

St. Ann's Catholic Church

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Welcome to St. Ann's Parish, A Home Away from Home

Dear Parishioners: welcome to these weeks of fall and welcome to new parishioners; welcome to this first edition of our new parish Newsletter.

We are joining the rest of the Catholic world this month, in accepting Pope Benedict's invitation to a "Year of Faith."

Increasingly we are aware of the importance of communication and it is my hope that our new Newsletter might be a fruitful vehicle for this, including, God willing, a possible living link with others who may be drawn back to their church family and to the practice of their faith.

Our parish theme this year is "Bearing Fruit for Jesus." May we be good

communicators of the faith we love.

This Newsletter is a project taken on by the new St. Ann's Communications Ministry. Congratulations to all!

The articles are written by fellow parish members and we are grateful to them for sharing their talents. A special thank you to Erin Maciejewski for layout and design and Lena Castaldo, editor and director of Stewardship and Parish Development.

Fr. Peter Henry, Pastor

Pope's 'Year of Faith' Calls for Renewal & Evangelization — by George Miller, parishioner since January 2005

The Year of Faith announced by Pope Benedict XVI is now underway (October 2012 to November 2013). This time marks the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

In his Apostolic Letter, the Pope declares, "We want this year to arouse in every believer the aspiration to *profess* the faith in fullness and with renewed conviction, with confidence and hope." For us at St. Ann's, this can be a great year to rediscover and embrace the beauty and richness of our Catholic doctrine; not only for ourselves, but to communicate and evangelize it to others both in and outside of our community. This can be a year to give special attention to our fallen-away and dormant Catholic friends and family members. When we confirm and confess our faith, our witness can bring our friends back into the welcoming fold of our church.

This is also a year to unite ourselves more closely as one body, as Christ so much desired for us. In a time of profound worldly pressures and secular influences, we are ever-challenged to profess our faith in the Risen Lord. And through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we can be continually strengthened for this mission. It's also vital to *act out* our faith because without charity, faith cannot bear fruit. So let us make this Year of Faith a more active chapter of stewardship as well.

Masses:

- Saturday: 5 p.m.
- Sunday: 8 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- Mon to Friday: 8 a.m.

Confession is held on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

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