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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1-26-2025

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

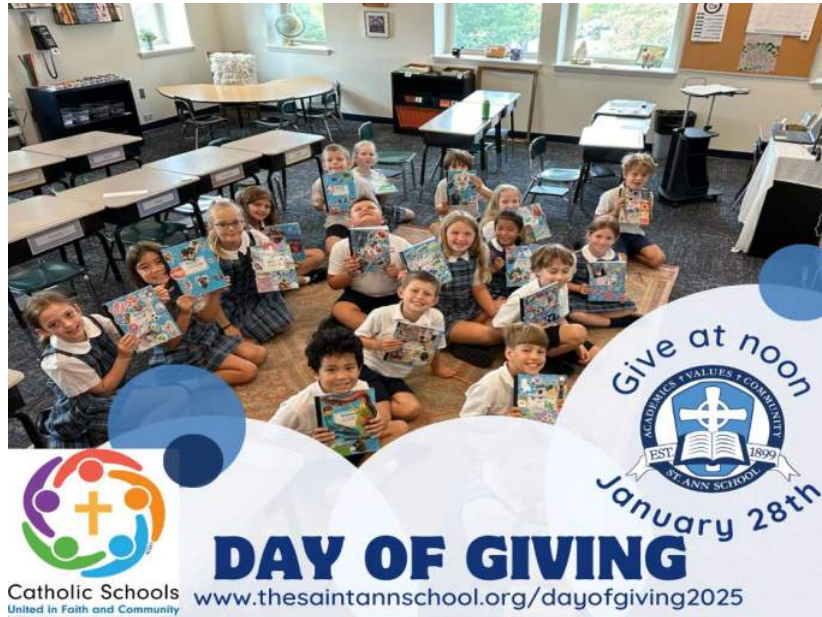
Sunday

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.

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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@thesaintannschoo.org

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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

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 26, 2025**

From Fr. Eric: He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives. (Luke 4:18)

If you could sum up Jesus' mission in just a few words, you might say that **he came to set us free**. That's what he told the townspeople in the Nazareth synagogue as he read from the prophet's scroll: he had been sent "to proclaim liberty to captives" and "to let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18; see Isaiah 61:1).

The people listening to Jesus that day might have thought back to the time when their ancestors were released from Babylonian captivity, or perhaps they envisioned one day being freed from Roman oppression. But Jesus had something much greater in mind. **He came to set us free from sin and death itself**, and from everything that prevents us from living the abundant life he came to give us.

So, what would you like to be set free from right now? Perhaps worry has you tied up in knots, casting a shadow over everything you say or do. Maybe it's fear that keeps you awake at night or stops you from taking that next step in following the Lord. You could be feeling discouraged about the state of the world or the state of your family. Or perhaps you're fighting a compulsion that leads you into sin.

We often accept these things as an inevitable part of living as fallen people in a fallen world. But that kind of thinking discounts the power of Jesus' cross and resurrection. He died and rose so that you could be set free from anything that steals your peace and joy!

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church, which is the body of Christ, to continue the mission of Christ. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. It is in the light of this that the first reading declares "For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold." When we make God happy by obeying his laws, His joy becomes our source of strength. (John 15:7).

Today let us take some time to examine our heart. Is there anything holding you captive? If so, let it go by offering it up to the Lord. Then make an act of faith by telling Jesus that you believe his proclamation to the people of Nazareth. Through his death and resurrection, he really has let the oppressed go free—and that includes every one of us!

"Jesus, thank you for setting me free!"

Election of Trustees – Each parish in the Diocese of Wilmington is incorporated within and by the laws of the State in which it is located. St. Ann is incorporated in the State of Delaware. The by-laws of the Corporation and the statutes of the Diocese of Wilmington provide for five trustees; the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Pastor, and a priest so designated by the Bishop, (these days it is the Chancellor of the Diocese) and two (2) lay persons are to be elected each January by duly registered members of the parish in the meeting called by the President (the Pastor). ***Congratulations to Charles Klous and David O'Connor on being elected as our lay trustees!***

Thank you from Bishop Koenig for the 2024 Faith & Charity Appeal Campaign – I am writing with immense joy and gratitude to commend the parishioners, volunteers, and leadership of St. Ann for your extraordinary efforts in making the **2024 Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal** a remarkable success. Thanks to your dedication and generosity, your parish has not only met but surpassed its goal in pledges and collections for the appeal! I eagerly anticipate presenting St. Ann parish with your well-deserved rebate check, which will greatly support your local needs. **We had a total of 182 donors and surpassed our goal of \$143,500 and raised \$150,175, going \$6,675 over our goal. Thank you very much for your generosity!**

"The Feast of St. Blaise" will be celebrated next weekend, February 1st and 2nd with the Blessing of Throats after every mass.

Second Sunday Social – February 9th! Please join us Sunday, February 9th after the 10:30am Mass for our 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!

Third Sunday in Ordinary time – In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” **Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust. You may place a donation in the Poor Box. You can also donate through the parish website (<https://www.stannwilmington.com/support>), the Parish Giving portal (<https://www.paritygiving.org/index>), and Venmo (@StAnnWilmingtonSVPD-Society). Thank you!**



First Communion Parent Child Meeting – Mark your calendars for our gathering for parents and children receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion this year on Sunday, February 2nd, 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Social Hall. Preparation materials will be handed out at this meeting, and we will overview the process for parents. All calendar dates will be discussed in detail. **Please plan to attend.**

SOUPER BOWL INVITATION – SOUPER BOWL weekend is February 8th and 9th. This is where we ask your help to deposit cans of SOUP in the Knights of Columbus containers in the vestibule of our church to provide a nourishing meal for the residents of Marydale Retirement Village in Newark and those who receive bags of food from the Food Closet in New Castle. They count on us. They need us. Won't you help? Your reward will be in Heaven. God bless you and thank you from the Knights of Columbus!

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 would like to welcome the following parishioners who have joined our Parish Community in the last three months:

Mrs. Judy Landis Setting	Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Mulvenna	Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Burns
Miss Meghan Christine Ruoff	Mr. & Mrs. John Chaffin	Mr. Brandon Looney & Miss Megan Nisula
Mr. & Mrs. James Devlin	Mr. & Mrs. Pawel & Jennifer Pisula-Bialk	Mr. Mark Wishart & Ms. Elizabeth DeFelice

Our 24-hour Day of Giving to St. Ann School begins at noon on Tuesday, January 28th. We hope to raise \$25,000 for 2025! This year we encourage you to ask your employer to match your gift – doubling your donation. We are also seeking donors who will match current gifts! Visit <https://www.thesaintannschool.org/dayofgiving2025> to make a lasting impact. St. Ann School is thankful for your continued support!

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

**8:00 a.m. Rev. Edward B. Carley (1998)
4:00 p.m. Claire Hanavan
James J. Gallagher, Sr.

Sunday January 26

7:30 a.m. The intentions of Emily Henion Parishioners of St. Ann's
10:30 a.m. Daniel Doherty
Jane Morris

Monday January 27 St. Angela Merici

**6:30 a.m. Rev. James F. Trainor (2004)
8:00 a.m. Dr. Margaret J. Seitz

Tuesday January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

**6:30 a.m. Ann Carney
8:00 a.m. Kathryn K. Monigle

Wednesday January 29

**6:30 a.m. Rev. Joseph J. Durkan (1984)
8:00 a.m. Margaret McLaughlin

Thursday January 30

**6:30 a.m. David Parker
8:00 a.m. William Boeck

Friday January 31 St. John Bosco

**6:30 a.m. Deacon William A. Kaper (2023)
8:00 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Paul J. Taggart
Charles F. Seitz

Saturday February 1

**8:00 a.m. Bridget Gallagher
4:00 p.m. William Farino
Theresa Ann Faulkner & David Kearns

Sunday February 2

7:30 a.m. Danny Cunningham & the Deceased Members of the Cunningham Family Parishioners of St. Ann's
10:30 a.m. Jim Yourinson
Ann Carney

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of January 12th was \$10,988. 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 PRAYER LINE – to place a name on the prayer line contact Susana Saldivar at susana.saldivar1@gmail.com or 302-824-0161.

Give to St. Ann Church by scanning a QR Code:



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@StAnnParishWilmington



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HOLY MOMENTS



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Carney, who recently passed away.

ST. ANN TRIVIA NIGHT

Hosted by Brian & Heidi Klous

Bring cash to enter the 50/50 raffle!

Bring your friends and your brain power for an unforgettable night of trivia.

<p>SATURDAY February 1st</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">St. Ann Social Hall Doors open at 6:00 PM Trivia begins at 7:00 PM</p>	<p>\$30 per person</p> <p>\$210 per table of 8</p>
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Beer & Soft Drinks Included
Feel free to bring your own food, wine, & spirits

<p>REGISTRATION</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">https://tinyurl.com/stannschooltrivia</p>	<p>PAYMENT</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">https://www.thesaintannschool.org/parents/payment-page</p>
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