

ST. ANN'S CHURCH
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – January 22, 2023

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Monday through Friday

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

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 –Completion of Parent Baptismal Program with Godparent guidelines required before setting baptism date. Call the rectory for more info.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Chapel of the Divine Mercy call 584-1422. Openings/Closings (302)655-1639 or contact <http://www.adorationchapel.org>.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY - Provides emergency help/assistance to the needy. Call (302) 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 caregiver. We are happy to bring the sacraments.

PARISH MUSIC PROGRAM Director: Andrew Trites
Email atrites@stannwilmington.com Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays in the Social Hall at 7pm.

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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Ms. Rachael Casey - Principal,

rcasey@thesaintannschoool.org

Mrs. Bonnie Tsaldaris – info & admissions

btsaldaris@thesaintannschoool.org.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Student PREP, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

For info contact the office: (302) 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 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 (302)654-5519 or email pcullen@stannwilmington.com.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 22, 2023

The St. Ann “APP”: Associate Pastor’s Perspective I wrote the following reflection a few years ago for a Mass that was offered on the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. May we as a Church continue to be a prayerful, loving and supportive voice and presence for the unborn and their parents.

Beatitudes for Life reflection

Blessed are the poor in spirit – those who stand-up for the voiceless, the powerless ... the ones who need others to care for and protect them when our laws fail to do so.

Blessed are they who mourn – the mothers and fathers with regrets; who thought this was the only way out; who still have an emptiness in their heart and believe that God can’t love them. He never stops loving them.

Blessed are the meek – the women who chose adoption as another viable way; the scared-but-brave mothers who choose to bring a child to life no matter the cost or inconvenience; the unexpected parents who trust that God will help them find a way forward. He always helps us find a way forward.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness – who march and pray; who witness; who donate time, talent and treasure to Birthright and other women’s shelters across our land; who stand alongside those who are scared, suffering or impoverished in all its many forms; who remember that “pro-life” is more than just a womb issue.

Blessed are the merciful – those who know that life isn’t easy and decisions are often made in fear and due to lack of support; those who know that God never gives up on anyone and calls broken hearts back to healing. It’s never too late for mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart – the babies in the womb this very day; the 63 million lost; the ones who return to the Father much too soon.

Blessed are the peacemakers – the women and men who stand for Truth but also listen wholeheartedly to those who come from a different life experience; the peace-bringers to women who hurt and mourn; the ones who remember that so many among us carry hidden, heavy burdens that we never see this side of heaven; the ones who refuse to judge.

Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness sake – those who will never stop being the voice and heart for the ones considered less-than/inconvenient/a choice.

This month, we pray ... we offer-up little sacrifices ... we fast ... for the unborn and their parents, for moms who have had to make difficult decisions. We pray for creative and bold ways to be life-giving to those who need us in difficult pregnancies and challenging family decisions. We love the broken back to wholeness, which the Church is always called to do.

And we stay forever merciful – never stopping the fight until we can truly offer liberty and justice for all, no exceptions.

Glenmary Donations – It’s not too late to donate! The Glenmary Home Missioners do great work in serving the rural poor, establishing missions, and sharing the Good News of the Gospel by deeds as well as words. If you wish to contribute, there are envelopes in the back for your contribution. Find out more about the great work of Glenmary, go to: Glenmary.org. Thank you for your consideration and support!

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 15th 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!

Interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA classes have begun (Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30 pm) for those interested in joining the Church or for baptized Catholics who wish to complete their sacramental journey. It’s never too late to join the conversation! For more information, please email Fr Jasper: rjasper@stannwilmington.com.

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SOUPER BOWL INVITATION - We invite all our parishioners to join our Monsignor DEWSON Council 13821, Knights of Columbus, for our own SOUPER BOWL on the weekend of 11-12 February 2023. We ask you to bring cans of SOUP, any brand, any flavor, to the vestibule of our Saint Ann Church. The regular size cans of soup are best. We intend to bring some relief for some of the 50 million Americans, including one in four children, who are food insecure, meaning they lack consistent access to nutritious food. We can use as many cans of soup as you can bring, as many cans of soup as you can carry, as many cans of soup as you can afford! Bring your cans of soup by the bagful! Bring your cans of soup by the case! Bring cans of soup! Our Monsignor DEWSON Council 13821 Knights of Columbus will transport the cans of soup to the point of distribution for God's hungry children. God will reward you, if not in this world, in the next. This is in addition to our regular weekly collection of food.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear that Jesus "... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people." **In 2022, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by assisting 191 families with approximately \$69,000 worth of food, household items, utility payments, and rental assistance.**

Just a reminder that "The Feast of St. Blaise" will be celebrated the weekend of February 4th and 5th with the Blessing of Throats after every mass.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday January 21 St. Agnes

**8:00 A.M. Angelina "Ginny" Lewis

4:00 P.M. Diane Ackerman Pierce
Thomas & Anita McBride

Sunday January 22

7:30 A.M. James D. DeCarlo, K of C
Parishioners

10:30 A.M. R. Gregory Meese
Victor J Bilotta

Monday January 23 St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

6:30 A.M.** Leo Carreras

8:00 A.M. Sonny DeMeo

Tuesday January 24 St. Francis de Sales

6:30 A.M.** Roger Camp

8:00 A.M. Charles McKinney

Wednesday January 25

6:30 A.M.** Marie Camp

8:00 A.M. James J. Gallagher, Sr.
Claire Hanavan

Thursday January 26 Ss. Timothy & Titus

6:30 A.M.** Phyllis Episcopo

8:00 A.M. Daniel Doherty

Friday January 27 St. Angela Merici

6:30 A.M.** Gregory Iiams

8:00 A.M. Joseph Lofink, Sr.

Saturday January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

**8:00 A.M. Bill Biordi

4:00 P.M. Kathryn K. Monigle

Sunday January 29

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Kelly O'Sullivan

10:30 A.M. Margaret McLaughlin
Michael Fitzpatrick

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of January 8th was \$16,255. As always, thank you for your support!

ST. ANN'S PRAYER LINE – to place a name on the prayer line contact Susana Saldivar at susanasaldivar1@aol.com or 302-824-0161.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET US!!! Parish Giving is available for Online Offertory Giving – Visit our website and click the Parish Giving Button.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - January 23, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: respectlife.org/january-22.

LAST CALL for St. Ann's School Trivia Night January 28th. Contact Brian Klous at bklous@gmail.com or klousb@dnb.com to register your table!

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.

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. For more info, email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call 654-5519.

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass being held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1 pm at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, Delaware. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12. The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 noon and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by January 30th**. This year, you can register by clicking on <https://cdow.coursestorm.com/category/family-life-events> or by calling the office at 302-295-0657.

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