

Parish Email Update – April 18, 2024

Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

The Easter season continues! We celebrate many of our sacraments during this season, so please pray for all those who are making these important steps. And don't forget to get involved with some of our upcoming activities!

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MASSES

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

THIS WEEKEND! George and Katherine Awwad from the Good Shepherds of Bethlehem will be visiting Saint Ann to sell hand carved religious items made of olive wood from the Holy Land. Their passion lies in preserving the rich craft traditions of the community and supporting our Christian brothers and sisters, who are the skilled artisans that create these exquisite hand carved items from genuine olive wood. Visit them in Condon Hall after all the Masses **THIS WEEKEND**, and help support the Christian community in the Holy Land by purchasing a gift for yourself or a loved one!

CHURCH DIRECTORY – You have asked, we have listened. It is time for our new church directory! Photography dates will be June 3-8 and we need volunteers to help with the photo sessions. If you can help, please contact Chit Peters at 804-796-6522. For instructions on how to schedule your photo session, please look in the bulletin for the flyer. Schedule your photo session 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.

Join the **FAITH & THE ENVIRONMENT** group as we view a new documentary. On Thursday, April 25, 10:00am in Rm. 7 of the school (our monthly meeting time), we will be watching "Common Ground." The film's description: "From the filmmakers of Kiss the Ground (Netflix) comes the follow-up documentary Common Ground, winner of the Tribeca Film Festival. Common Ground provides hope for future generations with concrete ways to fix a broken planetary system. The film explores how regenerative agriculture can help heal the soil, our health, and the planet." Running time is about 87 minutes, so bring whatever you need to be comfortable! Questions? Contact Katie Johnson (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548).

RICE BOWLS – Only two more weekends, so **now is the time 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!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

There is NO ELEMENTARY FORMATION or Children's Liturgy of the Word this weekend due to 1st Communion during Mass.

Middle and High School Youth Group continues this weekend, April 21. Join us for our Youth Group meal from 5:30-6:30pm. On the menu this week: Filipino Cuisine! Class is from 6:30-8:00pm in the Worship Space. See you there!

Our next Celebrate Youth Mass will be this Sunday, April 21 at the 11:15am Mass and will be hosted by our 11th/12th Graders. All 11th/12th grade students are asked to be at the church by 10:30 to practice reading and/or get ready for Mass. All other students are expected to attend and YES there is class at night! 11th/12th students will be participating in Reconciliation during class time.

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.

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

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! **We are looking for “Scuba” deco. Items needed:** Empty plastic easter eggs, egg cartons, 2-liter bottles, paper towel rolls, bottle caps, googlie eyes, fish nets, pool noodles always welcome! **Dollar Tree specials:** kickboards, loofas, clear plastic bowls, shower caps, colored tissue paper, anything “fishy”! **Volunteers:** Parents or interested adults, Middle School and High School students as crew leaders, snacks, drama, outdoor games, music, etc. 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!

Weekly Newsletters are being sent to Elementary catechists, parents, 1st Communion folks, and MS/HS families. These newsletters keep you up to date with what’s happening in the world of formation and youth group. Watch for a link for the end of the year evaluations AND for an opportunity to sign up for the 2024-2025 Christian Formation year, before classes conclude for this year (fees will not be due until July 1).

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!**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION (BAPTISM, EUCHARIST, AND CONFIRMATION)

1st SACRAMENTS CELEBRATION will take place at all Masses on Pentecost weekend, May 18 & 19. We are beginning our reception planning. If you are interested in assisting with that, please contact Elise Chapman or Chit Peters (804-898-2301; chitpeters@verizon.net) for more information. Watch for ways in which you CAN help, after the planning, coming soon. 😊

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 include 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 18 through Sunday, April 28

THURSDAY – April 18

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
6:30 pm	First Eucharist Rehearsal	Worship Space
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Condon Hall
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – April 19

12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SATURDAY – April 20 (4th Sunday of Easter)

After Mass	Rosary for Mercy Sign-Up	Commons
After Mass	Olivewood Crafts Sale by Good Shepherds of Bethlehem	Condon Hall
3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass (First Eucharist)	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – April 21 (4th Sunday of Easter)

After Masses	Rosary for Mercy Sign-Up	Commons
After Masses	Olivewood Crafts Sale by Good Shepherds of Bethlehem	Condon Hall
8:30 am	Mass (First Eucharist; CLOW cancelled)	Worship Space
9:30 am	Hospitality - After Mass	Condon Hall
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation (cancelled)	
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Rm 8
9:45 am	Centennial Planning Committee Meeting	Condon Hall
11:15 am	Celebrate Youth Mass (First Eucharist; CLOW cancelled)	Worship Space
12: 15 pm	Hospitality - After Mass	Condon Hall

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 22

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

TUESDAY – April 23

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 – April 24

7:00 am	Bible Study	Worship Space
9:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
9:30 am	Bible Study	Rm 6
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

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	Rm 6
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	
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

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

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

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

After Masses	Rosary for Mercy Sign-Up	Commons
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8:30 am	Mass (Baptisms; CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space Chapel/Worship Space
9:45 am	5th Grade Bridging Gathering	School Building
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	Rm 8
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Worship Space
11:15 am	Mass (Baptisms; CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
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

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!