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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9-29-2024

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

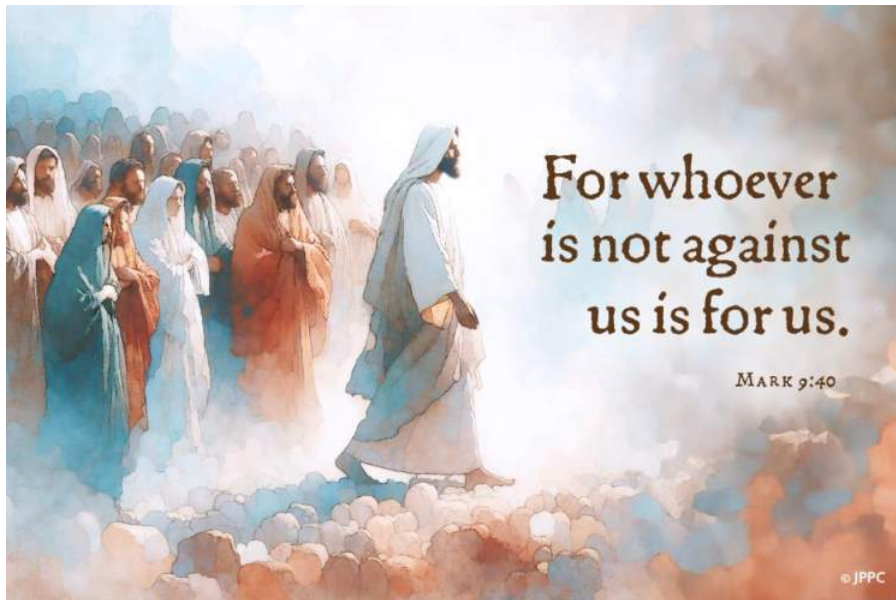
Sunday

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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Ms. Rachael Casey – Principal,

rcasey@thesaintannschoool.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@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 302-654-5519 or email pcullen@stannwilmington.com

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

From Fr. Eric: “God is able to bless us wherever we are”. (Numbers 11:26)

Did you ever think that you might have missed God’s blessing? Maybe you were supposed to go on a pilgrimage, but your finances fell through. Or you had hoped to attend a retreat, but someone in your family got sick. Or perhaps you had planned to go to daily Mass at noon, but you got stuck in a work meeting and couldn’t get to church. How frustrating!

In today’s first reading, Medad and Eldad might have felt the same way. Moses had chosen them to be among the seventy elders, and God had promised to place his Spirit upon them. They would be able to hear God’s voice and help Moses care for the Israelites. But they had not gone out to the tent of meeting; they were left back in the camp among the hungry, complaining people. So, it seemed that these two latecomers had missed their chance. But God had other plans. He blessed them anyway—even in the chaos of the camp, even in their confusion. Medad and Eldad proclaimed God’s word right in the midst of the people.

What does this teach us? First, it shows that God is able to bless us wherever we are. He’s not limited by whether we’re in the “right place at the right time.” Second, he’s not limited to working only through certain people. Medad and Eldad had willing hearts open to God’s grace, and that helped them receive his Spirit. Joshua was scandalized and wanted to silence them, but Moses understood: the Lord’s power and his desire to bless his people were far beyond what they had expected. He rejoiced— “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!” (Numbers 11:29).

A similar situation is presented in the Gospel Reading. This time, it is about driving out devils in the name of Jesus. For John since the man who cast out demons in the name of Jesus was not one of his close collaborators, he should be prevented from doing so. John might have reasoned that they were commissioned by Jesus so they have the authority to cast out devils in his name. Whoever was not commissioned by Jesus should not be doing what is reserved to commissioned disciples. In effect, the disciples in the Gospel Reading took the same stand as Joshua in the First Reading. While the argument of John sounds valid, it was not up to the disciples to determine who was commissioned to act in the name of Jesus. Only Jesus can determine that since he is the source of power or authority. The reaction of Jesus in the Gospel Reading is very similar to that of Moses. Jesus says that it is not possible for someone to perform a miracle in his name and be against him.

You have not missed your chance to receive God’s blessing! You’re never beyond his reach, and it’s never too late. Today you can seek the Lord. He wants to shower his gifts and heavenly blessings upon you—no matter where you are!

Be inspired to join us at the Ocean City Convention Center in Ocean City, Maryland, for the **EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS** on Saturday, October 5th.

“Lord, I trust in your goodness.”

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT COLLECTION – Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the diocesan Share in the Spirit tuition assistance collection last week. For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the Share in the Spirit collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or parish office or, visit the Share in the Spirit website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit> and click on “Ways to Give.” This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated!

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>)

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.

Don't delay! Register now for a Spiritual Journey! Join us for **The Eucharist: Source and Summit** at our 2024 Eucharistic Congress, held on October 5, 2024, at the Ocean City Convention Center. This inspiring day will include all-day **Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration**, a Ministry Fair, and a Eucharistic Procession! Our keynote speaker is Archbishop-elect of Boston, Richard Henning. Join us, and you will encounter dynamic, nationally renowned Catholic speakers like Damon Owens, Catherine DiNuzzi, Christopher Wesley, and Noah Gilchrist. They will cover topics such as Discipleship and Youth Ministry, The Power of Encounter, Faith, Science, and Overcoming Anxiety. But that's not all! Enjoy our interactive Family Space, a private screening of the movie *The Miracle of the Eucharist*, special presentations from the Basilica Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, and other special events. We will also offer a Spanish track featuring Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, Dexter Alejandro Reyes Villaneueva, and the film *Jesus Tiene Sed: El Milagro de La Eucaristía*. With so much more in store, this is a day you won't want to miss! To register and to learn more, visit: www.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.

Confessions on Saturday, October 5th are also canceled due to the Eucharistic Congress

Parish office communications – Telephone & email communication with the parish office is answered Monday – Friday from 9am to 3:45pm, but not on weekends. Correspondence after 3:45pm on Fridays will not be answered until after 9am on Monday. Thank you for your understanding.

Mass Intentions

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

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

**8:00A.M. Rev. John J. Sheehy (1972)
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

Monday September 30 St. Jerome

**6:30 A.M. The intentions of Deirdre Rice
8:00 A.M. The intentions of Mary Grace Bock

Tuesday October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus

**6:30 A.M. Rev. Frederick A. Kochan (2022)
8:00 A.M. The intentions of Jessica Root

Wednesday October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

**6:30 A.M. Catherine & John Doraz
8:00 A.M. Georgina Sheing, Henry, & Janet Salacki

Thursday October 3

**6:30 A.M. Rev. William C. Shevland (1938)
8:00 A.M. Sancho and Gloria Manubay

Friday October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

**6:30 A.M. Msgr. John J. Lynch (1955)
8:00 A.M. Theresa Deptula

Saturday October 5 St. Faustina Kowalska & Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

*No Masses because of the Eucharistic Congress
Sunday October 6

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth McKinney Parishioners
10:30 A.M. Deceased Members of the D'Alonzo Family & Marjorie Lindon Godley
Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of September 15th was \$9,955. 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.



**St. Ann's Church Candle
this week is for healing of:**

Oliver "Roo" Conaty

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.

Catholic Forum on the radio:

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. This week, Jenny Krasta, executive director of the Maryland Catholic Conference will discuss Maryland's Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment.

The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and <https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefWilm> debuts every Wednesday at 12:00pm; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoon at 1:30pm.

More information is available at cdow.org/CatholicForum and <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum>.



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