

## ST. ANN'S CHURCH

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 4-7-2024

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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.

### Divine Mercy Sunday



#### 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](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.*

**PARISH ADVISORY GROUP** - Charles Klous, Finance Council Executive Officer

**ST. ANN SCHOOL age 3 – grade 8**

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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

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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).

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 7, 2024**

From Fr. Eric:

The search for an understanding of the empty tomb that occupied our minds on Easter Sunday is prolonged into the Gospel Reading of this Sunday. The Gospel Reading narrates two different appearances of Jesus to his disciples after his resurrection. The two events are one week apart. The first occurred on the same day of the story of last Sunday, that is, on the day of the resurrection. The first appearance of Jesus to the group of disciples who were locked up in a room occurred in the evening of the same day when they discovered the empty tomb. We can imagine what was going through the minds of the disciples or what they were discussing among themselves when Jesus appeared. His appearance was not hindered by the closed doors. This is an indication that his new form of existence is not conditioned by our human limitations. Henceforth, Jesus is able to reveal himself where he wills, in a manner that is beyond our comprehension. In the face of this new phenomenon, we have to acknowledge the limits of our understanding as human persons.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. This indicated that he had forgiven His disciples after they had betrayed him and locked themselves in the room for fear of the Jews.

Additionally, He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others. The heart of Jesus is full of love and mercy.

The apostles had the best of all rights to bring Jesus' message of forgiveness and mercy to men, because they knew him best. If they knew that a person was really penitent, they could with absolute certainty proclaim to him the forgiveness of Christ. But equally, if they knew that there was no penitence in his heart or that he was trading on the love and the mercy of God, they could tell him that until his heart was altered there was no forgiveness for him. This sentence lays down the duty of the Church to convey forgiveness to the penitent in heart and to warn the impenitent that they are forfeiting the mercy of God.

Finally, forgiveness is confirmed genuinely in the heart. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." Matthew 18:35.

*"Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, make our hearts like unto Thine."  
"Jesus, have mercy on me and on the whole world!"*

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER:** In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" **During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.**

**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>.



**Holy Hour** – Please join Seminarian Eric Gianforcaro in a Holy Hour **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** with Evening Prayer. We will reflect on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**EMMANUEL DINING ROOM** – St. Ann’s next meal: delivery to EDR will be Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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.

**SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL** – Please join us Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.*

**Save the Date for St. Ann’s School Spring Festival – April 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm in our Social Hall.**



**St. Ann’s would like to welcome the following parishioners who have joined our Parish Community in the last three months:**

M/M Bryan Alvord	Mr. Brett du Pont	Ms. Kathleen Murray Lyons
Ms. Stefanie Brodowski	M/M Allan Matyger	M/M John Tadler
Mr. John Craighton	M/M Mark McCracken	M/M Patrick Yacovelli

## Mass Intentions

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

### **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

### **Monday April 8 The Annunciation of the Lord**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Braun & Mooney Families  
8:00 A.M. Stephen & Anna Smith

### **Tuesday April 9**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Catherine & John Doraz  
8:00 A.M. Emmanuel Hannequin

### **Wednesday April 10**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Anne Newcomb  
8:00 A.M. Audrey Boys

### **Thursday April 11 St. Stanislaus**

\*\*6:30 A.M. James Cox  
8:00 A.M. Herman (Skip) Walls

### **Friday April 12**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Fr. Daniel Gerres  
8:00 A.M. Deceased members of the Kane & Farren Families

### **Saturday April 13 St. Martin I**

\*\*8:00A.M. Kathy Eckrich  
4:00P.M. Daniel J. & Kathryn K. Monigle  
Thomas Smith

### **Sunday April 14**

7:30 A.M. Frank Julian  
10:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Mary Ann Martillotti

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of March 24<sup>th</sup> was \$10,685. 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.**

**Hospital Visitations** – Make sure to email the Rectory at [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com) or call 302-654-5519 if you are in the hospital and would like the rectory to know.



*Congratulations  
To  
The  
Newly Baptized*

**JULIA MAEVE SENSENY**  
**Son of Matthew & Erin Senseny**

**BRAYAN THOMAS WINDSOR**  
**Son of James and Amanda Windsor**

**BRYSON ALEXANDER WINDSOR**  
**Son of James and Amanda Windsor**

**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.

**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.



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