Holy Week, Easter, and beyond.

It is always a new day for

St. Anna's Episcopal Church

THE ANNAGRAM

Easter Edition

Ash Wednesday and Holy Week Schedule

Ash Wednesday March 1:

Tulane School of Medicine	9:00 AM Mass and Imposition of Ashes Room 1525 in The School of Medicine, 1430 Tulane Ave.
St. Anna's*	12:00 Noon Mass/ Imposition of Ashes 1:00 PM Stations of the Cross in the Tremé
Tulane School of Medicine	3:00 PM Imposition of Ashes Room 1545 in the Murphy Bldg., 131 S. Robertson St.
St. Anna's*	6:00 PM Solemn Mass / Imposition of Ashes

Holy Week (Paschal Triduum):

Palm Sunday 4/9/17:	10:00 AM -Jazz Procession 10:30 AM - Mass
Maundy Thursday 4/13/17:	12:00 Noon Confession Heard 6:30PM Mass - Foot Washing - Chapel Of Repose
Good Friday 4/14/17:	12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross in the Treme 6:30 PM - Passion
Holy Saturday4/15/17:	11:00 AM - Morning Prayers 1:00 PM - Confessions Heard

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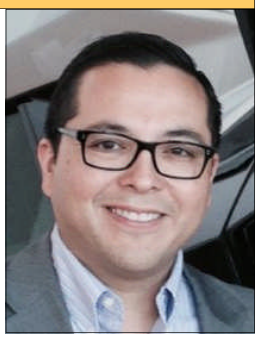
What brought you to St. Anna's? by Stephen Estrada, Sr. Warden



We posed this question, recently, to the congregation. The responses were both insightful and varied.

The most common reason is that all are welcome. Our diversity, our Pastor, the Liturgies, are others. A less obvious reason, but still appreciated, is "Stewart's socks" (divine threads?).

In all seriousness, the real common thread I found in the responses is that St. Anna's is a place where people feel not only welcomed, but celebrated for their intrinsic worth.

That's important, and it's something that energizes me as a servant leader of the church.

What brought me to St. Anna's was a sense of immediate familiarity. I felt like I was returning to a special place that I never knew I left, but that I sorely missed, all the same.

It's worth remembering that "church" is not just a building you go to on Sundays; rather, church is an extension of who (and how) we are as children of God. Worship and healing, celebration and sadness, being and belonging. Those are some of things that happen at "church."

Anyone who has spent time at St. Anna's can attest that the Spirit runs strong within the walls and interior buttresses of our little sanctuary. I like to think that God truly delights in the experiment of faith and joyful noise that goes on both inside and well beyond the confines of our Parish and its missions.

No matter what brought you to St. Anna's, it's worth remembering that God brought us all together under one roof for a reason we're still discovering. Renewed in the Spirit and resonating with the light of faith every Sunday, it's up to us, as church, to reflect that light outward into our community, our city, our country and ultimately to the world.

The Treasurers by Charlie Gottschalk and Jim McMillan

Charlie Gottsca-

Greetings from your co-Treasurer,

I wanted to use this first letter to talk about what we do for the Church to keep it running and look out for the future financial health of the Church. In the future, I plan to talk about pledging, some of the medium and long term needs of the Church, but I'm also happy to discuss any other questions that come up.

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Jim McMillan

So, Charlie Gottschalk and I serve as co-Treasurer's with responsibility for paying the majority of church expenses, monitoring (along with the Vestry) the monthly revenues and expenses, developing (with Diana's assistance) the annual budgets, and generally working to try and make sure that we can keep doing our good work while keeping the lights on. For those that don't know, Charlie is at Church on a weekly basis making sure that the right bills get paid, in addition to everything else that he does for the Church.

That's an overview of what we do. Next time, I'll talk a bit more about how our Church is organized and what our big fundraisers and projects are at the Church.

Community Development - Anna's Place NOLA by Darryl Durham

Darryl Durham

Anna's Place NOLA has been actively involved with the local neighborhood association (Historic Faubourg Treme Association), in improving the quality of life for residents and visitors to the Treme. This year our students will be working with volunteers and community residents on community beautification projects such as block clean-ups, and murals; community mapping activities to document recent trends in housing and business development in the Treme and on the annual Treme Fall Festival. The fall festival will include an expanded "Kids" performance area and a day of home tours which will include the St. Anna's campus. Anna's Place NOLA staff are also on the planning committee for the American Association of Theater Educators which will be holding its annual conference in New Orleans in 2017.

Curriculum - This year Anna's Place NOLA students will participate in an after-school and Saturday curriculum which will place an emphasis on supplemental and supplementary educational experiences. We will supplement each student's academic training by identifying academic gaps and providing the academic support to close those gaps. We will place an emphasis on reading and reading comprehension, each child will read 15 minutes a day, to expand the student's minds and expose them to new experiences through literature. We will also partner with organizations that provide supplementary experiences in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Our SCIENCE partner is the biology department at Loyola University; our TECHNOLOGY partner is the Microsoft Store; we need an ENGINEERING partner so please reach out to your connections and recommend someone to us; our ARTS

partners are the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra which provides lessons, performance opportunities and exposure to classical music for our kids, the New Orleans Museum of Art which provides tours and exposure and the NOLA Project which provides teaching faculty and performance exposure for our kids; finally, we a desperate for a MATH partner due to the fact that our kids are getting older and the math is very difficult.

Our overarching goals are to close the academic gaps in the kids training, develop their ability to read, comprehend and respond appropriately (written and verbal) and expose them to new experiences which will spark their interest in careers that provide a quality life.

Did you know?

Did you know that Saint Anna's offers a worship service Monday-Friday? Yes, we do and it starts at noon and ends, depending on service type, at 12:15 or 12:25. It is a quiet service and tends more toward the contemplative. The service is either a prayer service or Holy Communion. Come and enjoy a quiet moment in intimate worship.

Did you know that there is a thing called ***"The Rectors Discretionary Account?"*** Yes there is and it is monies set aside to assist the poor or those in need. With the consent of the Vestry those same funds can be redirected for "emergency" assistance in the budget or to launch new ministries. For instance, the Discretionary Fund is underwriting our new Sunday School teachers and some of the food served to the children; we have also underwritten Christian education expenses for those that cannot afford the costs. We have assisted parishioners with scholarships that allow them to attend retreats. It will also help pay for some of our children to attend Christian weekends away. Mostly it helps with rent, utilities, medical expenses and other related costs. Please consider contributing to the Discretionary Fund by designated giving.

The average Sunday attendance including Sunday School:

2015 is 129 persons

2016 is 131 persons

Did you know that we have a terrific website that normally carries information about what is happening at St. Anna's as well as a link to the scripture readings for the week? It also has a place to ask for intercessory prayer and a host of other helps for our parish life. The site can be found at www.stannanola.org. Other important websites are: www.dodwellhouse.org and our Mission site www.annasplacenola.org. Check them out and don't miss our FB pages either!

Anna's Sunday School– Primary Grades

Students in St. Anna's Class A (primary) Sunday School range in age from 3 to 7. Class A is currently doing a unit on exploring personal connections to God, Jesus and how they can be co-creators. Our on-going study explores concrete ways we can be the face of Jesus in the world (kindness, welcoming, inclusion.) We discuss ways we can be welcoming to others (saying "Good Morning" or "Good Afternoon;" greeting people with a smile; making cards for strangers—" *I was sick and you looked after me*.")

As part of this study, for the past year, Class A has been engaged in St. Anna's card-writing ministry. St. Anna's brings cards to folks in the hospital AND our food pantry families--St. Anna's has a food pantry that serves economically-disadvantaged families living with health-complications (diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and other medical conditions.) Class A students have been creating cards for this important ministry.

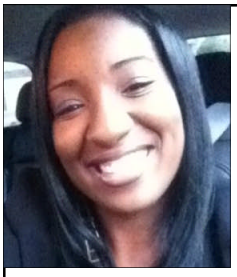
Additionally, in 2015, Class A students were part of the "I Write for Rights" Campaign led by Amnesty International. There were 12 different campaigns, each with its own postcard detailing the person unjustly incarcerated or otherwise abused. Class A students looking through the postcards for each of the 12 campaigns and selected the ones they wanted to respond to. Students decided to make cards for Albert Woodfox and Teodora del Carmen Vasquez. As an *amazing* aside, one of our Class A student's parents is an attorney for Albert Woodfox--Rob McDuff (http://today.law.harvard.edu/atticus-finch-with-a-laptop/)

MORE ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUED ON NEXT

Karel Sloane-Boekbinder is a member of our Sunday School faculty along with Dr. Emily Harville and their respective families are members and participants in our church family. This dynamic duo has created a FANTASTIC curriculum.

We are always looking for Sunday School Volunteers!

Anna's Sunday School: "Discovering the Covenant"



I wanted to introduce you to Ms. Kimberly Thomas, J.D.

Kimberly joined our Sunday School faculty in January as a stipendiary teacher. Her skills include a lot of community work as well as being a lawyer. She worships on a regular basis in a fellowship on the West Bank and she has a fine young son. Kimberly has a passion for children and for teaching "the Word." We are so blessed to have her.

"Kimmie" along with Nicole (left) and Stephanie (Right) head up the faculty for the older children. They are doing a great job!

Many times we, as Christians, say, "***God use me***," but very few are prepared when we are called to be ***of service***. Service comes from the heart and the action that is put into motion once the Lord sends you an assignment, will fall in line with your purpose. Every individual has a purpose, but the call to serve is very personal, and one must be in tune with God to determine if that calling is for them…

To be receptive to God's word comes through discipline, obedience, understanding, faith, and study. Through discipline we find that we are training to walk in the light that God shines in our favor, without hesitation—that kneejerk reaction that catapults your body to move in an effortless reaction to God's assignment, despite the obstacles, out of mere routine in following His word. Obedience is putting faith into action because it was spoken by God into one's spirit or by scripture. Just as God spoke the world into existence with the heaven and earth moving at the rate of *"…and it was so,"* our obedience is expected, as believers, to be just as fast. That movement is that trust that we have built in God's word and the cornerstone in our faith. *"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?"* James 2:14 ESV. *"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."* James 2:26 KJV. In serving an awesome God of works, grace, mercy and love, we, as man made in His image, must also reflect the same—works, grace, mercy and love.

St. Anna's Episcopal Church tills the soil for a field of beautiful children which blossom with personality and love. Their knowledge of their worlds are a reflection of the experiences they face daily, lessons learned, and things taught. When God promotes His children and places the

VESTRY NEWS-YOUR VESTRY AT WORK

We are excited to advise that on April 1st St. Anna's will once again host a Vestry Visioning Retreat

The retreat will be held at "The Cottage" on the grounds of Lazarus House in the Bywater

opportunity to farm this special field of budding flowers, all one should look for is tools and fertilizer to get in the dirt!

As the humble Sunday School farmers, our works in faith, graciously allows us to fulfill St. Anna's mission in teaching the youth, but also personal missions routed in God's purpose for our lives. It is in that purpose, as developed from an unwavering trust is in God's promises, we were selected to change lives in faith by teaching the students on Sundays.

Noah

*"**God Preserves Creation**" introduces the concept of covenant through the story of Noah. This ancient narrative underscores God's reaching out to humanity. After the great Flood, which was an act of judgment upon a wicked world, God promised the obedient Noah that there would never again be such a wholesale destruction. The rainbow is a sign of God's promise. Noah was mocked and looked upon as being crazy, but still was obedient to God's words. Not all those who are close to us will come with us on our walk. The birds released were used to test if God was ready for Noah to dock and move or continue to wait. Once the covenant was fulfilled, immediate thanksgiving to God takes place. Faith in God's promises and purpose must be manifested even when called to do the unimaginable. (Genesis 9:8-13)*

This type of faith, to accept the unknown with explosions of excitement, regardless of the seen and unforeseen challenges, was built through our previous understanding and study of the Word of God. Faith in God's promises and understanding of our purpose is why we were led to St. Anna's and is a reflection of our covenant with the Father.

How does this covenant look in the Bible? This is the core of our current study in Sunday School! We are discussing signs, people, issues, obedience, faith, hurdles, discipline and other circumstances which are illustrated by the figures in the Bible as they are applied to our everyday life. So far we have reviewed the stories of Noah, Abraham and Sarah, and we will be moving towards Moses after the holidays. Studies regarding the covenant have seamlessly tied into our teaching on the 7 Sacraments. We will be continuing to discover covenants over the next couple of weeks, as well as dive into the hidden secrets and treasures which lie within the walls of St. Anna's. It is our prayer that the exploration of covenants, along with our studies in the Bible, should not only give our little flower bearers a foundation of faith, but also lead them gradually towards achieving the information necessary for Confirmation! This should give the students great confidence in their walk in Christ and enhance their understanding so they can soon speak boldly when asking God to use them. As farmers, we look forward to making each of our budding minds, happy to be "of service" in fulfilling their purpose in our ever-changing world!

Anna's Outdoors

Anna's Outdoors offers opportunities for parishioners to enjoy each other's company outside the walls of the church. The next Anna's Outdoors event--a kite flying (if God wills wind) picnic--will take place on Sunday March 5th at City Park next to the Singing Oak (aka the Windchime Tree). Sandwiches, chips, and cold drinks will be served to anyone who would like to join us. We'll leave the church by bike at 1:45 and will arrive in City Park around 2:00. If anyone wants to skip the bike part and drive, they're welcome to meet us by the Singing Oak at 2:00. We'll have a couple of kites, but for the most part it will be BYOK. If kites aren't your thing, feel free to show up for the sandwiches and fellowship. We hope to have a couple of non-kite activities as well (ie bocce ball). The Singing Oak is near the Esplanade Ave entrance to City Park on the triangle of land bound by Lelong Dr, Wisner Blvd, and Big Lake (it's on Google Maps... just search for "The Singing Oak"). Future Anna's Outdoors events include a canoe trip and a bike ride along the Longleaf Trace. If you would like to join us just call, text, or email Douglas Alexander at 504-481-9356 or jdouglasalexander@gmail.com.

Douglas (L), Ally-May (C), Erik (R)

Anna's Place NOLA Gardening Class: On a beautiful Saturday, February 4th afternoon, the Anna's Place kids and volunteers planted purple, gold and white carrots, fed the soil with compost and harvested green lettuce and kale. We celebrated by eating a Mardi Gras salad made of colorful veggies! (PHOTO on the left. Bottom left Marley and Khloe; Top row left to right are: Dr. B, Ed Collins, Paula N (Loyola volunteer), Mason H (Loyola volunteer), James Cole.

GREAT JOB GREAT GREENS!

Prayer

A column devoted to a common prayer life and spiritual disciplines by Mr. Jim Baird

Jim was raised in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where his father was a pastor. He worked for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as the Program Director of Ghost Ranch Conference Center in New Mexico. As a part of his job, Jim planned programs in areas of the fine arts, outdoor adventure, theology and social issues. He worked with the Episcopal Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church to plan and host their annual immersion training for foreign missions. He retired in December of 2009 and served as Interim Executive Director of the New Mexico Conference of Churches until February of 2011. He and his partner renovated a house in Algiers Point as their retirement home. Jim was confirmed at St. Anna's in Oct. of 2014.

The Collect of the Day (which may be prayed daily this week at home):

Really? Well, OK, I can do that. I'll take the bulletin home with me, put it on the table in the hall by the front door, and then maybe during the week I'll remember to pray the Collect. Maybe? Probably not. If you are like me the only way things like that can happen in your life is for you to become very intentional about scheduling them, and then creating a repetitive pattern that over time weaves its way into the fabric of your life. Otherwise, next Sunday, when you leave for Mass, that same bulletin will be on the table in the hall by the front door as you grab your car keys.

This creation of a time and space for prayer has been a major effort for me, and is still a "work in progress" in my life. My problem with creating a meaningful daily prayer life is that I have always been so busy "doing" church. My vocation was planning programs (about 300 a year) for a national conference and retreat center of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). My boards included the New Mexico Conference of Churches and the Ecumenical Action Committee. In my local church I served as an elder on the Session (Vestry), and twice chaired the pastor search committee. I even (for two years) chaired the Worship Committee – you see, I could plan the experiences, I just wasn't making time for myself to be a part of it.

Iona Abbey , Iona Scotland

And then I met J. Philip Newell, an ordained pastor in the Scottish Presbyterian Church, a major theological voice in Celtic Spirituality, and a former Warden of the Iona Community. He came to New Mexico to help me establish a spiritual retreat center in the high desert and link its community with the one in Iona, an island off the western coast of Scotland. St. Columba arrived there from Ireland in 563 and established a community and built an abbey. In the 20th Century a Pastor/Scholar named George McCleod restored the abbey and revived the community. He declared it to be a "thin place" -- a place where heaven and earth touched.

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PRAYER—continued

That spiritual grounding is based on the belief that God created all life and is therefore at the heart of all life and within all people. That Celtic conception of God was one rooted in St. John, the beloved disciple, who during the last supper leaned his head against Christ's chest and therefore heard "the heartbeat of God". The Roman Church brought the tradition of St. Peter, and for years quiet/listening to all of nature in the Celtic tradition was marginalized.

As Philip and I planned the Casa del Sol Center for Spirituality in the high desert of Ghost Ranch (another "thin place"), Philip created a daily regimen of prayer, contemplation, and listening to accompany our task. At first I used that time to make my "to do" lists, but he soon found me out and asked me to join him in prayer.

From this time I have developed a regular prayer cycle for my life that has endured and enriched me by its presence in all that I do. Next time, I will share that with you, and hopefully give some ideas to those of you looking to do the same in your lives.

Altar Servers

Mike Meyers has been a long time member of St. Anna's and is married to Diana Meyers. He studied for and was appointed Verger several years ago and assumes principal responsibility for scheduling altar servers, readers, etc. Luigi has been a member of St. Anna's for about ten years and is responsible for training of new acolytes.

St. Anna's Altar Servers are looking for a few fresh faces to join us in the splendor and glory (OK, maybe I went a little overboard) of being an active participant in the Liturgy of the Mass.

Mike Meyers
Verger

You can do something as simple as reading the appointed passage or as advanced as process in with the cross (Crucifer) and assist with the preparation of the elements, swing the thurible that produces smoke (Thurifer) or even serve as a sub-deacon and assist with the Canon of the mass.
Due to attrition, we are down to three readers and three thurifers. We prefer to have four people for each position which allows everyone to serve 1 Sunday per month.

Should anyone have any interest in finding out more regarding any of these positions please contact Luigi at the church or myself via email or phone.

We would love to have you join us in producing a wonderful and fulfilling experience for all our parishioners by putting on the best services in the entire diocese.

Mike Meyers Mickman299@gmail.com or Luigi luigi@stannanola.org

MISSION: To promote healing and wholeness of body, mind and spirit in the Treme/7th Ward and Greater New Orleans community by offering academic, cultural, and arts enrichment; holistic health care; and healthy lifestyle education.

VISION: Anna's Place NOLA is a place of peace where children realize their potential and families and the community are nurtured so that poverty and violence no longer make their home among us.

Health by Diana Meyers, Operations Director

Diana Meyers

Diabetes Support Group meets on the 2nd Friday of each month from 11am until noon at St. Anna's. Co-led by a registered nurse and dietitian, all participants are encouraged to discuss how they manage the disease for themselves or a loved one.

Reminder that we offer free blood pressure and diabetes screenings each Monday from noon until 3pm and Wednesday from 3:30pm - 7pm. HIV and Hepatitis C testing is available on Wednesdays 4:30-7pm, and a doctor is available for acute illnesses most Mondays noon until 3pm.

Many students volunteer at our medical mission while in pre-med or obtaining a masters degree in preparation for medical school; several have worked with us many years. We'd like to congratulate several of these volunteers for being accepted into medical school recently:

Ruby Simmasalom (also taught nutrition on Saturdays)-started Tulane Medical School last fall

Neelesh Jain-started Tulane Medical School last fall (and now coordinates the medical students who also volunteer with us!)

Sukhjeevan Doyle - starts LSU Medical School this fall

Travis Chen - starts LSU Medical School this fall

Paul Nguyen - starts LSU Dental School this fall

Trevor Mordhost - ranked #1 on University of Washington Medical School waitlist with results coming in April

Bryant Song - starts LSU Medical School this fall

More from the Mission Fields

Kid's Program by Diana Meyers Operations Director

Saturday March 25th from noon until 12:30pm, Anna's Place NOLA kids will perform a Motown Madness Dance Flash Mob followed by a vocal ensemble performance at the Microsoft Store in Lakeside Shopping Center.

We welcomed students and faculty from the King School (Stamford, CT) the week of Feb.13th. This group painted walls at Dodwell House, helped with homework in the afterschool program and created our banner for the Red Bean Parade. Students from Alfred State University (Alfred, New York) will be with us the week of March 13th. They will be doing some work around our facilities and working with the after-school program as well.

Anna's Place NOLA kids participated in the **Red Bean Parade**, a second line through the Treme, on Lundy Gras. The Red Bean Parade "krewe" has adopted Anna's Place NOLA as their **charity of choice** for their **"Bean Madness"** event - a month long, single-elimination competition of 64 local restaurants to determine the best red beans and rice in the city. We'll have "brackets" for sale from the end of February to March 9th so you can pick the winner and support Anna's Place at the same time! In addition, please plan to attend one of their bracket cook-offs....one of the **Final Four cook-offs** will be here at St. Anna's on **Friday afternoon March 31st.** http://www.offbeat.com/news/makes-new-orleans-best-red-beans-rice-bean-madness-will-reveal/

The Food Pantry ***"For I was hungry and you fed me."*** (Information provided by Don Dubay)

Starting off in 2016 we now serve 35 clients which represents about 65 persons in all. The Food Pantry exists as a short term solution to a disruption in adequate food resources for those in need particularly HIV/AIDS patients and other families where catastrophic health issues inhibit reasonable access to food.

Don Dubay has organized the Food Pantry for several years and is a long time member of the church.

We enjoy a rota of volunteer of 6-8 folks every month. These good folks helped distribute 105 bags of food to the homeless camps in the during the Holidays.

Food donations have increased substantially from our outside partners and we want to thank in particular: The Friendly Bar; Amon Ra; Whitney Bank; St. Paul's Episcopal School. Other great partners include The Golden Lantern and The Pub.

In addition we feed our Sunday School kids a full breakfast and are developing a system to provide for a nice lunch before taking our 20+ kids home after Sunday School.

Why do we do what we do? By Fr. Bill+

In a world of fact checking I would like us to look at some of the "facts." The facts as presented will make a case for why we respond to the Gospel in our central mission work which is *Anna's Place NOLA*. That is not to say that there is no richness to cultures developed in economic poverty, there is! Red beans and rice, po-boys, Mardi Gras Indians, "Baby Girls", yes even Jazz. All of these wonderful things find their birth in economic poverty. Sometimes even as a way to tweak the privileged. Some times this cause and effect, this tweaking, is forgotten but the poverty remains and all of the dross that goes with it, so, here is a story:

- The 7th Ward now has the highest murder rate in the city. St. Anna's is in the 7th Ward
- 70116, our zip code, has a life expectancy rate of **20 years less** than adjoining zip codes.
- Louisiana ranks #2 in gun violence.
- 39% of children in New Orleans live in poverty.

Poverty's relationship to healthy brain development *(Horwitz, B. (2012). The Data Center. Geographies of poverty)*

High poverty levels among New Orleans children are concerning for the long-term economic prospects of the city because of poverty's effect on child brain development. Scientific research shows that child poverty can lead to chronic, toxic stress that disrupts the architecture of the developing brain. Children in poverty are much more likely to experience exposure to violence, chronic neglect, and the accumulated burdens of economic hardship. This kind of chronic stress causes prolonged activation of the stress response system, which in turn can disrupt the development of brain architecture, leading to lifelong difficulties in learning, memory, and self-regulation. ***In short, scholars argue that poverty may be the single greatest threat to children's healthy brain development.***

Recently we tested 7 kids in collaboration with *Sylvan Learning Center* to determine grade level proficiency in basic math and reading.

1 Child was on grade level or close in both math and reading
1 Child was on grade level in math and only 1 year behind in reading
5 Children were AT LEAST 3-4 grade levels BELOW their actual grade levels.
NOTE: One child in 7th grade had a 1st grade level equivalency.

"Jesus answered, If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'" Matthew 19:21

"Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys." Luke 12:33

"Cornelius stared at him in fear. What is it, Lord?' he asked. The angel answered, Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.'" Acts 10:4

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"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:17-18

I cite these passages not to create a sense of guilt, rather, to encourage and inspire our giving and our work. It is Anna's Place NOLA that provides a context for our prayers, our liturgy, and our celebration of the Eucharist. "*To every thing under heaven is a purpose*."

Altar Guild

Allison Reid is Sub-Deacon and altar server as well as head of the Altar Guild.

What exactly is the Altar Guild??? by Allison Reid

Have you ever wondered who changes the seasonal decor and liturgical colors for mass? At Christmas and Easter, St. Anna's is filled with cheerful flowers. During Lent we use a stark, somber muslin. At Pentecost we're over the top with flashy red and orange. These seasonal changes are much more than mere decoration - they help set the tone for our worship, be it penitential or celebratory.

Altar guild is a group of volunteers whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, flowers and linens, as well as changing décor for liturgical seasons. We prepare the sanctuary for services and clean up afterwards. Many altar guild members consider preparing the church for worship an important aspect of their devotional time. The role of the Altar Guild is a part of the historical tradition of our faith. "Sacristans" have cared for liturgical items since the days of the early church.

Perhaps you might be looking for a way to get involved in an activity that can add a new dimension to your individual devotional practice, or you might have some great ideas for decorating the church. Altar Guild may be the perfect thing for you, and we welcome new members! For more information, contact Allison Reid at areid77@gmail.com.

SPECIAL
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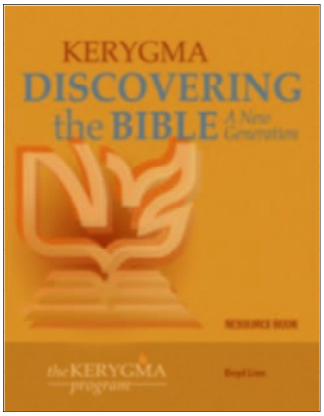
A sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall or use designated giving envelope found in a pew.

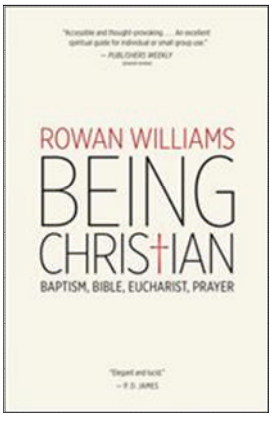
Adult Christian Education 2017



DISCOVERING THE BIBLE: An in depth survey of both the Old and New Testaments. This study will be an Adult learning course taught on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. It is 30 sessions broken up into appropriate seasonal breaks. The first section "Old Testament" will start during Lent on Sunday March 5th. Depending on the number who sign up the location will be designated and announced in advance. This is an important class for anyone seeking to understand the will of God for them in their lives. Join us and come and learn what we say we believe and why. This course will take us into the summer season. Don't be afraid about the length, it will all work out! It is always better to do some than none.

(We must have a minimum of 5 students to start)

An introduction to the people, places and stories of the Bible and discover where The Story lives in your story! Through a process of reading, reflection, discussion and creative expression, both the first-time learner and the lifelong student are invited to an engaging, rewarding encounter with Scripture that will greatly deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Bible.



BEING CHRISTIAN: A book study for reflection and prayer.
This will be a book study with reflection papers and prayer as our vehicle for understanding our faith. The class will launch in the Fall Season in preparation for Advent. The class will be held on Wednesday evenings following mass. Come, immerse yourself in the gentle wisdom of one of the great theologians of our time.

DESCRIPTION *A fresh look at Christian essentials by one of the world's greatest living theologians. In this simple, beautifully written book Rowan Williams explores four essential components of the Christian life: baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and prayer. Despite huge differences in Christian thinking and practice both today and in past centuries, he says, these four basic elements have remained constant and indispensable for the majority of those who call themselves Christians.*

In accessible, pastoral terms Williams discusses the meaning and practice of baptism, the Bible, the Eucharist, and prayer, inviting readers to really think through the Christian faith and how to live it out. Questions for reflection and discussion at the end of each chapter help readers to dig deeper and apply William's insights to their own lives.

Your Vestry and Staff

Vestry members act like a Board and are responsible for the financial health of the Parish, the maintenance of the property, and the spiritual health of the Clergy. They are, according to our by-laws, elected to rotating three year terms. Unexpired terms may be filled by appointment of the Vestry or election. The Vestry has officers called Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Clerk, and Treasurer (which may or may not be elected). Here are your Vestry and Staff:

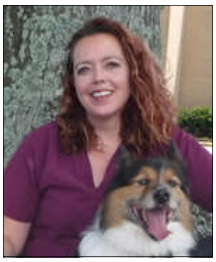
Stephen Estrada, Sr. Warden
2018

Sheila Julien, Jr. Warden
2017

Jim McMillan,
2018 Treasurer

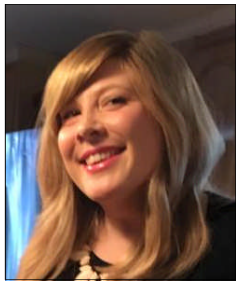
Charlie Gottschalk,
Treasurer, Until retired

Brandon Cline, Clerk
Until retired

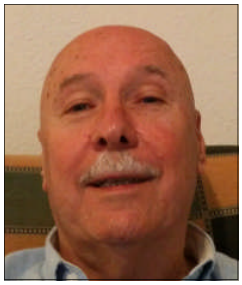


Celeste Gilbert
2018

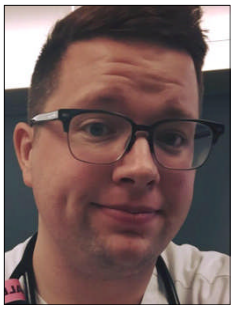
Devron Boswell
2018



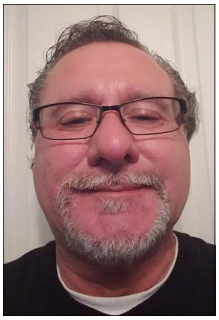
Stephanie Buch
2019



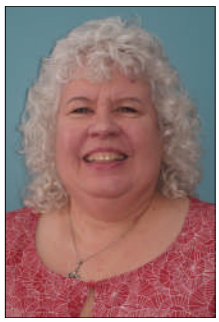
Bobby Hackett
2019



Zak Gillespie
2019



Kirk Toups
2017



Diana Meyers
Anna's Place

Darryl Durham
Anna's Place

Yulene Velasquez
Anna's Place

Earnestine Rayford
Sexton

Luigi Mandile
Parish Administrator

- Those needing notices in the Parish Sunday Bulletin should submit them to vterry109@gmail.com by no later than Wednesday evening of the publication week.

- Check out our website at www.stannanola.org for parish information also "LIKE" us on our Facebook page.

- Father Terry publishes a column in *Ambush Magazine* (a great partner for St. Anna's) twice a month. Many of those articles appear in our Website on Fr. Bill's Blog.

- Websites are important. Here are the ones that we offer:
  www.stannanola.org
  www.dodwellhouse.org
  www.annasplacenola.org

- **PLEASE keep silence** during the praying of the Rosary on Sunday mornings starting at 10:00 A.M. it helps people center and prepare for mass.

Tidbits and Reminders

- **PARKING on Sunday**. It is and always will be a mess. There is not much to be done about it. We are trying to save a little green space for the Sunday School kids to take a break and go outside to play and relieve stress. Otherwise try not to block the main entryway and we will try to reconfigure our parking for Sundays.

- **PARKING ON WEEKDAYS.** Please feel free to park on the grass along the side of the building and not blocking the entry to same. Park perpendicular to the building. We will try to make that more evident soon. That would be terrific!

In general, a lot of needed repairs have been going on lately. As I write this roofers are repairing the roof. We have had the stained glass repaired and are upgrading and repairing the outside shields that protect the stained glass. Our balconies had some rot on rails and were in desperate need of paining—such is being done to correct this as I write. As you know, the men's and women's bathrooms have been redone. We also plan to pressure wash the garden deck and side of parish house facing the deck. We added a new lock to choir back door along with a step and deck. We may plan on washing the front of our church as well. We plan on repairing and painting the back interior wall of the church because it has water stains. A new addition will be installed for our reredos and made evident on Easter.

Did you know that, generally, Easter was the only day of baptisms in the very early church? The only time baptism is now highly discouraged is during Lent. There are selected days when baptism is ENCOURGED. Days like the Easter, Pentecost, The feast of the Baptism of Christ, and believe it or not, All Saints Day.

"See Our Progress, Help Us Grow"
The 7th Annual Dodwell House Extravaganza

Saturday March 25, 2017

7 PM until 10 PM

1519 Esplanade Ave, NOLA 70116

Featuring

Live Jazz

Live and Silent Auctions

Delicious Food and Bar

Hosts: Tony Leggio and Elizabeth Bouvier

Advance Ticket Price: $50

$60 at the Door

GO TO: www.dodwellhouse.org for tickets and information

All proceeds from the Dodwell Extravaganza will go directly to the restoration, preservation, and renovation of the Dodwell-Marsaudet House

This historic property was built in 1846 the same year that St. Anna's was founded. It is our hope to first relieve the debt on the lease purchase on the property. Our goal is to raise sufficient funds so to do. Help us reach our first goal of raising $200,000 which will liquidate the debt and provide of initial architectural fees. HELP US GROW!