

**ST. ANN'S CHURCH**  
**PALM SUNDAY, THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 3-24-2024**

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**MASSES**

*Saturday Vigil*

4:00 PM

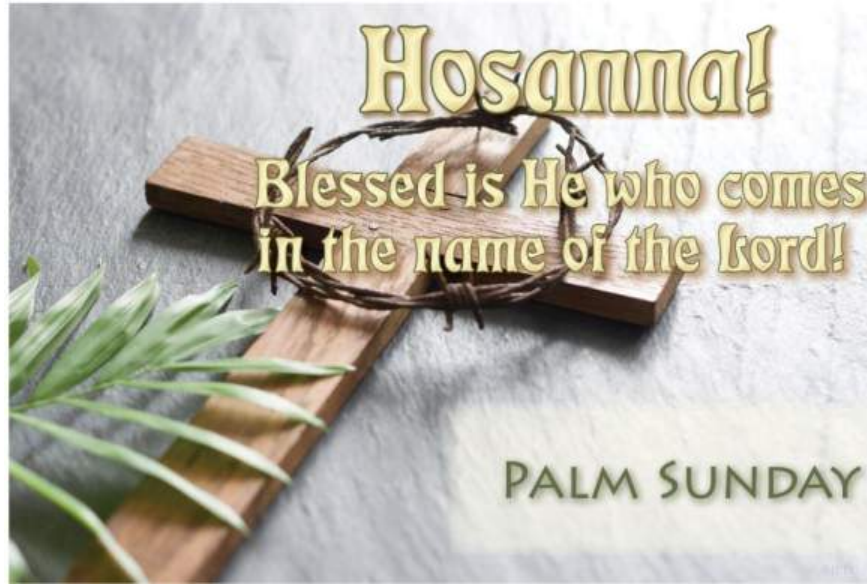
*Sunday*

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.



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*Rev. John J. Mink, Pastor*

*Rev. Eric Frimpong, Associate Pastor*

*Deacon Matthew Boyer, Esq.*

*Mr. Eric Gianforcaro, Seminarian*

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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).

**PALM SUNDAY, THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**MARCH 24, 2024**

**From Fr. Eric:** This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today’s Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted “Hosanna!” This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. In a short reflection like this, we can only hint at some of these moments without going into details. In the house of Simon the leper in Bethany, Jesus was anointed from his head down. For some of the onlookers it was a waste of resources. They felt it would have been better to sell the perfume and use the money to cater for the poor. This looks like a particular concern for the socially deprived for whom Jesus came into this world. We would have expected Jesus to agree with the objection raised to the action of the woman but he gave a surprising explanation of what was happening. He used the occasion to announce his imminent death as he pointed out that the poor are always with us but the woman was preparing him for his burial.

The betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot confirmed the African wise-saying that “the insect that will bite you is in your own cloth.” The enemies of Jesus did not need to look for who would betray him because one of his own Apostles went to offer his services. The amount of money he was offered was nothing compared to the price of the perfume that the woman in Bethany used to anoint the body of Jesus. Judas Iscariot was ready to betray his master for so little an amount. It is difficult to imagine how Judas Iscariot had so little value for his master. It is important that we value the life of all human persons because no monetary value can be put on the life of a human person. If we value human life, we would not do anything to destroy it. If we value human life, we will be promoters of life in all its forms. The chief priests and the Sanhedrin had a hard time finding an accusation against Jesus. Despite the presence of no tangible fault on the part of Jesus, they were bent on carrying out their plan of putting him to death. **This is a typical case of a situation in which the sentence is first decided before looking for the guilt that will merit that sentence.** It is a sign of a deep hatred that is not ready for any form of discernment based on reason. If the people could do this with the Son of God then what would they not do with their fellow human beings. Unfortunately, just as it was for Jesus, at times these things are done to human beings in the name of religion. The martyrs and all who die because of their religious profession participate in the passion of Christ.

The trial before Pilate is another moment of mockery in the passion narrative. Pilate found no guilt with Jesus but he did not have the courage to declare him innocent. Pilate’s interrogation: “Are you the king of the Jews?” was a mockery of a question because of the ambiguity involved. How could someone, and for that matter a Jew, tell a Roman official in the service of the Emperor that he is “King of the Jews”? In this question, Pilate could justify himself for having tried Jesus but he knew deep down inside himself that there was no trial. He simply gave in to the wish of the crowds that Jesus should be crucified.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus’ passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and again what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God’s Son.

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**PALM SUNDAY:** Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. **May God bless you for your continuing support of the St. Vincent De Paul Society.**

**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.



Our third annual Reconciliation Monday will take place on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 3 until 8 p.m. Not only will we have confession here in our church during that time, but all parishes in the diocese will be holding confessions. So if it is more convenient for you to go to another church closer to work, feel free to do so. Please invite those friends and family members who have been away from the Sacraments to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit [cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday](http://cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday) for more information.

**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. The last session will be held in the church on Monday, **3/25**. Take some time during your Lenten journey to reflect on the meaning of the Word of God.



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).

**Good Friday is an obligatory day 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.**



**3pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion**  
**7pm – Stations of the Cross**

**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 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 will take place April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**EMMANUEL DINING ROOM** – St. Ann’s next meal: delivery to EDR will be Monday, April 8. We are collecting cases of water, granola bars, or Nutrigrain bars, and/or cases of applesauce or fruit cup. Please drop at 2413 W. 17<sup>th</sup> St. or call Clair at 302-893-7182 if you need us to pick up the donations. We welcome monetary donations as well. Thank you for your generosity to the needy.

# PALM SUNDAY



## Mass Intentions

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

### **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

### **Monday March 25**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Margaret & Ralph Pennington

8:00 A.M. Deceased members of Sorbana &  
Regan Families

### **Tuesday March 26**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Edward & Bettye Grady

8:00 A.M. Danny Donoghue

### **Wednesday March 27**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Mari Shelly

8:00 A.M. Blair Wertz

### **Thursday March 28 Holy Thursday**

7:00 P.M. Intentions of the Priests

### **Friday March 29 Good Friday**

3:00 P.M. No intentions

### **Saturday March 30 Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil**

7:30P.M. Edward Punte Jr.

Bernice & Tom Bonkowski

### **Sunday March 31 Easter Sunday**

7:30 A.M. John W. Carney

9:30 A.M. Theresa Ann, Thomas W., & Bruce  
Faulkner

Jim Keegan

11:30 A.M. Parishioners

Catherine Collins

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of March 10<sup>th</sup> was \$11,352. 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.**



Reconciliation Monday – March 25<sup>th</sup>, 3-8pm

Holy Thursday (NO MORNING MASS) March 28<sup>th</sup>  
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm.

Good Friday (NO MORNING MASS) March 29<sup>th</sup>  
3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
7pm Stations of the Cross (NOTE THE TIME!!!)

Holy Saturday (NO MORNING MASS) March 30<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>

Masses are 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am

Daily Mass Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> is at 9am ONLY.

**The Rectory will be closed on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Monday, April 1.**

**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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