

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 7, 2018

From the Pastor's desk...The Vatican and the Peoples Republic of China recently signed an historic provisional agreement in which the government will recognize the Pope as the head of the Catholic Church in China with authority to approve all candidates for bishop. It also sets for a pathway for reconciliation of 7 bishops ordained over the years without papal approval as part of the state run church: The Peoples Patriotic Association. This is truly historic and will take diplomacy, patience, and prayers to take root. The pope has written this prayer for the Catholic Church in China which has endured suffering and persecution with bishops imprisoned into their 90's along with priests, religious and catechists since 1949. The Pope asks that all Catholics throughout the world pray fervently and offer this prayer for the success of this endeavor:

Mother of Heaven, hear the plea of your children as we humbly call upon your name!

Virgin of Hope, we entrust to you the journey of the faithful in the noble land of China. We ask you to present to the Lord of history the trials and tribulations, the petitions and the hopes of all those who pray to you, O Queen of Heaven!

Mother of the Church, we consecrate to you the present and the future of our families and our communities. Protect and sustain them in fraternal reconciliation and in service to the poor who bless your name, O Queen of Heaven!

Consolation of the Afflicted, we turn to you, for you are the refuge of all who weep amid their trials.

Watch over your sons and daughters who praise your name; make them one in bringing the proclamation of the Gospel. Accompany their efforts to build a more fraternal world. Grant that they may bring the joy of forgiveness to all whom they meet, O Queen of Heaven!

Mary, Help of Christians, for China we implore days of blessing and of peace. Amen!

The St. Ann "APP": Associate Pastor's Perspective - My third grade teacher once shared the pious legend with our class that if one falls asleep on the Eve of the Feast of the Guardian Angels (Oct. 2) while asking one's specific angel its name, then the first name one hears upon waking is the name of your guardian angel. Many children came in that next morning with names of Jim or Robyn, which – truth be told – were probably the morning co-anchors on a local news program. As for me, the first thing I heard on October 2, 1983 was the name of my neighbor's dog – who apparently was doing something in the yard that wasn't pleasant – so I decided then and there that my angel's name must be "No Rusty!"

Despite the "cuteness" of such a memory, the Feast of the Guardian Angels really isn't just another fairytale we tell our kids. Scripture abounds with examples of these ministers of God. They have served as ambassadors of the Most High to point the way for us, and they can act as messengers who intercede, warn and preserve us from danger. As the Letter to the Hebrews states (1:14), "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?"

In other words, the Angels – including our Guardian Angels – are God's gift to us. They accompany us to the end with their prayers and protection, for each of us is a precious treasure given to them by our Lord. You may not have to name your specific angel, but keep in communication with them along your spiritual journey through life. After all, they may just help us set our hearts on fire with a greater love of God and our neighbor. In the end, isn't that what faith is all about?

On All Soul's Day, Friday Nov. 2nd - An evening Mass will be offered at 5:30pm. In this Mass we will especially remember all those buried from St. Ann's Church in the past year. We will also pray for the souls of the loved ones and friends of our parishioners who passed away during the year as well as remember all of our deceased who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. If you had a family member buried from St. Ann's this year, please join us and invite others in your family. The names will be published in the Mass program and enshrined in the sanctuary during the month of November. *Those who have died during this past year will also be announced during a post-Communion period of reflection. Lighted candles will be carried in procession and brought forward as names are being read. If you would like to take part in the candle ceremony as a way to honor your deceased loved one, please contact Jane at the rectory.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday October 6 (St. Bruno)

8:00 A.M. Marjorie Lindon Godley
5:00 P.M. M/M Francis & Stella Smith

Sunday October 7

7:30 A.M. Carl Ryan
9:30 A.M. Deacon Robert Levesque
11:30 A.M. Parishioners

Monday October 8

9:00 A.M. Bishop Michael Saltarelli, K of C

Tuesday October 9 (St. Denis)

6:30 A.M. John Coolahan
8:00 P.M. Reardon-Murphy family

Wednesday October 10

6:30 A.M. Helen Ashe
8:00 A.M. Rev. Msgr. Paul J. Taggart

Thursday October 11 (St. John XXIII)

6:30 A.M. Jerry Fleming
8:00 A.M. Mary & Charles Trzuskowski

Friday October 12

6:30 A.M. Joseph Osborne
8:00 A.M. Charles Palmer, K of C

Saturday October 13

8:00 A.M. Paul D. Bradley
5:00 P.M. Thomas W. Faulkner & Theresa Ann Faulkner

Sunday October 14

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
9:30 A.M. M/M James Julian
11:30 A.M. Braun & Mooney families
Pray for the sick, shut-ins and elderly of our Parish.

Offertory for the weekend of September 23rd was \$10844. As always – thank you for your kind and generous support to St. Ann's.



HOLY MOMENTS



Congratulations...

**LISA NICOLE STROUSS &
BENJAMIN LEES WALLACE**
united in marriage at St. Ann's
September 29, 2018

Bible Study/Adult Faith Formation One

Sessios Left - Fr. Jasper will present on Monday 10/15 at 6:30 pm in St. Ann's Church. **You do not need to register to attend.**

Bible Study - will continue with Part 2 of the Jeff Cavins series, Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, on Mondays, October 22, 29, November 5, 12, and in the spring on February 4, 11, 24, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 (snow date April 8) (note: Palm Sunday is April 14 and Easter April 21) 6:30 pm in St. Ann's Social Hall. If you are interested in the Bible series Matthew and did not attend Part 1, please contact Pat Walker at pwalker@stannwilmington.com or 654-8405, or Connie Winner Varone at cwinner@comcast.net or 302-765-9864. Registration is required for those who did not attend Part 1 so that we have materials for all participants. Materials are \$30.

St. Ann's Men's Morning Group - Please join us for Scripture discussion and prayer after the 8 a.m. mass each Wednesday. **The group will NOT be meeting on Wednesday, October 10 or Wednesday, October 24.** For more info, please email the rectory or richcsisca@comcast.net.

St. Ann's and the Mink's Mustangs invite you to the National Kidney Foundation Walk held on Sunday, October 28th at 10:00AM at Frawley Stadium. Registration begins at 8:30am. This walk is to raise awareness for Fr. John Mink, our Pastor of St. Ann Parish, a five-year dialysis patient, who is on the Christiana Care Transplant list and the United National Organ Sharing list for a future transplant when a kidney or living donor becomes available. Visit the team page at <http://donate.kidney.org/Wilmington>; and search for our Team "**Minks' Mustangs**" to join our walk or to donate. **There is no registration fee!**



School has now been underway for a month and boy has St. Ann's sixth grade been busy! In September, the sixth grade met their new first grade prayer partners for the year. We wanted to remember first responders on the anniversary of 9/11, as well as honor our local firefighters that we lost 2 years ago-Christopher Leach, Jerry Fickes and Ardy Hope. The 6th and 1st grade students walked down to Station 5 to deliver a care package and thank you notes. In addition, our school lobby has a beautiful display to remember our annual theme of Rejoicing in the Lord, as well as our monthly commandment theme - *Thou Shall Not Take the Lord's Name in Vain*. We have worked hard on the display that will help remind us to speak with reverence for our Lord.

The Chapel of Divine Mercy is open **6am to 10pm, 7 days a week** with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Can you offer an hour of your time? Visit www.adorationchapel.org to sign up. You can also call Chris at 584-1422 or Nan at 656-8438.

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

St. Ann's Guest-Bartending Charity Event: On Wednesday, October 24th, from 7-10 pm, The Knights of Columbus will be holding the 3rd Annual Guest-Bartending Event at Kelly's Logan House located at 1701 Delaware Ave. Come support your local Knights as we raise money for Victims of Hurricane Florence.

Kick-Off of Confirmation Classes: Attention Confirmation Class of 2019! Our Pot-Luck Dinner is on Sunday, October 14th, at 6 PM! We will be welcoming our newest class and are very excited to do so! Please visit sign up genius to assist with serving and cleaning up. We also need a few food items to make the evening very special. Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4FACA72FA7FD0-confirmation>. Help us if you can! We appreciate you!

The second collection next weekend is for World Mission Sunday.

Wilmington Catholic Young Adults (WilCYA)
a ministry for single & married young adults in their 20s and 30s:
 7pm Tu, 10.9.18 – Mass & Fellowship at St. Catherine of Siena
 7pm We, 10.10.18 – GIFT for Women at St. Mary of the Assumption
 8am Su, 10.14.18 – DE LIFE Runners at the Riverfront
 7pm Tu, 10.16.18 – Bible Study in Northern Wilmington
 7pm Sa, 10.20.18 – Game Night! in Northern Wilmington
 7pm Tu, 10.23.18 – Holy Hour/Happy Hour at St. Elizabeth's
 Details about these events at info@WilCYA.com
www.facebook.com/groups/WilCYA/



Visit our website www.stannwilmington.com and select the parish registration button. You can either print the form and drop off to the rectory or fill out online and email it back.

Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass - Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at **2:00 PM on Sunday, November 4, 2018** at St. Joseph's, Middletown. The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 1:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Malooly, please arrive at 1:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by October 8th** by emailing ljackson@cdow.org.

Religious Vocations – Today's readings remind us that marriage is more than a social contract; indeed, it is God's holy plan for most people. Some others He calls to the priesthood and/or religious life. The key to cooperating with God's plan is to try to discern where He is calling you. If you think that might be to priesthood or religious life, call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/8 **Columbus Day** –offices/school closed
- 10/8 9am Daily Mass ONLY
- 10/9 7pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.
- 10/10 7pm Choir
- 10/14 10:30am PREP
- 10/14 10am Coffee & Donuts
- 10/14 6pm Confirmation Orientation
- 10/15 6:30pm "The Mass" Seminar
- 10/16 9:15am School Mass
- 10/17 6:30pm RCIA
- 10/17 7pm Choir