

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

**The St. Ann “APP”:** Associate Pastor’s Perspective - Mrs. Carafa, my third grade teacher, loved showing us the classic religious-themed Hollywood films of the 1940s and ‘50s, especially as we approached the feast day of whatever subject the movie explored: *The Song of Bernadette* in February as we celebrated Our Lady of Lourdes; *Come to the Stable* and *Bells of St. Mary’s* as we approached the long-awaited Christmas break ...

The one movie that made quite the impression on me as a 9-year-old, however, was *The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima*, which Mrs. Carafa let us watch in October and again in May. As most of us know, it tells the story of three shepherd children of Portugal who claimed to see the Blessed Mother, and whose appearances also brought with them heavenly warnings, secrets that had yet to be revealed, and a dancing sun seen even by the most-hardened skeptics of all things holy. Say what you will, but Catholicism certainly has the power to capture one’s imagination and senses, especially when one is young and young-at-heart.

Perhaps this is why I am so happy to see that Hollywood has once again taken a chance on updating the Fatima story and releasing a beautiful cinematic portrayal of the events that occurred in 1917. Because of the Covid pandemic, this current *Fatima* (2020) film is available in limited theater locations as well as on many popular streaming services. Some Catholic churches throughout the nation are also reportedly hosting “Catholic drive-ins” in order for their parishioners to come together in a socially-distant way and share the story with their children, most of whom have yet to hear the Fatima message.

By all accounts, the film is getting rave reviews, and not just in the religious press. As many critics and fans are suggesting, there is no better time than now to share the ultimate story of a Mother’s love – a love that wants nothing more than to guide us through difficult times and point the way to her Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are searching for a quality film for your family with a message that touches heart and soul, why not check out the latest re-telling of Fatima? God knows we need some inspiration these days ... and I have no doubt it would make my third grade teacher quite happy as well!

**Just a reminder that the School & Rectory are closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. Daily Mass is at 9am only.**

**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!*

**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!

 **From our Music Ministry Desk** 

This weekend our prelude encompasses the themes of love and discipleship found in our readings today. Tom Kendzia's "The Ends and Hands of Christ" echos today's Gospel with the text "where two or three are gathered in my name, love will be found, love will abound." Our second hymn, "Loving and Forgiving", connects to the second reading we hear today: "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another. For the one who loves one another has fulfilled the law." And finally, "We Are Called" reminds us of our discipleship. Our first reading and Gospel ask us to remember our responsibility to turn the wicked toward Christ. We are called to bring everyone to Christ, to "shine with the joy and the love of the Lord."  
---Peter Solecki

**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](mailto: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!

**Emmanuel Dining Room** - The next St Ann's meal delivery to Emmanuel Dining Hall is THIS Tuesday September 8. We are collecting applesauce cups, cases of water, and small bagged chips or bagged pretzels. Drop offs can be made to Clair Field at 2413 w 17th St. Thank you for your 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 30<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto:welcometostannswilmington@gmail.com).

**St. Ann's School welcomes back all of our students for the 2020-21 school year. Their first official day is Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Most will be here for "in person" learning while others will be joining "virtually". Whatever their choice of learning – we ask your prayers for our students, their families, and the St. Ann's School Staff for a safe and fruitful school year!**

## 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 5**

\*\*8:00 A.M. Anne Kane

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

### **Sunday September 6**

7:30 A.M. John Donnelly

10:30 A.M. Rev. Mr. F. Edmund Lynch

### **Monday September 7 Labor Day**

9:00 A.M. Virginia Schenck

### **Tuesday September 8**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Sr. Irene Loretta

8:00 A.M. Genevieve Nolan

### **Wednesday September 9**

\*\*6:30 A.M. The Kelly & Azar families

8:00 A.M. Mark McMenamin

### **Thursday September 10**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Rev. Msgr. Paul J. Taggart

8:00 A.M. Lelitia Mulrine

### **Friday September 11**

\*\*6:30 A.M. Kari-Ann Jones

8:00 A.M. Paul D. & Marie Bradley

### **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

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

**Offertory for the weekend of August 24th was \$10,020. 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](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com)

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



## HOLY MOMENTS



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

**SANCHO A. MANUBAY, JR.**

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**WE CONGRATULATE...**

**KINSLEY HEDWIG LARSON**  
daughter of William & Stephanie Larson

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pwalker@stannwilmington.com)