

Welcome Home!

St. Ann Parish Newsletter

Praying. Loving God. Serving Neighbors.

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MASS SCHEDULES

WEEKENDS

5:00 PM SATURDAY
8:30 AM SUNDAY
10:00 AM SUNDAY
12:00 PM SUNDAY
(FILIPINO/TAGALOG)
4TH SUNDAY / MONTH

WEEKDAYS

12:00 PM TUES.–FRI.

We Are Back! We Are Home!

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My dear parishioners,

This past week, we had our Deanery Meeting comprised of all the churches in the Myrtle Beach Deanery via conference call. Our dean discussed the following:

1- November 3rd is Election Day. Please remember to vote prayerfully. In connection to the election I would like to expose the Blessed Sacrament on November 3rd from 9:00AM to 12 noon with the Mass to follow. We will be praying for the candidates, our country, and a successful election. Please come join us if you are able to do so.

2- The Bishop is reminding us to continue to follow the COVID guidelines: wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands regularly and sanitizing. These guidelines are in place for our safety.

3- The Dispensation from Mass attendance is still in force for those who do not yet feel safe enough to return. The Bishop is however encouraging people to return to Mass if they are able and feel safe to do so.

4- The Deans of the Diocese are going to have a meeting to discuss the celebration of Christmas. Please look for future updates.

Our Bicentennial Campaign is still progressing. Thank you for all of your support and please continue to share from your generous hearts. May God bless you always!

Fr. Noel

Where to Find St. Ann Parish Online...

St. Ann Parish Website

www.stanncatholicparish.com/

St. Ann Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/StAnnFlorence

To Watch Sunday Mass Livestream

www.facebook.com/StAnnFlorence/live

To Watch Sunday Mass on YouTube

www.youtube.com/channel/UCYrMK-sE9ApU6kOGvHwgPOg

About the Legion of Mary

By Sue Cox

“Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your love, Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.”

+ **Let us pray.**

“God, our Father, pour out the gifts of Your Holy Spirit on the world. You sent the Spirit on Your Church to begin the teaching of the gospel; now let the Spirit continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“You, O Lord, will open my lips. And my tongue shall announce Your praise. Incline unto my aid, O God.

“O Lord, make haste to help me.”

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

This is the opening prayer at every Legion of Mary meeting said around the world, followed by five decades of the Rosary, followed by the prayers of the “Tessera” and a spiritual reading with reflection and discussion.

We talk about the previous week as “hands and feet of Mary” and our encounters with others led by the Holy Spirit.

On November 3rd, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Martin dePorres. The Mass Intentions for this Mass are for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Legion of Mary: Deacon Robert Gerald, Betty Long, Sheila Gallagher, Florence Powell, Midge Gnaster, Paula Rothwell, and Patricia Johnson.

On Monday, November 2nd, the Legion of Mary will begin meeting weekly at the St. Ann Parish Life Center, at 9:30AM. All are welcome to join us to share in prayer, including the Holy Rosary, spiritual readings, and sharing of our encounters with the face of Jesus in our fellow neighbors. For more information, you may call Deacon Bob at 843-621-1084.

St. Ann’s Bicentennial Campaign Update

We are pleased to announce that St. Ann has pledged over the next five years totaling \$239,510.00 against our goal of \$290,000.00! For every \$1.00 donated, we receive 50 percent back to our parish which will be used for church improvement projects, reduce our remaining construction debt, and renovation of the Youth Formation and Outreach Program buildings.

Thank you to everyone who has pledged and is supporting this Bicentennial Campaign. If you would like to make a pledge, pledge forms are available in the St. Ann Parish Office.

St. Ann Ladies Guild To Meet on Nov. 11th

At our November meeting, we are having a theme of **Coats and Cards**. We will be collecting coats, jackets, and sweaters to be distributed through our Outreach programs.

The clothing should be clean and in good condition. Items to be donated can be brought to our next meeting on November 11th, or you may drop them off at the St. Ann Parish office.

We will be writing cards and sending them to our church members who have not been back to church or are under the weather.

In order to help with building the contents in our new parish life center, it was decided to have our members (those who wish to do so) scour our second-hand stores for themed salt and pepper shakers. The shakers can be whimsical, funny, or decorative—conversation starters for our dinners. If you have some at home that you are not using, all the better! Bring those shakers to our next meeting or you may drop them off in the St. Ann Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please email Marianne Kennaghan or Mary Barcomb. We are trying to stay active but more importantly—to keep near our friends! We follow all social protocol (masks and distancing, no shared food, etc.)

Please consider joining us for our next meeting on Wednesday, November 11th, at 7:00 PM in the St. Ann Parish Life Center. St. Ann’s Ladies Guild is open to all women of the parish.

What is the Cursillo Movement About?

“Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ”

By Deacon Bob Cox

The Cursillo Movement has a unique two-part purpose. An immediate purpose and an ultimate purpose. The immediate one is to give a principle reason for the person(s) to live what is essential for being a Christian. In other words, love of God and love of neighbor. This is found by an encounter with oneself, an encounter with Jesus, and encounters with other people in our daily lives. The ultimate one is to promote Christianity in society with those who live a very basic Christian life.

The goal of the Cursillo Movement *is to become the Good News*, not to preach the “Good News.” By doing so, we can become evangelical in our daily lives and actions. The Movement also aids us to live our Christianity together with other people and discover and fulfill our personal vocations in the Christian life.

The Cursillo Movement will help each of us fulfill our baptismal responsibility. We will feel confident to go forth as apostles and exclaim the Good News that God in Jesus, loves us. We can no longer sit idly by and expect the nation and the world to know Jesus Christ. We have to proclaim to the world in which we live in about Jesus. The Cursillo Movement provides us with the tools we will need to fulfill our hearts and our baptismal responsibilities.

My brothers and sisters, this Movement begins with a three-day weekend retreat: Thursday night, Friday, Saturday and half a day on Sunday. This will be your greatest spiritual encounter that you probably will ever have. You will learn more about yourself, more about humanity, more about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, than you can imagine. There is chapel time, confession time, Mass, fellowship. Oh, and did I mention eating? You will not go hungry that is for sure, physically, and spiritually!

After completing this weekend, you will be asked to “group” with other Cursillistas in Florence, women with women and the men with men. These groups meet one day a week for an hour or so. You are invited to join one of these “groups” during the week and gain an idea of what the Movement is about before you commit yourself for a wonderful weekend with others that are seeking the Lord also. You will not be disappointed.

The next Men’s Weekend (#74) is scheduled for March 4-7, 2021, at Our Lady of the Hills Church. The next Women’s Weekend is scheduled for April 8-11, 2021, at Our Lady of the Hills Church. Please contact Deacon Bob and Sue Cox or Mary and Fran Barcomb, or the St. Ann Parish Office for more information or contact Deacon Bob Cox, 843.621.1084, email robertlcox1953@gmail.com

RCIA Classes Continue on Thursdays

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is underway here at St. Ann’s. Although we are too far into the program to accept any new candidates for this year, we still encourage anyone interested in coming in full union with the Catholic Church to attend our class on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the classroom at our new Parish Center. This will help them with their discernment and possibly attending classes next fall (fall of 2021). We also encourage our Parish Family to join us and awaken your Catholic memories! For more information, contact Deacon Bob Cox, Mary Barcomb, Pat Weaver, or the Church Office.

CONFIRMATION 2020 St. Ann Church, Florence, SC

Elizabeth Mims
Giovanni Cabanas
Richard Eggen
Alexa Graham
Fermin Guevara
Alyssa M. Painter
Adam Perez
Tyler Russell
Laura Serrano
Karen Serrato
Victor Haro-Velazquez

Be an Angel This Year! Support the Annual Angel Tree Project

The Angel Tree Project needs your help! If you are willing to give a Christmas gift to a child in need, please sign the paper on the table outside church (available this weekend, after all Masses) with your name and telephone number. If you are not attending Mass, and wish to provide a gift for a child, please contact Karen Parker, kparker344@aol.com, or call 843.669.2959. If you are viewing our Sunday Mass at 10:00 am livestream, and want an Angel Tree Gift Tag, please call Barbara at the St. Ann Parish Office, 843.661.5012, and leave your name and contact information with her.

Last year, St. Ann's was able to gift smiles on 97 beautiful faces on Christmas—this year we hope we can give at least 50 children a smile of pure joy! Can you help us?

The Angel Tree will be decorated with the gift tags for our Outreach Christmas gifts in the church and available at all Masses the weekend of November 21st & 22nd. All gifts need to be returned the weekend of December 12th and 13th. We thank you for your continued support of our Outreach families.

What's Happening?

Nov. 2nd We celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 Noon for the repose of the souls of all parishioners who have died this year and for members of their families.

Nov. 3rd Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, followed by Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in celebration of the Feast day of St. Martin dePorres, Patron Saint of our St. Martin dePorres Food Pantry, one of the many St. Ann's Outreach Programs serving our community in Florence. We invite our clients, volunteers, parishioners, friend, and families to join us in prayer.

Nov. 20th ShhhhhHHHH! It's Father Noel's birthday! May God bless you with peace and happiness on this unique day that you celebrate. And may that divine peace and happiness follow you the rest of your life. Have a blessed and fun birthday. On this special day of yours, we pray that the good Lord gives you all the joy and happiness that your heart can contain.

Nov. 25-27th St. Ann Parish Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, Nov. 25th (at 1:00 PM) -- Friday, Nov. 27th. Mass is not scheduled on Thursday, Nov. 26th or Friday, Nov. 27th.

Nov. 29th Breaking News! Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and dedicate the new St. Ann Parish Life Center at the 10:00 AM Mass. More details to follow!



Simbang Gabi Celebration

Our Filipino community will celebrate **Simbang Gabi** again this year at St. Ann's!

There will be four days of Novena and Masses as we prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, beginning Wednesday, December 16th at 5 p.m. and continuing on Friday, December 18th, on Monday, December 21st and on Wednesday December 23rd.

Everyone is invited to join this traditional Filipino celebration!

May the faith and devotion of Mary, the Mother of God, and our Mother, inspire us to receive her in our hearts.