ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE
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WEEKEND EUCHARIST
Saturday: 7:30 AM Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass (Live-Stream)
Sunday Masses:
8:00 AM, 9:30 (Live-Stream),
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday - Friday:
6:30 AM
8:45 AM (Live-Stream)

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:00
Tuesday 6:00 PM

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

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

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

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

St. Ann School
stannschool.org

4921 Meadowdale St.
504-455-8383
Lindsay Guidry, Principal
Sunday September 13
4:00 pm Vigil
George A. Sanderson, Jr., Bob & Jean Segura, Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander, Mary Hurley, Owen J. LaCour Sr., Ernie Becnel, Agustin “Gus” Guitart, Elizabeth Fuentes, Rosalie & Tony Benigno, Arthur Brewster, Jerome & Mary Centanni, Tony & Maria Ricotta, Lloyd Charles Hoffmann, Jr., Our Family Members, Rosemary Maher (Health), Marian Lacoste, Elizabeth Gutierrez, In Thanksgiving, Linda & Dawn Boteler & Family (SI)

8:00 am Arthur E. Brewster
9:30 am Parishioners
11:00 am Pat Bontempo, Jules Albert, Jr. (SI), Harold J. & Kathleen O’Donnell, Jack Saux, Alma Weilbaecher, Owen LaCour, Sr., Dolores Kepner, Evelyn Gaudin Comeaux, Audry Desselles, Baptiste DeBroy, Rion Loisel

5:00 pm Bill Elliott

Monday September 14
6:30 am Robert A. James, Sr.
8:45 am Laura McGinnis

Tuesday September 15
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander
8:45 am Lloyd Hoffmann

Wednesday September 16
6:30 am Agustin R. Guitart
8:45 am Louis R. Hebert

Thursday September 17
6:30 am Mark Landry (SI)
8:45 am Lindsey Sommers (Birthday)

Friday September 18
6:30 am Marie Turlich
8:45 am Geraldine Rogers

Saturday September 19
7:30 am Bertrand J. Ibos, Jr.
Anger, fear, and extreme sadness were Barbara Mangi’s feelings after her 25-year-old daughter Dana was fatally stabbed and strangled by her college friend, Patrick Ford, in 2007. Barbara, a devout Catholic, recalled a prayer about forgiveness after the tragedy. “God, don’t you make any exceptions? You must. You must make exceptions. I know we are supposed to forgive people who hurt us but this is an extreme situation. This kid murdered my daughter. If You are going to want me to forgive this person, You are going to make it happen, because I just can’t.”

The turning point of Barbara’s forgiveness came when she heard Ford’s statement in the plea agreement in 2010. In his statement, he was sincerely sorry for the crime and promised to pray for the family’s healing. Barbara felt that Dana whispered into her ear: “Now, let it go, Mom.”

Barbara recounted her experience: “Something miraculous had happened in the courtroom that day. All my prayers asking God for help to forgive Dana’s murderer ... had been answered when I heard Patrick Ford speak to us. That short exchange healed me in a way I never expected or thought possible.”

Today’s Scripture readings are all about forgiveness. In the first reading from the book of Sirach, the author asks: “Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?”

When Peter asked Jesus how often one had to forgive, the Lord replied: “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” Then He told the parable of the unforgiving servant who had been forgiven a huge amount of loan refusing to forgive his fellow servant who owed him a much smaller amount. The King summoned the unforgiving servant and said to him: “You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”

To harbor anger and resentment is like having a rock in one’s heart. The deeper the resentment is, the heavier the rock. An unforgiving person will carry that rock with him as long as he refuses to forgive. Why carry it for so long? Why not let it go?

It is never easy to forgive. When we find it difficult to forgive, let us look at the Crucifix on which hung the Fountain of forgiveness. He who is sinless has died that we may be forgiven. On the Cross, the Lord has forgiven our sins and released us from death. Standing at the foot of the cross was the Blessed Virgin Mary, our model of forgiveness. Mary was able to forgive those who brutally nailed her Son to the wood of the cross.

St. John Vianney stated: “The saints have no hatred, no bitterness; they forgive everything and think they deserve much more for their offenses against God.”

Heaven belongs to the forgiving hearts.

Reflection by Fr. Vincent Nguyen
Thank you to the 192 moms who came out last night for the Home and School General Membership Meeting on the Blacktop! It was so wonderful to meet some of our new moms and hear updates from school admin and meet the nurses and school counselor who are all working so hard to provide for our students as they kick off the new school year!

We were excited to officially install our new Co-Presidents, Emily Canizaro and Angela Castro, and welcome back Courtney Kellerhals Fox (Treasurer), Tammy Vaccaro (Secretary), and Laura DeLatte Demalas (Parliamentarian) to the Executive Board during the Installation ceremony!

We collected $260 in donations for CCSCC’s upcoming Clothe-A-Child shopping event and a donation will be made from Home and School Club to St. Ann Parish for $186 for the Hurricane Laura relief fund from the proceeds of the 50/50 raffle!

Home and School Club also presented Mrs. Guidry and Mrs. Leingang with a check for the school in the amount of $6,885.26 as the donation of surplus funds from the 2019-2020 school year!

Congratulations to ALL of the winners last night and especially to Alicia Merrick who won the 2019-2020 Year tuition raffle and Reshelle Marino for winning monthly tuition!

It was such a great night and we can’t wait to “Stay Connected” to all of our amazing members as we navigate the upcoming school year!
Opening of the 2021 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2021 will be opened on Tuesday, October 6 at 10:00 AM

Due to the current situation, the process will be different due to the need for social distancing:

In person requests will be accepted as follows:

- **10:00 AM – Noon** Transcontinental entrance to the church
- **After 1:PM** Parish Office

The offerings (stipends) requested are as follows:
- Mass intention - $5; Sanctuary Light - $10; Altar Decorations - $35; Altar Flowers - $90 (Two sprays at $45 each)

As in past years, requests will not be posted upon receipt, but will be posted in the order in which they are received.

In fairness to everyone, we will accept **SIX** Mass requests per family at this time. After all requests are entered, the book will remain open for additional requests.

If your requested date/time is not available, we will contact you by phone to select an alternate date/time.

In the event that a priest is away and a Communion Service is held in place of the scheduled Mass, those Mass intentions will be moved to another date/time as close to requested date/time as possible.

**PLEASE PRINT** so that information can be published in the bulletin correctly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Remember that masks are required in both the church and parish office!

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Family Sunday: “Finding a Way”

**Sunday, September 27th,**

after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, we invite all our families to drive through the school blacktop to help us “Find a Way” to celebrate Family Sunday with a special treat and a car photo booth picture.

St. Ann loves our families!
Confirmation Meeting
Sept. 17th, 7:00 p.m.
There will be a meeting for all 11th grade students wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Ann Church and their parents on Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. in church. All students and at least one parent should attend. Families are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing while in the church. This meeting will also be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend. If a student is not yet registered, you may do so 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. To register, visit the church website at https://stannchurchandshrine.org/confirmation

Adult Bible Study and Faith Formation Classes
St. Ann Church has re-started its morning and evening Adult Bible Study classes as well as the Faith Formation classes! Our Bible Studies are on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Ministries Center (PMC), located just behind the church. The adult Faith Formation classes are held on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. also in the PMC. The Bible Study classes are also being live-streamed on Tuesday mornings as well. Refreshments are provided and there is no cost to attend any of these classes. Anyone is welcomed to attend. Call the church office at 455-7071 for more information.

Catholic Inquiry Sessions Have Begun!
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 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 us at 455-7071, ext. 2225 for more info.

Seven Days Without Prayer Makes One Weak!

Knights of Columbus Assists Hurricane Relief
Members of our local council of the Knights of Columbus participated in Hurricane Relief efforts at Second Harvest Food Bank. Several members assisted in putting together approximately 10,000 meals that will be sent to SW Louisiana to help workers and victims of Hurricane Laura. Second Harvest needs on-going volunteers to assist in their relief efforts. If you can volunteer, first complete an online profile at their website and then sign up at one of the available slots. This Corporal Work of Mercy is well needed and will certainly leave you with a fulfilling feeling knowing that you made a difference. Thanks to the Knights for a job well done!
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