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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2-16-2025**

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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](mailto:adorationchapel.stann@gmail.com), website: [www.stannwilmington.com/parishinformation](http://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](mailto: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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**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Student PREP, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, contact Grace Donahue at [gdonahue@stannwilmington.com](mailto:gdonahue@stannwilmington.com) or 302-654-8504.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM (Grade 8)**

For info contact Mrs. Lynne Dickinson, Coordinator

[mdickinson@stannwilmington.com](mailto: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](mailto:pcullen@stannwilmington.com)

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

**From Fr. Eric:**

*Blessed are you who are poor. (Luke 6:20)*

Can you imagine telling someone without a job or a place to live, “Look at how much God has blessed you!” That’s not something anyone should do, and it’s not what Jesus is doing in today’s Gospel. He is doing two things: he is proclaiming God’s care and concern for those who are materially poor, and he is announcing blessings on “his disciples,” who have “left everything and followed him” (Luke 6:20; 5:11). He is blessing all those who have accepted the poverty, the hardship, and the rejection they are experiencing as followers of Jesus.

In the Gospel narrative, Jesus chooses ordinary individuals, not the elite, to lead his new community, signaling a shift in values. In the beatitudes, he redefines happiness, declaring the poor, hungry, and marginalized as blessed, which contrasts with traditional views of wealth and success. This reversal of fortunes reflects a new way of understanding the world in God’s kingdom, which is already present, though not always easy to perceive. Jesus’ teachings call us to humility, simplicity, and a deeper faith, encouraging us to live according to the values of God’s kingdom, both now and in the future.

The Greek word that is translated as “blessed” in today’s Gospel carries a number of meanings, including “happy,” “fortunate,” or “enjoying divine favor.” So, Jesus is reinforcing for his disciples that the life they have chosen is ultimately a life of happiness. He promises them “the kingdom of God” (Luke 6:20). He promises them that the day is coming when they, along with all those trapped in poverty, will “laugh” and “leap for joy” (6:21, 23). His promise gently reminds us of the theme for the Jubilee year; “Pilgrims of Hope.”

He makes the same promises to you.

Jesus knows how challenging it can be to live out the call to discipleship. He knows there are days when you feel as if you’re always swimming against the current of the world. He sees the sacrifices you make to be generous with your resources. He sees your humility as you strive to forgive those who have hurt you.

If this describes you in any way, then know that Jesus calls you blessed. Know that he is promising you all the joys of his kingdom. And know that he is blessing you *right* now. As Jeremiah proclaimed in today’s first reading, he is making you as strong as a “tree planted beside the waters” (17:8). Even if you don’t feel particularly blessed today, you can still take heart because Jesus is faithful to all his promises.

*“Lord, help me to trust in your blessings when the call to discipleship feels hard.”*

***The School and Rectory will be closed on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Presidents’ Day holiday. The daily Mass will be at 9am.***

**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).



**Have a heart! Pray for one of our First Communion Candidates!**

This weekend please consider taking a heart from the baskets in the back of the Church. Please pray daily for the First Communion Candidate listed on that heart, a short prayer is included. Pray for their families and the people preparing these children to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – This weekend, February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, the second collection is for Saint Vincent de Paul society. Thank you for your generosity.

**Day of Giving Success!** We wish to thank the SAS community for your support of our Day of Giving campaign. Thank you for your donations, and for sharing word of the campaign with other supporters. The \$18,000 raised is earmarked to support technology expansion for our students. We will add Chromebooks to the list of school-provided resources for Kindergarten next school year, making the transition to 1-to-1 Chromebooks complete from K-8 grades.

**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.*

**14th CYM Pilgrimage** – Join hundreds of others on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> as we walk the streets of Wilmington carrying the Pilgrimage Cross with Bishop Koenig. We are excited to welcome back "[The Scally Brothers](#)" to lead worship throughout the day. We start at St. Elizabeth with prayer and a concert, we continue as we stop at St. Francis Hospital for a special blessing of the patients, then Reconciliation at St. Anthony of Padua, followed by the Stations of the Cross at Padua Academy, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul, and Blessing of Palms and Mass upon our return to St. Elizabeth. [More details and the registration are posted online](#) at [cdowcym.org](http://cdowcym.org). Join this event commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and His pilgrimage to Calvary on Good Friday.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time** – In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe. **Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven. 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 ([@StAnnWilmingtonSVDP-Society](https://www.venmo.com/@StAnnWilmingtonSVDP-Society)). Thank you!

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 5, 2025\*\***



*More details to follow in next week's bulletin.*

## Mass Intentions

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

### **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

### **Monday February 17**

\*\*\*9:00 a.m. Angela Bellini

### **Tuesday February 18**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Robert Straight  
8:00 a.m. Ann Carney

### **Wednesday February 19**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Deacon Robert J. Leonzio (2018)  
8:00 a.m. Harris & Montague Families

### **Thursday February 20**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Joseph L. Hawkins  
8:00 a.m. Margaret McLaughlin

### **Friday February 21 St. Peter Damian**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Ann Carney  
8:00 a.m. Catherine Moore & David W. Kearns

### **Saturday February 22 The Chair of St. Peter The Apostle**

\*\*8:00 a.m. William & Mary Louise Duffy  
4:00 p.m. Jen Duncan

### **Sunday February 23**

7:30 a.m. Joseph A. Harris, K of C  
10:30 a.m. Andrew Schenck

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of February 2<sup>nd</sup> was \$10,699. 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.

**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.

**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.

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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](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com) or call 302-654-5519.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend is March 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**In case you haven't noticed, the Diocese of Wilmington's website, [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org), has a brand new look! Be sure to check it out!**

**ON THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF CATHOLIC FORUM**

FR. NATHAN CROMLY DISCUSSES HIS BOOK, "COACHED BY PAUL THE APOSTLE: LESSONS IN TRANSFORMATION"

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