

ST. ANN'S CHURCH
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 2-25-2024

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

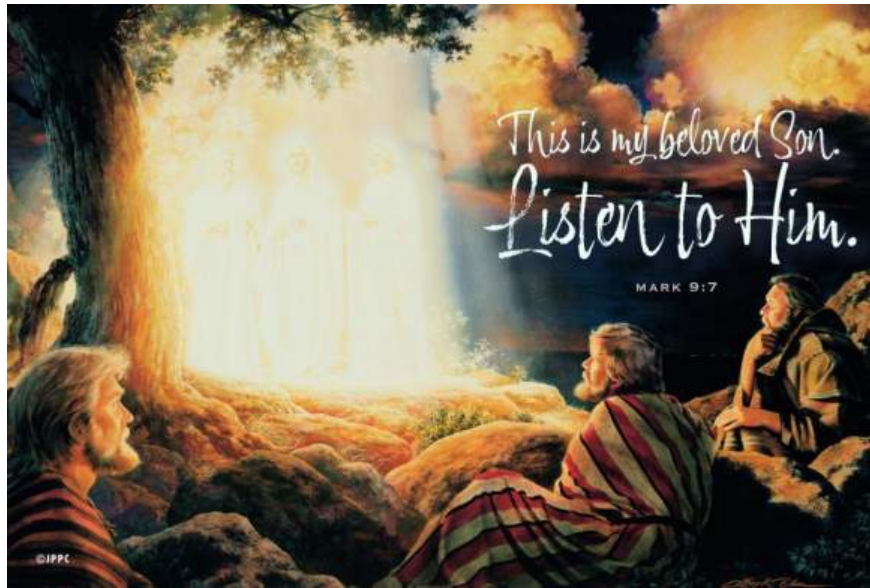
Sunday

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.*

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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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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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

From Fr. Eric:

WHAT WE HAVE GIVEN UP BENEFITS MORE PEOPLE.

The first impression about the story in the First Reading is one of sympathy for Abraham. After a long period of waiting for a child and finally obtaining one from God in his old age, he is now faced with a serious challenge. One may ask why God goes to such an extreme in asking Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, knowing that he is the son of the promise. How can God ask Abraham to give him what is very dear to him? Could he not have thought of other ways of testing the faith of Abraham? The situation of Abraham is grave because a few verses earlier (Gen 21:22) God asked him to send away Hagar and Ishmael. Does God want to strip Abraham of everything before knowing that Abraham has faith in him? The reaction of Abraham to the command of God demonstrates his complete and unwavering faith in God. He has come to believe that God knows best and is ready to leave everything in his hands. In his obedience to the command of God, Abraham demonstrated his firm belief that the Lord was his God even if this meant being deprived of the son he had waited for for so long. Abraham knew that Isaac was given to him by God, so he did not want to refuse to give him back to God. In the end when Abraham passed the test, God saved Isaac and gave Abraham a ram to offer in his place. In saving Isaac, God did not only approve of the faithfulness of Abraham; he also gave proof of his own fidelity to himself. He promised Abraham that Isaac would inherit him and build up the nation he has promised him. This same divine fidelity is shown in the Gospel Reading when God confirmed the sonship of Jesus. Both the vision and the voice from heaven proved to Peter and his two companions that Jesus was truly the Son of God. The invitation to listen to Jesus is also an invitation to have faith in him. In the Gospel Reading, it is remarkable that Jesus does not speak at all. The story is about him, but he does not say a word especially that we are not privy of the conversation with Moses and Elijah.

Both the First Reading and the Gospel Reading teach us that God wants us to have faith in him. Furthermore, he wants to remind us that everything we have comes from him. All we have is on loan from God to us and he can call for it at any time. We would prove ourselves good stewards if we willingly give back to God what we are keeping in custody for him. Unfortunately, we often think what we have belongs to us and we do not want to part with it anytime God asks for it. In the Second Reading, we learn how we should let go of what we have. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own Son but gave him up for the benefit of all of us.

When we give up what God asks of us, we realize with time that what we have given up benefits more people. We can think of a woman who gives up physical motherhood in order to dedicate herself to the things of God. So many children benefit from her motherhood, more than she could have brought forth herself. We can think of many other people who give up something dear to them in order to serve God in total dedication to him and to humanity. Their dedication to God always benefits many more people.

In this Lenten Season, we have a unique opportunity to reflect on our resistance to give to God what is dear to us. We find it difficult at times to be charitable towards those who are in need although we can conveniently do without some of what we own or possess. Abraham was ready to give to God what was very dear to him. Very often what we can share with others is not all we have but we find it difficult to part with a little of what we have. We pray for the grace to believe that whatever we give to God comes from him and he is the same person who will provide for us again if we need something. He knows us and loves us and is always ready to provide for us.

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 2nd 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!

Second Sunday of Lent: Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. **Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.**

Lenten Bible Study – We will be offering Bible Study sessions immediately after the 8:00am Mass until 9:15am on Mondays during the Lenten Season. We will reflect on the meaning of the upcoming 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. Check out his website: <https://chrisbrunellemusic.com/> and his youtube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRdcjB3HTyMxkP_imONR2Aw.

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

All are invited to the **13th CYM Pilgrimage – “Blessed are They/Bienaventurados son ellos”** – on **Saturday, March 23, 2024**, in Wilmington, DE. We hope to gather 1000 pilgrims this year to walk with Bishop Koenig through the route and encourage families to accompany their young people! The CYM Pilgrimage will be blessed this year by the presence of the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, which St. Elizabeth Parish will host throughout that weekend. Please share the attached logo and registration link with all who may be interested: <https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/pilgrimage-2024>. Questions should be directed to catholicyouth@cdow.org.

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!

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.

“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.*

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – March 2nd and 3rd we will have a second collection for Catholic Relief Services and Church in Latin America. Please be generous.

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.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday February 24

**8:00A.M. Edward Reilly
4:00P.M. Kevin Patrick Murphy
Charles & Elizabeth McKinney

Sunday February 25

7:30 A.M. Joseph, Ada, & Alan Wasilauskas
Parishioners
10:30 A.M. Knobby Walsh
Peachy Smuff

Monday February 26

**6:30 A.M. Constance Church
8:00 A.M. Julie Mance
Michael McCormick

Tuesday February 27 St. Gregory of Narek

**6:30 A.M. Margaret Holcomb
8:00 A.M. Deceased members of Sorbara &
Regan Families
Elizabeth Conaty

Wednesday February 28

**6:30 A.M. Herman (Skip) Walls
8:00 A.M. Anthony J. Deldeo
Bart Kelly

Thursday February 29

**6:30 A.M. Gabriella Marie Kozlowski
8:00 A.M. Martha Sullivan
Edward Stewart

Friday March 1

**6:30 A.M. Glenda Kotowski
8:00 A.M. Charlie, Janice, & Irene Cleveland

Saturday March 2

**8:00A.M. Kate Boudart
4:00P.M. Georgina Sheing, Henry & Janet
Salacki
Intention of Franklin T. Varone

Sunday March 3

7:30 A.M. Intention of Fr. Dan Staniskis, K of C
Parishioners
***9:00 A.M. Intentions for St. Ann's PREP
Families, **PREP Mass – not a public mass**
10:30 A.M. Knobby Walsh
Peachy Smuff

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of February 11th was \$11,404. 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.



HOLY MOMENTS



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Edward Punte



ST. ANN'S PRAYER LINE – to place a name on the prayer line contact Susana Saldivar at susanasaldivar1@aol.com or 302-824-0161.

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.

Men of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington are invited to participate in the 25th Anniversary Conference of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland on **Saturday, March 9**, at Saint Philip Neri Church in Linthicum (Maryland). Conference activities will include presentations, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration.

*"Jesus Christ - yesterday, Today
and Forever" (Heb. 13:8)*

**Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland
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