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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2-23-2025**  
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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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**PARISH MUSIC PROGRAM** - Director: Andrew Trites  
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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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

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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)

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

**From Fr. Eric:**           *“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).*

Whether it’s the celebrity on TV or the disheveled person in the store or even the person we work with whose food choices are different from ours, we can find it so easy to pass judgment on people. And if we’re honest, it may even seem like a very acceptable thing to do! But in his sermon to the crowds, Jesus is very clear: “Stop judging...Stop condemning” (Luke 6:37). So what should we do instead?

The line that immediately precedes this passage gives us the answer: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

Consider the mercy of God our heavenly Father. When you catch yourself judging another person, think about the love that God has for you: he sent his Son to die for you when you didn’t deserve it—when you didn’t even ask for it! Or recall all those instances when you didn’t get “what you deserved” in your life. Maybe you spoke harshly to someone, and they spoke kindly back to you, or maybe your boss at work chose to overlook the fact that you were late on a project. Mercy flowed out to you, just as God’s mercy extends to each and every person in the world.

The story of David and Saul in today’s First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples. The new law Jesus gives in today’s Gospel would have us all become “Davids”—loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won’t ever repay us. The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen (see Leviticus 19:18). The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman (see also Luke 10:29–36). His kingdom isn’t one of tribe or nationality. It’s a family. As followers of Jesus, we’re to live as He lived among us—as “children of the Most High” (see Luke 6:35; 1:35).

When you run into “sinners” today, consider the Father’s mercy and then share it generously. Speak kindly in response to harsh words. Bless the person you disagree with. Forgive the aggressive driver in the next lane. Jesus promises that if you offer mercy to those around you, “Your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High” (Luke 6:35).

God is the perfect judge. We can trust him to do his job. He knows when to be merciful, and he knows when to bring correction. He doesn’t need our help! Instead, we can be merciful, we can forgive, and we can glorify our heavenly Father as we do.

*“Father, help me to be a reflection of your merciful love today.”*

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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 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.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR PARISH PASTA DINNER ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**



**First Communion Children’s Workshop** – Mark your calendars our children’s workshop for all children receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion this May is coming up, see details below:

**Who:** Children only

**When:** Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12pm – 2:30pm

**Where:** Social Hall

Our children will continue their sacramental preparation with lessons, learning about the Mass, a church tour, and many more exciting activities. Parents are requested to come at 2:20pm to receive their child’s banner kit and instructions. ***Please plan to have your child attend this required workshop.***

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time** – In today’s Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: “Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you...Do to others as you would have them do to you...Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” **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.parihgiving.org/index>), and Venmo ([@StAnnWilmingtonSVDP-Society](https://www.venmo.com/@StAnnWilmingtonSVDP-Society)). Thank you!**

**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.

**Upcoming dates and events for Lent 2025:**



**Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5, 2025** – Masses will be 8am and 5:30pm. There will also be Liturgy of the Word with ashes at 12 noon. Stations of the Cross begin Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and will continue through Good Friday.

**Lenten Bible Study** – We will be offering Bible Study sessions immediately after the 8:00am Mass on Mondays during the Lenten Season. We will reflect on the meaning of the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel. Sessions will be held in the church on the following Mondays: **3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, & 4/14** (Holy Week). Take some time during your Lenten journey to reflect on the meaning of the Word of God.



**Reconciliation Monday** – April 14, 2025, 3-8pm  
**Holy Thursday** (no morning Mass) April 17, 2025  
7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm.  
**Good Friday** (no morning Mass) April 18, 2025  
3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion  
7pm Stations of the Cross (NOTE THE TIME!!!)  
**Holy Saturday** (no morning Mass) April 19, 2025  
7:30pm Easter Vigil  
**Easter Sunday** April 20, 2025  
Masses are 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am

**GODSPELL JR. MUSICAL** – SAVE THE DATES FOR MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> AND MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> TO SEE OUR TALENTED STUDENTS PERFORM GODSPELL JR.



## Mass Intentions

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

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

\*\*8:00 a.m. William & Mary Louise Duffy  
4:00 p.m. Jen Duncan, Lyn Doto, & Pat McLaughlin

### **Sunday February 23**

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

### **Monday February 24**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Charlene Cole  
8:00 a.m. Linda Trusk

### **Tuesday February 25**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Rev. Michael J. Dougherty (1946)  
8:00 a.m. Phil Saggione

### **Wednesday February 26**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Rev. Edward C. Higgins (1924)  
8:00 a.m. Joseph, Ada, & Alan Wasilauskas  
Michael McCormick

### **Thursday February 27 St. Gregory of Narek**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Rev. Russell H. Perkins (2002)  
8:00 a.m. Julie Mance

### **Friday February 28**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Rev. Joseph A. Phalan (1970)  
8:00 a.m. Suzanne Christman

### **Saturday March 1**

\*\*8:00 a.m. Charlie, Janice, & Irene Cleveland  
4:00 p.m. The Faulkner Family

### **Sunday March 2**

7:30 a.m. Charles & Elizabeth McKinney  
10:30 a.m. Intentions of Franklin T. Varone  
Georgina Sheing, Henry, & Janet Salacki  
*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of February 9<sup>th</sup> was \$13,537. 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!**



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