## ST. ANN'S CHURCH THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – January 9, 2022 2013 Gilpin Avenue. Wilmington, Delaware 19806-2294

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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.



## PARISH CLERGY Rev. John J. Mink, Pastor Rev. Richard J. Jasper, Associate Pastor Mr. Matthew F. Boyer, Esq., Permanent Deacon Mr. James M. Gebhart, Seminarian Intern

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. **EUCHARISTIC 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: Andrew Trites Email atrites@stannwilmington.com Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays 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

2006 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington, DE 19806-2295 Tel: (302) 652-6567 Fax: 652-1241 www.thesaintannschool.org For info contact Mrs. Pat Grant - Principal, pgrant@thesaintannschool.org Mrs. Bonnie Tsaldaris – info & admissions btsaldaris@thesaintannschool.org.

#### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Student PREP, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist For info contact the office: 654-8504 or email Mrs. Melody Haley, Coordinator of Rel. Ed. at mhaley@stannwilmington.com

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM (Grade 8)** For info contact Mrs. Lynne Dickinson, Coordinator mdickinson@thesaintannschool.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 <u>pcullen@stannwilmington.com</u>.

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 9TH, 2022

<u>The St. Ann "APP"</u>: Associate Pastor's Perspective - As so many of us were affected by the passing of actress Betty White on New Year's Eve at the age of 99, I wanted to share this prayer I had written at the news of her passing. Hopefully, there are some faith-and-life lessons we can all hold onto:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift that Betty White has been to all of us for so long.

She was a constant presence in our homes and hearts...

She made us laugh in countless ways, from sitcoms and game shows to movie and sketch comedy cameos.

For so many of us, she was a presence of joy at times in our lives when we needed a reminder that laughter does, in fact, help heal wounded and broken hearts. Even if only for a half hour each week, she helped us move beyond grief and worry and pain to a place where hope glimmers.

She united us, no matter the generation. Somehow we all just knew Betty -- the actress and the human being -- saw us as friends along for the ride, and she certainly showed us it is definitely a beautiful ride worth taking.

Some may argue we make too much of a big deal about the passing of celebrities. Perhaps so. Most of us will never get the Betty tributes that have already started filling our social media pages.

But, Lord, I know this one thing is true about her passing from us:

She taught us by the way she lived that each of us can make a difference in the lives of others with the gifts and talents we've been given.

She reminded us that joy unites us in ways few things can, and it costs nothing to make another person smile.

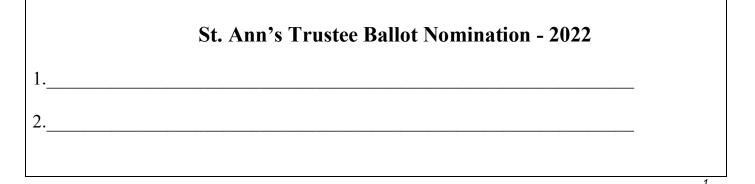
She showed us that it's okay to reinvent ourselves from time to time, and that life certainly doesn't end after a certain age.

And maybe most of all -- especially now when we need the reminder -- Betty helped us see that all life is a gift ... a gift meant to be shared ... a gift meant to bring light and laughter and love to others.

May we strive to all live Betty's 100th year the way she lived her 99. Nothing would make her happier. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord ...

And thank You. Amen.

**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. The by-laws of the Corporation and the statutes of the Diocese of Wilmington provide for five trustees; the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Pastor, and a priest so designated by the Bishop, (these days it is the Chancellor of the Diocese) and two (2) lay persons are to be elected each January by duly registered members of the parish in the meeting called by the President (the Pastor). *That election is scheduled for TODAY Sunday - January 9th, after the 10:30am Mass. If you would like to vote in this election, please fill out the nomination below and put in the basket as you are leaving church.* Our current lay trustees are Charles Klous and David O'Connor



**Prayer Vigil for Life-** In conjunction with the Vigil taking place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on the same dates, St. Ann's Parish will be hosting a Prayer Vigil for Life starting on **Thursday, January 20th at 6:30 pm** with a Holy Hour for Life. The Holy Hour will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, hymns, a reflection, a Litany for Life, and Benediction. Our vigil will conclude with the 8:00 am Mass on **Friday, January 21st**, which will be a Votive Mass for Life. Rosary for Life to follow after Mass. The Holy Hour, Mass, and Rosary will all take place in St. Ann's Church. Please consider joining us for all, or part, of the Prayer Vigil for Life.

**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 <u>stannschurch@stannwilmington.com</u> or call us at 654-5519. Thank you.



SAVE THE DATE - Our annual Day of Giving to St Ann School is on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 from 12 noon. On this day we ask you to give generously to show support and celebrate your local Catholic school.

During the week-long celebration from January 30 to February 5, St Ann School will organize activities to celebrate the value Catholic education provides to young people and its ongoing contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

**Hospital Visitations** – Make sure to email the Rectory at <u>stannschurch@stannwilmington.com</u> or call 654-5519 if you are in the hospital and would like the rectory to know. The pastoral services at the hospitals are no longer making weekly calls to update us on admissions.

SAVE THE DATE WHEN ST. ANN PARISH AND SCHOOL CELEBRATES "MISS SHEILA O'CALLAGHAN (or MISS O)" FOR HER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ST. ANN SCHOOL - Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-9:30pm. Please join us for an evening of delicious food, wonderful memories, auctions, Irish music and special presentations – including our own Irish dancers! Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 10. With Miss O's blessing we have established the SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS FUND in her honor. This fund will provide opportunity and diversity to under-served students and families in our community for whom a Catholic education is out of reach. To make a donation go to www.stannwilmington.com/MissO.

**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 <u>stannschurch@stannwilmington.com</u> or call 654-5519.

*Listen to* Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Catholic forum returns when Mr. Rusty Giles from St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin, Delaware will discuss the history of the parish as they begin their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Catholic Forum airs on Saturdays at 1:30pm on Relevant Radio 640 or listen online anytime at <u>www.cdow.org/CatholicForum</u>.

## Mass Intentions

\*\*Priests will be saying Mass Intentions privately for each 6:30am daily mass & the 8am Saturday Mass Saturday January 8 \*\*\*8:00 A.M. Martha Lawler Ford 4:00 P.M. James J. Gallagher. Sr. George J. Mahoney Sunday January 9 7:30 A.M. Paul D. & Marie Bradley \*\*\*9:00 A.M. Braun & Mooney families (PREP) \*\*\*Not a public mass 10:30 A.M. David Foote Jack Conaty Monday January 10 \*\*6:30 A.M. Msgr. Paul J. Taggart 8:00 A.M. Deceased members of the Ackerman, Eckrich and Cleaver families **Tuesday January 11** \*\*6:30 A.M. Intention of Connie & Frank Varone 8:00 A.M. Robert J. & Martha M. Churn Wednesday January 12 \*\*6:30 A.M. The Kelly & Azar families 8:00 A.M. Janet Salacki Thursday January 13 \*\*6:30 A.M. James L. Kurfuerst 8:00 A.M. Marie Draper Mozeleski Friday January 14 \*\*\*6:30 A.M. Marcella Trafas 8:00 A.M. Annette Orga Henry & Theresa Deptula Saturday January 15 \*\*\*8:00 A.M. Bettyanne DiSabatino 4:00 P.M. M/M Francis T. Smith Nora G. Hogan & Terrance Dolan Sunday January 16 7:30 A.M. John Andrew-Short 10:30 A.M. Victor J. Bilotta John MacDonald Giffen 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 26th was \$15075 and for Christmas it was \$15822. 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

HARRIET ELIZABETH MACEY-MACLEOD

Daughter of Edward & Catherine MACEY-MACLEOD

who was welcomed into the Christian community through Baptism

The National Prayer Vigil for Life - will take place from Thursday, January 20 through Friday, January 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The January 20 Opening Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. (Eastern) and will be immediately followed by a 7:00-8:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Life, concluding the evening portion of the Vigil program. Both the Mass and Holy Hour will be televised live by EWTN so that millions can participate remotely. The following morning, the Closing Mass on January 21 will take place once again at the Basilica at 8:00 a.m. (Eastern), and will also be televised by EWTN. The latest update concerns attendance for the Vigil. Both for the evening of January 20 and the morning of January 21, the on-site prayer events at the Basilica will be open to the public. There is no longer a seating limit. No advance reservations are needed. No tickets are required. Everyone is welcome to attend any part of the Vigil program. As always, there is no reserved seating inside the Basilica for the public, and everyone will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please also note, due to the pandemic, that the Basilica will still be enforcing it's guidelines for entry for individuals and groups attending the Vigil.

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE:** Providing help for marriage problems or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u> or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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