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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 4-21-2024**

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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**

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*Rev. Eric Frimpong, Associate Pastor*  
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*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.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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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**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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**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).

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 21, 2024**

*From Fr. Eric: A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)*



This familiar passage about the good shepherd calls to mind soothing images from children’s books that portray Jesus as a gentle shepherd carrying a lamb on his shoulders. But Jesus paints a much more powerful picture. His good shepherd is a protector; he watches over and guards his sheep. He doesn’t sit by passively when predators approach; he acts swiftly to keep his flock safe. He doesn’t flee or abandon them; he stands his ground and defends them (John 10:12). He even “lays down his life for the sheep” (10:11).

We know, of course, that Jesus is talking about himself. He is a shepherd unlike the “shepherds” of Israel. In the previous chapter of John’s Gospel, the Jewish leaders responded to Jesus’ miraculous healing by casting out the formerly blind man from the synagogue (9:34). Jesus offered healing and revelation to God’s people, yet these shepherds both rejected him themselves and prevented their “sheep” from receiving the abundant life that Jesus came to give them (10:10). In contrast, Jesus sought out the healed man, comforted him, and led him to faith (9:35-38). This is what a good shepherd does.

The good shepherd theme comes in handy in the fourth Sunday of Easter where the risen reveals Himself to his troubled disciples. For the disciples to continue the work Jesus left for them, they would need his shepherding model and guidance. If he had died on the cross to save us, then he is more than capable of protecting us and leading us to His Heavenly Father.

Jesus is not just “the” good shepherd; he is **your** good shepherd! Unlike a hired hand who works only for pay, Jesus is moved by a deep love for you. His love is so fierce that he freely, gladly offered his life on the cross for his sheep. For us. For you.

In the first reading, Peter boldly addresses the people and once again makes them feel bad for rejecting Jesus: “He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

Today, rejoice that **your** good shepherd is guarding and protecting **you**. He is leading you securely along the perilous paths of life. He is defending you against the wolves and thieves that seek to “steal and slaughter and destroy” you (John 10:10). He is giving you new life that he won by laying down his life and taking it up again in his resurrection (10:18). He will never forsake you.

*“Thank you, Jesus, for being my strong good shepherd!”*

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us. **May God bless you for your continuing support of the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Donation envelopes are at the back of the church. You can also donate through the parish website (<https://www.stannwilmington.com/support>) and the Parish Giving portal (<https://www.parishgiving.org/index>).**

**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 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.



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.

**2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – “One Body, One Spirit in Christ”** – 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – “One Body, One Spirit in Christ – Join us in the spirit of unity and love as we launch our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal under the theme 'One Body, One Spirit in Christ.' Inspired by the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that we are all part of one flock. Our Appeal is an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of our community and deepen our relationship with Christ. This Appeal is not just a call for financial support; it is an invitation to actively participate in the shared journey of faith. Each contribution, big or small, is a meaningful step towards building a more connected and vibrant community. As we come together in generosity, let us embody the essence of being one body and one spirit in Christ. Help our parish to show a good level of active participation. We are all invited to follow the Good Shepherd's example and support one another on this sacred journey. One Body, One Spirit in Christ. An invitation to participate as a community in the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this important campaign. To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); click “Giving” then “Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.” This year’s goal is \$143,500. Thank you very much for your support.

**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).

**FEED THE HUNGRY!** We are very grateful for those who had donated to our Parish Program to Feed the Hungry. Those who were fed sing your praises! We thank you for your donations during Lent. However, the hunger persists. The hungry still need nourishing food. We ask you for your continued help. The Monsignor DEWSON Council 13821, Knights of Columbus will continue to transport the food you donate, the food you place in the Knights of Columbus plastic containers in the vestibule of our St. Ann Church. The food is transported to the Food Shelf in New Castle and to the Marydale Retirement Village, next to The Little Sisters of the Poor in Newark. God bless you!

**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 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

### **Monday April 22**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Rod & Geraldine Flynn  
8:00 A.M. Ed Reardon  
Intentions of Bill and Millie Mentzer

### **Tuesday April 23 St. George & St. Adalbert**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Fr. Daniel Gerres  
8:00 A.M. Mary Anne Ward  
Francesco Bonmartini

### **Wednesday April 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Charles & Elizabeth McKinney  
8:00 A.M. Intentions of Bruce Bradley

### **Thursday April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Flynn & Crossan Families  
8:00 A.M. Jean Giovannozzi  
Mary Anne Ward

### **Friday April 26**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Deceased members of the Sorbana & Regan Families  
8:00 A.M. Irene Olson

### **Saturday April 27**

\*\*8:00A.M. Catherine & Joseph Grady  
4:00P.M. Marjorie Lindon Godley  
Frank Julian

### **Sunday April 28**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Deceased members of the  
Cunningham Family  
10:30 A.M. Carmelita "Carmen" Menton  
James Castello

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of April 7<sup>th</sup> was \$10,621. 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.**



*Congratulations  
To  
The  
Newly Baptized*

**BECKETT DINARDO LOFTUS  
Son of Andrew and Alyssa Loftus**

**EGAN ALFRED O'TOOLE  
Son of John and Erin O'Toole**

**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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