The Parable of the Tenants

Matthew 21:33-43
Welcome to St. Ann!
We’re so glad that you’re here. We strive to make all feel at home here and to build community.
Please let us know if we can assist you in any way.

Parish Clergy & Staff

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Parish Email Address: stannphx@comcast.net
St. Ann Cemetery: 305 W. Pothouse Road
Sacred Heart Cemetery: 1258 Fillmore Street

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE
(All Masses & Confessions in chapel)
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM*
Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM* and 11:30 AM Spanish*
*Please reserve a seat on the parish website.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Tuesday 8:30 AM & 6 PM & Saturday 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

New Parishioners: We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Parish Office for Parish Registration dates or to make an appointment.

Bulletin Submissions: Please send all news, photos, and events at least ten days prior to the issue date. Bulletin information should be emailed to stannadulted@gmail.com.

Weekly Readings:
Today: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 ; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14
From the Pastor’s Desk...

ANOTHER VINEYARD – Today, for the third Sunday in a row, the Gospel presents us with a parable set in a vineyard. I think the first point of today’s parable is that we do not own the vineyard; rather, the owner has entrusted the care of his vineyard to us as stewards and the owner expects us to account for what we have done with his vineyard. Secondly, we rebel against his rightful ownership and try to claim the vineyard as our own, even going so far as killing the owner’s son.

ALL LIFE – Also, our celebration of Respect Life Sunday is especially well timed because today is October 4th—the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi and the conclusion of the celebration of the 2020 Season of Creation. https://seasonofcreation.org/

BEYOND THE BIRDBATH  Francis of Assisi was anything but a cute gnome-like, inert garden ornament. He was wild for God and wild to follow the call of God in his life. He was not taking his signals or significance from the dominant culture (secular or church) of his time, but from the untamed Gospel. Two examples of Francis’ un-tamed-ness were his encounter with a Sultan and his deep sense that Creation is a gift not a possession.

Today’s Gospel is especially well timed since today is the first Sunday of Respect Life Month when we Catholics focus on our baptismal responsibility to respect not only human life from conception to natural death but also all created life and all creation.

HUMAN LIFE – I remember my parents saying that they considered the six of us children to be on loan to them from God. They did not own us and they were accountable to God for their stewardship of His children. This fundamental framework of ownership and stewardship flies in the face of our dominant culture which claims that I am free to do whatever I want with my life. Not if my life does not ultimately belong to me and not if I will have to account for my choices regarding the portion of His vineyard (my life) which has been entrusted to me as a steward or tenant.

In the year 1219 Francis and a few companions arrived in Egypt while the Christians were besieging the city of Damietta as part of the Fifth Crusade. Francis crossed the battle lines and asked if he could see the Sultan. For whatever reason, the Islamic forces did not kill the friar and Francis met with Sultan al-Malik-al-Kamil. As I understand the story Francis went with the intention of converting the Muslim leader to Christ. The Sultan did not convert and three days later Francis left Damietta. Francis returned to Italy profoundly moved by this encounter and crafted a new and creative vision for his brothers about how they could go among the Muslims, about the things Friars could do and say “that would please God”. More than four centuries later the Second Vatican Council stated that the Church regards Muslims “with esteem” and urged Christians to work with their Muslim sisters and brothers to promote social justice and moral welfare, peace and freedom, for the benefit of all.
**From the Pastor’s Desk...**

**LAUDATO SI’** – “Praise be to you, Lord” are the opening words of Saint Francis’ *Canticle to the Sun* and also of Pope Francis’ encyclical of 2015. The Pope teaches that “our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us... This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will...” John Allen has written that the Pope sees the environment as the leading edge of a contemporary “throw-away culture,” which also sweeps up the poor, the elderly, migrants and refugees, the unborn, and other categories of humanity in its disregard...

**RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP** – Each baptized person has a responsibility to participate in the Spirit’s ongoing work of healing our broken world and each citizen has a responsibility to participate in the ongoing process of forming a “more perfect union”. Here are several resources to assist us in the work of forming of consciences for next month’s election: Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship; 2) a Presidential Candidate Comparison; and 3) a Voter Guide for State Legislative Races. These resources may be found on our parish website: https://churchofsaintann.org/

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BLESS ANIMALS** - Bring your pets for a blessing at 1:00 PM this Sunday, October 4 to celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis loved all of creation as a gift from God to be appreciated and cared for. All animals are welcome — furry, feathered, and otherwise. For the safety of all pets and their human friends, please be sure all critters are properly leashed or caged. We will meet on the parish lawn. In case of inclement weather, the blessing will be cancelled.

**CHURCH HALL** – In this time of covid, St Ann church hall will soon re-open on a restricted basis for parish groups to meet, following public health guidelines and protocols. If your group is interested in scheduling the church hall or room #1, please contact the parish office. Please note, the kitchen as well as rooms 2, 3, and 4 will not be available. Social gatherings (including birthday, shower celebrations etc.) will not be permitted until further notice.

**HOPE Ministry Meeting for Drivers** will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 9:00 AM in the Church Hall. Masks are mandatory and social distancing will be practiced. Please reach out to Michelle Giffroy-Rossi at 610-283-1515 for any questions.

**Pope’s Universal Intention for October**

**The Laity’s Mission in the Church**

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church. manner.

We love having you as part of our flock!

Let’s keep in touch! Get important Parish & Ministry updates via email & text.

There are two ways to connect. Visit our church at: flocknote.com/StAnnPhx or Text Stannphx to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.
### Direct Debit Program to end
**December 31, 2020**

Thank you for your ongoing support of St Ann Parish through our monthly Direct Debit program. At this time we are asking our parishioners currently using Direct Debit to transition to our new online giving platform via our website:  [https://churchofsaintann.org/donations](https://churchofsaintann.org/donations).

The secure online giving program hosted by eCatholic provides greater flexibility to our parishioners. You are in control of when your donations occur - any time of the month: one time or recurring. Also, in addition to ACH you may utilize a credit card* for your donations. (*Credit card fees do apply and are absorbed by the parish.)

Details may be found here:   [https://churchofsaintann.org/donations](https://churchofsaintann.org/donations).

Please contact Lisa in the parish office (610-933-3732 or burghardtlisa@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

### Counting Our Blessings!
Your donations help us fulfill our parish mission and make improvements to our facilities. Thank you for your generosity!

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### Please pray for the sick, disabled, homebound members of our Parish Family.

- Alicia Andrews
- Chad Berish
- Stephanie Bilash
- Patricia Bogardus
- Beth Booth
- Ashley Rose Bukay
- Sandy Burns
- Ed Cain
- John Calvecchio
- Leroy Campbell
- Sally Claverie
- Dave Cocci
- Frank Cook
- Ginger Cutlip
- Gertrude Dawson
- Isabella DeSimone
- Michael DiArcangelo
- Lucille Dickson
- Audrey Dombroski
- Theresa Durkin
- Alicia Andrews
- Kensley Eggeling
- Andrew Fabian
- Dan Fennell
- Daniel Flores
- Ryan Gerhold
- Joe Gibson
- Gordon Gladden
- Jennifer Golaszewski
- Christine Greger
- Brad Hartman
- Remee Hartman
- Angela Hogan
- Michael Hudak
- Jeanette Jelsus
- Bernie Johns
- Jim Johns
- Karen Johns
- Ann Johnson
- Terry Johnson
- Linda Kerr
- Patrick Koch
- John Kolar
- Christine Koons
- Bridget Kunakorn
- Irene Layden
- Margaret Litka
- Denise Long
- Ray Long
- Claire Maestrale
- Steven & Joanne Mardi
- Thomas Mastrangelo
- Heather McCann
- John McKenzie
- Michele Mellon
- Ron Motzer
- Karen Nesspor
- Jacob Nichols
- Georgene O’Donnell
- Marcelo Opies
- Steve Pannella
- Ruth Pascal
- Cindy Patton
- Jonathan Perez
- Glen Philips
- Abigail Pilcicki
- Dianne Ponzie
- Norm Rabenold
- Ann Racey
- Christine Radoiss
- Jerry Ratchford
- John Riegel
- Kris Roberts
- Tom Sarnak
- Larry Saunders
- Debbie Schwartz
- Al Scott
- Ken Shackleton
- Keith Sheridan
- Margaret Sim
- James Smith
- Evelyn Spitz
- Christine Springer
- Bob Stancavage
- Marc Stevenson
- Sherri Stover
- Julie Szwczak
- Nancy Szwczak
- Ethel Thomas
- Glenn Thomas
- Don Troncelliti
- Helen Twargoski
- Doris Valerio
- Jeff Vance
- Mary Way
- Ann Wolff
- Talan Wolstenholme
Holy Family School has launched! Our PPE and CDC protocols are in place, and we’re delighted to be back together! Things look a little different, and our activities have had to be scaled way back, but we are forging ahead and maintaining the quality Catholic education our families expect and deserve! Know that we pray for our parish families daily! Many of our classes are currently closed for enrollment, but we encourage you to reach out for more information! Call us at 610-933-7562 or email us at office@myholyfamilyschool.org Be sure to like us on Facebook!

Sunday, November 1, 2020 - 2:00-3:00 PM
Event: Holy Hour for the Election: 50 People, 50 States
Join us for an hour of prayer and adoration before Jesus in the Eucharist as we petition for grace and blessing upon our country, especially asking for God’s will to be accomplished in the upcoming presidential election. We hope for at least 50 people to be present, one for each State of the United States of America, but more are welcome! Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA

Rosary Campaign for an End to the Coronavirus
“...there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary.”
Sr. Lucia of Fatima
Join us online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary asking the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic.
Rosary in English:
Monday through Thursday at 8 PM until further notice
Rosario en español:
De lunes a jueves a las 8 PM hasta nuevo aviso
For more details and log-in, visit:
http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary

Saturday, October 17, 2020-5:15 PM
Event: Wedding Anniversary Mass, Philadelphia
The annual Wedding and Anniversary mass to pray for and with married couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are married 1-25 years and couples who have been married 25 years or more or 50 years or more. The mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez.
Location: Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Monthly meetings, various times and locations
Event: SoulCore virtual classes
The SoulCore Rosary workout integrates core-strengthening, stretching and functional movements with the prayers of the rosary. We begin with some basic stretches to warm up the body and recite the Apostle’s Creed. Push-ups are done throughout each of the Our Father’s. The movements vary for each of the Hail Mary’s. And a stretching position of surrender brings us to each Glory Be. Each Mystery begins with a scripture verse and a reflection, offering a time of rest and encouraging deeper reflection on the virtues of each Mystery.
More information: Email Nicky Verna at nicky@verna.com.

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 - 7:00-8:30 PM
Lecture: Built Upon Rock: Finding Your Footing in a Period of Great Turmoil
(This lecture will be offered in person)
Providentially, this year’s tumultuous presidential election coincides with the 25th anniversary of the great papal encyclical, Evangelium Vitae, which contains the Church’s fundamental teachings on the dignity of the human person and our unrelenting obligation to uphold that dignity in all aspects of life and society. Join us for an evening lecture on how these teachings provide us with the grounding we need to keep our footing and navigate confidently through these difficult and turbulent times.
Presenter: Christine Flowers, immigration attorney and columnist
Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
More info and registration: Please register at http://cathedralphila.org/lecture/

Post- Abortion Healing Retreat Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries
A retreat for healing after abortion designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God.
November 6-7, 2020
IHM Spirituality Center
Malvern, Pa 19366
All inquiries are strictly confidential Call/email: Lauren-215-720-5828 RachelsVineyardGP@gmail.com

A morning of quiet prayer for wisdom upon our nation as we prepare to elect our President and Vice-President
When Tuesday, October 27
Where IHM Spirituality Center
Time 10:00 a.m to 11:30 a.m or 1:00 p.m to 2:30 p.m.
Cost Free will offering
Registration by phone is required for this gathering. Please specify your choice of time, morning or afternoon. Maximum accommodation is 20 persons
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