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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@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

**THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

From Fr. Eric: *Jesus is our Eternal King. (Revelation 1:8)*

Today's feast of Christ the King marks the culmination of everything that our readings over the past month have been leading up to. Even as we live in the "already" (*Jesus has come!*) and the "not yet" (*Jesus will return and establish his reign forever!*), we take time today to declare that Jesus is King, both now and forever. He is "the one who is and who was and who is to come" (Revelation 1:8).

The Feast of Christ, King of the Universe, contrasts earthly power with Jesus' divine kingship. The Gospel reading depicts Jesus' trial before Pilate, where Pilate, the Roman governor, represents worldly power, while Jesus, though appearing powerless, reveals his kingship is not of this world. His mission is to bear witness to the truth, a truth rooted in God's saving plan.

Jesus' kingdom transcends earthly boundaries and is eternal, as reflected in Daniel's vision and the psalmist's proclamation. Those who follow Jesus live by his truth and are called to share it. On this feast, Christians honor Christ's sovereignty, acknowledging his reign of love, justice, and mercy, and commit to being faithful witnesses of his truth in their daily lives.

Just as Jesus is our eternal King, his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. It reaches beyond time and space. And its population is unique: the "poor in spirit" are given places of honor, along with those who mourn and who are meek and lowly of heart (Matthew 5:3-5).

So, what does it mean for us to be citizens of this wonderful, everlasting kingdom? How can the "already," the "right now," and the "not yet" truths of this kingdom affect our lives?

- Jesus has *already* freed you from sin by his blood (Revelation 1:5). You can receive this freedom by faith and Baptism, by repentance, and by staying united to him through the sacraments.
- Nothing can separate you from his love (Romans 8:39). Today, *right now*, you can invite Jesus to remove any barriers that keep you from experiencing the joys of his kingdom.
- You will *one day* reign with the Lord (2 Timothy 2:12). It's awe-inspiring to think of, but in Jesus' kingdom, "Whoever humbles himself will be exalted" (Matthew 23:12). If you try to stay close to him in this life, he promises to give you a place near him as he reigns eternally (25:34).

Rejoice today that Jesus is your eternal King. Invite him to reign in your heart even more, as you await his reign of love over the whole world.

"Jesus, I worship you as my King! Come, Lord, and establish your kingdom forever!"

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.**

APPEAL UPDATE – Thank you to everyone who has donated to the 2024 Appeal. St. Ann's goal is \$143,500 and we currently have \$131,200 pledged towards that goal. ***We are still in need of \$12,300*** 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!

The rectory will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28th & 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Mass on both of those days is at 9am ONLY. We wish all of our parishioners, and those visiting with us, a very happy and safe Thanksgiving!

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.

“Come, Let us Adore Him” – Please join us for an *Advent Holy Hour* at St. Ann’s on **Monday, December 2nd at 6:30pm**. In this time of year when we’re preparing our hearts to receive Jesus in His Incarnation, it’s especially fitting to carve out time to be before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, to ask for his presence to change our hearts and our lives, and to bring our burdens and joys to Him. Our Holy Hour will include the Rosary, time for silent prayer, and Benediction of the Eucharist.

Advent Holy Hour of Power – St. Joseph’s on French Street will be joining us at St. Ann’s for Adoration, Praise, and Worship Music on **Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30pm**. Please help us fill the church!

***We Want You!** to be the face of hospitality as a greeter on the Second Sunday of each month. Please welcome all who visit our Parish as they enter and send them out after Mass with a friendly face from our Parish. Those interested please contact Kim Perle at jal120q@verizon.net.*

CALLED BY NAME – Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the back of church with the name of someone you believe has a calling towards religious life and leave them in the offertory baskets.

The SVDP GIVING TREE will be set up Saturday, November 30th 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 15th*. For more information contact Katie O’Connor at madello@msn.com.

FUNERAL PACKETS AVAILABLE – November is the month dedicated to All Souls. It is important to think about our mortality, eternal life, and to know the funeral directives of the Catholic Church as to what is appropriate to know beforehand to have a meaningful celebration for you and your loved ones. It is best to *plan ahead* rather than in an emotional situation. The parish is here to help you plan and answer any questions with the parish funeral booklet located on the tables in the back of church and on our website, <https://www.stannwilmington.com/>. Additional copies are available in the parish office. Go to our website, click on “Sacraments,” then click on “Information on Funeral Planning.” You will find funeral options appropriate to your situation, along with a funeral planning sheet, approved scripture readings and music to assist you. Please contact the parish office with any questions after reading this guide.

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@thesaintannschoool.org or to Principal Rachael Casey at rcasey@thesaintannschoool.org. For a job description, visit the school’s website at: <https://www.thesaintannschoool.org/about-us/employment-opportunities>.

Pre-K 3 Classroom News – The Pre-K 3 Minis recently celebrated their 50th Day Of School! Each child collected and counted 50 items to attach to a poster board. The kids had so much fun presenting their posters, showing their creativity, and counting by 10s with their classmates. During learning centers time, the Minis colored, assembled, and wore a headband that proudly displayed that they are 50 Days SMARTER. We are so proud of our youngest group of Mustangs!

Christmas cards are sold out! Your Knights of Columbus council sold out of cards last weekend. We thank everyone for their support! 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. Look for us during the Christmas season at the Acme near Trolley Square, as we ring the bell to help the Salvation Army in its good works.

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 PRAYER LINE – to place a name on the prayer line contact Susana Saldivar at susana.saldivar1@gmail.com or 302-824-0161.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday November 23 St. Clement I, St. Columbian, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

**8:00 a.m. Joe Mance
4:00 p.m. Elwood & Sophia Morris
Intentions of Connie Winner Varone

Sunday November 24

7:30 a.m. Jane Ingram
Parishioners
10:30 a.m. Robert, Mary, & Catherine Walsh
Frank Walder

Monday November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

**6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:00 a.m. Anna Santacecilia

Tuesday November 26

**6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Sorbara and Regan Families

Wednesday November 27

**6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:00 a.m. James M. Foy
The intentions of Millie & Bill Mentzer

Thursday November 28 Thanksgiving Day

***9:00 A.M. Paul Mahoney, Sr.

Friday November 29

***9:00 A.M. Margaret McLaughlin

Saturday November 30 St. Andrew

**8:00 a.m. All Souls
4:00 p.m. Joseph & Evelyn Dorris
Paul Mahoney, Sr.

Sunday December 1

7:30 a.m. Parishioners
Paul Mahoney, Sr.
10:30 a.m. Bruan & Mooney Families
Eileen Frabizzio

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of November 10th was \$12,578. 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.

Our Monthly Budget is \$63,750 and so far this month our offertory collections total \$36,912.

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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION – Our Feed God's Hungry Children Program, sponsored by the Monsignor DEWSON Council 13821, Knights of Columbus is collecting food you donate each Sunday for those who are in need at the New Castle Food Closet and at Marydale Retirement Village in Newark. We ask if you might donate extra food for these same people at Thanksgiving, coming this year on Thursday, November 28th. Please place the donated food in the plastic Knights of Columbus containers in the vestibule of our Church. The people who receive this food are very appreciative and are very thankful for your contributions. Your recent donations of clothes, primarily undergarments, for the Veterans in the VA Hospital Nursing Home are indicative of your continued generosity. These articles were delivered to the Veterans by Knights who are Veterans, on Veterans Day, November 11th. May God bless you in all that you do!



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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.

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