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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9-15-2024
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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

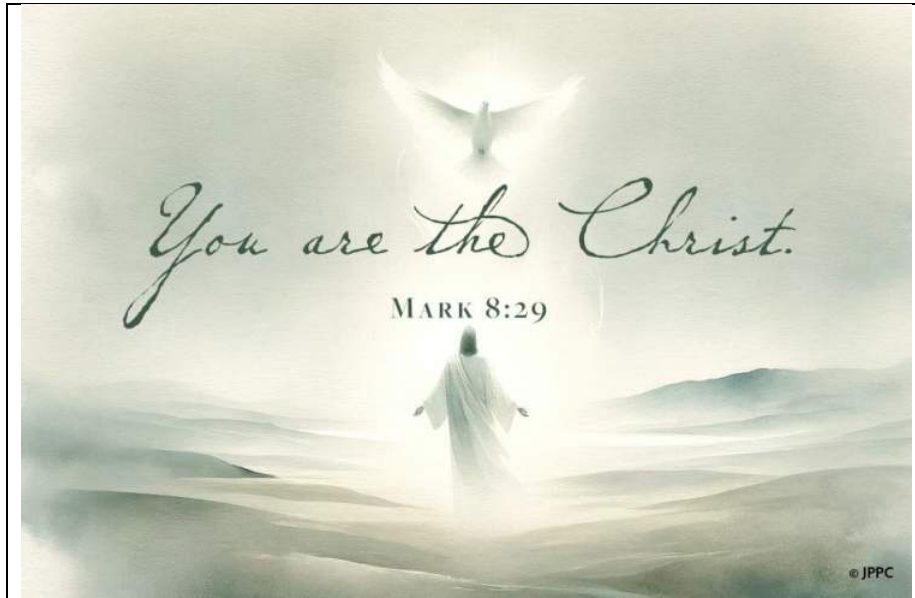
Sunday

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.

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, 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.

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 wedding date.

PARISH ADVISORY GROUP – Charles Klous, Finance Council Executive Officer

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM - 8th of each month to volunteer or give donations contact Clair at 302-893-7182 or clair2413@gmail.com.

ST. ANN SCHOOL age 3 – grade 8
2006 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington, DE 19806-2295
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Ms. Rachael Casey – Principal,

rcasey@thesaintannschoo.org

Mrs. Bonnie Tsaldaris – info & admissions

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Student PREP, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, contact Grace Donahue at gdonahue@stannwilmington.com or 302-654-8504.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM (Grade 8)

For info contact Mrs. Lynne Dickinson, Coordinator

mdickinson@thesaintannschoo.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 302-654-5519 or email pcullen@stannwilmington.com

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

From Fr. Eric: *The Son of Man must suffer greatly . . . and be killed. (Mark 8:31)*

*"Every other person who ever came into this world came into it to live. [Christ] came into it to die. Death was a stumbling block to Socrates — it interrupted his teaching. But to Christ, death was the goal and fulfillment of His life, the gold that He was seeking. Few of His words or actions are intelligible without reference to His Cross. . . . The story of every human life begins with birth and ends with death. In the Person of Christ, however, it was His death that was first and His life that was last. . . . It was not so much that His birth cast a shadow on His life and thus led to His death; it was rather that the Cross was first and cast its shadow back to His birth. **His has been the only life in the world that was ever lived backward.**" (Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen)*

How did Jesus know that he would die? Was it because, as God, he could see his future? Was it because, as a man, he saw his disciples' weak faith as a hint of what would happen when they faced opposition in Jerusalem? Most likely, it was a combination of both—we won't know the full answer this side of heaven.

But what we do know is that, fully aware of what would happen to him, Jesus kept going. He kept preaching the unlimited mercy of God—a message that somehow provoked many of his listeners to anger and confounded even his closest followers. **He kept teaching and forming them—the very people he knew would betray, deny, and abandon him in his hour of need.** He knew how it would end, but **he didn't turn aside from his mission.**

This is the measure of Jesus' love. Even though he knew he would die a lonely and agonizing death, he still chose to walk the path of self-giving love. He knew that if he stayed on that path all the way to the cross, the revelation of that love would ultimately pierce his disciples' hearts and transform them.

And it did. Seeing the risen Jesus on Easter Sunday changed everything for them. After all the ways they had failed him, he still came back and offered them the same love he had shown them all along. He still came back with the assurance of his forgiveness despite their sin. He still came back and entrusted them with the mission of sharing this love with the whole world. He even gave them his own Holy Spirit to empower them for this mission!

Jesus wants to do for you and I, everything he did for his disciples. No matter what we have done or failed to do—no matter what we will do or fail to do—his love continues to flow out to us. Gaze at his cross today and receive that love!

"Jesus, I praise you for the victory—and steadfastness—of your love for me!"

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? – Are you curious about the faith? Do you know a relative, friend, or co-worker who is not Catholic and has asked you about your Catholic faith? Do you feel that someone you know is seeking to find the Lord in their life? Is there an adult in your family who is baptized Catholic but hasn't yet made his or her other sacraments of initiation? Encourage them to "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call to Him, while He is still near." The call to conversion and holiness begins with an inquiry and information session – a no obligation, free introductory offer about the Catholic Faith.

The clergy of St. Ann Parish are happy to help individuals inquire about the Catholic Faith, by leading the sessions through the process called: "The ORDER of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA). It meets over a period of six months, once a week (off for Thanksgiving and Christmas) beginning **Wednesday, October 2nd** in the school in Conference Room A. In these sessions, we will explain the faith and help inquirers every step of the way, guiding them to discern the possibility of entering the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2025.

All practicing Catholics can be ambassadors by leading someone to the waters of Baptism for full initiation into the Catholic faith or to continuing conversion in order to receive Confirmation and Eucharist. Spread the word to someone you know. Email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call the parish office at 302-654-5519 for more information.

WE HONOR OUR CATECHISTS AND TEACHERS – The U.S. Bishops have designated today, September 15th, as Catechetical Sunday to honor all those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church. At St. Ann's Parish, we are so grateful for the dedicated ministry of these persons who have accepted the call to catechize other adults, youth, and children in our Faith Formation Processes and our Catholic school. We acknowledge, with gratitude all of our teachers for their time and dedication to guiding our young people on their faith journey.

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT COLLECTION – Next week, parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for many struggling Catholic families. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. We ask you to generously support next week's *Share in the Spirit* collection. To learn more about the *Share in the Spirit* collection and its importance, go to the diocesan website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit>.

PREP NEWS! If you are the parent of a first grader in a non-Catholic public or private school, it is a DIOCESAN requirement that your child attend Parish Religious Education classes for TWO years prior to receiving the sacrament of First Communion. Our classes begin October 6th. Go to our website and register for PREP today! (<https://sites.google.com/stannwilmington.com/stannreligiouseducation/home>)



PREP PROGRAM ASSISTANCE NEEDED – Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time, and talents with others? Our PREP program meets on Sunday morning and we teach 1st grade – 8th grade students. You do not need to have a child in the program to volunteer! *Our PREP program needs you!!* Volunteers are needed as catechists (teachers), and catechist aides, these positions need *adult volunteers over the age of eighteen*. Training and support are provided along the way. We meet weekly from September – April and we are not in session on holiday weekends.

Teens do you need service hours for school? You can assist with teen hospitality work, photography, games, technology support, or share your faith journey. A wonderful straightforward way to get your high school service hours and a terrific way to give back to your home parish. The greatest qualification for this ministry is just a desire to share your faith with children in our 1st grade - 8th grade program. We encourage all to prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you! If you are interested in learning more about this worthwhile and rewarding ministry in our parish, contact Grace Donahue, at gdonahue@stannwilmington.com or call 302-654-8504.

Registration is now open for Eucharistic Congress, October 5, 2024 Join us for the Diocese of Wilmington's Eucharistic Congress, which will take place on October 5, 2024, at the Ocean City Convention Center. The theme, "The Eucharist: The Source and Summit," invites us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist. The day will include a keynote address by Bishop Richard Henning of the Diocese of Providence, faith-based vendors, a ministry fair, and breakout sessions tailored to various interests and age groups. There will also be opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation. Cost of registration is \$35 per individual and \$140 per family. Register now for this spiritually enriching event! For additional information and registration, visit cdow.org/EucharisticCongress.

****Please see flyers for bus transportation from St. Ann's in the back of church.****

APPEAL UPDATE AND MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR – I am grateful to our parishioners who have responded to Bishop Koenig's call to support the 2024 Faith and Charity Appeal. We have pledged \$126,000 toward our goal of \$143,000. If you have not had a chance to give to the Appeal, please consider a donation that will help us raise our remaining \$17,000, which is \$4,250 a month over the last four months of the Appeal. St. Ann Parish has always been a leader in serving the poor and lifting up the undeserved in our diocese. Please join me in supporting this important effort. Prayerfully, Father Mink.

GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS – Fr. Chet, a former parishioner of St. Elizabeth here in Wilmington, and the past President of Glenmary Home Missioners was here for a recent visit and left some red envelopes in the back of church for donations. Please prayerfully consider donating to this great organization. You can also donate directly through their website: <https://glenmary.org/donate/>.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**8:00A.M. Rev. Albin A. Pulokas (1954)

4:00P.M. Mr. & Mrs. Francis T. Smith
Carl Engelbert

Sunday September 15

7:30 A.M. Parishioners & Joseph Harris

10:30 A.M. Rose Julian & Patrick Coggins

Monday September 16 SS. Cornelius and Cyprian

**6:30 A.M. Kristopher Kisner

8:00 A.M. Taylor Hanavan & John Fleming

Tuesday September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Hildegard of Bingen

**6:30 A.M. Rev. William J. Klapps (2015)

8:00 A.M. James J. Lafferty, Jr.

Wednesday September 18

**6:30 A.M. Deacon Joseph G. Baker (2016)

8:00 A.M. The Boeck Family

Thursday September 19 St. Januarius

**6:30 A.M. Deacon James Tormey, Sr. (2020)

8:00 A.M. Harris/Montague Families

Friday September 20 SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang

**6:30 A.M. Rev. John J. Kavanaugh (2023)

8:00 A.M. Theresa Deptula

Dennis & Patricia Corcoran

Saturday September 21 St. Matthew

**8:00A.M. Deacon James J. Haley (2013)

4:00P.M. Jody & Nancy Dorris Crouse

Jim Keegan

Sunday September 22

7:30 A.M. David Cunningham & the Deceased
Members of the Cunningham Family

10:30 A.M. Carl Engelbert

Parishioners

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of September 1st was \$11,427. 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 or call 302-654-5519 if you are in the hospital and would like the rectory to know.



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To
The
Newly Baptized*

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Son of David and Meghan Markland**

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**CONGRATULATIONS
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**United in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on
September 21st**

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.

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 302-654-5519 or email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com.

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

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