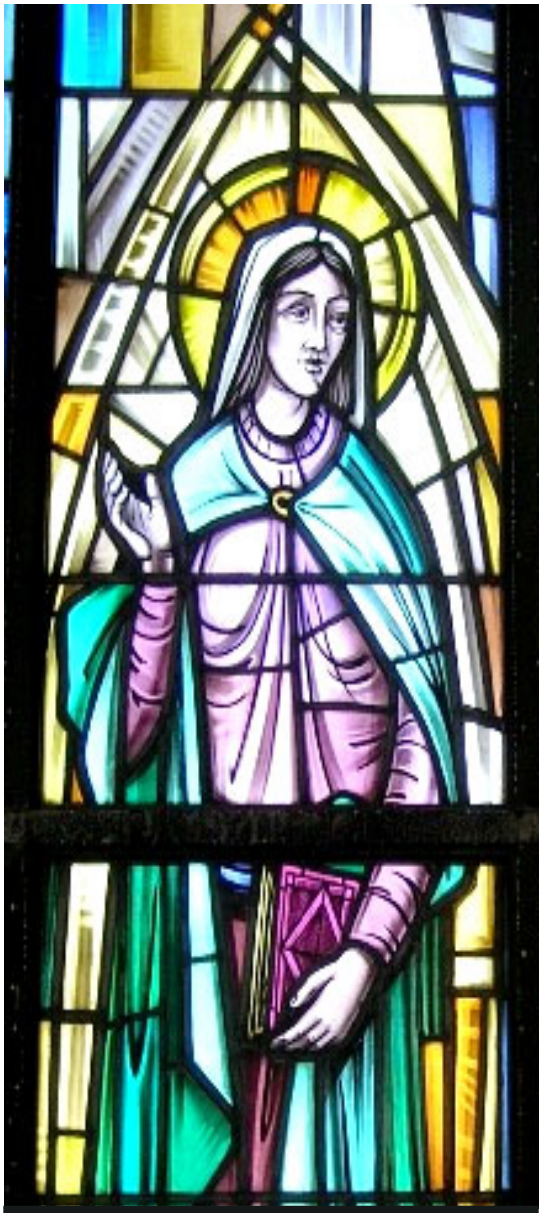

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WEEKEND EUCHARIST
Saturday: 7:30 am Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday Masses:
8:00, 9:30,11:00 am and 5:00 pm

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
ending with Benediction
First Friday: 9:30 - 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION
Tuesday: 6:00 to 6:45 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm
5:00 to 5:30 pm

St. Ann Church
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CHURCH HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

Pastor
Rev. Billy O'Riordan
455-7071, ext. 223

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Travis J. Clark, ext. 224

Deacons
Mr. Philip Doolen, ext. 231
Mr. Raymond Bertin,
Facilities Manager, ext. 226
Mr. Tom Fox, ext. 257

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St. Ann School - 455-8383
Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
www.stannschool.org

WEBSITE POLICY
The parish bulletin is published on the parish website on the internet. Any person who does not want his or her name or picture in the bulletin or on the internet, please notify the Parish Office immediately in writing.

A CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM
Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. Please call the Church Office at least three months before the anticipated date of birth. To schedule an interview and date for Pre-Baptism Seminar, call Deacon Phil Doolen at 455-7071, ext. 231. The celebration of infant Baptism will be arranged during the interview process.

MATRIMONY
The prospective bride or groom must contact one of the parish priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS
Families should contact the Church Office before making any arrangements with the funeral home.

VISITATION OF THE SICK
Please notify the Church Office when someone is in the hospital or sick at home and unable to attend Mass.

ROSARY GROUPS
1st Saturday of each month following the 7:30 am Mass in Church.
Every Saturday 3:20 pm-3:40 pm, before the 4:00 pm Mass in Church.
Rosary & Divine Mercy, every Wednesday 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the St. Ann Room.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN
Every Tuesday after the 8:45 am and 7:00 pm Masses. Twice a year a solemn nine day novena is held at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, consisting of Mass, homily and novena prayers. July 18th through 26th (Feast of St. Ann) and the Thursday after Ash Wednesday through Friday of the first week of Lent.

"LITTLE CHURCH"
"Little Church" is a babysitting service which is available every Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass for children ages 1 to 5 years old. Please bring your children to the Parish Ministry Center, behind the church.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Ann, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a faith family serving the needs of the parishioners and the wider community.

Home to the National Shrine of St. Ann, we are committed to providing opportunities to all for worship and service, evangelization and education, stewardship and ministry.

St. Ann Parish welcomes and invites all people to join us in proclaiming and living the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C
Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

St. Theresa of Avila was known to be a holy and prayerful person, always praying about everything she did. Sometimes we hear people say: **Why bother to pray. I have nothing to ask for.** Others will say: **How should I pray?** That seems to be the leading desire put to Jesus today by the apostles: **"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."**

I share this thought **...** A child saw an Indian holy person praying by a river. When the holy person finished, the child said, "Teach me to pray." The holy person took the child by the head and plunged it under the water, held it there for a while, and then released it. When the child got his breath back, he said, "Why did you do that?" The holy person said, "I just gave you the first lesson in prayer. When you want to pray as badly as you wanted to breathe while your head was under the water only then will I be able to teach you." [Mark Link, SJ "Jesus 2000 A Contemporary Walk with Jesus" page 365]

I came across this interesting definition: **"Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the spirit of God."** [Edwin Keith] The need to pray is for all of us, not just the holy people. Even Jesus took time to pray. The reasons and excuses for not praying are multiple … **If you don't have time to pray and read the Word of God, then you are busier than God intended you to be.**

If prayer is to change anything at all, it is to change us - to change our minds, to change our attitudes, to change the way we live. Genuine prayer puts us at God's disposal. It allows us to see what God dreamed we could be when He created us in the first place. The lovely quote by St. Catherine of Siena comes to mind: **"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."**

Reflection by: Fr. Billy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	**July 24**
4:00 pm Vigil	Alida Waguespack, Linda Murry (Health & Thanksgiving), Dale St. John, Raymond Olivier, Roy Chauvin, Theresa Cusachs, Eddie Pipitone, Dominic DiGiovanni, Gardner & McCleland Families, Nora O'Riordan, Joseph Palmisano, Mary Frances Maloney, Paul Laudumiey, Marie Gaudet (Health), Hugh Deforest
8:00 am	Parishioners
9:30 am	Rose Marie Fox
11:00 am	Jessica Noggerath, Jennifer Courville, Russell Howley, Raymond Olivier, Ruth Giroir, Anna Margaret Boudreaux, Nora O'Riordan, Mary Quaid (Health), Lorraine Boudreaux
5:00 pm	Raymond Olivier
Monday	**July 25**
6:30 am	Carol Estorge
10:00 am	Teri Estrada
7:00 pm	Annabell Angelle
Tuesday	**July 26**
6:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
10:00 am	Jennifer Courville
7:00 pm	Raymond Olivier
Wednesday	**July 27**
6:30 am	Raymond Olivier
8:45 am	Jennifer Courville
Thursday	**July 28**
6:30 am	Mildred Gilberti
8:45 am	Russell Howley
Friday	**July 29**
6:30 am	Raymond Olivier
8:45 am	Iona Swan
Saturday	**July 30**
7:30 am	Nora O'Riordan

RCIA Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?
You are invited to a series of inquiry sessions that will explore the Catholic Church from a non-Catholic's perspective. If interested call David Wilson at the parish office 455-7071 ext. 225.

July 24 - 30, 2016
"Sanctuary Candle "
In Memory of Patricia Vezina
"Altar Flowers"
In Memory of Teri & Frank Estrada

ST. ANN SUMMER NOVENA CONTINUES THROUGH JULY 26

THEME:
THE WISDOM OF POPE FRANCIS

Presented by:
Father James G. Ward

Novena Schedule

Weekdays: 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM Masses with Homily, followed by Novena to St. Ann. Sacrament of Reconciliation with private confession before and after the Masses.

Tuesday, July 26, 2016
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

JOIN US FOR A DAY IMMERSED IN THE LOVE OF GOD!

Saturday, August 13, 2016
9:30 AM—3 PM

Lunch will be provided. A suggested donation of $25 is gently requested.

Internationally acclaimed speaker, Patti Mansfield, is the Co-Liason for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Her profound devotion to Our Lady and deep prayer life have opened her to tremendous gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please come to share in this tremendous day of healing and prayer.

Please contact Our Lady of Good Counsel The Center of Jesus the Lord, 1037 Louisiana Ave. NOLA to register.

HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S RETREAT

A Holy Spirit Men's Retreat is scheduled for August 19-21, 2016 at Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, LA. The theme is, "Take the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Speakers are Mark Nimo, a dynamic speaker and inspiring lay leader in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Chicago; and Fr. Bo Majors, parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo in Destrehan. Also serving will be a team of men from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans. Cost is $175 per person (double room) or $205 (private), which covers registration, meals and accommodations. You may register online at http://www.ccrno.org/. For more information, contact CCRNO at 504-828-1368; info@ccrno.org.

Parish Calendar

7/25	9:30 AM COME AND SEE/ST. RAY
7/26	11 AM ADORATION
7/27	1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH/ST. RAY
	7 PM YOUTH CHOIR/CHURCH
7/28	7 PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION/WELCOME CENTER

Have a Generous

As you make your way through the Bible, you discover a God both gracious and compassionate. As we choose to follow Him, He beckons us to follow His example and be kind and openhearted ourselves.

We continue to look at Bible verses that give us a glimpse into the generosity that God wants us

20. 1 Timothy 6:17–19 Being rich in good works and generosity

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

God richly provides everything for our enjoyment. It isn't his desire to withhold or diminish our pleasure. In fact, he wants us to experience true pleasure. He wants us to experience the joy of being rich in goodness and generous. Once again Paul echoes the sentiment so prevalent throughout the scriptures: our benevolence now is an investment in eternity.

Who would turn that down?

It's obvious that being conformed to the image of Christ includes emulating his sacrificial, giving nature. We should be using our own generosity as a gauge for our own spiritual health. How open are we to give? How sacrificially?

The beauty is that in Christ's promise "Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds." (Rev. 20:12) As Scripture reminds us constantly, this will include checking his meticulous accounts of our generous giving.

AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL BY JOHN ANGOTTI

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2016, 7PM
DIVINE MERCY CHURCH
4337 SAL LENTINI PKWY. KENNER
TICKETS $15

Come and experience this high energy musical that will fill your heart with hope as the story of JOB is told through the creative lens of John Angotti to address the questions: "Why do bad things happen to good people and where is God when innocent people suffer?"
Tickets are $15.00 and are on sale now or they can be purchased at the door for $17.00.

2016 St. Ann Family Fest, September 30th & October 1st

"St. Ann Goes to the Movies"

SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES

Sponsors in all categories will be listed in the Church Bulletin

Titanium Stage Sponsor **$2,000**
Extra large-sized business name and logo in a priority spot on the stage banner **+** on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt **+** your name and logo displayed on the Family Fest Raffle Tickets, which are distributed to all school children and parishioners to sell. Position of logo will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Platinum Stage Sponsor **$1,500**
Large-sized business name and logo on the stage banner **+** on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt

Gold Stage Sponsor **$1,000**
Medium-sized business name and logo on the stage banner **+** on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt

Maroon Stage Sponsor **$500**
Small-sized business name and logo on the stage banner **+** on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt

FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP **$250**
Display your company's banner on the fence at the start/end of the St. Ann Fun Run on Loveland St. from Sept 23rd through October 7th. Banner not to exceed 3' by 9'. A limited amount of sponsorships are available, so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

TISKET-A-TASKET TENT SPONSORSHIP **$200**
Includes an individual banner with name on the Tisket-a-Tasket Tent at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc. *Only four sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.*

BOOTH SPONSORSHIP **$150**
Includes an individual sign on your sponsored booth at the Family Fest.
Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc.

PRIZE CASH SPONSOR **$25 to $100**
Donated cash is used to offset the cost of prizes.

PRIZE DONATION
Includes inventory items or promotional items such as pens, pencils, T-shirts, key chains, baseball caps, gadgets, etc.

RAFFLE PRIZES
Includes donations of large items, gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, entertainment, artwork, jewelry, sports memorabilia, etc.

Please complete the form below, attach your check and return to:
St. Ann Family Fest Committee • ATTN: Jennifer LaMonte • 4921 Meadowdale Street • Metairie, LA 70006
Questions? Contact Jennifer @ 250-8764 or Amber @ 250-7244 or email: stannfair@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to "St. Ann Family Fest". Donations of items can be delivered to the St. Ann School Office or to the Church Office, or you can call or email to arrange for a pick up.

Name and/or Business:

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This is how it will appear on signs and acknowledgements. Your donation can remain anonymous and appear as "Friend of St. Ann".

Address: ______________________________ Zip: __________

Contact Person: ______________________________________

E-Mail Address: ____________________ Phone____________

Donation Category: ________ Amount Enclosed: ____________

Confirmation The sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eleventh grade year for all students in a formal religious education program. *Any student in tenth grade or above who desires to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should contact the church office to register for the sacrament.* Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is *in* ***addition*** **to the student's regular religious education. Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 if you have any questions or concerns about the reception of any sacraments. To register for next year's program go to:**
https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/7103 .

FRESH FIRE 2016 Fresh Fire 2016, a day-long gathering for those desiring refreshment and empowerment in the Holy Spirit will take place Saturday, July 30, 10 am-3 pm, at St. Benilde Cafeteria, 1901 Division St., Metairie. The event is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans and was formerly called the Regional Ministries Gathering. Speakers will include Johnny Bertucci, Casey Sprehe, and Alex Lorio—all leaders in Catholic Charismatic Renewal locally, regionally and nationally. The theme for the day is "All His Ways Are Mercy and Truth" and will focus on the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. Music will be provided by Jamie Diliberto. Registration is $30 per person and includes lunch. Special price for youth ages 14-35, $10. This event is open to everyone. Pre-registration is available at http://www.ccrno.org/ no later than Wed. July 27-12 noon or call 828-1368.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS Retreat Center

UP COMING RETREATS

A Directed Retreat
Come away for awhile…
and deepen your relationship with God

Begins: Thursday, July 28, 2016, 6pm
Ends: Wednesday, August 3, 2016, after breakfast
At the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center
(formerly the "Cenacle" Retreat Center)
5500 St. Mary Street
Metairie, LA 70006

Come to a Directed Retreat
A directed retreat is a completely silent retreat. Each retreatant meets daily with a spiritual director, is given scripture to pray with and spends the rest of the day in silence, prayer and rest. Through scripture and reflection under the daily guidance of the Spiritual Director, the retreatant will become more aware of God's presence and action in their life. Cost: $350 (for private room and meals
Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center
For more information or to register telephone (504) 861-3254

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