REJOICE! CHRIST IS BORN!

Saint Ann's Parish

Church: 854 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, 10704
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Phone: 914-965-4333 Fax: 914-965-1778
Webpage: www.stannschoolyonkers.org

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm
Sunday: Church: 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30am, 12:00 Noon
Chapel: 8:00 (Italian), 10:00am (Handicapped)
(no 8:00 or 10:00am from July thru Labor Day)
Monday - Friday: 7:15am and 8:30am
Saturdays: 8:30am
Holy Days: As Announced

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the Church except Holy Saturday

DEVOTIONS

- The Rosary is recited daily at 8:10am before the 8:30am Mass
- Miraculous Medal Novena: every Monday after the 8:30am Mass
- Novena in honor of St. Ann: every Tuesday after the 8:30am Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday at 9:00 AM and ending with Benediction at 8:00 PM

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 PM in Fr. Anthony Hall

SERVED BY

Rev. Andrew P. Carrozza, Administrator
Rev. John P. McDonagh, Parochial Vicar
Rev. James Annor-Ohene, Parochial Vicar
Mr. Michael P. Vicario, Principal/D.R.E.
Mrs. Peggy Foley-Pagano, Parish Secretary
Mr. Paul Loman, Director of Music

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Adult & Children's Choir • Altar Servers
Bereavement Support Group • Fishers of Men Society • Golden Agers
Homebound Visitation & Ministers
Lectors • Sports Programs •
Teen Club • Ushers

COMMITTEES

Parish Council • Respect Life Committee

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:00 PM in the chapel. To arrange a baptism, please contact the Rectory.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made a minimum of six (6) months in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

SERVICE TO THE SICK

If someone is homebound or in the hospital, please call the Rectory. Arrangements will be made for the person to be visited and to receive the Sacraments.

R.C.I.A.

Adults seeking to Enter the Catholic Church or complete their Christian Initiation should contact the rectory.

MEMORIALS

Anyone wishing to remember a deceased friend or relative in a special way is urged to contact the Rectory.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All new families are welcome to the parish, and every new family should be properly registered. If you move or change address, please notify the Rectory.

Sunday, December 28, 2014 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00pm Sat. evening	John Collins
7:30am	Carmen Castellano & deceased members of the Castellano & Frankowski Families
8:00am chapel	Arcangelo & Michele Petretta
9:00am	Fred Offermann
10:00am chapel	Michele P. Fennessy
10:30am	Joseph Miele
12 noon	For St. Ann's Parishioners

Monday, December 29, 2014 - St. Thomas Becket

7:15am	Salvatore Labruzzo
8:30am	Salvatore Labruzzo

Tuesday, December 30, 2014 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:15am	Salvatore Labruzzo
8:30am	Salvatore Labruzzo

Wednesday, December 31, 2014 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:15am	Mary Milano - Living
8:30am	Living and deceased members of the Poverelli Family

Thursday, January 1, 2015 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

No Intentions - See Special Mass Schedule

Friday, Janaury 2, 2015 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:15am	Gabriele & Alfredo Arlia & Mario Brusco
8:30am	Salvatore Labruzzo

Saturday, January 3, 2015 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30am	Antonio & Maddalena Chiodi

Sunday, January 4, 2015 - The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm eve	For St. Ann's Parishioners
8:00am	Catherine V. Nipper
10:00am	Silvio Di Meglio
12 noon	The Iazzetti Family - Living

Memorial
This month the
altar bread and wine
are offered
in loving memory of
Silverio DiMeglio

Priests Schedule for next Sunday, January 4, 2015, The Epiphany of the Lord

Church

Saturday	5:00pm - Fr. Carrozza
Sunday	8:00am - Fr. Annor
	10:00am - Fr. Carrozza
	12:00 noon - Fr. McDonagh

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Last Week: Unavailable due to early printing of bulletin

Weekly Automated Giving: $643

2014 Weekly Operating Budget: $10,641

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or email Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

Searching for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Shrub Oak Alumni

In anticipation of Seton School's 50th anniversary in 2015-16, they are searching for all Seton graduates and alumni. If you are a Seton alumnus, parent, relative, friend, spread the word and send full contact information to: SetonShrubOakAlumni@outlook.com or call Christopher Campo at 845-526-2363. Find them on Facebook at: "Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School Alumni, Shrub Oak, NY."

An Archdiocesan-Wide Drive to Replenish Dwindling Food Pantries - Sunday, January 25, 2015 through Sunday, February 1, 2015

Nearly 325,000 children have difficulty affording food, that's 22% of children in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese. Do your part to make sure no hungry neighbor is turned away. The annual **Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign** begins **Sunday, January 25th through Sunday, February 1st.** The three simple ways to participate and contribute to the Campaign are:

- Donate to a collection of money to support emergency food programs
- Participate in the food drive from Sunday, January 25th - Sunday, February 1st
- Volunteer at a food pantry

For more information contact Dianne.Johnson@archny.org. or 646-794-2010 or http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org/feedingourneighbors

Gala New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Wednesday, December 31st

8:00 PM-1:00 AM

St. Ann's School Auditorium

DJ

$35 per person

18 years and older only

includes Italian dinner and party goods

B.Y.O.B.

champagne toast at midnight

Sponsored by Fr. DiFalco Council Knights of Columbus

Semi Formal Attire - black tie optional

Signup at St. Ann's Rectory

St. Ann's Fishers of Men Society

Are you confused about:

The Catholic Faith? Your relationship with God?

How to find God? Another spiritual matter?

Would you like to talk with someone about it?

We're here for you!

We'll talk on the phone, meet you in the parish office, visit you at home, or over a cup of coffee.

You may meet with one of the priests, a lay man or woman, a college student, someone older, someone married, someone single, whomever you prefer.

Fill out this sheet and send/bring it to St. Ann's rectory, or drop it in the collection basket.

We're here to help!

St. Ann's Fishers of Men Society

Visit our website at www.stannsyonkersfishersofmen.com

Yes! I'd like to speak with someone. Please call me.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

I wish to speak to a: (circle your choice)

Priest Lay Man Lay Woman College Student

Special Reminders!!!

January 1st is the
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,
A Holyday of Obligation
Masses are:
December 31st, 5:00 PM
January 1st, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

Our New Weekend Mass schedule begins January 4th.

New Schedule:
Saturday, 5:00 PM,
Sunday, 8:00 AM,
10:00 AM
—Solemn High Mass with
Combined Adult & Children's choir,
12:00 PM

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

There's no doubt that Christmas always brings out the best in us! For children, it is a natural time of excitement, and even adults who have become perhaps a bit hardened by the burdens of our years can find some of those childlike joys that we sometimes forget to embrace. It is my most sincere prayer that we all learn to find those joys all year. Do we really need to wait for Christmas to be joyful? After all, the beauty of Christmas is that God took on human nature and is with us every day! If we don't feel joyful every day, I'm convinced the answer is simple: stay close to Christ and realize how much love He holds for us every day, enough to have taken on our human form, died on the cross, risen from the dead, and ascended to His heavenly glory in that human body so that you and I can share all that joy of heaven with Him! When we understand and really believe that in our hearts, how could we be anything but joyful? Once we feel that joy, we'll want to share that joy with others. I encourage you to consider joining our Fishers of Men Society to help bring others who don't know Christ's joy to his peaceful embrace.

Per i nostri parrocchiani italiani: Sono molto gradevole al Signore Gesu` di avermi dato la buona opportunita` di servirvi come il vostro parroco durante queste cinque anni. Non ci sono parole per esprimere la gioia che io trovo ogni volta che ho l'onore di celebrare la Santa Messa in italiano. Rendo grazie ogni giorno per il dono di voi, e sara` sempre il mio piacere servire la nostra communita` italiana!

I am so very grateful to all of you for your tremendous support of our parish this past year. We continue to move forward, making St. Ann's a family in the Lord where Christ is worshipped faithfully every Sunday and served every day by our care for one another. I am looking forward to our new and improved Sunday Mass schedule, as I hope you too are. We are grateful to God that St. Ann's is here to stay! On behalf of Fr. John McDonagh, Fr. James Annor, and everyone on staff at St. Ann's, I extend to you our most sincere wishes for a blessed Christmas. May God bless you and your loved ones always!

Lay Dominicans

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of "faith & truth"? Answer the call as a member of the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic. A monthly meeting is held on the 3rd Saturday at Rosary Hill in Hawthorne, a residence for cancer patients. They meet from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM to pray the rosary, study and build fellowship. For further details, please call Annette at 914-761-0367; Teresa 914-960-6414. The website is www.3op.org.

Camp Fatima for Boys and Camp Bernadette for Girls are now accepting registrations for the 2015 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. To request a brochure or DVD, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or email mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org, or visit them on the web at www.campsfatimabernadette.org. Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly.

Spring & Summer Pilgrimages to Holy Sites

Fr. Michael Sevigny, OFM Cap., Fr. Julian Jagudilla, OFM and Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR will lead several upcoming Spring and Summer pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world. Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more info or to arrange a private, custom pilgrimage, please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours toll free at 800-631-1128, 646-736-7964 (in NYC), at info@FranciscanSpiritTours.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - "The Lord remembers his covenant forever." Your marriage is a covenant. Learn how to keep it strong on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For information call 1-877-697-9963 ext. 3.

Please remember in your prayers the following who are ill: Mateo Arlia, Janellen Ascone, Anna Brucculeri, Maria Cadacia, Grace Capasso, Josephine Cistica, Gregory Crotty, Geneen Grassia, Susan Hessney, D. Hoer, David Lowry, Adam Martin, Marisa Palermo, Robert Peterson and Sgt. Edward Ryan. **And those who recently died,** may they rest in peace.

Mass on TV for the Homebound - Instructional Television of the Archdiocese of New York (ITV) offers daily Mass Monday thru Friday at 1:00 PM and at 9:00 PM. ITV can be found on ITV Channel 8, Cablevision Yonkers Channel 76 and Bronx Cablevision of NYC on Channel 30.