

## ST. ANN'S CHURCH

### *The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11-05-2023*

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#### MASSES

*Saturday Vigil*

4:00 PM

*Sunday*

7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

*Monday through Friday*

8:00 AM

**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.*

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**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.*

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**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 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

***From Fr Eric: They tie up heavy burdens . . . and lay them on people's shoulders. (Matthew 23:4)***

Today we read how Jesus accused Jerusalem's religious leaders of laying "heavy burdens" on people by imposing more and more rules on them (Matthew 23:4).

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus acknowledged the authority of the scribes and the Pharisees as the teachers of the Law. He urged the people to listen to what they teach them. One would have thought that his own confrontations with the scribes and the Pharisees would have made him present them in a bad light. In the Gospel Reading, we observe the objective and sincere attitude of Jesus in dealing with the scribes and the Pharisees. He did not deceive his audience or seek to falsely discredit the teaching of the scribes and the Pharisees.

Although Jesus sounded positive in regard to what the scribes and the Pharisees teach, he did not have the same commendation for their **own behavior**. Jesus warned his audience against following **the behavior** or **way of life of the scribes** and the Pharisees.

But their whole outlook on religion had one fundamental effect. It made it a thing of thousands upon thousands of rules and regulations; and therefore it made it an intolerable burden. Here is the test of any presentation of religion. Does it make it wings to lift a man up, or a deadweight to drag him down? Does it make it a joy or a depression? Is a man helped by his religion or is he haunted by it? Does it carry him, or has he to carry it? Whenever religion becomes a depressing affair of burdens and prohibitions, it ceases to be true religion.

The words of Paul to the Thessalonians in the Second Reading reflect the attitude Christ expected of his disciples. True service is similar to the care a mother takes of her children. Paul told the Thessalonians that his attitude toward them was like that of a mother; he was so devoted and protective of them. He did not lord it over them nor did he seek to hold a position of prestige among them. Rather, he was concerned about offering them the Good News of salvation at no cost.

Let us therefore endeavour to live the virtues Christ teaches us in the Gospels. Let us pray for the grace of humble service so that we can be found worthy of our calling to be Christian leaders. We are all leaders in one situation or the other, so we should never be found wanting in these virtues.



***St. Ann's would like to welcome the following parishioners who have joined our Parish  
Community in the last three months***

***Mr. Nicholas Pardini & Ms. Margot Somers  
M/M Matthew Marasco  
M/M Jonas Raab  
Dr. & Mrs. Peter Kaplan  
M/M Shane Reybold***

***Dr. & Mrs. Mark Corso  
M/M Dwight Will  
M/M Jeffrey DiSabatino  
M/M Riley Wallace  
M/M Marshall Jenney***

***M/M Alexander Liska  
M/M Zachary Kapa  
M/M Douglas Small  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tosi  
M/M Joseph Nitsche III***

**National Vocation Awareness Week – Nov 5-11** - Today the Church in the U. S. begins a special week to pray for and encourage vocations for our church. Take time to pray and see those around you that you might want to encourage, maybe your own child. Most who have responded to His call say that it was prompted by the encouragement of others, even strangers that saw something in them.

*God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us! **As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them. 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>).**

**Holy Hour of Prayer – Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – Please join Seminarian Eric for this All Souls Holy Hour in the Church. We hope to see you there.**

**Second Sunday Social** - Please join us Sunday, November 12th after the 10:30am Mass in the social hall for the Second Sunday Social. Members of the Welcoming Committee will be available to provide information about the parish, its events, and also how to register. Hope to see you there!

**Msgr. Dewson Knights of Columbus** – Christmas card Sales! Your Knights of Columbus council will be selling high-quality Christmas cards from a new publisher after all Sunday masses on Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, and December 3 (if cards are still available). This annual fundraiser allows the Knights to support our school and parish, as well as the other service works that we do in the community. Please contribute to this worthy activity by buying a box of cards. Thank you for your support!

**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 going 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.



## Mass Intentions

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

### **Saturday November 4, St. Charles Borromeo**

**\*\*8:00A.M.** Joe Cofrancisco

**4:00P.M.** Kenny & Shirley Ackerman  
Richard Piekarski, Sr.

### **Sunday November 5**

**7:30 A.M.** Braun & Mooney Families  
Intention of Bill & Millie Mentzer

**\*\*\*9:00 A.M.** Intentions for St. Ann's PREP Families

### **PREP Mass – not a public mass**

**10:30 A.M.** Donald & Ellyn LaPointe  
Roberta "Bobbie" Smith

### **Monday November 6**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Pierina & Pietro Corrieri

**8:00 A.M.** Deceased members of the McBride and Mulrooney Families

### **Tuesday November 7**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Anita Flynn

**8:00 A.M.** Sweeney & Reardon Families

### **Wednesday November 8**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Regan & Sorbara Families

**8:00 A.M.** Ed Reardon, K of C  
Marilyn Doto

### **Thursday November 9, The Dedication of the Latern Basilica**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Tony Gungui

**8:00 A.M.** William & Mary Louise Duffy  
Robert Colgate

### **Friday November 10, St. Leo the Great**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Thomas & Audrey Cullen

**8:00 A.M.** United States Marines  
Msgr. Paul J. Taggart

### **Saturday November 11, St. Martin of Tours**

**\*\*8:00A.M.** Deceased members of the Kelly & Bartow Families

Gen. Robert Hotchkiss

**4:00P.M.** Elwood & Sophia Morris  
Mr. & Mrs. Francis T. Smith

### **Sunday November 12**

**7:30 A.M.** Deceased members of Msgr. Dewson Council 13821, K of C, St. Ann Parish

**10:30 A.M.** Robert Hotchkiss  
Anita & Tom McBride

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of October 23 was \$10,478. 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.



**St. Ann's Church Candle  
this week is in memory of:**

***Elwood & Sophia Morris***

**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).

**Holiday Hope** - As a service to the community, Doherty Funeral Homes is pleased to host a complimentary bereavement event designed to support and guide those coping with grief this holiday season. "Holiday Hope" will take place on Sunday, November 12th, 2022 from 1:00-3:30 pm at the Christiana Hilton (100 Continental Drive, Newark, DE 19713). Refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register please visit [www.dohertyfh.com](http://www.dohertyfh.com) or call 302-999-8277 by Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

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