

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11-12-2023

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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.*

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 information or email 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 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,

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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

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.

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 12, 2023

From Fr. Eric: "Five of them were foolish and five were wise". (Matthew 25:2)

In Jesus' time, weddings were events to be anticipated: seven days of nonstop feasting and celebrating. So we can assume that all of the ten young women in today's parable wanted to go to this particular wedding feast. And yet, when the bridegroom was delayed, five of them were not ready. Their lamps died out, and they had no oil to refill them.

Who knows why they weren't prepared? Maybe they were distracted or too busy to make sure their oil flasks were full. But what we do know is that, as a result, they were not where they were supposed to be, and they missed the chance to come into the feast.

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church uses our Mass readings to encourage us to examine our own priorities as we await the coming of the Lord. We have been invited to the wedding feast of Jesus, when his Bride, the Church, will be united to him forever. Of course, we want to go!

But the parable has at least TWO UNIVERSAL WARNINGS.

1. It WARNS us that there are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute.

For instance, it is far too late for a student to be preparing when the day of the examination has come. It is too late for a man to acquire a skill, or a character, if he does not already possess it, when some task offers itself to him. Similarly, it is easy to leave things so late that we can no longer prepare ourselves to meet with God.

2. It WARNS us that there are certain things which cannot be borrowed. The foolish virgins found it impossible to borrow oil, when they discovered they needed it. A man cannot borrow a relationship with God; he must possess it for himself. A man cannot borrow a character; he must be clothed with it. We cannot always be living on the spiritual capital which others have amassed. There are certain things we must win or acquire for ourselves, for we cannot borrow them from others.

That means we need to make sure our lamps have enough oil. This is an act of Wisdom and God is the epitome of Wisdom as we read in the first reading. We need to heed Jesus' last words from today's Gospel: "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). Look back over this past week. Think about the decisions you made and how they reveal what is important to you. Is there one priority you could reshape that would help you be closer to where you need to be when the Bridegroom returns?

"Jesus, thank you for inviting me to your wedding feast! Help me be ready for you!"

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. **Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving. 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.paritygiving.org/index>).**

Second Sunday Social - Please join **today** 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!

The **SVDP CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** will be set up Saturday, December 2, 2023 in the church sanctuary. Tags on the tree represent gift requests for families assisted by our Saint Vincent DePaul Society throughout 2023. If you take a tag please return the WRAPPED GIFT WITH THE TAG ATTACHED UNDER THE TREE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th. For more information contact Katie O'Connor at madello@msn.com.

Millions of Monicas – Many people have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the Church entirely. The **Millions of Monicas** prayer ministry supports mothers in this situation. Following the example of St. Monica, these mothers come together weekly to persevere in prayer for their children's joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. Meetings are held every Monday from 6:30-7:30pm, at St. Patrick's Church, 1414 North King St. in Wilmington. For more info, visit www.millionsofmonicas.com.

"MEMORIAL VOTIVE CANDLES" – *Dedicate the sanctuary candle in front of the Blessed Sacrament in both the church and the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel in memory of your deceased loved one. The offering will be \$20.00 for the week per each location. The dedications will be published in the parish bulletin the week prior. Just send in your check for the offering and also note the requested week you would like to reserve. For questions, contact the rectory at stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call 302-654-5519.*

Please visit and "like" our Facebook page. (Use the QR code by holding your smart phone camera over the QR code pictured. You will be directed to the Facebook page on your phone.)



The Bishop's 5K to benefit Catholic Charities will be held on *November 18th* at St. Mark's High School. We encourage parishioners to participate as we come together in community to benefit Catholic Charities. Runners can sign up at www.runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/TheBishops5K

Worship, Adoration, Surrender, and Personal Prayer Ministry - November 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Holy Angels Church, Newark - As we pray that love and peace will prevail in our country, we also ask for prayer for God's protection over ourselves and our families. Join us as we dedicate time to worship through music, prayer, and adoration, giving all glory and honor to God. Pray with us that the Lord will meet all of our needs so that we can reflect the love of Christ and be that light in the middle of darkness. There will also be an opportunity for personal prayer from our parish healing team members. This event will be in English. For more information, contact the parish office at apress@holyanimals.net or (302) 731-2219.

Diocese of Wilmington

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEEK

Nov. 26 - Dec. 2, 2023



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Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

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

8:00 A.M. Barbara Hammerer

Parishioners

Tuesday November 14

****6:30 A.M.** Mary Elizabeth Kirk

8:00 A.M. Jerry Grossman

Wednesday November 15 St. Albert the Great

****6:30 A.M.** Kenneth "Casey" Charles Rhoads

8:00 A.M. Jim Keegan

Thomas Rhees

Thursday November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude

****6:30 A.M.** Elaine McQuillin

8:00 A.M. Roberta "Bobbie" Smith

Friday November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

****6:30 A.M.** Cathy Cullen Coomes

8:00 A.M. Anne & James P. Kane

Saturday November 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

****8:00A.M.** Catherine R. Winner

4:00P.M. Diane Ackerman Pierce

Bernice Bonkowski

Sunday November 19

7:30 A.M. Harris & Montague Families

Joseph Vattilana

10:30 A.M. Shirley Ackerman

Anthony, Mary, & Anna Marie

Bernardo

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of October 29 was \$10,408. As always, thank you for your support!

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

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.

Need to register for St. Ann's? Visit our website 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 in memory of:**

JAMES KEEGAN



**HUNTER GLADSTONE OWEN
Son of Michael & Haley Owen**

**SAVANNAH CATHERINE WILL
Daughter of Dwight & Enza Will**

St. Peter's Cathedral Christmas Fundraising – Saturday, December 2nd, 12 - 4pm in school auditorium. Take chances on elegant baskets & a variety of raffles. Refreshments available.

ST. ANN'S PRAYER LINE – to place a name on the prayer line contact Susana Saldivar at 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 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. For info, call 654-5519 or email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com.

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