

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 16, 2020

**The St. Ann “APP”:** Associate Pastor’s Perspective - The apartment was run-down and dimly-lit, the only piece of visible furniture being a well-worn mattress in the corner of the room. The gentleman who greeted the visitors from our St. Vincent dePaul Society welcomed them in. He looked tired and worn from the journey.

“I haven’t always done right, but I am trying to live an honest life,” he told them, humbly asking for some assistance with rent and electric. “I could do a lot of illegal things to get money but I won’t, so I need some help.”

Thanks to your continuous generosity and the often-hidden charitable work of our SVdP members, this gentleman – and countless others in our little section of Wilmington – receive the help they need to stay off the streets, stay warm in the winter, and keep the power on.

But often, that’s only half the story. When our St. Vincent dePaul members visit a client, they also bring compassion and love that can only come from the desire to live-out Jesus’ Gospel message: “Whatever you do for the least, you do for me.”

Often, that command is lived out in the little acts that mean much more than a paid Delmarva Power bill. It’s the unexpected gift basket of needed toiletries that is dropped off or the extra call to check-in and see how the person is doing since the last visit. That’s really where the heart of this Society rests: doing little acts with great love.

Please continue to support the efforts of our parish’s SVdP Society in whatever way you are able to do so, including prayer. As St. Vincent himself once prayed: “Lord, grant me the grace to see others with the same eyes and heart as you do.”

**Second Collection THIS WEEKEND for the Saint Vincent DePaul Society** - The SVDP Society seeks, in a spirit of justice and charity and by person-to-person involvement of its members, to help those who are suffering. In light of this mission statement, our members made 164 home visits and contacts during the past year. These efforts resulted in 272 families and individuals being assisted. This assistance included help with rent, utilities, home heating oil, food, clothing and bedding among other forms of assistance. In addition this past year, Saint Ann SVDP provided assistance to women who were recently released from the Baylor Correctional Institute. Without the generosity of the parishioners of St Ann, none of this would be possible. Even with this support, many of those seeking assistance, receive only partial support. Please consider the SVDP Society in your annual charitable giving. The Society is deeply appreciative of your past support as it continues to assist those in need. May God bless you for your kindness.

**Registration for the St. Ann’s Parish Pasta Dinner is open! The event is Sunday, March 15th from 430pm to 630pm and will include meat lasagna, pasta fazoule, bowtie pasta, porkette sandwiches and more** *Pre-Registration is required as seating is limited. Email [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com) or contact the rectory with the number of adults and children. The cost is \$16.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 4-12 and 3 and under FREE. Please pay through Parish Giving online or at the rectory. The deadline to register is March 6th. All members of the St. Ann’s Parish Community and Alumni are invited. **There will also be a sneak peek performance of the upcoming St. Ann’s musical – Disney’s Little Mermaid, Jr.***

**St. Ann’s Welcoming Committee:** Members of St. Ann’s Welcoming Committee will be available after all of the Masses this weekend to meet with new parishioners, visitors, and anyone else wishing to learn more about our growing faith community. Please feel free to stop by, introduce yourself, and meet some of your fellow parishioners.

**SPONSORS/GODPARENTS** – Looking to get your child baptized at St. Ann’s? The next mandatory Baptism Preparation class will be Thursday – March 12th at 7pm in St. Ann’s School. To register, please call 654-5519 or email [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com). Baptisms normally take place the 2nd or 3rd Sundays of each month (except during Lent) after the 11:30am mass.

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday February 15**

8:00 A.M. Samuel Wilkes

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

### **Sunday February 16**

7:30 A.M. Marie Gruber

9:30 A.M. Ron Bogia

11:30 A.M. Parishioners

### **Monday February 17 President's Day**

9:00 A.M. Braun & Mooney families

### **Tuesday February 18**

6:30 A.M. Josephine Gaspero Marge

8:00 A.M. Deceased members of the Boeck/Orga families

### **Wednesday February 19**

6:30 A.M. Deceased members of the Harris & Montague families

8:00 A.M. Melanie Corbett

### **Thursday February 20**

6:30 A.M. William Selvaggi

8:00 A.M. Thomas Orga

### **Friday February 21 St. Peter Damian**

6:30 A.M. Kathy Kingsley

8:00 A.M. Gerald Conaty

### **Saturday February 22**

8:00 A.M. William "Bill" & Mary "Boo" Duffy

5:00 P.M. Jen Duncan

### **Sunday February 23**

7:30 A.M. Bridget Gallagher

9:30 A.M. Josephine Gaspero Marge

11:30 A.M. Parishioners

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

**Offertory for the weekend of February 2nd was \$13,789. As always – thank you for your kind and generous support to St. Ann's.**

**Hospital Visitations** – Catholic priest chaplains are assigned by the diocese to provide daily pastoral care in the 3 local hospitals: St. Francis, Wilmington and Christiana. This includes anointing of the sick and Holy Communion. On admission you will be asked your religion & parish. In addition to this care, if your stay will be extended and wish a visit from your parish priest, please call us

**Men's Morning Group:** Please join us for Scripture discussion and prayer after the 8 a.m. mass each Wednesday. For more info, email the rectory or [richcsisca@comcast.net](mailto:richcsisca@comcast.net)



The Pre-K4 Class at St. Ann School welcomed the month of February. We call February our "Love Month." The children learned that the heart is the symbol of love and The Gospel in the world is love. They are learning how to show their love to one another and they are anxious to have their St. Valentines Party. Each child will send their friends a valentine card.

The children also learned that most months have 30 or 31 days. February usually has 28 days. Every 4 years February has an extra day. This is called a leap year. Happy "Love Month" from all of us!

**NEW PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM.** St. Ann's Welcoming Committee is launching a Prayer Partner Program to establish one-on-one/family-to-family prayer relationships between existing St. Ann's parishioners/families and our newest members. The concept is simple; when a new member joins the parish we'll ask if they would like to be connected to an existing parishioner/family as a Prayer Partner. If the new parishioner wants to participate, we'll match them with an existing parishioner/family, ask them to share their prayer needs with one another, and begin praying for those needs. Our first step is to identify existing parishioners/families who would like to participate, so please consider volunteering as a Prayer Partner. To do so, or for more information, please contact Lottie Zapisek at [welcometostannswilmington@gmail.com](mailto:welcometostannswilmington@gmail.com). And please pray for the success of our new program.

**Monday Evening Bible Study:** is back on **Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall to begin studying the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent. Look for more information soon about celebrating "Simple Lenten Suppers and Scripture."

**Becoming Catholic:** Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about joining the Church? Were you baptized as child but have not yet celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? **Classes are held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** in the school's conference room. For more information, please contact Jane at the rectory (654-5519) or email Father Jasper at [rijasper@stannwilmington.com](mailto:rijasper@stannwilmington.com).



**Need to register for St. Ann's?** Visit our website [www.stannwilmington.com](http://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 to us.

**Catholic Forum** - Saturday mornings at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, February 22nd, tune in to hear an interview with author Gary Zimak, about his book, "Give up Worry for Lent". Visit [www.cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://www.cdow.org/CatholicForum) anytime to listen, or "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

**Mardi Gras Party** - Tuesday, February 25, 6-9pm. Holy Angels (in Fremont Hall), in Newark. Family friendly. Free admission. Drinks and food available to purchase at the event. 50/50 and Ragin' Cajun Raffle drawings at 8:30pm. Contact the Parish at [Phyllis510@comcast.net](mailto:Phyllis510@comcast.net) or 731-2219. RSVP encouraged but not required. "Laissez le bon temps rouler!"

**Resurrection Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lenten Renewal** – The Freedom to Believe: Becoming an Adult Catholic – presented by Fr. Simeon Gallagher OFM Cap. Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> through Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be two sessions available in order to fit your schedule. The morning session will begin with 8:30am Mass followed by Renewal Talk. The evening session will begin at 7pm followed by the Renewal Talk. For more info, call 368-0146.

**From Cathedral Cemetery** - The cemetery has just built 320 companion niches for the above ground entombment of cremated bodies. These niches are located in the Queen of Apostles Chapel and are now available at a special introductory price through April 30, 2020. For those choosing traditional burial, there are both lots and crypts available as well. For more info contact Deb at Cathedral Cemetery by calling 516 – 7618.

**Ash Wednesday is February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Masses are 6:15am, 8am, 9:15am (school) and 5:30pm. There is also a Liturgy of the Word at 12noon. Ashes will be distributed after all of the above scheduled liturgies.

**The Chapel of Divine Mercy** is open with the Blessed Sacrament exposed the following hours: Sunday thru Friday, 6am to 10pm and Saturday, 6am to 9pm. For more information go to [www.adorationchapel.org](http://www.adorationchapel.org) or call Chris @ 302-584-1422.

**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](mailto:joeshirl7@comcast.net).

**"THE MASS"- a 6 week Lenten study** Tuesdays starting March 3, 10-11:30am and/or 6-7:30pm, at Holy Angels Church (St. Gabriel Room), in Newark. A 25 minute DVD followed by a discussion facilitated by Phyllis Edwards and Father Jim Jackson. Walk through the liturgy with Bishop Robert Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. The study will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. Contact the Parish for more info at 731-2219 or [Phyllis510@comcast.net](mailto:Phyllis510@comcast.net). Registration encouraged but not required.

**Salesianum's Adult Religious Education Day - SACRED** will be held on Saturday, February 29th from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Salesianum. The cost is \$45 per person and includes coffee, a light breakfast, a hot Italian lunch and all day beverages (\$40 is paid by Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> online at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>). There will be over 15 courses in adult religious education throughout the day with Reconciliation offered at 8am and noon. A wine/cheese social will follow the event at 3:15pm. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Vresics after 3 p.m. at (302)985-7648. Snow date is March 7<sup>th</sup>.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/17	President's Day – School & Rectory closed
2/17 9am	DAILY MASS ONLY
2/18 5pm	Musical Reh
2/19 6:30pm	RCIA
2/19 7pm	Choir
2/20 5pm	Musical Reh
2/21 10am	Kentmere Mass
2/23 3pm	Musical Rehearsal 3