Welcome to St. Ann!
We're so glad that you're here. We strive to make all feel at home here and to build community.
Please let us know if we can assist you in any way.

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St. Ann Cemetery: 305 W. Pothouse Road
Sacred Heart Cemetery: 1258 Fillmore Street

HOPE VOLUNTEERS drive people in need to appointments or on essential errands, Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Schedule a ride 4 days in advance. If you call on a Friday the ride will not be scheduled until Tuesday or Wednesday.

Cancelled Until Further Notice

Today: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Reading for the Week

St. Ann (026)
From the Pastor’s Desk...

Archbishop Perez has suspended the public celebration of all daily and weekend Masses within the archdiocese until further notice.

As this bulletin goes to the printer (Wednesday March 18) we are working to be able to livestream Sunday Masses (and if possible also daily Masses) on our parish social media (Website; Flocknote; FaceBook). I really encourage you to subscribe to our Flocknote service for current information in this fluid situation.

Chapel and church are closed and all scheduled parish activities, meetings and devotions (eg. Stations of the Cross; Eucharistic Adoration; Visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament) are suspended for the duration of this public health emergency.

Until this crisis passes, the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) will not be scheduled. Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings will take place as we are able taking into account the covid-19 cautions.

Holy Communion will not be brought to the sick in their homes or in institutions by our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. In fact, our local health care institutions are not allowing such visits.

Although the parish office is closed, the staff is working remotely so as to be of service to our parishioners. You can reach the staff via phone (610-933-3732) or email.

That said, I can be reached by phone (610-933-3732) or email fathernewns@gmail.com and I will get back to you and be of service to you as I am able. I am praying for you and will remember all of our parishioners in daily Mass and I ask you to pray for me and to join with me in praying for an end to this pandemic and the suffering connected with it.

“Laetare”

The opening words for Mass for the fourth Sunday of Lent are:

“Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.”

(Isaiah 66:10-11)

Rejoice? We are living through (what is in my lifetime) an unprecedented public health emergency and we are being advised daily as to how to respond. The medical anxiety is compounded by economic anxiety: Will we get paid? For how long? Will my job still be here when this medical crisis is over? How will I pay my employees? Can my business remain in business? Food? Rent / Mortgage? Cabin Fever? I feel horribly alone and isolated. Where is God in all this? A few things come to mind....

Not Unprecedented – When my father was born in October 1918 all churches (and schools and places where people could gather in a group) in the greater Philadelphia area were closed and not reopened until late November when the “Spanish Influenza” pandemic had run its course in our area.

Twenty-five years ago when I was delving into the 1918 Pandemic, it was very hard to find anything on the American experience. Why? In a recent column on the lack of material about that pandemic, David Brooks wrote, “When it was over people didn’t talk about it. There were few books or plays written about it. Roughly 675,000 Americans lost their lives to the flu, compared with 53,000 in battle in World War I, and yet it left almost no conscious cultural mark. Perhaps it’s because people did not like who they had become. It was a shameful memory and therefore suppressed.”

The evil of September 11, 2001 was the occasion for a tsunami of goodness as “ordinary people” rushed into the Twin Towers and our nation pulled together to help the victims. How we respond to this current crisis need not lead us to be ashamed when we come out the other side of this experience. How shall we respond? What can we do? This pandemic need not lead to pandemonium. This pandemic can strengthen familial, social, national and global bonds ---what President Lincoln called our “mystic cords”.

We who have been baptized into Christ are and are supposed to be Christ for one another and especially for those who are suffering.

As we live though this Lent let us adjust our prayer, our fasting and our almsgiving so to allow Christ’s love and loyalty flow through us to our neighbors and flow from our neighbors to us.

If you have any ideas or suggestions or needs please reach to our parish staff and/or to me.

A THOUGHT – Thomas Merton wrote: “You do not need to know precisely what is happening or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.”

“AT SEA” – At times we all feel unmoored, adrift, “at sea”. During such experiences, we Catholics have often looked to Mary under the title of “Star of the Sea” (“Stella Maris”). When we do not know what the future holds, we look to her as our example of trust, “Be it done unto me according to your Word”.

ST. ANN MEMORIAL CHURCH – At the direction of engineers and our insurance carrier the distressed trusses in St. Ann Memorial Church are being braced asap. This will be the first step in remediating the structural issues in our original church.

THANK YOU – for you continued and faithful financial support of our parish in this difficult time, and we ask you to consider adopting our Direct Debit method for regular church support.

We love having you as part of our flock! Let’s keep in touch! Get important Parish & Ministry updates via email & text. There are two ways to connect. Visit our church at: flocknote.com/StAnnPhx or Text Stannphx to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.
El Greco, “Christ Healing the Blind,” circa 1567

We enter into this fourth Sunday of Lent with the words of Samuel I telling us that, “not as man sees does God see.” The scripture readings for this Sunday include the story of Christ healing the blind man at the pool of Siloam. El Greco painted two versions of this story; here we explore his first rendition. Christ Healing the Blind tells the story but also reveals El Greco’s blossoming artistic vision. In this early painting, we observe El Greco learning to see with the eyes of an artist as he depicts perspective and the movement of bodies from all angles. Just as the blind man learns to see, El Greco is gaining his unique vision here.

Christ Healing the Blind presents two main groups of people: Christ healing the blind man on the left, and the Pharisees clustered on the right, suspicious and protesting. Front and center are the blind beggar’s meager possessions and a sniffing dog—perhaps his only loyal companion. Further back, two figures complete the circle, engaged in a pose of compassion and healing—God’s mercy juxtaposed with the confrontation below. Placing Christ and the Pharisees on the left and right is a point of irony: the Pharisees, who are assured of their right vision, are in fact blind to the truth unfolding before them, while Christ reveals the truth on the left. Behind the Pharisees a sky of swirling clouds reinforces their disarray, but Christ’s healing act takes place in front of a firm visual backdrop of stable architectural elements. Behind Christ, El Greco leads our eye to a vanishing point with a long row of arches, hinting that the sight Christ grants to the blind beggar is long-ranging and far. In contrast, the cluster of Pharisees obscures their own horizon, as their near-sighted vision lands on one another.

Finally, the four men gathered on the left seem unaware of what is going on. Here, El Greco inserts another kind of blindness: oblivion to grace unfolding before their very eyes. Their mild presence is perhaps more challenging than that of the Pharisees, who are lacking vision but not awareness.

This story invites us to open wider our eyes of faith and pray for healing grace.

Commentary is by Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, assistant professor of liturgy, catechesis, and evangelization at Loyola University New Orleans.
At Death’s Door: And Other Tales by Joe Gerard Pugh (Parishioner)

Author Event: Book Club Discussion

New Date: Saturday, April 25 at 10:00am - 11:30am

Location: Church Hall

Questions: Contact Madelyn Howard at stannadulted@gmail.com

Printed together with several short inspirational works, At Death’s Door is a fictitious account of a meeting between a dying man and an old fellow who just might be God! In this story, philosophy meets theology, and human love meets divine love. The book may be purchased book through Amazon.com.
**Holy Family** school provides many enrichment opportunities for our children. We extend and enrich classroom instruction in a variety of ways. Our students can participate in music, drama, or sports. We are proud of our strong spiritual and academic programs and pleased to provide additional opportunities for student development. Registration is ongoing for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information on our Blue Ribbon School of Excellence or to schedule a visit, call us at 610-933-7562 or email at office@myholyfamilyschool.org. Be sure to like us on Facebook!

**Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at Malvern Retreat House, David and Mercedes Rizzo, will lead a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. The Rizzo’s are parents of a daughter with autism and the author of the book: Praying for Your Special Needs Child. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. For the flyer or registration information go to: www.opdarchphilly.org. For more information please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

Saint John’s has been closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to make informed decisions about the safety of our volunteers, staff, and guests. As the situation continues to evolve, we are continuing with our normal scheduled casserole pickups. These are difficult times for all of us, and Saint John’s remains committed to providing life-sustaining services for the vulnerable in Philadelphia. Casserole donations are at the heart of these services. Your generosity and support has allowed us to serve people in need for over 55 years. Your continued support during these difficult times will allow us to continue serving. Thanks so much for all of your support, we could not do this without you.

Frozen casseroles for St. John’s Hospice are due Wednesday, April 29 by 10 AM on the back porch of the Parish Office.

**Capt’n Chucky’s Knights Crab Cake Sale Cancelled**

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak the Knights of Columbus must cancel this year’s Lenten Crab Cake sale. We thank you for your past patronage and look forward to serving you again in the future.

Mike Paster, Knights of Columbus

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**A Coronavirus Prayer**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

- Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.
- Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.
- Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.
- Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.
- Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.
- Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.
- Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.
- Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.
- Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.
- Jesus Christ, heal us.
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