

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11-19-2023

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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 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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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@thesaintannschool.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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

*From Fr. Eric: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... You were faithful in small matters."
(Matthew 25:23)*

Now in today's parable, Jesus tries once more to show his disciples how to be ready for his return. He wants them—and all of us—to enter the feast of heaven and "share [our] master's joy" (Matthew 25:21). And that requires faithfulness. Jesus wants us to be like those servants who earned a return. He's urging us to stay alert, obey his commands, and be faithful "in small matters" (25:21). Every act of love and obedience will help us to live as children of light. Then our hearts will be ready to greet Jesus and hear him say, "**Well done!**"

Like the man with the talent, they desired to keep things exactly as they were--and it is for that that they are condemned. In this parable Jesus tells us that there can be no religion without adventure, and that God can find no use for the shut mind. But there is much more in this parable than that.

(i) The parable tells us that **God gives men differing gifts**. One man received five talents, another two, and another one. It is not a man's talent, which matters; **what matters is how he uses it**. God never demands from a man, abilities which he does not have; but he does demand that a man should use to the full the abilities which he does possess. Men are not equal in talent; but men can be equal in effort. The parable tells us that whatever talent we have, little or great, we must lay it at the service of God.

(ii) It tells us that **the reward of work well done is still more work to do**. The two servants who had done well are not told to lean back and rest on their oars because they have done well. They are given greater tasks and greater responsibilities in the work of the master.

(iii) It tells us that the man **who is punished is the man who will not try**. The man with the one talent did not lose his talent; he simply did nothing with it. Even if he had adventured with it and lost it, it would have been better than to do nothing at all. It is always a temptation for the one talent man to say, "I have so small a talent and I can do so little with it. It is not worthwhile to try, for all the contribution I can make." The condemnation is for the man who, having even one talent, will not try to use it, and will not risk it for the common good.

(iv) Finally, it lays down a **rule of life** which is universally true. It tells us **that to him who has, more will be given, and he who has not will lose even what he has**. The meaning is this. If a man has a talent and exercises it, he is progressively able to do more with it. But, if he has a talent and fails to exercise it, he will inevitably lose it. That is equally true of playing golf or playing the piano, or singing songs or writing sermons, of carving wood or thinking out ideas. It is the lesson of life that the only way to keep a gift is to use it in the service of God and in the service of our fellow men.

"Lord, help me to be faithful, even in the small things."

The rectory will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23^d & 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Mass on both of those days is at 9am ONLY. We wish all of our parishioners, and those visiting with us, a very happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Blessings



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given. **When you support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love. 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>).**

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!

FOOD FOR GOD'S HUNGRY CHILDREN - Thank you for your generosity in donating food to feed God's hungry children through the Food Shelf in New Castle and MARYDALE. Your donations make our Knights of Columbus most welcome at both establishments. We tell them we are only the carriers of the food donated by our wonderful Parishioners. Of course, you may continue to leave the food in the plastic Knights of Columbus bins in the Vestibule of our Church. Lists of the foods requested are printed and displayed in page holders in the vestibule of our church. You are welcome to take a copy home with you. God bless you for all you do.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR VETERANS! You donated 695 items for our Veterans in Nursing Homes in the area. Specifically, you donated 6 fleece pajama pants, 3 Sleep pants, 40 V-neck T-shirts, 60 Crew neck T-shirts, 240 socks, 419 disposable razors, 19 cans of shaving cream, 1 antiperspirant deodorant, 8 tubes of toothpaste, 9 tooth brushes and 2 bottles of Body Wash. Our Knights of Columbus will combine all these items with those donated by three other Parishes in the County for distribution to the Veterans in the Wilmington VA Hospital Nursing Home, the Coatesville, PA VA Hospital Nursing Home, and in the Home of the Brave in Milford. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

"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.



Join Santa for **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00-11:00 am in the St. Ann School Social Hall. Meet Santa and enjoy a delicious breakfast! He's looking forward to seeing you!

Tickets can be purchased online at

<https://www.stannwilmington.com/parish-activities>



Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday November 20

****6:30 A.M.** Crossan & Flynn Families

8:00 A.M. Joe Sr. & Josephine DePaulo
Parishioners

Tuesday November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

****6:30 A.M.** Sr. Beatrice Manzella

8:00 A.M. Michael P. Kellly

Wednesday November 22 St. Cecilia

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

8:00 A.M. Joseph Mance
Edward Gramling

Thursday November 23 St. Clement, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro

*****9:00 A.M.** Henry & Theresa Deptula
Intention of Connie Winner-Varone

Friday November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac

*****9:00 A.M.** Jane Ingram
Betty & Charles McKinney

Saturday November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

****8:00A.M.** Robert, Mary, & Catherine Walsh

4:00P.M. Claire & Taylor Hanavan
The Homsey Family

Sunday November 26

7:30 A.M. Shirley Ackerman
Parishioners

10:30 A.M. Frank Walder
Ann Marie Schrang

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of November 5 was \$15,056. 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



*Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized*

MADELYN MAE SHEVCHUCK
Daughter of Brian & Sherrie Shevchuck

JOSEPH FRANCIS McCOY IV
Son of Joseph & Lisa McCoy

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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