



FATHER SIMEON GALLAGHER, OFMCAP

Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap was born in Philadelphia and is a member of the Mid-America Province of the Capuchin Order. He was ordained a priest in 1971 and his ministerial background is diverse. He was Campus Minister at Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kansas) from 1972-78 and held faculty positions at both Marian High-School (Hays, KS.) and Marymount College (Salina, KS.). He was Chairman of the Religious Education Board for the Salina Diocese.

In 1978 he was appointed Co-Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Shawnee, Kansas and was a faculty member of Notre Dame de Sion Academy, Kansas City, Missouri. In 1980 he assumed a Pastorate at Holy Cross Church, Thornton, Colorado. While there, Fr. Gallagher conducted a highly successful Parish Development Program, an effective effort to surface new leadership and invite greater parish participation, done in conjunction with the national Metropolitan Organization of Peoples.

Fr. Gallagher is Director of the Preaching Ministry Office of the Mid-America Province of the Capuchin Order. He conducts retreats, parish development programs, parish missions, and religious education workshops. His association with the Emmaus Spirituality Program for Priests has gained him an international reputation in conducting retreats for priests. His work has taken him to Central America (El Salvador). He was instrumental in founding Emmaus in Great Britain. He has presented ecumenical lectures at the Jean XXIII Centre, Geneva, Switzerland and was a featured speaker at the International Society of University Neurosurgeons (SUN) at Athens, Istanbul and Ephesus. For the past several years he has worked closely with the US Armed Forces at military bases around the world. He recently returned from engagements in Asia and Australia.

Fr. Gallagher holds advanced degrees in Religious Education, Ascetical Theology, Liberal Arts, and 19th century British Literature. His literature degree has earned him a reputation as a scholar in the works of John Henry Cardinal Newman. He is a graduate (M.A.) of the Great Books Program at St. John's College (Annapolis/Santa Fe). Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Mid-America Provincial website: www.midamcaps.org.

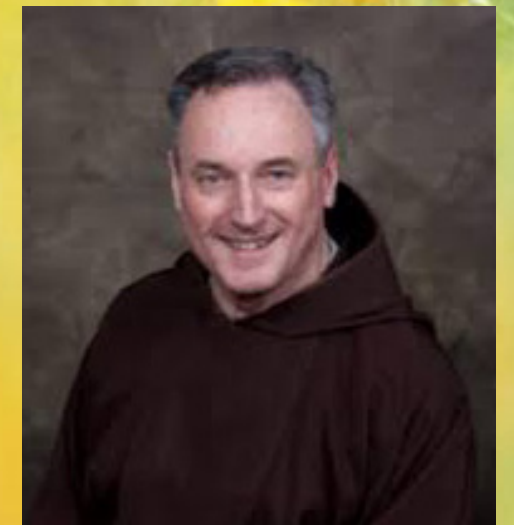
SAINT ANN NOVENA

JULY 18 - 26, 2018

The freedom to believe: Becoming an adult Catholic

*All life is developmental, including the gift of Faith. Cardinal Newman's famous adage:
"The only evidence of life is growth" applies to every aspect of life especially the gift of Faith.
This Novena will look at the challenge of that maturity of Faith.*

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All are welcome!

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SAINT ANN NOVENA SCHEDULE

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the freedom to believe

NOVENA SCHEDULE:

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

For the weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 9:00 a.m. followed by the novena talk and prayers. The 7:00 p.m. evening service includes only the novena talk and prayers.

For the weekends: The novena prayers will be included in the mass.

THE ONLY EVIDENCE OF LIFE IS GROWTH . . . CARDINAL NEWMAN

WORDS FROM THE YOUTH OF SAINT ANN'S SCHOOL

What my Catholic Faith means to me is that God is the center of my life. Faith also means to me that we can get into heaven and have life with God.

My Catholic Faith means everything to me. It has guided me in life, and taught me everything I need to know. Without it, I would not be who I am today.

My Catholic Faith means becoming closer to God and to my parish. It brings us closer by prayer; we become one with God.

My Catholic Faith means my life. It means the right life, and the right way to live. My Catholic Faith means the happy life.

My Catholic Faith is like another family member. It is something I can turn to when I am sad, feeling grateful or just need someone to talk to. It is a comforting presence.

WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:11 - For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Psalms 34 - Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

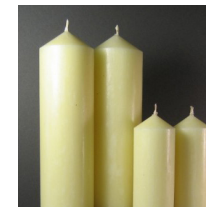
Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Colossians 3:12 - Since God chose you to be a holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

SAINT ANN NOVENA CANDLES

"I am the Light of the World"

Saint Ann Candles will be on sale on the weekend and before and after all the novena services. (Large \$10 - Small \$5) Lighting candles is a traditional Catholic custom as a form of prayer. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person/intention in whose behalf the prayer is offered. Candles will be placed around the Church.



WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Mondays at 1:30 p.m. (Chapel)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesdays 12:00 Noon until 6:00 PM (Chapel)

FLOWERS FOR ST. ANN ALTAR



We invite parishioners and friends to bring fresh flowers from their gardens to place at the altar in front of our icon of Saints Ann and Joachim during the Novena. Vases for your flowers will be available.

SWAP TABLE

"Give or Take" - In the Gallery of Light, the Swap Table will be available for you to donate used religious articles (prayer cards, rosaries, statues, etc.). All are invited to also take something that catches your eye. Remember, you can give or take or both!

NOVENA PETITIONS

Novena time in a parish is a powerful time of prayer. Prayer intentions can be written at the St. Ann Icon Altar and placed in the novena prayer basket. The basket of prayer intentions will be placed before the altar for all the masses.

RELIGIOUS GOODS

The Religious Goods Store will be open after Novena services on **Friday, July 20th and Monday July 23rd**. St. Ann Candles will be sold outside the store all during the novena.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SIGN UP

The sign-up sheet for EMHC, Lectors, Altar Servers, Gift Bearers and Collection will be available outside the Ushers Room. You can also volunteer on Ministry Pro. One lector will be needed for each evening session as well.

WELCOME COFFEE

On **Thursday, July 19th** following the morning Novena session, all are invited into the Community Room for some good refreshments and an opportunity to informally welcome Fr. Simeon Gallagher to St. Ann's. If it isn't too hot to bake, feel free to bring a snack to share.



SAINT ANN OIL FOR THE SICK

Each year we have the custom of blessing and distributing Saint Ann Oil for the sick. Saint Ann Oil does not replace anointing with the Oil of the Sick during the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick, rather it is a sacramental that can be used whenever family or friends pray with or minister to the sick. It is meant to bring comfort to the sick and will take place on **Tuesday, July 24 in the morning and evening**.

DAY OF SERVICE

On **Saturday, July 21st**, members of Saint Ann Parish participate in **Loaves and Fishes**, a program providing dinner for more than eight hundred of our area's hungry. It will take place at **Saint Mary Cathedral** in Trenton. You can take part by removing a tag from the Loaves and Fishes display and returning the item.

FEAST OF SAINTS ANN AND JOACHIM

All Saint Ann parishioners will gather on **Thursday, July 26th at a 7:00 p.m.** mass/procession to honor Saint Ann on her special feast day. It is an opportunity to thank God for the blessings received in the parish since its foundation and to ask St. Ann to show each family and person the way to grow in peace and joy with the Lord. After the mass, the parish will continue to celebrate by sharing some fun, fellowship and food in the community room.

NOVENA OFFERING

A collection will take place at all the sessions during the Novena. Your offerings will go toward the work and mission of the Church of Saint Ann and toward defraying the expenses of the novena. Special envelopes will be available if you care to use them.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Simeon Gallagher will be available each day and evening after the novena sessions if anyone would like to go to confession or just have a conversation.

