

Parish Email Update – April 25, 2024

Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

The Easter season continues! The celebration continues with the baptism of three children this weekend at the Masses. We continue to pray for all those receiving sacraments this season!

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MASSES

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

ADORATION – First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be next week, May 3 starting at 10:00am in the Worship Space. Come, spend some time in quiet prayer and peace. Adoration will conclude with Benediction after the noon Mass.

THIS WEEKEND! FLUTE FORTE! Sunday, April 28 at 2:00pm in the Worship Space. Enjoy a free concert by a local ensemble of 34 flutes, from piccolo at the high end to bass flute at the low end. Includes our own Carol Crittendon! Hope to see you there! (Donations will be accepted to help offset the ensemble’s expenses.)

RICE BOWLS – This is the FINAL WEEKEND to turn in your Rice Bowl! Please leave it in the basket in the Commons by April 28. If you do not have a Rice Bowl but would like to contribute to the work of Catholic Relief Services as they serve those living in poverty around the world, feel free to place your donation in the box near the basket. If you write a check, please make it out to St. Ann and put “Rice Bowl” in the memo. Thank you for your care and generosity!

LITURGY NEEDS – Parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders: Katie Johnson will be visiting CF classes this weekend to encourage our young people to get more involved in Mass by becoming an altar server. Please encourage your young person to serve our community (and learn more about Mass at the same time)!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) HIGHLIGHTS - April

- New Parish Directory: Photography sessions for a new Parish Directory have been set up for June 3-8. Sign-ups will be available in the Commons the next two weekends and available electronically as well.

- Centennial Celebration Update: St. Ann’s centennial anniversary planning has begun. The committee has put together a tentative plan to coincide with the liturgical year beginning November 2024 through November 2025.
- Suggestion Box: All submitted suggestions are addressed at Parish Council meetings. Those with contact information are followed up with the original submitter. Anonymous suggestions are also welcomed and reviewed, but contact information is needed if specific follow-up is desired.
- Next Meeting: Next meeting on Thursday, May 16, at 7:00pm in Condon Hall. Parishioners are welcome. Approved minutes are posted on the St. Ann website, <https://www.stanncc.com>.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Appointments for photos are being scheduled now! Please do your part and schedule an appointment. Our committee is working hard on this project. We would love 100% participation! To schedule your photo appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on “Photography Appointment Scheduling Login” on the right side, enter **va253** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family’s appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. If you cannot access the online scheduling assistant there will be volunteers will be the Commons to assist you after Mass this weekend and next, April 27 & 28 and May 4 & 5. Schedule your appointment today!

Saint Ann is Looking for a Full Time Faith Formation Coordinator - Applicant must be a practicing Catholic and possess a love for and knowledge of the Catholic Faith, as well as a strong commitment to the faith development of children and adults. Professional work ethic and excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, are essential. This is a full-time position that requires variable hours.

Primary responsibilities include:

- Organize sacrament preparation for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, RCIA, and CICCA.
- Develop and provide a total catechetical program for adults, youth, and children to develop the parish as an evangelizing community.
- Proficient with MS Office, Adobe, VIRTUS, and general office software and equipment.

To apply: Please send a resume and diocesan application to Melissa Pakurar (Business Manager), Saint Ann Catholic Church, 17111 Route 1, South Chesterfield, VA 23834 or email to mpakurar@stanncc.com.

PASS IT ON

Pass it on is quickly approaching on Saturday, May 18th. Please bring your donations and leave them in the large box in the commons area. We would love to accept your donations of gently used or new baby and children items and clothing. We are happy to accept adult size clothing that would be suitable for a teenager and kindly ask that you do not leave any yard sale items. We will need lots of volunteers during the week prior to help with setting up. The day of the event requires a lot of hands to help especially any Spanish speaking volunteers to help with translating and helpers to come assist with clean up. Thanks you for always being so generous with this ministry.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

ALL CHRISTIAN FORMATION SESSIONS CONTINUE THIS WEEK AT THEIR REGULAR TIMES!

Middle and High School Youth Group continues this weekend, April 28. Join us for our Youth Group meal from 5:30-6:30pm. On the menu this week: Italian Cuisine! Class is from 6:30-8:00pm in the Worship Space. See you there!

Our next Celebrate Youth Mass will be on Sunday, May 5 at 11:15am Mass and will be hosted by our rising 6th Graders. All rising 6th grade students are asked to be at the church by 10:30 to practice reading and/or get ready for Mass.

5th Grade Bridging: On Sunday, April 28, during regular Elementary Christian Formation, our 5th graders are invited to join Elise in the Chapel for an introduction to Middle School Youth Group! We're so excited to have them join us next year.

GRADUATION SUNDAY and SUPER SENIOR AWARDS are scheduled for June 2 where we will recognize our Super Seniors! In order to prepare and allow the Youth Group to vote, Elise needs baby pictures and Senior pictures of all those who are graduating ASAP, as Youth Group voting will take place on May 5. If you have had one of our Seniors dedicate time and talent to your ministry, or a ministry that you are a part of, and you would like to nominate them for our Super Seniors, please let Elise know in writing as soon as possible. 😊 Thank you!

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner...June 17-21...Our Theme? SCUBA! The preparation begins NOW! Registration should be up and running soon! How you can help:

- **ADOPT A PROP:** Interested in putting together some of our Scuba props in the quiet and comfort of your own home? Watch for adoption kits to appear in the Commons soon!
- **"Scuba" deco items needed:**
 - **ODD NEEDS:** Blow up boats, single or double person tents, fake rocks (large), wet suits (all will be returned!)
 - **NORMAL NEEDS:** Empty plastic easter eggs, egg cartons, 2-liter bottles, paper towel rolls, bottle caps, googly eyes, fish nets, pool noodles always welcome!
 - **Dollar Tree specials:** Kickboards, loofas, clear plastic bowls, shower caps, colored tissue paper, "spiny" dusting gloves, anything "fishy"!
- **FINANCIAL NEEDS:** Gift card donations for Amazon, Home Depot, Lowes, Walmart
- **VOLUNTEERS:** Parents or interested adults, Middle School and High School students. Watch for more ways to help out!

Contact Tiffany at tiphilpot7@gmail.com OR Alison at alisondev79@gmail.com to volunteer or if you have any questions!

2024-2025 REGISTRATION PACKETS will be handed out in Christian Formation Classes this weekend (1 per family and to the oldest of the group 😊). Please make sure to ask your child for this packet. Consider registering ahead of time when things are not as hectic! Please note that no fees can be paid until after our new fiscal year begins in July. Included in the packet are also VBS Save the Date and registration information, and information on being an Altar Server (3rd-5th Grade).

Christian Formation Catechists – Are you being called to share YOUR faith, the faith of the Church, with our community? We are beginning to look for folks to assist with Elementary, Middle and High School,

RCIA, and CICCA (youth RCIA) for the 2024-2025 year. If you are interested, please contact Elise as soon as possible. (echapman@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548) **Remember: God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called!**

NEWS FROM COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES – CCC provides life-changing human services to vulnerable individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. They are in need of donations and volunteers in our area, so please help where you are able!

Fresh Start Kits for Refugee Families

- Refugee Resettlement is staying very busy welcoming many new families, who are ready to start their new lives in our community! Please consider providing a family in our area with a Fresh Start Kit, which includes everyday essentials such as bedding, kitchen and hygiene items.

Baby Clothes Closet, Children's Shelter, Homeless Services & Foster Care needs

- Diapers Newborn-4T
- English and Spanish bibles and backpacks
- Hygiene products
- Foster parents needed throughout the Richmond area

Volunteer

- Bus driver needed for resettlement clients to attend classes
- Refugee resettlement youth and family mentors
- ESL classroom volunteers
- Volunteers for Dibert food pantry

Please contact Katie Johnson at CCC (NOT the same Katie who works at St. Ann's! 😊) with any questions about volunteering or donating! (804-545-6958; Katie.Johnson@cccova.org)

Let us pray for all who feel alone. May those who live near be embraced by our community and may all know the love of God through the compassionate acceptance of those they meet.

St. Ann Calendar – Thursday, April 25 through Sunday, May 5

THURSDAY – April 25

9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	Condon Hall
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
10:00 am	Faith & Environment Meeting (cancelled)	
11:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – April 26

10:00 am	Women's Cursillo Group	Chapel
12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
6:00 pm	Ultreya	Worship Space/Condon Hall
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SATURDAY – April 27 (5th Sunday of Easter; Baptism Weekend)

8:00 am	CDA State Workshop (cancelled)	
3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass (Baptisms)	Worship Space
After Mass	Rosary for Mercy Sign-Up	Commons
After Mass	Church Directory Photo Sign-up	Commons
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – April 28 (5th Sunday of Easter; Baptism Weekend)

8:30 am	Mass (Baptisms; CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
After Mass	Rosary for Mercy Sign-Up	Commons
After Mass	Church Directory Photo Sign-up	Commons
9:45 am	5th Grade Bridging Gathering	Chapel/Worship Space
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	School Building
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Rm 8
11:15 am	Mass (Baptisms; CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
After Mass	Rosary for Mercy Sign-Up	Commons
After Mass	Church Directory Photo Sign-up	Commons
2:00 pm	Flute Forte in Concert	Worship Space
5:00 pm	Crescendos	Worship Space
5:30 pm	Youth Group Meal	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	MS & HS Christian Formation	All Spaces
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

MONDAY – April 29

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

TUESDAY – April 30

8:30 am	Happy Feet Dancers	Condon Hall
12:15 pm	Game Day	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

WEDNESDAY – May 1

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
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

THURSDAY – May 2

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)	
5:00 pm	CDA Thankful Thursday	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – May 3

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

SATURDAY – May 4 (6th Sunday of Easter)

3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship Space
After Mass	Church Directory Photo Sign-Up	Commons
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – May 5 (6th Sunday of Easter)

8:30 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
After Mass	Church Directory Photo Sign-Up	Commons
9:45 am	Centennial Planning Committee Meeting	Condon Hall
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	School Building
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Rm 8
11:15 am	Celebrate Youth Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
After Mass	Church Directory Photo Sign-Up	Commons
1:00 pm	Catechist Appreciation Luncheon	Condon Hall
2:00 pm	Cursillo Team Meeting	Double Classroom
5:00 pm	Crescendos	Worship Space
5:30 pm	Youth Group Meal	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	MS & HS Christian Formation	All Spaces
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!