

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9-8-2024

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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.

He has done all things
well. He makes the deaf
hear and the mute speak.

Mark 7:37

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.

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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.

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

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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 8, 2024

From Fr. Eric: Then will the . . . ears of the deaf be cleared. (Isaiah 35:5)

Anyone who has ever experienced hearing loss knows how isolating it can be. The deaf man in today's Gospel must have also struggled with not being able to take part in conversations or understand what was being said. So when Jesus took him off by himself, looked to heaven, and said, "Be opened!" the man's life changed radically (Mark 7:34).

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah promised that when the Lord came to deliver Israel, he would heal the blind and deaf (35:5). The First Reading and the Gospel Reading have in common the transformation of the situation of physically challenged persons. In the First Reading, Isaiah prophesies a human and environmental transformation as a sign of the vengeance and retribution of God. In the Gospel Reading, Jesus actually gives back the gift of hearing and speech to a physically challenged person. The physically challenged, who are the beneficiaries of divine blessings in these two readings, are generally classified among the poor and underprivileged of human society. This becomes a linking point between these two readings and the Second Reading in which James speaks about the tendency to judge and discriminate people on the basis of their social status. The situation James describes in the Second Reading is not foreign to our own reality as Christian communities or churches. James speaks of a preferential treatment given to the rich and influential people when they come to our churches either to worship or for other functions.

The people who witnessed the deaf man's healing saw this promise fulfilled in Jesus and even alluded to it when they said, "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak" (Mark 7:37). Jesus came to open our ears, too. He doesn't want us to be isolated from him or others. But we can't be healed of our "spiritual deafness" if we fail to spend time with him each day. We need to get "away from the crowd" (Mark 7:33)—away from all the clatter and distractions so that we can better listen to what Jesus wants to say to us. We also need a heart open to hearing his words, especially if he shows us where we need to change.

We can be deaf, too, to the people around us, most especially our loved ones. We can tune out their concerns and struggles because we've heard them one too many times. Or we can listen to their words but not really try to understand what's going on beneath the surface, in their hearts.

That's why it's important to start each day asking the Lord to "clear" your ears (Isaiah 35:5). He wants you and I to hear him speaking to us, and he wants you and I to really listen to the people in our lives. Just as he opened the ears of the man in today's Gospel, you and I can trust that he will open our ears, too. There's so much he wants you and I to hear and understand!

"Jesus, I want to listen. Open my ears today!"

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.

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.



St. Ann's school students and their families will be joining us for the 10:30am Mass on September 8th to celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the daughter of our Patron Saint Ann.

*The parish Welcoming Committee hosts a **Second Sunday Social** with light refreshments every month after the 10:30am Mass in the Social Hall for all members of the Church community. **TODAY, September 8th, the Second Sunday Social** will salute 125 years of education at St. Ann School. **All are welcome to join!***

Fr. Mink and Principal Casey hope that this special event will build on the beautifully symbiotic relationship between the church and school, which are part of one St. Ann community. Help us to reflect on and celebrate our rich history and consider the possibilities of our bright future!

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.

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 7

**8:00A.M. Rev. John P. McLaughlin (1986)

4:00P.M. Virginia Schenck

Sunday September 8

7:30 A.M. Parishioners

Joseph Harris

10:30 A.M. Jessica Eckrich

Margaret Tobin Strick

Monday September 9 St. Peter Claver

**6:30 A.M. Msgr. Henri I. Foltz (1983)

8:00 A.M. John Gordon

Tuesday September 10

**6:30 A.M. Rev. Howard T. Clark (2014)

8:00 A.M. Renee Buskirk

*****9:15 A.M. Sheila Messick Pruett – School Mass, not a public Mass**

Wednesday September 11

**6:30 A.M. Rev. William E. Jennings (2014)

8:00 A.M. Edward Reilly

Thursday September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

**6:30 A.M. Rev. Anthony C. Olexinski (1930)

8:00 A.M. Robert Wayne Hoskins, Sr.

Friday September 13 St. John Chrysostom

**6:30 A.M. Rev. John Daly (1874)

8:00 A.M. Robert C. Feeney

Cassie & Michael Mahaney

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

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of August 25th was \$9,075. 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.



HOLY MOMENTS

*Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized*

JACK EDWARD MORRIS

Son of James and Mary Elizabeth Morris

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – Confession was on Fridays during the summer, but it has returned to Saturday mornings from 8:30am – 9:30am in the back of church.

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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