

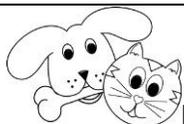
## THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

**The St. Ann “APP”:** Associate Pastor’s Perspective - With a Saturday afternoon free not too long ago, I jumped in my car on a whim and took a day-trip to Lancaster, where I hoped to spend some time exploring all the region has to offer. However, not planning ahead, I was somewhat dismayed to find that it was “Thomas the Tank Engine Weekend,” and every family in the tri-state area with children under the age of six flooded the highways and byways of Pennsylvania’s Amish country.

Extracting myself from the traffic jam, I eventually stumbled upon a monastery of cloistered nuns whose entire ministry and vocation centers around praying the rosary before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the needs of all who call or write seeking someone to intercede on their behalf. On a bulletin board in the public chapel which is separated from the cloister, index cards abound with pleas for help: “Pray for my sister dying of cancer,” one card read. “Help me find a job.” “Sisters: pray that I don’t lose hope.”

Every hour of each day, the Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary bring these needs and countless others before our Heavenly Father. They do it without fanfare and without any desire for recognition. They simply remain hidden out of love for Christ and for their brothers and sisters who suffer in countless ways. It’s certainly comforting to know that in a world of noise and struggle – and unexpected Thomas the Tank Weekends – there exists a community of religious who light our way with their selfless prayers. Perhaps this week, say one or two for them, too.

**Share In the Spirit** - Thanks to everyone who contributed to the diocesan *Share in the Spirit* tuition assistance collection last week. For those of you who were unable to participate last weekend, you may still contribute to the *Share in the Spirit* collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or at the parish office. If you have misplaced your envelope, extras can be found [at the rear of the church or designated location]. This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated.



**Pet Blessing** - *To celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, all are invited to bring your pet -- anything that romps, scampers, flies, swims, creeps or slithers (hopefully these last few creatures are caged!) -- to the Blessing of the Animals Thursday, October 4, at 3:15 p.m. in the Celebration Garden located between the Church and the school's social hall. Hope to see you and your pet there!*



St. Ann grade 7 students have been busy learning with Father Jasper about the mass, the rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. They received a blue crystal rosary and on this rosary, they recited the Chaplet and Father Jasper shared his knowledge regarding St. Faustina. A great time was had by all and we will be learning more about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The students will be visiting our very own chapel on campus to further develop their relationship with Jesus and the Blessed Mother. This is a very important year as they continue to prepare for Confirmation in grade 8. .

**St. Ann’s Men’s Morning Group** - Please join us for Scripture discussion and prayer after the 8 a.m. mass each Wednesday. If interested or for more information, please email the rectory or [richcsisca@comcast.net](mailto:richcsisca@comcast.net).

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday September 29 St. Michael**

8:00 A.M. Thomas & Anita McBride

5:00 P.M. Nancy Dorris Crouse

### **Sunday September 30**

7:30 A.M. James Pham

9:30 A.M. Michael Hickey

11:30 A.M. Parishioners

### **Monday October 1 St. Therese**

6:30 A.M. The Cook family

8:00 A.M. Georgina Sheing & Henry Salacki

### **Tuesday October 2**

6:30 A.M. Eugene Ruff

8:00 P.M. Marianne Morole

### **Wednesday October 3**

6:30 A.M. Sr. John Regina Lang

8:00 A.M. James & Anne Ward

### **Thursday October 4 St. Francis of Assisi**

6:30 A.M. Patricia McLeese

8:00 A.M. Ed Reardon

### **Friday October 5**

6:30 A.M. Patricia Cunningham

8:00 A.M. Evelyn Balmer

### **Saturday October 6 St. Bruno**

8:00 A.M. Marjorie Lindon Godley

5:00 P.M. M/M Francis & Stella Smith

### **Sunday October 7**

7:30 A.M. Carl Ryan

9:30 A.M. Deacon Robert Levesque

11:30 A.M. Parishioners

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

**Offertory for the weekend of September 16th was \$9950. As always – thank you for your kind and generous support to St. Ann's.**



### **HOLY MOMENTS**



*Pray for the repose of the soul for our recently departed, buried from our church:*

**PATRICIA CUNNINGHAM**

**Becoming Catholic:** Interested in learning more about joining the Church? Were you baptized as child but have not yet celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? RCIA classes begin Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Jane at the rectory (654-5519) or email Father Jasper at [rijasper@stannwilmington.com](mailto:rijasper@stannwilmington.com).



**High-School Faith-Sharing:** Our new St. Ann Parish teen group begins **TODAY Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.** with pizza and discussion of the topic: *Living the Faith Today*. Join Father Jasper and other adult leaders as we break-open the Word of God and explore our Catholic faith as it relates to high school life. Feel free to invite a friend or two; the group is open to any high-school-aged teenager, regardless of the school one attends. (For our first meeting, please come to the front doors of St. Ann School located on Shallcross Avenue.)

**Bible Study/Adult Faith Formation Two Sessions Left** - Fr. Jasper will present on Mondays, 10/1 and 10/15 at 6:30 pm in St. Ann's Church. **You do not need to register, and you can attend one or all of the programs.**  
- *Liturgy of the Eucharist explored*  
- *Living the Mass in the world*

**Bible Study** - will continue with Part 2 of the Jeff Cavins series, Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, on Mondays, October 22, 29, November 5, 12, and in the spring on February 4, 11, 24, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 (snow date April 8) (note: Palm Sunday is April 14 and Easter April 21) 6:30 pm in St. Ann's Social Hall. If you are interested in the Bible series Matthew and did not attend Part 1, please contact Pat Walker at [pwalker@stannwilmington.com](mailto:pwalker@stannwilmington.com) or 654-8405, or Connie Winner Varone at [cnwinner@comcast.net](mailto:cnwinner@comcast.net) or 302-765-9864. Registration is required for those who did not attend Part 1 so that we have materials for all participants. Materials are \$30.

**St. Ann's and the Mink's Mustangs invite you to the National Kidney Foundation Walk** held on Sunday, October 28th at 10:00AM at Frawley Stadium. Registration begins at 8:30am. This walk is to raise awareness for Fr. John Mink, our Pastor of St. Ann Parish, a five-year dialysis patient, who is on the Christiana Care Transplant list and the United National Organ Sharing list for a future transplant when a kidney or living donor becomes available. Visit the team page at <http://donate.kidney.org/Wilmington>; and search for our Team "**Minks' Mustangs**" to join our walk or to donate. **There is no registration fee!**

**Sister Bernadette Lang would like to thank St. Ann's for the outpouring of support she received on the death of her sister, Sister John Regina Lang. She appreciates all the prayers and correspondence and is very grateful to her St. Ann's family.**

**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](http://www.adorationchapel.org) to sign up. You can also call Chris at 584-1422 or Nan at 656-8438.

**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](mailto:joeshirl7@comcast.net).

**40 Days for Life Campaign** - in Wilmington will take place from Wed., Sep. 26th through Sat., Nov. 3rd. Team members will be present each day from 9 AM to 1 PM, Mon.-Sat. until the end of the campaign. Materials, water and chairs will be provided for participants. Parking in the area is metered. For more information, follow "Wilmington for Life" on Facebook. Please join us as we pray and witness for the life of the unborn!

**BISHOP'S 5K** - Please join Catholic Charities for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop's 5K Run/Walk from 9 am to 11 am on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at Glasgow Regional Park in Newark. The totally adaptive Run/Walk will step off at 10 am. Pre-register for the event by visiting [Bishops5K.com](http://Bishops5K.com). Registration is \$20 plus an event fee of \$2.50. Day of registration will be \$25 plus event fee. All registered runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt, and be in the running for prizes. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities outreach efforts. For more info, call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624

**St. Thomas the Apostle Columbiettes**

**Pumpkin & Mum Sale** - Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM and Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM – Noon at the Pumpkin Patch Outside the Family Center at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church. Get your Fall Pumpkins & Mums at GREAT PRICES while supporting the Columbiettes. Contact: Margaret Wallace [mmwallace1017@gmail.com](mailto:mmwallace1017@gmail.com).



Visit our website [www.stannwilmington.com](http://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.

**Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass -**

Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50<sup>th</sup>, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at **2:00 PM on Sunday, November 4, 2018** at St. Joseph's, Middletown, at 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709. The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 1:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Malooly, please arrive at 1:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by October 8th** by filling out the information below and returning it to the Office for Marriage and Family Life, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806, or by emailing [ljackson@cdow.org](mailto:ljackson@cdow.org).

**Religious Vocations** – Moses tells Joshua, Son of Nun, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" Each of us, by virtue of our baptism, is called to live as a prophet of the Lord. Might God be inviting you to live out that role as a priest, a religious sister, a religious brother or a deacon? Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 10/1 6:30pm The Mass Seminar
- 10/1 7pm Athletic Assn Mtg.
- 10/3 7pm Choir
- 10/4 3:15pm Pet Blessing
- 10/4 7:30pm SVDP Mtg.
- 10/8 **Columbus Day** –offices/school closed
- 10/8 9am Daily Mass ONLY