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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9-22-2024

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

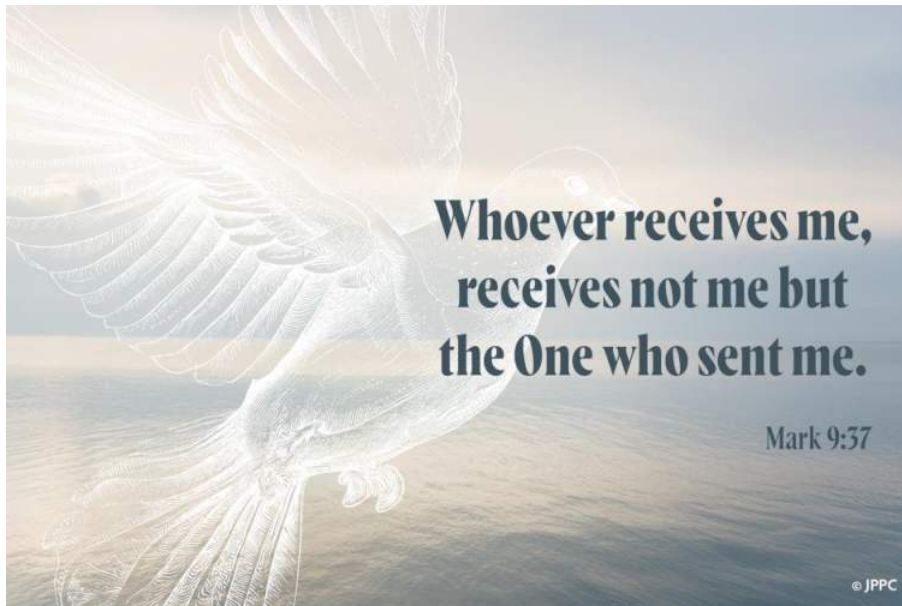
Sunday

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 online parent Baptismal program and compliance with Godparent eligibility policy is required before setting a 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.

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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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

From Fr. Eric: *“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”* (Mark 9:35)

The Gospel Reading repeats the prediction of the passion and death of Jesus. Once more, the disciples did not understand but they were afraid to ask him. They may have been afraid that in asking for clarification they would be exposing their ignorance. While they were not ready to ask Jesus for an explanation of the prediction, they seemed to have been busy arguing among themselves about who was the greatest among them. Their argumentation is to be understood from the background of the confession of faith of Peter in Caesarea Philippi and the reaction of Jesus to this revelation. The disciples were certain that Jesus was the Christ, so as they began their southward journey from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem, they found it important to clarify issues of greatness among themselves. By their own standards, such clarification would be very important when it comes to apportioning roles and responsibilities in the kingdom of Jesus once they arrived in Jerusalem.

The disciples were completely mistaken in their thoughts. For a second time, they failed to grasp the message of Jesus and the reason he asked them not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. Jesus' idea of the Messiah was completely different from the prevailing concept of Messiah in New Testament times. The disciples were probably conversant with this other concept so their expectations were different from those of Jesus himself. No doubt Peter took Jesus aside in an earlier passage to remonstrate or argue with him concerning his pronouncements.

The arrival in the house in Capernaum became the occasion for Jesus to instruct his disciples further. His question to the disciples showed that he heard what they were arguing about along the way but decided not to intervene at that moment. The silence of the disciples says a lot. They might have been afraid to disclose to Jesus what they were arguing about on the road. They might have been afraid that Jesus would rebuke them for arguing about greatness when he was talking to them about suffering and death. The behavior of the disciples reflects what we read in the Second Reading. James points out that wherever we find jealousy and ambition, we find disharmony. The debate about who is the greatest was a fertile ground for disharmony among the disciples. Jesus needed to cure this malice among them if they were to embrace the mission ahead of them in Jerusalem.

Without having to say it, Jesus took them on as he talked to them about servant ministry. He did this from two different perspectives. The first was with the statement “whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” In Jewish society at this time, those considered to be first among the people were rulers, aristocrats, ruling priests and other persons of authority and influence. These were also the ones that the society considered the greatest. Jesus however asks his disciples to be the last and to be servants. The servant in Jewish society was someone of no rank, no authority, no privileges. It was not a position that anyone would ordinarily desire to occupy. This was however, Jesus' own approach to ministry so he wants his disciples to follow the same pattern.

The best way to illustrate the instruction of Jesus was to use the figure of a child. The child is the most vulnerable person in society as he/she relies on others for practically everything: protection and care. Thus, for Jesus to tell his disciples that whoever welcomes one such child in his name welcomes him, is an invitation to his disciples to engage themselves in a very profound reflection on greatness.

The lesson in the Gospel Reading gives us much to think about as Christians. More often than not, some of us desire places of rank rather than of service. Some of us look for opportunities to render service to people of rank so that we would be recognized and rewarded accordingly. We do not easily turn our attention to children if that would be of no profit to us. Jesus challenges us today as he questions our motivations for what we do as Christians. We are invited to reflect on our personal lives and see how far we can say that we have understood the values that Christ wants us to uphold as Christians. Certainly, when we learn to live by his word, we would be true witnesses of the kingdom.

“Lord Jesus, teach me to imitate you, the King who came to serve and not to be served.”

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.

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT COLLECTION – Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. 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. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information and on-line giving options, visit the Share in the Spirit 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>)

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. Elizabeth's in the back of church.

NO 4PM MASS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH – Bishop Koenig has asked that there be no parish Saturday afternoon Vigil Masses on October 5th to allow all diocesan clergy & parishioners the opportunity to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. If you are a regular attendee at a Saturday evening Mass, please plan to attend one of our Sunday Masses or join us in Ocean City, MD for the Congress.

"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 will be \$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 or call 302-654-5519.*

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE – There are openings in the schedule of Masses for intentions for the remainder of 2024. The daily 6:30am Masses are widely available and there is also availability for intentions for some 8:00am daily Masses. Please stop by the rectory if you would like to arrange to have a Mass said for the deceased or as a special intention for a living person. As a reminder, the 6:30am weekday Masses are said privately by one of the parish priests while the 8:00am weekday Masses are said publicly in the church.

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina

**6:30 A.M. Rev. Michael J. Jordan (1964)
8:00 A.M. Eileene Whitworth

Tuesday September 24

**6:30 A.M. Charles & Elizabeth McKinney
8:00 A.M. James P. Garofalo
William & Mary Louise Duffy

Wednesday September 25

**6:30 A.M. Dorothy & John Doordon
8:00 A.M. John Garofalo

Thursday September 26 SS. Cosmas and Damian

**6:30 A.M. Deceased Members of Sorbara &
Regan Families
8:00 A.M. Mary McLaughlin

Friday September 27 St. Vincent de Paul

**6:30 A.M. Rev. John J. Reed (1932)
8:00 A.M. Celeste Hartman

Saturday September 28 St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

**8:00A.M. Rev. John J. Reed (1932)
4:00P.M. The intentions of Paul Sr. & Paul II
Mahoney & Eileene Whitworth

Sunday September 29

7:30 A.M. Margaret McLaughlin
Parishioners
10:30 A.M. John Gordon
Margaret (Peg) Carney

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of September 8th was \$9,767. 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



**St. Ann's Church Candle
this week is in memory of:**

DAVID MORRIS

Just Married

**CONGRATULATIONS
ANDREW TURULSKI & KATIE PUPILLO**

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOUL OF:**

**Joseph John Lucey, Jr.
and
Patricia (Pat) McLaughlin**

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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