

Parish Email – May 8, 2025

Dear St. Ann Parishioners –

We hope you all were able to see some of the excitement in Vatican City around the announcement of our new Holy Father! With change often comes renewed energy, and we encourage you to bring the same energy and sense of renewal to our life together here at the local church. There's lots going on, and all are welcome!

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

LAST WEEKEND FOR RICE BOWLS – Please bring your Rice Bowl and leave it in the basket in the Commons by this Sunday, 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! [If you forget to bring in your donation this weekend, we ask you to make a contribution directly to CRS: <https://www.crs.org/>]

BE AN ALTAR SERVER! Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade should have received a flyer about becoming an altar server. If your child did not and you/they are interested in them being an altar server, there are flyers available in the Commons. Please fill it out and turn it in to Katie Johnson by Sunday, May 25. Training will be held after school lets out. All young people are invited to be an altar server, as long as they have received First Eucharist at least a year ago – we like to give them a chance to celebrate and receive the Eucharist for a time before we ask them to serve. Questions? Contact Katie (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548)

CONTINUING OUR EASTER JOY – Our church looked beautiful and festive at Easter with lilies and mums and tulips decorating our space! Those flowers are now ready to be transplanted into God's good earth. You are welcome to stop in the Commons this weekend and take a few pots home, especially if you were among the many who generously contributed to our flowers. Thank you!

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).

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Please join us this Friday, May 9 for Adoration. It will be in the Worship Space beginning at 10:00am and will end with Benediction after the noon Mass. All are welcome!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS – This campaign will support the Tri Cities Pregnancy Center in Petersburg. Please take a bottle from the table in the Commons and place your donations inside for this annual fundraiser which helps moms and their babies in difficult times. Donations can be made by cash or check; more information is included in the bottles. The campaign runs from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Please return the bottles, filled or empty, on the weekends of June 15 and June 22. Have questions? Need more bottles? Contact Chrissie Barksdale (barks25@yahoo.com; 804-720-2839) Thank you for your generosity!

CENTENNIAL NEWS! Keep your eyes and ears open! In the next few weeks, we will begin taking orders for St. Ann "merch" to celebrate our centennial year. T-shirts, sweatshirts, polos, mugs – all kinds of things! You'll especially want a St. Ann Centennial t-shirt to wear on the Feast of St. Ann this summer.

And speaking of summer, here are a few dates to put on your calendar (more info on all this later):

- **June 27-29** – History Weekend! Join us as we learn and celebrate 100 years of parish history. Video and audio interviews, photos, documents, historic items, and much more. We'll start with a wine & cheese reception on Friday, and displays will be available over the course of the weekend.
 - **July 26** – The Feast of St. Ann! We will mark the day with a three-fold celebration: Eucharistic procession from the cemetery (the site of the original church) to our current location, then Mass, followed by brunch in Condon Hall. We will be inviting former clergy, staff, and parishioners, as well as friends of St. Ann's around the diocese, to celebrate this day with us. Put it on your calendar, and plan to participate as much as you can!
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FOOD PANTRY NEWS - Happy Mother's Day from Our Daily Bread Food Pantry. To help fill our shelves we are looking for donations of baked beans, canned corn, peas, applesauce, and spaghetti sauce. Thank you for your kind generosity.

END-OF-LIFE INFORMATION SESSIONS – Every few years, we offer workshops to help parishioners think about and plan for their later years. Join us on Thursday, May 22 at 7:00pm or Saturday, May 24 at

10:00am for this informative workshop. We will talk about Church teaching regarding end-of-life medical care, hospice, advance medical directive, funeral planning, and much more. The session will be helpful for those who are ready to do their own planning, but also for those whose parents, siblings, or friends are aging. Information is always helpful, and it is a true gift to your family when you have thought about these questions and put some plans in place. Friends and family are welcome! Sign-ups for the two sessions will begin soon, and please contact Katie Johnson if you have questions. (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Formation for all grades has concluded for the 2024-2025 school year. CLOW will continue until May 18. Please make sure to check out all the summer activities available for children of all ages and see where you can enhance your summer experience 😊

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION: Sacrament of Confirmation Liturgy 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. All paperwork (Letter to Fr. Ernest and Sponsor Logs) should be turned to Elise prior to May 18.

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.

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, OCIA, and CICC (youth OCIA) for the 2025-2026 year. If you are interested, please contact Elise as soon as possible. **Remember: God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called!**

ADULT FORMATION

Sunday Morning Formation has concluded, but the Thursday group studying Bishop Barron's Catholicism continues until June 12th.

YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATION for the weekend of May 8, 2025

GRADUATION SUNDAY and SUPER SENIOR AWARDS are scheduled to take place at the 10:30a Mass on Sunday, June 1st, where we will recognize our Super Seniors! Help us to recognize your Super Senior by submitting a Senior Picture (traditional if possible) and a brief statement indicating where they are graduating from and what their plans are post-graduation. For our Youth Group Seniors, I also need a baby picture which is due by May 1 as our 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 one 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!

“SPRING CLEANING YARD SALE” June 7 from 8a-1p in the church parking lot: After some low participation in our Spring and Fall events last year, and some evaluation conversation with some of my favorite vendors, we have decided to try something different this year. Here is what it will look like:

1. **Spring will be a YARD SALE event only- “SPRING CLEANING YARD SALE”**. Some concerns were voiced over the combining of Yard Sale and Vendors as some shoppers would be looking for “yard sale” prices on “vendor” items resulting in decreased vendor sales. We want everyone to be successful, so we are going to try separate events this year. Currently, each slot consists of 2 parking spaces and will remain at the \$35 fee. Should you need more space, you can reserve 2 more spaces for an additional \$15. Limited tables (\$10) and tents (\$25) will be available for rent. Vendor reservations are not accepted at this event. Parish donations for the YOUTH GROUP portion of the yard sale will be accepted June 2-6 during regular business hours or contact Elise to set up a time for drop off. Thank You 😊

2. Our **“Christmas in November”** event, on November 8, will be a “Vendors Only” event. It is our intention to make it a bigger event with Food Trucks, Music and other Festival type events. Because it will be a bigger event our fees will increase a bit to try and offset the cost of the extras. Each Slot (1 parking space) will be \$35, and you can reserve 2 spots for \$50. Limited tables (\$10) and tents (\$25) will be available for rent. We will continue to promise our “1 only” of specific vendors (Scentsy, Tupperware, LuLaRoe, etc.) so first come, first serve. This “1 only” does NOT apply to crafters and food vendors. Yard Sale reservations will not be accepted for this event. Applications for the spring event are available on the Youth Board! One man’s junk is another man’s treasure! What treasures do you have to share!

VBS – TRUE NORTH -- IS COMING – June 23-27 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!

Let us pray for our new pope, Leo XIV. May the Holy Spirit, whose guidance led to his election, continue to lead and guide him as he shepherds our church in the years to come. May Leo help us all draw closer to God and deepen our commitment to serve those in need.

ST. ANN CALENDAR – Thursday, May 8 through Sunday, May 25

THURSDAY – May 8

9:00 am	No Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	
9:30 am	Altar & Arts Meeting CANCELLED	
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
11:00 am	Daily Mass CANCELLED	
11:00 am	Johnny McDaniel Funeral	Worship Space
12:00 pm	Johnny McDaniel Reception	Condon Hall
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – May 9

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

SATURDAY – May 10 (4th Sunday of Easter)

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

SUNDAY – May 11 (4th Sunday of Easter)

8:30 am	Mass (Baptism during Mass; no CLOW)	Worship Space
9:30 am	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast	Condon Hall
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 – May 12

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

TUESDAY – May 13

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 – May 14

7:00 am	Bible Study	Worship Space
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	Finance Council Meeting	Admin Building
7:00 pm	OCIA Class	Rm 4
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

THURSDAY – May 15

9:00 am	No Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
11:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
1:30 pm	Mass at Dunlop House	Off-site
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Rm 6
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – May 16

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

SATURDAY – May 17 (5th Sunday of Easter)

11:00 am	Peggy Lee Funeral	Worship Space
12:00 pm	Peggy Lee Reception	Condon Hall
3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – May 18 (5th Sunday of Easter)

8:30 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Rm 8
9:45 am	Centennial Planning Committee Meeting	Condon Hall
11:15 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
12:30 pm	CDA Monthly Meeting	Condon Hall
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

MONDAY – May 19

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

TUESDAY – May 20

8:30 am	No Happy Feet Dancers	
12:15 pm	Game Day	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	Confirmation	St. Joseph's, Petersburg
7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Social	Double Classroom
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

WEDNESDAY – May 21

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

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 22

9:00 am	No Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
11:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	End-of-Life Info Session	Rm 7
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – May 23

10:00 am	Knights of Columbus BBQ Fundraiser begins	Kitchen
10:00 am	Women's Cursillo Group	Chapel
12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SATURDAY – May 24 (6th Sunday of Easter)

until 4:00pm	Knights of Columbus BBQ Fundraiser	Kitchen
10:00 am	End-of-Life Info Session	Rm 7
3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – May 25 (6th Sunday of Easter)

8:30 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
11:15 am	Mass (Confirmation recognition; CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
12:30 pm	Reception for Confirmation Students	Condon Hall
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom