

**ST. ANN'S CHURCH**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 3-17-2024**

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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.

Mag the  
road rise to  
meet you.  
Mag the  
wind be  
always at  
your back.  
Mag the sun  
shine warm  
upon your  
face.  
The rains  
fall soft  
upon your  
fields.  
And until we  
meet again,  
mag God  
hold you in  
the palm of  
his hand.  
Traditional  
Irish Blessing

Happy  
Saint  
Patrick's  
Day



**PARISH CLERGY**

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**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** – Open/closings call (302) 655-1639, email: [adorationchapel.stann@gmail.com](mailto:adorationchapel.stann@gmail.com), website: [www.stannwilmington.com/parishinformation](http://www.stannwilmington.com/parishinformation).

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**VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND** – can be arranged on a temporary or regular basis by the homebound person, an immediate family member or care giver. We are happy to bring the sacraments.

**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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**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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 17, 2024**

From Fr. Eric: *When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself. (John 12:32)*

This is not the first time in John's Gospel that Jesus uses the image of being "lifted up" to describe his crucifixion (John 12:32). Earlier, Jesus compared Moses' lifting of the serpent in the desert to himself being "lifted up" (3:14). Then speaking to the religious leaders, he said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM" (8:28).

The First Reading continues the theme of the disobedience of Israel or the breaking of the covenant which was present in the readings of the previous Sundays. Lent is a time when we focus on our sins and how they have marred our relationship with God. In the First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah announced to the people the plan of God to establish a new Covenant with them. The frequent breaking of the covenant that God made with Israel on Mount Sinai has necessitated a new one. God intended to make the new Covenant by planting his Law, writing it on their hearts. We note that the old Covenant on Mount Sinai was written on stone tablets. The people did not put this Covenant to heart so they easily distanced themselves from it. They did not find it personal enough to engage their whole being in it and to be faithful to it.

When the Law is written on the heart, there will be no impediment to its perfection since there will be no intermediaries between the person and God. The idea of a new Covenant is not only in terms of how it would be written or where it would be written. It is also new in as far as it is to replace the old Covenant on Mount Sinai which the people broke every now and then.

Jesus' crucifixion, as horrible and painful as it was, was also an exaltation. That is because through his cross and resurrection, Jesus saved the world. It was a victory over sin, Satan, and death. Of course, after Jesus was nailed to a cross, he was physically lifted up. But John's repeated use of the phrase goes beyond that.

This is the paradox of the cross. It was through Jesus' suffering and death that he was glorified—and brought glory to his Father's name (John 12:28). It was by becoming that grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies that Jesus was able to produce "much fruit" (12:24). That "fruit"—our salvation—is why we reverence the cross. It is also why Jesus could talk of his impending death as a lifting up. It was truly a triumph of love over death.

Jesus also promised to "draw everyone" to himself (John 12:32). This, too, was the fruit of his sacrifice. The cross removed the barrier of sin that blocked our relationship with the Father. Now, forgiven and made blameless through Jesus' blood, we have become sons and daughters of God. Drawn into the heart of the Trinity, we can enjoy eternal life with God, both now and forever.

Today at Mass, gaze at the crucifix above the altar and let it speak to you of God's infinite love for you. Then praise and thank Jesus for his willingness to suffer and die so that you might live.

*"Jesus, I exalt your name over all the earth!"*

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**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!

**SECOND COLLECTIONS** – March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>: Operation Rice Bowl, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Holy Land. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**FINANCIAL UPDATE** – Today's insert is a St. Ann Operating Statement for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The Statement shows results for the Church, the School, and Religious Education separately and then in total. We thank you for your continued support in the offertory and other gifts. We are able to complete projects like the painting and restoration of the sanctuary thanks to your continued support.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:** In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor. **As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – We are looking for ten people to get their feet washed during the Holy Thursday Mass on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you are interested please call the rectory at 302-654-5519 or email [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com).

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** – We are 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: **3/18, & 3/25** (Holy Week). Take some time during your Lenten journey to reflect on the meaning of the Word of God.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – are every Friday at 6pm in church and Good Friday at 7pm.

**ST. ANN PARISH ANNUAL DINNER** – Save the date, **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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](http://www.stannwilmington.com/parish-activities/annualdinner) for details and to book.

All are invited to the **13<sup>th</sup> 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 register here: <https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/pilgrimage-2024>. Questions should be directed to [catholicyouth@cdow.org](mailto:catholicyouth@cdow.org).

**Please pray for our catechumen and candidate** James Russell Lyons and Brent Walker du Pont as they prepare to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on March 30th.

**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.

**EXCITING NEWS** – St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive Coming Soon! Get ready to make a difference! Stay tuned for more details as we finalize the dates with Catholic Charities.



## Mass Intentions

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

### **Saturday March 16**

\*\*8:00A.M. Rev. Robert Crawford  
4:00P.M. Katie Much  
Mr. & Mrs. Francis T. Smith

### **Sunday March 17 St. Patrick's Day**

7:30 A.M. Tom Wertz  
Robert Cleaver  
10:30 A.M. Deceased members of the Reilly & Fry Families  
Parishioners

### **Monday March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Joseph Graney  
8:00 A.M. Evelyn Mullin

### **Tuesday March 19 St. Joseph**

\*\*6:30 A.M. David Rutherford  
8:00 A.M. Harris & Montague Families

### **Wednesday March 20**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Eleanor Touhey  
8:00 A.M. Margaret McLaughlin

### **Thursday March 21**

\*\*6:30 A.M. John Spera  
8:00 A.M. Edward Stewart

### **Friday March 22**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Sr. Catherine Higley, O.S.B.  
8:00 A.M. Theresa Deptula

### **Saturday March 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

\*\*8:00A.M. Laurence McCann  
4:00P.M. Bruce Faulkner

### **Sunday March 24 Palm Sunday**

7:30 A.M. Charles & Elizabeth McKinney  
Parishioners  
10:30 A.M. John C. Volk, Jr.  
Katie Much

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of March 3<sup>rd</sup> was \$14,630. 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.

**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.



**HOLY MOMENTS**



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

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**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).

**"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 is \$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.





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