

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

The St. Ann “APP”: Associate Pastor’s Perspective - I always loved this week ahead on the Church’s calendar. It must stem from my earliest days in elementary school, when the Sisters would tell us tales of the protective and evil-fighting powers of the Archangels (Tuesday, 9/29) and the individual care and guidance given by one’s guardian angel (Friday, 10/2), who – by the way – always sat beside us as we took our tests, according to Sister Edith Marie. (Thus, don’t you dare think of cheating!)

But this week also has a few other spiritual powerhouses beyond the angelic hierarchy. On Wednesday, 10/30, we celebrate the holiness of St. Jerome, a brilliant-and-cranky Scripture scholar from the late 4th century who was responsible for translating much of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) into Latin. Realizing that the New Testament must always be read in light of the Old, Jerome once famously proclaimed that “ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” That statement certainly should give each of us pause ourselves. How much time are we really spending with the Word of God during the week, especially now? Do we still turn to God’s Word for guidance, for prayer and for inspiration?

Fifteen-hundred years later came another holy lover of Scripture who was as different from Jerome as she could possibly be. Little Therese Martin from Lisieux, France – better known today as the Little Flower – has captured hearts the world over with her doctrine of the Little Way, a way of life that sees God’s Mercy as always greater than our most-challenging weaknesses and failures. She once wrote: “How can I fear a God who is nothing but mercy and love? A God who became so small for us (as a baby and in the Eucharist) is nothing but mercy.”

In the sacred days ahead, allow your minds and hearts to be absorbed in the realm of the Lord who loves us beyond all telling, surrounding us with His angels and saints as guides for the journey. Or as Jerome reminds us: “Begin now to be what you will be in the hereafter.”

My Novena Prayer to St Therese

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors I now place with confidence in your hands . .

(mention here)

St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God’s great love for me, so that I might imitate your “Little Way” each day.

Amen

Share In The Spirit - Today’s second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese’s tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week’s collection basket. For further information and on-line giving options, visit the website at www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html. *There will be highlights as well about the collection in today’s Dialog. Make sure you pick up a copy!*

St. Ann’s Church is open for Private Prayer on Monday through Thursday after the 8am mass until 10am. On Fridays, the church is open after the 8am mass until 10am and then again from 12-3pm.

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 are only scheduling baptisms one each Sunday after the 10:30am mass – so approximately 11:30pm. For more info, email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call 654-5519.

2021 Mass Intentions - We are now accepting Mass requests for the calendar year 2020. Many of you ask for Masses to be said regularly for deceased loved ones, and some ask that these Masses be offered on specific dates. For the foreseeable future, the Mass schedule will follow the times initiated to comply with COVID-19 guidelines. All Masses said at St. Ann's Parish will be announced in the parish bulletin. Many of you ask for Masses to be said regularly for deceased loves ones and some ask that these Masses be offered on specific dates. Your special requests will be honored to the extent possible and we do our best to accommodate you, but we ask for your patience and understanding in this regard. Scheduling begins in late October so it is important that requests be received by October 1, 2020. If you would like to be informed of the dates and times of your scheduled Masses, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, a phone number or an email address so that we can contact you. *The suggested stipend for each mass is \$10.00 and must accompany your request. Thank you!*

Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass Cancellation – Due to COVID-19, the annual mass scheduled for October 18th has been cancelled. Even though the mass will not take place, all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, wedding anniversary or any anniversary beyond, will be honored with a certificate (mailed). To get the form to fill out, email ljackson@cdow.org.

FEED THE HUNGRY - The Saint Ann Food Drive is accepting your kind donations of canned goods and non-perishable food. Kindly leave donations of food in the plastic Knights of Columbus containers in the vestibule of our church. You may donate food any day of the week, and even on weekends! The Knights of our Saint Ann Monsignor Dewson Council 13821, Knights of Columbus, plan to transport your donated food to the Saint Paul Parish FEED THE HUNGRY Program on Monday of each week. The Saint Paul Parish Feed the Hungry Program serve the hungry children of God throughout the year.

They particularly need (1) canned fruit or fruit in plastic containers, (2) fruit juices, (3) black beans and (4) powdered milk (best in packages that make a quart when mixed with water). They will accept any food you wish to donate. God's children are hungry every day. God bless you!

A Zoom forum on "Racial Justice and the Catholic Church" - sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena and Resurrection Parishes will be held on four Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm. September 30th, October 14th and October 28th and November 11th. Text will be Fr. Bryan Massingale's book by that name. There will be discussion of the book, then testimony by panel members with feedback from listeners. To sign up and receive a zoom link and a copy of the book, contact St. Catherine of Siena Parish at 302-633-4900 or email Fr. John Hynes at jhynesscs@aol.com.

We want to pray for you! Are you looking for a way to connect with other parishioners? Would you like someone to pray for your special intentions? Then join our Prayer Partner Program! This program matches parishioners (individuals and families) together to pray for one another. It is a great way to get in touch with other parishioners and feel more connected to our St. Ann's family. If you are interested in joining this program, or if you would like more information, please email Lottie Zapisek at welcometostannswilmington@gmail.com.

Last Call to register for Confirmation 2021 - Eligibility requirements to participate in this sacrament include having completed a 7th grade Religious Education program and are currently in 8th grade, enrolled in either a Catholic School or PREP classes. To enroll, complete an online registration form at <https://forms.gle/PVbTc857Vvba5TND8> and also pay the \$100 fee online (*through the Parish Giving link on our website*). *A copy of a baptismal certificate is needed (if not baptized through St. Ann's)* Confirmation sessions start Sunday, October 5, and run through mid-March. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne Dickinson at mdickinson@thesaintannschoo.org.

Mass Intentions

****Priests will be saying Mass Intentions privately for each 6:30am daily mass & the 8am Saturday Mass starting on Monday June 1st with the beginning of public Masses.**

Saturday September 26

**8:00 A.M. Danny Cunningham & the deceased members of the Cunningham family
4:00 P.M. Michael Mealey

Sunday September 27

7:30 A.M. Don Homsey
10:30 A.M. Anne Kane

Monday September 28

**6:30 A.M. Sienna Jade Tillery
8:00 A.M. Jerry Grossman

Tuesday September 29

**6:30 A.M. Anonymous
8:00 A.M. Jane Scott Mahoney

Wednesday September 30

**6:30 A.M. Margaret Doohan
8:00 A.M. Deceased members of the John & Lena Stout family

Thursday October 1

**6:30 A.M. Kenneth Ackerman
8:00 A.M. Georgina Sheing & Henry Salacki

Friday October 2

**6:30 A.M. Jen Duncan
8:00 A.M. Marianne Morole

Saturday October 3

**8:00 A.M. Joseph J. O'Neill
4:00 P.M. Henry, John & Jimmy Mauk

Sunday October 4

7:30 A.M. Sr. Irene Loretta
10:30 A.M. Margaret Stanley
Pray for the sick, shut-ins and elderly of our Parish.

ST. ANN'S PRAYER LINE – to place a name on the prayer line contact Joe/ Shirley Ackerman at 384-7513 or joeshirl7@comcast.net.

Offertory for the weekend of September 12th was \$10,457. As always – thank you for your kind and generous support to St. Ann's.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET US!!! Parish Giving is available for Online Offertory Giving – To set up your account, visit our website and click the Parish Giving Button. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the rectory at 654-5519 or email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com



**HOLY MOMENTS
WE CONGRATULATE...**



**MASON MARSHALL HIRZEL
Son of Samuel & Christine Hirzel**

**who was welcomed into the Christian
community through Baptism.**

PREP CLASSES BEGIN SOON! If you have a child who attends a non-Catholic school and are interested in faith formation and Sacrament preparation, please visit our parish website to find the forms to register for PREP, our faith formation program for grades 1 through 8. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic all classes will be completed from home and not on-site. ***If you have an incoming 1st grader and are interested in First Communion in 2nd grade, your child must first complete the Grade 1 curriculum to be eligible next year. Registration forms are found on the parish website. If you have difficulty contact Pat Walker at pwalker@stannwilmington.com***

Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation

On October 1st and 4th there will be in-person parent meetings for preparing your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pre-registration is required and you will be sent a Sign Up Genius link to reserve your seat. Registration forms are found on the parish and school websites. Pat Walker at pwalker@stannwilmington.com.

Annual Blue Mass – Friday, October 2nd at 11am at St. Elizabeth Church for active/retired law enforcement, fire, EMT, military personnel and their families. Bishop Malooly will officiate. Masks and social distancing are required. The mass will also be live-streamed on the Diocese YouTube Channel – www.YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm.

Annual Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage – This year's mass with Bishop Malooly will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington on Saturday, October 3rd at 4pm. You are invited to watch the Mass live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube Channel.

The Chapel of Divine Mercy is closed until further notice, due to the pandemic.