

ANNA NEWS *July-August 2013*

NOBODY TOLD ME!

HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?

NOBODY TELLS ME ANYTHING!!!

Anna News will be published at least every other month in an effort to keep us all in the loop. We are blessed to be an active congregation with a lot going on—and that means we have

LOTS of opportunities to get involved

LOTS of activities to choose from

And, alas,

LOTS of things to miss out on.

SO . . . keep yourself in the loop!

If you have news to share or corrections to make, please email Claire Brooks at cvbnola@gmail.com or call her at 504.481.4281.

Summary of Upcoming Events: (look for details in the following pages)

Artscape Summer Concert
Party for Oportunidades NOLA
Feast of St. Anna and potluck
Shop for a Cause at Macy's

Tuesday, July 16
Saturday, July 20 (Food by Mondo and La DivinaGeleteria!)
Sunday, July 28
Saturday, August 24 (benefit Oportunidades)

New pet-friendly early mass

Sometime in August

What's happening with St. Anna's Episcopal School?

St. Anna's Vestry has approved preliminary planning of a Parish Day School for at-risk children and adults. The location of the school will be the Dodwell House

OUR ORIGINAL PLANS called for a community center to house OpNOLA, Anna's Arts and SAMM, with space for neighborhood functions. **THESE PLANS REMAIN.**

ADD a Parish Day School, the children of Tremé off the streets in a full-time school!!

NOW ADD a night school for adult education so that whole families can learn and prosper!!

PLUS medical interventions that encourage health screenings and healthy living for whole families and the community!!!

AND we will still have time and space both at the church campus and Dodwell House for community outreach and neighborhood functions!!!!

Where are we today?

- BESE Board has licensed St. Anna's Episcopal School. We are qualified for vouchers (although vouchers are unlikely to be available anywhere).
- We are members of The National Association of Episcopal Schools (Urban Alliance). We are moving toward a more consolidated mission package with Anna's Arts, SAMM, and OpNOLA.
- We are seeking substantial grants from various sources to fund a well-qualified Funding and Development Team. We have an experienced Mentor in this program so we are not working in the dark. Preliminary plans will go on exhibit shortly.

We are currently working on Two Tier Funding, seeking grants and donors to

- **leverage property purchases to expand the footprint**
- **finish the work begun**
- **create sustainable revenue sources for operations.**

MUCH MUCH MORE TO COME LATER! Stay tuned!

What's happening with Oportunidades NOLA?

OpNOLA has a great turn-out for its summer trimester. Classes are running full swing!

In addition to classes, we have had lots of great presentations and workshops from groups such as the Red Cross, NOPD, and the Independent Police Monitor.

Our **Language Exchange program** is always looking for more participants. Email Chris at opnola@stannanola.org if you are interested in practicing Spanish or Portuguese with a native speaker and helping them with their English conversation skills.

We recently received a large donation of textbooks from the Mexican government to support our GED program, and **now we need a large, sturdy bookshelf (about 4.5' wide x 6' tall x 1.5' deep) to store these materials.** Please contact us if you have a bookshelf that you can give us – Christina can go pick it up.

This summer we have also started a **multi-faceted fundraising campaign** to support our program.

- **Donate online at causes.com/opnola**
- Attend our **summer community party on July 20th** in the Parish Hall starting at 8:00pm. This event will be catered by Mondo and La DivinaGelateria!
- **Purchase a \$5 shopping pass** for access to Macy's exclusive Shop for a Cause event on Saturday, August 24, 2013!

Since 2006, Macy's Shop for a Cause event has partnered with non-profit organizations nationwide to raise more than \$5 million for their ongoing charitable efforts. We keep 100% of the proceeds! To **purchase the ticket see us after Mass on July 14th and 28th** or email Erin Tooher at opnola@stannanola.org.

***Please join us this summer for one of our exciting events,
or go online and make a donation today!***

ARE YOU SEEKING A DEEPER EXPERIENCE OF GOD?

Mary Beth Alvarez and Pete Nunnally are starting a weekly small group to deepen spiritual practice. The group will set aside an hour each week outside of worship to support each other in fellowship, using practices like centering prayer. Time and day are TBA. If interested, contact Mary Beth Alvarez, MD MPH, [843-568-2375](tel:843-568-2375) (alvarezmb@yahoo.com or pete.e.nunnally@gmail.com). We hope to start soon to open our hearts in community to the presence of God.

ARTSCAPE 2013 SUMMER CONCERT



On Tuesday July 16, 2013 St. Paul's Episcopal Church will host the **Artscape 2013 Summer Concert**. St. Paul's is located at 6249 Canal Boulevard, at the corner of Harrison Ave. The wonderful evening will include:

- 6:00 p.m. Champagne and Chocolate Reception – Patron Tickets \$25.00
- 7:00 p.m. Concert – Advance sale tickets \$10.00

(Tickets are available in the Parish Hall after Mass or online at www.stannanola.org. Concert Tickets at the door: \$15.00/person)

The evening features selected students from **Artscape** performing with members of the **New Orleans Philharmonic Orchestra, Treme Community Choir** and **Tanya Boutte**.

FUNDS RAISED will go toward scholarships for summer campers and Artscape students who continue learning, laughing, seeking, and establishing life skills. This year's 100 campers include children from St. Anna's – Anna's Arts for Kids; All Souls Church youth program; Progressive Baptist Church; and Freret Neighborhood Association.

What's this I hear about a Capital Campaign 2013?

During the summer most churches take a vacation. Sunday School stops, the choir takes a break, the beach beckons and giving is down. BUT THIS IS ST. ANNA'S, and we walk our own road! Our choir is still rehearsing and our Sunday attendance is up. Our Inquirer's Class is good sized and we worship and pray like it is Easter! Other people may say that summer is NOT the time of the year to launch a Capital Campaign, BUT WE ARE ST. ANNA'S and WE DON'T PLAY BY THE RULES!

ST. JAMES CHURCH of BATON ROUGE has given a grant of \$5,000 for a new commercial stove (**THANK YOU!**). We serve dozens of meals a day for Anna's Arts and for our own functions. Now we need to raise funds to complement this wonderful grant. We need funds to purchase and install a hood vent for the commercial stove, to do finish work and to add a counter in the kitchen. In addition, one of our main A/C units needs an overhaul.

THE GOAL: \$15,000 to get the work done.

Given to date: \$2,000

Remainder: \$13,000

WE CAN DO THIS – DONATE TODAY!!!!

No my dear four legged friend we aren't kicking you out!



Starting sometime in late summer St. Anna's will begin a special 'low' mass for pet lovers or others who want "early church." It will be a said mass starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will include a blessing of pets, sermon, and Eucharist. The mass should last about 45 min. and allow time for the Principal Service people and early people to meet, and greet and stay in touch. If you bring a doggie to church please sit apart from the assembly if possible. I would generally suggest the first one or two rows closest to the altar as we Episcopalians tend to sit in the back pews. But don't let this become a burden; this is a GENTLE suggestion.

But why, I love my dog, and my dog loves me - he's part of the family!? Our church is growing. It is diverse and open and hospitable. Some folks love doggies, some not so much, and the worship on Sundays is principally for people. Some of our worshippers have pet allergies; some children do not respond well to dogs and are afraid of them. It worked well when we were smaller. I DO welcome your views and advice. We still welcome our four legged family members that have always attended to attend. We will experiment with pet Sunday masses starting in August that may also accommodate football fans in the fall.

If you have a suggestion or would like to voice your opinion please do not hesitate to write me an e-mail or give me a call at fr.bill@stannanola.org or [\(504\) 947-2121](tel:5049472121).



DESPERATELY NEEDED!!!! St. Anna's is growing and one of the truly great things is the growing number of babies and children. During the summer our Sunday School program is closed to regroup for fall. **We are looking for a paid nursery attendant** so that parents can drop children off and worship in church without them. We want to keep our children engaged, and for the very young ones this may mean coloring books instead of sermons. If you know someone who is qualified and willing to take the job for the summer, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL FR. TERRY. This IS a paid job.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

July

4 Fr. Bill Terry, Carol Haynes
5 Anna Sanchez
6 Kelly Weems, Christina Abrero
13 Magda Stockstill
16 Cate Suthon
20 Jerry Aubert
21 Brad Stiglets
22 Sean McLaughlin
27 Menette Wilson
31 Albert Ruesga

August

5 James McShan
8 Glenda McQueen
14 Chris Andrews
17 Theodore James Boekbinder
21 Stewart Butler, Ryan Herrmann
22 EdanaEskamire, Joseph Kizziah
23 Charlie Gottschalk
25 Rebecca Myers, Raymond Crumley
28 Donesha Doughty
31 Mark Case

St. Anna's Servers---Thank you!

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Thurifer	Tracy	Joseph	Mike	Brandon
Crucifer	Luigi	Charlie	Gary	Charlie
Sub Deacon	Charlie	Mike	Charlie	Mike
Reader	Annie	Shannon	Chris	Rebecca
Ushers	Rebecca, Hal	Karen, Hal	Don, Rusty	Vicki, Earnestine
Goodies	Max, Claire, Gary	Sharon, Betty M.	Mary D., Roberts	St. Anna's Potluck!
Altar Guild	Susan	Olive	Charlotte	Max
Counters	Lynn, Sharon	Sean, Dannette	Joseph K., Hal	Becky, Mike
	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Thurifer	Lauren	Tracy	Joseph	Lauren
Crucifer	Gary	Gary	Mike	Charlie
Sub Deacon	Charlie	Mike	Charlie	Mike
Reader	Sharon	James	Vicky	Joseph
Ushers	Emily, Chris	Karen, Hal	Rebecca, Hal	Don, Rusty
Goodies	James, Ben, David	Steve, Keith	Sharon, Betty M.	Rebecca, Becky T.
Altar Guild	Nicole	Susan	Olive	Charlotte
Counters	Charlie, Annie	Karen, Joe C.	Lynn, Sharon	Sean, Dannette

SAVE the DATE!!!

September 7

Deacon Joyce's Annual Bake Sale and Tea
Good Food for a Good Cause!



October 5

Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals

