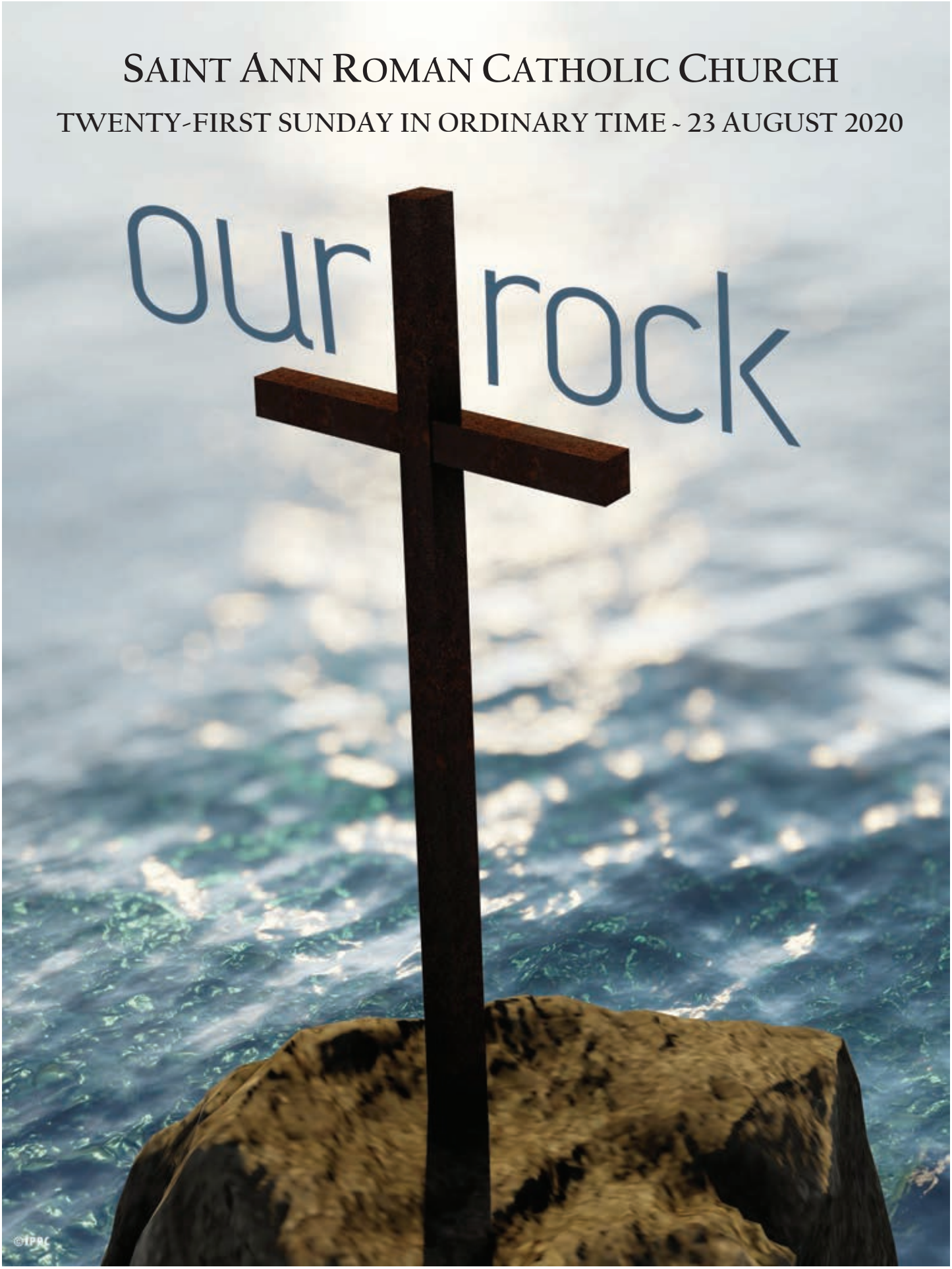
Saint Ann Roman Catholic Church

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 August 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.

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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

(All Masses & Confessions in chapel)

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM*

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM* and 11:30 AM Spanish*

***Please reserve a seat on the parish website.**

If you cannot attend Mass in person, the 9:30 AM Mass is live-streamed weekly on the Parish Facebook page.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday 8:30 AM & 6 PM & Saturday 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

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.

Today: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

From the Pastor's Desk...

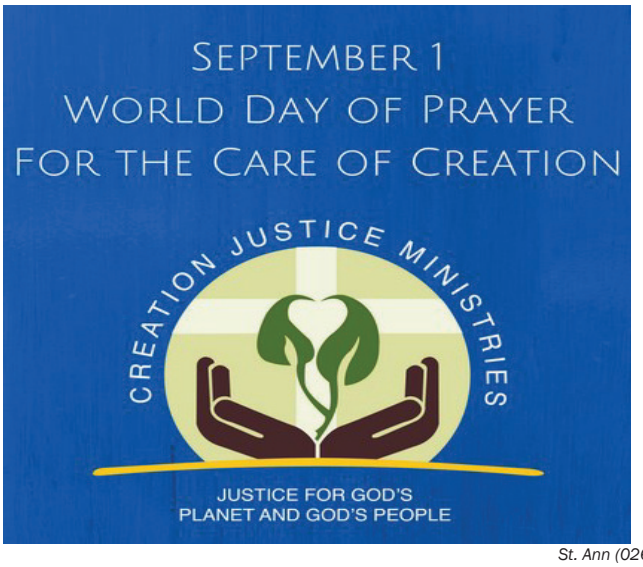
ST. BARTHOLOMEW – Tomorrow (8/24) we celebrate the Feast of St. Bartholomew, also called Nathaniel. He was one of The Twelve and also an Apostle. Informed by Andrew that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah, Nathaniel stated, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1:47). Later when Andrew brought Nathaniel to Jesus, the Lord said about Nathaniel, "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him." What is an Israelite and were did that word come from? Well, Jacob was a man of duplicity (Genesis 25 – 33), but he was transformed through suffering and by hanging in there, and God blessed Jacob with a new name, "**Israel**", which means "You have contended with God" (Genesis 32:28). When we wrestle with life, self, other, and God; when we ask questions as did Bartholomew, I think Jesus appreciates our truthfulness. In wrestling with God we, like Jacob-Israel can be brought to a point when we are blessed to "see the heavens opened" (John 1:51 referring to Genesis 28:12). Jacob's transforming struggle into Israel is depicted on a stained glass window to the right of the altar in our Chapel.

NETHERWORLD – In today's Gospel Jesus says that the gates of the netherworld will not be able to withstand the Church in mission. *Hades* is the Greek word that is translated as netherworld in today's Gospel and *hades* means the "place of not seeing". Although the netherworld has shut its gates, such closed-up-ness cannot prevail against the saving Light. As members of the Church we must let the light shatter the gates of our own blindness before we can bring the Christ-Light to and share the Christ-Light with others.

SIMONE WEIL - This Tuesday will be the 77th anniversary of the death of Simone Weil, who wrote: "Through joy, the beauty of the world penetrates our soul. Through suffering it penetrates our body. We could no more become friends with God through joy alone than one becomes a ship's captain by studying books on navigation….In order that our being should one day become wholly sensitive in every part to this obedience that is the substance of matter, in order that a new sense should be formed in us to enable us to hear the universe as the vibration of the word of God, the transforming power of suffering and of joy are equally indispensable." She also wrote that Christ on the Cross is "the fixity of God".

As we celebrate the Memorials of St. Augustine this Friday (Aug. 28) and his mother St. Monica this Thursday (Aug. 27), let's pray for our own "O.S.A.s" Fr. Ellis and Fr. Donnelly and all the other Augustinians who serve in our Archdiocese. Augustine taught "Descend that you may ascend". To do that is to undermine the foundations of our gates to our netherworld.

This Saturday (8/29) we will celebrate **the Passion of St. John the Baptist**. This used to be called the "Beheading" or the "Martyrdom" of the Baptist, but the term passion (from the Latin verb meaning "to suffer") expands our focus from merely the death of John to his entire life including his "leaping" in his mother Elizabeth's womb when the pregnant Mary approached him. To baptize means to plunge, or to immerse, or to marinate. John's passion for the Messiah led him to live in the desert where he would struggle like Jacob-Israel, descend like Augustine, and undergo the transforming power of both joy and suffering like Weil and so allow the gates to his own netherworld to be battered down so that he (and he alone) was able to recognize Jesus as the Messiah.



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Streaming to the "Mass"es

Since March, we have been fortunate to have Deacon Giblin livestream our Masses on Facebook Live. This has been a great worship aid to those unable to attend in person. Since we expect to continue livestreaming for the foreseeable future, we are looking to relieve our resident "camera-Deacon" from this task. If you are interested, and are 18 or older, and have basic computer skills, please contact the parish office (610-933-3732).

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Counting Our Blessings!

Your donations help us fulfill our parish mission and make improvements to our facilities. Thank you for your generosity!

		7th Sunday in Fiscal Year 8/16/20	Fiscal YTD 7/1/20 - 8/16/20
Budget:	# donors:	$15,250	$106,750
Offering:			
Sunday envelopes	94	$7,687	$47,467
Loose		$300	$1,118
Online Giving	137	$4,533	$28,659
Mail	23	$3,812	$18,546
Total		$16,332	$95,790
Overage - week		$1,082	
Shortage - YTD			-$10,960

Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle;
be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do you, O prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits
who prowl about the world
for the ruin of souls.
Amen.

For Your Marriage

"We need to pray that married couples will love their vocation, even when the road becomes difficult." (St. John Paul II) How can you be a spiritual and practical support for other couples and families who are struggling?

For more marriage tips, go to foryourmarriage.org

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.

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

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John Calvecchio	Christine Greger	Thomas Mastrangelo	John Riegel	Don Troncelliti
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Sally Claverie	Angela Hogan	John McKenzie	Tom Sarnak	Doris Valerio
Dave Cocci	Michael Hudak	Michele Mellon	Larry Saunders	Jeff Vance
Frank Cook	Jeanette Jelus	Ron Motzer	Debbie Schwartzer	Mary Way
Gertrude Dawson	Jim Johns	Karen Nesspor	Al Scott	Ann Wolff
Isabella DeSimone	Karen Johns	Jacob Nichols	Ken Shackleton	Talan Wolstenholme
Michael DiArcangelo	Ann Johnson	Georgene O'Donnell	Maxine Sheman	
Lucille Dickson	Terry Johnson	Marcelo Opiela	Keith Sheridan	
Audrey Dombroski	Linda Kerr	Steve Pannella	Margaret Sim	
Theresa Durkin	Patrick Koch	Ruth Pascal	James Smith	
Kensley Eggeling	John Kolar	Cindy Patton	Evelyn Spitz	

Around the Archdiocese...

Rosary Campaign for an End to the Coronavirus

"...there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary."
– Sr. Lucia of Fatima

Join us online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary asking the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic.

Rosary in English: New schedule: Monday through Thursday at 8 PM

Rosario en español: Nuevo horario: De lunes a jueves a las 8 PM

For more details and log-in, visit: http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary

Campaña del Rosario por el fin del coronavirus

"No hay problema, repito, por más difícil que sea, que no podamos resolver ahora con el rezo del Santo Rosario."
-Hna. Lucia de Fatima

Únase a nosotros en línea, por teléfono o en espíritu mientras rezamos el Rosario a las 8:00 p.m. Pediremos la milagrosa intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María para que ponga fin al coronavirus y obtenga restauración para para aquellos más impactados por la pandemia.

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Institute for Christian Formation

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary will begin the Institute for Christian Formation for all those interested in going deeper in their faith. The program is designed for practicing Catholics and offers the brightest and best Catholic professors around to examine the essential areas of proper Christian life, including Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist to provide a fuller understanding of our dignity as Christians, a more conscious participation in the Sacred Liturgy, and appreciation for the call to live and witness to a moral life in interior communion with Christ.

This is a non-credited program that meets once a week on Thursdays for 16 weeks spread over 2 years. Courses are expected to begin in January 2021. For more information about the topics, cost, schedule and contact information, please visit scs.edu/icf.

Catholic Women's Conference Update

We are sorry to announce that the 2020 Catholic Women's Conference scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2020 has been cancelled due to pandemic restrictions on a gathering of our size. Save the date for CWC 2021!

2021 Catholic Women's Conference
Saturday, October 23, 2021 - 9 AM-4:30 PM
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road - Doylestown, PA
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