

# ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE

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## CHURCH HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

### Pastor

Rev. Billy O'Riordan  
455-7071, ext. 223

### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Colin Braud, ext. 224

### Deacons

Mr. Philip Doolen, ext. 231  
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Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal  
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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"

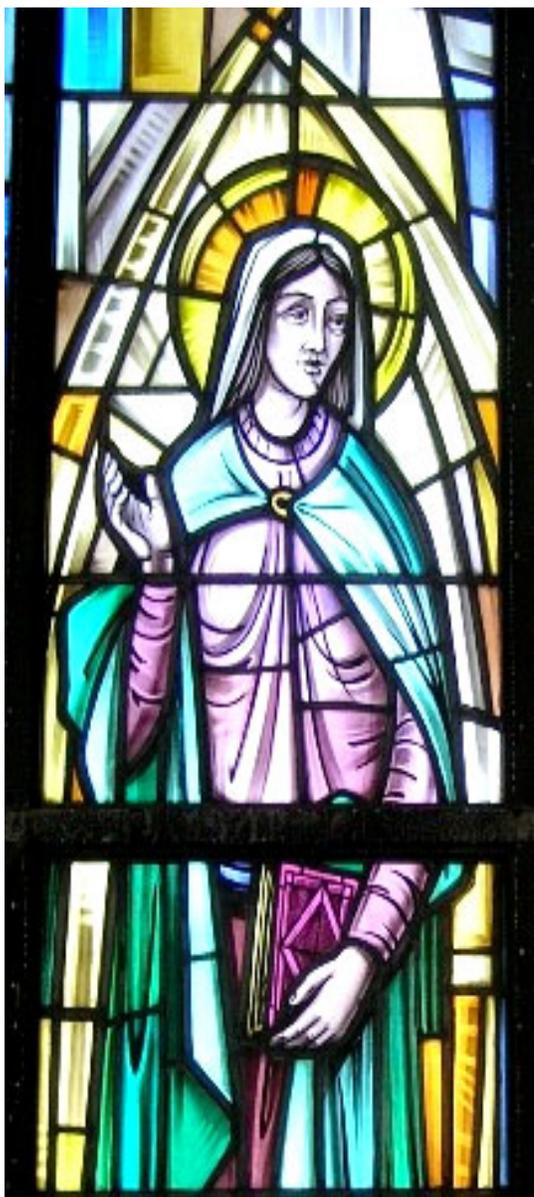
"Little Church" is a babysitting service which is available every Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass for children ages 1 to 5 years old. Please bring your children to the Parish Ministry Center, behind the church.

### 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 4  
January 22, 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Matthew 4:12-23



“First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali ...” Upon first reading these words I thought: Why would God degrade or destroy? Then I went into HGTV mode and began to think that if something needs to be made anew and beautiful again the old has to be torn down and thrown out ... Let the work begin! Let Jesus in to give some advice about “open concept” so that the place of gloom may have new light ... Jesus

is ready to call us from darkness to light, from sinful ways to repentance and new life, from being in cruise-control-mode to exercising ministry, and all in his name. As he called James and John, and all the disciples, in the gospel today, he calls you and me to make a difference in his name. Don’t settle for getting old and getting used to what used to be and what we know in this life. Let the Word of God disturb you and move you to something greater ... from darkness to light! Keep the words of St. Catherine of Siena in mind: “Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

As we know from the gospel reading today, Jesus went around all of Galilee teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom and curing every disease and illness among the people. Proclaiming, curing and healing ... To those who are married: Is your sacrament of marriage proclaiming and witnessing the love of God, curing and healing those who are struggling and sometimes feeling hopeless? Every day doesn’t need to be flowers and candy, but not putting in any effort to show appreciation is a problem. It’s easy to say that your spouse is a priority, but it often happens only after other things: hobbies, work, the football game ... When was the last time that you called Family Life at the archdiocese to ask about a retreat for couples? You owe it to yourselves and to your marriage. The Lord is calling people who are “fishers” and ready to dig up what is good in life and therefore testify to the love of God.

Sometimes people ask: Who administers the Sacrament of Marriage? A sacrament is an outward sign that confers grace - the outward sign is the exchange of consent, so the couple getting married are the ones who administer the sacrament to each other. Imagine God using your voice to make a sacrament happen. He wants you to use that voice every day in making the sacrament a visible sign to children and others. The priest or deacon is the official witness on behalf of the Church, but does not confer the sacrament of marriage. The couple confer the sacrament. As St. Catherine of Siena said: “Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.” In closing I share a quote by Mahatma Gandhi: “Be the change you want to see in the world.”

Reflection: Fr. Billy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer  
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35  
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41  
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday</b> 4:00 pm Vigil	<b>January 22</b> McClelland & Gardner Families, Jennie Spitale, Iris Fitzpatrick Parishioners 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am Juanita Delhommer Eunice Sonnier, Jessica Noggerath, Joseph Bischone, Sr., James Miller, Jorge Migenes 5:00 pm Victor Gonzalez, Sr.
<b>Monday</b> 6:30 am 8:45 am	<b>January 23</b> Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Watermeier Bernard Deckelman (S.I.)
<b>Tuesday</b> 6:30 am 8:45 am 7:00 pm	<b>January 24</b> Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander Renee W. Marino Msgr. W. Wendell Sontheimer
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:30 am 8:45 am	<b>January 25</b> Jennie Spitale Carol R. Mayfield
<b>Thursday</b> 6:30 am 8:45 am	<b>January 26</b> Jorge Migenes John O’Sullivan
<b>Friday</b> 6:30 am 8:45 am	<b>January 27</b> Angelo Macaluso Frank Estrada
<b>Saturday</b> 7:30 am	<b>January 28</b> Bob Walsh

January 22 - 28, 2017  
“Sanctuary Candle” & “Altar Decorations”  
In Memory of  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Sclafani

St. Anthony Ministry Collection  
Blankets For the Homeless Males Only!

The St. Anthony Ministry of St. Ann is helping Project Outreach again this year to collect blankets, hats, gloves and scarves to hand out to the homeless men of Jefferson Parish. These items may be gently used and clean of new. Please place your items in the marked bins in the shrine by the exit doors. Thank You!



## A Letter from Archbishop Aymond

Dear Sisters and Brother in Christ,

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, January 29 – February 4, 2017, I cannot help but remember a theme that came up time and time again at our synod listening sessions two years ago: “We must make Catholic schools more affordable.” The question is: How do we do that?

The answer is complex. Catholic schools are not in it for the money; however, teachers must be paid a fair wage, classrooms and facilities must be kept up to date, and schools must work hard to become centers of academic excellence rooted in the Catholic faith. In other words, I do not know how we can make Catholic schools “more affordable.” I do, however, know that we can make them more available. How? By offering financial support to the mission and ministry of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Our schools need the support of everyone in the community - whether you have children in Catholic schools or not. It is the mission of every Catholic to foster the Kingdom of God and help form disciples who will live our Christian Faith; Catholic schools are crucial to these efforts. Every parish in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will take up a second collection on January 28-29 to support Catholic schools, and I ask each of you to be as generous as you can.

The money collected this weekend will support the Champions of Catholic Education fund in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This fund will provide assistance to children whose families cannot afford Catholic school tuition, thus making Catholic education more available to more children. Our Catholic schools, and our Catholic parents, need your support. We get many requests and do our best to assist as many as we are able.

Wishing you God’s blessings and with gratitude for your generosity, I am,

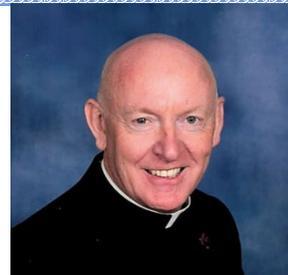
Sincerely in Christ,  
Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans

## SCHOOL NEWS

The students are very busy in 2017! Happy New Year to All! “Walk Through” tours continue each Monday and Thursday at 9:30 am until New Student Registration on Monday, February 6th. If you have a child two years or older and are looking for a school, we invite you to take a tour – no appointment needed for the Monday or Thursday tours. We also invite you to look at our school at our Open House on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm.

## Parish Calendar

1/22	6 PM FAIR COMMITTEE MTG./CAFETERIA
1/24	9:15 AM ADORATION 6:20 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA 7:30 PM BOY SCOUTS/CAFETERIA
1/25	8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS GRADES 3-7 9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND 11 AM SEWING SEAMS CELEBRATION/ST. RAYMOND 1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND 7 PM ADULT CHOIR/ST. CECILIA 7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REH./CHURCH
1/26	9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
1/27	8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS (2 GRADE) 3:45 PM BETA CLUB INDUCTION CEREMONY/GYM 7 PM BONKO 4TH & 5TH GRADES/CAFETERIA
1/28	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COLLECTION 3:30 PM CS PINWOOD DERBY/GYM
1/29	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK & COLLECTION



CONGRATULATIONS TO  
OUR PASTOR

Fr. Billy O'Riordan

ST. JOHN VIANNEY  
AWARD RECIPIENT

### Attention: St. Ann Church & Shrine Parishioners

I am pleased to announce that your pastor, Fr. Billy O'Riordan, will receive the **St. John Vianney Award** from Archbishop Aymond at the annual Notre Dame Seminary Chancellor's Dinner on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Our congratulations to Fr. Billy O'Riordan who has served the Church as a dedicated priest for nearly 32 years and who exudes the virtues by which St. John Vianney lived out his priesthood. St. John Vianney is the Patron of Priests.

The Chancellor's Dinner is an opportunity to visit our historic Notre Dame Seminary, meet our seminarians, and honor special friends of the seminary like Father Billy. For those who would like to attend the dinner, **table sponsorships are available**. I also invite you to place a congratulatory message to your pastor in the commemorative Chancellor's Dinner program. **For further information regarding the Chancellor's Dinner, please contact the Development Office at the seminary at (504) 866-7426, ext. 374, or visit [www.nds.edu](http://www.nds.edu).**

Very Rev. James A. Wehner, S.T.D.  
Rector/President of Notre Dame Seminary

### Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on **Sunday, June 11, 2017, at 3:00 PM** in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

**Please Note:** This year's celebration **will not be a Mass**, but a **Prayer Service**. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish.

**To register, the married couple is asked to contact their parish office before March 3, 2017.**

## A Gift for You! The Best Catholic Content, All in One Place.

St. Ann Parish has gifted you with unlimited access to the best ebooks, talks and videos in the Church today.

### To Register

- Go to Formed.org
- Enter **ST. ANN'S PARISH CODE XX87MF** on the homepage
- Create a personal account with your user name/email and password
- Start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place!

In the future, log in by going directly to Formed.org and entering your user name/email and password.

### IMPORTANT

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

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Some of the Liturgical Content on FORMED.org. for January

## JAN. 22 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN

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### THE MOST IMPORTANT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE OF OUR TIME [DOCUMENTARY ON FORMED.org](#)

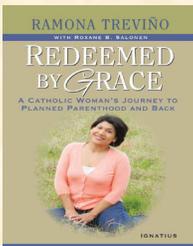
One of the most compelling pro-life documentaries ever produced! 40 features inspiring stories and deeply personal interviews with many of the biggest names in the Pro-Life movement, such as: Lila Rose, the President of Live Action; Abby Johnson, Former Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic Director and Founder of "And Then There Were None;" Rebecca Kiessling, Pro-life Speaker and Conceived in Rape; Jeanne Monahan, President of March for Life Education and Defense Fund; Dr. Day Gardner, President of the National Black Pro-Life Union; Ryan Bomberger, Founder of Radiance Foundation; Keith Mason, Co-founder of Personhood USA; Joe Scheidler, Founder of the Pro-Life Action League; David Bereit, National Director of 40 Days for Life, and many more!

### SKIFF & AJ'S FANTASTIC VOYAGE [MOVIE ON FORMED.org](#)

When inanimate objects Skiff (the incense boat) & AJ (the aspergillum) test – drive their homemade time machine, it shrinks them to a gnat size. After a pregnant lady mistakenly inhales the wannabe time travelers, the two soon encounter an extra-special being dwelling within. Skiff & AJ begin to communicate with, learn about, and start a new friendship with the baby in the womb. Without enough power to launch their ship back to the outside world, Skiff & AJ find themselves stranded. They make plans for a big scape – but to work, it'll take all they can muster.

Can baby safely deliver them home from their life changing adventure? Embark on a FANTASTIC VOYAGE that's right under your nose (and left of the spleen)!

### REDEEMED BY GRACE [E-BOOK ON FORMED.org](#) A CATHOLIC WOMAN'S JOURNEY TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND BACK



At age eight, Ramona Treviño climbed to the top of a roof and begged God to let her know he was real. After receiving a sign, she made a pact with herself to follow him always. But family difficulties and growing pains made it hard for her to continue on that path.

Pregnant at 16, she dropped out of high school and entered an abusive marriage, which ended in divorce. Wanting to make a difference and to help girls in similar tough situations, she accepted a job as the manager of a Planned Parenthood facility in Sherman, Texas. Over time, however, Ramona began to grapple with whether she was doing women more harm than good, setting her on a path to seek the truth, no matter where it might lead.

Realizing she could no longer refer women for abortions or provide them with false assurances of risk-free sex, Ramona took a leap of faith and left the financial security of her job. Her ultimate conversion involved a full return to the Catholic faith of her childhood and a new role as a pro-life advocate and speaker.

This compelling story tells of Ramona's struggle to reconcile her identity as a daughter of God with a world that sends conflicting messages concerning the source of our dignity and happiness. It is the honest and heartfelt account of a woman who, with the help of grace, strove to overcome the wounds of her own past while becoming an agent of healing for others.

## THE SOUL OF THE APOSTOLATE



ABBOT DOM  
JEAN-BAPTISTE  
CHAUTARD, O.C.R.

## JAN. 25 FEAST OF CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL SOUL OF THE APOSTOLATE [AUDIO ON FORMED.org](#) MATTHEW ARNOLD

The Soul of the Apostolate was the favorite book of Pope St. Pius X. Matthew Arnold presents excerpts from a timeless classic that shows how prayer is the soul of every work for God, and is absolutely critical for apostolic success. This foundational work on the spiritual life will help you understand that the Lord first desires prayer, and then our works, and will help you to avoid serious spiritual mistakes.

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