

Parish Email – April 10, 2025

Dear St. Ann Parishioners –

Holy Week begins in just a few days! This is an intense time of year, and all are invited to enter into these days with focused attention and prayerful care.

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

No Email Next Week – We will not send out an email next Thursday, which is Holy Thursday, so this email contains announcements for the next two weeks.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER – All are Welcome! Please join us as we experience, remember, and celebrate the events of Jesus’s life and the foundations of our faith! A particular note: don’t forget to bring bells to ring at the Gloria on Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil!

Holy Week at St. Ann’s

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 12 & 13

Masses at 5:00pm on Saturday; 8:30am & 11:15am on Sunday
(Livestream at 11:15)

Daily Masses as Usual

Tuesday at 6:30pm and Wednesday at 9:00am

Holy Thursday, April 17 – No daily Mass

Mass at 7:00pm *(Livestream)*
Bring your bells to ring during the Gloria!

Good Friday, April 18 – No daily Mass

Stations of the Cross at Noon
Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00pm *(Livestream)*

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19

Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00am
Mass at 8:00pm
Bring your bells to ring during the Gloria!

Easter Sunday, April 20

Masses at 8:30am & 11:15am
(Livestream at 8:30)

DAILY MASSES EASTER WEEK – During the week after Easter, daily Masses will be cancelled as Fr. Ernest will be away. The bulletin incorrectly lists Masses during the week of April 21 – 25. Sorry for the confusion.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! – We are entering the busiest time of the year for Altar & Arts, with many changes of liturgical appointments in order to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Please join us this coming week as we prepare our worship spaces for the special liturgies and seasons. Thank you!

- Thursday, April 17, 9:00am – Prepare for Holy Thursday
- Friday, April 18, 9:00am – Prepare for Good Friday
- Saturday, April 19, 9:00am – Get everything set for Easter!

A BIT OF CATECHESIS (teaching) – This is final week! Through Palm Sunday, we are offering information about Holy Week and Triduum. This week, we're talking about Easter, especially the Easter Vigil. You are invited to read the attached information, which will also be available in this weekend's bulletin.

OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, formerly RCIA) – For the past three weekends, several people in our community have undergone the Scrutinies as part of their journey toward receiving the sacraments at Pentecost. We will learn more about them in the weeks following Easter, but we ask you to keep them in your prayers during these weeks of preparation. These are the Elect, preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (as is our policy, we are omitting the last names of those under 18):

Lena Leone
Corey Todd
Ava
Nya
Kailey

These are the Candidates (preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist):

Alex Krak
William (Bill) Burt

Please hold them, their sponsors, and the OCIA team in prayer, and let us welcome them!

Are you a Catholic woman aged 18 or older? Please join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for our next meeting on Sunday, April 13, and discover what we are all about! We are always looking for new members, and we understand that everyone has limitations on their time, so we ask that you commit only to what works for you! We meet once per month on the second Sunday after the 11:15 Mass, September through June. Our primary purpose is to support organizations through charitable works. Remember, many hands make light work. For more information, contact Court Regent Carol Crittendon at carol.crittendon@gmail.com.

CENTENNIAL WORKDAY – Join fellow parishioners as we celebrate our centennial by serving our parish! We will have a parish workday on Saturday, April 26 beginning at 9:00am. Help us to spruce up some of our shared spaces. Sign up in the Commons so we know how many folks to expect – this will help us determine our work priorities. Children are welcome if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

RICE BOWLS – Have you been saving your pennies during Lent? Bring your Rice Bowl and leave it in the basket in the Commons any time between April 26-May 11. All funds go to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services to assist the poorest of the poor around the world. If you would like to make a donation by check, please write the check to St. Ann Catholic Church and put Rice Bowl in the memo; then drop your check in the basket in the Commons. Thank you for your generosity!

PHOTO OPT OUT – As we prepare presentations and publications to celebrate our Centennial Year, we want to give everyone the opportunity to opt out of having their likeness (photo, video, etc.) in any of our electronic or print media. **If you do not want your image used, you must opt out by May 16, 2025.** If you do not fill out one of these forms, we presume we have your permission to use your likeness. Photo opt out forms are available in the Commons and must be returned to the parish office by May 16. If you have questions, please contact Katie Johnson (kjohnson@stanncc.com).

FOOD PANTRY NEWS – – At the beginning of Lent we received goody bags which contained a CRS Rice Bowl. These funds will help Catholic Relief Services fight hunger and poverty around the world. Another way to help fight hunger locally is to contribute items to Our Daily Bread Food Pantry. Items needed this week include peanut butter, jelly, coffee, cereal, and canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam, etc.). For more information, contact Evelyn Keesler (elkeesler1@gmail.com; 804- 241-7189).

PASS IT ON –Coming May 3, 2025! Bring your gently used Children’s items - Clothing, toys, children’s books, bikes coats, baby needs, highchairs, strollers, beds, etc. and leave in the box in the Commons or schedule a time with Nancy in the office, 804-526-2548 to drop items off in our shed. We are only accepting items for **children 18 and under**. Volunteers needed April 27 – May 3. We always need new diapers, underwear and socks. Visit our Amazon wish list for Pass it On:

<https://www.amazon.com/regist.../gl/guest-view/271RMOAH3H1U9>

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

CHRISTIAN FORMATION Just a HEADS UP: There will be no Formation for Elementary, MS, HS, CLOW, Adult Formation, and NO Crescendo Practice on

- April 13-Palm Sunday, and
- April 20- Easter.

Classes will resume on April 27 at their regular times.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2025 - 2026? Wait? What? Now? (No Fees collected until July) End of summer, start of school can get so chaotic, that Christian Formation often gets forgotten! Register for '25-'26 before classes end. Forms available in the school office, the Administration Building or by the Formation Bulletin Board in the commons.

VBS-TRUE NORTH - IS COMING- June 23-27, 2025, and we're looking for volunteers! Are you being called? Here's what we need right now: Co-director, Adults for our leadership team (1-3), Adults to work as station or crew leaders, and MS/HS Students to work as station helpers or on crew teams. Contact Tiffany at tiphilpot7@gmail.com or Sam at smoss@stanncc.com to volunteer or if you have any questions! **Signups begin April 27!**

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION: If you have a student preparing for Confirmation, emails have been sent regarding Lenten and Final Interview expectations of students and information regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation Liturgy which will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Petersburg with Bishop Knestout.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL will be held on Sunday, May 18 at 3:00pm at St. Joseph's. All students and Sponsors are expected to attend. If a student/sponsor cannot attend, a parent should plan to. Please contact Elise with any questions.

FIRST SACRAMENTS

SPRING BAPTISMS will take place on the weekend of May 10/11.

- Preparation Session #1 is April 13 in the Nursery of the school at 1:00pm.
- Preparation Session #2 is April 27 in the Nursery of the school at 1:00pm.

Remember attendance at both sessions is required. Contact Samuel Moss for more information. (smoss@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548)

ADULT FORMATION

Back for another look! Bishop Robert Barron's CATHOLICISM will be shown for ten weeks starting next Thursday, March 20. Classes are in Room 8 of the school from 9:30-11:00am, and the sessions are open to anyone interested. Please note that there will be no class on March 27, and Holy Thursday, April 17.

YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATION

for the weekend of April 13 and April 20, 2025

Come and Join our Middle School students as they prayerfully present **Experiential Stations** this Friday, April 11 beginning at 7p. Experience parts of Jesus' Walk towards Calvary—the thorns, the nails, the bitter wine. Reflect on your own journey as we prepare to enter into Holy Week. Who knows how your life may be changed!

Bring a comfy camp chair (tables and chairs will be set up—camp chairs might be a bit more comfortable) on Friday, April 13 for our **Family Movie Night** from 5:30p-8:30p in Condon Hall. Feature presentation: "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe". Simple concessions will be sold. What a special way to enter Holy Week with a glimpse of faith through the eyes of CS Lewis and Chronicles of Narnia. All are welcome!

5th Grade Bridging: On Sunday, April 27th, during regular Elementary 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 held on Sunday, May 4th at 11:15a 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.

Let us pray for one another and our parish community as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. May these special days draw us closer to God and to one another, as we seek always to grow in our discipleship and service.

ST. ANN CALENDAR – Thursday, April 10 through Sunday, May 4

[We thought it would be helpful to include a full two weeks of events, so you'll notice that the calendar is longer than usual!]

THURSDAY – April 10

9:00 am	Decorate for Palm Sunday	Worship Space
9:00 am	No Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
11:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
12:00pm	Staff Meeting	Admin Building
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – April 11

10:00 am	Women's Cursillo Group	Chapel
12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
12:00 pm	AARP Tax Aide	Double Classroom/Rm 7
5:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry	Condon Hall
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SATURDAY – April 12 (Palm/Passion Sunday)

3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
Before & After		
Mass	Rosary for Mercy Sign-up	Commons
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – April 13 (Palm/Passion Sunday)

Before & After		
Mass	Rosary for Mercy Sign-up	Commons
8:30 am	Mass (No CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
9:30am	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast	Condon Hall
9:45 am	No Elementary Christian Formation	
9:45 am	No Adult Formation	
Before & After		
Mass	Rosary for Mercy Sign-up	Commons
11:15 am	Mass (No CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
5:00 pm	No Crescendos	
5:30 pm	Family Movie Night	Condon Hall
5:30 pm	No Youth Group Meal	
6:30 pm	No MS & HS Youth Group	
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

MONDAY – April 14

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

TUESDAY – April 15

8:30 am	No Happy Feet Dancers	
12:00 pm	AARP Tax Aide	Double Classroom/Rm 7
12:15 pm	Game Day	Condon Hall
5:30 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel

6:30 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Social	Double Classroom
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

WEDNESDAY – April 16

7:00 am	Bible Study	Worship Space
9:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
9:30 am	Bible Study	Rm 6
1:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Peer Group	Rm 6
2:30 pm	Lenten Book Study	Chapel
5:00 pm	Preludes Practice (Children's Choir)	Worship Space
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	Worship Space
7:00 pm	OCIA Class	Rm 4
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

THURSDAY – April 17 (Holy Thursday)

9:00 am	Decorate for Holy Thursday	Worship Space
9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class (cancelled)	
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group (cancelled)	
11:00 am	Daily Mass (cancelled)	
7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – April 18 (Good Friday)

All Day	Offices Closed	
9:00 am	Decorate for Good Friday	Worship Space
12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Worship Space
12:00 pm	No Daily Mass	
7:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SATURDAY – April 19 (Holy Saturday)

9:00 am	Decorate for Easter	Worship Space
11:00 am	Blessing of Easter Food	Chapel
3:45 pm	No Reconciliation/Confession	
8:00 pm	Great Vigil Mass of Easter	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – April 20 (Easter Sunday)

8:30 am	Mass (No CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
9:45 am	No Elementary Christian Formation	
9:45 am	No Adult Formation	
11:15 am	Mass (No CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
5:00 pm	No Crescendos	
5:30 pm	No Youth Group Meal	
6:30 pm	No MS & HS Youth Group	
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

MONDAY – April 21

All Day	Officed Closed	
9:00 am	No Morning Pause	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

TUESDAY – April 22

8:30 am	No Happy Feet Dancers	
12:15 pm	Game Day	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	No Daily Mass	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

WEDNESDAY – April 23

7:00 am	Bible Study	Worship Space
9:00 am	No Daily Mass	Chapel
9:30 am	Bible Study	Rm 6
5:00 pm	Preludes Practice (Children's Choir)	Worship Space
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	Worship Space
7:00 pm	OCIA Class	Rm 4
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

THURSDAY – April 24

9:00 am	No Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
11:00 am	No Daily Mass	
1:30 pm	Communion Service at Dunlop House	Off-site
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – April 25

10:00 am	Women's Cursillo Group	Chapel
12:00 pm	No Daily Mass	

8:00 pm Compline Zoom

SATURDAY – April 26 (2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday)

3:45 pm Reconciliation/Confession Chapel
Before & After
Mass Rosary for Mercy Sign-up Commons
5:00 pm Mass (1st Eucharist) Worship Space
8:00 pm Compline Zoom

SUNDAY – April 27 (2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday)

Before & After
Mass Rosary for Mercy Sign-up Commons
8:30 am Mass (1st Eucharist; CLOW during Mass) Worship Space
9:45 am Elementary Christian Formation School Building
9:45 am Adult Formation Rm 8
Before & After
Mass Rosary for Mercy Sign-up Commons
11:15 am Mass (1st Eucharist; CLOW during Mass) Worship Space
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 – April 28

9:00 am Pass it On Set-up All Spaces
9:00 am Morning Pause Chapel
8:00 pm Compline Zoom

TUESDAY – April 29

9:00 am Pass it On Set-up All Spaces
8:30 am No Happy Feet Dancers
12:15 pm Game Day Condon Hall
6:30 pm Daily Mass Chapel
8:00 pm Compline Zoom

WEDNESDAY – April 30

7:00 am Bible Study Worship Space
9:00 am Pass it On Set-up All Spaces
9:00 am Daily Mass Chapel
9:30 am Bible Study Rm 6

5:00 pm	Preludes Practice (Children's Choir)	Worship Space
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	Worship Space
7:00 pm	OCIA Class	Rm 4
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

THURSDAY – May 1

9:00 am	Pass it On Set-up	All Spaces
9:00 am	No Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
10:30 am	Mass at Colonial Heights Nursing & Rehab	Off-site
11:00 am	Daily Mass (cancelled)	Chapel
12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Admin Building
5:30 pm	CDA Thankful Thursday Rosary	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – May 2

All Day	Pass it On Set-up	All Spaces
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 3 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

7:00 am	Pass It On	All Spaces
3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – May 4 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

8:30 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	School Building
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Rm 8
9:45 am	Hospitality After Mass	Condon Hall
9:45 am	Centennial Planning Committee	Condon Hall
11:15 am	Celebrate Youth Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
12:30 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 Youth Group	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!

