ST. ANN NEWS

Lent & The Sacred Paschal Triduum ONE SEASON, ONE SERVICE **Spring 2018, volume 23, edition 1**

Symbols of the Season

Christian cultures all over the world share symbols of the Lenten season: **Ashes.** In the early Church, sinners were marked with ashes and isolated from the community on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, they lived apart for serious wrongs such as adultery, theft, murder, heresy. On Holy Thursday, they were absolved and welcomed back. Today, a cross is traced on our foreheads from ashes of last year's palms signaling the start of Lent.

Eggs. Eggs used to be among the foods that couldn't be eaten during Lent. A staple in many diets, the lack increased their importance. Over time, the egg became a symbol of the tomb. Jesus was laid in a tomb and rose on Easter to bring us new life. New life also comes from an egg. At Easter, we dye eggs and gift them in baskets. **Palms.** In pre-Christian days, palms were thought to ward off evil. Palms were laid at Jesus' feet as he rode into Jerusalem. Blessed palms are distributed on Palm Sunday in remembrance.

THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - MARCH 29
The Evening Mass, 7:30 PM in St. Ann Chapel

Holy Thursday: At 10:00 AM on Holy Thursday, March 29, our Bishop will preside over the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul. During this Mass, the sacred oils will be blessed for use throughout the Archdiocese for the next twelve months: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and Holy Chrism. This year the Chrism Mass will be streamed live on the Archdiocesan website - www.archphila.org.

At sundown on Holy Thursday, the preparatory season of Lent ends and the season for which we have been preparing starts. This Paschal Season extends for seventy-two hours over four calendar days, until sunset on Easter Sunday, when the fifty day Season of Easter begins.

Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper has three unique features:
Following Jesus' model of leadership through service, the pastor will wash the feet of 12 representatives from our parish community; All money donated on Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper will be sent to CRS Rice Bowl which helps to feed hungry people throughout the world (75%) including folks in our own area (25%). Please change any coins into bills or checks before placing your donation into your Rice Bowl envelope. Please make checks out to "St. Ann Parish." (If you cannot be with us for Mass on Holy Thursday, please drop your envelope into the collection basket either today or on Easter Sunday.); Following the reception and sharing of Communion –-which will be offered under both the form of Bread and of Wine—the Eucharistic Body of Christ will be taken in solemn procession to its place of repose in the Church (weather permitting). The Church will remain open until 10:00 PM so we may spend time in prayer with the Lord.

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - MARCH 30 - 7:30 PM - St. Ann Chapel

A Day of Fast and Abstinence - On Good Friday everyone over age 14 should abstain from eating meat, and everyone age 18 through 59 should fast by limiting themselves to one full meal for the day (along with a little something to eat at the other two mealtimes). This is a day of Paschal Penance since Lent has ended.

The Parish Business Office will be closed Good Friday. If you need a priest please call the Parish Office.

St Ann Church will be open for prayer from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM this Friday, and Sacred Heart Church will be open from Noon to 3:00 PM.

Good Friday is the one day of the year when the Mass may not be celebrated. Our **Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** will consist of three parts: The Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and the Reception of Our Lord in Communion.

All money donated this evening will support the **Work of the Church in Israel**. Use your special Holy Land envelopes and make checks out to "St. Ann Parish."

The local **Vietnamese Catholic Community** will gather in St. Ann's Church at 7:00 PM for Stations of the Cross and the Sacrament of Confession; a celebration of the Passion of the Lord will begin at 8:00 PM.

Our parish observance of the **Divine Mercy Novena** will begin immediately following the Good Friday Service in Chapel. Chaplet flyers are on the Chapel shelves.

HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil) - MARCH 31 - 8:00 PM - St. Ann Chapel

The Blessing of Food Baskets will take place at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church.

The Great Vigil will begin at 8:00 PM this Saturday on the Rectory Lawn (weather permitting). After the preliminary ceremonies in which we bless the new fire and the Easter Candle, we will process to the Chapel. The outdoor portion of the Service should take about 15 minutes. Everyone is invited to join us outdoors, but you may also wait in Chapel until the procession arrives. If you do choose to wait in Chapel you need to know that the building will be dark, but there will be ushers with flashlights available.

During this long (2+ hours) and very beautiful service, we will recall the story of salvation, welcome 10 new members into Full Communion with the Church, renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the Eucharist of the Lord.

As we prayerfully await the Lord's Resurrection, please note that there will be no Men's Bible Study at 7:00 AM, no Confessions at 3:45 PM and no Mass at 5:00 PM this Saturday.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - APRIL 1

7:30 AM Easter Mass in St. Ann Chapel

9:30 AM Easter Mass in St. Ann Chapel

11:30 AM Easter Mass in St. Ann Chapel

9:40 AM Easter Mass in St. Ann Church

11:40 AM Easter Mass in St. Ann Church

9:30 AM Spanish Easter Mass in Sacred Heart Church

2:00 PM Vietnamese Easter Mass in St. Ann Church

Due to the special nature of Easter, there will be No Children's Liturgy of the Word, PREP, Sr. High Youth Group and No Mass at 6:00 PM Easter Sunday. The rear door of 602 will be open for our Aid for Friends program.

EASTER OCTAVE: Monday-Friday, 6:30 PM Mass & Saturday, 9:00 AM Mass in St. Ann Chapel

The 50 days from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one Feast Day, or better, as one "Great Sunday." The first eight days of the Easter Season (the Easter Octave) represent the early hours of this fifty-day Day. We invite you to join us in Chapel for Mass at 6:30 PM, Monday through Friday, and at 9:00 AM Saturday as we celebrate the Octave of Easter and the Divine Mercy Novena with the greatest joy and attention. The Divine Mercy Praises will be prayed following each Mass throughout the Octave. All Masses and devotions during the Octave will be celebrated in Chapel.

The Easter Octave and the Divine Mercy Novena will conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8. Our observance of Divine Mercy Sunday will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel beginning at 1:00 PM through 3:00 PM There will be guided devotions in English and Spanish. Benediction will take place at 3:00 PM.

Life at St. Ann's in 2017

SACRAMENTS

	2016	2017
Baptisms	81	82
Confirmations	85	90
First Reconciliations	83	82
First Communions	83	82
Anointings	257	268
Marriages	17	12

LITURGY

	2016	2017
Average at weekly Sunday Mass	1,239	1,295
Average at daily Mass	30	32
Easter Sunday Attendance	1,960	2,449
Christmas Mass Attendance	2,512	2,583
Average at Holy Day Mass	450	229
Communion Visits to Homebound	466	577
Communion Visits to Institutions	2,494	1,917
Individual Hospital Visits by a Priest		
Emergency Calls	67	60
Non-Emergency	131	113
Funerals	44	47
Burials	81	97

EDUCATION

ADULT PARTICIPANTS	2016	2017
Pre-Jordan Programs	56	51
RCIA/RICA Program	6	14
YOUTH		
St. Ann Students attending HFS	151	148
Students enrolled in PREP	331	312
Children's Liturgy of the Word	12	15
Junior High Youth Group	12	9
Senior High Youth Group	17	13
Sunday School	15	15

PARISH POPULATION

	2016	2017
Individuals	6,330	6,360
Households	2,158	2,161

Statement of Operating Revenue & Expenditures ~ 12/31/17

	Current Fiscal Year 07/01/17 - 12/31/17	Current Budget 07/01/17 - 12/31/17	Previous Year 07/01/16 - 12/31/16
OPERATING REVENUE			
Church Sunday Collections	$426,792	$425,346	$421,118
Other Income	$170,326	$186,886	$162,442
Cemetery Operations - St Ann	$1,622	$1,395	$8,429
Cemetery Operations - Sacred Heart	$1,744	-$260	-$602
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	$600,484	$613,367	$591,387
OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
Diocesan Assessment	$65,150	$65,100	$56,300
Payroll	$190,788	$194,967	$175,087
Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits	$55,005	$57,874	$49,734
Administration	$82,381	$91,596	$88,442
Maintenance & Repairs	$37,880	$22,919	$24,223
Utilities	$25,717	$27,286	$27,074
Holy Family School Subsidy	$100,010	$100,010	$102,500
AL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	$556,931	$559,752	$523,360
EXCESS OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)	$43,553	$53,615	$68,027

Statement of Total Receipts & Expenditures ~ 12/31/17

St Ann Parish Operating Cash Balance 7/01/17		$577,033
Sacred Heart Cemetery Operating Cash Balance 7/01/17		$32,499
Total Operating Cash Balance 07/01/17		**$609,532**
Add:		
Excess Operating Revenue	$43,553	
Bequest	$2,000	
Extraordinary Collections	$38,166	
Other Receipts - Parish Charity	$16,709	
Accounts Payable	$7,021	
Realized Gain	$4,279	
Unrealized Gain	$8,838	
Total Additions		$120,566
Deduct:		
Excess Operating Expenditures		
Addition to Property/Equipment	$97,331	
Sacred Heart Cemetery perpetual care f	$50,000	
Other Expense - Parish Charity	$11,575	
Total Deductions		$158,906
Operating Cash Balance 12/31/17		**$571,192**

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Operating Accounts	$506,371
Heritage of Faith	$0
Parish Organizations	$25,623
Sacred Heart Cemetery	$34,243
St Ann Cemetery Improvel	$4,955
Total:	**$571,192**

**Note: RESTRICTED FUNDS:
$200,000 capital expense fund