

ST. ANN'S CHURCH
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Monday through Friday

8:00AM

CONFESSIONS - Saturday 8:30am-9:30am in the Sacristy, face to face, wearing a mask, sitting 6 feet from the priest.



St. Ann's Mission Statement: "Worship and furthering the Gospel message of Jesus Christ are the central core of our being"

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John J. Mink, Pastor

Rev. Richard Jasper, Associate Pastor

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - call the Rectory at least 12 months in advance. *Initial meeting with couple & St. Ann's priest required before setting wedding date.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Attendance at parent info meeting with Godparent guidelines required before setting baptism date. Call the rectory to register.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Chapel of the Divine Mercy info call 584-1422. Openings/Closings 655-1639

ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY - Provides emergency help/assistance to the needy. Call 658-9876.

VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND - can be arranged on a temporary or regular basis by the homebound person, an immediate family member or care giver. We are happy to bring the sacraments.

PARISH MUSIC PROGRAM Director: Peter Solecki
Email stannmusmin@gmail.com. Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays 7:00-8:30PM. All are welcome!

Couples being married are to contact the director for an appointment several months before the requested date.

PARISH ADVISORY GROUP

Charles Klous, Finance Council Executive Officer

ST. ANN SCHOOL age 3 – grade 8

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For info contact Mrs. Pat Grant - Principal,
pgrant@thesaintannschoool.org

Mrs. Bonnie Tsaldaris – info & admissions
btsaldaris@thesaintannschoool.org.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Student PREP, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

For info contact the office: 654-8504 or email

Patricia Walker, Director - pwalker@stannwilmington.com

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM (Grade 8)

For info contact Lynne Dickinson, Coordinator
mdickinson@thesaintannschoool.org

ESTATE PLANNING – We are grateful to those

parishioners who have included St. Ann's in their plans with a legacy gift in their memory for the future stability of our parish. For more info, contact Patrick Cullen at the rectory (654-5519 or email pcullen@stannwilmington.com).

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 10, 2021

The St. Ann “APP” - During my first Christmas as a deacon, I had the opportunity to baptize a baby girl who was as good as gold throughout the entire ceremony, even as the waters of Baptism were poured over her head. She never cried; napped during part of it; and smiled serenely when she was awake. Her older brother – around 4-years-old at the time – was a different story, however.

He really tried, God bless him. In the beginning, he watched intently from his pew, and he giggled out loud at the part where his little sister “got her hair wet,” as he told his Dad, who was hoisting him up in order to get a bird’s-eye view of what was happening at the font.

But by the time we got to the lighting of the Baptismal candle, this little man was restless. Running through the maze of pews. Trying to reach into the font to splash someone. Tip-toeing into the Nativity scene to pet the fake cow. And when we all weren’t looking, he took a big, sparkly gold ornament from the artificial tree perched near the altar and started running for the main entrance of the Church as if his life depended on it.

Said his father, partially in exasperation: “Well, there goes Christmas right out the door!”

Today’s Feast of Our Lord’s Baptism does officially end our Christmas season, but with it comes the challenge: as we return to the “Ordinary Times” of our daily lives (whatever it looks like these days), we are called to be like the rascally older brother and bring a bit of Christmas to the world around us. If the season we just celebrated is the reminder that God-is-with-us in every moment -- especially those moments of challenge and heartache -- then we must constantly strive to live in such a way that patience, forgiveness and joy become a part of our daily interactions with others.

In a sense, we have to have the same boldness of Spirit that the little ornament-thief boy had in order to tell the world that Christmas isn’t just a day, but a way of life. And if we can start to see the world through the eyes of understanding that “light always overcomes the darkness,” then we can journey through ordinary time with more peace and less anxiety.

Take it from a 4-year-old to remind us adults: never keep the spirit and message of Christmas confined to just a day, a church, or a tree decorated with ornaments. Rather, as our own Baptism compels us: Run and tell the world as if your life depended on it -- *God-is-ALWAYS-with-us!*

Election of Trustees – Each parish in the Diocese of Wilmington is incorporated within and by the laws of the State in which it is located. St. Ann is incorporated in the State of Delaware. For 2021, the trustees elected by St. Ann’s Parishioners are **David O’Connor and Chuck Klous**. St. Ann’s thanks them for their continuous service to our parish.

St. Ann’s would like to welcome the following parishioners who have joined our Parish Community in the last three months:

***Miss Adriana Burgos
Mrs. Eileen Gioffre
M/M Scott Henry
M/M Ben Horstmann
Ms. Erin Lyons
Mr. John Manning***

***Dr/Dr Patrick Mathews
M/M Shaun Mullenix
Ms. Linda Stevenson
Mrs. Margaret Strauss
M/M Ethan Swain
M/M William Wendel
Miss Erin Williams***

INTERESTED IN BAPTIZING YOUR CHILD AT ST. ANN’S? There is an online Baptism PREP class required if you have not taken a class within the last two years. Just visit the “Ascension Press” website and look for “Belonging”. The cost for the class is \$9.95. Once you have taken the class, we can get you on our baptism calendar. We are only scheduling baptisms one each Sunday after the 10:30am mass – so approximately 11:30pm. For more info, email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call 654-5519.

St. Vincent de Paul Society News

The St. Ann's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society recently completed its fiscal year. Although the opportunities to help our neighbors-in-need were limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, through the generosity of St. Ann's parishioners we nevertheless helped almost 200 people with their rent, food, and utility needs and, through the Giving Tree, provided some much-needed Christmas cheer.

At the end of the year President Tony Orga and Vice-President Ann Trzuskowski completed their terms in office. We thank them for their years of dedicated service as officers and are pleased to report that they are remaining as members of the Society. Our officers for the next three years are: President: David O'Connor, Vice-President: Katie O'Connor, Treasurer: Mike Eckrich, and Secretary: Marge Altergott. Please pray that our officers and the other members of the Society can continue to bring hope and help to our neighbors-in-need.

Communion Update – All who would like to receive communion on the tongue, are asked to wait until the end of the communion line to receive in order to abide by state/diocesan Covid regulations. Thank you.

Consecration to St. Joseph's - St. Ann's is making tentative plans to offer a 33-day preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph. Meetings will be Mondays, February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, and Consecration Day, Friday, March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Meetings may be in person or remote. Participants would need to purchase their own book in advance of group meetings: Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father. (www.fathercalloway.com \$14.95 plus shipping; EBook: \$9.95) For further information or to indicate your interest, please contact Connie Winner Varone at cnwinner@comcast.net or call 302-765-9864 and leave a message.

Are you Using Our Online Parish Giving and Don't Need Your Weekly Envelopes? Please let us know so that we can cancel them. Just email the rectory at stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call us at 654-5519. Thank you.

Hospital Visitations – In this covid time, our priests are not allowed to visit anyone in the hospital. But if you or your loved one are in the hospital, please still call/email the rectory and let us know. The priests pray for any of our sick or infirmed. Thank you.

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Need to register for St. Ann's? Visit our website www.stannwilmington.com and select the parish registration button. You can either print the form and drop off to the rectory or fill out online and email it back to us.

Mass Intentions

****Priests will be saying Mass Intentions privately for each 6:30am daily mass & the 8am Saturday Mass starting on Monday June 1st with the beginning of public Masses.**

Saturday January 9

****8:00 A.M.** Rev. Paul J. Taggart
4:00 P.M. M/M Francis & Stella Smith

Sunday January 10

7:30 A.M. Mr. Richard Bengermينو
10:30 A.M. Sancho Manubay

Monday January 11

****6:30A.M.** Paul D. & Marie Bradley
8:00 A.M. Intention of Connie & Frank Varone

Tuesday January 12

****6:30 A.M.** Patricia Zolper
8:00 A.M. Thomas & Anita McBride

Wednesday January 13

****6:30 A.M.** Harold Schettler, Sr.
8:00 A.M. Jerome Nolan

Thursday January 14

****6:30 A.M.** Francis Walter Miller
8:00 A.M. Annette Orga

Friday January 15

****6:30 A.M.** Francis Walter Miller
8:00 A.M. Deceased members of the Reardon & Sweeney families

Saturday January 16

****8:00 A.M.** Rick Duhn
4:00 P.M. Nora G. Hogan & Terrance Dolan

Sunday January 17

7:30 A.M. Rosemary Heron
10:30 A.M. Victor Bilotta

Pray for the sick, shut-ins and elderly of our Parish.

ST. ANN'S PRAYER LINE – to place a name on the prayer line contact Joe/ Shirley Ackerman at 384-7513 or joeshirl7@comcast.net.

Offertory for the weekend of December 20th was \$27,152. For the weekend of December 27th, it was \$47204. As always – thank you for your kind and generous support to St. Ann's.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET US!!! Parish Giving is available for Online Offertory Giving – To set up your account, visit our website and click the Parish Giving Button. Feel free to call the rectory or email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com.



CONGRATULATIONS



**JUSTIN MILLS &
STEFANI CICCONE**

**United in marriage at St. Ann's
January 1, 2021**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Give your relationship the gift of quality time during the pandemic! Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight sessions presented on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from January 20 to February 14. Make Valentine's Day 2021 extra special as you learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! For more information visit our website at www.wvme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

RETROUVILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE -Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, January 16th, tune in to learn about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity when Father Jim Loughlan, SA, Director of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, is interviewed. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Catholicforum.

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