

Parish Email Update – November 21, 2024

Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

Alleluia! This weekend we begin our year-long celebration of the 100th Anniversary of our beloved parish! Please see the information below and join us! And then keep an eye on this space throughout the year for timely updates on all kinds of activities related to the Centennial.

A note: we will not send a parish email update on Thanksgiving, so this email covers events and information for the next two weeks. We will resume the email updates on Thursday, December 5.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MASSES

Please note that Tuesday and Wednesday daily Masses will be as usual; Thursday (Thanksgiving) the Mass is moved to 10:00am; and Friday daily Mass is cancelled.

PARISH BULLETIN – Click the link to read this weekend’s bulletin: <https://www.stanncc.com/sunday-bulletin>

St. Ann Centennial Celebration
1925-2025
Kick-off Weekend November 22-23

Thanksgiving Dinner — Friday, November 22

- **Serving** 6:00-7:30pm
- We ask you to consider staggering your arrival so we can seat everyone in shifts, and no one will have to wait too long
- **Volunteer** (sign up in the Commons):
 - Set-up/Decorating—Thursday, November 21 in Condon Hall
 - Clean-up—Friday, November 22, starting at 7:00pm
- **Make a dish** to share! Pick up a tray and make the requested side dish or bake a pie of your choice. Drop off in Condon Hall on Friday between 5:00-6:00pm

Mass with Bishop Knestout — Saturday, November 23

This Mass will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and website.

The 11:15 Mass on Sunday will not be livestreamed.

All are welcome!

Order Commemorative Christmas Ornaments

- Laser cut on wood, with our two logos (above) on the two sides
- \$8.00 for one; \$7.00 each for two or more
- Order after Masses on November 16/17 and 23/24. Payment is due at the time of the order. Checks should be made out to St. Ann Catholic Church.
- Pick up the weekend of December 14/15.

Join us as we begin our year-long celebration as a community of faith!

GETTING READY FOR ADVENT

- Join us as we transform our Worship Space from the green of Ordinary Time to the anticipation of Advent. Give Altar & Arts a hand on Monday, November 25 at 9:00am. The more folks we have helping, the more quickly we will get the work done! Thank you!
- **First Sunday of Advent, November 30 & December 1** – Bring the candles from your home Advent wreath and a small bottle of water to be blessed at the beginning of Mass, then take them home and use them in blessing and lighting your Advent wreath throughout the season. Place them in the basket by the altar before Mass and pick them up at the conclusion of Mass.
- **Reconciliation During Advent** – Fr. Ernest will offer some additional times for you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas on Tuesdays, 5:30-6:15pm in the Chapel (before daily Mass). The usual Saturday Reconciliation times will continue to be available from 3:45 – 4:30pm.

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT & SING-ALONG

Our 4th annual Christmas Benefit Concert featuring the St. Ann Music Ministry is Friday December 6, at 7 pm. Enjoy music from all three choirs and a few solo performances. A favorite part of the night is the sing-along where we all sing Christmas carols, and the visit from Santa Clause where kids can get their picture taken with the Jolly old Elf himself! See the attached flyer.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS – Happy Thanksgiving to all! We at the Food pantry want to thank everyone for the continued donations. Together we help support many families in need throughout the year. This week please consider donations of canned vegetables, jelly, cereal, soups, and instant potatoes. Don't forget the November Mac & Cheese challenge. Contact Evelyn Keesler 804-241-7189; elkeesler1@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE – Can you believe this is the final collection weekend for the Holiday Food Drive?! St. Ann's is blessing 11 families with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals this year. What an amazingly generous parish we have! While we have already received an exceptional response for our drive, we **STILL NEED YOUR HELP!** Please consider making a monetary donation to help provide gift cards for perishable food items for each holiday meal **AND** for gift cards for Christmas gifts for our parish families in need. Donations in the form of cash and checks (payable to St Ann) may be placed in collection box by the display in the Commons or a contribution can be made online through our website (click on the WeShare Icon). This Sunday, **November 17 is the final day to drop off food donations** in the Commons. Thank you for your support in blessing these families for the holidays!

CDA BAKESALE - It's here! **The Catholic Daughter's Bake Sale** is being held this weekend, after all the Masses, in Condon Hall. Be sure to stop by and get something special for the weekend, and stock your freezer with goodies for December. Not only are we offering "sugar-loaded" goodies, but "sugar-free" and "gluten-free" goodies and pet treats, too! Proceeds support a number of charities in our community.

THE PB&J MINISTRY (formerly DCU Soup Kitchen Ministry) is requesting donations of toothbrushes & toothpaste for the Hope Center in Petersburg. The Center is putting together Christmas Blessings Bags for those in need that frequent the Center, and they are especially in need of toothbrushes and toothpaste. We will be collecting these items throughout November through Sunday, December 1st. Kindly place your donations in the marked box in the Commons. Thank you for your generosity!

LECTIO DIVINA, one of the great treasures of the Christian tradition of prayer, will be offered on Wednesdays, from 2:30-4:00pm, beginning November 20 through December 18. The practice of Lectio Divina is a method of reflective reading of scripture which allows the Spirit to assist the reader with exploring the inner meaning of the scriptural passage. This group will focus on the

Gospel of Mark. Participants will be given a schedule of chapters to read **before** we gather each week to pray and reflect on the scriptures through the method of Lectio Divina. For more information and/or to register, contact Linda Mingos at mingosfam@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

CHRISTIAN FORMATION for all levels continues this Sunday, November 24, at their regularly scheduled times. For Middle and High School, this will be our YOUTH GROUP Thanksgiving Dinner and will be from 6p-8p. Please make a note of that time change! If you have not RSVP'd your child or signed up to bring a dish, please click on the link below to do so. Numbers are critical to ensure that our kids have enough food.

Link to sign up for Youth Ministry Thanksgiving Dinner
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA9AA29A20-53092898-youth#/>

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION Our third and final gathering for 1st Reconciliation preparation will be a Retreat on Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 5:45p-8:00pm in Condon Hall. (Same start time, later end time). Contact Sam if you have any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATION for the weekend of November 24, 2024

Link to sign up for current Youth Ministry Events:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA9AA29A20-holiday1#/>

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will be held from 6:00p-8:00p in Condon Hall. We will be celebrating with a Thanksgiving Dinner which will include all grades. Please make a note of that time change! If you have not RSVP'd your child or signed up to bring a dish, please click on the link above to do so. We need to make sure our kids have enough food

ONLINE ORDERS for Mickman Brothers Christmas Greenery continue until December 13. You can continue to order online at giftitforward.com. Our CODE isSTANNVA001. Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS GREENERY is due to arrive at any minute! Due to the extra activity this weekend, we will be unpacking, spraying and bagging all greenery items on Saturday, November 23 at 10:00a. If you can come and help, that would be wonderful and a huge blessing!

LAURA MCKELVEY CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE: You're invited to participate in our annual cookie sale Dec. 14/15. Take a tray from the Commons & fill it with your favorite homemade Christmas cookies. Return the same tray with your cookies to Condon Hall on December 14th between 3p-5p. Thank you.

WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM will take place on Sunday, December 8. Folks can meet at St. Ann's at 3:30pm or meet at the location at 4pm. (25115 Smith Grove Rd Petersburg, VA 23803) Transportation is on your own unless alternative arrangements have been made. This is our class for the evening. There are NO evening activities.

JOIN US FOR LAS POSADAS on Friday, December 20 from 6:30p-8:00p as we share in the symbolic Biblical journey of Mary and Joseph as they searched for shelter in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. Prayer, Praise, Food & Fellowship are all part of the festivities! Save the Date!

Our annual **CHRISTMAS GIVE A PARENT A HAND** will take place on Friday, December 13 from 6p-9p in Condon Hall. We'll serve them dinner, help them with crafts, watch movies and have lots of fun! We need volunteers, both youth and adults, to help make this a big success! Contact Elise for more information or see the Youth Board for sign-ups!

AUTHENTIC GINGERBREAD COOKIE BAKING is back again for another year, (also sugar cookies), with special royal frosting, and will take place on December 14, from 9a-1pm, under the expert and watchful eye of Melinda Aileo AND using her grandmother's recipe! Space is limited so sign up now to save your spot! Families are welcome! Then watch for these special cookies at the Cookie Sale! YUM! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA9AA29A20-46324362-2023#/>

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE! Even though the conference is not until Feb 7-9, registration begins NOW. Open to 8th-12th graders! Please see the Youth Board or Elise to register if you are interested in attending!

Let us pray for our church family: for those who have gone before us, for those with whom we pray, minister, and celebrate today, and for those with whom we have differences. May our anniversary be an opportunity to re-commit ourselves to discipleship and to making our parish a beacon of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. Ann Calendar – Thursday, November 21 through Sunday, December 8

THURSDAY – November 21

9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	Condon Hall
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
11:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
1:30 pm	Mass at Dunlop House	Off-site
6:00 pm	Set-up & Decorate for Thanksgiving Dinner	Condon Hall
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Rm 6
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – November 22

10:00 am	Women's Cursillo Group	Chapel
12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
6:00 pm	Centennial Thanksgiving Dinner	Condon Hall
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SATURDAY – November 23 (Christ the King)

11:00 am	CDA Bake Sale set-up	Condon Hall
3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass with Bishop Barry Knestout Presiding	Worship Space
6:00 pm	CDA Bake Sale after Mass	Condon Hall
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – November 24 (Christ the King)

8:30 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
9:45 am	CDA Bake Sale after Mass	Condon Hall
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	School
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Rm 8
11:15 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
12:30 pm	CDA Bake Sale after Mass	Condon Hall
5:00 pm	Crescendos	Worship Space
5:30 pm	Youth Group Meal	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	MS & HS Youth Group	All Spaces
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

MONDAY – November 25

9:00 am	Advent Decorating	Worship Space
9:00 am	Morning Pause	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

TUESDAY – November 26

8:30 am	Happy Feet Dancers	Condon Hall
10:00 am	Lloyd Guerin Visitation	Chapel
11:00 am	Lloyd Guerin Funeral Mass	Worship Space
12:00 pm	Lloyd Guerin Reception	Condon Hall
12:15 pm	Game Day	Rm 6
6:30 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

WEDNESDAY – November 27

7:00 am	Bible Study	Worship Space
9:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel

9:30 am	Bible Study	Rm 6
2:30 pm	Lectio Divina/Gospel of Mark	Chapel
5:00 pm	Preludes Practice (Children's Choir)	Worship Space
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

THURSDAY – November 28 (Thanksgiving)

All Day	Offices Closed	
9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class (cancelled)	
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group (cancelled)	
10:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – November 29

All Day	Offices Closed	
12:00 pm	Daily Mass (cancelled)	
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SATURDAY – November 30 (First Sunday of Advent)

3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – December 1 (First Sunday of Advent)

8:30 am	Mass (no CLOW)	Worship Space
9:45 am	Hospitality after Mass	Condon Hall
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation (cancelled)	
9:45 am	Adult Formation (cancelled)	
9:45 am	Centennial Planning Committee (cancelled)	
11:15 am	Mass (no CLOW)	Worship Space
12:30 pm	Hospitality after Mass	Condon Hall
5:00 pm	Crescendos (cancelled)	
5:30 pm	Youth Group Meal (cancelled)	
6:30 pm	MS & HS Youth Group (cancelled)	
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

MONDAY – December 2

9:00 am	Morning Pause	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

TUESDAY – December 3

8:30 am	Happy Feet Dancers	Condon Hall
12:15 pm	Game Day	Condon Hall

5:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Chapel
6:30 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Double Classroom
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

WEDNESDAY – December 4

7:00 am	Bible Study	Worship Space
9:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
9:30 am	Bible Study	Rm 6
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Admin Building
1:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Peer Group	Rm 6
2:00 pm	Lucy Honecker Funeral	Chapel
2:30 pm	Lectio Divina/Gospel of Mark	Rm 6
5:00 pm	Preludes Practice (Children's Choir)	Worship Space
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

THURSDAY – December 5

9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	Condon Hall
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
10:30 am	Mass at Colonial Heights Rehab & Nursing	Off-site
11:00 am	Daily Mass (cancelled)	
5:30 pm	CDA Thankful Thursday	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – December 6

10:00 am	First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Worship Space
12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	Christmas Benefit Concert	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SATURDAY – December 7 (Second Sunday of Advent)

3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – December 8 (Second Sunday of Advent)

8:30 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
9:30 am	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast	Condon Hall
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	School
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Rm 8
11:15 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
12:30 pm	CDA Christmas Party	Condon Hall

3:30 pm	Walk Through Bethlehem	Off-site
5:00 pm	Crescendos (cancelled)	
5:30 pm	Youth Group Meal (cancelled)	
6:30 pm	MS & HS Youth Group (cancelled)	
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

For information about how to join Compline on Zoom, please go to the St. Ann website and click on the “St. Ann Prays” tab. All are welcome!

