

ST. ANN'S CHURCH
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 1-28-2024
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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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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.

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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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 2024**

From Fr. Eric: Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 18:16)

Addressing the Israelites as they are about to enter the Promised Land, Moses recalls what happened when God was about to give them the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. God announced his presence with lightning, thunder, a deafening shofar blast, and menacing dark smoke (Exodus 20:18-19). Terrified, the people backed away, saying, **“Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord!”** (Deuteronomy 18:16). They begged Moses to go and bring God’s word back to them!

Now, knowing he was not going to be with them much longer, Moses promises that God will send them someone to take his place, “a prophet like me . . . to whom you shall listen” (Deuteronomy 18:15). What a relief! God promises they will never have to endure the trauma of hearing him directly, and so, it was.

In every generation, God raised up prophets for the people. Deborah, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah: these and others heard God directly and proclaimed what they heard.

But now, through Jesus, the living “Word” of God, everything has changed. By destroying sin and death, **he has opened the pathway for us sinners to come before the all-holy God.** Now, every single person can know God personally. **Every single person can hear his voice—in Scripture, through the Church, and most important, in the depths of their hearts.**

In the Gospel Reading, Mark presents an account of a Sabbath day in the synagogue in Capernaum. Jesus had moved from Nazareth, where he was rejected, to settle in Capernaum, making it the center of his public ministry. It is in this town that he called to himself his first four disciples.

The first activity of Jesus that Mark reports in this story is the teaching activity of Jesus. Unfortunately, Mark does not share with us the content of the teaching but tells us about the reaction of the people in the synagogue. Mark compares the teaching of Jesus with that of the scribes or teachers of the Law. In his judgment, the people were more impressed by the teaching of Jesus than that of the scribes. The reason for their appreciation is in the way Jesus taught them. **Mark summarily says that he taught them with authority.** A careful study of how the scribes approached the interpretation of Scriptures helps us understand what Mark meant by this statement. Usually, in the synagogue worship, after the reading of the Law and the prophets, one person was asked to speak on the texts. **It was typical of the scribes and the rabbis to cite or quote in their teachings a list of authorities to support whatever they said.** Jesus might have approached his interpretation of the Scriptures in a completely different way. In explaining the text, **Jesus might have taken the opportunity to speak about himself and his mission, and how that relates to the Old Testament prophecies.**

You don’t ever have to be afraid of coming into God’s presence! In fact, he is already present in you! Through his Spirit, **he is urging you to call out to him, “Abba, Father!”** (Romans 8:15). He is waiting to receive you with open arms, to wash you clean in his mercy, and to fill your heart with his joy and consolation.

Your heavenly Father has a message that he wants to speak to you today—a message meant only for you. So quiet your heart, calm your fears, and listen. **“Here I am, Lord! I long to hear your voice today!”**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering. **Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

Emmanuel Dining Room: Our next meal delivery to Emmanuel Dining Room is Thursday February 8th. We are collecting cases of fruit cups or applesauce, cases of water, cases of nutri-grain bars and granola bars. If you wish to donate, please drop off at 2413 W 17th St. by February 7th or call Clair for a pick up at (302) 893-7182. We also welcome donations as well. Thank you for your generosity to those less fortunate.

Election of Trustees – Each parish in the Diocese of Wilmington is incorporated within and by the laws of the State in which it is located. St. Ann is incorporated in the State of Delaware. The by-laws of the Corporation and the statutes of the Diocese of Wilmington provide for five trustees; the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Pastor, and a priest so designated by the Bishop, (these days it is the Chancellor of the Diocese) and two (2) lay persons are to be elected each January by duly registered members of the parish in the meeting called by the President (the Pastor). ***That election is scheduled for TODAY Sunday - January 28th, after the 10:30am Mass. If you would like to vote in this election, please fill out the nomination below and put it in the basket as you are leaving church. Our current lay trustees are Charles Klous and David O'Connor.***

St. Ann's Trustee Ballot Nomination - 2024

1. _____
2. _____

The 2023 Faith & Charity Appeal Campaign: "Shining the Light of Faith" Campaign ended on January 16, 2024. I would like to thank the 210 parish households who made a sacrificial gift to the Appeal. We surpassed our goal of \$140,000 and raised \$147,265.35, going \$7,265.35 over our target. The overage, 100 percent, will be returned to our parish for our needs. St. Ann Parish has always been a diocesan leader in generosity to the needs of the poor and underserved in our area. The Faith & Charity Appeal 2024 will be upon us next month. I pray that all of us will reflect on our responsibility to look out for the poor and vulnerable and to support the good work of our diocesan ministries, and give generously to this year's Appeal. I thank you in advance for your sacrifices to share what you have with others.

Little Sisters of the Poor - Please join us in welcoming Sr. Jean and Sr. Marguerite from the Little Sisters of the Poor to our parish this weekend of January 27th and 28th seeking support for their mission. At Jeanne Jugan Residence the Little Sisters offer hospitality and care for needy elderly men and women. They depend greatly on charity to carry on their mission to the aged poor and infirm. Any assistance you can give will help them provide for the needs of the elderly entrusted to their care. To learn more about the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor see their website at www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org. You can access WeShare for electronic donations through their website.

Just a reminder that "The Feast of St. Blaise" will be celebrated next weekend, February 3rd and 4th with the Blessing of Throats after every mass.

SOUPER BOWL INVITATION: We invite all our parishioners to join our Monsignor DEWSON Council 13821, Knights of Columbus, for our own SOUPER BOWL on the weekend of February 10 - 11, 2024 right here in our own parish. We are asking you to bring regular size cans of SOUP, any brand, any flavor, to the vestibule of our Saint Ann Church to be placed in and around the plastic Knights of Columbus containers. We intend to bring some relief for some of the 50 million Americans, including one in four children, who are food insecure - meaning they lack consistent access to nutritious food. We can use as many cans of soup as you can carry, as many cans of soup as you can afford. Bring cans of soup by the bag full. Bring cans of soup by the case. You do not have to wait until February 11. You may bring the cans of soup any day before then. You will experience the joy of giving. Our Knights of Columbus will transport the cans of soup to the distribution points: Marydale Retirement Village, 135 Jeandell Drive, Newark, DE 19713 and The Food Shelf at Asbury United Methodist Church, 300 East Basin Road, New Castle, DE 19720. The Souper Bowl Collection of soup is in addition to our regular weekly collection of food. We thank you for your continued generous support of food for God's Hungry Children. God bless you!

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday January 27 St. Angela Merici

**8:00A.M. Anthony Deldeo
4:00P.M. Bernie Barrish & Linda Prickett

Sunday January 28

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Catherine Blazich
10:30 A.M. Kathryn K. Monigle
Kenny Simpson

Monday January 29

**6:30 A.M. James Martin
8:00 A.M. Betty McKinney

Tuesday January 30

**6:30 A.M. Bridget Boccabella
8:00 A.M. William Boeck

Wednesday January 31 St. John Bosco

**6:30 A.M. Msgr. Paul J. Taggart
8:00 A.M. Dolores "Dee" O'Connor

Thursday February 1

**6:30 A.M. William Farino
8:00 A.M. Bridget Gallagher
Patrick J. DeLuca

Friday February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

**6:30 A.M. Donna Luplow
8:00 A.M. Jim Yourinson
Georgina Sheing, Henry & Janet Salacki

Saturday February 3 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

**8:00A.M. Jennie Gallagher
4:00P.M. Theresa Ann Faulkner & David Kearns

Sunday February 4

7:30 A.M. Danny Cunningham & Deceased Members of the Cunningham Family
Stephen & Anna Smith
10:30 A.M. Ryan Johnson
Parishioners

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of January 14th was \$10,272. 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.

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.

Catholic Forum - Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, February 3rd, tune in to hear an interview with Lisa Ritchie, Program Manager of Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Services. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. You can see videos of select interviews at [YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum @CatholicForum.

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