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SAINT ANN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12 JULY 2020
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.

Parish Clergy & Staff

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Parish Website: www.churchofsaintann.org

Parish Email Address: stannphx@comcast.net
St. Ann Cemetery: 305 W. Pothouse Road
Sacred Heart Cemetery: 1258 Fillmore Street

Mass Schedule

(All Masses in chapel)
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM*
Sunday: 9:30 AM* and live-streamed on the Parish Facebook page
11:30 AM Spanish*

* Please reserve a seat on the parish website.

New Parishioners: We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Parish Office for Parish Registration dates or to make an appointment.

Bulletin Submissions: Please send all news, photos, and events at least ten days prior to the issue date. Bulletin information should be emailed to stannadulted@gmail.com.

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Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

Today: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23
Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

Weekly Reading:
From the Pastor’s Desk...

SEEDS, ROOTS & FRUITS – Today Jesus gives us the parable about a man who sowed his seeds in an apparently random manner or with a sort of indifference about where the seed landed. Strange way to sow. Or not. What if the sower scatters his seed everywhere so that each place (each person) receives a seed and has a chance to root and to fruit? In the course of my life (sometimes in the course of one day) I know that sometimes my soul is like a worn-down footpath, or a rocky patch, or choked with concerns that feel pretty thorny. I’m inviting you to join me in spending time with this week’s saints, particularly with their relationship to nature.

NATURAL ADVENTURE – This Wednesday (July 15) we will celebrate the Memorial of St. Bonaventure, a Doctor of the Church who died in 1774. This Seraphic Doctor wrote: “As a human being, Christ has something in common with all creatures. With the stone he shares existence; with plants he shares life; with animals he shares sensation; and with the angels he shares intelligence.” With these words Bonaventure supplying some theological weight to experience of his friend St. Francis of Assisi (d. 1226) who addressed animals, elements and even the forces of nature by familial names, much as indigenous people have done for centuries: “Sister, Mother Earth,” “Brother Wind,” “Sister Water,” and “Brother Fire.” Centuries later Gerard Manley Hopkins (d. 1889) would put it this way, “There lives the deepest freshness deep down (in) things”. Or, in the words of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, “Earth’s crammed with heaven. And every common bush afire with God. But only he who sees takes off his shoes…”

ST. PAUL - saw nature as a living creature when he wrote in our second reading for today that: “For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God” and that “all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now”.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA – Left with impaired vision as a result of smallpox at age 4, Kateri was given the Algonquin-Mohawk name meaning “she who bumps into things” or “the one who walks groping her way”. As we celebrate her feast this Tuesday (July 14), let’s ask Kateri to pray for and to guide us as, with our own impaired vision, we bump and grope our way through the darkness into Perpetual Light. These words from Emily Dickinson come to mind as we reflect on being good soil for the seed of God’s Word and on bearing fruit for the Lord:

Tell all the truth but tell it slant----
Success in Circuit lies
Too bright for our infirm Delight
The Truth’s superb surprise
As Lightning to the children eased
With explanation kind
The Truth must dazzle gradually
Or every man be blind----

Remembering the parable of the six blind men describing an elephant, we can say, “St. Kateri, pray for us as we, too, grope our way to God!”

In This Together - If, after having attended a Sunday Mass, you have a positive COVID test, please contact our parish office immediately so that we may post this information on our parish social media. We will not share your name with anyone; however, we will inform our parishioners that a person who tested positive for COVID was in attendance at that particular Mass the previous weekend.

Help save lives. Give blood.

American Red Cross Blood Drive(s)
7/22/20 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
7/23/20 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
7/24/20 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

St Ann Roman Catholic Church
Holy Family School - GRIFFIN HALL
230 3rd Avenue
Phoenixville PA 19460

Discover Your Antibody Test Status When You Give Blood
For a limited time, the American Red Cross will test all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an additional health service to our donors. This testing may provide critical insight into whether donors may have possibly been exposed to this coronavirus. The Red Cross is committed to helping others in meaningful ways during this pandemic.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
Thank You - Thank you for your continued, faithful financial support of our parish at this challenging time. For the duration of this crisis, I ask you to consider mailing your church envelopes to the parish or placing your donations in the bin marked “Office Correspondence” located on the front porch of our office (502 S. Main ST).

ONLINE GIVING - Parishioners and friends of our parish can now make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website. Stop worrying about weekly envelopes or mailing in special donations. Instead, give a gift at any time (from any device that connects to the internet) using a current email and checking account or credit card. It’s simple and secure.

Visit www.churchofsaintann.org to see how easy it is.

Casseroles for St. John’s Hospice is located in Philadelphia and serves men who have no place to stay. Pans and recipes are on Chapel shelves. Put the date your casserole was prepared on the cover of each dish. Frozen casseroles are due Wednesday, July 29 by 10 AM on the back porch of the Parish Office.

Please pray for the sick, disabled, homebound members of our Parish Family.

Alicia Andrews  William Eggeling  Christine Koons  Jonathan Perez  Christine Springer
Chad Berish  Andrew Fabian  Bridget Kunakorn  Glen Phillips  Bob Stancavage
Stephanie Bilash  Dan Fennell  Irene Layden  Abigail Pilcicki  Marc Stevenson
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Isabella DeSimone  Ann Johnson  Jacob Nichols  Maxine Sheman  Talan Wolstenholme
Michael DiArcangelo  Terry Johnson  Georgene O’Donnell  Keith Sheridan  
Lucille Dickson  Linda Kerr  Marcelo Opiela  Margaret Sim  
Audrey Dombroski  Betty Koch  Steve Pannella  James Smith  
Theresa Durkin  Patrick Koch  Ruth Pascal  John Snyder  
Kensley Eggeling  John Kolar  Cindy Patton  Evelyn Spitz  

St. Ann’s pantry open July 18

The St. Ann’s food pantry will be open on Saturday, July 18, starting at 1 p.m. Curbside pickup will be available in the parking lot behind the church.

We remain deeply grateful to St. Ann parishioners for the extraordinary donations to the pantry, which allow us to help many families in need.

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Monday through Friday, July 13-17, 9:30-12:00 PM and 1:30-3:00 PM

**Event:** Called to Love: Theology of the Body Summer Course Online

Join us this summer for a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in John Paul II's Theology of the Body! This short, one-week intensive course in our Continuing Education series studies his “Wednesday catechesis” — through an in-depth examination of the text and a discussion of his scriptural, theological, and philosophical methodology. It shows how the dual unity of man and woman and their interpersonal communion, even in the body, image divine trinitarian life.

Taught by: Faculty of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Washington, DC

More information: The class fee is $150. Registration closes on July 1.
Registrations forms and more information can be found at https://www.johnpaulii.edu/events/view/called-to-love-theology-of-the-body-summer-intensive-course2

Monday through Friday, July 20-24, 9:30 -12:00 PM and 1:30-3:00 PM

**Event:** Bioethics Summer Intensive Course Online

This week-long course will serve as an immersion the thought of St. John Paul II concerning the human person as a lens through which to view bioethical questions: assisted reproduction, end-of-life decision-making, allocation of scarce resources in epidemics, etc. The course aims at equipping students to think about issues in bioethics through the lens of John Paul II and the Church.

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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.

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**For Your Marriage**

John the Baptist leapt in the womb when Mary greeted his mother, Elizabeth. What a joyful scene!

Pray for couples expecting children today, and for those who await this blessing.

For more marriage tips, go to foryourmarriage.org.
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JULY

THE SEARCH

ANTHOLOGY

CHANTS AND POLYPHONY FROM ST. MICHAEL'S ABBEY

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