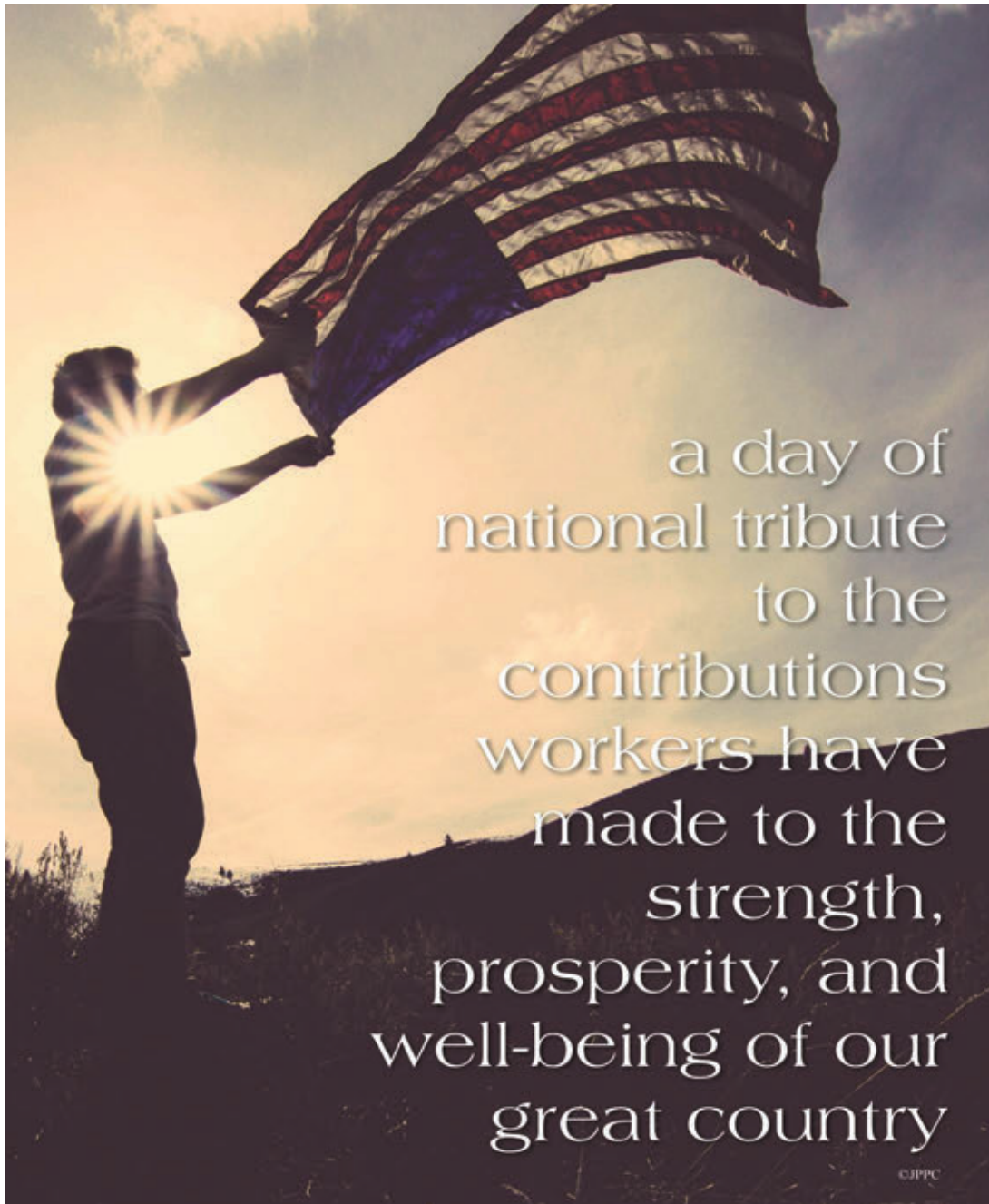


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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

Sunday

Monday through Friday

4:00 PM

7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

8:00AM

CONFESSIONS - Saturday 8:30am-9:30am in the
Sacristy, face to face.

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

The St. Ann “APP”: Associate Pastor’s Perspective -In my first-ever job as a 14-year-old, I worked briefly for a summer – a lousy 8 weeks – as a busboy at a diner we locals called “The Blue Vomit.” That nickname says all you need to know about that experience.

As a high school sophomore, however, I was hired to work as a cashier and stock boy for a mom-and-pop pharmacy that valiantly tried for many years to give the bigger chain-stores a run for their money. By the time I left that job upon graduation from college, I had not only become a pharmacy-tech, but had also grown to love the people I worked with for so many years. We had become a family, of sorts, and the pharmacist-owner had become almost like a second-father to me. I was blessed to have learned so much from my years at that corner drugstore, not only about the value of hard work but also about caring for others who often came to us in pain and while ill.

I know it’s common for most of us to complain about work; it bonds us with our co-workers and friends, somehow. “I live for the weekends,” many say, and we constantly count the days until the next vacation. None of this is necessarily bad, of course.

And yet, as we pause this weekend to celebrate Labor Day, may we never forget the sacred value our Lord and His Church has placed on the dignity of work and, most especially of the worker. After all, Jesus – God Himself – “spent most of his life working with his hands, dedicated to this task in a simple life which awakened no admiration at all” (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*). As our *Catechism* states (2427/2428): “Work honors the Creator’s gifts and the talents received from Him. Work is for the human person, not the human person for work.”

Let us pray in a special way this weekend for all who are struggling to find employment (as well as workers), and to give thanks to God for the opportunities we have had along the way to make a good living, provide for ourselves and our families, and form friendships that often last a lifetime as a result of the work experiences shared together.

And maybe someday, I will be able to thank God for the summer spent busing tables at the Blue Vomit.

2022 Mass Intentions - We are now accepting Mass requests for the calendar year 2022.

Many of you ask for Masses to be said regularly for deceased loved ones, and some ask that these Masses be offered on specific dates. Your special requests will be honored to the extent possible and we do our best to accommodate you, but we ask for your patience and understanding in this regard. In addition, since it frequently happens that there is more than one request for certain dates and times, it is possible that there will be more than one Intention for a particular Mass.

For the foreseeable future, the Mass times will continue to follow the schedule set to comply with COVID-19 guidelines. All Masses said at St. Ann's will be announced in the bulletin, whether said publicly in the church or said privately by a parish priest.

Scheduling begins in mid-October so it is important that requests be received by October 1, 2021. If you would like to be informed of the dates and times of your scheduled Masses, please include a self addressed stamped envelope, a phone number or an email address so that we can contact you. The suggested stipend for each Mass is \$10 and stipends must accompany your requests. Thank you.

Choir and Cantors: Calling All Singers!

Greetings, St. Ann’s parishioners! We welcome all who are interested to join us for the first choir rehearsal of the season on **Thursday, September 9th from 7:00-8:15pm** in the Social Hall. No experience is necessary... just bring your voice! We will sing together, share some ideas for the year, and socialize. In addition, if you are interested in serving as a cantor, we would love to add more singers to our rotation. Please contact Andrew Trites with thoughts and questions: atrites@stannwilmington.com.

Emmanuel Dining Room - Next meal delivery is Wednesday September 8 - We need donations of cases of water, cases of fruit cup, cases of granola bars , and if you prefer a monetary donation . The recipients of our donations are truly grateful. Thank you for your help. Please drop off at 2413 W 17th street or call Clair for pickup at 302 893 7182.



School is beginning and our in person PREP program will begin for **grades 1 through 8 on October 3rd at 9:00 am. Our parent meeting is September 19th and 22nd.** If you have a child in a public or private school we look forward to having your child join us in learning about Jesus. Please register as soon as possible. Hard copy registrations are located in the church or you can register at stannwilmington.com/religious_education. If you have any questions or concerns about in the program please call Mrs. Melody Haley at 302-654-8504, or email mhaley@stannwilmington.com Monday through Thursday. ***If any child wants to make their First Communion in 2023 they need to be enrolled in the 1st grade program for 2021/2022 PREP year.***

We still need volunteers for PREP. If you would like to help teach or be an aid please let me know. Our PREP teacher meeting/training is on Sunday September 12th. Please call Mrs. Melody Haley at 302-654-8504 or email mahaley@stannwilmington.com , Monday through Thursday.



Reconciliation/First Holy Communion

Reconciliation preparation begins on October 3rd. The parent meeting is on September 26th & 28th. If your child is in 2nd grade with one year prior religious education (last year) and are a parishioner at St. Ann's attending SAS, Public/Private or another Catholic School please register as soon as possible. Hard copy registrations are located in the church or you can register at stannwilmington.com/religious_education. If you have any questions or concerns about in the program please call Mrs. Melody Haley at 302-654-8504 or email mahaley@stannwilmington.com , Monday through Thursday.

Confirmation begins October 3rd. If you have a child with one year prior religious education (last year) and are a parishioner of St. Ann's attending SAS, Public/Private or another Catholic School please register as soon as possible. Hard copy registrations are located in the church or you can register at stannwilmington.com/religious_education. If you have any questions or concerns about in the program please call or email Mrs., Lynne Dickinson, mdickinson@thesaintannschoo.org or Mrs. Melody Haley, mhaley@stannwilmington.com at 302-654-8504, Monday through Thursday.

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.

FOOD FOR GOD'S HUNGRY CHILDREN. We are collecting canned goods, (bagged food or food in plastic containers too) and dry foods for those who are hungry. Parishioners can leave such food in the marked Knights of Columbus containers in the vestibule of our Saint Ann Church. Foods that are needed include: Powdered/dry milk or milk that does not need refrigeration; Hamburger helper; Green beans; Pasta or Rice; Tuna or other packaged meats in cans or packages; Fruit juice boxed or bottled; and Fruit in cans or packages.

For your convenience, there are reusable plastic bags near the Knights of Columbus containers in the vestibule that you make take to bring food back to SAINT ANN FOOD FOR GOD'S HUNGRY Program.

Need to register for St. Ann's? Visit our website www.stannwilmington.com and under the Parish Information button, select parish registration. You can either print the form and drop off to the rectory or fill out online and email it back to us. If you have questions, just call the rectory at 302-654-5519 or email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com.

Mass Intentions

****Priests will be saying Mass Intentions privately for each 6:30am daily mass & the 8am Saturday Mass**

Saturday September 4

**8:00 A.M. Clair Hanovan

4:00P.M. Jane Ingram

Peter Morole

Sunday September 5

7:30 A.M. Kathryn Murphy Sellers

10:30 A.M. Braun & Mooney families

Peter Morole

Monday September 6 Labor Day

9:00 A.M. Margaret McLaughlin

Barbara Hammerer

Tuesday September 7

**6:30 A.M. Theresa Kavanaugh

8:00 A.M. Virginia Schenck

Wednesday September 8

**6:30 A.M. Ann Mulvena

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

Marta Maria C. Pelypec

Thursday September 9 St. Peter Claver

**6:30 A.M. Deceased members of the Regan & Sorbara families

8:00 A.M. Kelly & Azar families

Philip Lavelle

Friday September 10

**6:30 A.M. Paul D. & Marie Bradley

8:00 A.M. Letitia Mulrine

Saturday September 11

**8:00 A.M. Alfonso Lopez

4:00P.M. Intention of Joanne & Don Brownlowe

Sunday September 12

7:30 A.M. Rose Julian

10:30 A.M. Lee Husbands

Ashle Bailey

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 August 22 was \$12,298. 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 – Visit our website and click the Parish Giving Button.



HOLY MOMENTS



WE CONGRATULATE

MIA MICHAEL SCHWAB
Alexander & Sarah Schwab

who was welcomed into the Christian community through Baptism

St. Ann's COVID Guidelines – Fully vaccinated individuals can choose whether or not to wear a mask - Those unvaccinated or not yet fully vaccinated **must** continue to wear a mask. The mass times will remain as is for now – 4pm on Saturdays, 7:30am and 10:30am on Sundays. **MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED FOR VISITING THE RECTORY – Thank you...**

CYM NEWS - The CYM Office is looking for two dynamic young leaders (10th-12th grade) from each parish to join the Diocesan Youth leadership Team for the 2021-22 school year. Leaders should display first and foremost a desire to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and a willingness to learn the skills to bring their faith into active roles in their parish and community. The six meetings for this year are scheduled for 9-26, 10-17, 11-14, 2-6, 3-20 and 5-1. All of these dates are Sundays and meetings generally take place in the afternoon. To register, visit <https://www.cdowcym.org/news/detail/youth-leadership-team-registration-2021/18406/>. The deadline to register is Friday, September 17th. For info, contact Dan Pin at dpin@cdow.org.

Marian Pilgrimage with Bishop William E. Koenig at the Basilica of the National Shrine – September 25th from 10am-4pm. Bus departing from St. Joseph on the Brandywine at 730am and returning at 7pm. The cost is \$32 per person. For more info, contact Linda Mondzelewski at 302-584-7872 or lmondzp@verizon.net.

Welcome back to all our St. Ann' School kids for the 2021-22 school year. We wish them as well as our teachers and staff, a safe and faith filled year! Just a reminder that the School and Rectory are closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Mass that day is at 9am only.



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