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**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3-2-2025**

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**MASSES**

*Saturday Vigil*

4:00 PM

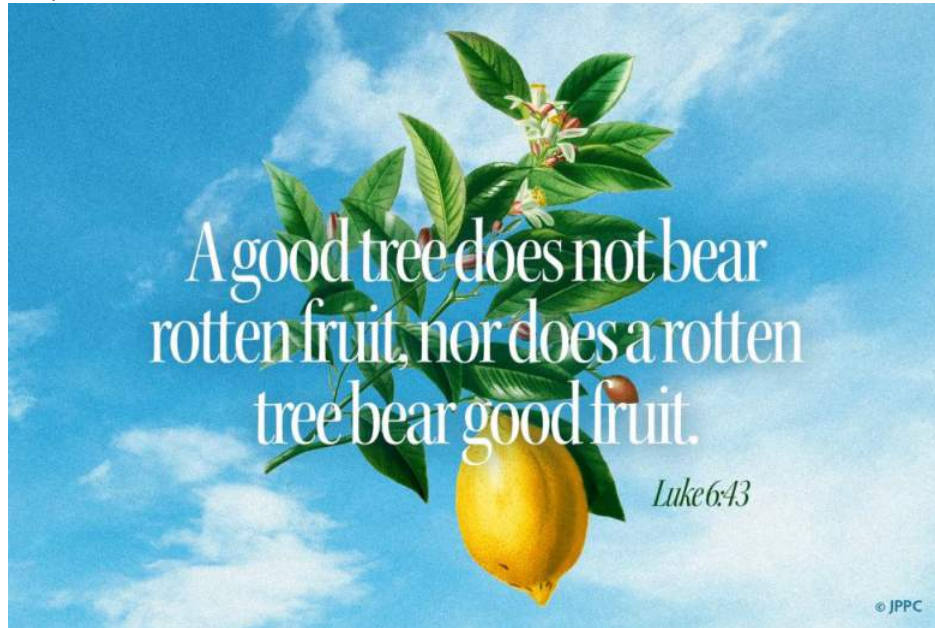
*Sunday*

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  
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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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**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)**

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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)

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**MARCH 2, 2025**

**From Fr. Eric:** *“Praise no one before he speaks.” (Sirach 27:7)*

Many job interview questions tend to focus on the key trait of integrity. In the workplace, integrity refers to the consistency of your character. Knowing how to answer questions about integrity can leave a positive impression on your interviewer. Demonstrating honesty, responsibility, and loyalty in your responses can help show that you are a strong candidate for the role. Ben Sirach, the writer of the first reading, reminds us that the quantity and quality of the fruit are determined by the way the tree has been cared for. What kinds of nutrients have fed its roots? How much light has shone down upon its leaves? He adds quickly and firmly; praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel resonance Sirach's observations. Like the Old Testament sage, Jesus tells his disciples that "every tree is known by its own fruit" (Luke 6:44). But he also says, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good" (6:45). That means what you put into the "storehouse" of your heart and mind; what you take in to nourish yourself eventually flows out from you, for better or worse.

We are the architects of the output of our thoughts. What we read, the type of conversation we have and the content we watch from the screens form the content of the storehouse of our hearts and mind. We can enrich our hearts daily by committing scripture to memory which can create an environment of grace and faith that will help us produce good fruit. Hanging out with friends who speak words of blessing and encouragement can also help us steer clear of gossip, resentment, or bitterness. *The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind.* (Sirach 27:6).

In light of these reflections, let us commit to a deeper self-examination. Jesus invites us to remove the 'beams' from our own eyes before we attempt to address the 'motes' in others' eyes. This call to humility and self-awareness is crucial in our journey of faith. Moreover, engaging in acts of kindness and service can be powerful expressions of our faith, allowing us to live out the Gospel in tangible ways. The readings today remind us that our thoughts, words, and actions must align with the teachings of Christ. May we seek to cultivate a heart that reflects God's love and righteousness, trusting in His providence to guide us.

Let us pray for the intercession of Our Lady, asking her to help us live out these teachings with grace and courage.

“Lord, help me bear good fruit!”

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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 DATES** to hear our talented students perform **Godspell Jr.**

A special preview of songs will be performed at the **Pasta Dinner on March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The shows will take place on **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** and **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and 7pm** in the Social Hall. Reservations for the Pasta Dinner and Godspell Jr. performances will be available soon on our website. Stay tuned!



**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.***

**Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time** – In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: “Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother’s eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...” **It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart. 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 (@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](#). 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:**



**Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** – 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<sup>th</sup>, 3-8pm  
**Holy Thursday** (no morning Mass) April 17<sup>th</sup>,  
 7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm.

**Good Friday** (no morning Mass) April 18<sup>th</sup>  
 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion  
 7pm Stations of the Cross (NOTE THE TIME!!!)

**Holy Saturday** (no morning Mass) April 19<sup>th</sup>  
 7:30pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday** April 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Masses are 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am



## Mass Intentions

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

### **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

### **Monday March 3 St. Katherine Drexel**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Intentions of Robert Moore  
8:00 a.m. Marie McVey

### **Tuesday March 4 St. Casmir**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Dan Staniskis, K of C  
8:00 a.m. Kazimer and Eva Puchinsky

### **Wednesday March 5 Ash Wednesday**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Most Rev. Hubert Cartwright (1958)  
8:00 A.M. Marie Brumbaugh  
\*\*\*9:15 A.M. Wayne Robert Snyder, **School Mass, not a public Mass**  
5:30 P.M. Ann Carney

### **Thursday March 6**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Msgr. Paul J. Schierse  
8:00 a.m. Frances Carney

### **Friday March 7 SS. Perpetua & Felicity**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Rev. Leonard J. Mackiewicz (1994)  
8:00 a.m. Braun and Mooney Families

### **Saturday March 8 St. John of God**

\*\*8:00 a.m. Rev. Eugene R. Murphy (1925)  
4:00 p.m. Jack and Eileen Lynam  
David Morris

### **Sunday March 9**

7:30 a.m. Wayne Robert Snyder  
10:30 a.m. Jennifer Miller

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of February 16<sup>th</sup> was \$8,139. 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.wvme.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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