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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

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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

PALM SUNDAY, THE PASSION OF THE LORD
APRIL 13, 2025

From Fr. Eric: Betrayed, yet remained composed and forgiving (Luke 23:34)

The Gospel of Luke presents a comprehensive account of what happened from the night Jesus had a Passover meal with his disciples in a guest room to the time he was laid in a tomb not far from where he was crucified. The account is very detailed and offers the reader a vivid account of all that transpired. Each episode of the account is material for deep reflection, but space and time would not make that possible.

The meal with the disciples was meant to be a festive occasion but it turned sour as Jesus announced to the disciples that the one to betray him is someone who was eating from the same table with him. This must have been a painful moment for Jesus, humanly speaking. It is not easy to know that someone you trusted and made a close collaborator has become the one to hand you over to your enemies. Judas went out to do what Satan had put in his mind. We could say that, from the moment darkness fell upon the earth. From that moment, deceit seemed to reign over the world, honesty and truth would struggle to keep their head above the waters. Not even the insistence of Pilate that he found no case against Jesus that deserves death could reverse the negative trend of events.

Jesus, who a few days before was hailed king is now treated like a criminal and led to Calvary for a shameful death. His crucifixion was an act of cowardice on the part of Pilate who could not insist upon the truth. He preferred to yield to the wicked wishes of the crowds rather than defend the truth and free an innocent man. How often innocent people are made to suffer just because they have no one to defend them? At times, the statement “the souls of the just are in the hands of God” seem to point to helplessness when we should act to save lives.

Reflecting on the passion of Jesus Christ is a good occasion for us to place ourselves among the crowd and listen to our own reactions to what transpires in us as we read the story. We may have to think of moments when we also act with the crowd without prior reflection. We may need to recall moments when we joined the popular wagon of condemnation without truly reflecting on the issue at stake. At times we condemn people simply because others do so. Today we need to take a step back and realize that since we are responsible for our actions, we should make informed decisions and not allow ourselves to be swayed by the crowds.

It is heartwarming to note that Jesus dies not in despair but in trust: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” He even forgave his executioners, consoles the women of Jerusalem, and promises paradise to the repentant thief.

As we walk this Holy Week, we follow a King whose throne is the Cross and whose crown is of thorns. He wins not by violence but by love, not by force but by faithfulness. Can we, too, walk the path of mercy, forgiveness, and trust this week?

“Thank you, Lord, for suffering for me. Help me to remain close to you this week.”

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL – Please join us TODAY, Sunday, April 13th 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!

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion – Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. **As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain. You can also donate through the parish website (<https://www.stannwilmington.com/support>), the Parish Giving portal (<https://www.parishgiving.org/index>), and Venmo ([@StAnnWilmingtonSVP-Society](https://www.venmo.com/@StAnnWilmingtonSVP-Society)). Thank you!**

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be at 6pm this **Friday, April 11th** and 7pm on **Good Friday, April 18th**.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – Join us immediately after the 8am Mass **Monday, April 14th** for the last Lenten reflection with Fr. Eric. We will reflect on the meaning of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. Sessions will be held in the church. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the Word of God as your Lenten journey comes to an end.



Volunteers Needed

We are still in need of more people to get their feet washed during the **Holy Thursday Mass on April 17th** at 7pm. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 302-654-5519 or email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com.

Good Friday is an obligatory day of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year of age until the beginning of their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence from meat is obligatory for all who have completed their 14th year of age.

Please pray for our catechumens and candidates Jacob Buckalew, Jacob Warren Lyons, Scarlett Isabella Russel, and Nicolas Alfredo Garza as they prepare to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the **Easter Vigil on April 19th**. All are welcome to witness this beautiful occasion!



Holy Week Schedule

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

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

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

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday April 14

**6:30 a.m. Joan Pryzwara
8:00 a.m. Bridge Hennelly
Kathy Eckrich

Tuesday April 15

**6:30 a.m. Rev. Oscar H. Frundt (2015)
8:00 a.m. Richard T. Searls

Wednesday April 16

**6:30 A.M. David D. Brady, USMC
8:00 A.M. Claire & Taylor Hanavan

Thursday April 17 Holy Thursday

7:00 P.M. Intentions of the Priests

Friday April 18 Good Friday

3:00 P.M. No intentions

Saturday April 19 Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

7:30P.M. Harris & Montague Families

Sunday April 20 Easter Sunday

7:30 A.M. Tom Wertz
Tom & Bernice Bonkowski
9:30 A.M. Yong Tae Tae
11:30 A.M. The Parishioners of St. Ann's
Catherine and John Doraz

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of March 30th was \$10,268. 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 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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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.

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.

ALOHA LUAU – Please join us at the 42nd Annual Emmanuel Dining Room Auction on **Sunday, April 27th from 2-6pm**, support the Emmanuel Dining Room & have a blast with food, drinks, & entertainment at The Chase Center on the Riverfront. The afternoon features live & silent auctions, delicious food, festive drinks, & an opportunity to win \$10,000! Discounted ticket prices for those under age 30! Get your tickets at www.ministryofcaring.org or call 302-652-5523.

Spartan Lecture Series featuring Fr. Gregory Boyle – **May 6th at 7pm**. Fr. Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the world's largest gang intervention, rehabilitation, & re-entry program. Tickets are \$25 & may be purchased at www.stmarkshs.net/father-boyle. St. Mark's is located at 2501 Pike Creek Rd., Wilmington, DE.

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