Welcome to St. Ann's Parish

Our Vision Statement: to be a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples.

Our Mission Statement: to work and pray to be a welcoming, Eucharistic community that spreads the good news of Christ. We each strive to share our gifts within and beyond the parish for the glory of God.

This Week at St. Ann's

MOM'S & TOTS is cancelled this week.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Tuesday, October 9th, 8:00 p.m. in St. Joachim room.

MASS will be celebrated at the Mayfair Seniors Home on Thursday, October 11th at 10:00 a.m.

RCIA CLASSES: Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in St. Monica's lounge.

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAISE & WORSHIP MEETING: Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joachim room.

MASS will be celebrated at Maplewood House on Friday, October 12th at 4:00 p.m.

ZUMBA begins again on Friday, October 12th. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in front half of gym. For more info: zumbagnetbowl@gmail.com

HISPANIC MASS will be celebrated on Saturday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the gym.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be prepared by our Knights of Columbus on Sunday, October 14th after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.

CHAPEL OF DIVINE MERCY AND VESPIERS on Sunday, October 14th at 3:00 p.m. in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital. More parishioners are invited to join us.

ST. ANN'S CHRISTMAS Market
Friday, November 2nd 4-9pm & Saturday, November 3rd 9am-4pm
Tables available $45 each
Registration forms available at Parish Office window

1) CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: St. Ann’s table is in need of some crafts to sell. We are looking for knitting, crocheting, sewing, beading items or whatever your Craft interest is.2) This request is to all groups in the Parish who are storing food in the kitchen’s walk-in freezer.
In preparation for the Christmas Market, we will be making fruit pies on October 9th and meat pies on October 23rd. Please bring your rolling pins and apple peelers.
We will be needing the top 3 shelves, on both sides of the freezer for these work bees.

Would you please go through the freezer and “clean up” anything that may be yours before October 8th. We are asking for you to condense what you have, put in boxes that can be stacked on the bottom shelf, and get rid of anything that is not.

Thank you from the Christmas Market Committee

MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCT 8TH TO OCT 14TH, 2018

Monday 9:00am Connie Phillip, int.
Tuesday 7:00pm Sr. Betty Bellefontaine, rip.
Wednesday 8:00am Elba Rasquinha, int.
Thursday 8:00am Jose Fromont, rip.
Friday 8:00am Christopher Toth, int.
Saturday 9:00am Fr. Tien Tran, int.
5:00pm Henry Lermieux, int.
Sunday 8:00am Alkutty Mulvanal, rip 10:00am Intentions for the Parish Noon Gerry Sokolowski, rip.

RCIA: Have you considered helping with RCIA? Would you be interested in accompanying people as they learn more about the Catholic Faith? We need some table helpers and possible sponsors for RCIA this year. We meet on Thursday evenings (7-9 pm) from now until spring. Please contact Jody in the Religious Education Office (aldulfatih@stansabbotsford.ca)

KIDS 4 JESUS begins again on Saturday, October 20th from 10am to noon in St. Joachim room.

SINGLE ROSE LADIES: St. Ann’s widows and single ladies are invited to reserve Tuesday, October 23rd for a bus tour. More details to follow.

Please take a moment in gratitude this weekend to count the blessings, large & small, that you have been given. ST. ANN’S CWL WISHES YOU A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thursday, October 11th, 2018

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 8th. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of ALVIN LAMBRECHT who passed away last week. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Advokate Life & Education Services
FUNDRAISING BANQUET
Thursday, October 18th, 2018

Doors Open at 6:30 pm
Columbia Place, Columbia Bible College, Abbotsford
2940 Clearbrook Rd, Abbotsford, BC
SEATING IS LIMITED
RSVP by OCT. 14th
604 852 4623/ info@advokate.ca

Advokate Life & Education Services is searching for an experienced and passionate individual to manage our PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE in Langley BC, under the supervision of an Executive Director. The role is instrumental in providing help and resources for individuals who are experiencing an unintended pregnancy. This is a full-time permanent position with a competitive salary. Deadline for applying is October 31st. Visit www.advokate.ca/get-involved/employment-opportunities for more information or email info@advokate.ca.

Found a gold ring in the church last week. Please come to parish office to identify and pick up.

St. Ann’s Meals for Moms program: if you are an expectant mother please contact: MothersattStAnn@gmail.com

There are donations envelopes on the white cupboard and at the parish office window if you wish to make a donation towards the SEASONAL FARM WORKERS MINISTRY at anytime.

With God’s infinite love deep in my heart, I would like to express my warmest gratitude to all the parishioners, for their support, the gifts, cards, Masses, flowers and prayers. God bless you all and your families. With all my love and prayers,

Sr. Vicky

Thanksgiving Blessing

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 7TH, 2018

The Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini Bishop and Founders—A PORTRAIT Continued

III. BISHOP OF PIACENZA

1. The Pastor

"The spirit, the character, the sole ambition of the bishop lies in sacrificing himself in every way to spread the kingdom of Jesus Christ in people's souls, risking, if necessary, his own life for the salvation of his beloved flock, placing himself, so to speak, on his knees before all the people in order to beseech the favor of their permission to do them good. He uses everything - his whole authority, skill, health, strength - for this noblest of purposes" (Scalabrini).

In his twenty-nine years of ministry as bishop of the Piacenza Diocese, he showed above all his gifts as a pastor of souls, "thirsting" to communicate the life of the Good Shepherd to them. He always walked before his sheep, leading them to the pastures of an "abundant" Christian life, through effective, timely and incisive action of government to improve the structure of pastoral work, taking St. Charles Borromeo as his model.

2. The Pastor of the Clergy

His first concern was for the clergy, to whom he addressed his third pastoral letter (August 1876), reminding them of the need for the Spiritual Exercises, which he saw (and here we find one of his typical features) not only as a time of spiritual experience, but also, and above all, as a time to reexamine and plan one's life.

He instilled new discipline and introduced a new curriculum in his three seminaries, anticipating by three years Leo XIII's Thomistic reform. He also started courses in Gregorian chant and instituted its practice, anticipating in this case Pius X's reform by three years.

He worked for harmony among the clergy in an age of polarization not only in the political sphere (between the "transagent" and "intransient" groups), but also in the philosophical sphere (between Rosminians and Thomists).

His relations with his clergy were marked by concern, respect, justice and fatherliness, and he was repaid with zeal, obedience and filial love - to the extent that for a long time after his death he was still "the bishop" for the clergy of Piacenza.

As was said, he actively supported the transient party, convinced that the temporal power of the Pope (the Papal States), had seen its day, and that the Church must become - with a minimum of territorial sovereignty (i.e. the Vatican) to guarantee its spiritual independence - an evangelical power in the service of the highest good, which is the salvation of souls. In other words, he wanted to reconcile the two contrasting aspirations which were such a "torment to many consciences" in the service of the highest good, which is the salvation of souls. In other words, he wanted to reconcile the two contrasting aspirations which were such a "torment to many consciences" in the service of the highest good, which is the salvation of souls. In other words, he wanted to reconcile the two contrasting aspirations which were such a "torment to many consciences" in the service of the highest good, which is the salvation of souls.