

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 8, 2018

The St. Ann “APP”: Associate Pastor’s Perspective – This coming Wednesday, July 11, marks the 110th anniversary of the death of Wilmington’s second bishop, Alfred Allen Curtis. Although he has not been officially canonized a saint, there is no doubt that this spiritual leader of early Catholic Delmarva had a lasting impact on our diocese, including our very own parish of St. Ann.

Born in 1831 in a very rural part of the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, Curtis was raised Episcopalian and eventually went on to study for the Episcopal priesthood. He served for many years in this ministry until, in time, his growing love for our Lord’s Presence in the Blessed Sacrament and the truths of Catholicism inspired him to convert. He then went on to serve as a Roman Catholic priest in Baltimore for 11 years until being named bishop of Wilmington in 1886. In his short time as our bishop, he was responsible for increasing the number of priestly and religious vocations as well as planting the foundations for many new parishes up and down the peninsula. Closer to home, it was during Curtis’ episcopacy that the former St. James Church (next to the old B&O rail line) was moved to its present location and renamed St. Ann. The bishop also became a good friend and spiritual benefactor to the Visitation Sisters whose convent was located behind our current church property. No matter where the bishop went in his diocesan travels, he was known for being an unassuming, prayerful man who genuinely loved his flock.

So why does Curtis matter now in 2018? I believe that the Church and world are crying out for leaders who serve others in humility and with joy. We look for men and women who will stand up for truth and point the way to living the Gospel values that Jesus espoused and for which He gave His very life. During this 150th anniversary celebration of the founding of our diocese, let us pray that our Lord will continue to raise up saintly men and women in our Church and world.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ST. ANN NOVENA – July 24th to July 26th at 7pm Tuesday – Thursday

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For info, please contact Jane at the rectory at 654-5519.

St. Ann’s Men’s Group - Men: Do you want to become a better father, husband, brother or friend? If the answer to this question is yes, we ask you to consider joining our Men’s Group at St. Ann’s. We’re forming a men’s group to discuss today’s relevant topics to give you the spiritual boost you need to become a better version of yourself.

This group of men will meet regularly to discuss the challenges men face in today’s culture and how a Christ-centered approach can provide the answers.

We are having two kick-off meetings on July 10 either morning or night – led by Father Rich Jasper. The early gathering will be 7:00 am at St. Ann’s School conference room (in the rear of school across from the Adoration Chapel back parking lot on Grant Ave.) If you join us at the 6:30 am Mass you can simply walk with us. The second will be at 7:30 pm at Dead Presidents on Union Street. Please join us either time – or both – to explore this new, local opportunity. To get more information in advance please contact: Mark Monahan [302-354-2499](tel:302-354-2499), markm@aquacastliner.com or Rich Sisca [302-509-9930](tel:302-509-9930), richsisca@comcast.net

Catholic Forum – MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, July 22nd when FR. RICHARD JASPER will be featured at 10:05am on WDEL 101.7FM, 1150AM and www.wdel.com. He will be looking back at his first year of priesthood. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications or search “Catholic Forum” on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 7

8:00 A.M. Judy Crouse

5:00 P.M. Charles J. White, Jr.

Sunday July 8

7:30 A.M. Parishioners

9:30 A.M. Barbara Ferguson

11:30 A.M. Timothy Ryan

Monday July 9 (St. Augustine Zhao Rong)

6:30 A.M. Connie DeTrano

8:00 A.M. Jack Carney

Tuesday July 10

6:30 A.M. John Gallagher

8:00 P.M. Rev. Msgr. Paul J. Taggart

Wednesday July 11 (St. Benedict)

6:30 A.M. Norman E. Pianalto

8:00 A.M. Paul D. Bradley

Thursday July 12

6:30 A.M. John & Mary Reilly

8:00 A.M. Ann M. Johnson

Friday July 13 (St. Henry)

6:30 A.M. Matthew Janicki

8:00 A.M. James F. Kipp

Saturday July 14 (St. Kateri Tekakwitha)

8:00 A.M. Fred Gibson

5:00 P.M. Chas O'Connor

Sunday July 15

7:30 A.M. Braun & Mooney families

9:30 A.M. Parishioners

11:30 A.M. Deceased members of the BVM Sodality

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

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.

Offeratory for the weekend of June 24th was \$8924. As always – thank you for your kind and generous support to St. Ann's.

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.



HOLY MOMENTS



WE CONGRATULATE...

LILLY CHARLOTTE KUHA

daughter of Carsten & Christine Kuha,
welcomed into the Christian community through
Baptism.

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. Assisting them is a team of lay ministers to bring 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 and we will be happy to comply.

MASS INTENTIONS – There are some openings for mass intentions for the remaining of 2018. If you are interested, please contact the rectory at 654-5519 or stannschurch@stannwilmington.com.

Food for Thought this Summer - The Sunday morning PREP program is in need of Catechists (teachers) for the 2018-19 school year. We begin in September and end in April. If the idea of working with young children to pass on our faith to the next generation appeals to you, let us know!

Is this your child? Do you have an older child (or children) who has never had any formal faith formation classes? If you and your child are interested in beginning to learn more about God and the Church, you can start this summer with weekly at home lessons you can do together. When your child is ready they can mainstream into the Sunday morning PREP classes.

For more info, contact Pat Walker at walker@stannwilmington.com or 654-8504.



St. Ann School Office Summer Hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 2pm. The Rectory hours will be open like normal which is Monday – Friday from 9am to 4pm.

Something new for you! Need some uplifting and informative summer beach reading? How about a CD to listen to on that long ride to your vacation destination? Check out the new book, CD and pamphlet kiosk in the back of the Church by the statue of St. Theresa. Moderately priced materials to lift your spirits and fill your soul!

More Volunteers Needed – Looking for high school students who need service hours next year. If you can be available on Sunday mornings or an occasional Sunday afternoon, the Religious Education Office may be able to use your gifts and talents as teacher aides, office helpers, or Sacrament workshop helpers. Email or call Pat Walker at pwalker@stannwilmington.com or 65408504.

For the Sake of God's Children Reminder: All adults (18 and over) who plan to work or interact with children in the parish setting (athletics, St. Ann School, PREP, tutoring, chaperoning, etc.) need to have a diocesan background clearance report. Even if you have a city or state background it must be sent to the diocese and approved before you begin working with any children. For more info, email or call Pat Walker at pwalker@stannwilmington.com or 654-8504.

Religious Vocations – In today's first reading, the author of the Book of Wisdom says, "they shall know that a prophet has been among them." Through lives of chastity, poverty, and obedience, religious women and men throughout our Diocese serve as prophets: their consecrated lives point to the Kingdom of God, and they remind us that it's worth giving up anything for the sake of that treasure. Do you have what it takes to live that way? If you think so, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious vocations at vocations@cdow.org or 573-3113.

Camp Madrid – a summertime Spanish language program here at St. Ann School! July 9-13, 16-20 and 23-27. Half day and full day offered. It's a terrific way for kids to learn Spanish while enjoying the summer! For more information or to register, visit www.campmadrid.com.

St. Ann School Alumni – Become an Alumni Association Member! Send your contact info to alumassoc@st-ann.net. The info we would need is name, address, phone, email and graduation year.

Quo Vadis – Thursday July 26th 5pm to Sunday July 29th 8am. – A three day event for high school and college age men to learn more about the priesthood, deepen their Catholic faith and to have fun. Registration is free. Register online and find more info at cdow.org/vocations.

FOOD FOR GOD'S CHILDREN - The food placed in the Knights of Columbus bins in the vestibule of our church by our parishioners is delivered each week by the Monsignor John DEWSON Council 13821, Knights of Columbus, to the Food Pantry of Saint Paul Church, 4th & Jackson Streets, Wilmington. Their most requested foods are: **Black Beans, Canned Fruit, Bottled Fruit Juices Powdered Milk (Dry Milk) in packs that make 1 quart. 10 one quart packages may be purchased for \$6.38 at WALMART.**

Other foods are most welcome. The most requests for food come during the warmer weather of the year. We all need our daily food, as do the poor, who seek our aid. Please help those less fortunate. May God bless you for your continued generosity!

St. Joseph Parish Carnival – Middletown – July 17 through July 21. Exciting rides, games and nightly entertainment under the big top. Special children's game area. Delicious meals in the air conditioned Parish Hall beginning at 5:30pm Tuesday – Thursday. FREE admission and parking. For more info, call 378-5800 or visit www.stjosephmiddletown.com.

Need to register for St. Ann's? 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 to us.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS – Have you taken a look at the patrons listed on the back on the bulletin? It's because of their support that we can provide this bulletin at no cost to our parish. Please visit these businesses and don't forget to tell them where you saw their ad!

Coming Up:

7/10	7pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
7/12	7pm	Baptism PREP Mtg.
7/19	7pm	Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations
7/24-7/26	7pm	St. Ann Novena