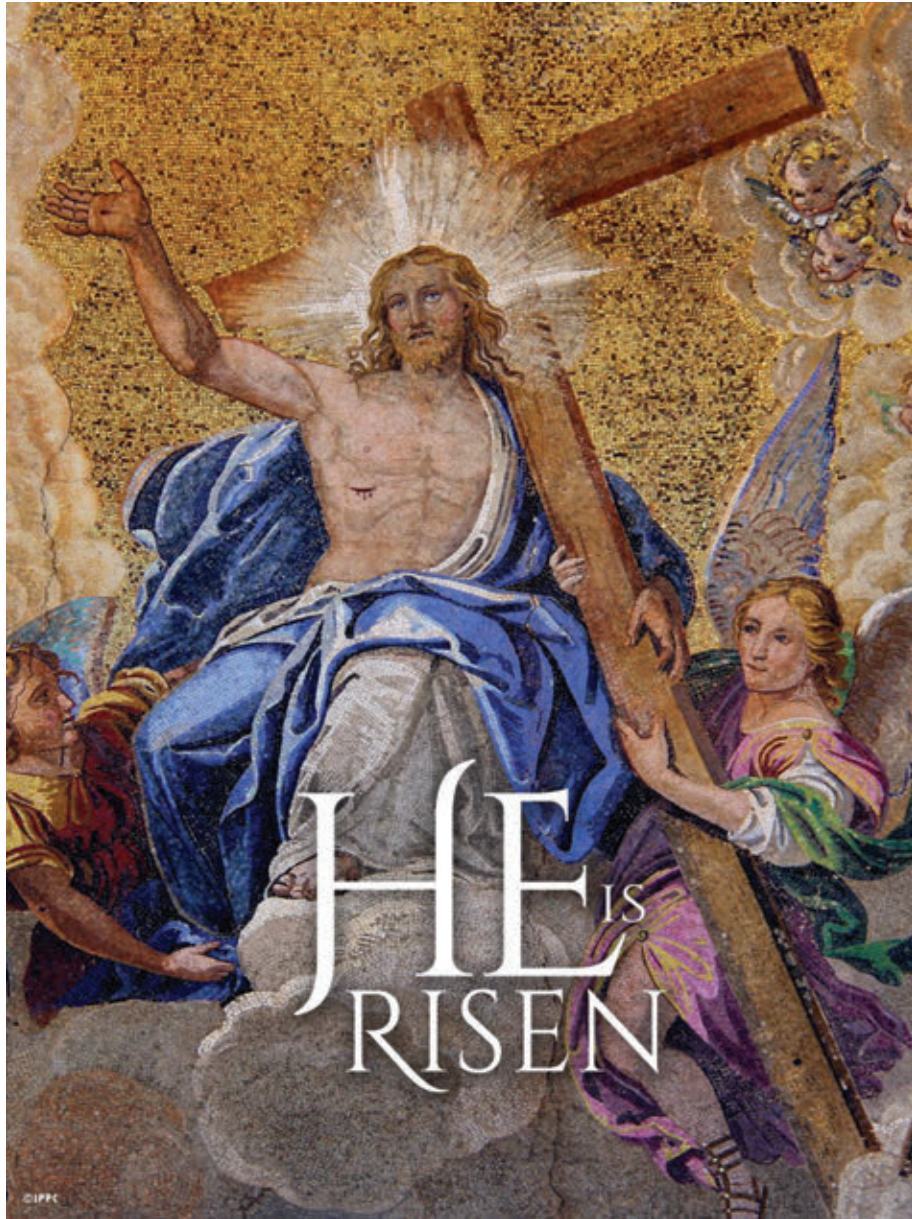


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*April 4, 2021*

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**Rev. Richard Jasper, Associate Pastor**

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

***MASSES***

Saturday Vigil

Sunday

***CONFESSIONS***

Saturday

4:00 PM

7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

8:45 AM

***DAILY MASSES***

Monday through Friday

8:00AM

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## EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021

### **Dear Parishioners...**

We rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior!!! On this glorious Easter Day we have much to celebrate! **“Gaude et laetare, Alleluia, Qua surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia.” “Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia, for the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.”** Christ our Light has destroyed death forever and has given us the hope of Resurrection as well. The power of the Resurrection creates worshipers and witnesses to proclaim and announce the Good News. Our parish rejoices with the gift of our new witnesses of our Holy Catholic Faith, initiated at our Easter Vigil Celebration. The celebration of new life during this Easter Season gives us renewed hope in a world that is increasingly without moral direction. We walk by the light of faith, and will never be lost. I wish you and your families a Blessed Easter. Welcome home to our college students and returning parishioners gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter. May God Bless You!

**...Prayerfully yours, Fr. Mink**

**The St. Ann “APP”:** Associate Pastor’s Perspective - This time last year, many of us were celebrating our Church’s most joyous feast in ways we never imagined: no public Mass; no large family gatherings; no public Easter egg hunts or other “normal” holiday traditions. It was difficult, challenging and sad in many ways.

But then again, so was the first Easter Sunday morning. Disciples were scattered, alone and unsure of where to go next. Calvary was not what they expected, no matter how many times Jesus told them it was where he must go out of love.

And yet, even in their brokenness and confusion, God still came to them in the chaos of their lives that Easter morning. He gave them signs of hope and a direction to move forward. He gathered them into a small community to pray together and help the others who walked away from Jesus find him again. It was moments of mini-resurrection after THE Resurrection.

I hope that as we look back on this very challenging year -- from last Easter Sunday until now – we too can find some mini-resurrection moments in our lives: coming to Mass again; hugging a friend after being vaccinated; even just knowing that neighbors and strangers alike seem a little less frightened and anxious. There is hope.

Ultimately, that is the message of Easter: hope in the promise that God walks with us, loves us in every moment of our lives, and guides us in sharing that love with others. His Resurrection raises us up to be a community of hope and light for others. It’s what St. Ann’s has always been known for, and I dare say that now more than ever, this community is and must continue to be a Church that always points to the daily Easter moments all around us.

With the eyes and heart of faith, we will see them. With love, we will lead others to see them, too. That is our Easter challenge: hold onto the mini-resurrection moments that come our way, and then share them with the world around you.

Blessed Easter to you and your loved ones from all of us at St Ann Parish and School.

**Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our church for Holy Week! There is so much time and effort that goes into “staging” the church. We appreciate what you do!**

**Just a reminder that daily mass this week is at 9am ONLY. The normal mass schedule will resume Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Also we know more and more people from our parish have received the COVID vaccination which is wonderful! However, masks are still required in church whether you are vaccinated or not. Thank you for your cooperation.**



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>.



Confirmation Update: **Holy Spirit: Prepare the way of truth and love!**

Students in the Confirmation program are working diligently to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They are welcoming the Holy Spirit into their lives each and every day. What does it mean to be a confirmed Catholic? It means taking time to be with Jesus. It means showing yourself as a true follower of Jesus. It means welcoming others who are different than ourselves. It means being kinder to those in need. It means not judging others. It means embracing God's love in all people. When we think of how we are as a person, we hold Jesus and His love in our hearts. Can we graciously say we show His love to all? That is how Jesus wants us to be. We ask you to partner in prayer with us as we prepare for this amazing sacrament. Transform us, Holy Spirit!

**Happy Easter St. Ann Families and visitors!** Do you have a child of school age looking for Religious Education? If you are interested in our PREP or Sacraments Program please visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/stannwilmington.com/stannreligiouseducation/home>. We have a survey for you to complete to provide input on what next year might look like. Have a blessed day!

**Knights of Columbus – Delaware State Council 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Vocation Essay Contest  
Catholic Elementary Schools – St. Ann’s Winners. CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

--5<sup>th</sup> Grade - *My Unforgettable Story About A Priest, Nun, Religious Brother, or Deacon*

**WINNER: VERA C.**

--6<sup>th</sup> Grade - *Five Character Traits That I Admire In A Priest, Nun, Religious Brother or Deacon*

**WINNER: CASEY M.**

--7<sup>th</sup> Grade - *Life Style Changes That Must Be Made For A Religious Vocation*

**WINNER: ANNA B.**

--8<sup>th</sup> Grade - *Why We Need Dedicated Leaders In The Religious Life Today*

**WINNER: MOLLY M.**

**2021 Annual Catholic Appeal – *Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope*** - In the Resurrection of Jesus we find hope and the prospect of everlasting life in heaven. But to obtain eternal life, we must recognize Christ's call to be His witnesses. We must become his obedient servants.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, “Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope”, brings hope and the good news of Christ's love to thousands of families and individuals throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Funds generated through the Appeal help provide critical financial support to more than thirty pastoral, charitable and educational ministries.

With continuing impact caused by the pandemic, when employment has dropped and the hardships of the needy have increased, the hope for the generosity of our parishioners is needed more than ever.

Many of you have received information about this year's Appeal through the mail. Please take time to read the materials provided prayerfully considering your response. To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal visit the diocesan website at [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal). Consider viewing a brief video highlighting some of the supported ministries at <https://youtu.be/1789oOHmTkg>.

**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 rules.**



**On Behalf of everyone here at St. Ann's, we want to wish a very “Happy Easter” to all of our St. Ann's Parishioners and their families, as well as everyone visiting with us today. Thank you for all your support during these trying COVID times! We are truly blessed!**

## 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 April 3 Holy Saturday**

7:30 P.M. Kathy Godley

### **Sunday April 4 Easter Sunday**

7:30 A.M. Veronica Volk

9:30 A.M. Elaine Morole

11:30 A.M. Sandra Barthel

### **Monday April 5**

9:00 A.M. Lynn Murphy Procak & Rick Murphy

### **Tuesday April 6**

9:00 A.M. Jim Kipp

### **Wednesday April 7**

9:00 A.M. John & Jane Yannello

Gary Miller

### **Thursday April 8**

9:00 A.M. Stephen & Anna Smith

### **Friday April 9**

9:00 A.M. John F. "Coby" Maloney, K of C

### **Saturday, April 10**

**\*\*8:00 A.M.** Henry, John & Jimmy Mauk

4:00 P.M. Thomas W. Faulkner, Sr.

John Laganosky

### **Sunday April 11**

7:30 A.M. John R. Dougherty

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 March 21st was \$11,688. 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).

**St. Ann School Alumni** – Become an Alumni Association Member! Send your contact info to [alumassoc@st-ann.net](mailto:alumassoc@st-ann.net). The info we would need is name, address, phone, email & grad year.

**The rectory will be closed Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and will reopen Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**



## HOLY MOMENTS



**Pray for the repose of the soul for our recently departed:**

**HUGH HORNING**

**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.** Happy Easter! Next Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Mary Joe Frohlich will discuss the Solidarity Partnership between the Diocese of Wilmington and the Diocese of San Marcos, Guatemala. 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](http://www.facebook.com/Catholicforum).

**FEED THE HUNGRY.** We thank all those who generously donated food for the hungry during Lent. Your generosity has been felt by those distributing your donation and those receiving your donations.

We ask you to continue your generosity each week, by placing can food and dry goods in the Knights of Columbus containers in our church vestibule, because the hungry need food every day. God bless you!

**RETROUVAILLE** - 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. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of April 16-18, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential



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