

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 2, 2020

Mr. Matthew F. Boyer, Esq., a parishioner and Permanent Diaconate Candidate for the Diocese of Wilmington will be instituted into the Ministry of Acolyte, the 3rd and final step of canonical preparation for diaconate by Bishop Malooly on Saturday August 8th at St. Margaret of Scotland, Glasgow. While the ceremony is invitation only due to the pandemic, let us pray as a community for Matt and his family as he takes this further step toward ordination to the diaconate tentatively schedule for the summer of 2021. Currently, Matt is exercising his Ministry of Reader at daily and Sunday Mass. After August 8th he will begin assisting the priest at the altar and distributing Holy Communion at Mass. We are grateful to Matt and his wife Mary, for undertaking this 5 year commitment in addition to his full-time legal practice, volunteer ministries at St. Ann's and his family responsibilities.

Congratulations to the second group of our First Communion candidates!!! Please keep these young disciples in your prayers as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time during special Masses for them and their families.

The St. Ann "APP": Associate Pastor's Perspective

On the Feast of St. Ann last Sunday, we celebrated First Holy Communion with half of our now-rising third grade students. The other half of the class arrive this weekend to receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time.

In the current age of pandemic caution and restrictions, celebrating this beautiful moment in a young person's journey of faith looks quite different than it once did. Yes, the dresses are still like mini white wedding gowns fit for a bride, and the boys still wear pressed shirts with top-buttons fastened and ties knotted too tightly. However, now these outfits come equipped with often-matching face masks, and sadly, such accoutrements hide the smiles and nervous lip-biting that come with awaiting the Big Moment.

In addition, the music is more subdued, responses are muffled behind masks, there are fewer photos taken, and there is no parish celebration afterward. For now at least, Covid has somewhat altered the ways in which we as Church celebrate how Christ comes to us.

But make no mistake: He's always present.

Perhaps the lesson in all of this is simply this: no matter what, God still comes in love to feed us. It is the point of today's Gospel: seeing the hungry crowds in a deserted place, Christ performed a miracle of love for them. Nothing stops God from reaching us in the way He knows best: no roped-off pews and face masks; no state or diocesan restrictions; no failure or struggle on our own journey of faith prevents Him from working powerfully in each of our lives. The merciful Heart of God sees and knows exactly what we need when we need it, and will always come to us when we approach Him with humility and trust.

As we continue to make our way forward as a community in these unique times, let us pray specifically for our youngest members of this parish who are opening their lives and hearts to God in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. May they always know the love of the Good Shepherd who searches for them and feeds them with His own Flesh and Blood, reminding them in so doing that they are never alone on this journey through life.

St. Ann's Church is open for Private Prayer on Monday through Thursday after the 8am mass until 10am. On Fridays, the church is open after the 8am mass until 10am and then again from 12-3pm.

Emmanuel Dining Room request: Our next delivery to Emmanuel is August 8. We ask for donations of Applesauce cups six packs or cases, small bags of pretzels, and cases of water bottles. Please contact clair2313@gmail.com or tmcm30370@comcast.net for pickup - or drop at the Field's at 2413 w 17th St. Thanks!

🎵 From our Music Ministry 🎵

This week we hear the well-known miracle of the multiplying of the five loaves and two fish to feed over five thousand people. Despite mourning the loss of John the Baptist and the sorrow Jesus must have felt, Jesus welcomed the crowds of followers who had followed him to “a deserted place” and provided for each and every one of them, with twelve wicker baskets left over. The message this week is that we are all welcome at the table - that there is a place for everyone. Despite our sins and shortcomings, Jesus has a place ready and waiting for us.

As always, we can turn to music to assist us in prayer and reflection. Bob Hurd’s bi-lingual “Ven al Banquete/Come to the Feast” invites us all to join in the heavenly banquet. John Foley’s “Come to the Water” shares the message, “O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.” Isaiah says in the first reading “You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend ... your wages for what fails to satisfy?” Our second reading tells us that nothing can “separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”. We hear this message in Farrell’s “Bread for the World”. And finally, we rejoice in the everlasting love of the Lord in “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” with the text: “Jesus, source of all compassion, Love unbounded, love all pure; Visit us with your salvation, Let your love in us endure.”

*Due to the pandemic, our hymnals will remain removed from the pews. If you are interested in the full text of the hymns you are hearing during the prelude, or would like to use them to reflect in prayer at home, a quick Google search with the hymn’s title will provide!
-Peter Solecki

Hospital Visitations – In this covid time, our priests are not allowed to visit anyone in the hospital. But if you or your loved one are in the hospital, please still call/email the rectory and let us know. The priests pray for any of our sick or infirmed. Thank you.

Just a reminder that....

-Masks are to be worn for the duration of Mass by adults and children 13 and older. All who are over age 60 should evaluate their own health condition as to the risk factor for themselves and others in entering a public space. The bishop has removed the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this pandemic.

-Pews are roped off and marked in accordance with the 6 foot rule. Please do not remove or adjust these pew markers which are there for the safety of all. You may sit in a pew that is not roped off.

-Masses will be abbreviated and will not include a procession up the aisle, offertory procession, or sign of peace. The only one in the sanctuary and sacristy will be the priest.

- Reception of the Eucharist: Both the priest and communicant at communion will be masked. Communion will be distributed after the final blessing so that the faithful may leave church immediately while avoiding a back-up and observing social distancing. Those in the center pews will proceed up the center aisle to receive Communion. Communicants are requested to maintain a six-foot distance between others in their pew and in line. Communion in the hand is strongly recommended. After those in the center pews have received, those in the side pews will proceed up their aisle to the priest, who will be at the center aisle. Missals and Prayer Books: Paper materials have been removed from the Church, and participants are encouraged to bring their own. Just an FYI that the RESTROOM IS CLOSED. For questions or clarifications on any of these guidelines, please email the rectory at stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call 654-5519.

Just a note that the Rectory Office is open – For entrance to the office, masks are required. The Chapel of Divine Mercy is closed until further notice, due to the pandemic.

Mass Intentions

****Priests will be saying Mass Intentions privately for each 6:30am daily mass & the 8am Saturday Mass starting on Monday June 1st with the beginning of public Masses.**

Saturday August 1

**8:00 A.M. Bob Wright

4:00 P.M. Theresa Ann Faulkner

Sunday August 2

7:30 A.M. David Kearns

10:30 A.M. Georgina Sheing & Henry Salacki

Monday August 3

**6:30 A.M. Joseph Buxton

8:00 A.M. Peter & Mary Horty

Tuesday August 4

**6:30 A.M. Delia & John Durney

8:00 A.M. Ann Marie Friedmann

Wednesday August 5

**6:30 A.M. Elsie Henderson

8:00 A.M. Eileen Orga

Thursday August 6

**6:30 A.M. Lynn Curren

8:00 A.M. Gerald J. Lynch, Sr.

Friday August 7

**6:30 A.M. Eleanor Rose Polito

8:00 A.M. Intention of Scott Nemitz

Saturday August 8

**8:00 A.M. William Robert Baldt

4:00 P.M. Henry, John & Jimmy Mauk

Sunday August 9

7:30 A.M. Kathy Godley

10:30 A.M. Thomas & Anita McBride

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

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

Offertory for the weekend of July 19th was \$10,618. As always – thank you for your kind and generous support to St. Ann's.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET US!!! Parish Giving is available for Online Offertory Giving – To set up your account, visit our website and click the Parish Giving Button. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the rectory at 654-5519 or email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com



HOLY MOMENTS



Pray for the repose of the soul for our recently departed:

EILEEN MCCLAFFERTY LYNAM

WE CONGRATULATE...

ESME GEMMA ALTER
Daughter of Benjamin & Mary Kate Alter

who was welcomed into the Christian community through Baptism.

PREP - Faith formation for children who do not attend Catholic Schools

Attention PREP Parents! We have begun registration for the 2020-2021 school year. If you did not receive an email this week, you can go online and download the registration forms from the parish website. If you have an incoming 1st grader we will also need to have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.

Children's Sacrament Preparation

If you have a child who has completed the 1st grade religion curriculum requirement, s/he may be eligible to register to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. Even if your child is already enrolled in a Catholic School or a PREP program, you must also register for these Sacraments. If you have not already received the forms through email, please go online to the parish website to download them.

Prayer Partner Program - Are you looking for a way to connect with other parishioners? Would you like someone to pray for your special intentions? Then join our Prayer Partner Program! This program matches parishioners (individuals and families) together to pray for one another. It is a great way to get in touch with other parishioners and feel more connected to our St. Ann's family. If you are interested in joining this program, or if you would like more information, email Lottie Zapisek -welcometostannwilmington@gmail.com