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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST THE KING 11-26-2023

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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.

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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@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 SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 26, 2023

From Fr. Eric: Ezek. 34,11-12.15-17/Psalm 23,1-3a.3b-4.5-6/1Cor 15,20-26.28/Matt 25,31-46

The Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted only recently. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in response to the atheist and totalitarian political regimes that denied the rights of God and the Church. The climate in which the feast was born was, for example, that of the Mexican revolution, when many Christians went to their deaths crying out to their last breath, "Long live Christ the King!"

But if the feast is recent, its content and its central idea are not; they are quite ancient and we can say that they were born with Christianity. The phrase "Christ reigns" has its equivalent in the profession of faith: "Jesus is Lord," which occupies a central place in the preaching of the apostles.

Our Gospel reading today puts it quite simply: **We will be judged by how we treat others**, by how much we care for the least of our brothers and sisters, by how closely we follow **the example of Jesus our Good Shepherd and Servant Leader!** This is Christ Our King!

And how is Christ to be the King of our lives? Instead of attempting to control others, we might do better serving them and praying for them like the Good Shepherd! We might wash the feet of others – a sign of welcome and hospitality. We might heal the sick, bind up their injuries, and welcome back those who have gone astray. We might feed the hungry, clothe the poor, care for the sick, visit the prisoner, welcome the stranger, and give water to those who thirst, not only for clean water, but for justice.

The lesson here is that we should never let the world convince us that small acts of sacrifice, service and kindness aren't of importance. Indeed, they are! And Jesus Christ Our King reminds us: As often as you do these things for the least little ones, so you do it for Me! In doing these small and seemingly insignificant acts, we help build the Kingdom of God on Earth! A Kingdom that our preface for today's Mass describes as: "An Eternal and Universal Kingdom, a Kingdom of Truth and Life, a Kingdom of Holiness and Grace, a Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace!" We pray for the coming of such a kingdom as Jesus taught us in the Our Father: Thy Kingdom Come! And it will only come if we commit to building it here and now!

So today, let us remember Christ Our King Who is the Good Shepherd and our Servant Leader. Let us remember that the Last Judgment is one where we will be judged by how well we chose to Live the Golden Rule: Do Unto Others, as You would have Done Unto You! This is the message of Christ Our King: The Lord of History Who has won the final victory over sin and death by redeeming the world and subjecting it to His Father so that God may be All in All! Let's let Him be the Lord of our Lives, the King of our hearts, thoughts and deeds! Amen!

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.

The Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King: Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." **This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting families with their utility and rent bills and by providing food and other needed items. Thank You!**

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.

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!

"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.)



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>



Diocese of Wilmington

EUCHARISTIC 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 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

Monday November 27

**6:30 A.M. Kristin O'Keefe
8:00 A.M. James M. Foy

Tuesday November 28

**6:30 A.M. Dr. Renato Vellutino
8:00 A.M. Shirley Ackerman

Wednesday November 29

**6:30 A.M. Lyn Doto Montgomery
8:00 A.M. Margaret McLaughlin

Thursday November 30 St. Andrew

**6:30 A.M. Intention of Andrew Graney
8:00 A.M. Gerry Griffin

Friday December 1

**6:30 A.M. Virginia Wallace
8:00 A.M. Georgina Sheing & Henry A. &
Janet V. Salacki
Harry D. McNulty

Saturday December 2

**8:00A.M. Anne Elizabeth Murphy
4:00P.M. Joseph & Evelyn Dorris
Kenny Ackerman

Sunday December 3

7:30 A.M. Virginia Catherine Marie Wallace
***9:00 A.M. Parishioners
PREP Mass – not a public mass
10:30 A.M. John C. Volk, Jr.
Ann Snyder

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of November 12 was \$9,376. 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.

**Save the Date for our next
PARISH HOLY HOUR**

**6:30 pm in Church - Monday, December 11th,
the theme will be the Holy Season of Advent.**

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.

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.

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.



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