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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.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY - Provides emergency help/assistance to the needy. Call 302-658-9876.

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

Mrs. Bonnie Tsaldaris – info & admissions
btsaldaris@thesaintannschoo.org

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 9, 2025

From Fr. Eric:

The Temptation of Jesus

The narrative of the temptation of Jesus in the Gospel Reading is very well known to many Christians. The distinct feature is how Jesus makes a difference in the story of humanity, particularly in the area of temptation and sin. It is important to note Luke's particular attention to Jesus' sojourn in the desert. He affirms that Jesus did not go there of his own accord but was led by the Holy Spirit. The purpose of his sojourn in the desert must therefore be related to what the Holy Spirit can do in the life of those who are docile to him. The information that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit anticipates the successful outcome of the encounter between Jesus and the devil.

The duration of the temptation is given as forty days, and it is only at the end that the devil tried a last chance with a triple temptation. Luke's version is different from the text of Matthew in which Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights at the end of which he was tempted. Luke was not interested in telling us what form the temptation took within the forty days. His focus, just like that of Matthew, is on the last lap of the encounter. This last attempt is the climax of the encounter between Jesus and the devil, and it is what has become the popular story of the temptation.

The dialogue between Jesus and the devil is significant for the lesson that we are invited to learn from the story. Each question of the devil can be said to be well founded and very appealing to the human mind. For example, in the first temptation, the hungry Jesus was asked to do something that would benefit him personally not only because it would give him food to satisfy his hunger, but it will also prove that he is truly the Son of God. Human tendency is to use the easiest means to provide for our needs. The temptation to turn stones into food for our own satisfaction is very attractive. We would not have to toil to obtain our food. As a way of defending our selfish act, we would not be far from concurring with the devil that such an act proves that indeed we are children of God.

The response of Jesus to the devil indicates that divine sonship is not for exploitation by the person who is endowed with it. God did not make Jesus "son" so that he can misuse his powers. His sonship is meant for those he has come to redeem. An abuse of power as proposed by the devil will not be in consonant with his divine nature. For us human beings too, we need to be careful not to make use of God's gifts to us in a selfish way. God bestows his blessings and graces on us for the benefit of others. Our gifts are for service to the human race and not for our personal gains. We should not ask ourselves what we shall gain from what we do but rather how our actions fulfil the plan of God for the good of our brothers and sisters. When we seek personal satisfaction, we end up being short-sighted and fail to cooperate with God in the realization of his kingdom here on earth. We fail to be instruments in the hand of God for the good of humanity. We should not be over-worried about our personal needs because God has his own ways of providing for those who trust in him. The prayer of thanksgiving that Moses prescribed for the people of Israel at the time of harvest is a key to understanding God's care for us. Moses asked the people to acknowledge their humble origins before God. They are to recall their time of slavery and deliverance. The land that gives them the fruits that they bring to offer to him is a gift from him. In acknowledging that all comes from God and is pure gift, we free ourselves from all forms of temptation and learn to rely on him. He guides our steps on the right path & never allows us to stray away from him.

"Jesus, be my shield and strength in times of temptation!"

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.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL – Please join us TODAY, Sunday, March 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 and how to register. Hope to see you there!

PAUSING FOOD DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE – Our Knights of Columbus Council must pause collecting food donations at the rear of the church. Please do not leave any food there for the foreseeable future. We thank everyone for their past generosity and hope to resume collections in the future. God bless you all. - Msgr. Dewson Council



STATIONS OF THE CROSS begin Friday, March 7th at 6pm and will continue through Good Friday.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – Join us immediately after the 8:00am Mass every Monday during Lent. 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.

2025 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – “Together in Hope” – This year's Appeal will be conducted throughout the diocese next weekend. Once a year, our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Your gift helps our Church to serve the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly. As parishioners of St. Ann, we are being asked to serve others by sharing our resources. Your generosity enables us to accompany our brothers and sisters in need. **Our parish goal is \$143,500.** Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since once achieving the goal assigned to our parish, we receive **100%** of monies collected above the goal for our own parish and ministry needs. Please prayerfully consider your generous gift to this Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Kindly decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to Church next week prepared to complete your pledge and offer your support to our parish, and the Diocese of Wilmington. To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click “Giving” then “Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.”

BISHOP KOENIG VISITING ST. ANN'S – Our Chapel of Divine Mercy has been designated as one of the Jubilee sites for pilgrimages and pious visits within the Diocese of Wilmington until December 28, 2025. Therefore, Bishop Koenig will be here at St. Ann's on **Sunday, April 6th** to celebrate the 10:30am Mass. For additional information about the Jubilee, please visit the Vatican website: jubilaum2025.va.

First Sunday of Lent – In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. **Your gift in the Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. You can also donate through the parish website (<https://www.stannwilmington.com/support>), the Parish Giving portal (<https://www.parishgiving.org/index>), and Venmo ([@StAnnWilmingtonSVDP-Society](https://www.venmo.com/@StAnnWilmingtonSVDP-Society)).** Thank you!

UPDATE 2025 SCHOOL DAY OF GIVING – We are grateful to the additional donations received and earmarked to support our Annual Day of Giving Campaign, helping us to reach and exceed our \$25,000 goal! These funds will help us to upgrade the 1-to-1 technology program in grades K-8.

MARCH RESTAURANT NIGHTS – Grab a great meal & support our school at the same time. Visit Goober's (1203 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19806) between March 11-14 & mention our school!



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 22nd**. The shows will take place on **Friday, March 28th at 7pm and Saturday, March 29th at 1pm and 7pm** in the Social Hall. Reservations for the Pasta Dinner and Godspell Jr. performances are available on our website or by using the QR code on the next page.

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday March 10

**6:30 a.m. Suzanne Zitelli
8:00 a.m. Joan Dembkowski & Bob Hotchkiss

Tuesday March 11

**6:30 a.m. Thomas Duszak
8:00 a.m. Cassie Nickerson

Wednesday March 12

**6:30 A.M. Rev. Thomas F. Waldron (1929)
8:00 A.M. Florence M. Garofalo

Thursday March 13

**6:30 a.m. Rev. Christopher Papp (1999)
8:00 a.m. Edward M. Winner

Friday March 14

**6:30 a.m. Rev. Carmen D. Vignola (1989)
8:00 a.m. James Fleming & Heather Flood

Saturday March 15

**8:00 a.m. Rev. Francis J. Connelly (1935)
4:00 p.m. Kenny Ackerman & Pat McLaughlin

Sunday March 16

7:30 a.m. Jean Barone
Ellen & Leo O'Callaghan
10:30 a.m. Yong Tae Tae

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of February 23rd was \$9,560. 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.

Our Monthly Budget is \$63,750 and through the month of February our offertory collections totaled \$41,935.

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.

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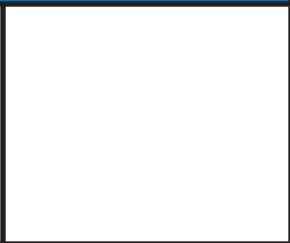
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