WEEKEND EUCHARIST
Saturday: 7:30 AM Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday Masses:
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am & 5:00 PM

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday - Friday:
6:30 am & 8:45 am
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION
Tuesday: 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 pm
or by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
Ending with Benediction
First Friday: 9:15 - 10:00 am

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contact@stannchurchandshrine.org

WEEKDAY CHURCH HOURS
M-W-Th-Friday
6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday
6:00 am to 8:15 pm

Pray with us on Saturdays!
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:00 PM
Rosary 3:20 PM
Mass 4:00 PM

Pastor: Fr. Billy O'Riordan
Parochial Vicar:
Fr. Vincent Nguyen

St. Ann School
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Lindsay Guidry, Principal
The Presentation of the Lord  

It's the Month of February, the Month dedicated to the Passion of the Lord and today, forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also called Candlemas Day. In the Eastern Church, this feast is called the Feast of Meeting or Encounter - our encounter or meeting with God, who became a child to bring newness of life to the world. Expectant humanity is represented by the elderly Simeon and Anna. Today’s feast commemorates Joseph and Mary fulfilling the Law of Moses by bringing the Child Jesus to the Temple 40 days after his birth. Simeon, a righteous and devout man awaiting the consolation of Israel, declared him a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel. This sparked the tradition of blessing enough candles to last an entire year, and to candle processions in churches and in the streets.

As Simeon and Anna hurried to meet the Christ, so we should be eager to meet Christ, as the baptized, and carrying the light of faith. We should note the significance of burning candles. The flame burns away the candle fat to produce light. I wonder what needs to be burned away in our lives in order to be a brighter light for others. We should all carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we too hurry to meet the Messiah. Let all of us share in the radiant splendor that beckons us to the light whose brilliance is eternal.

When we receive Holy Communion, we take on the role of Simeon who was privileged to hold the Lord in his hands. We too hold the Christ in this meeting and encounter through the Holy Eucharist. For the elderly Simeon, there is nothing more that he wants in life than to meet the Messiah, and so with gratitude he prays: “At last, all powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise. For me eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.” [Luke 2:29-32]

Attentive to the fact that we have been claimed for Christ by the sign of the cross and baptized for mission, it’s good to recall that a candle in shedding its light and in burning brightly - is itself consumed. For us, as ministers in time and place, as instruments of God’s glory and the light of Christ, we must know that we will be consumed … A burning candle is a symbol of selfless generosity giving light and warmth. May our lives be a source of blessing and warmth to those around us … There is a song entitled Go Light Your World and the refrain goes like this: Carry your candle, run to the darkness … Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn … Hold out your candle for all to see it … Take your candle and go light your world.

Reflection: Fr. Billy

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**Mass Intentions**

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**February 2 - 7, 2020**

**Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Light (Church)**

**Thomas J. Kelly**
The school celebrated Catholic Schools Week last week. The students participated in many activities designed to recognize the importance of their wonderful Catholic education. Students met with their buddies for milk and donuts, provided by the Home & School Club, at the Buddy Bash. They attended a special Catholic Schools Week Mass and wrote letters of encouragement and appreciation to seminarians. There was a pep rally where we recognized the 35 faculty/staff members who have been at St. Ann School for 10 years or more and the 20 former St. Ann School graduates who are now on our staff. It was a fun filled week to create an awareness of the lifelong values instilled by a Catholic education.

New Student Registration is Monday night, February 3rd from 6-7 PM in the school cafeteria.

Please remember our second grade students who are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening.

Hosted by St. Ann Men’s Club
stannmensclub.org

Saturday, March 14, 2019
12:00 - 6:00 PM
St. Ann Parking Lot
Kid Zone $10 entire event
Cook-Off samples $2
additional food and snacks available

$5 Raffle on a
Big Green Egg cooker

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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The 2020 Born to Run/NOLA is a great opportunity for runners and walkers alike to take an active role in Woman’s New Life Center’s mission. Woman’s New Life Center (WNLC) is a life-affirming counseling and medical center that serves women facing unplanned pregnancies in the New Orleans and Greater Baton Rouge areas. You can help WNLC continue to save and change lives by participating in Born to Run/NOLA.

Olga Ann Frank, St. Ann Children’s Choir director, will be participating in the 5K/Fun Run and would love for you to join her! We can change lives in our community just by running, walking, or strolling along beautiful Lake Pontchartrain.

If you’d like to join me, please visit my Team Page using the link below.

Team Registration Link: classy.org/event/born-to-run-new-orleans/e263651/register/new/select-tickets
Team Name: St. Ann "Go Make a Difference"
Team Captain: Olga Ann Frank

Online registration is easy - it only takes a few minutes! When you sign up you can choose to participate in the race as a runner/walker or set up your own fundraising page, or you can do both. Born to Run is an important event for Woman’s New Life Center, and I hope you can join me!

Please help me support Woman’s New Life Clinic making a donation through my fundraising page for Born to Run - New Orleans. Even a small donation will help me achieve my goal! The process is fast, easy, and secure. Thanks so much for your support. ~Olga Ann Frank

Donation Link: classy.org/fundraiser/2578557

St. Ann Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is collecting suitcases, backpacks, and duffel bags (new or VERY gently used) for children in foster care. They can be brought to the parish office and we will deliver them to Comfort Cases or you can donate directly: comfortcases.org

700 children enter foster care every day in the United States. MOST ARE GIVEN A TRASH BAG TO CARRY THEIR FEW BELONGINGS.

These children have been abused and neglected and often feel like they don’t matter. Many do not own a toothbrush and have never worn a new pair of pajamas.

Comfort Cases give children entering foster care a sense of dignity and hope. Packed with a cozy new pair of pajamas, a stuffed animal to hug, a toothbrush, soap, and other personal care items, receiving a Comfort Case tells a child, you matter.

It’s not too late to join us!
Mondays 7 PM
Parish Ministry Center
(Located behind the church)

As a follow-up to Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary, the book we gave out at Christmas, St. Ann is having a group study using Lectio: Mary on FORMED. The study began on January 27th and meets every Monday at 7 PM in the Parish Ministry Center, but it’s not too late to join us.

Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Brant Pitre, and building upon his book “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary,” this video-led series, entitled, “Lectio Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God,” examines what Scripture, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about Mary. By closely examining the connections between the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Pitre presents clear and easily understood explanations about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God. This promises to be a very insightful and enlightening presentation.

We still have some copies of Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary available in the parish office.
LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT

SEAFOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ST. ANN
EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

Keep your eyes open for a flyer detailing the menus for each Friday of Lent.

There will be two traditional Lenten Seafood Dinners put on by the St. Ann Men’s Club.
There will be two dinners in the Cafeteria and two drive-through only dinners put on by the Knights of Columbus.

Stations of the Cross

Mark your calendars for Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent.

The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ’s sufferings and death, and this has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions.

You can find many resources about the Stations of the Cross on our website: stannchurchandshrine.org/stations-of-the-cross

St. Ann Lenten Mission

Fr. Brice Higginbotham from the Houma Thibodaux Diocese will lead us in our Lenten Mission this year. You may have seen some of his videos on Facebook answering questions about Why Do We Do That?

SAVE THE DATES!
March 9 - 11 with Masses at 10 AM & 7 PM

Confessions in Every Parish

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer Confessions in every parishes from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM on three consecutive Wednesdays: March 18, March 25, and April 1
**Men’s Spiritual Retreat**

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!!!**  All men of St. Ann parish are invited to participate in the Archdiocesan Men’s Spiritual Retreat, entitled: “Mission Possible: Personal Holiness.” Our council of the Knights of Columbus will pay 40% of the cost of the retreat for any man of our parish wishing to attend. Your cost will be just $25 for the entire day. This will be held March 7 at St. Catherine of Sienna Church and includes lunch. Guest speakers include Jack Del Rio, Peter Herbeck, and Curtis Martin. More information is available online at [https://www.neworleanscatholic.com/](https://www.neworleanscatholic.com/)

Contact the church office at 455-7071 to sign up. Reservations are limited!

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**Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? What can we learn about her from Sacred Scripture?**

Find out the answers in this Lectio series on Mary, beginning Monday January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Ministry Center (located just behind the church). You can also join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Brant Pitre, and building upon his book “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary,” this video-led series, entitled, “Lectio Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God,” examines what Scripture, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about Mary. By closely examining the connections between the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Pitre presents clear and easily understood explanations about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God. IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!!!

**BIG Changes happening this Lent!!!**

Look for meatless meals EVERY Friday in Lent!!! Details and menu will begin in next week’s bulletin.

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**It is Easier to raise a child in the ways of Faith than to attempt to heal a broken man or woman.**

**Dear Annie . . .**

This article will 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,**

In the Apostle’s Creed at Mass, we recite that Jesus “descended into hell.” What does that mean? Signed, Observant

Dear Observant, in the Old Testament, hell (or she’ol in the Hebrew texts or hades in Greek texts) referred to “the place of the dead.” This hell was for both the good and the bad, the just and the unjust. In the later writings of the Old Testament, a clear distinction was made between where the good resided in hell versus where the bad were, the two being separated by an impassable abyss. The section for the unjust was named Gehenna, where the souls would suffer eternal torment by fire.

Our Lord attested to this “land of the dead” understanding of hell: Recall the parable of Lazarus, the poor beggar, who sat at the gate of the rich man (cf. Luke 16:19ff). Our Lord offered the perfect sacrifice for all sin by dying on the cross, the redemptive act that touches all people of every time – past, present and future. He was then buried. During that time, He descended among the dead. His soul, separated from His body, joined the holy souls awaiting the Savior in the Land of the Dead. His descent among the dead brought to completion the proclamation of the Gospel and liberated those holy souls who had long awaited their Redeemer. The Gates of Heaven were now open, and these holy souls entered everlasting happiness enjoying the beatific vision. Please note: Jesus did not deliver those souls damned to eternal punishment in hell nor did He destroy hell as such. The Catechism highlights the importance of this event: “This is the last phase of Jesus’ messianic mission, a phase which is condensed in time but vast in its real significance: the spread of Christ’s redemptive work to all men of all times and all places, for all who are saved have been made sharers in the redemption” (#634).

An “Ancient Homily” of the early Church for Holy Saturday captured this event: “The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh, and He has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began..... He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, He has gone to free from sorrow the captives of Adam and Eve, He who is both God and the Son of Eve.... I am your God, who for your sake have become your Son.... I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead.”

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**Lenten Meals**

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