

ST. ANN'S CHURCH
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2-9-2025

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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

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Ms. Rachael Casey – Principal,

rcasey@stannwilmington.com *New email address*

Mrs. Bonnie Tsaldaris – info & admissions

btsaldaris@stannwilmington.com *New email address*

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@stannwilmington.com *New email address*

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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FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

From Fr. Eric:

I saw the Lord. (Isaiah 6:1)

How would you feel if *you* saw the Lord? Amazed? Afraid? Even ashamed? That's what happened to Isaiah in today's first reading. He beheld almighty God, seated on his heavenly throne, with angelic beings shouting, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!" (Isaiah 6:3). Overwhelmed, Isaiah cried, "Woe is me!" and confessed that he was unworthy to stand before the Lord (Isaiah 6:5).

Peter had a similar experience in today's Gospel. Weary from a long, unsuccessful night of fishing, he was cleaning his nets when Jesus told him, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4). Peter must have grumbled as he cast his empty nets yet again. But once he saw the miraculous catch of fish, Peter fell to his knees, pleading, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8).

How wonderful that God didn't leave Peter and Isaiah in their fear and shame! Instead, he called them closer! God touched Isaiah and cleansed him of his sin. Even more, God invited him to speak to his people. And Jesus patiently reassured Peter, saying, "Do not be afraid," and welcomed him to join in his mission of "catching men" (Luke 5:10).

He will do the same for you. Today, you have the chance to see the Lord—at Mass, as you ponder his word, or as you gaze upon the beauty of this natural world. In the brightness of his glory, you may become more aware of your darkness and sinfulness. But you will also realize that God is far more holy and loving than you have ever imagined. He will offer you his mercy and invite you to follow him more closely.

In every situation of life today, God has a word for his people. We are the ones he sends to make this known to them. We have to listen attentively to him so that we can be his faithful messengers to our contemporaries. We have the example of the first disciples and Paul to guide us as we go about the work the Lord has entrusted to us. We should be bold and fearless in proclaiming Christ. Unfortunately, we do not always have the courage to make Christ known around us. We find ourselves unworthy of such a task and at times we are timid. Together with the Psalmist we should be able to bless the Lord in the presence of angels and humans. We pray for the humility and the courage of apostles like Peter and Paul to acknowledge our unworthiness for the task. We pray for the disposition to embrace the grace of God that transforms us into instruments of God for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Whenever you feel inadequate or afraid in God's presence, remember Isaiah and Peter. Don't allow those feelings to hold you back or paralyze you or make you feel disqualified from following Jesus. He loves you perfectly. He is so holy, so merciful, so good. You don't have to be afraid.

"Here I am, Lord. I want to see you."

The School and Rectory will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of the President's Day holiday. The daily Mass will be at 9am.

Second Sunday Social – Please join us TODAY, Sunday, February 9th after the 10:30am Mass for our Second Sunday Social & our annual chili cook off. Members of the Welcoming Committee will be available to provide information about the parish and how to register. Hope to see you there!

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.

SOUPER BOWL INVITATION – SOUPER BOWL weekend has arrived! 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!

We need your help to protect Delaware's vulnerable citizens! House Bill 140, that legalizes physician-assisted suicide, was voted out of committee and is on the "ready list" to go before the full Delaware House of Representatives. For years, the Catholic community has joined advocates for the disabled and others to oppose this bill that would put the lives of our most vulnerable citizens at risk. It's time to stand up and make our voices heard! **What is at Stake?** HB 140 is government-sanctioned suicide. It can lead to a slippery slope, with vulnerable individuals – such as the elderly, disabled, or those experiencing depression – being pressured into choosing death over life. Every state or country that has legalized physician-assisted suicide has experienced dangerous expansions and abuses of the law. This practice threatens the values of compassion, care, and respect for human life - from conception to natural death - that we hold dear. We need to tell our legislators that we oppose physician-assisted suicide. Your voice is critical in protecting the lives of our loved ones and neighbors. **Take Action NOW!** Here's how you can help: **1. Contact Your Delaware Representative:** Call, email, or write to your state rep and ask them to **oppose physician-assisted suicide**. Let them know that legalizing this practice will endanger vulnerable populations and undermine the dignity of human life. **2. Speak From the Heart:** Share why you are personally against physician-assisted suicide. Whether it's your belief in the sanctity of life or your concerns about the potential for abuse, your personal story can have a real impact. **3. Encourage Others to Join the Cause:** Talk to friends, family, and colleagues. Encourage them to take action, too. The more voices we have, the stronger our impact will be. – *From the Delaware Catholic Advocacy Network (DCAN) a service of the Diocese of Wilmington.*

STUDENT LIFE NOTES

SCHOLASTIC AWARDS – St. Ann School is proud to announce that 24 students from the 7th and 8th grades won 30 writing awards in the 2025 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition, Delaware Writing Region. Founded in 1923, Scholastic, has empowered the minds of young people for over a century. Students are encouraged to submit their writing pieces in several different categories including Poetry, Science Fiction, and Personal Memoirs. The award categories are: Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention. St. Ann students won 1 Gold Key, 8 Silver Keys, and 21 Honorable Mentions. Since 2021, St. Ann Students have won 71 awards! We congratulate the hard work and their well-developed writing skills and creativity under the direction of Mrs. Marilynne Dickinson, Middle School Language Arts Teacher. For more information about the Scholastic Award Program go to: <https://www.artandwriting.org>

CONGRATULATIONS, SPELLING BEE CHAMPION, ABBY N.! – Last week, the classroom spelling bee champions demonstrated their spelling skills in a spelling bee assembly. We are very proud of all of their efforts! Please help us to congratulate our champion, 3rd grader Abby N., who won in the 14th round of spelling with the correct spelling of the word "upholstery!" She will represent our school at the Regional Spelling Bee in March!

CONGRATULATIONS, RELIGION BEE CHAMPION, LUKE N.! – We hosted another academic competition during Catholic Schools Week - Religion Bees! Grades K-2 participated in a challenge to show what they know by answering questions "with their feet" in a gym-based religion bee. Grades 3-5 gathered and participated in group "Blooket" trivia in mixed-grade groups, and Middle School sent 2 classroom champions to participate in a more traditional religion bee with 7 rounds of religious trivia questions until a champion was named. Congratulations to 7th grader, Luke N., named champion for his near-perfect score!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY AWARD WINNERS! – Our students were invited to submit essays for consideration in the Jerry E. Dawson PSD Memorial 29th Annual Vocation Essay Contest. Congratulations to the following student winners:
5th Grade - Rees A., 6th Grade - Coco C., 7th Grade - CJ S., 8th Grade - Zachary L.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

**8:00 a.m. Deacon Richard L. Reece (2017)
4:00 p.m. Rita Gasz
Paul and Jane Mahoney

Sunday February 9

7:30 a.m. Braun and Mooney Families
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Ann's

Monday February 10 St. Scholastica

**6:30 a.m. Rev. George J. Kelly (1905)
8:00 a.m. Frank D. Kolachny & David Holcomb

Tuesday February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

**6:30 a.m. Msgr. Joseph D. Sweeney (1984)
8:00 a.m. Brent Billingsley

Wednesday February 12

**6:30 a.m. Wayne Robert Snyder
8:00 a.m. Joseph Eckrich

Thursday February 13

**6:30 a.m. Rev. James E. Richardson (2014)
8:00 a.m. Mary Pietlock

Friday February 14 SS. Cyril

**6:30 a.m. Rev. Francis P. Kenney (2009)
8:00 a.m. Ann Eckrich & Mary Di Nobile

Saturday February 15 BVM

**8:00 a.m. Rev. Edward E. Wisniewski (1983)
4:00 p.m. Bishop Robert Mulvee

Sunday February 16

7:30 a.m. Catherine & John Doraz
10:30 a.m. Thaddeus Atkin & Bridget Gallagher
Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of January 26th was \$7,639. 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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“MEMORIAL VOTIVE CANDLES” – Dedicate the sanctuary candle in front of the Blessed Sacrament in both the church and the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel in memory of your deceased loved one. The offering will be \$20.00 for the week per each location. The dedications will be published in the parish bulletin the week prior. Just send in your check for the offering and also note the requested week you would like to reserve. For questions, contact the rectory at stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call 302-654-5519.

SECOND COLLECTIONS – This weekend, February 8th and 9th, the second collection is for Black and Native Americans. Next weekend, February 15th and 16th will be for Saint Vincent de Paul society. Thank you for your generosity.

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE – Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 14th – 16th at the Family Life Center at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. For more info. or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend is March 7-9, 2025 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wwme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

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