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EASTER SUNDAY – 3-31-2024

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

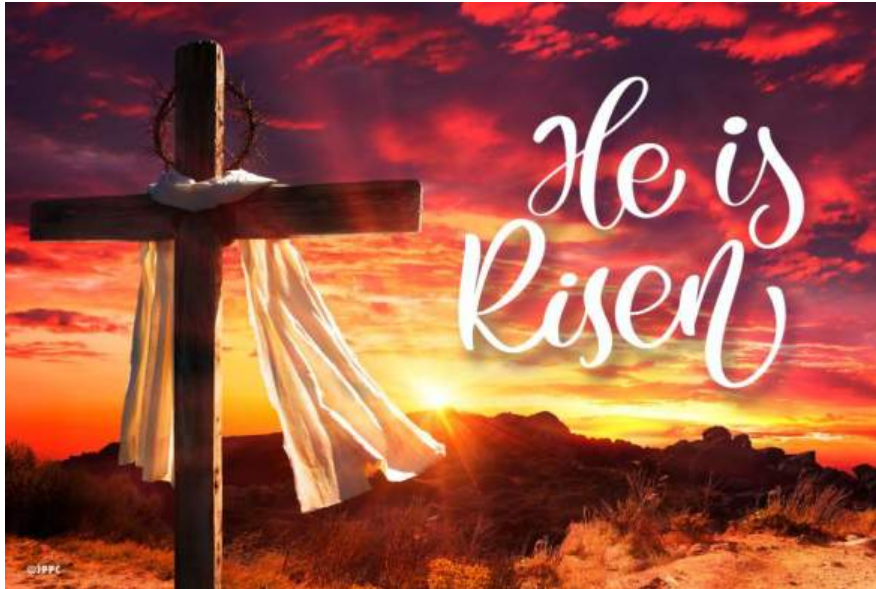
Sunday

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.*

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, website: www.stannwilmington.com/parishinformation.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY - Provides emergency help/assistance to the needy. Call (302) 658-9876.

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 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.

PARISH ADVISORY GROUP - Charles Klous, Finance Council Executive Officer

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Student PREP, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

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.

**EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31, 2024**

From Fr. Eric: Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon **a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.**

Our faith in the resurrection of Jesus is based on two things – the witness of the empty tomb and of those to whom Jesus revealed himself after his resurrection. These were the privileged few whom he mandated to preach to the people that he has been appointed judge of the living and the dead. **The celebration of Easter is therefore an affirmation of our faith in the witness of those who were privileged to see Jesus after his resurrection from the dead.** If we focus only on the empty tomb, we would be left with the question of knowing what happened to his body. We risk partaking in the speculation that his body might have been stolen by his disciples if we do not turn our eyes to the witnesses of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. Again, we also risk missing the most important truth that should occupy our minds.

It becomes evident that Easter day is not simply a day to rejoice and proclaim that Christ is risen from the dead. It is not simply a day to prolong the chanting of Alleluia in praise of the God who has done marvels for us. **Easter day is a call to reflect deeply on this great event of Christian history.** It is a time to probe the Scriptures to discover the truth to which we need to cling if Easter is to make sense to us and to contemporary society. It is only through the declarations of the eye witnesses of the risen Lord that we discover the key to the proclamation of the good news of the resurrection. **Easter is therefore a call to return to the Scriptures and discover God right where he revealed himself – in his word, because he is the WORD MADE FLESH.**

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. **Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus**—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Quick lesson: Christ has commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead (Acts 10:42).

EASTER SUNDAY: Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others. **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.**

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



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATE
JAMES RUSSELL LYONS and BRENT WALKER DU PONT
who have entered into full communion with the Catholic Church at the
Easter Vigil on March 30th!**

REMINDER THAT DAILY MASSES, Monday, April 1st – Friday, April 5th are at 9am ONLY.

EXCITING NEWS – St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive will take place April 13th and 14th.

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM – St. Ann's next meal: delivery to EDR will be Monday, April 8th. We are collecting cases of water, granola bars, or Nutri-grain bars, and/or cases of applesauce or fruit cup. Please drop at 2413 W. 17th 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.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL – Please join us Sunday, April 14th 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. We hope to see you there!

2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – “One Body, One Spirit in Christ” – As we joyously celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, the promise of everlasting life fills our hearts with hope. Following in His footsteps, we are called to embody a spirit of unity and compassion. Mark your calendars for the weekend of April 20th & 21st, as our parish participates in the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. The theme is **"One Body, One Spirit in Christ."** In recognizing our unity as one body, we acknowledge the strength that comes from the Spirit of Christ among us. The theme echoes the essence of our collective journey, highlighting the interconnectedness of our community in the light of Christ's spirit. By participating in the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, you contribute to the support of more than forty pastoral, charitable, and educational programs and ministries that enrich and strengthen our diocesan community. You can participate in two ways. First through Prayerful Support, keep the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal in your prayers, asking for guidance and blessings for the success of our shared mission. Secondly through Financial Contribution, consider making a financial contribution to support the vital programs and ministries that benefit our parish and the wider diocesan community. Together, **"One Body, One Spirit in Christ,"** let's make a meaningful impact on our community and continue to strengthen the bonds that unite us. Thank you for your support.



CONFIRMATION NEWS – *Come, Holy Spirit! Come into my heart. Fill the hearts of the faithful and renew the face of the earth!* We as a parish community will be confirming **thirty young people** in April! These faith-filled youth have worked very hard to complete rigorous lessons. As a St. Ann community, we ask for your continued prayers to support our youth as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation. *May the power of the Holy Spirit in this beautiful sacrament ennoble our youth as followers of Christ. May we truly show that our faith is our cornerstone. May we not fear anything because we know that with God all things are possible.*

A promotional graphic for St. Ann School. It features a collage of three images: a group of smiling students in a classroom, a teacher assisting a student with a laptop, and a wider view of a classroom. To the right is a dark blue vertical banner with the school's logo (a cross and book) and the text "ACADEMICS + VALUES + COMMUNITY", "EST. 1899", and "ST. ANN SCHOOL". Below the logo, it says "Visit Us!" and "Scan the QR code to request a personal tour." A QR code is provided, and the website "www.TheSaintAnnSchool.org" is listed at the bottom.

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday April 1

9:00 A.M. Mary Doherty

Tuesday April 2

9:00 A.M. Georgina Sheing, Henry & Janet Salacki
The Coyne & Keegan Family

Wednesday April 3

9:00 A.M. Kathy Godley

Thursday April 4

9:00 A.M. Luis Barcenas

Friday April 5

9:00 A.M. Henry, Theresa, & Paul Deptula
John R. Dougherty

Saturday April 6

**8:00A.M. Jim Kipp
4:00P.M. Edward Stewart
Bart Kelly

Sunday April 7 Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 A.M. John F. "Coby" Maloney, 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. Patricia J. Connell
Edward Punte

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of March 17th was \$8,439. 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.

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.



HOLY MOMENTS



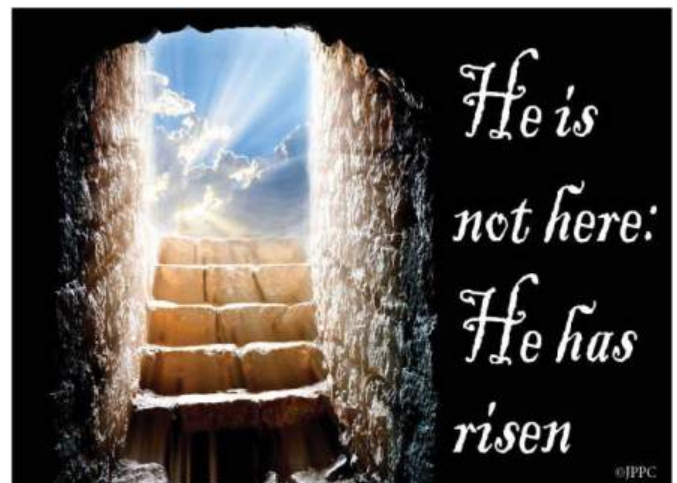
**St. Ann's Church Candle
this week is in memory of:**

Jane Scott Mahoney

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 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 or call 302-654-5519.



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