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

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Website:  
stannchurchandshrine.org  

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contact@stannchurchandshrine.org

Updates on parish activities with regard to coronavirus precautions can be found on our website:  
stannchurchandshrine.org/coronavirus-updates

TEMPORARY WEEKDAY CHURCH HOURS  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

RECONCILIATION  
Saturday: 3:00

St. Ann School  
4921 Meadowdale St.  
504-455-8383  
stannschool.org

Lindsay Guidry, Principal

ST. ANN CHURCH  
& NATIONAL SHRINE

Watch live  
Facebook  
@StAnnChurchandShrine  

Website  
hhttps://stannchurchandshrine.org/videos-mass-and-evening-prayer

Daily Mass  
8:45 AM

Weekend Masses  
4:00 PM Vigil Saturday  
9:30 AM Sunday Mass

Evening Prayer  
Monday-Friday & Sunday  
6:00 PM

Confessions  
Saturday 3:00 PM  
Outside on the Transcontinental side of the Church

The church will remain open daily for private prayer  
8:30 PM to 6:30 PM
PARISH CALENDAR

All meetings and events have been canceled in accordance with the guidance of the Archbishop with regard to the restrictions set forth by the President and the Governor for no gatherings of more than 10 people.

Masses and Evening Prayer are being live-streamed on Facebook and our website.

Please refer to our website for schedule updates.

https://stannchurchandshrine.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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On Friday, April 24th, The Knights of Columbus Council #3465 prepared meals for some of our homebound parishioners, and the Ladies’ Auxiliary delivered them. They were given a freshly-cooked plate of Rosetta Chicken with Macaroni and Cheese and another plate of Red Beans and Rice to heat up at another time.

MASS INTENTIONS

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May 3~9, 2020
Altar Decorations
Kalma Scandaliato
Sanctuary Light (Church)
Kalma Scandaliato
Sanctuary Light (Chapel)
Leona Mae Rohr
Good Shepherd Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A
Acts 2:14, 36-41 I Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. One of the oldest images of Jesus in the Roman catacombs depicts Jesus Christ carrying an injured and straying sheep on his shoulders back to the sheepfold - an image that appeals to many people. Most people are familiar with the Old Testament Psalm 23 - The Lord is my Shepherd. We have Christ as our Shepherd and Risen Lord. We need that consolation in these times, especially for those who are struggling physically, emotionally, and spiritually with the coronavirus pandemic. I am mindful of those who had family members die recently and not being able to have a proper funeral service. Fr. Vincent, our deacons, and I will be happy to celebrate a Memorial Mass when we have less restrictions and can celebrate public Masses for you and your family.

We are fortunate to belong to the sheepfold of the Good Shepherd. In these days of Eastertide, we can reflect on our being claimed for Christ by the sign of the cross, and being baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. I wonder if we truly appreciate such a privilege. Do we live in anticipation of heaven and the expectation of eternal life? Do we recognize the gentle but calling voice of the Good Shepherd? Whose voice are we more likely to listen to? What will our fate be mindful of the pleasures and temptations around us every day?

Our task and vocation in life is to re-form ourselves into Jesus, that is to conform ourselves to the Good Shepherd. If we refuse to enter into Christ’s sheepfold through the gate of radical change and try instead to climb in another way, we are no less than thieves and robbers. The only leading we need to worry about is that which comes through following. Jesus makes a profound statement: “I am the gate for the sheep …” In Jesus’ time shepherding was dangerous work, and in the desert shepherds often made temporary pens with rocks and slept across the opening to protect the sheep within. The welfare of the sheep depended on staying close to the shepherd and responding to his voice.

It’s still a dangerous world out there. We live in the “desert” of our own making. The environment of the modern world is every bit as treacherous as a Judean desert. We often search for happiness outside the security of the sheepfold, often seeking instant gratification without being grafted and fixed to the Good Shepherd. We look for the love, happiness and security God wants for us but not on his terms. We often listen to lots of pseudo shepherds calling out for our allegiance.

In March 2013, Pope Francis called on the world’s priests to bring the healing of God’s grace to everyone in need ... and to be “shepherds living with the smell of the sheep.” These are challenging words for me in these days of isolation and restriction. That said, I have on occasion told people that if I ever write a book, the name of it will be The Smell of God because as Christians we should have the smell and scent, odor and fragrance of God. We should have the quality and essence of God!

Above, is a picture of the Good Shepherd for the children to color … Reflection: Fr. Billy
Dear, St. Ann Parishioners:

I'm very much looking forward to the near future when I get to serve you as Dcn. Michael Lamy. I am grateful to Fr. Billy for his gracious support as well as to Archbishop Aymond for this appointment. As a brief introduction to who I am, here's a short sketch - I've lived in Metairie most of my life, went to St. Francis Xavier for grammar school, Archbishop Rummel for high school, a few places for college, and finally earned a bachelor's degree since being in seminary from the University of Holy Cross.

After 9 years of pursuing my own will, not practicing my faith, and basically flat out ignoring the Lord, I had a powerful encounter with Him, His mercy, and His personal love for me about 7 years ago. Since then, I've strived to be a faithful disciple and have had to constantly relearn the truth that without Him I can do nothing. Nevertheless, I sincerely hope that my time as a deacon at St. Ann will help each of you grow in relationship with the Lord and our Blessed Mother on your way to becoming the men and women God made you to be.

As we prepare to meet each other in a post-corona reality, please say a prayer for me that I will be a faithful and holy minister in Jesus' Church, and please know of my prayers for you and your families as you seek to live out your faith and experience God's loving presence in these challenging times.

-Sincerely in Christ,
Michael Lamy (b. 04-24-86)
We have had several people ask about how to make contributions.

Just as we are unable to have public Masses, we are unable to pass the basket for your generous and kind weekly offering, and obviously, our expenses continue. It is preferred that you use electronic giving for your support at this time, if possible. However, you are welcome to mail your envelopes to the parish office as well.

The link for electronic giving is https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stannchurch

The office address is 4940 Meadowdale St., Metairie, LA 70006.

Let us continue to pray deeply during this time of great difficulty, especially for those who work in the medical field and those in hospitals at this time.

- St. Ann, Mother of the Mother of God ... Pray for us!
- St. Michael ... Pray for us!
- St. Roch ... Pray for us!
- Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos ... Pray for us!
- Our Lady of Prompt Succor ... Pray for us!

Universal Charitable Deduction

The signing of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act has created a Universal Charitable Deduction of $300 for taxpayers. This is an “above-the-line” deduction, which means it will be available to all taxpayers, not just those who itemize.

Example: A taxpayer who takes the standard deduction and makes a $300 cash gift (not stock) to a qualified charitable organization, like their parish, may claim the $300 deduction in computing his or her adjusted gross income. The gift may be made at any time during the remainder of 2020. This deduction is in addition to the taxpayer's standard deduction.

If you would like to make a donation to St. Ann Church & National Shrine, you can do so electronically here: giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stannchurch or you can mail it to 4940 Meadowdale St., Metairie, LA 70006. Your generosity of stewardship is always appreciated.
First Communion UPDATE!!!

This past Saturday Morning WOULD HAVE BEEN our First Communion Celebrations. Unfortunately, with the coronavirus pandemic, our Church celebrations have been canceled. Fr. Billy and Fr. Vincent, gave a special blessing (and gifts) to the second grade First Communion candidates as they drove through the carport to receive their gifts. HOPEFULLY, by the time you read this notice, our state has lifted some of the social distance bans and we are closer to resuming our Church celebrations, especially reception of the Sacraments. If not, we are hopeful to celebrate with everyone VERY SOON! Hang in there, and God bless!

Tale of Two Horses
Author Unknown

In a field not far from here, there are two very special horses. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

But if you stood nearby and listened, you will hear the sound of a small bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a bell that lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you’ll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray.

When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn’t too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see.

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

“Two are better than one . . . If the one falls, the other will help the fallen one. But woe to the solitary person! If that one should fall, there is no other to help.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

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For Toes In Need!!!

Knights of Columbus Thanks You!
Sock It To Me!

For Toes In Need!!!

Thanks to all who donated socks for the Needy!
Our council Collected OVER 200 pairs of socks for Men, Women and Children in Need

These will be donated to Ozanam Inn and Covenant House later this week

Thank you! From your KC council!
For showing your Christian Attitude!!!

Just Going to Church
Doesn’t Make You A Christian
Anymore Than Standing In Your Garage
Makes You A Car!

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Be a real man! Be a Knight!