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### THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 2-11-2024

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Saturday Vigil

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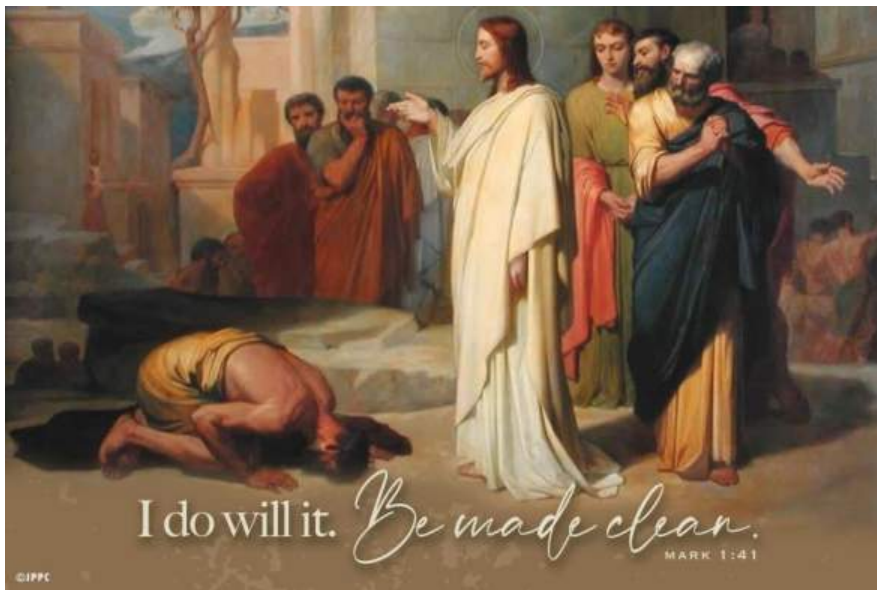
Sunday

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.



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*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.

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*Couples being married are to contact the director for an appointment several months before the requested date.*

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For info contact the office: (302) 654-8504.

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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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

From Fr. Eric:                   A leper came to Jesus. (Mark 1:40)

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses. Here we see compassion, power and wisdom all conjoined.

Jesus isn't afraid to reach out to us, either. While we might not be afflicted with leprosy, **there is something that can cut us off from God and isolate us from other people: OUR SIN.** But on the cross, Jesus took on himself our sins and those of the whole world. By his resurrection, he destroyed the power of sin and death. Sin has no hold on him, and he does not fear it. Each time we come to him in repentance, seeking healing and restoration, he replies to us as he did to the man with leprosy: **"I do will it. Be made clean"** (Mark 1:41).

So come to Jesus with your sins. Bring to him your isolation and suffering. He won't pull away from you. He is the pure One who removes all of your impurities. He is the holy One who takes on your sin and strips it of its power over you. Like the man suffering from leprosy, don't be afraid to approach Jesus. Let him bring you restoration and healing!

"Jesus, in my weakness and need, I come to you! Cleanse me and make me whole."


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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering. **By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.**

**Thank you from Little Sisters of the Poor** – Thank you for welcoming Sr. Marguerite and Sr. Jane to St. Ann Parish to accept donations to support our mission of caring for the elderly poor. We are grateful for your warm welcome and hospitality. Your support is a great help in providing for our elderly residents. The total amount of donations was \$5,092. The Little Sisters of the Poor opened our first home for the elderly poor in Wilmington on May 18, 1903. It was rapidly filled and was soon replaced by St. Joseph's Home on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> St. and Bancroft Parkway. Our current location is on Salem Church Road in Newark, DE.

**Second Sunday Social This Weekend!** Please join us Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Mass for our 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!

**SECOND COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY.** The second collection during the weekend Masses on February 17 and 18 will be for the benefit of the St. Ann's Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul Society. The St. Vincent dePaul Society provides financial and spiritual assistance to local residents who contact us looking for help with rent, utilities, and food. Please prayerfully consider donating to the St. Vincent dePaul Society; we rely entirely on donations and grants to support our work, and the funds that you contribute are vital to our mission. If you don't get a chance to contribute during the second collection, you can always put tax-deductible donations of cash or checks (made out to "SVDP-St. Ann's") into the poor boxes or into an envelope marked "SVDP- St Ann's" and drop it in a collection basket in the coming weeks or send it to the rectory. You can also donate through the parish website (<https://www.stannwilmington.com/support>) and the Parish Giving portal (<https://www.paritygiving.org/index>). **WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY!** If interested, please contact Dave O'Connor at [madello@msn.com](mailto:madello@msn.com). Thank you for your support.

 **Ash Wednesday is Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Masses will be 8am and 5:30pm. There will also be Liturgy of the Word with ashes at 12noon. Stations of the Cross begin Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and will continue through Good Friday.

***Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year of age until the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence from meat is obligatory for all who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year of age. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat for all who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year of age but as always, anyone for whom fasting or abstinence would pose a health risk is excused.***

**Lenten Bible Study** – We will be offering Bible Study sessions immediately after the 8:00am Mass on Mondays during the Lenten Season. We will reflect on the meaning of the previous Sunday's Gospel. Sessions will be held in the church on the following Mondays: **2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, & 3/25** (Holy Week). Take some time during your Lenten journey to reflect on the meaning of the Word of God.

**Lenten Holy Hour** – Seminarian Eric Gianforcaro will lead us in a Holy Hour Monday, February 26 at 6:30pm with Evening Prayer during the Lenten Season. Seminarian Gianforcaro will reflect on the meaning of Lent and how we can better prepare ourselves worthy to celebrate with joy and exaltation the glorious Resurrection of Our Savior.

**Eucharistic Concert with Chris Brunelle** - Please join us Sunday, March 10th at 2pm in the church for a concert with guest musician Chris Brunelle. Chris is a fabulous guitarist, singer, and songwriter who is coming to celebrate the Eucharist with us.

**Pasta Dinner** – Save the date, Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm in the social hall. More details to follow.

**ONE GOOD HABIT FOR LENT: FEED THE HUNGRY** – Our Knights of Columbus here at Saint Ann Parish make that easy for you by providing plastic Knights of Columbus bins just inside the front door of our church, in the vestibule for you to drop off cans or boxes of food for God's Hungry Children. For Lent you can make a pledge of a can or box of food a day and drop it in the bins daily or weekly. The Knights of Columbus will handle the rest for you! There is more information on flyers in the vestibule. God bless you all!

## Mass Intentions

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

### **Saturday February 10 St. Scholastica**

\*\*8:00A.M. Braun & Mooney Families

4:00P.M. Agnel Coutinho

### **Sunday February 11**

7:30 A.M. Ed Reardon

Parishioners

10:30 A.M. Catherine R. Winner

Luis Barcenas

### **Monday February 12**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Joseph Eckrich

8:00 A.M. Charles Trzuskowski

### **Tuesday February 13**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Intention of Annette Mussacchio and family

8:00 A.M. Betty Conaty

### **Wednesday February 14 Ash Wednesday**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Danny Donoghue

8:00 A.M. Luis Barcenas

Intention of Maryanne & Terry Mance

\*\*\*9:15 A.M. Intentions of our students and faculty

**School Mass, not a public Mass**

5:30 P.M. Susan Marie Rose

### **Thursday February 15**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Bishop Robert Mulvee

8:00 A.M. Ann Eckrich

### **Friday February 16**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Bridget Gallagher

8:00 A.M. Dr. Margaret J. Seitz

### **Saturday February 17**

\*\*8:00A.M. Edward Stewart

4:00P.M. Lyn Doto

The Faulker Family & the Jasper Family

### **Sunday February 18**

7:30 A.M. Toni Ann Cilia

Msgr. Daniel McGlynn

10:30 A.M. Bernard Francis Kenny

Parishioners

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of January 28<sup>th</sup> was \$10,659. 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.**

**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.

**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.

**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).

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR THE 2024 ST. ANN'S SCHOOL MUSICAL: "Lion King, Jr."** The shows are Friday, March 1st at 7pm and Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm and 7pm in the Social Hall. You may purchase tickets electronically through: Parish Giving, Venmo, PayPal, or with a credit card. All links are listed on the Parish Activity page of the website which is <https://www.stannwilmington.com/parish-activities/lionkingjr>. Please put the number of tickets and which performance you would like in the note field if you pay electronically. You can also drop off cash or checks to the rectory. The cost for each ticket is \$10. You won't want to miss it!

### **RETROUVILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. **The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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