

## ST. ANN'S CHURCH

### *The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10-15-2023*

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*Saturday Vigil*

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*Sunday*

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*Monday through Friday*

8:00AM

**CONFESSIONS** - Saturday 8:30am-9:30am in the reconciliation room in the church vestibule.



#### PARISH CLERGY

*Rev. John J. Mink, Pastor*

*Rev. Eric Frimpong, Associate Pastor*

*Deacon Matthew Boyer, Esq.*

*Mr. Eric Gianforcaro, Seminarian*

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*Couples being married are to contact the director for an appointment several months before the requested date.*

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**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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For info contact the office: (302) 654-8504.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM (Grade 8)**

For info contact Mrs. Lynne Dickinson, Coordinator  
[mdickinson@thesaintannschoool.org](mailto: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 more info, contact Patrick Cullen at 654-5519 or email [pcullen@stannwilmington.com](mailto:pcullen@stannwilmington.com).

**THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2023**

**From Fr. Eric - Thoughts for this week, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time** ***"MANY ARE INVITED BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN."*** (Matthew 22:14) *This is a sobering parable. None of us want to end up like those villagers who became victims of the violence they had visited upon the king's servants (Matthew 22:7). And we certainly don't want to be like that poorly dressed wedding guest (22:13)! So how should we respond? Jesus wants *everyone* to enter his kingdom. His invitation is open to his enemies as well as his disciples, "bad and good alike" (Matthew 22:10). He welcomes all who come to him in humility, faith, and repentance—including you. And when you come, he showers you with mercy.*

What, then, was he seeking to teach us?

**1. This parable strikes the necessary balance.** It is true that the door is open to all men, but when they come, they must bring a life which seeks to fit the love which has been given to them. Grace is not only a gift; it is a grave responsibility. A man cannot go on living the life he lived before he met Jesus Christ. He must be clothed in a new purity and a new holiness and a new goodness. The door is open, but the door is not open for the sinner to come and remain a sinner, but for the sinner to come and become a saint.

**2. The way in which a man comes to anything demonstrates the spirit in which he comes.** If we go to visit in a friend's house, we do not go in the clothes we wear in the shipyard or the garden. We know very well that it is not the clothes which matter to the friend. It is not that we want to put on a show. It is simply a matter of respect that we should present ourselves in our friend's house as neatly as we can. The fact that we prepare ourselves to go there is the way in which we outwardly show our affection and our esteem for our friend. So it is with God's house. This parable has nothing to do with the clothes in which we go to church; it has everything to do with the spirit in which we go to God's house. It is profoundly true that church-going must never be a fashion parade.

**3. But there are **GARMENTS** of the mind and of the heart and of the soul--the garment of expectation, the garment of humble penitence, the garment of faith, the garment of reverence--and these are the garments without which we ought not to approach God.** Too often we go to God's house with no preparation at all; if every man and woman in our congregations came to church prepared to worship, after a little prayer, a little thought, and a little self-examination, then worship would be worship indeed--the worship in which and through which things happen in men's souls and in the life of the Church and in the affairs of the world.

**FROM THE PASTOR: PARISH STAFF RETIREMENT** - It is with sadness that I announce the retirement of our parish secretary Mrs. Jane Matyger after almost 17 years of faithful service to the St. Ann Parish family. Jane began her work here in July 2007, shortly after her retirement as a branch manager for WSFS Bank. Jane's management and customer service skills were put to good use in answering every phone call, email, and front door visitor over all these years. For those who have never met Jane in person, she is the pleasant, helpful, and calm voice on the other end of your phone call to the rectory. Jane will end her ministry of service on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Jane has also been the director of our 5 St. Ann School musicals over the last 7 years, spending many nights and weekends on rehearsals and keeping the cast and crew energized even through Covid. We appreciate her volunteer service to our school community. In addition, Jane is an accomplished children's author and has written seven books (Janematyger.com). If Jane has assisted you in any way: in person, email, or phone over the years, please take a moment to thank her and wish her God's blessings on her well-deserved retirement and for her conscientious service to our parish. Succeeding Jane will be Marie Graney. Marie is a graduate of St. Elizabeth High School and Mount St. Mary's University with a degree in Business and Marketing. Marie will become our new Coordinator of Pastoral Services and will officially begin her ministry on November 1, 2023. Marie has worked for several Catholic organizations including Malvern Retreat House, Catholic Leadership Institute and has been an Augustinian Lay Volunteer serving the disadvantaged. She has also been a volunteer Catholic Youth Ministry Coach and a staff member for the Philadelphia Eagles. We welcome Marie to the St. Ann Parish family.

**Just a reminder that St. Ann's has FIVE disable parking spaces for our parishioners to use. Two are in the parking lot, two are on Gilpin Avenue and One is on Union Street!**

**RCIA CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!** The clergy of St. Ann Parish are happy to help individuals inquire about the Catholic Faith, by leading the sessions through the process called: "The ORDER of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA). It meets over a period of six months, once a week (off for Thanksgiving and Christmas) through March 27th at 6:30 PM in school Conference Room A. In these sessions, we will explain the faith, and help inquirers every step of the way, guiding them to discern the possibility of entering the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on March 30, 2024. **Call the parish office at 302-654-5519 or email [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com) for more information.**

**LECTORS – The new workbooks are in the sacristy. If you haven't picked up your copy, please do so within the next couple weeks. Thanks.**

**BEATITUDE POSTERS-** Make sure you look at the St. Ann's School winners of the **Beatitude Drawing Contest**. They can be found in the glass case in the vestibule of the church. We will be displaying all 8 posters of the winners, a couple at a time, over the next few weeks. Congratulations to all of the budding artists!

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." **To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining or contributing to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Donation envelopes are at the back of the church. You can also donate through the parish website (<https://www.stannwilmington.com/support>) and the Parish Giving portal (<https://www.parishgiving.org/index>).**

**Veterans' Day Clothing Collection -** The Msgr. Dewson Council of St. Ann's Knights of Columbus is part of Bishop Mardaga Assembly. We are requesting assistance from our fellow parishioners to help hospitalized and nursing home veterans. We are collecting new white t-shirts, white boxer briefs, white crew socks, and sleep pants in various sizes, as well as shaving cream and disposable razors. NEW items can be dropped off in the collection box at the entrance of the church with the food donations. (The Knight who manages the food donations assures me he can tell the difference between food and clothing!) We will be delivering the items just prior to Veteran's Day. The collection begins Sunday, October 15th, and ends Sunday, November 5th, 2023. A credit card monetary donation can be made instead of an item donation by scanning the QR code below or go to <https://clothing-for-veterans-2023.cheddarup.com>. A donation by check, payable to Bishop Mardaga Assembly, can be mailed to K of C Bishop Mardaga Assembly #2014 c/o Clothing for Vets, 135 Princeton Ave, Claymont, DE 19703. Any questions please contact Neal Potts at 302-632-8436 or [npotts823@gmail.com](mailto:npotts823@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration.



**St. Ann's Welcoming Committee . . .** is looking for new members to help us in this important ministry. Welcoming new members and visitors is a key contributor to the vibrancy of our parish. If you would like to join the Committee, or learn more about us and our work, please email Dave O'Connor at [madello@msn.com](mailto:madello@msn.com) or ask a Committee member at one of our Welcome Weekends or Second Sunday Socials. Thank you!

**2024 Mass Intentions –** If you have sent in mass intentions for 2024, please be aware that you will not be contacted until December 2023, after all requests have been processed. Thank you.

## Mass Intentions

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

### **Saturday October 14 St. Callistus I**

**\*\*8:00A.M.** James Lafferty

**4:00P.M.** Jen Duncan

Patricia Ann Julian

### **Sunday October 15**

**7:30 A.M.** Pauline & George Haney

**10:30 A.M.** Rodney Boyer

Shirley Ackerman

### **Monday October 16 St. Hedwig**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Dorothy Mink

**8:00 A.M.** Russell "Tuffy" McBride, Jr.

Anita Flynn

### **Tuesday October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Fr. John Kavanaugh

**8:00 A.M.** Regan & Sorbara family

James Lafferty

### **Wednesday October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Braun & Mooney families

**8:00 A.M.** Anne & Jim Ward

Jennie Gallagher

### **Thursday October 19 Ss. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Betty McKinney

**8:00 A.M.** Michelle Perigard MacEachern

Harris/Montague families

### **Friday October 20 St. Paul of the Cross**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Intention of Sr. JoAnn McPolin OSF

**8:00 A.M.** Margaret McLaughlin

### **Saturday October 21**

**\*\*8:00A.M.** Dorothy Rooney

**4:00P.M.** Diane Ackerman Pierce

Shirley Ackerman

### **Sunday October 22**

**7:30 A.M.** Intention of Fr. John Mink

**10:30 A.M.** Shirley Ackerman

Luis Barcenas

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of October 1 was  
\$11,404. As always, thank you for your  
support!**

**Hospital Visitations** – Make sure to email the  
Rectory at [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com)  
or call 654-5519 if you are in the hospital and  
would like the rectory to know.

**Need to register for St. Ann's?** Visit our website  
[www.stannwilmington.com](http://www.stannwilmington.com). Print the form and  
drop it off at the rectory or email it back to us.



## HOLY MOMENTS



**St. Ann's Church Candle  
this week is for:**

**Adelaida Rafaela Meese  
Michael & Agnes Smagala**

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### WE CONGRATULATE

**MARYN ANNE FOLEY  
Daughter of Matthew & Kathryn Foley**

**WINSLOW KILPATRICK GARMAN  
Son of Vincent & Mary Kate Garman**

**EMMA GRACE MARKLAND  
Daughter of David & Meghan Markland**

**MADISON LORRAINE WEISGERBER  
SAVANNAH LYNN WEISGERBER  
Daughters of Ryan & Lauren Weisgerber**

**who were welcomed into the Christian  
community through Baptism.**

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

**DAVID B. LISSNER**

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

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

**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 schedule two baptisms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sundays of each month. For info, call 654-5519  
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