

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

The St. Ann “APP”: Associate Pastor’s Perspective - A very wise soul once shared this thought with me: “No one’s heart experiences grief quite like a mother’s heart.”

The person who said this was not denying the fact that we all suffer and feel anguish at different points and in different ways along our life’s journey, from mourning the loss of a loved one to feeling the sting of disappointment when life’s plans and hopes for the future come crashing down.

Yet in many ways, mothers just seem to be hardwired to carry the pain not only of their own hearts but that of their children as well. How often have we seen our Moms (or others’ mothers) grieve with courage and faith when a child is sick or loses his or her way in life? How often have we witnessed these women jump-in without a moment’s hesitation to take the weight of the cross off a loved one’s shoulders?

In quite a beautiful way, the Church this week celebrates two feasts back-to-back: the Exultation of the Holy Cross on Monday, September 14, followed by Tuesday’s feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Both days testify to the Christian understanding that it is only in the Cross of Christ that we are saved and that we are asked to pick up our own cross and follow after Him daily. Ultimately, it is in this that we are set free and made holy ... and there is cause for great rejoicing in this.

And yet, at the same time, the Church doesn’t sugarcoat the fact that the Cross is also a trial that can try our very souls. Often we stand at the foot of the Cross, be it our own or others. And like Our Lady who stood at her Son’s Cross on Calvary, we are also invited to unite our pain and sorrows to that of Our Lord’s, which He can and will use for the salvation of the world when we offer it to Him.

When the Cross is heavy in your life, go to Mary. She who stood with her Son in faith and courage will stand with us, too, when we are in pain and suffering. After all, it is what a Mother’s loving heart always does for her beloved children.

PRAYER to OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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 loved 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!*

Bishop’s Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass Cancellation – Due to COVID-19, the annual mass scheduled for October 18th has been cancelled. Even though the mass will not take place, all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, wedding anniversary or any anniversary beyond, will be honored with a certificate (mailed). To get the form to fill out, email ljackson@cdow.org.

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!

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

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.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal – Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others - There is still time to support the Annual Catholic Appeal. The target for St. Ann's is \$140,000 and to date we have pledges of \$104,540. We are so close to meeting our goal!!!! Thank you to those who have already donated and if you are still considering to do so, envelopes can be found in the back of church. We appreciate your support of our diocesan ministries!

A Zoom forum on "Racial Justice and the Catholic Church" - sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena and Resurrection Parishes will be held on four Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm. September 30th, October 14th and October 28th and November 11th. Text will be Fr. Bryan Massingale's book by that name. There will be discussion of the book, then testimony by panel members with feedback from listeners. To sign up and receive a zoom link and a copy of the book, contact St. Catherine of Siena Parish at 302-633-4900 or email Fr. John Hynes at jhynesscs@aol.com.



We want to pray for you!



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, please email Lottie Zapisek at welcometostannswilmington@gmail.com.

Welcome the Holy Spirit! It's fall and time to register for Confirmation. Students who are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should submit the registration materials by Friday, September 25. Classes start Sunday, October 5, and run through mid March. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne Dickinson at mdickinson@thesaintannschoo.org.

Parenting Pointers – Sunday September 13th – Bad things happen, but we shouldn't need a terrorist attack or pandemic to prompt us to voice our love to others and make amends to those we have hurt. Are there people in your life who need to hear words of love or apology from you? Do it today!

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 September 12

**8:00 A.M. Michael & Catherine Irwin

4:00 P.M. Joseph A. Dwyer family

Sunday September 13

7:30 A.M. Cassie & Michael Mahaney

10:30 A.M. Lee Husbands

Monday September 14

**6:30 A.M. Parishioners

8:00 A.M. Kane & Farren families

Tuesday September 15

**6:30 A.M. Anne Kane

8:00 A.M. Jerry Fleming

Wednesday September 16

**6:30 A.M. Barbara Coccia

8:00 A.M. Deceased members of the Peter & Mary Horthy family

Thursday September 17

**6:30 A.M. Braun & Mooney families

8:00 A.M. Eleanor Rose Polito

Friday September 18

**6:30 A.M. Daniel Albertson

8:00 A.M. Henry & Theresa Dystula

Saturday September 19

**8:00 A.M. Deceased members of the Harris & Montague families

4:00 P.M. Nancy Dorris Crouse & Jody Crouse

Sunday September 20

7:30 A.M. Rose Julian

10:30 A.M. Catherine & John Doraz

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 30th was \$10,183. 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
WE CONGRATULATE...**



GRETEL LOUISE RAUSCH
daughter of David & Michaela Rausch

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

PREP CLASSES BEGIN SOON! If you have a child who attends a non-Catholic school and are interested in faith formation and Sacrament preparation, please visit our parish website to find the forms to register for PREP, our faith formation program for grades 1 through 8. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic all classes will be completed from home and not on-site. ***If you have an incoming 1st grader and are interested in First Communion in 2nd grade, your child must first complete the Grade 1 curriculum to be eligible next year. Registration forms are found on the parish website. If you have difficulty contact Pat Walker at pwalker@stannwilmington.com***

PREP Parent Meeting - There will be in-person PREP parents meetings and all PREP children must be represented at one of them:

Sunday, September 20th from 11 to 12 in the social hall

Thursday, September 24th from 6 to 7 p.m. in the social hall

Sunday, September 27th from 1 to 12 in the social hall

Please register your child(ren) for PREP before this meeting as there will be materials ready only for those who are registered and have signed up for the meeting. Parents will be sent a Sign Up Genius to reserve their seat for ONE of these meetings. Masks are required. Access to the building will only be through the Shallcross Ave.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation

On October 1st and 4th there will be in-person parent meetings for preparing your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pre-registration is required and you will be sent a Sign Up Genius link to reserve your seat. Registration forms are found on the parish and school websites. Pat Walker at pwalker@stannwilmington.com

The Chapel of Divine Mercy is closed until further notice, due to the pandemic.