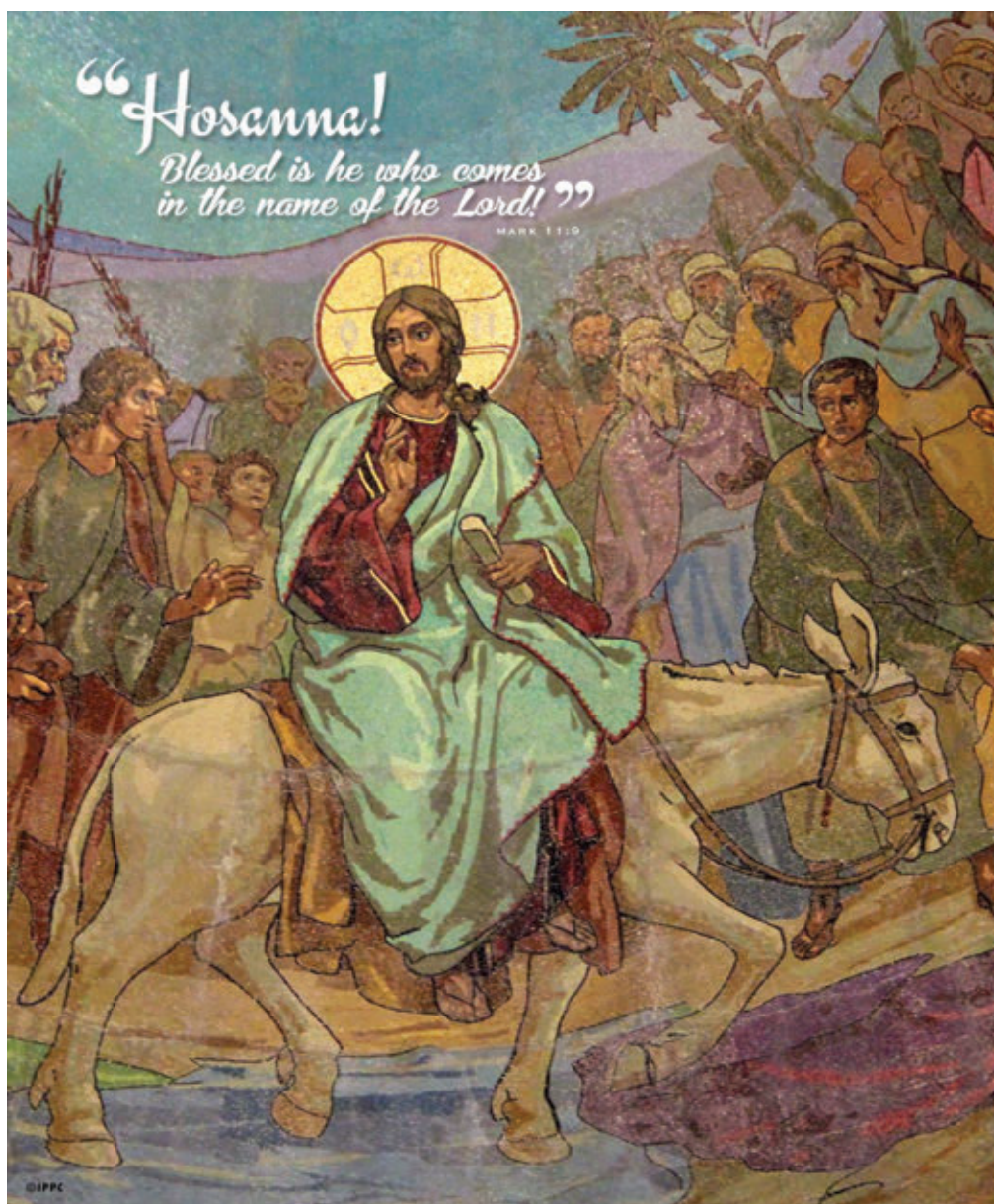


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March 28, 2021

Rev. John J. Mink, Pastor

Rev. Richard Jasper, Associate Pastor

Mrs. Pat Grant – St. Ann's School Principal (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

RECTORY HOURS 9AM-4PM Monday to Friday

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD MARCH 28, 2021

Dear Parishioners...

Come Celebrate with Our Parish! On the evening of Holy Thursday, Lent comes to an end, and we enter into the "Three Days" that are the center of our year: The Sacred Paschal Triduum. On these Three Days, the Church is at its best. In song, scripture and ritual we proclaim the heart of what we believe and celebrate all year. This year we have a better opportunity to celebrate in St. Ann's Church than we did last year. Whether at church or home this year, we take the time during the Triduum to reflect on the central reality of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus. During these three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil, Christians renew their vows and new Christians are initiated. These are the "high holy days" of Christianity. Because of the importance of these days, we are not merely invited: We are all needed to be present in the Church. All of us need the whole community together on its greatest days, the evening April 1st through the evening of April 3rd in this year of the Lord, 2021 and on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Begin plans now to celebrate with your community the three most important days in our year.

Together we journey through Lent. Together we come to the font to renew our Baptismal promises. Together we share the joy of the Easter feast as we share in the Eucharist banquet of heaven. Join us for this year's Paschal Triduum!Prayerfully yours, Fr. Mink

EASTER SUNDAY RESERVATIONS

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

ALL Masses will be celebrated in Church. **You will be or have already been informed of your Mass time and directed to a certain pew at the Mass to which you have been assigned. No additions can be made to the number of reservations you requested.** We did our best to accommodate the Easter Mass your requested however there are only a certain amount of spots available for each mass. Although we are permitted to hold 50 percent of our church's capacity, due to social distancing restrictions we held 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. If you still want to attend one of the three Easter Sunday masses but have not reserved a spot, please contact the rectory for any availability.**

The remaining schedule for Holy Week is as follows: 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



Visit our Facebook page to join the St. Ann Church Wilmington Facebook Group and connect with other parishioners and the Church. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stannchurch>

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

The St. Ann “APP”: Associate Pastor’s Perspective - There was a woman who used to sit in front of us every Sunday at Mass when I was quite young -- Mrs. Della-something-or-other. My Mom always made me say hello, even though Mrs. D. wasn’t always the friendliest of parishioners. As the decades have passed and I moved on to different parishes and vocations in my life, I don’t remember much about her, but these two things will be forever burned in my memory: she had a head of blond hair spun like cotton candy that always blocked my view of the altar and she always grabbed fistfuls of palm on Palm Sunday like there was no tomorrow. And I mean fistfuls.

I could never understand why I was only allowed to take one measly greenish-brown piece while this lady in front of me could have thatched a roof with what she had. Why didn’t Father Gallagher yell at HER for taking so much? Why didn’t my Mom slap HER hand like she did mine when I tried to take more than my fair share?

Palm greed was taking hold even at that young age, folks ...

What I have since come to find-out, however, is that Mrs. Della-something had a purpose for her thievery (at least as I saw it at the time): she used to make palm crosses to be placed on the graves of her family, as well as on the tombs of the forgotten in our tiny parish cemetery. They were works of art, and the time it took to braid and shape these crosses clearly became prayer for her as she made these crosses to honor and remember those who had gone before her, many of whom she herself never knew. What a beautiful way to remind the world that another’s life mattered, even if we did not personally know him or her.

I don’t see too many elaborate palm crosses decorating graves anymore when I am at cemeteries for burial services. I suppose the tradition went when Mrs. Della-something’s generation passed away. Wherever her grave may be, I do hope that someone in her family is continuing the tradition. Maybe, too, in her honor: the next time we visit a cemetery, pray a prayer for an unknown person whose grave never seems to have any visitors. We never know how that prayer might free the soul from purgatory and bless the family.

It would certainly make Mrs. Della-Something very happy!

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Lenten Confessions

Wednesday, March 31st (after the 8am mass) from 8:45am-9:30am

Holy Thursday (NO MORNING MASS) Reservations not required – first come first serve basis

Thursday, April 1st. 7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm.

Good Friday (NO MORNING MASS) Reservations not required – first come first serve basis

Friday, April 2nd. 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

Friday, April 2nd 7pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday (NO MORNING MASS) Reservations not required – first come first serve basis

Saturday, April 3rd. 7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter

*Sunday, April 4th. Masses are 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED***

Daily Mass

Monday April 5th through Friday April 9th is at 9am ONLY

The Rectory closes are 2pm on Holy Thursday and remains closed on Good Friday.

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.

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 27

**8:00 A.M. Charles H. McKinney

4:00 P.M. Theresa Van Scoy

Raymond Trabbold

Sunday March 28 Palm Sunday

7:30 A.M. Robert Nicholas Melchiorre

10:30 A.M. John Volk

Monday March 29

**6:30A.M. Intention of Leontina Juliani

8:00 A.M. Jim Green

Tuesday March 30

**6:30 A.M. Dorothy N. Konency

8:00 A.M. Georgina C. Sheing & Henry A.

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Wednesday March 31

**6:30 A.M. Mary Doherty

8:00 A.M. John Carney

Thursday April 1 Holy Thursday

7:00 P.M. Intentions of the Priests

Friday April 2 Good Friday

3:00 P.M. No Intentions

Saturday April 3 Holy Saturday

7:30 P.M. Kathy Godley

Sunday April 4 Easter

7:30 A.M. Veronica Volk

9:30 A.M. Elaine Morole

11:30 A.M. Sandra Barthel

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 March 14th was \$12,714. As always – thank you for your kind and generous support to St. Ann's.

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St. Ann School Alumni – Become a member!
Send your contact info to alumassoc@st-ann.net.



We recently welcomed Superintendent Dr. Lou De Angelo and members of the diocesan Catholic Schools Office to St. Ann School for a comprehensive evaluation. We received a very favorable report that commended the school in a variety of areas:

Commendations - Catholic Identity

- St. Ann School possesses a strong mission statement that inspires and directs action.
- Prayer is evident throughout the school day in all grades and in a variety of formats.
- Catholic Identity is prevalent and prominent throughout the school environment.
- The celebration of Mass is provided regularly for the school community.
- Multiple opportunities for participation in service are made available to students and their families.

Commendations - Academics and Technology

- Observations and artifacts suggest a strong and challenging academic program is in place.
- A variety of instructional strategies were observed throughout the school visit.
- A high level of student engagement across grade levels was observed.
- Quality time on task in classroom instruction was evident.

Commendations - Facilities and Safety

- Continued maintenance of the school building is evident. The development of a preventive maintenance plan demonstrates thorough planning.
- COVID compliance and planning throughout the school, along with the expenditures for supplies and resources COVID, show the commitment to student and staff health and safety.

Commendations - School Community

- St. Ann School offers a welcoming and hospitable school environment and personnel.
- An excellent working relationship is observable among pastor, associate pastor, principal, and business manager.
- Strong parental interest and support demonstrate a good home-school relationship.

FEED THE HUNGRY Program. The program continues throughout Lent. Please 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.

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