

ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

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WEBSITE POLICY

The parish bulletin is published on the parish website on the internet. Any person who does not want his or her name or picture in the bulletin or on the internet, please notify the Parish Office immediately in writing.

A CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. Please call the Church Office at least three months before the anticipated date of birth. To schedule an interview and date for Pre-Baptism Seminar, call Deacon Ray Bertin at 455-7071, ext. 226. The celebration of infant Baptism will be arranged during the interview process.

MATRIMONY

The prospective bride or groom must contact one of the parish priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS

Families should contact the Church Office before making any arrangements with the funeral home.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please notify the Church Office when someone is in the hospital or sick at home and unable to attend Mass.

ROSARY GROUPS

1st Saturday of each month following the 7:30 am Mass in Church.
Every Saturday 3:20 pm-3:40 pm, before the 4:00 pm Mass in Church.
Rosary & Divine Mercy, every Wednesday 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the St. Ann Room.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN

Every Tuesday after the 8:45 am and 7:00 pm Masses. Twice a year a solemn nine day novena is held at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, consisting of Mass, homily and novena prayers. July 18th through 26th (Feast of St. Ann) and the Thursday after Ash Wednesday through Friday of the first week of Lent.

"LITTLE CHURCH"

"Little Church" is a babysitting service which is available every Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass for children ages 1 to 5 years old. Please bring your children to the Parish Ministry Center, behind the church.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Ann, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a faith family serving the needs of the parishioners and the wider community.

Home to the National Shrine of St. Ann, we are committed to providing opportunities to all for worship and service, evangelization and education, stewardship and ministry.

St. Ann Parish welcomes and invites all people to join us in proclaiming and living the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.



**Issue 1
January 1, 2017**

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday: 7:30 am Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday Masses:
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 8:45 am
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
ending with Benediction
First Friday: 9:30 - 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 6:00 to 6:45 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm
5:00 to 5:30 pm

Mary the Mother of God

Today is the Octave day of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter are celebrated with an octave in the new liturgical calendar. The Octave of Christmas always ends by celebrating the maternity of the Blessed Mother. Eight days ago we celebrated the birth of Christ at Christmas. Today we remember through whom He came into the world.

The title of Mary as Mother of God is, arguably, the greatest title given to her, even more so than the immaculate conception. Mary and her immaculate conception was the preparation for her to become the mother of God. This title can lead to some misconceptions about her. This doesn't mean that she existed before God did, or that God's divinity some how began with Mary. She is the mother of God because she is the mother of Jesus Christ, who is both God and man. Because these two natures of Christ cannot be separated, we can rightly call Mary the Mother of God.



As she is the physical mother of Christ, she is the spiritual mother to us. Our Catholic faith is so great because as we have a Father in heaven who protects and provides for us, we also have a spiritual mother in heaven who cares and nurtures us as well. All Christians who are baptized have Mary as a spiritual mother. Our baptism makes us children of God, adopted sons and daughters of the Father, and joint heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven, along with Christ. This is why we can call Mary our mother, and today we celebrate this reality.

In a sense, today is mother's day in the Church. May we never forget who we are, sons and daughters of Mary. With Our Lady at our side we have nothing to fear. Today, let us thank Our Lady for all she does for us, as a good mother always cares for her children. May we always find refuge in her as well. Wrapped in her mantle we have nothing to fear, as no evil can touch us. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us.

Reflection by Fr. Braud

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday | January 1 |
| 4:00 pm Vigil | Carl Becnel, Charles Kirchem, Raymond Olivier, Ashley Code, McClelland & Gardner Families, Mark & Melissa Beach & Family (Blessing), Souls in Purgatory, Iris Fitzpatrick, Charles J. Kirchem Parishioners |
| 8:00 am | Anna Margaret Boudreaux |
| 9:30 am | Ashley Code, Joseph Bischone, Sr., Mary E. Moore, Gerard Virgadamo, Martha Watkins, Adrian Block, Carmel Patterson, Tobi Mercier |
| 11:00 am | John Sipos |
| 5:00 pm | |
| Monday | January 2 |
| 6:30 am | Annette Provst |
| 8:45 am | Tony Smith |
| Tuesday | January 3 |
| 6:30 am | Anton Tangell |
| 8:45 am | Eunice Lion (Health) |
| 7:00 pm | Mary Quaid |
| Wednesday | January 4 |
| 6:30 am | Happy Birthday Sarah |
| 8:45 am | Daniel Rotolo |
| Thursday | January 5 |
| 6:30 am | Charlie Carriere (S.I.) |
| 8:45 am | Joseph Bischone |
| Friday | January 6 |
| 6:30 am | Linda Murry (Thanks to Blessed Mother for Health) |
| 8:45 am | Gail Murphy |
| Saturday | January 7 |
| 7:30 am | Nora O'Riordan |

January 1 - 7, 2017
"Sanctuary Candle"
In Memory of Frank P. Messina



Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father
JANUARY 2017
Christian Unity

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Holy Spirit Women's Retreat

Michelle Moran and Fr. Joe Krafft will be the featured speakers at the annual Holy Spirit Women's Retreat from January 27-29, 2017 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lafayette, LA. The theme is "Receive the Holy Spirit."

This retreat is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) and serves hundreds of women from throughout the Gulf south. Weekend and Saturday commuters are welcome. Register online at www.ccrno.org or call (504) 828-1368.

Parish Calendar

1/1	NEW YEARS DAY MASSES ARE: 8, 9:30, 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM
1/2	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM ST. ANTHONY MTG./ST. RAYMOND
1/3	9:15 AM ADORATION 6:20 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA 7:30 PM BOY SCOUTS/CAFETERIA
1/4	9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND 7 PM ADULT CHOIR/ST. CECILIA 7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REH./CHURCH
1/5	9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND 7 PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION/WELCOME CENTER 7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 2 CLASS 1/CAFETERIA
1/7	7:30 AM MENS CLUB MASS/CHURCH 8 AM ROSARY FOLLOWING 7:30 AM MASS 9 AM ALTAR SERVER MINI RETREAT/CHURCH & CAF.

ST. ANN SCHOOL REGISTRATION - 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

Walk Through Tours

Every Monday and Thursday - 9:30am - School Office

Open House

January 23, 2017 - 7:30pm - Cafeteria

ONLINE Registration for Returning Students - January 23-27, 2017

Registration, Non-Support and iPad Fees due by Friday, Jan. 27, 2017

Tuition due by May 1, 2017

New Student Registration - February 6, 2017

Registration and Non-Support Fees collected

We are currently accepting early applications for our PK2, PK3, and PK4 Programs

PK2 - PK3 - PK4 PROGRAMS

Children must be potty-trained for the PK3 and PK4 year old programs. Child must reach age 2, 3 or 4 years old by September 30, 2017. Uniforms are required for all grade levels - PK2-7th Grade.

Early Application Fee: PK2 / PK3 / PK4 - \$25.00 (*non-refundable but applied to Registration Fee*)

Registration Fee: PK2 / PK3 / PK4 Programs - \$175.00 per child (*non-refundable*)

Tuition: 2, 3 or 4 year old - Full Day (5) - M-T-W-T-F - \$5190. per child
2, 3 or 4 year old - Full Day (3) - M-W-F - \$3760. per child
2 or 3 year old - Half Day (3) - M-W-F - \$2520. per child

*PK2, PK3 and PK4 programs are separate from Kindergarten-7th grade.
Families with children in both will not be offered the family tuition rate.*

KINDERGARTEN - 7TH GRADE

Kindergarten - child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2017. *Readiness skills are expected.*

Registration Fee: \$165.00 - 1 child / \$150.00 - each additional child (*non-refundable*)

Non-Support Fee: \$350.00 per child (*non-refundable*)

iPad Fee: \$170.00 annually for 5th-7th grades

Tuition: 1 child - \$ 4990.
2 children - \$ 9380. = \$4990. (1st) + \$4390. (2nd)
3 children - \$12,470. = \$4990. (1st) + \$4390. (2nd) + \$3090. (3rd)

Non-Catholic families do not receive the family tuition discount.

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IMPORTANT

DO NOT sign up as an individual - the parish access code provides more content than the individual subscription.



BECOME A NEW
CREATION IN 2017!

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.” -2 Corinthians 5:17

The Church teaches that faith is “to entrust oneself wholly to God and to believe absolutely what he says” [CCC 150]. This is to make an act of the will to repent and give your life to Jesus Christ. Many refer to the joy, peace and conviction from this decision as becoming a “new creation” or being “born again”. In reality, it is the fulfillment of the effects of our baptismal graces where we were “born of water and the Spirit” [John 3:5]. It is our second conversion, and it is necessary for all of us baptized as infants. God has no grandchildren, only children! He will not force us to entrust ourselves wholly to him and believe absolutely what he says. That is our choice. There is no greater New Year’s Resolution than to make that decision each and every day of 2017!

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Some of FORMED Resources for January 2017

1st Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Program: The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 12: Always a Mother

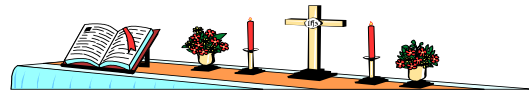
E-Book: A Mother’s Rule of Life

6th Saint Andre Bessette

Movie: God’s Doorkeeper

9th The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

Program: Reborn (Also in Spanish)



St. Ann School Liturgies and Activities to Promote Catholic Identity

- Weekly Masses or liturgies for students in third through seventh grades and at least monthly for students in kindergarten and first and second grades. Included in the Masses are Holy Days of Obligation (if school is in session) as well as at the opening of school, the end of school and Catholic Schools Week Masses.
- Reconciliation during Advent and Lent
- Stations of the Cross during Lent
- May Crowning
- Rosary at least four times per year including Respect Life and May Crowning rosaries
- Eucharistic Adoration time during Lent and other times throughout the year
- Organized prayers in the morning, before lunch and at the end of the day. Morning prayers include a reading about the Saint or other liturgical events celebrated that day.
- Yearly theme, based on the Catechetical Sunday theme, which is discussed in the classrooms and displayed throughout the school.
- Monthly aspirations serve as spiritual goals for the students. The aspirations are coordinated with the yearly theme and are displayed throughout the school.
- Assemblies with student plays centered on the current aspiration
- Respect Life Month in October includes a theme, classroom projects which are displayed in church and around school, a Respect Life mass, a Respect Life school wide rosary, rotating take home family rosaries and classroom discussion on the value of life.
- Priests visit the classrooms during the year to discuss church teachings and liturgies as well as answer questions from the students about their faith.
- Family Sunday celebrates the family and its place in the faith formation of the students.
- During Advent we prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas. Advent activities include a theme, a daily reading, a classroom activity and the lighting of the Advent Wreath.
- Living Nativity (fifth-grade participants) with two presentations for the students and adults
- Foster diversity and respect for fellow students through classroom discussions, guest speakers, studying role models such as Saints and special programs during Black History Month.
- Observe Catholic Schools Week through special activities such as Mass, a Buddy event, daily prayers and announcements and attendance at the Archdiocesan CSW Mass
- St. Blaise prayer service and throat blessing
- Ministers-in-training and recorder program Mass for third grade students
- Buddy program to promote sharing and mentoring between older and younger students
- Foster a culture of respect for fellow students through anti-bullying programs, speakers and counseling

more on St. Ann School Liturgies and Activities in next week’s bulletin

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