

Parish Email – March 13, 2025

Dear St. Ann Parishioners –

Our Lenten journey continues – please see below for lots of ways to observe the season’s traditional practices: pray, fast, give. We support one another by our participation and care.

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

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *Sharing His Love with Others* was conducted last weekend. The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many programs outside of our parish boundaries, but it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish *such as the Fuel and Hunger Fund and Rice Bowl Grant*. Our Parish Goal this year is \$44,820.00. Of this amount, our parish receives 20% for anything collected up to the parish’s target and 50% for anything collected over target. This year, the funds returned will be used to replace our Stations of the Cross and for refinishing the pews. Please consider donating today at <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp67568e289385d/user/guest>
Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. Thank you for your donation!

PHOTOS – The deadline for dropping off photos to be included in our centennial history display and publications is THIS WEEKEND! Leave your photos (with your contact information and the date/event/people in each photo) in the box on the side table in the Commons. Your photos WILL be returned to you! Deadline is this Sunday, March 16.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE is beginning this weekend! Stop by the board in the Commons and pick up a tag or two to help provide a wonderful Easter dinner to parish families and neighbors who are struggling financially. Food donations will be due back on Sunday, April 6. Because of your incredible generosity at Thanksgiving and Christmas, we do NOT need to collect monetary donations; we have the funds needed to provide a grocery store gift card to each family we are assisting at Easter. Thank you!

NEXT WEEKEND: BETHLEHEM CRAFTS -- Olive wood carvings and crafts from Christian artists in the Holy Land will be offered for sale after each Mass in Condon Hall on the weekend of March 22-23. Sales of olive wood carvings support Christian families in the Bethlehem area who rely on this and pilgrims as primary sources of income. Due to the recent events in Israel, all tourism activities have halted since the war. Christians make less than 2% of the population in the Holy Land. Your support and solidarity keep these native Christians rooted in their homeland. Come, look at the beautiful crafts, and support our brothers and sisters!

HELP WITH SOUP SUPPER! The Soup Supper on March 26 is not sponsored by any parish organization, so this is EVERYONE'S opportunity to participate! Sign up on the table in the Commons to provide a pot of soup or some bread/rolls. One of the joys of our soup suppers is that we feed one another and we are fed by one another – it is a wonderful opportunity to practice giving. If you have questions, contact Katie Johnson (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548). Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS – As we continue through Lent, let's remember those who are in need. Donating to Our Daily Bread Food Pantry is a great way to share our gifts and blessings with others. Peanut butter, canned corn, and peas are needed, and cereal is always appreciated. Thanks for your generous support!

PASS IT ON – is quickly approaching. The next event will be May 3, and set up will be the week before. Start saving any gently used baby and children's items and clothing, toys and bikes. If you have any bikes your family has outgrown, our Knights of Columbus fix them up and give them to our families that might not be able to purchase one. We are always accepting new underwear and socks so each child can leave with a week's worth for the season.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

CHRISTIAN FORMATION continues for all grade levels and adult formation this weekend, March 16, at their regularly scheduled times.

FIRST SACRAMENTS

First Eucharist Preparation Class #2 will be held on Wednesday, March 19 at 5:45pm in the double classroom of the school. The new date for the 1st Eucharist Retreat Saturday is March 22 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Reach out to Sam with any questions or concerns regarding this change. (smoss@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548)

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 no class on Holy Thursday, April 17.

YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATION

ON THE MENU for Sunday, March 16 is BBQ and sides by Mark Moore and the See family! Join us in Condon Hall from 5:30-6:30pm! A special heads up—next week we will be having B's Thai Delights (homemade fried wontons, curry, and Thai tea). She is inviting additional folks to join us to eat but needs a head count to ensure enough curry. Please sign up at the Youth Board or talk to Elise by March 19! Thank you!

Youth Group Volunteers are needed for **Youth Group sponsored Soup Supper** (Mar 19), **and Middle School Experiential Stations** (April 11). Sign up here to volunteer:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aa9aa29a20-holy#/>

CELEBRATE YOUTH MASS, hosted by our 11th/12th graders, is this Sunday, March 16 at the 11:15am Mass. All 11th/12th graders should plan to arrive by 10:30am for practice and further instructions. ALL students are encouraged to attend!

SAVE THE DATE! Enter Holy Week with a glimpse of faith through the eyes of C.S. Lewis and The Chronicles of Narnia! Family Movie Night--Sunday, April 13, 5:30-8:30pm. Location TBA, Interested folks are asked to sign up to help us determine viewing location and concessions.

THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, Prince George, is having a Silent Auction for their twin parish in Haiti, the weekends of 22/23 February, 1/2 March, and 8/9 March. Viewing is before and after Masses. The auction supports the parish school at St. Joseph Church in Marche Canard. All funds are used for the daily school meals and salaries for the staff. All are welcome. Questions, call Betty Pezzillo at 804-861-5336.

Let us pray for all who seek connection. There are many in our world who are lost; let us pray for them and let us be the light of Christ and the love of God in the world. God loves them – let us love them, too!

ST. ANN CALENDAR – Thursday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 26

[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 – March 13

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

FRIDAY – March 14

10:00 am	Women's Cursillo Group	Chapel
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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 – March 15 (2nd Sunday of Lent)

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

SUNDAY – March 16 (2nd Sunday of Lent)

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	Centennial Planning Meeting	Condon Hall
11:15 am	Celebrate Youth Mass (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 – March 17

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

TUESDAY – March 18

8:30 am	Happy Feet Dancers	Condon Hall
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 – March 19

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
5:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper	Condon Hall

5:45 pm	First Eucharist Class #2	TBD
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

THURSDAY – March 20

9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	Condon Hall
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
11:00 am	Daily Mass (cancelled)	
1:30 pm	Communion Service at Dunlop House	Off-site
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Rm 6
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – March 21

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 – March 22 (3rd Sunday of Lent)

10:00 am	First Eucharist Retreat	Condon Hall, Chapel, Worship
3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship Space
After Mass	Bethlehem Crafts	Condon Hall
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – March 23 (3rd Sunday of Lent)

8:30 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
After Mass	Bethlehem Crafts	Condon Hall
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	School Building
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Rm 8
11:15 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
After Mass	Bethlehem Crafts	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

MONDAY – March 24

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

TUESDAY – March 25

8:30 am	Happy Feet Dancers	Condon Hall
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
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

WEDNESDAY – March 26

7:00 am	Bible Study	Worship Space
9:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
9:30 am	Bible Study	Rm 6
2:30 pm	Lenten Book Study	Rm 6
5:00 pm	Preludes Practice (Children's Choir)	Worship Space
5:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	Worship Space
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!