

Parish Email – March 27, 2025

Dear St. Ann Parishioners –

It's spring! And it's a great time to get outside to enjoy God's beautiful creation as it awakens from winter slumber. (Unless you have allergies – ugh!) It's also a great time to be involved in Lent at St. Ann's – join us!

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – We will have a second collection at all Masses on March 29 & 30 to benefit Catholic Relief Services. Your donations are used to support the US Catholic Church's efforts to assist those who are poor and vulnerable overseas. As you may be aware, CRS has been greatly affected by recent federal funding cuts, so CRS really needs our help as we seek to be the hands and feet and compassion of Jesus to the most vulnerable people in our world. Thank you for your generosity!

2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL – *Sharing His Love with Others* continues. Over the past months many of our Parishioners have contributed generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. As of March 21, 2025, St. Ann parishioners have pledged a total of \$33,331.00. We have reached **74% of our target goal** of \$44,820.00. This money will be used to replace our Stations of the Cross and refinish the pews. We wish to thank you for your generous contributions and support of the 2025 Diocesan Appeal.

A BIT OF CATECHESIS (teaching) – For the next three weeks, we will be offering information about Holy Week and Triduum. This week, we're talking about Holy Week in general, Palm/Passion Sunday, and the days before Holy Thursday. Each week, a little more will be added. You are invited to read the attached information, which will also be available in this weekend's bulletin.

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!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Please join us next Friday, April 4 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!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) HIGHLIGHTS – March

- **Centennial Celebration Update:** Centennial Committee is actively planning for upcoming events this summer. T-shirts, polos, and other items marking our 100th anniversary will be available for sale in May, with delivery prior to St. Ann's feast day on July 26.
- **Cemetery Update:** Installation of the new columbarium at St. Ann's Cemetery is scheduled for April 1.
- **Pathways to a Thriving Parish:** St. Ann's is moving forward as a participant in this new leadership-formation program which provides tools to help us, as a parish community, identify and reach priorities. This program stems from the importance Pope Francis has placed on the synodality process.
- **Next Parish Council Meeting:** Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 7:00pm in Room 6 of the school building. Parishioners are welcome. Approved minutes are posted on the St. Ann website, <https://www.stanncc.com>.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS – Lenten Soup Supper is back each Wednesday at 5:30pm. As we enjoy delicious soup and fellowship, please consider donating some standard soup ingredients such as cans of mixed vegetables, peas, carrots, butter beans, or a can of soup. Just drop off your donations in the grocery baskets outside the Chapel doors. Our Daily Bread Food Pantry serves around 50 families each week, and your support helps make this possible. Contact Evelyn Keesler (elkeesler1@gmail.com; 804-241-7189).

EASTER FOOD DRIVE – Thank you to all who took tags from the board – they have all been claimed! So, this is just a reminder to drop off your food by Sunday, April 6. Thank you!

PASS IT ON –Coming May 3, 2025, Start pulling your gently used Children's items. Clothing, toys, children's books, bikes coats, baby needs, highchairs, strollers, beds, etc. Box will be in Condon Hall next

week. If you have a business and would like to put a box out for donations let us know and we will get one for you. 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

- March 30 & April 6 due to Spring Break,
- 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 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

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 week of March 30 & April 3, 2025

Practice for Middle School students participating in the **MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENTIAL STATIONS** on April 11 will be held on April 6 immediately following the 11:15a Mass. Practice should last about an hour. If you are interested in participating but have not signed up yet, please sign up using the following link to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aa9aa29a20-holy#/>

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - Don't forget to sign up on the Youth Board for our Family Movie Night on April 13 from 5:30p-8:30p. 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!

CELEBRATE YOUTH MASS, hosted by our 5th graders, will be Sunday, May 4 at 11:15a Mass. All 5th graders should plan to arrive by 10:30a for practice and further instructions.

During this season of repentance and preparation, let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to new ways of being the people of God in our broken and grieving world. What is God asking of us, individually and as a community?

ST. ANN CALENDAR – Thursday, March 27 through Wednesday, April 9

[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 27

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
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – March 28

10:00 am	Women's Cursillo Group	Chapel
12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel Double
12:00 pm	AARP Tax Aide	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 29 (4th Sunday of Lent)

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

8:00 pm Compline Zoom

SUNDAY – March 30 (4th Sunday of Lent)

8:30 am Mass (No CLOW) 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 – March 31

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

TUESDAY – April 1

8:30 am Happy Feet Dancers Condon Hall
Double
12:00 pm AARP Tax Aide Classroom/Rm 7
12:15 pm Game Day Condon Hall
5:30 pm Reconciliation/Confession Chapel
6:30 pm Daily Mass Chapel
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting Double Classroom
8:00 pm Compline Zoom

WEDNESDAY – April 2

7:00 am Bible Study Worship Space
9:00 am Daily Mass Chapel
9:30 am Bible Study Rm 6
10:00 am Staff Meeting Admin Building
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
6:30 pm Choir Practice Worship Space
8:00 pm Compline Zoom

THURSDAY – April 3

9:00 am Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class Condon Hall
9:30 am Women's Spirituality Group Rm 8
Mass at Colonial Heights Rehab &
10:30 am Nursing Off-site

11:00 am	Daily Mass (cancelled)	
12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Admin Building
5:30 pm	CDA Thankful Thursday Rosary	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – April 4

	First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Worship Space
10:00 am	Sacrament	Chapel
12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Double
12:00 pm	AARP Tax Aide	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 5 (5th Sunday of Lent)

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

SUNDAY – April 6 (5th Sunday of Lent)

8:30 am	Mass (No CLOW)	Worship Space
9:45 am	Hospitality after Mass	Condon Hall
9:45 am	Centennial Planning Meeting	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
12:30 pm	Hospitality after Mass	Condon Hall
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 7

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

TUESDAY – April 8

8:30 am	Happy Feet Dancers	Condon Hall
		Double
12:00 pm	AARP Tax Aide	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 – April 9

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	Chapel
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
7:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting	Admin Building
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!

