Saint Ann's Parish

Church: 854 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, 10704
Phone: 914-965-1555 Fax: 914-965-0678
Webpage: www.stannsyonkers.org

School: 40 Brewster Avenue, Yonkers, 10701
Phone: 914-965-4333 Fax: 914-965-1778
Webpage: www.stannschoolyonkers.org

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM,
10:00 AM Solemn Mass with adult & children's choirs,
12:00 Noon
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. 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 • Bible Study,
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.

August 30, 2015 • 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Aug. 30, 2015 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Sat. evening	Al Lombardo - 16th Year Anniversary
8:00am	Myrtle O'Brien
10am	For St. Ann's Parishioners
12 noon	Salvatore Pafumi

Monday, August 31, 2015 - Weekday

7:15am	Eva Rafaelin
8:30am	Salvatore & Josephine Florio

Tuesday, September 1, 2015 - Weekday

7:15am	Tommaso Derasmo
8:30am	Angela Tocci

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 - Weekday

7:15am	Giorgio & Rosina Calvi
8:30am	Salvatore Labruzzo

Thursday, September 3, 2015 - St. Gregory the Great

7:15am	Michele & Giovanni Tenore
8:30am	Vittorio Silvestri

Friday, September 4, 2015 - Weekday

7:15am	Maria Cessario
8:30 am	Salvatore Gaetana & Sal Ficarrotta

Saturday, September 5, 2015 - Weekday

8:30am	Anna Rita & Giovanni Morgante & deceased members of the Morgante Family

Sun., Sept. 6, 2015 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Sat. evening	Giuseppe & Egidia DiMauro
8:00am	Novella & Giulio Grandetti
10am	Sabia Ponziani
12 noon	For St. Ann's Parishioners

Memorial
This week the
bread and wine are offered
In loving memory of
Salvatore Labruzzo

Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsal resumes the first week of September on Thursday, September 3rd in the Church. Children will come at 6:30pm and adults at 7:15pm. Speak to Mr. Loman if you have any questions. New members are always welcome.

Please remember in your prayers the following who are ill:
Matteo Arlia, Maria Cadacia, Grace Capasso, Josephine Cistica, Gregory Crotty, Francesca D'Ascoli, Josie Esposito, Pamela Barillaro Galasso, Geneen Grassia, Rosemary Keenan, David Lowry, John McCain, Adam Martin, Susan Nagle, Marisa Palermo, Robert Peterson and Sgt. Edward Ryan. **And those who recently died**, may they rest in peace.

Priests Schedule for next Sunday, September 6, 2015, 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Church

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION
Last Sunday: $4,491
Weekly Automated Giving: $660
Total: $5,151
Last Year: $4,588
2015 Weekly Operating Budget: $10,641

Francis, Our Pope

Pope Francis will be New York September 24th - 26th. Please check out the website: www.PopeFrancisNYC.org for his schedule and other exciting information about his visit. Parishes will be allocated a very small amount of tickets to The Mass at Madison Square Garden but we don't have further details right now.

Vocation Summit – St. Joseph Seminary
October 9, 6-9pm

Do you love the priesthood and religious life? Would you like to learn more about how you can promote vocations in your parish? Then join us for a delicious meal, free of charge, at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers. Our guest speaker is Rhonda Gruenewald, an expert from Houston who has literally "written the book" on how to effectively run a parish-based vocations ministry. Also at the dinner, we'll unveil our new four-point Archdiocesan Vocation Plan. Please note: Attending the dinner does not obligate you to more volunteer duties. It is a night to learn, be inspired, and perhaps take home some best practices to your parish. See more details and RSVP at www.nypriest.com/vocationsummit.

Regis High School Open House

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces and their parents, to occur on Wednesday, October 7th, from 5:30 - 8:30pm. For additional information, please write, email or call: Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028, (212) 288-1100, ext. 2057, edimichele@regis-nyc.org.

PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

The plight of Christians around the world has become a major catastrophe, particularly in the Middle East. Islamic extremists, like ISIS, are specifically attacking Christians because of their faith.

Public attacks on Christians by ISIS terrorists and other militants have gained attention around the world, including kidnappings and gruesome public executions. In Iraq, 70% of Christians have been forced to flee their homes under threat of death, while those remaining live in constant fear. In Syria, Christians are caught in the middle of a bloody civil war, and two million have fled from their homes.

The UN has identified close to 2.5 million internally displaced persons across Iraq, and over 12 million people in need of humanitarian assistance in Syria. Almost 4 million have fled Syria as refugees, and over 7.5 million are internally displaced. Many of these refugees live in camps that do not have sufficient resources, and they may never return to their homes.

Leaders of the Middle Eastern Christian communities have repeatedly called for help. Yet there is little attention being paid in the West, and few governments are saying or doing anything in response.

WHO ARE THESE MIDDLE EASTERN CHRISTIANS?

The Middle East is a region of immense importance to our faith – it is the birthplace of Christianity and the region of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Christians have lived in these lands since New Testament times.

These Christians include members of many different Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant communities, including Assyrians, Melkites, Armenians, Chaldeans, Copts, Maronites, and Syrians.

There are currently over 12 million Christians living in the Middle East. But their numbers have dropped dramatically over recent years, largely because of the violence.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP THEM?

- **Our first duty is to pray for persecuted Christians.** One suggested prayer is from the Roman Missal:

  "O God, who in your inscrutable providence will that the Church be united to the sufferings of your Son, grant, we pray, to your faithful who suffer for your name's sake, a spirit of patience and charity, that they may be found true and faithful witnesses to the promises you have made. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

- **We must advocate with our government.** We should contact the President and the Secretary of State to urge them to take concrete steps to help. We can also contact our Congressional representatives to urge them to support legislation that would strengthen religious liberty. For information on how to do this, see www.archny.org/persecution-of-christians.

- **We can support humanitarian agencies** that are helping provide aid, such as :
  - Catholic New East Welfare Association (CNEWA) www.cnewa.org
  - Aid to the Church in Need www.churchinneed.org

- **We must spread the word.** For more information about the plight of Middle Eastern Christians, see: www.archny.org/persecution-of-christians.

"We ask Jesus, the Victor over death, to lighten the sufferings of our many brothers and sisters who are persecuted for his name, and of all those who suffer injustice as a result of ongoing conflicts and violence. There are so many of them!"
-- Pope Francis

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August 2015
Year of Consecrated Life

Dear friends in the Lord:

Getting the care we need to keep ourselves and those we love healthy, safe, and enjoying life can be a huge challenge. Finding a trusted guide who will take the time to explain the options and help people access the programs and services they are eligible for can be even harder. Thankfully, our excellent archdiocesan healthcare ministry, *ArchCare*, can help.

The dedicated team of health and social service professionals who staff *ArchCare's Care Navigation Center* can provide information about which organizations and agencies offer the services that best meet your needs, answer questions about Medicare and Medicaid coverage, and suggest options you may not even know about. If *ArchCare's* own wide range of services can't assist, a "Care Navigator" will be happy to provide information about other resources located right in your area, including those offered by Catholic Charities and other groups. Help from a "Care Navigator" is free of charge, and extends to questions about such things as:

- Housing for Seniors and Disabled Persons
- Health-Related Legal and Financial Issues
- Caregiver Support Groups
- Access to Healthcare
- Food and Nutrition
- Dementia Care
- Transportation Options
- Volunteer Opportunities

Whether you are seeking help for yourself or a loved one, are concerned about a neighbor or friend, or just want to find out about programs that may be available to you, *ArchCare's Care Navigators* stand ready to serve with patience, compassion, and kindness.

ArchCare Care Navigation Center
(855) 951-CARE (TTY/TDD: 711)
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week

ArchCare also offers some wonderful community resources designed to ease the stress of caring for another person. To learn more, go to *www.archcare.org/community-resources.*

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+ Tim. Card. Dolan

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

St. Ann Parish and School Annual Summer Raffle!!!

Grand Prize:

$20,000!!

2nd place: $2,500
3rd place: $1,000

$100 PER TICKET

For every ~~ten~~ five tickets you sell to someone else, you will receive <u>one free ticket</u> for yourself!

Drawing date: September 20th at St. Ann's Parish Picnic

Tickets are available after Sunday Mass and at the rectory.

St. Ann's Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 20th
12 PM - 6 PM
Cook Avenue Field

continuous food

Adults: $30
Children 5-10: $15
Children under 5: $5

Music

fun for the whole family!

Lunch menu:
Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken
assorted salads
watermelon, chips, snacks

iced tea, soda, & water
BYOB

Dinner menu:
sausage & peppers, penne vodka,
assorted salads
fruit salad & cookies

softball

Bring your own blankets, chairs, folding tables

games for the kids

Tickets available after Sunday Mass and at the rectory: 914-965-1555

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

When most people speak of their parish and the people who serve them there, they usually think first of their priests who faithfully celebrate the sacraments for them, give them guidance, and help them as best they can. But there is another important member of the parish that is often overlooked: the parish secretary. For many people the parish secretary is in fact the first contact they will have with their parish. If they call the rectory or ring the doorbell, it is the secretary who will be first to greet them. Logically, it is vital for every parish to have a competent, compassionate, and friendly secretary to greet them. St. Ann's has been blessed to have such a person in Mrs. Peggy Pagano. For sixteen years she has greeted you, given you Mass cards, answered questions for you, and has been an indispensable part of St. Ann's Parish. She has also prepared the Sunday bulletin and done much of the administrative work necessary to run the parish; thus, she has been an invaluable source of assistance to me. After sixteen years of faithful service, Peggy has decided it is time for her to retire. It was not an easy decision for her to make, especially since she told me she feels like she's leaving her family. She has grown so very fond of so many of you and of the staff at St. Ann's, and while I'm sure she's looking forward to her retirement, I know she will miss us all. I can testify that I will miss her terribly. Not only has she been a great help to me these past seven years, but she has also become my friend, and I will miss seeing her friendly face every morning.

I have asked Peggy what sort of retirement celebration she would like to have, and she is still not sure. We will do something grand in the warm spirit of St. Ann's to thank her for her faithful years of service. I will let you know what that will be once it is settled.

In the meantime, I have also had to find someone to fill Peggy's shoes. I am pleased to inform you that our new parish secretary will be Miss Gail Gavin. Gail comes to us with high qualifications, a cheerful and pleasant demeanor, and an eager spirit. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her to St. Ann's family. She will be in training with Peggy this week and will officially begin working for us on August 31st.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2015

On September 22-27, 2015, when Philadelphia welcomes the 8th World Meeting of Families, pilgrims from the Archdiocese of New York may want to connect up with fellow New Yorkers. If new Yorkers want to share their contact information with other Archdiocesan New Yorkers, the Family Life + Respect Life Office is willing to compile a list of people with their contact information. Feel free to share your travel plans and contact information by sending an email to flrlevents@archny.org. Send an email with your information (name, contact number, and parish, and any additional information you would like to share) and you will be on a list of people who can then receive other travelers' contact information. For questions, or to request fellow-travelers' information (once you've shared yours), call the Family Life + Respect Life Office at 646-794-3185.

Adoption - Children in China need homes. More boys available than girls from age 2 and up. For more info call Barbara at 845-623-5277.

Preventive Health Event

St. Ann's Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on September 4, 2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from $149 ($139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a $10 discount off any package priced above $129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**