

**ST. ANN'S CHURCH**  
**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 11-10-2024**  
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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.

Amen, I say to you,  
this poor widow put  
in more than all the  
other contributors to  
the treasury.

Mark 12:43



**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.

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Email: [atrites@stannwilmington.com](mailto:atrites@stannwilmington.com)  
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*Couples being married are to contact the director for an appointment several months before the wedding date.*

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**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](mailto:pcullen@stannwilmington.com)

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

**From Fr. Eric:**            *She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had. (Mark 12:44)*

What a contrast! The scribes in today's Gospel were conscious of how they appeared to others. Their long robes matched up nicely with their long prayers, and who wouldn't agree that time spent in the synagogues was time well spent? Compared to these men, the widow seemed insignificant. Anyone looking at her could probably tell that she was poor. Her clothes were probably torn, and her shoes were worn thin. It could be easy to see her two small coins as a reflection of her own limited value.

A casual reading of the First Reading and the Gospel for this Sunday brings to the fore the common element of a widow. In the First Reading, Elijah encountered a widow of Sidon and asked her for some water to drink and a scrap of bread to eat. The widow was very sincere with him and revealed the amount of food she had at home as well as her project regarding this food for herself and her son. At the word of the prophet, she went and did as Elijah told her. True to the words of the Lord through the prophet, the jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied. In the Gospel Reading, we have another scenario involving a widow. Jesus observed the people who came to put their offering in the Temple treasury. He lauds the offering of a widow who put in two small coins that is not worth much in monetary value. He explains why he praises this widow by saying that despite the small amount she placed in the treasury, she contributed more than all others. The principle for the evaluation was that whereas the others contributed from what they had in excess, the widow gave all she had to live on.

"The Lord looks into the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7), and this widow's heart was given over to the Lord. By being willing to give "all she had, her whole livelihood," she was also offering the Lord **her energy, her time, and her prayers** (Mark 12:44). This re-connects us to last week's readings and the key word I used in my homily, being "**intentional**": "*Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, **with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.***" The scribes should have been willing to do the same. But Jesus knew that their hearts were full of themselves. They clung too tightly to their pride and their position as scholars of the Law and expected everyone to treat them with great honor and respect.

Let's use this Gospel passage today to examine our own hearts. Are we willing to offer "all we have" to the Lord? Or do we hold onto some things—or some people—too tightly? Maybe we cling to our status and the respect that comes with it. Maybe we are holding onto our money too tightly instead of giving generously to those in need. Maybe we have too tight a grasp on our free time instead of being willing to serve someone. We might even struggle with "letting go" of someone close to us, like our adult children. If you detect that you are holding onto something or someone too tightly, don't despair! Imagine the Lord standing before you, smiling as he receives whatever gift you offer him. Then hear him say, "Don't worry. I can give you all that you need!"

*"Jesus, I want to offer everything I have to you. Help me to do it!"*

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**St. Ann's "All Souls 2024"**

**Margaret Hasson  
Elizabeth Carter  
Dolores O'Connor  
Elizabeth Marie Conaty  
Edward Thomas Stewart  
Elizabeth Ford Dougherty**

**Edward George Punte  
Rev. Daniel W. Gerres  
Mary Anne Ward  
Carl Engelbert  
Audrey Boys  
Michael Gorman**

**Joseph A. Harris, Jr.  
Joseph DiPinto  
Joseph Lucey, Jr.  
Patricia McLaughlin  
Stephen Laskowski  
Paul Mahoney, Sr.**

**Second Sunday Social** – Please join us ***THIS Sunday, November 10th 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!

**Msgr. Dewson Knights of Columbus – Christmas card Sales!** Your Knights of Columbus council will be selling high-quality Christmas cards from a new publisher after all masses on Nov 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 and Nov 30-Dec1 (if cards are still available). This annual fundraiser allows the Knights to support our school and parish, as well as the other service works that we do in the community. Please contribute to this worthy activity by buying a box of cards. Thank you for your support!

**Vocation Awareness** – Ever feel like someone you know or have met would make a good priest, sister, brother or deacon? If you've never spoken to them about it, the Called-By-Name program is your chance to lovingly nudge them to explore God's calling. Our Vocations Committee encourages you to use the yellow response cards in the back of church to nominate that person. Please place the completed cards in the offertory baskets.

**The SVDP GIVING TREE** will be set up Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> in the church sanctuary. Tags on the tree represent gift requests for families assisted by our Saint Vincent DePaul Society throughout 2024. If you take a tag please return the *WRAPPED GIFT WITH THE TAG ATTACHED UNDER THE TREE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>*. For more information contact Katie O'Connor at [madello@msn.com](mailto:madello@msn.com).

**THE SVDP CLOTHING DRIVE IS THIS WEEKEND** – November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting “gently” used clothing after all masses in our parking lot. Now is the time to start cleaning out your closets! Our St. Vincent de Paul Society appreciates your contributions.

**SCHOOL NEWS** – Dearest St. Ann parishioners, If you are considering St. Ann School for your children for the 2025-2026 school year, please let me know. I would be happy to answer any questions you have or arrange a visit for you and your child. You may contact me through the school office at (302) 652-6567, or by email at [btsaldaris@thesaintannschool.org](mailto:btsaldaris@thesaintannschool.org). Space is limited in our Preschool and Kindergarten and it is important to apply early. The enrollment season for the 2025-2026 school year opens on November 12<sup>th</sup>, so I encourage you to contact me soon. I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you, Bonnie Tsaldaris, St. Ann School Admissions Director

**OUR SCHOOL IS HIRING** – Do you know someone who would make a great First Grade Assistant Teacher (Long Term Substitute)? Interested candidates may submit a resume and cover letter to the school at [office@thesaintannschool.org](mailto:office@thesaintannschool.org) or to Principal Rachael Casey at [rcasey@thesaintannschool.org](mailto:rcasey@thesaintannschool.org). For a job description, visit the school's website at: <https://www.thesaintannschool.org/about-us/employment-opportunities>.

**Are you interested in serving as a Lector at St. Ann's?** Would you like to “lend your voice to bring God's Word to the assembly”? Lector training is provided to new lectors. Lectors are scheduled approximately once a month, and before the schedule is finalized, ministers have the opportunity to indicate the dates they are not available. High school and college students are welcome to apply. If you are interested in becoming a Lector for St. Ann's, please contact Tim McMahon, Ministry Coordinator at [tmcm303770@comcast.net](mailto:tmcm303770@comcast.net).

**Calling Altar Servers!** *Are you a 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade student? Is your family registered with St. Ann's? Are you interested in serving at weekend Masses approximately once a month? Does your school require service hours? Perhaps you would consider serving as an Altar Server. Training is provided to new Servers who are paired with an experienced server. If you are interested in serving your parish and enriching your faith, **please consider becoming an Altar Server!** Contact Mrs. Grace Donahue, Coordinator of Religious Education at 302-654-8504 [gdonahue@stannwilmington.com](mailto:gdonahue@stannwilmington.com).*

**Advent Scripture Study** – We will be offering Bible Study sessions immediately after the 8:00am Mass on Mondays during the *Season of Advent*. Sessions will be held in the church on the following Mondays: 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 from 8:30am – 9:15am. Take some time during this season to reflect on the meaning of the Word of God and grow in your relationship with our Lord.

**Need to register for St. Ann's?** Visit our website [www.stannwilmington.com](http://www.stannwilmington.com), print the form and drop it off at the rectory or email it back to us.

## Mass Intentions

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

### **Saturday November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

\*\*8:00 a.m. William & Mary Louise Duffy  
4:00 p.m. Carl Engelbert & Paul F. Mahoney

### **Sunday November 10**

7:30 a.m. Msgr. Paul J. Taggart  
United States Marines  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners  
Deceased Members of the Columbiettes

### **Monday November 11 St. Martin of Tours**

\*\*6:30 a.m. The intentions of Paul Sr. & Paul II Mahoney

8:00 a.m. Robert Hotchkiss

### **Tuesday November 12 St. Josaphat**

\*\*6:30 a.m. A Special Intention  
8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Msgr. Dewson Council 13821, Knights of Columbus, St. Ann Parish

### **Wednesday November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Barbara Dubik

8:00 a.m. Diane Setting

### **Thursday November 14**

\*\*6:30 a.m. JoAnn Steward

8:00 a.m. Jeanne Luciano

### **Friday November 15 St. Albert the Great**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Jim Keegan

8:00 a.m. John Tharan & Jim Keegan

### **Saturday November 16 St. Gertrude and St. Margaret of Scotland**

\*\*8:00 a.m. Art & Joan Connolly

4:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Francis T. Smith  
Anna Santacecilia

### **Sunday November 17**

7:30 a.m. Parishioners  
Francis Leo O'Callaghan

10:30 a.m. Anne & James P. Kane, Sr.

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of October 27<sup>th</sup> was \$7,263. 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](mailto: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:**

**JIM KEEGAN**

**APPEAL UPDATE –** Thank you to everyone who has donated to the 2024 Appeal. St. Ann's goal is \$143,500 and we currently have \$130,585 pledged towards that goal. **We are still in need of \$12,915** 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.cdw.org/FAC](http://www.cdw.org/FAC) to donate. Thank you as always for your generosity!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. For info, call 302-654-5519 or email [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com).

**ST. ANN'S PRAYER LINE –** to place a name on the prayer line contact Susana Saldivar at [susana.saldivar1@gmail.com](mailto:susana.saldivar1@gmail.com) or 302-824-0161.

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time –** In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on." **Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box** so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care. You can also donate through the parish website, the Parish Giving portal, and Venmo.

<https://www.stannwilmington.com/support>,  
<https://www.parishgiving.org/index>,  
[@StAnnWilmingtonSVDP-Society](https://www.parishgiving.org/index). Thank you!

**2024 Bishop's 5K Run/Walk: Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Saint Mark's High School.**  
[www.ccwilm.org/events/the-bishops-5k-runwalk/](http://www.ccwilm.org/events/the-bishops-5k-runwalk/) 3

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