

ST. ANN'S CHURCH
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 3-3-2024

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

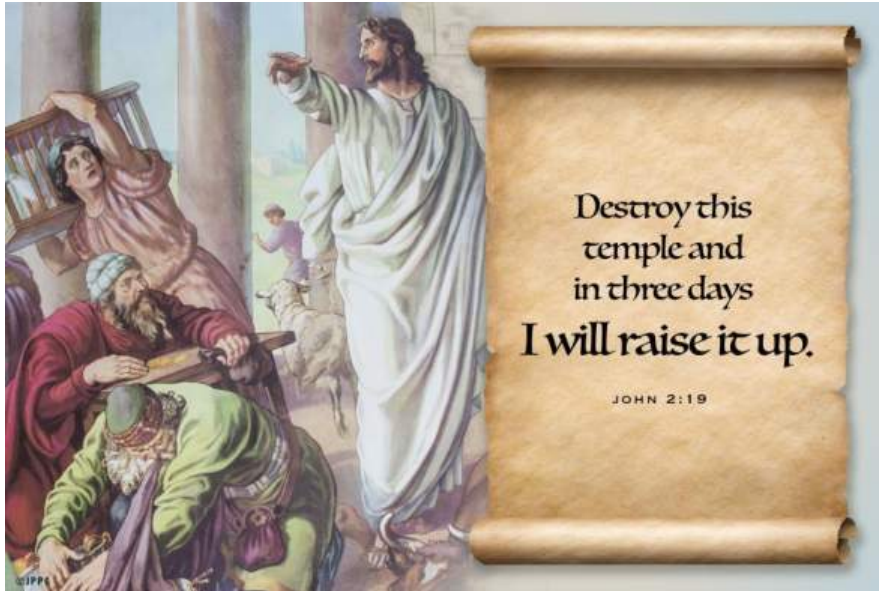
Sunday

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
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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.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 3, 2024

From Fr. Eric: God cleanses us and affirms His presence among us.

The story of the Ten Commandments in the first reading shows us that God's commands are nothing more—and nothing less—than a revelation of his own divine wisdom. They reveal how he wants his children to live: by loving God and one another. This is the wisdom that Jesus lived out perfectly. In everything he said and did, he showed us what it is like to love God completely and to pour ourselves out in love for the people around us. And nowhere is this revealed more powerfully than when he laid down his life on the cross!

In today's first reading, Exodus recounts God's self-description: "I am the Lord who brought you out of Egypt." This tells us that Israel's God gets involved in human history by calling on people like Moses to carry out divine plans. Then we hear God's commandments, which were not really very extraordinary; most mirrored the ethics of civilizations of their time: No society condoned lying, stealing or abandoning the elderly.

While the God of Israel could appear anywhere, the temple functioned as a focal point for prayer and other expressions of the peoples' relationship with God. It was a holy place. The day Jesus entered the temple he observed not faith, but sacrilege. This place of worship, the religious center for all God's people, looked like a bazaar — one in which distinctions between male and female, clergy and laity, wealthy and poor were on display and reinforced.

Rather than being an inducement to prayer, sacrifice had become a business, supporting the money changers and merchants who made fortunes by selling supposed access to God. Operating as the opposite of what it was intended to be, the temple could impede people's experience of a merciful, loving God. In Jesus' eyes, the temple had become a blasphemy, the anti-reign of God.

After evicting the religious retailers, Jesus made the famous statement, "Destroy this temple and in three days, I will raise it up again." John explains that "this temple" referred to Jesus himself, not an architectural wonder. As in his conversation with a woman at a well, that phrase taught that God's presence cannot be captured in structures — be they buildings, tabernacles or even particular practices. We discover God's presence like Moses did. He experienced a mystery that called him to an impossible vocation, a vocation that came to fruition through the help of the Holy Spirit. Jesus claimed that he definitively replaced the temple and sacrifice. He sacramentalized the presence of God through his loving relationships and all that flowed from them.

When we say that God is love, we assert that God's presence is mediated in relationships. Institutions may facilitate our awareness of God's presence, but we encounter God in prayer and in the love among us that makes God's own love palpable in our world.

When we say that we are Christians, we claim with St. Paul that we believe that God's greatest self-revelation came to us in Christ whose cross revealed that the foolish vulnerability of divine love expresses the greatest power in creation. *The power of divine love is neither controlling nor coercive. God's love attracts and woos us.*

Lessons

1. God in the person of Jesus cleanses us by the Ten Commandments given to Moses.
2. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple ended in shifting the attention of the people from the Temple to his personality, death and resurrection.
3. Another shift is the deep meaning of the cross given by St. Paul in the second reading: *Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*
4. Sometimes we do the right thing in a wrong way as it happened in the temple where the right reason was used to cheat others and true worship turned into business.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for ten people to get their feet washed during the Holy Thursday Mass on March 28th at 7pm. If you are interested please call the rectory at 302-654-5519 or email 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 (SOLD OUT) 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 COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – March 2nd and 3rd we will have a second collection for Catholic Relief Services and Church in Latin America. Please be generous.

Third Sunday of Lent: In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others. **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 302-658-9876 so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.**

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: **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.

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.

St. Ann Parish Annual Dinner – Save the date, Saturday, March 23rd in the Social Hall. Doors open at 5pm for refreshments, dinner at 5:30pm. Adults are \$16 and Children \$10. Includes three delicious courses of your favorite soup, salad, pasta, roast beef, and an assortment of desserts. There will be musical entertainment and beer and wine available to purchase. Go to www.stannwilmington.com/parish-activities/annualdinner for details and to book.

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!

THE SOUPER BOWL WINNERS: The big winners of our Parish Souper Bowl was the people who will be dining on the soup that you, our Parishioners brought to Church. The other Souper Bowl Winners were you, our Parishioners, who bought, brought, and donated the canned Soup to church and placed soup in the plastic Knights of Columbus containers in the vestibule. How much did you donate? The count was 921 cans and containers of soup, surpassing last years total by three hundred cans. We thank you, our winners! May you continue to be generous to God's hungry children. May God bless you in this world and the next.

Mass Intentions

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

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. Anita Flynn
Peter Symington

Monday March 4 St. Casimir

**6:30 A.M. Kathy Linarducci
8:00 A.M. Kazimer & Eva Puchinsky

Tuesday March 5

**6:30 A.M. Cindy Collins
8:00 A.M. Frances Carney
Luis Barcenas

Wednesday March 6

**6:30 A.M. Intention of Peter Land
8:00 A.M. Daniel Nolan

Thursday March 7 SS. Perpetua and Felicity

**6:30 A.M. John C. & Mary F. Flynn
8:00 A.M. Braun & Mooney Families

Friday March 8 St. John of God

**6:30 A.M. Edward Punte
8:00 A.M. Betty Conaty

Saturday March 9 St. Frances of Rome

**8:00A.M. John Smallwood
4:00P.M. Jack & Eileen Lynam
David Morris

Sunday March 10

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Thaddeus James Atkin, Jr.
10:30 A.M. JoAnn S. Carello
James Castello

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of February 18th was \$7,671. SVDP collected \$4,529. 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, print the form and drop it off at the rectory or email it back to us.

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.

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)

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