

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10-6-2024

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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

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OCTOBER 6, 2024**

From Fr. Eric: It is not good for the man to be alone. (Genesis 2:18)

This almost sounds like it could be the punch line of a joke about men needing the gentle guidance of women. But this reading is not just about men. And while it's often used in the context of marriage, it's not just about marriage. It applies to all of us, married or single, male or female. **We need each other.** We have been made in the image and likeness of our triune God, who is a communion of persons. That means we need upbuilding relationships with other people. It is simply **“not good” for us to be alone (Genesis 2:18).**

Notice that even after Adam named all the animals, none were found to be “the suitable partner for the man” (Genesis 2:20). That's because we can only truly have “partnership” with other human beings created in God's image and likeness. And that communion, like the life of the Trinity, usually involves the giving of ourselves. The Sacrament of Marriage is a powerful sign of that love. But it's also on display in the relationships between good friends, in volunteers who work together to serve the poor, or in priests or religious sisters and brothers who support one another in the faith.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these “little ones” in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

It's not automatic to have communion or support one another in the faith, though. No one experiences perfect communion with other people in this life; **we have to work on our relationships.** We have to keep inviting Jesus into them. So today, take the next step toward the communion that God made you for. Pray for good friendships to come into your life. Pray, too, that God would help you deepen the relationships you do have. Make it a priority to spend time with them. Get to know the people you're serving with in your parish. Maybe you could reach out to someone who seems alone.

Even when you feel lonely, **know that you're never alone.** The One who made you for something more is always with you. Trust that he will build the communion he desires for you. (WAU)

“Lord, thank you that you have made me for community, just like you.”

APPEAL UPDATE – Thank you to everyone who has donated to the 2024 Appeal. St. Ann's goal is \$143,500 and we currently have \$127,375 pledged towards that goal. **We are still in need of \$16,125** to meet our goal so we need your help! Will you help us reach our goal? Please prayerfully consider donating, especially if you have never given before. All monies collected over the goal will come back to the parish! Visit www.cdow.org/FAC to donate. Thank you as always for your generosity!

Second Sunday Social IS BACK! Please join us **next Sunday, October 13th after the 10:30am Mass** in the social hall for the Second Sunday Social. Members of the Welcoming Committee will be available to provide information about the parish, its events and also how to register. Hope to see you there!

Just a reminder that the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, October 15th at 9am.

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.

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). The first meeting was on **Wednesday, October 2nd**. If you missed the first meeting, call the office. 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.

St. Ann School Education Fund – The second collection for the weekend of October 12th and 13th is for the St. Ann School Education Fund. We thank you in advance for your financial support of our students.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." **This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold. You can help by placing a gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box. You can also donate through the parish website (<https://www.stannwilmington.com/support>) and the Parish Giving portal (<https://www.paritygiving.org/index>).**

Footprints Mass – **Sunday, October 20th at 9:30am at St. John the Beloved** – Join us in October, Respect Life Month, for the Annual Footprints Mass. The Mass will be held on Sunday, October 20th at 9:30am at St. John the Beloved Church in Wilmington, DE. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents, and siblings who grieve the death of a child as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death. The loss may be recent or many years ago. As a Catholic community, all are welcomed to join us in prayerful support at this special healing Mass at St. John the Beloved. It is a time when we come together to remember those who died too soon. Sponsored by the Offices for Marriage and Family Life and Respect Life of the Diocese of Wilmington.

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Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

**6:30 A.M. Braun & Mooney Families

8:00 A.M. Brian Iwata

Tuesday October 8

**6:30 A.M. Craig Jolly

8:00 A.M. Bishop Michael Saltarelli, K of C

Wednesday October 9 St. Denis & St. John Leonardi

**6:30 A.M. Msgr. John J. McGee (1985)

8:00 A.M. Carl Engelbert

Thursday October 10

**6:30 A.M. Rev. Richard F. Gardiner (1989)

8:00 A.M. Jeremiah J. Regan

Friday October 11 St. John XXIII

**6:30 A.M. Fr. Edward J. Fahey Jr.

8:00 A.M. Adelaida Rafaela Meese

Saturday October 12 BVM

**8:00A.M. Charles Palmer, K of C

4:00P.M. Gloria Manubay

Cathy Webb

Sunday October 13

7:30 A.M. The intentions of Kayrn & Carmen
Campanelli
Parishioners

10:30 A.M. James Julian
Katie Much

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of September 22nd was \$9,598. 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.

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.



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

Oliver "Roo" Conaty

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

**Charles Kennedy
and**

Fr. Edward J. Fahey, Jr.

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, hear an interview with Sister Marilyn Bouchard and Sister Virginia Peckham of the Little Sisters of Jesus and Mary who have been serving the needy of the Salisbury, Maryland area for decades. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoon at 1:30. More information is available at cdow.org/CatholicForum and FaceBook.com/CatholicForum



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