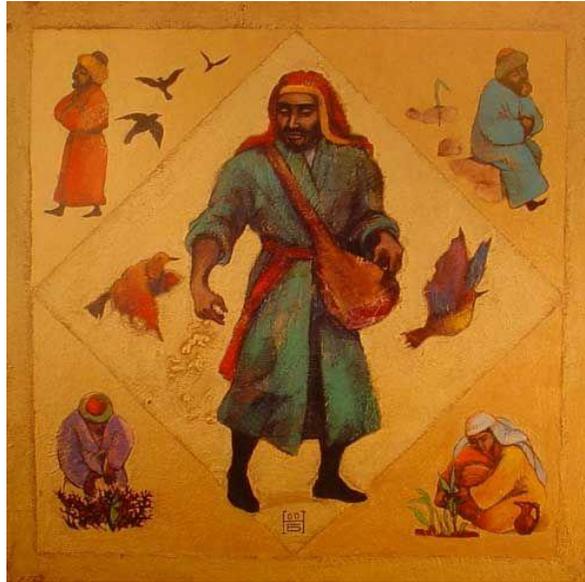


St. Anna's THE Bulletin  
6th Sunday after Pentecost, Week O7-12-2020



*The Sower by Kazakhstan artist Nelly Bube*

**HOLY COMMUNION OUR FIRST GATHERING!**

**This Sunday past**, St. Anna's offered its first in-person Communion Service since March 22 the fourth Sunday in Lent. Since then we have averaged about 60-70 persons on Facebook Livestream. We believe that on Easter and for Holy Week we enjoyed our largest on-line gatherings with about 100-150 per service.

This past Sunday was strangely unfamiliar and at the same time familiar. The form and prayers were said even if they were subdued because of our face coverings. For me, the Celebrant, there was much more energy for both preaching and celebrating. It is always a powerful witness to stand in communion with sisters and brothers.

The manner in which folks entered was effective, the way in which each received communion was dignified, and the way we showed reverence even in these strange times was a testimony to faith. It was also a testimony to faith knowing that many of our brothers and sisters remained quarantined at home yet prayed and bore witness to our faith, our hope, and our sacramental life as the body of Christ.

Like any new and "odd" system we have a little work to do as a community. But, be patient with yourselves it will all be fine. The one area is in leaving the church. We naturally are accustomed to getting up and leaving after the dismissal. BUT, now we need to remain seated until we are invited to leave by an usher. SOCIAL DISTANCING is the key. But, I know that we will get there.

No system will be perfect. We will come too close at times. We will wander or maybe find ourselves singing a familiar hymn. Yet, generally, we need you to know that this is the safest environment that we can create for in-person worship.

Equally, it is important, indeed very important, for you to know that if you are high risk you should join us on-line. If you are simply uncomfortable in being in a closed populated environment, even one like St. Anna's, please tune in to on-line worship. Your health, physical and mental, all contribute to spiritual health. We want and pray that you stay healthy.

So here are a few of the protocols for in-person worship:

**RESERVATIONS:** We are taking Reservations for Mass (just like a restaurant!)

- Reservations are required for contract tracing.
- Seating is limited to 50%. Please make sure to reserve your seat/s early.
- For reservations, call Br. Don Dubay at 504-947-2121, Mon -Thu 9am - 1:00 pm; Email only on Fri. 9 - 12.
- Email reservation requests to Br. Don at [pantry@stannanola.org](mailto:pantry@stannanola.org)

**WHEN YOU ARRIVE, follow SOCIAL DISTANCE guidelines.** †

- Arrive at the Church by no later than 10:15.
- Come with a mask, because we love our neighbor.
- **Social distancing (6 feet) must be observed at all times.**
- When you enter, you may receive a temperature check.
- You will be invited to go to our Welcome Table. Please do not return items to the table.
- A Host will check you in, and an Usher will escort you to your reserved pew (†).
- Dismissal will be given beginning with the back pews to the front, guided by an Usher.

**On Receiving Communion:**

- Ushers will invite parishioners by row - please stay seated until invited to come forward.
- To avoid contact, we will offer individually wrapped, consecrated hosts on a tray.
- Take your host from the tray, return to your pew, and reverently unwrap and consume.
- Please place your wrapper in the bag at your pew. (†)



(†) *We believe in "Real Presence"; many of us define that as meaning that the bread and wine, when consecrated, become sacred and are, in and of themselves, set apart. In the same way we believe that Jesus is present to us in these sacramental acts. Therefore, any vessel that contains sacred bread or wine should be treated with dignity and handled according to tradition; yes even a wrapper. FYI, those wrappers will be collected and burned according to tradition. This is neither an affirmation or denial of doctrines of consubstantiation or transubstantiation.*

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** *Each pew designated for seating has green tape. The distance between pews is about six feet. Any music will be using organ or piano, and any voices that you hear will not be in the church. The sermon may be given without a mask so long as a distance of at least fifteen feet is maintained, and we will use a mic. The church has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.*

## **WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to return to public worship**

We are asking for volunteers for the following new Ministries so that we can open for public worship. Each is important and we hope that you consider taking on one or more of these opportunities. These ministries **ARE CRITICAL** right now.

- **Hospitality Ministers:** Now you will play a vital role in providing for a safe worship environment. If you are willing and able please consider this new and developing ministry. Our goal is to have 4 teams of ministers. Each team will take one Sunday a month and also provide for substitutes as needed. That means we need 16 people. We now have eight volunteers. **PLEASE CONSIDER THIS MINISTRY.**
- **Audio Visual Ministries.** This new ministry will run a modified sound board, computer, and cameras that will record and broadcast our worship services going forward. We are looking for four people willing to be trained and then be on a service rota. So far we have one volunteer. We really need three or four more people who are willing to devote themselves to this ministry.

These new ministries are vital to the life of our church, our safe worship, and are each an expression of the Love that we hold so dear for each other. Please don't be shy, please consider volunteering for these new and vital ministries. Soon we will be together again.

## **Worship and Spiritual Aids:**

### **A VERY New Missal for Worship**

It is helpful to **download the new missal**. This version will be used for all Eucharist/Holy Communion Services going forward. If you join us for in-person worship you will be provided a print copy for your personal and continuing use. If you were here on 7-5-2020 remember to bring your missal.

<https://www.stannanola.org/2020/07/01/missal-in-person-eucharist-service-download-your-copy-now/>

### **Readings this Sunday:**

<https://www.preparingforsunday.com/Lectionary/be36ff56ek/>

### **Music for this Sunday:**

- Voluntary: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
- Opening Hymn: #48 O Day of Radiant Gladness
- Gospel Hymn: #679 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me
- Offertory: LEVAS 106 Precious Lord Take My Hand
- Communion Hymn: WLP # 812 I the Lord Of Sea and Sky
- Closing: LEVAS 177 Standing in the Need Of Prayer

Sunday Missal: THE LORD'S DAY  
*During a time of Pandemic*



Ordinary Time: Holy Communion  
Rite II Prayer A

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"All are welcomed; none are shunned."  
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## A Benediction

This past Sunday we introduced a new Benediction (final blessing by the Celebrant) which I plan to continue for the next several Sundays. I was introduced to this blessing by the current Interim Rector at Grace Church Saint Francisville our companion church in mission. I hope that you will find it as compelling as I did:

May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really CAN make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God the Supreme Majesty and our Creator, Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who is our brother and Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide, be with you and remain with you, this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

### *A Few Notes for the Spiritual Life*

*Your reflections matter! Please consider sending us an email sharing with us what your experience of our services are so far. Have any ideas for a better worship experience? [fr.bill@stannanola.org](mailto:fr.bill@stannanola.org)*

*Also, Ken wants to know what your favorite five (5) hymns are? Send emails to [kllpiano111@gmail.com](mailto:kllpiano111@gmail.com) we look forward to hearing from you.*

*Just a reminder: you may join St. Anna's for Morning Prayer M-F at 8:00 a.m. Noon Day prayer M-F and Compline at 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition to the spiritual discipline of the Daily Office the lectionary of Bible Readings that go along with Morning Prayer is a great way to hear much of the Bible over time. Unlike the Sunday Lectionary the Daily Office is not theme based but story based. So, tune in and pray with us.*

**Missions & Ministries Update**  
**Adult Christian Education - Enrollment now open**  
**Four New Classes Coming Soon!**

**1. Overview of the New Testament**

The multi-part class will begin **July 12 depending on enrollment (we need 5 or more)**, on Sunday mornings from 9 - 10:00 a.m. This is a curriculum driven class with workbooks by Kerygma. If you are new to the class, please let me know so that I can order you a workbook. Lori brings a lot of knowledge and professionalism to the table. This is so very exciting! The class will be using "Google Classroom." It is an online event.

**ENROLL NOW BY: Phone call Br. Don at 504-473-0073 or email  
fr.bill@stannanola.org**

**2. An Instructed Eucharist** in a three part video class that will take the adult learner through each step of our traditional worship service explaining why, how, and where it came from. Led by Fr. Terry and Allison Reid. Sign up for this class will be offered shortly and you will receive a link for enrollment.

**3. Inquirers Class** will also be opened up soon. A survey of the Episcopal Church what it believes, its history, and how it functions (governance). This course will lead to your decision to be Confirmed/Received in the Episcopal Church. Start Date: August 1,2020

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**4. Anglicanism in Depth** will be offered as a deep dive into our faith and its history. This will largely be based on readings and discussion. The class size is limited to 5 persons.

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**2020 Food Pantry Shopping List from Br. Don and Company**  
**Make'n Groceries with Brother Don**

Brother Don has a new email address: [Pantry@stannanola.com](mailto:Pantry@stannanola.com) and you may ask why that is. The

June donations food list is as follows:

<https://www.stannanola.org/2020/05/25/junes-pantry-list-help-us-help-the-hungry/>

## For Your Information: Food for Thought and Body



### **Addictions Recovery Ministry of the Diocese of Louisiana**

**Restlessness** The Addictions Recovery Ministry of the Diocese of Louisiana announces its annual weekend for men & women who are or who wish to be in recovery. The 2020 weekend will take place at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in Loranger, Louisiana, August 7-9 2020.

**Our Retreat Leader** Our facilitator is Fr. Seamus P. Doyle. Fr. Doyle, a native of Ireland, was ordained a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Holy Ghost Fathers. He was received into the Episcopal church and as a priest after which he obtained his Doctorate in Ministry at the University of the South in Sewanee. TN. Fr. Seamus is a licensed counselor in the field of addiction and holds an advanced Alcohol Drug Certificate from the LAACT. Fr. Seamus is a priest in the Diocese of LA and the chaplain of this Addictions Recovery Ministry. He has been active in a 12 Step program for forty-one years.

**Retreat Theme** The theme of this weekend is Restlessness. All of us who are working one or other 12 Step programs know that, at one time or another we have experienced Restlessness. Before recovery, it was enough to keep us using. As we grew into recovery, our restlessness was such that it may have caused some of us to relapse or, on the other hand, became a driving force to do better. St. Augustine once prayed: "You have made us for yourself O' Lord and our hearts are restless till they rest in you." Fr. Seamus will share his experience of restlessness as he shares his story of recovery and how he experienced restlessness throughout the steps.

**The weekend begins with supper at** 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 7th and ends on Sunday, August 9th, about noon, following a 12-Step Prayer Service. You may check in on Friday after 3:00 p.m. However, you may arrive at SECC as early as 1:00 pm on Friday. On Friday night we will gather in the lodge at 7:30 p.m. for Fr. Seamus' first session.. A 50% non-refundable deposit is required and must be paid

For more information or a brochure please contact Luigi Mandile by calling 504-947-2121 or email Fr. Bill at [fr.bill@stannanola.org](mailto:fr.bill@stannanola.org)

### **ANNA'S PLACE NOLA: Volunteer Spotlight**



Miss. Peg has been working tirelessly with Anna's Place NOLA youth during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the past 3 weeks Peg has delivered essential items to families and developed fun and exciting activities to keep our kiddos engaged during their summer indoors. Thank you Miss. Peg, you have been a true angel to the children of St. Anna's and Anna's Place NOLA!

Peg has been a member of St. Anna's for over a decade and during that time she has volunteered her time and talents in many many of St. Anna's ministries. If it had to do with kids, Miss Peg was there!

## **A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT!**

We are happy to announce that the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is waiving transit fare on election day and will waive all transit fares on future election days. This policy is the result of the resolution adopted by the RTA Board of Commissioners at that June 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting, which will waive RTA transit fares for bus, streetcar, ferry, and paratransit services. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the New Orleans City Council passed a resolution, in support for RTA's temporary fare waiver making this RTA policy change possible. RTA transit riders will have the ability to access all modes of transit at no charge for a full 24-hours on city identified election days. The agency will waive fare across all transit modes for the first time on July 11, 2020.

### **Church Giving Opportunities:** **Help us keep the missions going!**

Please consider an additional monetary donation as well as insuring that your pledge or tithing is received. You can do this on line or by mail. That said, as St. Paul teaches us, give with a grateful and joyful spirit. Here is the link:

<https://www.stannanola.org/donate/>

Another way to help your church out is that when you are making purchases using AMAZON consider using AMAZON Smile. Select St. Anna's as your charity and a portion of your purchases will go to St. Anna's and the site is just like your regular AMAZON Site:

<https://smile.amazon.com/>



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## **A New Kind of Giving**



YouGiveGoods was established on the belief that some charitable people prefer to donate goods either in addition to or in lieu of cash. Donations of goods serve an immediate purpose while freeing up cash for other areas of operations. St. Anna's has set up two drives to collect goods for our ministries.

Food Pantry donations (now through Aug. 7th)  
<https://yougivegoods.com/annasplacefoodpantry>

Youth Program donations (now through Aug. 15th)  
<https://yougivegoods.com/annasplaceyouth>



### Prayer Requests for Sunday

Parishioners, please send your prayer requests to Brother Don via email prior to Friday at Noon if at all possible. Brother will submit a consolidated list of prayers to Fr Bill for our Sunday Mass each week. [dondubay504@aol.com](mailto:dondubay504@aol.com)

**OFFICE HOURS during COVID-19:** During this time of pandemic, we understand that pastoral services may be in even higher demand. The pastoral team is here for you. We can schedule opportunities for Spiritual Direction, Consultation, Hearing of Confessions, or general fellowship. Please reach out to us for a socially-distanced appointment time.

- Sessions are by appointment. Give us a call, we are here for you.
- We will maintain safe distancing and have hand sanitizer present.
- If you have a fever or are sick let us know and Fr. Terry will call you. STAY HOME.
- If you want to talk SKYPE or ZOOM on another day just reach out and we can make that happen as well.
- **Please do not let the isolation get to you. Do not struggle alone with depression, (clinical or otherwise). Give us a call.**

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

-Paul's Letter to the Romans

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