

St. Ann Roman Catholic Church

16 May 2021 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter



GOD SAVES

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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Parish Office Hours:

Mon to Thurs 8AM - 4PM & Fri 8AM-12 Noon

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

& Saturday 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

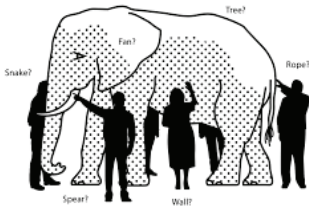
New Parishioners: We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Parish Office for Parish Registration dates or to make an appointment.

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: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 St. Ann (026)



A STORY – A group of blind men heard that a strange animal, called an elephant, had been brought to the town, but none of them were aware of its shape and form. Out

of curiosity, they said: "We must inspect and know it by touch, of which we are capable". So, they sought it out, and when they found it they groped about it. The first person, whose hand landed on the trunk, said, "This being is like a thick snake". For another one whose hand reached its ear, it seemed like a kind of fan. As for another person, whose hand was upon its leg, said, the elephant is a pillar like a tree-trunk. The blind man who placed his hand upon its side said the elephant, "is a wall". Another who felt its tail, described it as a rope. The last felt its tusk, stating the elephant is that which is hard, smooth and like a spear.

TWO SPIRITS – What, then, will the six men do with this information? It depends on the spirit within which they relate to one another in their differences. One spirit can lead them into a fight; another spirit can lead them into the Light. They can consider their experience to be the only valid experience and relate in a combative or dismissive way to the others. On the other hand, they can consider their perspective to be a part of the picture and relate in a cooperative and appreciative way toward the perspectives and experiences of others.



WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – Today, the Sunday between the Ascent of Jesus and the Descent of the Holy Spirit, we Catholics are celebrating World Communications Day for the 55th time. Today is a liturgical "pause" before we celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit next Sunday with great solemnity on Pentecost. Pope Francis' message for this year is titled ["Come and See": Communication by Encountering People Where and as They Are.](#)



THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT – I have learned and am continuing to learn that with communication Spirit is (almost?) everything. The spirit with which something is given and/or the spirit with which something is received are pretty good indicators about the possibility (or not) of cooperation. That said, I have learned and am continuing to learn that while we can contribute something to the Spirit being present in a relationship or in a group, the presence and action of the Spirit is mostly (almost entirely I am coming to believe) a Gift. Something beyond our capabilities. Something Other. Some One Holy. We do not ascend to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descends to us. The words of Archbishop Pérez come to mind, "Never underestimate what the Holy Spirit can do in you, through you and despite you."

PARISH CAPITAL APPEAL - I thank all those who have already responded to our Capital Appeal and I ask all of our members to join me in praying for the success of this effort. Whether you support this appeal via a one-time donation or via a donation spaced over three years, please remember that we are asking that your Capital Appeal donation will be *in addition to your current level of financial support to our Parish*. Donations may be given through our Parish's e-giving option, through the mail, or by dropping your envelope at the parish office or in the Sunday Collection. Any contribution you can make to this Appeal is much-needed and much-appreciated. Once again "Thank You."



LAUDATO SI WEEK – This week we conclude the year-long celebration devoted to the study and implementation of the Papal encyclical *Laudato Si: On Caring for our Common Home* which was published in 2015. We continue to look for ways in which we can cooperate with others in caring for our Common Home in our own time and for the generations to come.



ROOTS – “Mazel Tov” to our Jewish neighbors as they begin the eight day **Feast of Weeks** (*Shavuot* in Hebrew) starting this Monday at sundown. On the natural level this feast celebrates the spring harvest and evokes a response from us of making of a return to the Lord with the first fruits of His bounty. On the historical level, this feast celebrates the giving of the Law to Moses. It's called the Feast of Weeks because it occurs right after the completion of “a week of weeks” (49 days) since the celebration of Passover. Greek speaking Jews at the time of Jesus called this feast “Pentecost” (50th Day). “Weeks” is one of the three biblically mandated **PILGRIMAGE** feasts, which resonates with our parish motto of “to grow in Grace”, to be on the move, to be on pilgrimage.



This Tuesday May 18 will be Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania. Let us exercise responsibility both as citizens and as Catholics as we vote with the common good in mind.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEEING RED? – We invite you to wear something red to Mass next weekend as we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost.



“Hope for the Flowers”: Covid Challenge Change

June 3, 2021, 7-8 p.m.

St. Ann Chapel, 502 Main Street

- No registration necessary
- Masks required, temperatures taken
- Sign in at the Main Street Chapel entry

Guest Speakers:

Jill Maher - Self-care during Covid
Michelle Sinnott - Caregiving during Covid
Mike Guntick - Bereavement during Covid
Father News - Pastoral and Spiritual Aspects



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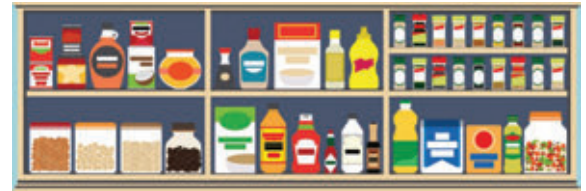


Nurturing Food Security Together...

St Ann Parish is pleased to partner with PACS to host a free food bin located directly behind the parish office building. PACS receives food from individuals, groups, community/school food drives, community gardens, local farmers, Chester County Food Bank and Trader Joe's. Because of the generous donations received, PACS has an abundance of bread to distribute as well as produce and other items. This bin is available to anyone in the community every day of the week.



Counting Our Blessings! Thank you for your generosity!



Volunteers Needed for the St Ann Food Pantry

We are in search of volunteers who would like to help with the St. Ann Food Pantry. Volunteers need to be able to lift and move grocery bags and boxes of diapers. Volunteers are needed on May 22nd from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm. We also would like to have volunteers assisting us on the 3rd Saturday of each month for future Food Pantry days. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Parish Office Building and the grocery bags and diapers are distributed to families in the church parking lot. For questions or to volunteer, please contact: Michelle Giffroy-Rossi at 610-283-1515.



Congratulations and prayers
from our Saint Ann family to the
parents, godparents,
and family of the newly baptized
incorporated into the Body of Christ.

Amelia Ann Murphy
Noah Thomas Matty



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: <https://stannphx.flocknote.com/> or Text **Stannphx** to **84576** from your phone to subscribe to updates.

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

Alicia Andrews	Kensley Eggeling	Christine Koons	Glen Philips	Marc Stevenson
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Isabella DeSimone	Terry Johnson	Mary Ellen Ott Trout	John Snyder	
Michael DiArcangelo	Linda Kerr	Ruth Pascal	Evelyn Spitz	
Lucille Dickson	Patrick Koch	Cindy Patton	Christine Springer	
Theresa Durkin	John Kolar	Jonathan Perez	Bob Stancavage	

Events Around the Archdiocese & Our Community...

June 4-6, 2021 Event: Wonderfully Made: A Theology of the Body Retreat for High School Girls - We will talk about what it means to be a young, dynamic, Catholic woman in today's world. The retreat will introduce you to John Paul II's Theology of the Body and what it means for your life! Retreat will include talks, small groups, Mass, Adoration and time for confession. Speakers: Samantha Kelley, the Founder and President of FIERCE Athlete, Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P., of St. Patrick Church, Philadelphia, Marie DeCecco and the Sisters of Life Location: St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center, Elverson, PA More details: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wonderfully-made-a-theology-of-the-body-retreat-for-high-school-girls-tickets-148927503171>

June 11-13, 2021 Event: Young Adult Retreat

Young men and women in their 20s and 30s, married and single, are invited to the beautiful grounds of Malvern Retreat House for a weekend of prayer, reflection, adoration and fellowship in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Steven DeLacy, guest speakers and a team of musicians will be leading us in reflection on the depths of His love as we explore what it means to be dedicated disciples of Christ in the midst of an increasingly secular culture. Come experience the love of Jesus that heals, transforms and sets hearts ablaze in pursuit of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Retreat Director: Fr. Stephen DeLacy Location: Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA More info: Cost is \$130; Details and registration at: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/young-adult-retreat-2/>

11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Please join the Knights on Friday, June 18th at the Kimberton Golf Club for a fun day of golf to help raise money for over 22 local Catholic and community organizations. Your \$125 donation (or \$440 per foursome) includes golf, BBQ lunch, beer, snacks, and a take-home dinner. Competitions, prizes, and raffles are also included. Contact Brian Pickell at 484-686-4413 or info@kofc1374.org or pick-up a brochure in the vestibule.

CYACC - Park Night - East Goshen
Join CYACC - Chester County Catholic Young Adults on May 19th, at 6:00pm at East Goshen Park, 1661 Paoli Pike, West Chester PA 19380. Come join us for a fun evening at the park where we will play soccer, frisbee or badminton of your choice. If you have any outdoor games also feel free to bring them or just come to socialize. Looking forward to seeing you there! For more information about our organization: check www.cyacc.org or find us in Facebook / email us at cyacc1@gmail.com

Help Wanted: Visitation BVM School is looking to hire a full-time, reliable person for maintenance staff. This position also includes custodian duties on a daily basis. Please send your resume to: humanresources@visitationbvm.org or call Mary Ann at 610-539-5572.



HFS Cabaret Summer & Swing

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6:00 - 8:00PM

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MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES
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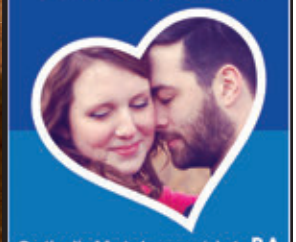
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