

## ST. ANN'S CHURCH

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 4-14-2024

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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](mailto:adorationchapel.stann@gmail.com), website: [www.stannwilmington.com/parishinformation](http://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](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  
[mdickinson@thesaintannschoool.org](mailto: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](mailto:pcullen@stannwilmington.com).

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 14, 2024**

**From Fr. Eric:**                    *He opened their minds. (Luke 24:45)*

What a traumatic three days the disciples had just been through—from the Last Supper through Gethsemane, Judas' betrayal, Jesus' arrest, and Peter's denial, all the way up to Jesus' crucifixion! Everything they had staked their lives on had fallen to pieces—and they themselves had failed Jesus completely.

So, it is no wonder that Jesus' first words when he appeared to the disciples were "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36). How they needed that peace! Then, just as he had done for the disciples on the road to Emmaus, he "opened their minds" to help them make sense of all they had just been through (24:45). **Walking them through the Scriptures, he showed them how his death had been part of God's plan all along.** He helped them see that it was not a tragedy but a triumph. It was not the end of all their hopes but the beginning of a glorious new future.

Have you ever felt the way the disciples did? Maybe you are in the midst of a painful situation right now that has you feeling confused, betrayed, or lost. Maybe a traumatic experience in the past still haunts you. Or maybe the guilt of some past sin continues to weigh you down.

Whatever your situation, Jesus longs to do for you what he did for his disciples. He longs to open your mind to his mercy so that you can be set free from guilt or shame. He longs to reveal his love so that you can see your past—especially the painful parts—through his eyes of love and compassion. He longs to give you new insight into his wisdom so that you can look to your future with hope and trust.

Quiet your heart today so that you can hear Jesus speak to you. Let him "open your mind" and show you how he looks at you. Let him give you his peace.

*"Jesus, help me to see with your eyes, to hear with your ears, and to love with your heart."*

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**Third Sunday of Easter:** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us. **Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent De Paul? Please contact us at 302-658-9876 if you are interested in learning more about our ministry.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE** – Please be generous in our clothing drive this weekend!

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



Father Daniel Gerres, a 1955 graduate of St. Ann School, and a retired priest of our diocese, ordained in 1966, passed away at the age of 83 on March 25<sup>th</sup>. He grew up on Union St. His funeral was here at his home parish of St. Ann on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> with Bishop Koenig as the celebrant. He was buried in the priests section of All Saints Cemetery. Fr. Gerres served as a priest for 58 years and helped in several parishes after retiring in 2010. He served 25 years in the Delaware Army National Guard retiring in 2000 as a Brigadier General. He mentored many seminarians who became priests including myself. In his memory, I am happy to announce the **Father Daniel W. Gerres Scholarship Fund** for St. Ann School. Contributions to the fund may be payable to St. Ann's School and sent to the rectory or made online at Parish Giving. Please pray for Fr. Gerres; may the Lord reward his faithful priestly service to the people of our diocese.

**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.

**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. This year's goal is \$143,500. Thank you very much 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 confirmed **thirty young people** on April 11<sup>th</sup>! 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 recently received 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.*

**Contemporary Christian Music Night of Song and Prayer:** Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 6:00pm at Resurrection Parish, 3000 Videre Dr., Wilmington. Song sheets will be provided! Snacks to follow.

**RETREAT OPPORTUNITY** – Malvern Retreat House is pleased to announce a co-ed retreat honoring Our Blessed Mother hosted by Retreat Director Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, from May 10<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Alar is a celebrated author, host of the EWTN show, “Living Divine Mercy,” and author /producer of the YouTube series “Explaining the Faith.” Catholic Evangelist, Mary Bea Damico, will speak about Blessed Carlo Acutis. Music will include Anna Nuzzo, acclaimed International Catholic Singer. Space is limited for this co-ed retreat. Sign up at [www.malvernretreat.com/events/fr-chris-alar-marian-retreat-2024/](http://www.malvernretreat.com/events/fr-chris-alar-marian-retreat-2024/).

**The St. Thomas More Society Annual Dinner** is scheduled for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Wilmington Country Club. Honorees for this year's dinner are Judges Thomas L. Ambro and Kent A. Jordan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Tickets to the dinner may be purchased at [www.stms-wilmington.org](http://www.stms-wilmington.org).

**Please visit and “like” our Facebook page.** (Use the QR code by holding your smart phone camera over the QR code pictured. You will be directed to the Facebook page on your phone.)



## Mass Intentions

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

### **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

### **Monday April 15**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Jean Scalessa  
**8:00 A.M.** Bridge Hennelly

### **Tuesday April 16**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Margaret Truitt  
**8:00 A.M.** Claire & Taylor Hanavan

### **Wednesday April 17**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Gerald Murray  
**8:00 A.M.** David D. Brady, USMC

### **Thursday April 18**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Jeanne Habig  
**8:00 A.M.** Colonel George H. Seitz

### **Friday April 19**

**\*\*6:30 A.M.** Michael Haley  
**8:00 A.M.** Maria Orga  
Harris Montague Families

### **Saturday April 20**

**\*\*8:00A.M.** Margaret McLaughlin  
**4:00P.M.** Tom Wertz  
John & Agnes Szostkowski

### **Sunday April 21**

**7:30 A.M.** Parishioners  
Mary Anne Ward  
**10:30 A.M.** Nancy C. Lynch  
Gerald Murray

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of March 31<sup>st</sup> was \$11,587. Easter collection was \$10,295! As always, thank you very much 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.

**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.



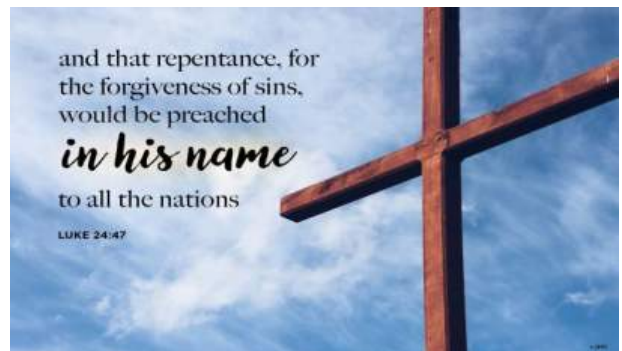
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The  
Newly Baptized*

**OLIVIA ROSE O'DONNELL**  
*Daughter of Neal and Michele O'Donnell*

**EVELYN GRACE O'DONNELL**  
*Daughter of Neal and Michele O'Donnell*

**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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