

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23, 2020

The St. Ann “APP”: Associate Pastor’s Perspective - I recently had the honor of baptizing the infant son of a couple with whom I also celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage about two years ago. That alone made it a special connection, seeing them through the months of preparation for Matrimony all the way up to and including this Baptism of their first-born.

What made the moment even more sacred, though, was the fact that I once taught the wife and mother when she was a sixth grader. Never in my wildest dreams back then could I have imagined that the 11-year-old to whom I was demonstrating sentence diagrams and multiplication of complex fractions would return as an adult and allow me the honor of guiding her faith journey in a whole new way.

As I was cleaning-up after having celebrated the sacrament at the couple’s parish church in central Pennsylvania, the pastor came over to introduce himself and thank me for being there. He was a gentle and kindly man, serving as pastor of that parish by himself for 34 of his 55 years of priesthood. Imagine that!

When I shared with him my connection to the family, he in turn offered this: “At our best, that is what the Catholic Church does. We provide sacred moments for families to continue to allow God’s love to reach them on their journey, from birth to death and everything in between.”

With the recent Covid restrictions still in place and the number of Mass attendees still lower than average, I asked him for advice moving forward -- one seasoned priest to a much newer one -- once (God-willing) we return to normal.

Monsignor wistfully looked off into the distance, and then said words I will carry with me: “Just keep showing up. Wherever they are, be there. If they don’t come to you, go to them. It’s what Jesus did and it’s what His Church always does.”

The Catholic faith, is after all, all about the journey we make together.

Confirmation is happening!! The Holy Spirit is busy at work at St. Ann's! TODAY!!! (August 23) and a second group on August 25, students in the Confirmation program will be confirmed. Thirty-five young people from our parish have completed rigorous lessons focused on the Bible and how to apply those important lessons to real life. Please pray for these young people to follow the Holy Spirit and Jesus's call to holiness in their lives.

2021 Mass Intentions - We are now accepting Mass requests for the calendar year 2020. Many of you ask for Masses to be said regularly for deceased loved ones, and some ask that these Masses be offered on specific dates. For the foreseeable future, the Mass schedule will follow the times initiated to comply with COVID-19 guidelines. All Masses said at St. Ann’s Parish will be announced in the parish bulletin. Many of you ask for Masses to be said regularly for deceased loves ones and some ask that these Masses be offered on specific dates. Your special requests will be honored to the extent possible and we do our best to accommodate you, but we ask for your patience and understanding in this regard. Scheduling begins in late October so it is important that requests be received by October 1, 2020. If you would like to be informed of the dates and times of your scheduled Masses, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, a phone number or an email address so that we can contact you. *The suggested stipend for each mass is \$10.00 and must accompany your request. Thank you and God bless you.*

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!*

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.

 **From our Music Ministry** 

Simon Peter, the disciple who never seems to say the right thing at the right time, finally gets it right this week! When asked by Jesus “Who do you say that the Son of Man is?”, Simon Peter responds, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” Jesus goes on to say, “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church”... Peter, of course, meaning “rock”. This marks a turning point - the days of Simon are gone, and the days of Peter begins. The church begins to build, a faith founded in Jesus Christ, son of the Living God.

This week’s prelude hymn “theme” is trust... trust that if we follow Jesus, he will bring us eternal life. We begin with John Foley’s “For You Are My God”: “You show me the path for my life; in you presence the fullness of joy. To be at your right hand forever for me would be happiness always.” We trust in the promise of life everlasting in “O God, You Search Me”: “You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar, and with love everlasting you besiege me: in every moment of life and death you are.” In Owen Alstott’s “To You, O Lord”, we pray: “I will follow your ways, O Lord; I will walk in your paths, for you are my Savior and my God.” And finally, we close our prelude with “Amazing Grace”, the text of which is familiar to all and serves as a prayer of trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

-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.

FEED THE HUNGRY - The Saint Ann Food Drive is accepting your kind donations of canned goods and non-perishable food. Kindly leave donations of food in the plastic Knights of Columbus containers in the vestibule of our church. You may donate food any day of the week, and even on weekends! The Knights of our Saint Ann Monsignor Dewson Council 13821, Knights of Columbus, plan to transport your donated food to the Saint Paul Parish FEED THE HUNGRY Program on Monday of each week. The Saint Paul Parish Feed the Hungry Program serve the hungry children of God throughout the year.

They particularly need (1) canned fruit or fruit in plastic containers, (2) fruit juices, (3) black beans and (4) powdered milk (best in packages that make a quart when mixed with water). They will accept any food you wish to donate. God's children are hungry every day. God bless you for your continued generosity!

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.

Youth Leadership Team – The CYM office is looking for two dynamic young leaders (age 10th-12th grade) from each parish or school to join the Diocesan Youth Leadership Team for the 2020-21 school year. Leaders should display first and foremost a desire to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a willingness to learn the skills to bring their faith into active roles in their parish and community. No experience necessary.

Due to COVID-19, the fall meetings will take place virtually on GoToMeeting. Young people can register themselves at <https://www.cdowcym.org/forms/ylt-2020-2021-registration/>. The deadline for the application and all appropriate forms is September 16th. Questions? Contact Dan Pin, Associate Director at dpin@cdow.org.

INTERESTED IN BAPTIZING YOUR CHILD AT ST. ANN’S? There is an online Baptism PREP class required if you have not taken a class within the last two years. Just visit the “Ascension Press” website and look for “Belonging”. The cost for the class is \$9.95. Once you have taken the class, we can get you on our baptism calendar. Presently, we are only scheduling baptisms one each Sunday after the 10:30am mass – so approximately 11:30pm. For more info, email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call the rectory at 654-5519.

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 22

**8:00 A.M. Mary Lattanzi

4:00 P.M. Dr. John J. Asta

Sunday August 23

7:30 A.M. Ann Kane

10:30 A.M. Mike Mealey

Monday August 24

**6:30 A.M. Charles H. McKinney

8:00 A.M. Charlotte Smith

Tuesday August 25

**6:30 A.M. Carol Hane Schofield

8:00 A.M. James P. Kane, Sr.

Wednesday August 26

**6:30 A.M. Deceased members of the Sarbara & Regan families

8:00 A.M. Robert Devine

Thursday August 27

**6:30 A.M. Katherine Ingraham

8:00 A.M. Joseph Mance

Friday August 28

**6:30 A.M. Adrian McCullough

8:00 A.M. Mary Doherty & John Gallagher

Saturday August 29

**8:00 A.M. Joseph R. Petrilli

4:00 P.M. Mary & Jen Burke and Catherine M. Smith

Sunday August 30

7:30 A.M. Eleanor Rose Polito

10:30 A.M. M/M Thomas A. 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 August 9th was \$9544. 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:

**MARGARITA B. (CORONA) MACELDERRY
MARY ALICE THOMAS**



CONGRATULATIONS



**KATHERINE FORESTER DESMOND &
PEDRO HENRIQUE CIDREIRO-MARTINS**

**united in marriage at St. Ann's
August 15, 2020**

WE CONGRATULATE...

**MARK ROBERT SOLECKI
Son of Peter & Ashley Solecki**

**who was welcomed into the Christian
community through Baptism.**

PREP (CCD) - Faith formation for children who do not attend Catholic Schools. We have begun registration for the 2020-2021 school year. Parents can go online to the parish website and under "Religious Education" you will see Registration Forms on the left hand side. You can complete the entire registration form, including payment online!

Parents, if you have an incoming 1st grader, be aware that in order for this child to be eligible for the First Communion program in 2nd grade, they must first complete the 1st grade curriculum.

Parenting Pointers for Sunday August 23:

Have a memory party. Pull out old photographs or songs from your youth. Maybe even organize those loose photos or digital files.

Looking to send your child to St. Ann's School for the 2020-21 year? Contact the school at 302-652-6567 for a tour! There are selected openings available.