

## ST. ANN'S CHURCH

***The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10-22-2023***

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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 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***

**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** - For info on the Chapel go to [www.stannwilmington.com/parish](http://www.stannwilmington.com/parish) information or email [adorationchapel.stann@gmail.com](mailto:adorationchapel.stann@gmail.com).

**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 care giver. We are happy to bring the sacraments.

**PARISH MUSIC PROGRAM** Director: Andrew Trites Email [atrites@stannwilmington.com](mailto: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](mailto:rcasey@thesaintannschoool.org)

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[btsaldaris@thesaintannschoool.org](mailto:btsaldaris@thesaintannschoool.org).

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Student PREP, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2023**

***From Fr. Eric - Thoughts for this week, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God).

In first-century Palestine, taxes were a painful reminder that God’s people were living under the oppressive rule of a foreign power. So, when the Pharisees “plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech” (Matthew 22:15), the hot-button topic of taxation seemed like a clever strategy. If Jesus supported paying taxes, he would come across as disloyal to the Jews. If he opposed it, he could be accused of rebelling against Rome.

Jesus’ reply makes an important point for both first-century Jews and for us today: we can, and should, meet both our civic and religious obligations. What “belongs to Caesar” (Matthew 22:21)? In other words, what are our civic duties? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “It is the duty of citizens to contribute . . . to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom” (2239). This includes a moral obligation “to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one’s country” (2240).

What about our religious obligations? What exactly “belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21)? Our entire selves! Regardless of nationality or citizenship, we are all made in the image of the living God (Romans 1:6, Genesis 1:26-27). So, while we pay our taxes and cast our vote to fulfill our political obligations, we give to God what belongs to him—and that involves the surrender of our entire lives.

Participating wholeheartedly at Mass is a wonderful way to offer to God what belongs to him. Today, as you set aside other activities to listen to the word of God and receive Jesus in the Eucharist, reflect on what he has given you. Then invite him to show you how to surrender to him even more—of your time, treasure, dreams, and of all the people you hold dear. We pray for the grace to make the right discernment at every moment so that we would never fail in our responsibility toward the state and toward God.

***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 each Wednesday (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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due. **Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God. 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!

## Mass Intentions

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

### **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

### **Monday October 23 St. John of Capistrano**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Marie Dotto  
**8:00 A.M.** Albert "Bud" Anthony

### **Tuesday October 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Terrance Hoffman  
**8:00 A.M.** Betty & Charles McKinney

### **Wednesday October 25**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Kathy Chudnofsky  
**8:00 A.M.** Shirley Ackerman

### **Thursday October 26**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Catherine & John Doraz  
**8:00 A.M.** Anne & Jim Ward

### **Friday October 27**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Catherine Ann Pollinger  
**8:00 A.M.** Anthony, Marie and Anna Marie  
Bernardo

### **Saturday October 28 Ss. Simon & Jude**

**\*\*8:00A.M.** Intention of Marie Graney  
**4:00P.M.** Eileen T. & John "Jack" Lynam  
Norman A. Zigrossi

### **Sunday October 29**

**7:30 A.M.** John Gallagher  
Veronica Volk  
**10:30 A.M.** Anita Julia Flynn  
Parishioners

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of October 8 was \$11,968. 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



### WE CONGRATULATE

**LEO CILLIAN**

**Son of Patrick & Laura McGurk**

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

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

**ELIZABETH MCKINNEY  
KATHERINE MUCH**

**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 or email [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com).

**Notre Dame Club of DE** - This weekend, St. Ann's welcomes the Notre Dame Club of DE and their members to the 10:30 Mass. They will be performing community service after Mass. For more information on the club, email [ndclubofdelaware@gmail.com](mailto:ndclubofdelaware@gmail.com). All Notre Dame fans and friends of the University are welcome to join the club!

**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.



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