

**ST. ANN'S CHURCH**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 4-6-2025**

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**MASSES**

*Saturday Vigil*

4:00 PM

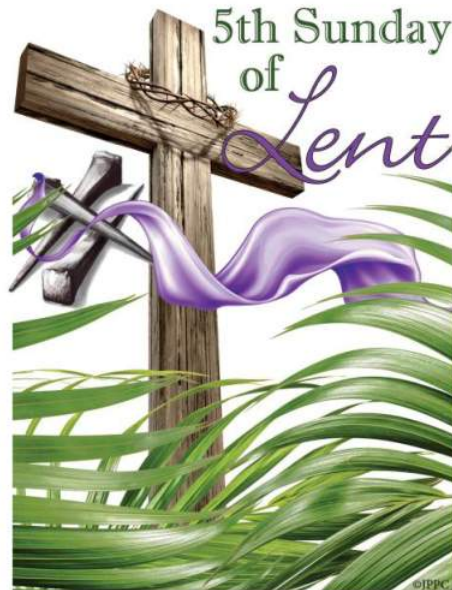
*Sunday*

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)  
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** - 8<sup>th</sup> of each month to volunteer or give donations contact Clair at 302-893-7182 or [clair2413@gmail.com](mailto:clair2413@gmail.com).

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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@thesaintannschoool.org](mailto:mdickinson@thesaintannschoool.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](mailto:pcullen@stannwilmington.com)

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**APRIL 6, 2025**

**From Fr. Eric:**                    ***“Neither do I condemn you, go and sin anymore.”***

This Gospel reading from John 8:1-11 highlights the depth of God’s mercy and forgiveness. Jesus’ encounter with the woman caught in adultery presents a powerful example of how God’s grace surpasses human judgment and legalism. The Pharisees sought to trap Jesus by presenting him with a dilemma that seemed to force him to choose between upholding the Mosaic Law and complying with Roman law. Yet, with divine wisdom, Jesus turned the situation into a moment of grace and truth.

The target of the Pharisees was not so much the adulterous woman but Jesus himself. The Pharisees wanted to use the occasion to test Jesus and to find what they could use as a charge against him. The argument of the Pharisees was that the woman was adulterous so a real sinner. The law demanded that she should die for her adulterous action, but the Pharisees wanted to know the opinion of Jesus about the matter. If the law already had a clear prescription regarding the matter, it sounds odd that the Pharisees still ask Jesus to offer his opinion. All this goes to show that they were only interested in finding an opportunity to discredit Jesus in public.

In response, Jesus chose to remain silent and occupied the time by writing in the dust. John does not tell us what Jesus wrote but, in all probability, he only used the gesture to give himself time to think. The words he spoke because of the persistence of the Pharisees were very devastating. It was an occasion for the Pharisees and all who were ready to stone the adulterous woman to realize they too were sinners. Their own sense of guilt drove them away as they realized that they were no less a sinner than the woman. This recalls the teaching of Jesus in Matt 7:1 – **“Do not judge so that you may not be judged.”**

The question of Jesus to the Pharisees reminds us of our own sinfulness and our unworthiness to judge others. It is easy for us to point fingers at others and call them names, but we should always remember that we are also sinners in need of God’s mercy and forgiveness. Such consciousness helps us to be humble enough not to judge others but rather show them mercy and compassion.

In this Jubilee Year, the words of Jesus to the adulterous woman carry a lot of weight. **“Neither do I condemn you, said Jesus ‘go away, and do not sin anymore.”** This statement reveals the merciful face of the Father. It is an assurance of the mercy of God on which we should all reflect as forgiven sinners. God never holds our guilt against us. He always shows us mercy and forgives us when we acknowledge our sinfulness and seek pardon. The consciousness of being forgiven by God should lead us to do all we can to work toward perfection and focus on the ultimate prize of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Jesus’ final response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus’ compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God’s love and peace.

*“Lord Jesus, thank you for not giving up on me”*

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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).

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.  
That’s why Bishop Koenig is here today, April 6<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the 10:30am Mass with us.  
For additional information about the Jubilee, please visit the Vatican website: [jubilaum2025.va](http://jubilaum2025.va).

**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** take place every Friday in Lent at 6pm and on Good Friday they are at 7pm.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

Join us immediately after the 8am 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: **4/7, & 4/14**. Take some time during your Lenten journey to reflect on the meaning of the Word of God.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** – We are looking for a few good men and women to help our current ushers. We could use your help to greet the faithful, gather the donations from the collection baskets after Mass, seat people (when necessary), count the number of the faithful, and help place the gifts in the sacristy after Mass. Additionally, the ushers are there to help people if someone is in need of assistance. If this is a way you would like to contribute to our parish, please contact the rectory at 302-654-5519 or [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for ten people to get their feet washed during the Holy Thursday Mass on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you are interested please call the rectory at 302-654-5519 or email [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com).



**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

*Daily Mass Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> will be at 9am ONLY. The Rectory will be closed on Good Friday (April 18<sup>th</sup>) and Easter Monday (April 21<sup>st</sup>). We will reopen on Tuesday (April 22<sup>nd</sup>).*



**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIEUTENANT JOSEPH SZCZERBA MEMORIAL 5K** – Join us on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at Abessinio Stadium to run or walk this 5K. The Szczerba 5K is a touchstone community event, drawing runners and walkers from across the region to celebrate the memory of Lt. Joseph Szczerba '85, and to support the scholarship that bears his name at Salesianum School. This family-friendly 5k features ample parking, a great course, great food, great prizes, a huge crowd, and, above all else, a great cause. To register please visit the following website:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/LtJosephSzczerbaMemorialK>



## Mass Intentions

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

### **Saturday April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer**

\*\*8:00 a.m. Rev. Hilary R. Rodgers (2020)  
4:00 p.m. Tommy Smith and Pat McLaughlin

### **Sunday April 6**

7:30 a.m. John R. Dougherty  
The Parishioners of St. Ann's  
10:30 a.m. Suzanne Mahoney

### **Monday April 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Braun & Mooney Families  
8:00 a.m. John F. "Coby" Maloney, K of C  
Jim Kipp

### **Tuesday April 8**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Eileen Claffey Sweeney  
8:00 a.m. Stephen and Anna Smith

### **Wednesday April 9**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Catherine and John Doraz  
8:00 A.M. Lee Dobrowolski and Rita Lucey

### **Thursday April 10**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Dorothea M. Sears  
8:00 a.m. Robert Straight

### **Friday April 11 St. Stanislaus**

\*\*6:30 a.m. Catherine and John Doraz  
8:00 a.m. Maureen Rizzo

### **Saturday April 12**

\*\*8:00 a.m. Deacon John A. Smith (2015)  
4:00 p.m. Robert Byers Kincaid  
Deceased Members of the Kane & Farren Families

### **Sunday April 13 Palm Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Jonathan "Jesse" & Maureen Miller, USMC  
The Parishioners of St. Ann's  
10:30 a.m. John Villermaux  
Daniel J. and Kathryn Monigle

*Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish*

**Offertory for the weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> was \$9,010. 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 March our offertory collections totaled \$55,527.

**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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**ALOHA LUAU** – Please join us at The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Emmanuel Dining Room Auction in Aloha Luau style! On **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm**, support the Emmanuel Dining Room and have a blast with food, drinks, and entertainment at The Chase Center on the Riverfront. The afternoon features live and silent auctions, delicious food, festive drinks, and an opportunity to win \$10,000 in the big raffle. Discounted ticket prices for those under age 30! Get your tickets today at [www.ministryofcaring.org](http://www.ministryofcaring.org) or call 302-652-5523. Join us for a fabulous afternoon a great cause!

**"St. Edmond's Academy is presenting "The Lion King, Jr." April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, and April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Tickets \$10, sold at the door."**

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