

**ST. ANN'S CHURCH**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12-10-2023**

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**MASSES**

*Saturday Vigil*

*Sunday*

*Monday through Friday*

*4:00 PM*

*7:30 AM, 10:30 AM*

*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](http://www.stannwilmington.com/parish) information or email [adorationchapel.stann@gmail.com](mailto:adorationchapel.stann@gmail.com).

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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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**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM (Grade 8)**

For info contact Mrs. Lynne Dickinson, Coordinator

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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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2023

*From Fr. Eric: (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11- Psalm 85:9-14 - 2 Peter 3:8-14 - Mark 1:1-8)*

*The beginning of the "Good News" of Jesus Christ the Son of God. (Mark 1:1)*

Beginnings are important, and the beginning of Mark's Gospel is no exception. His very first sentence reads like a summary of the entire book: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God" (Mark 1:1).

The Gospel Reading of the second Sunday of Advent focuses on the figure of John the Baptist. Mark introduces him right at the beginning of his Gospel thus making obvious his role as a precursor of Jesus Christ. The focus of the identity of John the Baptist is not only his personality but also his mission.

The mission of John the Baptist in the desert was the proclamation of the nearness of the kingdom of God and a call on the people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. His words recall those of the prophet Isaiah who called on the exiled people to prepare a way in the wilderness for the return of the children of Israel to the Promised Land. In the case of Isaiah, the voice was heard among the people in the place where they were exiled.

**In order to be ready**, we need to **empty ourselves of our old ways of thinking**. That's **where repentance comes in**. It clears out the sin that clouds our vision of God. It removes our shame and guilt and delivers us from whatever blocks God's life from taking root in us. It makes us ready to receive God's forgiveness and helps us to become more aware of his abiding presence within us.

Are there ways that you need a change of attitude or a new hope this Advent? As you prepare the way for Jesus during this holy season, go back to "the beginning" and listen to John the Baptist's message. Repentance is good news because it opens your heart to Jesus. So take advantage of opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this season. Let God expand your capacity to receive him at Christmas. As Mark shows us in his Gospel, that's where it all begins.

*"Jesus, help me to open my heart to you as I await your coming!"*

Please join us for our annual **Christmas Concert**, TODAY, **Sunday, December 10 at 2:00pm** in the church. St. Ann School Band, St. Ann School Choir, and the St. Ann Parish Choir will perform. Contact Andrew Trites, Music Director, with questions: [atrites@stannwilmington.com](mailto:atrites@stannwilmington.com)

**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 **SVDP CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** is 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 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Katie O'Connor at [madello@msn.com](mailto:madello@msn.com).

**Second Sunday of Advent:** In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord.". We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas. 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>).**

**Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal** – As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to participate in our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal-themed "Shining the Light of Christ." Your generous end-of-year giving supports our Church's vital work in spreading Christ's love and compassion. Together, let's illuminate the path for those in need and make a lasting impact on our community. Your contribution, no matter the size, helps us continue to shine the light of Christ brightly. Thank you for your continued support and blessings as we journey into the new year with hope and compassion. To donate – visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) or scan the QR code below.

To date, our parish has raised \$146,269.96 and Collected \$137,608.00. Please help to ensure that our parish collects the goal. Once we collect our goal amount, our parish is eligible for a rebate.



**Please join us on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church for Evening Prayer with Benediction during this Holy Season of Advent. Seminarian Eric Gianforcaro will be reflecting on the importance of Mary during Advent.**

***There will also be a brief Penance Service followed by confession with visiting priests from 6:30pm – 7:30pm on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.***

***“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](mailto: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.)



### **St. Ann's Christmas Masses**



**Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4pm in both the church and social hall, then 7pm and 10pm in the church. Christmas Day Masses, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, will be at 9am and 11am.**



## Mass Intentions

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

### **Saturday December 9 St. Juan Diego**

**\*\*8:00A.M.** Mary Farino  
**4:00P.M.** Jerry Grossman  
Anita Flynn

### **Sunday December 10**

**7:30 A.M.** Louis P. Corrozi  
Parishioners  
**10:30 A.M.** Msgr. Paul J. Taggart

### **Monday December 11 St. Damasus I**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Kara Dillon  
**8:00 A.M.** Lyn Doto  
Joan Songer

### **Tuesday December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** The intentions of Michelle Rodriguez  
**8:00 A.M.** Fr. William Keech, OSFS  
The intentions of Eric Gianforcaro

### **Wednesday December 13 St. Lucy**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** The intentions of Lucy Fennington  
**8:00 A.M.** Diana Morton  
The intentions of Bill & Millie Mentzer

### **Thursday December 14 St. John of the Cross**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Robert Standarowski  
**8:00 A.M.** Patricia Armbruster  
Barbara Chudzik

### **Friday December 15**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Margaret Hasson  
**8:00 A.M.** Tom Wentz

### **Saturday December 16 St. Juan Diego**

**\*\*8:00A.M.** Braun & Mooney Families  
**4:00P.M.** Diane Ackerman Pierce  
Loretta Messick

### **Sunday December 17**

**7:30 A.M.** Mary Cunningham & the deceased members of the Cunningham Family  
James & Rose Julian  
**10:30 A.M.** Michelle Smith & Ashele Bailey  
Parishioners

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of November 26 was \$9,650. 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.



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

**Roger W. Camp**

**St. Ann's Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel  
Candle this week is for:**

**The special intention of Mike and Chris  
Eckrich**



**LILLIANA MARY  
Daughter of Eric Ungar and Katherine Much**

**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 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).



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