

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 10, 2019

The St. Ann “APP”: Associate Pastor’s Perspective - The conversation was brief, but its impact lasted long-after it was finished. While sweeping the floors of my sixth-grade classroom one day during lunch recess (it was my turn that week), I was asked by Sister Marita: “Mr. Jasper, have you ever thought about becoming a priest?” Matter-of-factly, I replied: “No, Sister,” all the while quickening my pace so that I could end this conversation as soon as possible. “Well, Mr. Jasper, you should,” Sister responded, and then returned to marking grammar tests. That was it; nothing more was ever mentioned again that year.

There is something both beautiful and humbling about being invited to be a part of something greater than oneself, whether it is as a member of a team or a part of a group of friends or even to the possibility of being called to serve the Church. Sister planted a seed that day, and even though it took thirty years to sprout, her initial invitation sparked something within me: a desire to help; a willingness to put others first; and a greater search for God in everyday life.

Studies show that most young people today who are discerning a call to priesthood, religious life or lay ministry in the Church are doing so because someone was bold enough to ask them. Like Jesus in today’s Gospel who told Peter to trust him and “put out into the deep,” are we willing to look within our own families and parish community to encourage someone to consider the possibility of loving and serving in this way?

On February 26th, the Diocese is hosting a discernment day for young men to look at the life and call of a diocesan priest. Is it possible that future priests are here among us, just waiting to be asked?

As Sister Marita once did for me, perhaps a challenge for all of us as well: If you see something, say something.

Saint Vincent DePaul Society Collection Next Weekend - The SVDP members made 227 home visits and contacts during the past year. These efforts resulted in 369 families and individuals being assisted with rent, utilities, home heating oil, food, clothing, and bedding - just to name a few. The recently completed “Christmas Tree Giving Program” is also sponsored by the St. Vincent De Paul Society. You provided many children a happy Christmas with your kindness. Please consider the SVDP in your annual charitable giving as well as with this collection. The Society is deeply appreciative of your past support as it continues to assist those in need. **Thank you...**

Blessing of New Drivers: *On the weekend of February 16 and 17 following each mass*, newly-licensed drivers (or those who soon will be) are invited to receive a blessing, prayer card and key chain as they embark upon the joys and responsibilities of hitting the open road. Please encourage your teen drivers to be present for Mass and the blessing afterwards.



SAVE THE DATES!!!! Here’s just a few things St. Ann’s has coming up in 2019!

March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 23	Parish Dinner
April 5/6	Musical – The Wizard of Oz
April 14	Holy Week

Have a Heart! Please help to support our 40 First Communion candidates through your prayers. We invite you to take a prayer pack from one of the baskets in the back of the Church. It contains a heart magnet with a candidate’s first name and a prayer to say for them every day until their First Communion on May 4th. Thank you for your prayers and your support!

Brrrrrr! What to do one these cold winter evenings? Curl up with the hot beverage of your choice and one of the books from our kiosk located in the back of the Church by the statue of St. Therese. We have some brand new titles, including two works of fiction. All are reasonably priced and ready to take with you!

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 9

8:00 A.M. Daniel Cunningham & Deceased members of the Cunningham family

5:00 P.M. Henry, John & Jimmy Mauk

Sunday February 10

7:30 A.M. Rev. Msgr. Paul J. Taggart

9:30 A.M. Leo Cunningham

11:30 A.M. Parishioners

Monday February 11

6:30 A.M. Elaine C. Lewandowski

8:00 A.M. Paul D. Bradley

Tuesday February 12

6:30 A.M. The Kelly & Azar families

8:00 A.M. James D. Petruccelli, Sr.

Wednesday February 13

6:30 A.M. Robert Brendon Murphy

8:00 A.M. Braun & Mooney families

Thursday February 14

6:30 A.M. Joseph W. Marsich

8:00 A.M. Chas J. O'Connor

Friday February 15

6:30 A.M. Bridget Gallagher

8:00 A.M. Patrick Carter

Saturday February 16

8:00 A.M. Marie Gruber

5:00 P.M. Theresa Ann Faulkner

Sunday February 17

7:30 A.M. Angela Foley

9:30 A.M. Chuck Johnson

11:30 A.M. Parishioners

Pray for the sick, shut-ins and elderly of our Parish.

St. Ann's Bible Study will continue with Part 2 of the Jeff Cavins' series, Matthew: The King and His Kingdom - on Mondays, February 4, 11, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 (snow date April 8) 6:30 pm in St. Ann's Social Hall. Chapters 18 – 28 of Matthew's Gospel will be covered. If you are interested in participating and did not attend Part 1, please contact Pat Walker at 654-8504 or walker@stannwilmington.com or Connie Winner Varone at cnwinner@comcast.net or 302-765-9864. Registration is required for those who did not attend Part 1 so that we have sufficient materials for all participants. Materials are \$30.

Offertory for the weekend of January 27th was \$12808. As always – thank you for your kind and generous support to St. Ann's.

Men's Morning Group: : Please join us for Scripture discussion and prayer after the 8 a.m. mass each Wednesday. For more info, please email the rectory or richcsisca@comcast.net. *The Men's Evening Discussion Group begins again at the end of February. Details to follow.*

Becoming Catholic: Interested in learning more about joining the Church? Were you baptized as child but have not yet celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? RCIA classes have already begun and continue to meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. It's not too late to join us ... and we have quite a lively group of seekers! For more information, please contact Jane at the rectory (654-5519) or email Father Jasper at rjasper@stannwilmington.com.

High-School Faith-Sharing: Our next meeting will be held February 24 at 5 p.m. Feel free to invite a friend or two; the group is open to any high-school-aged teenager, regardless of the school one attends. For more information or to let us know you are planning on coming, please email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com.

Catholic Charities Honors Major General Francis Vavala at Annual Tribute Dinner - Major General Francis Vavala, retired Adjutant General of Delaware, will receive the Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award at Catholic Charities Annual Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, will present the awards at the dinner at the Chase Center (Riverfront). For more info on the dinner and our honoree, or to support the Tribute Dinner through sponsorships or ticket purchases, visit Catholic Charities at www.cdow.org/charities. You may also call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624.



February is a busy month in the kindergarten room and a great time to show love, empathy, kindness, and compassion. We keep Jesus in our hearts and minds as we work and play throughout the school day. This month, kindergarten will celebrate the 100th day of school! We will participate in counting activities and centers. We are so excited to "show and tell" our 100 Day collections. We will also celebrate Valentine's Day. Lots of Love from St. Ann's Kindergarten Class.

The Chapel of Divine Mercy is open with the Blessed Sacrament exposed the following hours:
6am to 10pm Monday through Friday & Sunday, 6am to 9pm Saturday. Email www.adorationchapel.org or call Chris at 584-1422 or Nan at 656-8438 to offer an hour of time.

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 School Kidstuff Coupon Books – limited number for sale which also includes a 12 month membership to the NEW Kidstuff App! You will enjoy savings from Macy's, Dick's Sporting Goods, H&M, Barnes & Noble, Michaels, Francesca's, Disney Store, Burlington, Subway, Taco Bell and many more. Each book is only \$25 and the school will make 50% profit for all books sold! Purchases can be made online or by check made payable to St Ann Home and School. To purchase a book simply go to <https://mykscb.com/myschool> and create your account using our School Code STA140486 Or email cristalynjohnson@gmail.com with your name, address and contact details to arrange purchase. Many thanks for supporting our school!

Yes, even you! In today's first reading, Isaiah tells us that when the Lord called him to serve as a prophet, he protested because he was unworthy. Sometimes young men and women look at the priesthood or religious life and say to themselves "I could never do that; I'm not holy that way." Guess what? *All* the baptized are called to be holy, but if we had to be perfect to be a priest, deacon or a nun we wouldn't have any priests, deacons or nuns. When God calls someone, He gives that person the grace he or she needs to live out their vocation. If you think God might be calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, then call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). And don't forget to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations !

Two history books to celebrate the diocesan 150th anniversary are now available through St. Ann's - "Rejoicing in the Lord," for \$40 and "Family of Faith" for \$18 have been published to help commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. For info, email imatyger@stannwilmington.com or call 654-5519.

Request for Ride to Mass – If anyone passes by the area of 28th and Washington Street, we have a parishioner who is asking for a ride to any mass. If you can help, please contact the rectory at stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call 654-5519.

Little Sisters Cooks for a Cause – at Feby's Fishery (3701 Lancaster Pike) on Sunday February 24th from 3 to 8pm. A portion of the proceeds will help the Little Sisters care for the elderly in the community. For details or reservations, call 368-5886, ext. 106.

Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington will present a special exhibit in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese - The exhibit will take place on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Family Center of Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Church, 10 Old Church Road in Greenville, Delaware. The exhibit will feature dozens of items and documents going back to the 1600s when the first Catholic Europeans arrived in present-day Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. It is free and open to the public.

Salesianum's Adult Religious Education Day - SACRED will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Salesianum. You can register <http://sacred.salesianum.org>. Your registration fee also includes breakfast and lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Vresics after 3 p.m. at (302)985-7648.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/10	6pm	Confirmation Session
2/11	6:30pm	Bible Study
2/12	5pm	Musical Reh
2/12	7pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
2/13	6:30pm	RCIA
2/13	7pm	Choir
2/14	5pm	Musical Reh
2/15		School Closed – Staff Retreat
2/18		School & Rectory closed President's Day
2/18	9am	Daily Mass ONLY
2/19	5pm	Musical Reh.
2/20	6:30pm	RCIA
2/20	7pm	Choir