

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Dear Friends,

Next week, parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition.

St. Ann's Parishioners contributed over \$9000 just last year for the "Share In The Spirit" collection – and our school benefits from this fund. Several qualifying St. Ann's students receive assistance from the fund annually and for the 20-21 school year, our eligible families were granted \$25,800 collectively. We are so grateful!

Through this collection, our Bishop is reaching out to believing and worshipping Catholics like you to assist him in ensuring that the Catholic commitment to total education of our children does not fade away because people cannot afford it. Since the Church has the mission to educate and since this mission directly affects the quality of life we experience as Catholics, all of us have a stake in Catholic education.

It is in light of this reality that I ask you to consider supporting next week's "Share in the Spirit" collection. There will be highlights as well about the collection in next week's Dialog. Make sure you pick up a copy! God bless you for your goodness.

To learn more about the "Share in the Spirit" collection and its importance, go to the diocesan website at www.cdown.org/sharespirit.html.
Sincerely...Fr. Mink

The St. Ann "APP": Associate Pastor's Perspective - What a beautiful gift it is to have our school students back on our campus. Their joy, their energy and their mere presence brings life to a parish complex that has, in certain ways, been very quiet since the pandemic quarantine of March altered much of how we worship and educate at St. Ann's.

Thanks be to God, our administration and faculty/staff have been doing an incredible job making all the varied pieces fit together seamlessly despite the many challenges of hybrid learning. Our children are engaged, and our parents are finding (as they always have) that St. Ann's is more than just an educational resource building. In many respects, it is a home away from home – a place where values are taught and reinforced; a center of love and respect for every child; and a reminder to us all of what it means to live in communion with one another.

Case in point: on one nearly-perfect autumn-like afternoon last week, many of our younger students – armed with chalk – scattered themselves across the Church parking lot and sidewalks looking for their own plot of cement on which to draw. Keeping their appropriate distance as they worked on their pastel masterpieces, one child (or more than one) linked the art together with a solid chalk line that, if one were to follow the line to its ending, culminated with a hand-drawn heart. Was this intentional? Did this child know what she was doing as she linked everything together and connected it to the heart?

Even in these challenging days of educating our youth, one thing is certain: there is a lot of love being poured into all that is happening at St. Ann School, and seeds are being planted for a future flowering of faith that keeps us as a community connected to God.

As the famed broadcaster Charles Osgood once said about our Catholic schools: they keep the light burning brightly. How blessed we are to have such a light here in our little corner of Delaware.

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. 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.

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.

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!

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. Here's what you need:

-completed online registration form <https://forms.gle/PVbTc857Vvba5TND8>

-baptismal certificate copy

-fee of \$100 per candidate by 9-25-20 paid online (through the Parish Giving link on our website)

Upon receipt of the form and fee, you will receive further info about the program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne Dickinson at mdickinson@thesaintannschool.org.

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 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

Monday September 21

**6:30 A.M. Augustine "Gus" Coccia

8:00 A.M. Anne Kane

Tuesday September 22

**6:30 A.M. Daphne Fisher

8:00 A.M. M/M Francis & Stella Smith

Wednesday September 23

**6:30 A.M. Mike Hatch

8:00 A.M. James P. Garofalo

Thursday September 24

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

8:00 A.M. William & Mary Duffy

Friday September 25

**6:30 A.M. Dorothy & John Doordon

8:00 A.M. Jean Giovannozzi

Saturday September 26

**8:00 A.M. Danny Cunningham & the deceased members of the Cunningham family

4:00 P.M. Michael Mealey

Sunday September 27

7:30 A.M. Don Homsey

10:30 A.M. Anne Kane

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 September 6th was \$17,641. 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



CONGRATULATIONS



**BRIAN DEMOTT &
CRISTINA FORTUNADO**

**united in marriage at St. Ann's
September 12, 2020**

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.