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### St. Ann School

### Class of June 2016

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Christopher Arlia



Matthew Arlia



John Baione



Louis Bertuzzi



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Eli Lopez



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## Saint Ann's Parish

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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, Pastor Rev. James Annor-Ohene, Parochial Vicar Mr. Michael P. Vicario, Principal/D.R.E. Miss Gail Gavin, 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
Knights of Columbus •
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.

#### **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.

June 12, 2016 • 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., June 12, 2016 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Sat. Al Lombardo 8:00am Henry P. Nipper

10:00am For St. Ann's Parishioners12 noon Antonio & Ercole Scarogni

Monday, June 13, 2016 - St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:15am Matteo Arlia

8:30am Antonino & Caterina Busa **Tuesday, June 14, 2016 - Weekday** 

7:15am Francesco Pate & Saverio Regasto

8:30am Rose Collins

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 - Weekday

7:15am Vincent Travaglione 8:30am Luca Coletta & Elio Rubeo **Thursday, June 16, 2016 - Weekday** 

7:15am Matteo Arlia

8:30am Salvatore & Luciano Labruzzo

Friday, June 17, 2016 - Weekday 7:15am Domenico & Luigi Pate 8:30am Rosina & Guiseppe Sicilia Saturday, June 18, 2016 - Weekday

8:30am Nick Terrigno, Michael Barile and

Philip Ruta

Sun. June 19, 2016 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Sat. For St. Ann's Parishioners

8:00am Those Enrolled in our Father's Day

Novena

10:00am Those Enrolled in our Father's Day

Novena

12 noon Those Enrolled in our Father's Day

Novena

#### **Memorial**



**And Sanctuary Lamp** 

are offered

In loving memory of Velia Liguori

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2016

Amount pledged: \$55,155 Goal: \$49,500

Percentage of goal: 114% Average gift: \$248.45

Number of gifts: 222 Goal: 289 Percentage of goal: 77%

Please support the Cardinal's Appeal!

Priests Schedule for next Sunday, June 19, 2016
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Church

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

#### **SUNDAY COLLECTION**

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Last Sunday: \$5,440

Weekly Automated Giving: \$1,123

Total: \$6,563 Last Year: \$5.426

2016 Weekly Operating Budget: \$10,612

#### Please pray for the following who are ill:

Martha Estevez, Bernard Kelly, Elizabeth George, Patrick Troy, Rowena Peterson, Maria Cadacia, Josephine Cistica, Gregory Crotty, Francesca D'Ascoli, Josie Esposito, Pamela Barillaro Galasso, John McCain, Adam Martin, Susan Nagle, Robert Peterson, Sgt. Edward Ryan, Dante Riccoboni, Marilyn Laspina, Miguel Fuentes, and Tom Worthington. And for those who recently died, especially, Gloria Bonfiglio, may they rest in peace.



Banns of Marriage

II Raymond Dooley

Jolanda Giacalone

#### **Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers**

Will hold its next meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 1:00pm. The meeting will take place in Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY 10704. New members are welcome. For more information, please call: 914-423-5331.

# The Relics of Anthony of Padua St. App's Parish

are coming to St. Ann's Parish!



### Wednesday, June 15th

Special Masses will be held at 12:00 Noon and 7:30 PM in the main church.

Veneration of the relics will be continuous throughout the day from after the 12 Noon Mass until after the 7:30 PM Mass.

All are welcome!

St. Ann's Parish 854 Midland Avenue Yonkers, NY 10704

## Ann's Parish P Saturday, September 24th 12 PM - 6 PM

St. Joseph's Seminary



fun for the whole family!





games for the kids

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Price and menu to TBA

#### POPE PROVES FLEXIBLE WITHIN LIMITS

The following article written by Bill Donohue was published by Newsmax on April 8.

Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of Love," does not change a single teaching of the Catholic Church, but he does call on Catholics to be more understanding of the irregular family unions that so many find themselves in these days.

The Holy Father acknowledges that there are those, in and out of the church, who harbor "an immoderate desire for total change without sufficient reflection or grounding." These Catholics will be disappointed, if not angry, that they did not get what they wanted.

This unhappiness will also be found among those who possess "an attitude that would solve everything by applying general rules or deriving undue conclusions from particular theological considerations."

In short, Catholics who consider themselves very liberal or very conservative will have another opportunity to sulk.

The Pope makes plain how inadequate it is to cast all discussions on family issues in terms of the nuclear family. He wants us to address the conditions that mark irregular families, and to minister to those in need.

Priests, in particular, must exercise discernment in tending to those in unconventional unions: the ultimate goal is to implement "the logic of pastoral mercy."

Lest he be misunderstood, the Pope is not suggesting that priests exercise flexibility outside the limits prescribed by church teachings. "It is true that general rules set forth a good which can never be disregarded or neglected," he says, "but in their formulation they cannot provide absolutely for all particular situations."

For example, the divorced and remarried must not be treated with disdain, and indeed they must be approached with mercy. The same is true of those who live in other irregular unions.

Still, on four occasions in his statement, the Pope cites the indissoluble nature of marriage; he also restates the church's teaching on marriage as a union between those of the opposite sex. "There is a failure to realize that only the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman has a plenary role to play in society as a stable commitment that bears fruit in new life," he says.

The Pope acknowledges that given the multiplicity of lifestyles, difficult moral judgments abound. He cautions against "thinking that everything is black and white," as if there were some kind of theological GPS device that can answer these questions with precision. This leads him to emphasize the role of conscience in making moral judgments.

Unfortunately, some commentators are already saying that the Pope has decided that obeying one's conscience is all that is necessary to resolve moral problems. What is not being reported is that he is speaking about a "wellformed conscience," not some purely individualistic exercise absent a tutorial role for the church. So when he says that "We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them," his emphasis on forming consciences cannot be ignored.

It is worth repeating his exact words on this subject. "Naturally," he instructs, "every effort should be made to encourage the development of an enlightened conscience, formed and guided by the responsible and serious discernment of one's pastor, and to encourage an ever greater trust in God's grace."

The Pope's comments fit perfectly with what the Catholic Catechism has to say: "Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened." The Catechism also stresses that it "can happen that moral conscience remains in ignorance and makes erroneous judgments about acts to be performed or already committed."

Thus, those who see conscience as a piece of putty that can be twisted to justify any moral act will find no support in the Pope's document or in the teachings of the church.

The term "gay" is nowhere found in the Pope's apostolic exhortation. There is one mention of homosexuals and two mentions of same-sex marriage. Nothing is said about the church's teaching that the homosexual condition is "intrinsically disordered," meaning that the status quo has been upheld. At the same time, the Pope wants us to respect homosexuals and to refrain from any unjust discrimination against them.

The Pope affirms what the Synod Fathers said about same-sex marriage. He notes that "there are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family." Similarly, he finds attempts to pressure Catholics into approving homosexual unions to be objectionable.

In short, the Pope rejects the role of a scold, and looks askance at those who bury their head in the letter of the law. At the same time, he wants us to appreciate the wisdom of the church's teachings on marriage, the family, and sexuality. He has not changed the bar, but he is asking us to help everyone clear it.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past Monday our Parish Council had a very lively and healthy discussion on how to bring people closer into union with Christ. We noted the tremendous success of our recent Christlife series, how several people began coming back to Mass, Confession, and joined the Bible study group. At the same time, we observed that, like many other parishes, we are having a hard time retaining people who make their sacraments at the Easter Vigil after participating in the RCIA. While there are some who remain faithful and vibrant members of the parish, others do not. To be honest, I don't understand why adults who came of their own free will to request baptism do so and then stop practicing their faith. We thought of something to help address this problem. The RCIA actually calls for a pre-catechumenate period, where those looking for Christ would spend some time getting to desire Him before taking their formal training. We have never been able to provide that at St. Ann's. We decided that the "Discovering Christ" sessions of Christlife may be just what we need to provide a pre-catechumenate. We therefore are going to ask future candidates to attend "Discovering" Christ" as their pre-catechumenate and then, if they feel they wish to prepare for the sacraments, they will enter the RCIA. The hope is that it will build a love and desire for Christ before they prepare for the sacraments and not after. We also will be initiating the use of program sponsors. We will be accepting the names of people who would like to travel the journey with those who enter the RCIA. Perhaps the candidate will grow close to someone through "Discovering Christ" whom they will ask or we will match them up with a volunteer from the parish who would like to serve as their sponsor. Just like a sponsor in any recovery program, the sponsor would contact the candidate regularly, perhaps attend Mass with them and maybe even the RCIA sessions, and be their spiritual guide and mentor while they journey to the Easter Sacraments. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity just give me a call. Hopefully this will help our RCIA program be as fruitful as possible.

#### The Higher Achievement Program (HAP)

For girls entering 7th and 8th grades. Prepare to take the TACHS (The Archdiocesan Catholic High School) entry exam by enrolling in SCA"s 3 week Higher Achievement Program, July 5th - July 24th, 9:00am to 2:15pm. The program is specifically targeted to reinforce English, Math and Reading skills to ensure success on the TACHS. Program fee is \$500.00 cash or money order payable to St. Catherine Academy (includes course material and metro card). For more information call Mrs. Tracy Keelin, Program Director at: 718-882-2882 x122 or E-Mail: tkeelin@scahs.org

**Volunteers** are needed at Cabrini of Westchester in Dobbs Ferry. If you have a few hours to spare to give this rewarding experience, please contact Simone Smith, Director of Human Resources and Volunteers at: 914-693-6800 ex: 571 or call Sister Monica or Yvonne at ex: 592.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at <a href="mailto:victimassistance@archny.org">victimassistance@archny.org</a>. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website, <a href="mailto:www.archny.org">www.archny.org</a>. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**Adoption** - Children in China need homes. More boys available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information please call Barbara Salvesen at 845-623-5277.

CLASS OF 2016