperative Appeal. Thank You!

The School office is closed for the summer. There is some availability in some grades for the next school year. Please contact the school office at 455-7051 ext. 113 for the school principal if you need more information. School enrollment information will be on the school email stann@stannschool.org.

The school office will reopen on July

**Please participate in our corporal work of mercy:**

During the month of June we are helping Angels' Place, a ministry that provides on-going respite care and support services to a child with a life threatening disease and the child's family in a loving caring manner. One of the many support services the ministry offers is the distribution of arts and crafts supplies to the children who are hospitalized, often for extended lengths of time. They also provide basic gift cards for families who come great distances to be in New Orleans during their children's hospital stays. Needed items include:

1) Basic arts/crafts materials for children ages 2-18 years
2) Gas Cards
3) Walmart Gift Cards

To arrange donation of items, please contact Mark at mfirmin@angelsplacenola.org or call 504-455-2620.
Retiring principal will 'miss everything about St. Ann's'

BY EVA JACOB BARKOFF
Article in The Advocate Newspaper

When the 2019-20 academic year begins in August at St. Ann School in Metairie, it will be the first time in 39 years that Susan Kropog won’t be there greeting students, parents, faculty and staff.

After starting at the school as a classroom teacher in 1980, becoming assistant principal in 1987 and then principal in 1994, Kropog has retired. And she already knows what she will miss.

"I will miss everything about St. Ann School," she said. "We have such a loyal, dedicated faculty and staff. I am also grateful for the many parents that have volunteered for the Home and School Club, the Family Fest, the Men’s Club and the School Advisory Council. As a young college graduate, I could never have imagined the wonderful friendships and relationships that I have developed through St. Ann School."

Kropog, 60, began as a fifth-grade teacher in 1980. She has a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Southeastern Louisiana University and a master’s in education from the University of New Orleans.

“My first experience in teaching was when I was a young teenager volunteering as a Sunday school teacher for preschoolers during Mass at St. Jerome Church in Kenner,” she recalled. “I also baby-sat the neighborhood children. I always loved interacting with children.

"I changed my major from nursing to education at the end of my first year of college. Both my mom and my future mother-in-law, who coincidentally was a Catholic school elementary principal, helped me to reach the decision to go with the career that I was meant to have."

St. Ann was growing when she was named assistant principal in 1987, she said.

“Sister Katherine Keane, the principal at the time, needed an assistant,” Kropog explained. “I had a master’s degree and administrative experience supervising students in the University of New Orleans graduate program for several summers. When I became assistant principal, I hoped to help expand the school and continue its great traditions.

“I remember that first year as assistant principal, how I missed the special relationship that the teacher has with her homeroom students. But I quickly realized that administration was rewarding in that I could take pride in the growth of every student, not just the students that I taught."

Kropog was the first lay principal at St. Ann.

“My immediate goal was to continue the Catholic identity that I learned from teaching with the Salesian sisters,” she said. “My long-term goals were to continue to meet the challenges of education, which included the transition to an academic prekindergarten four and prekindergarten three programs with certified teachers. I also knew that with more working families, we needed to expand our extended care and holiday care programs.”

In January 2018, Kropog was diagnosed with Stage 1 triple negative breast cancer through a routine mammogram.

“Although it was small, this cancer was very aggressive, and I had to take a leave the rest of the school year to receive a very powerful chemotherapy, then surgery. I am now cancer free and the prognosis is excellent,” she said.

Lindsay Guidry will begin as St. Ann’s new principal this summer. She has worked with Kropog since spring 2005.

“As a leader, Mrs. Kropog has shown enduring dedication to shaping the future of St. Ann,” said Guidry, who was a second-grade teacher and is currently the curriculum coordinator. “St. Ann School is thriving due to the vision and mission established and implemented by Mrs. Kropog. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to serve on her leadership team and learn from her guidance and support."

Kropog and her husband, Olin, live in Metairie and have been married 39 years. They have two sons.

“My husband is retired, so we hope to spend more time traveling,” Kropog said. “I also look forward to having more time to get together with family and friends. I will give retirement a little while, but I am certain that I will get involved in volunteer work.”

The Rev. Billy O’Riordan, pastor of St. Ann Church, has worked with Kropog for five years. “Mrs. Kropog will be remembered as an outstanding administrator and for making St. Ann the school it is today,” he said.

As she completes her last few weeks as principal, Kropog said she hopes to be remembered for collaborative decision-making.

“I have gained so much by working with others and for moving our school forward in the best interest of the students,” she said. “Each morning, I end the announcements to the students with the words ‘think, reach, shine.’ I know our students and St. Ann School will continue to thrive.”
Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ann Church & Shrine,

Greetings in the Lord, and in the name of St. Ann, mother of the Mother of God! School is out and people are beginning to take some time for vacation and visiting friends. Well, it’s almost time for St. Ann Novena 2019 - July 18th until July 26th; the feast day of our Patron Saint.

During Lent, the priest scheduled to do our St. Ann Novena called to cancel because his Bishop is sending him to India to speak at a conference. With suggestions from Fr. Jim Marchionda O.P., we called other priests to lead our 2019 Novena, and after several phone calls, none are available to do the nine days … With that, Plan C has been put into operation. We will have different priests from throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans who have experience in preaching on various retreats and missions. I told them to bring their best sermon to the table. Hence, we are going with the theme: **Potluck Novena.**

Generally, we bring our favorite dish to a potluck. In this case, I encourage you to invite your family and friends to our Potluck Novena. Food unites us, and in many ways we, the People of God under the patronage of St. Ann, serve as the ingredients for something greater - brought together in prayer as God’s children to seek God’s reign anew, to acclaim the faith of Jesus and share in Christ the feast that frees us.

Start saving the date: July 18th - July 26th for our Potluck Novena. More information later!

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Billy O’Riordan
Pastor

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The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) will sponsor an exciting Day of Refreshment for Women on Saturday, June 29, 2019, from 10:00 to 3:00 at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in River Ridge. The theme is “Amazed and Astonished.” Women’s Retreat Team members Andi Oney and Terry Canale will speak at this event. There will be testimonies by women of the region along with prayer and praise. Cost is $30 and includes lunch. Teaching, small groups, prayer ministry, and music by Mercy Beaucoup will be featured. Register online at www.ccrno.org by Wednesday, June 26, 2019, noon, to order lunch. On-site registrations are accepted, but no lunch is guaranteed. For more information, call CCRNO at 504-828-1368 or visit www.ccrno.org.
**Catholic Pop Quiz**

1. What is the name of the official security force that protects the pope?
   a. Pontifical Swiss Guard
   b. Papal Protection Force
   c. Catholic Security
   d. Roman Papal Guards

2. What is considered the birthday of the Catholic Church?
   a. Easter
   b. Holy Thursday
   c. Good Friday
   d. Pentecost

3. How many Catholic dioceses are there in the United States?
   a. 113
   b. 197
   c. 247
   d. 442

4. In which apocryphal gospel do we find the only reference to St. Ann and St. Joachim?
   a. Gospel of Thomas
   b. Gospel of James
   c. Gospel of Mary
   d. Gospel of Peter

5. In which year did the Second Vatican Council convene?
   a. 1959
   b. 1960
   c. 1962
   d. 1965

See answers at the bottom of this page.

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**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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 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. 2225 for more information.

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**Confirmation**

All incoming 11th grade students wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Ann Church should register for preparation classes that will begin in the Fall using the link below. **The sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eleventh grade year** for all students in a formal religious education program (including Catholic high schools). Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 2225 if you have any questions or concerns.

https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/18716

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**Dear Annie . . .**

This article will endeavor to collect and answer your common questions regarding our Faith, Church or practices. Submit your questions to stannreled@bellsouth.net or call the church office and leave a message on extension 2225.

Dear Annie,

When the AMEN was dropped from the “Our Father” during Mass (because the prayer was extended) everyone started dropping it altogether, most noticeably when saying the Rosary. Shouldn’t we say AMEN whenever saying the “Our Father” outside of Mass? Signed “Befuddled”

Dear “Befuddled,”

Since the changes in the Mass following the Second Vatican Council, the “Amen” following the Our Father has been omitted because the prayer continues after reciting the Our Father. The current liturgy follows the “Our Father” with three short prayers that continue the overall prayer prior to the sign of peace. The first begins with, “Deliver us Lord from every evil, . . .” The congregation responds with the phrase, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.” The priest then offers a prayer of peace, stating, “Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.”

The congregation then responds with “Amen”, concluding this extended prayer of the Our Father. As an unintended consequence, by habit, many of the faithful eliminate the “Amen” following the Our Father prayer at other times, most especially when reciting the rosary. Simply put, this is a habit that we should consciously overcome. This can be done by people like yourself, and others who purposely conclude the prayer with Amen. “Amen” is our way of affirming the prayers said, and what prayer should we most affirm than that given to us by our Lord?”

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**St. Ann Vacation Bible School!**

Registration for VBS 2019 is currently being accepted. **Registration for campers!** 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. If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 2225

“Someone told me that we don’t eat meat on Friday because there’s a separation of church and steak.”
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