

Parish Email Update – November 14, 2024

Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

We're very excited to kick off our Centennial Year Celebration! Please join us the weekend of November 22 & 23 for our inaugural events. Plus, of course, there are lots of other things happening!

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MASSES

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!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS – Many thanks to all the volunteers who work in the Food Pantry. As we always say here at St. Ann, many hands make light work! We can use donations of cereal, canned meat, and canned carrots, leafy greens, and beets. Wishing all a blessed week!

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 almost here! The Catholic Daughters Bake Sale is 23 & 24 November, in Condon Hall, after all the Masses. Buy a delicious homemade treat—Enjoy one that day and put one (or two or three) in the freezer for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Come shop for those Christmas goodies in person or by using the order form that can be found on the front table in the commons. Simply fill out the form and return it to the CDA Bake Sale box not later than 17 November. Proceeds are shared by various charities. For more information call Chit Peters at 804-796-6522.

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 17, at their regularly scheduled times.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION Session #2, for students will take place on Wednesday, November 20, from 5:45-7:15pm in Condon Hall. Watch your parent newsletter for an updated Sacramental Preparation Calendar.

YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATION for the weekend of November 17, 2024

Link to sign up for current Youth Ministry Events:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA9AA29A20-holiday1#/>

ON THE MENU for Sunday, November 17 is “Thai Delights: Candy Massai Chicken, Spicy Panang Chicken and Chicken Fried Wantons” by the Correia Family! Dinner is from 5:30-6:30pm. Don’t forget Crescendo’s Youth Choir practice from 5:00pm – 6:00pm in the Worship Space. Youth Group begins at 6:30pm!

CELEBRATE YOUTH MASS, hosted by our 7th graders (please arrive by 10:30am), will be held on Sunday, November 17, at 11:15am Mass! All students are encouraged to participate and will receive credit for attending. Please remember that we will still have Youth Group from 6:30-8:00pm that evening!

ONLINE ORDERS for Mickman Brothers Christmas Greenery continue until December 13. You can continue to order online at giftitforward.com. Our CODE is STANNVA001. Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS GREENERY is due to arrive next week! I could really use some assistance with unpacking, spraying and bagging items as I am allergic to greenery. Please contact the office if you can assist. If you ordered greenery to be delivered here, I will send out a message letting you know when it has arrived which will allow you to pick up your item(s) early! Thank you!

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#/>

It's time to sign up for the **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!

CHESTERFIELD CAREGIVER CAFÉ – Are you a caregiver for a loved one? Do you think you might be called to give care in the future? Learn about local resources for family caregivers

at the Chesterfield Caregiver Café on Wednesday, November 20. See the attached flyer for more information.

Let us pray for all who are oppressed by poverty, racism, or violence. May we work for peace and justice in our daily lives and may that work spread to build God's kingdom here on earth.

St. Ann Calendar – Thursday, November 14 through Sunday, November 24

THURSDAY – November 14

9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	Condon Hall
9:30 am	Altar & Arts Meeting	Rm 6
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
11:00 am	Daily Mass (cancelled)	
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – November 15

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

SATURDAY – November 16 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

10:00 am	Confirmation Team Retreat	Condon Hall
3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – November 17 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	School
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Rm 8
	Centennial Planning Committee	
9:45 am	Meeting	Condon Hall
	Celebrate Youth Mass (CLOW during	
11:15 am	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 – November 18

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

TUESDAY – November 19

8:30 am	Happy Feet Dancers	Condon Hall
12:15 pm	Game Day	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Social	Off-site
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

WEDNESDAY – November 20

7:00 am	Bible Study	Worship Space
9:00 am	Daily Mass (cancelled)	
9:30 am	Bible Study	Rm 6
1:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Peer Group	Rm 6
2:30 pm	Lectio Divina/Gospel of Mark	Chapel
5:00 pm	Preludes Practice (Children's Choir)	Worship Space
5:45 pm	1st Reconciliation Class #2	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

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
	Set-up & Decorate for Thanksgiving	
6:00 pm	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)

3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
	Mass with Bishop Barry Knestout	
5:00 pm	Presiding	Worship Space

6:00 pm	CDA Bake Sale after Mass	Condon Hall
6:00 pm	Greenery pick-up 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	Greenery pick-up 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
12:30 pm	Greenery pick-up 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!