

ST. ANN'S CHURCH
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – January 16, 2022

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

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

Sunday

7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Monday through Friday

8:00AM



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Chapel of the Divine Mercy info call 584-1422. Openings/Closings 655-1639

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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

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For info contact Mrs. Pat Grant - Principal,
pgrant@thesaintannschoool.org

Mrs. Bonnie Tsaldaris – info & admissions
btaldaris@thesaintannschoool.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@thesaintannschoool.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 pcullen@stannwilmington.com).

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 16TH, 2022

The St. Ann “APP”: Associate Pastor’s Perspective - I recently celebrated two weddings back-to-back, and each ceremony was as unique as the couples who came to exchange their sacred vows before God and His Church. In one wedding, the bride specifically asked that I find a way in my homily to challenge her family and friends to start coming back to Mass and the sacraments again; it was that important to her. In the other, the groom had as his best man the parish priest from Lancaster who was instrumental in his “reversion” to Catholicism many years ago. How cool is that? (I assure you it may very well be the only wedding I’ll ever celebrate in which the best man later joined me at the altar to concelebrate the Liturgy!)

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we read the story of the miraculous way that Christ – with a little help from his Mom (and ours) – intervened to save a wedding couple from embarrassment and, ultimately, bless and unite their love with His own. “Do whatever he (my Son) tells you,” Mary tells the waiters at the wedding ... and ultimately, speaks the same words to all of us, too.

In speaking with the best-man priest at wedding #2 during the rehearsal, he said something that has stayed with me in prayer, which I now share with you: “Young couples need this sacrament of Matrimony now more than ever,” he said. “Yes, God’s love is with them even if they marry at the courthouse or at a vacation destination, but how beautiful is it when the couple comes to church and stands before all of us to say to Christ: ‘We *want* you to be with us on the journey; we *need* you to be our strength through the joys and challenges of marriage and raising a family; and we ask you to be our Light so we can share it with others – especially our children and their children – as we make our way back Home together.’”

That’s the witness we need in our families today. The world is crying out for it, whether we realize it or not. Let us pray that more of our young couples who are planning marriages will be open to the grace of celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony, where our Lord is always present to change the water of the couple’s love into the beautiful and rich wine of His Presence with them, uniting them as one in Him and helping them to lay down their lives for one another and for the family they create together.

After all, our God *never* holds back the good wine for those who ask Him for it.

Election of Trustees –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). Elections were held on Sunday, January 9th after the 10:30am mass and the following trustees were elected: **David O’Connor and Charles Klous**. Thank you both for your continued service to St. Ann’s Church!

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.

COVID GUIDANCE UPDATES: Due to the rising numbers of positive COVID-19 cases, particularly the Omicron variant, the Diocese of Wilmington is issuing some protocols effective January 6th, 2022. This is not a complete listing of the updates.

-Parishes are to encourage all attendees to be masked while attending Mass.

-Mass attendees over the age of 5 who are not vaccinated for COVID-19 must wear a mask. (Parish will rely on the individual’s compliance with this guideline)

-Parishes may continue to make holy water available in fonts.

-Parishes may consider devoting a section of the pews for those who would prefer socially distanced seating, reserving every other pew.



Advanced Math students have been working very hard in learning about functions, equations, ratios and fractions. In addition to challenging themselves, they've made sure to keep their prayer life active in their learning of math through creating prayers that involve mathematical words. Here are some of their favorite examples:

Dear Lord, Help us to add love to our lives, subtract evil, multiply our faith and help us to see the right angle on life. Amen.

Dear God, $2+2=4$, together we can do more, $4+4=8$, we're great, $5+5=10$, let us pray again, $6+6=12$, let us all be well! Amen.

Oh God, Multiply the love, add the gratefulness, subtract the badness in the world and divide the gifts given. Amen.

In addition to incorporating prayer into our math class they have been competing in a Math League competition against other Catholic School students throughout the country! In February, they will participate in a different competition with students from all schools throughout the United States and Canada. -Submitted by Mrs. Marie Pier-Ingraham, St. Ann's Advanced Math/ Math Support Teacher, Religion Coordinator



Catholic Schools Week 2022
January 30–February 5

#CSW22
www.NCEA.org/csw

SAVE THE DATE - Our annual Day of Giving to St Ann School is on Tuesday, February 1st, 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.

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 19th 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.

SVDP GIVING TREE UPDATE - Thank you to all who participated in the 2021 SVDP GIVING TREE. Because of your generosity we were able to bring Christmas joy to over 100 of our neighbors in need. Approximately 65 of those receiving gifts were children. As always your kindness is appreciated! See you next year!

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 stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call us at 654-5519. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday January 17 Martin Luther King

9:00 A.M. Ted DiTaddeo

Rosemary Heron

Tuesday January 18

**6:30 A.M. Daniel Lehane

8:00 A.M. Gloria Manubay

Jim Keegan

Wednesday January 19

**6:30 A.M. Carl W. Sauer

8:00 A.M. Alice & John Fleming

Harris/Montague families

Thursday January 20 St. Fabian

**6:30 A.M. Janice Marie Carreras

8:00 A.M. Margaret McLaughlin

Friday January 21 St. Agnes

***6:30 A.M. Jane Isabelle (Wagner) O'Connor

8:00 A.M. Marcella Trafas

Jane Scott Mahoney

Saturday January 22

***8:00 A.M. James D. DeCarlo, K of C

4:00 P.M. Dorothy Abremski

James Keegan

Sunday January 23

7:30 A.M. Daniel O'Brien

10:30 A.M. Intention of Anita Flynn

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 January 2nd was \$15458. 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. For more info, feel free to contact the rectory.



HOLY MOMENTS



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

**PATRICIA DAVIS
CATHERINE MAUK**

Hospital Visitations – Make sure to email the Rectory at stannschurch@stannwilmington.com 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.

BAPTISMS 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 – approx 11:30pm. For more info, email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call 654-5519.

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.

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 www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

The Rectory and School will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.



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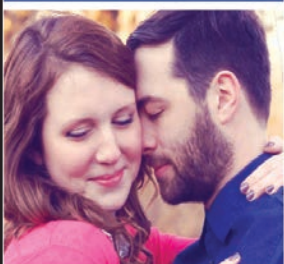
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