

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 21, 2019

Dear Parishioners...

We rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior!!! On this glorious Easter Day we have much to celebrate! **“Gaude et laetare, Alleluia, Qua surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia.” “Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia, for the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.”** Christ our Light has destroyed death forever and has given us the hope of Resurrection as well. The power of the Resurrection creates worshipers and witnesses to proclaim and announce the Good News. Our parish rejoices with the gift of our new witnesses of our Holy Catholic Faith, initiated at our Easter Vigil Celebration. The celebration of new life during this Easter Season gives us renewed hope in a world that is increasingly without moral direction. We walk by the light of faith, and will never be lost. I wish you and you families a Blessed Easter. Welcome home to our college students and returning parishioners gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter. May God Bless You!

...Prayerfully yours, Fr. Mink



CONGRATULATIONS to those who entered into full-Communion with the Catholic Church during our Easter Vigil...welcome to our St. Ann's Community!

Jason Cincilla
Katie McKinley

Kelly Goodwin
Will Miles
Brook Rowe

Jill Kairis
Vienna Perillo

The St. Ann “APP”: Associate Pastor's Perspective - I nearly ruined Easter Sunday when I was 14-years-old. I don't recall what the circumstances were, but I'm sure I either started a fight with my younger brother or copped an attitude with my parents about attending Mass. Thus, we Jaspers all went to Church angry that morning and there was very little joy in the fifth pew on the left.

Now, I'd like to claim that being at Mass that morning changed things: that I asked for forgiveness as we offered each other the Sign of Peace or that receiving Eucharist made us forget all our earlier emotional outbursts. It didn't. Truth be told, I don't think I even extended a hand to my parents, and even later at dinner, I barely said two words. In my self-centeredness, I blocked the grace that Our Lord is always willing to offer us.

And yet, looking back on that time now, I see that the love of Christ was still truly at work in many ways. My Mom prepared a fantastic meal and fed me, even when I shut her out. My Dad and brother carried on conversation with other relatives so that they, as guests, were not left to feel uncomfortable. Grandmom still hugged me and whispered she loved me as she left that night, even knowing what a miserable brat I was being that day.

Perhaps, then, this is the daily miracle of Easter: that little moments of Resurrection happen every time we choose love over hate and put others first. Resurrection happens when we see beyond the emotion or the brokenness in order to embrace the heart of the person who stands before us. British writer and mystic Caryl Houselander said it best: Resurrection happens when “we love the Christ in one another with Christ's love in us.”

Gratefully, my family taught me a lot about Resurrection along the way.

Even if our Easter celebrations are less than perfect this year, may we keep seeking those little Resurrection moments and offer them when the opportunity arises. From our St. Ann's Family to yours, many blessings of love and peace in the holy season ahead ...

Divine Mercy Sunday April 28th – Please join us for the singing and reflection on the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Ann's. The service will begin at 3pm in the church. Fr. Jasper will hear confessions from 2pm-2:45pm prior to the recitation of the chaplet.

Mass Intentions

Saturday April 20 Easter Vigil

7:30 P.M. Intentions of the Priests

Sunday April 21 Easter Sunday

7:30 A.M. Harris/Montague families

9:00 A.M. Patrick Carter

10:30 A.M. Jennie Gallagher

12:00 P.M. Parishioners

Monday April 22

9:00 A.M. Tom Wertz

Tuesday April 23

9:00 A.M. Matt Hogan

Wednesday April 24

9:00 A.M. Charles McKinney

Thursday April 25

9:00 A.M. Peggie Gielis

Friday April 26

9:00 A.M. Ronald Mullin, Sr.

Saturday April 27

8:00 A.M. Marjorie Lindon Godley

5:00 P.M. Thomas W. Faulkner

Sunday April 28

7:30 A.M. Patrick Carter

9:30 A.M. M/M Joseph Karpinski

11:30 A.M. Parishioners

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

Offertory for the weekend of April 7th was \$10,147. As always – thank you for your kind and generous support to St. Ann's.

SAVE THE DATE – The Catholic Charity's truck will be in our parking lot on the weekend of May 11th and 12th. All gently used clothing and small appliances are welcome!

Becoming Catholic: Seven adults from St. Ann's became members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year. 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? New groups are forming now! For more information, please contact Jane at the rectory (654-5519) or email Father Jasper at rjasper@stannwilmington.com.

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.



HOLY MOMENTS



*Pray for the repose of the soul for our recently departed: **MARIE BRADLEY***



The 5th Grade traveled back in time to the John Dickinson Plantation in Dover, DE and became colonists for the day. The class explored the land once owned and occupied by one of the founding fathers of the United States and signer of the U.S. Constitution, John Dickinson. The children enjoyed making beat biscuits, visited Samuel Dickinson's grave, and toured John Dickinson's mansion. A favorite activity was playing colonial children's games. They enjoyed a variety of activities such as quoits, rolling hoop, & paddle ball. Their beautiful spring day ended with a picnic on the plantation. The students enjoyed their visit to the historic plantation and their journey into the fascinating world of 18th Century America!

Confirmation Update: Attention all of those preparing for Confirmation! We are blessed to be confirming 42 young adults at St. Ann Parish this year! The count-down is on!

Confirmation Practice: Monday, May 6, at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall for Sponsors and Students.

Confirmation Mass: Thursday, May 9, at 6:15 PM in the Social Hall for Sponsors and Students. Parents can go directly to the church after drop-off. *A special thank you goes out to all who have assisted in the program. The year went by so quickly and our preparation was wonderful because of you! Blessings for doing God's work.*

High-School Faith-Sharing: Our next meeting will be in early May, with the intention of inviting parents to share their thoughts on the spiritual needs of their teen-aged daughters and sons as we continue to design and improve the faith-formation program. If you as a parent are interested in joining this discussion, please email Fr. Jasper at rjasper@stannwilmington.com.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS – Have you taken a look at the patrons listed on the back on the bulletin? Please visit these businesses and don't forget to tell them where you saw their ad!

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.

Have you seen Him? Can you share the story of that encounter. When Mary Magdalen returned from the empty tomb, she told Peter and John “they have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” In today’s world, many people don’t know where to look for the Lord. Priests, deacons, sisters and brothers spend their lives helping people to find Him. Can you see yourself serving in that great mission? Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Vocation Director (vocations@cdow.org or 302- 573-3113,). Visit www.cdow.org/vocations.

LAYMAN’S WEEKEND RETREAT – The annual Archbishop Fitzmaurice Group weekend retreat is only two weeks away. Don’t pass up this opportunity to join fellow Catholic men in giving witness and praise to God on May 3rd-5th at beautiful St. Joseph’s-in- the-Hills, Malvern, PA. For more info, visit www.malvernretreat.com or call Paul Smith Jr at 302-777-2408.

Birthright of Delaware Annual Mother’s Day Rose Sale – Mother’s Day weekend May 11th-12th after all masses. The cost of the roses are \$2 for one, \$5 for three, \$18 for a dozen or \$35 for twenty-five. Your help will truly make a difference.

New York City Bus Trip: Saturday, May 18, the Ladies Sodality of the Blessed Mother is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City. Many options: shop, sight-seeing, enjoy a show without the hassle of driving! Tickets are \$50 and includes a continental breakfast, games on the bus, snacks and beverages – coming and returning and lots of fun on the bus. Contact Denise Scales @ 302-368-9881 to reserve your space on the bus.

Hospital Visitations – Make sure to call the Rectory at 654-5519 if you are in the hospital and would like a priest to visit.

St. Ann’s Day at the Phillies – Sunday, April 28th at 1:05pm vs the Miami Marlins. Seating will be located in Section 244 at \$25 per ticket. Eight dollars of each ticket sold through this offer will benefit St. Ann’s. Fans 14 and under will receive a Hooded Phanatic Towel. To place your order, visit www.Phillies.com/stanns.

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. For info, email jmatyger@stannwilmington.com or call 654-5519.

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Rachel’s Vineyard Catholic Retreat The next retreat is May 3-5, 2019 at Malvern Retreat House. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-333-1904 or visit rachelsvineyard.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/22-4/26		School Easter Break
4/22-4/26	9am	DAILY MASS ONLY
4/22	6am	Chapel reopens
4/22	9am	Rectory reopens
4/25	7pm	Liturgy Committee
4/29	7pm	Finance Council Mtg.
4/30	6pm	First Holy Communion Practice – Group 1
5/2	6pm	First Holy Communion Practice – Group 2
5/4	9:30am	First Holy Communion
5/4	11:30am	First Holy Communion

