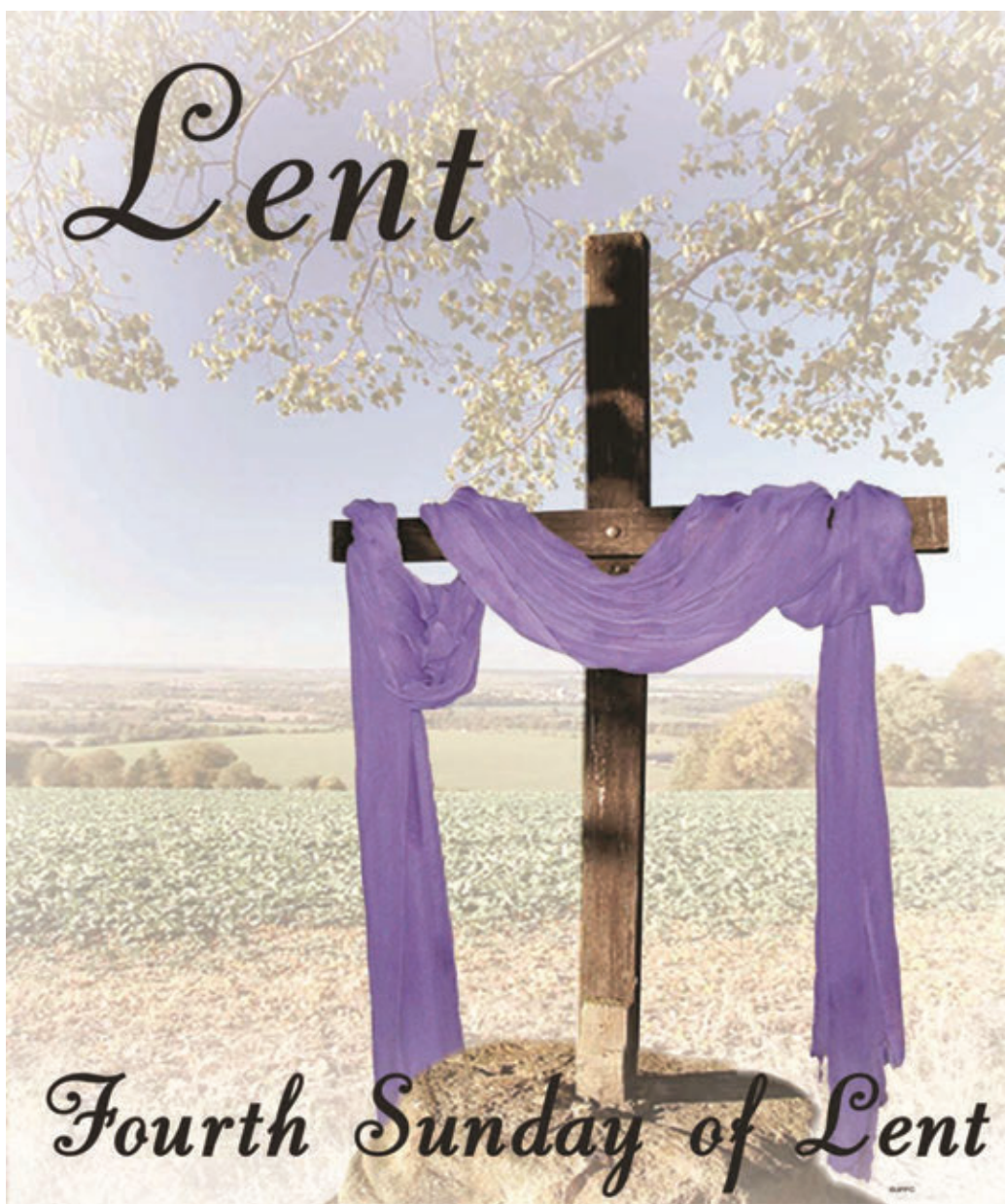


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*March 14, 2021*

**Rev. John J. Mink, Pastor**

**Rev. Richard Jasper, Associate Pastor**

**Mrs. Pat Grant – St. Ann's School Principal ([www.thesaintannschoool.org](http://www.thesaintannschoool.org))**

***MASSES***

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

***CONFESSIONS***

Saturday

8:45 AM

***DAILY MASSES***

Monday through Friday

8:00AM

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 14, 2021

### **From the Pastor...**

*I am happy to announce that Sister Kathy McGuire, D.C., LCSW, a Daughter of Charity missioned to St. Peter's Cathedral on West St. will begin pastoral ministry at St. Ann's on Monday March 15th. Sister will serve both our parish and school: serving the elderly and homebound members, by phone, in person, and Zoom. She will offer support and counseling. In addition she will offer follow-up support to bereaved parishioners after a funeral at St. Ann's. She will serve the school as adjunct counselor to students and family counseling to students and parents. As Sr. Kathy has other community duties, she will be with us part-time on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30-4:00. Sister will offer limited counseling in person or through Zoom. Her schedule will be adjusted after pandemic restrictions are lifted. We welcome Sister Kathy and thank her for accepting the invitation to serve at St. Ann's.*

... **Father Mink**

**The Ann "APP" -** A doorbell-camera video is starting to make the rounds – especially in the world of Catholic social media – of a FedEx driver stopping to kneel and say a prayer in front of a garden statue of our Blessed Mother. The video contains no sound, and the actual prayer-time is quite brief: maybe just a rushed “Hail Mary” was offered before the young man sprinted across the lawn back to his idling delivery truck.

It's fascinating to see how this one moment of time captured in some unknown American suburb is touching people's hearts profoundly. The countless comments on Facebook and Twitter and everywhere else the video is displayed speak to the fact that even a simple prayer offered during one man's average, ordinary workday has the power to change the world. He wasn't praying in the midst of a disaster moment, nor was he doing so in a church. It was public and yet not-meant-for-show; it was sincere and intended only for God and His Mother to know and hear.

And yet, look how our Lord is using even this moment to call us all back to the beautiful reality that prayer isn't meant to be only for Sundays or in times of distress. Prayer should be constant – from the heart – and our Lord wants to be with us just as much in the office and the Zoom meetings as He is in the chapel or as we hold onto the Rosary beads. Why not begin to cultivate (or renew) the practice of heart that finds us offering a prayer before we begin our work or after we finish a chore; when we pass a Church or glance at a holy image that we keep hanging in our homes? After all, no prayer is ever wasted.

We may never know what that FedEx driver prayed for that morning, but we do know this: his prayer was heard, and we are all recipients of that simple graced-moment. Who knows? In a very difficult time for all of us right now, maybe we are the ones for whom he offered his prayer ... and the reason why we all have been able to keep moving forward in faith and hope.

**BIBLE STUDY IS BACK at ST. ANN** – Continuing this **Monday, March 15th at 6:30 p.m.** and continuing every Monday during the Lenten season (3/22), Fr. Jasper will break-open the Word of God and offer some reflection on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. Due to Covid restrictions, we will be meeting in Church (not the social hall) and will sit in the same safe, socially-distanced way that we do when we attend Mass. At this time, we will NOT break into groups to discuss reflection questions as we have done in the past, but questions will be provided for you to pray with during the week ahead. Handouts of the upcoming Sunday Gospel will be made available, but you are welcome to bring your own Bible. Please join us as we journey together to Easter.

### UPCOMING EVENTS...

#### **Stations of the Cross**

*Friday, March 19th at 6pm*

*Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm*

*Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm (PLEASE NOTE TIME!!)*

#### **Lenten Confessions**

*Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30pm*

*Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30pm*

*Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> (after the 8am mass)  
from 8:45am-9:30am*

#### **Palm Sunday**

*Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Masses are 7:30am and 10:30am*

## EASTER SUNDAY RESERVATIONS

**MASSES WILL BE**                      **7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am**

Beginning **Tuesday, March 23rd at 10am until Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> at noon**, St Ann Church will begin taking reservations for the upcoming Easter Sunday Masses. The schedule is listed above and on the website. **You may request a spot for you and/or your family via email at [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com) or by calling the rectory: 654-5519.** We respectfully ask that in keeping with the latest state guidelines, you limit attendance to those within your immediate household.

We will do our best to accommodate the Easter Mass you request, but when emailing or calling, it would be helpful for you to offer a second Mass-time option. (We assume that certain Masses will fill more quickly.) As a reminder, our center pews can fit up to seven people from one family, and our side pews can fit 3 or 4 (depending on children). We can also place two couples on either end of the center pews or three single persons in the center pews.

Once we map-out seating arrangements for the various Masses, you will be informed of your Mass time and directed to a certain pew at the Mass to which you have been assigned. Although we are permitted to hold 50 percent of our church's capacity, due to social distancing restrictions we will hold to 125 persons at each Mass as we did for Christmas. Please remember that this number could change at the last minute depending on what the state and diocese permit as per Covid. Also – remember that **we will not be able to welcome any parishioners or guests who come to St. Ann's for Easter Sunday without having made reservations.**

**The remaining schedule for Holy Week is as follows: Palm Sunday masses (7:30am and 10:30am), Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm, Good Friday Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm and Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 7:30pm. None of these will require reservations but will be on a first come first serve basis until our capacity guidelines have been met.**

Thank you for understanding, and we are grateful for your continued prayers, support and love.

*---Fr. Mink and Fr. Jasper*

**FEED THE HUNGRY Program.** The Feed the Hungry Program continues throughout Lent. We ask parishioner to donate canned food and dry stores food for those less fortunate. Food may be deposited in the Knights of Columbus containers in the vestibule of our church. Our Knights of Columbus will transport the donated food once a week to the Food Closet at Asbury United Methodist Church in New Castle for distribution to the hungry.



2nd grade is selling mismatched socks to each grade for students to wear on Friday, March 19th for World Down Syndrome Day. All donations will be sent to the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware. This special day brings awareness about Down syndrome and gives students the opportunity to show their support for the cause.

**CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEKEND'S BULLETIN** - Students in 5th Grade at St. Ann School are currently working hard on their President Project. Each student picked a President of the United States ranging from George Washington to John F. Kennedy. They then began working on a research project to learn more about their background, family life, careers, and presidency. Once their report is done, we will welcome students to join our classroom dressed up as their president to present their work to the class. We look forward to seeing our 5th Grade Presidents!

*(Original 5<sup>th</sup> grade event news was printed incorrectly in last week's bulletin)*



## 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 March 13**

\*\*8:00 A.M. Rev. Paul J. Taggart

4:00 P.M. Edward M. Winner

### **Sunday March 14**

7:30 A.M. Henry, John & Jimmy Mauk

10:30 A.M. Florence M. Garofalo

### **Monday March 15**

\*\*6:30A.M. Intention of Leontina Juliana

8:00 A.M. Kenny Ackerman

### **Tuesday March 16**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Barbara A. Krawczyk

8:00 A.M. Jerry Grossman

### **Wednesday March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Robert J. Cleaver

8:00 A.M. Tom Wertz

### **Thursday March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Jim Green

8:00 A.M. Deceased members of the Reardon

& Sweeney families

### **Friday March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of BVM**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Francis J. "Pete" Jones, Sr.

8:00 A.M. Harris & Montague families

### **Saturday March 20**

\*\*8:00 A.M. Ellen Cheever-Giorgi

4:00 P.M. Theresa Ann & Thomas W. Faulkner,

Sr.

DC & Crystal Faulkner

### **Sunday March 21**

7:30 A.M. Francis P. Jones

10:30 A.M. Kenny Ackerman

*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](mailto:joeshirl7@comcast.net).

**Offertory for the weekend of February 28th was \$11,030. 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](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com).

**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. 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 scheduling baptisms one each Sunday after the 10:30am mass. For info, call 654-5519 or email [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com).

**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.**

**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. There are priests at the hospitals if you are in need of someone to visit in person. To contact them, call Pastoral Services at 302-733-1280. Thank you.

**Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Michael Lichens from Sophia Institute Press will discuss the classic Lenten book, "The Pain of Christ and the Sorrow of God," by Fr. Gerald Vann. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at the website [www.cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/Catholicforum).**

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