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MATRIMONY
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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is the Church’s great celebration of the faith God has given us in the Holy Eucharist. We profess and renew our belief in the Real Presence of Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. Therefore, let us take this Feast seriously, and reflect on just what it means for us that our Lord and Creator, our Savior and Redeemer, gives Himself to us as true food and true drink.

In today’s Gospel, we hear the familiar story of Christ miraculously feeding the five thousand through the multiplication of five loaves and two fish. This is a foreshadowing of the Eucharist, in which Christ feeds us, not with bread and fish, but with His Body and Blood through the ministry of His priests; taking from us our gift made from wheat and grapes and transforming it into Himself. Thus, He reveals Himself as the True Priest, the One who offers sacrifice to God on behalf of the people. Jesus fulfills this Priesthood when He says at the Last Supper, “This is my body” and “This is my blood,” making Himself not just the offeror but also the offered. Further, on the cross He gives Himself as victim, revealing Himself as the True Priest and the True Victim. As such, we celebrate, worship, and honor the reality of the presence of this True Priest-Victim who offers Himself through the ministry of the Church to be our saving food and drink.

It is the same Jesus—the Priest who gives and the Victim who is the gift—who now humbles Himself to become the food and drink for sinners like us. We should be humbled at this, and gaze in awe and adoration at the sight of such an astounding Mystery. Let us come before the Holy Altar and bend low, believing in our hearts that the Lord is truly Present. Let us receive this Most Holy Gift with reverent gratitude. Finally, let our hearts become an altar upon which the fire of Christ’s love burns bright, so that we may bear Christ to every person we encounter and give glory to God.

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

6/23  CYO
6/24  9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann Room
6/25  9:15 amADORATION in Chapel
6/26  Staff Day of Reflection Parish Office Closed
      9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond
      9:45 am Sewing Seams of Faith Meeting/JP II
      1 pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond
      7 pm - 8 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
6/27  9:30 am - 10:30 am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Raymond
      6 pm Knights of Columbus (General)/St. Raymond
      7 pm Adult Choir Reh./St. Cecelia
6/30  6 pm CYO

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

**Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** Gn 16:1-12, 15-16; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:** Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

**Saturday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

**You’re Invited!**
Saturday, June 29th, 2019
4:00 PM Vigil Retirement Mass
Father Frank Candalisa, Pastor
St. Christopher the Martyr Church
3900 Derbigny Street, Metairie

A “Hawaiian Theme” Retirement Party will follow the Mass in the School Gym
Party will include Music, Food and Refreshments. Feel free to dress in festive attire or Father Frank’s Favorite color-Blue. Please plan to Celebrate this Special Event!

**Pentecost Sunday**
Homily by:
Deacon Phil Doolen
on June 9, 2019

Sometimes there are some things in life we either really like or we don’t like. There’s no in-between. None of this, “Oh, it’s okay,” or “Maybe it’s okay.” Consider – You’re in a restaurant having dinner, a nice meal with family and friends and of all a sudden out of nowhere appears about 150 waiters, and they gather around a table and somebody’s wearing a goofy hat, and they all start singing – off key – Happy Birthday. They don’t want to be there doing that and I’m sure the poor sap with the hat on doesn’t want it either, but here they come singing Happy Birthday. That’s the oldest and most popular song in the English language. It’s been translated in 18 different other languages. There was a time in the 70’s that if you sang that song in a public place, you could be fined or arrested because of copyright infringements. Too bad it didn’t hold. The courts threw it out and now the song is in the public domain. So, next time you go to a restaurant you might be thrilled, or not, and be serenaded by Happy Birthday.

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 July 29th.
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But today is a Happy Birthday, because it's the birthday of our Church, the Catholic Church, your church and my church. And as we said earlier, it's Pentecost Sunday, which means the 50th day. It's the end of the Easter Season. This candle here, which was about twice its size at the Easter Vigil, after 5:00 Mass this evening Fr. Vincent will move it to the Baptism Font, and there it will remain. It will be lit on two occasions, Baptisms and Funerals. It's the end of the Easter Season.

Pentecost, what's the background? Well, it's a real indication of God's plan for salvation. It takes place on feast day, a great feast day of the Jews, one of the three great feast days. The Feast of Weeks they call it. And it commemorates the arrival of the Jews, Israelites at Mt. Sinai after they fled Egypt. It's a major celebration, so important that it was mandated that every able-bodied male should come to Jerusalem for the festival from all over the parts of the known world. And so you had a crowded city. Think Mardi Gras. And here we have in an upper room some men cowering out of fear. And this is interesting. Last week we celebrated the Ascension – Jesus rose into heaven, and he told his apostles, go back into the city, I will send you someone to lead you. They left him elated. They went back to the city. One week passes. Two weeks pass. Three weeks pass. Nothing happens. The elation turned to abject fear and fear begets fear. So here they are in this upper room, fifty days later. They didn't want to go outside, much less go outside and celebrate. And then it happens. God sent the Holy Spirit on a crowded, crowded day. That Holy Spirit transformed the lives of these cowards into men of courage and faith. Their lives were changed forever. They would go outside that day and everybody could understand them. You heard the different languages in that reading, speaking in tongues, one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They fanned out to all parts of the known world. All would die a martyr's death except one.

This was the beginning of a long, long journey for our Church, its Birthday. The ups and downs, the good and the not so good, the heresies, the schisms, the bad Popes, the good times and the bad times. And it continues today. It continues today and you and I are here today for one reason, the same reason those apostles were able to leave that room – the Holy Spirit.

So what is the state of our church today, on this Pentecost Sunday? Well, that same Holy Spirit is still with us, but there's a catch with the Holy Spirit. He doesn't force himself on us. He's there for the taking. It's an untapped treasure when you think about it. Ready to lead and guide if we open ourselves to him. So that's here. But there's another spirit. A dark, unspeakable, evil spirit. There's a dark cloud hanging over our church today. And every time we think it's dispersing and we see blue skies, another shoe drops. What is that evil spirit? The Devil. Satan. The Prince of Darkness. Diablo. Beelzebub. Anything you want to call it. It's the Devil. And what is the problem? We speak of the scandal going on in the Church as we speak. The pedophilia priest scandal. It's the worst thing ever to happen in our lifetime, to be sure, and maybe, maybe in the history of the Church. The Devil.

There are some in the world today, in our Catholic Church today, that do not believe in the Devil. They think, no, the evil going on is just a result of our human nature. Well, let's consider that. When Jesus was 30 years old, thereabouts, he was Baptized in the Jordan and went into the desert. It wasn't Santa Claus that tempted Jesus. It was the Devil.

Bishop Robert Barron, an incredible speaker, the Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, has written a book. Fr. Billy and Fr. Vincent have an advanced copy. We are going to try to make this available for all of our parishioners. And it's entitled "A Letter to a Suffering Church." And in this incredible masterpiece, Bishop Barron, who pulls no punches, describes the situation in very graphic detail. He makes no apologies. In his first chapter, he calls what's going on in the Church today "The Devil's Masterpiece." "The Devil's Masterpiece." The Devil doesn't exist? Pope John Paul II said, and I'm paraphrasing, "If you want to make the Devil happy, tell him he doesn't exist. That will give him just the opening he needs." Pope Francis, in his own different way said that "The Devil is a con artist, makes promises he can't deliver. He is sinister, treacherous, sneaky, seductive." To say the Devil is not alive and well would be a gross, gross mistake.

The same spirit that asked us to open up; it's the same way with the Devil. He can do nothing to us, against us, unless we let him. And that's the problem. We fall victim to his seductive nature. Even the minor sins we commit, he traps us. So what can we do? The scandal goes on. Here in St. Ann's Parish, we've been fortunate. That's not so in our adjoining parishes or the Archdiocese of New Orleans, or the Church at large, especially the United States, where millions of dollars have been paid out in settlement and restitution. The fact that we've not been affected doesn't let us off the hook because this is our Church. If the Church down the block, or the Church in the inner city, or the Church in New York is affected, we're affected.

So what can we do? We can pray every day of our lives for this Catholic Church, your Church and my Church, for an end to the scandal. We can affirm our priests, the good priests, and we have two here. The good priests that serve us daily, faithfully are stigmatized by this. They hurt because of this. We can affirm them, let them know how much we appreciate them, whether our own priests or other priests that we see. We can tap into the Holy Spirit. He is the direct adversary of the Evil Spirit. We can keep informed.

One of the playgrounds of the Devil is the media. The medial loves to see the Catholic Church stub its toe. They pounce on it. We have to not believe everything we read and hear. Not to say all the media is wrong, to say we have to be discerning, because we can be informants by the negative attitudes of the media toward the Catholic Church.

It sounds dismal, but it's not. And it's not dismal for two reasons. This Catholic Church will never go away. Never. For two reasons: Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he told his apostles, "I will be with you to the end of the age." That's a promise kept because the Holy Spirit is here. And then, when he appointed Peter as head of the Church, he concluded his statement to Peter by saying, "The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." The gates of Hell shall not prevail against the Catholic Church.

When Jesus gave his discourse on the Eucharist, his body and blood, a lot of his disciples left him. He turned to his apostles and said, "Will you leave me too?" After a minute or so, Peter said, "Lord, how can we leave you? Where are we going to go? You have the words of eternal life." The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. And with that, we can truly say, Happy Birthday.
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

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.

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 Beaucouc 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.

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Catholic Men
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Catholic Men
And Their Sons!

Spirituality Fellowship
“Where Is God In Your Life”
Saturday, June 29, 2019
Beginning with 7:30 a.m. Mass
St. Ann Church and Shrine
3600 Transcontinental Drive
Metcairie, LA 70006

Guest Speakers
Sean Schaff  Jerry Christopher  Danny Abramowicz
Exposition—Adoration—Benediction
Confessions

“Christians must allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit if they expect to live a Christian life.” Pope Francis
How well do you know your Catholic Faith?

1. Which is the first Catholic Diocese in the United States?

2. How many Catholic Dioceses are there in the state of Louisiana?
   a. 7   b. 11   c. 12   d. 14

3. How many Capital Sins are there?
   a. 3   b. 7   c. 10   d. 14

4. What is the Pentateuch?
   a. Jewish 5-day holiday  b. The 5 statements of Mary  
c. First 5 Books of Bible  d. A 5-corner hat of pope

5. According to the Precepts of the Church, at minimum, how often must a Catholic receive Communion?
   a. Every Sunday  b. Once a Year  
c. At Christmas and Easter  d. Once a Month

See answers at the bottom of this page.

Confirmation Registration
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

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

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 an opportunity to explore the church 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.

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,
I recently heard that the state of Louisiana allows its taxpayers to donate toward a Tuition Donation Credit Program. What is this and is it true? Signed “itchin’ For Tuition”

Dear "itchin’ For Tuition"
Yes! This is true! Under the Louisiana Tuition Credit Program, any company or individual that pays Louisiana state income tax, can donate to one of two State Tuition Organizations (STO) that provide scholarships to qualifying students for private education. The donor can receive a 95% tax credit earned when the donation is made. If the amount it larger than the donor’s Louisiana income tax liability, the excess credit may be carried forward and applied to future tax liabilities for up to three years. The two STO’s are Arete Scholars and ACE Scholarships.

Furthermore, the recipient may specify which school they wish that the scholarships are applied toward. During the 2018-19 academic year, the Archdiocese of New Orleans has 757 students receiving scholarships through the TDR program that are enrolled in 54 schools.

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