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***December 27, 2020 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH***

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***MASSES***

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM & 10:30 AM

***CONFESSIONS***

Saturday 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

***DAILY MASSES***

Monday through Friday

8:00AM

***RECTORY HOURS*** 9AM-4PM Monday to Friday

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## DECEMBER 27, 2020

Dear Parishioners, Visitors & Friends,

*Many thanks for your generous gifts, cards and prayers, given to all of us this Christmas. May this season find you abounding in love, rejoicing in hope, and secure in God's peace. I pray that God's richest blessings continue with you and yours through the New Year.*

*...Fr. John Mink & Fr. Richard Jasper*

**The St. Ann "APP"** - Spur of the moment, I pointed my car in the direction of Lancaster County and travelled in haste to the hill country of Pennsylvania, hoping to do some Christmas shopping. I took a backroad I never travelled before, thankfully avoiding much of the truck traffic on 41. However, I didn't know this road would be filled with Amish horse-and-buggies. Lots of them.

In truth, I must have had to slow down and/or pass at least 20 plain-black carriages that Saturday afternoon, all of them filled with families. In the few carriages I could peer into without looking like a tourist-gawker, I could see that despite their religious garb and simple ways, the Amish children in the back laughed and told stories and the parents up-front shared either a conversation or the quiet comfort of simply being with each other.

Seeing this made me reflect on the truth that all of us, in our own way, are striving to be holy families. Yes, it can be messy at times. Arguments arise. Children sometimes get "lost" to the temptations of the world. But yet, we keep striving to love, to listen, to be light in times of suffering and fear. That's the definition of "holy family."

And lest we forget, family comes in other ways, too.

As I was approaching the town of Strasburg, a small diner had a sign up outside its establishment with these words: "Thanks to our Lancaster community for being true family to us during our recent shut-downs. Because of you, we'll be back stronger in 2021."

May that be the prayer for all of us in the New Year, no matter how we define "holy family."

### The St. Ann's 2020/21 New Year's Mass Schedule

<b>December 28-31</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b>
<b>December 31</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>VIGIL Mass</b>
<b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>New Year's Day Mass</b>

**The church will NOT be open during this week for private prayer time and the Rectory Office will be closed December 31st-January 1st for New Year's.**

**Election of Trustees** – Each parish in the Diocese of Wilmington is incorporated within and by the laws of the State in which it is located. St. Ann is incorporated in the State of Delaware. The by-laws of the Corporation and the statutes of the Diocese of Wilmington provide for five trustees; the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Pastor, and a priest so designated by the Bishop, (these days it is the Chancellor of the Diocese) and two (2) lay persons are to be elected each January by duly registered members of the parish in the meeting called by the President (the Pastor). That election is scheduled for Sunday - January 3rd, following the 10:30am Mass. Our current lay trustees are Charles Klous and David O'Connor.

**Communion Update** – All who would like to receive communion on the tongue, are asked to wait until the end of the communion line to receive in order to abide by state/diocesan Covid regulations. Thank you.

### **Parish Giving...Why Every Gift Matters**

**Charitable contributions are one of the many gifts that remain for end of the year giving.**

- *Our Matching Gift program is a way to double or triple your donations to St. Ann's Church/School.*
- *Include St. Ann's in your Will or living trusts; annuities; beneficiary designation; real estate or even as a memorial tribute gift. What a great way to remember a loved one!*
- *Donate to the St. Ann School Annual Fund. Your gift will strengthen St. Ann's School where we strive to be a community of prayerful love and service.*
- *St. Ann's St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is a strong leader in helping the needy of our parish in the surrounding community. This is a blessed opportunity to help those less fortunate.*

If you would like to donate to any of these programs or need more info, call us at 302-654-5519. We thank you for your past financial support and ask for your consideration during this Christmas season.

**BIG THANK YOU** – to everyone who gave of their time and talent decorating our church for Christmas. We appreciate all that you did - it looks amazing! Thank you again from all of us at St. Ann's!

**FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY PROGRAM STOPS.** The FEED THE HUNGRY Program at Saint Paul Catholic Church is being stopped for a while for a review. Since they will stop receiving the food donations, Saint Ann Parish will stop collecting donated as of Monday, 30 November 2020. All the food donated will go to a worthy Feed the Hungry Program. Hopefully we will be able to start our donations again by Lent 2021. We shall see and keep you informed. We thank all those who have donated food. We thank our Msgr Dewson Council 13821, Knights of Columbus for transporting your donated food to Saint Paul Parish. You all have made a difference! God bless you!

**Are you Using Our Online Parish Giving and Don't Need Your Weekly Envelopes?** Please let us know so that we can cancel them. Just email the rectory at [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com) or call us at 654-5519. Thank you.

**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.

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**Need to register for St. Ann's?** 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 to us.



First grade has been celebrating "Holidays Around the World" including St. Nicholas Day(Holland), Hanukkah(Israel),St. Lucia(Sweden), Los Posadas(Mexico) and Kwaanza(Africa). Each holiday was celebrated with a special treat, craft and song. The students enjoyed a candy cane experiment and Elf STEM activity. Fantastic first graders certainly had FUN!"

## 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 December 26**

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

4:00 P.M. Anna Kelley & Family

### **Sunday December 27**

7:30 A.M. Tom Wertz

10:30 A.M. Vera Donnelly

### **Monday December 28**

9:00 A.M. Mary Cunningham

### **Tuesday December 29**

9:00 A.M. Carol Hyde

### **Wednesday December 30**

9:00 A.M. Henry & Theresa Deptula

### **Thursday December 31**

9:00 A.M. Loreno Pierucci

4:00 P.M. Ryann Marie and Zachary Alf

### **Friday January 1 New Year's Day**

9:30 A.M. Intention of Joan Carbone

### **Saturday January 2**

\*\*8:00 A.M. Alfred & Dorothy Krauss

4:00 P.M. Georgina C. Sheing & Henry A. Salacki

### **Sunday January 3**

7:30 A.M. Ann Mulvena

10:30 A.M. Kenny Ackerman

*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 December 13th was \$13,965. 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 [stannschurch@stannwilmington.com](mailto:stannschurch@stannwilmington.com)

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### **Christmas Symbols**

The significance of most Christmas symbols is obvious; others, although commonplace, have deeper meaning not immediately apparent, and some represent stories no longer remembered.

**Candy Cane** – The shepherd's crook, representing the Nativity's first witnesses and Christ the Good Shepherd, inspired the candy cane. Its alternating white and red stripes represent the Lord's purity and sacrifice, even as the same colors do liturgically. Its lively peppermint flavor stands for the royal gift of spice. Finally, like the body of Christ itself, the candy cane is given to be broken and shared.

**Christmas Holly** – The bright green leaves and red berries, well into the cold season, make holly right for Christmas. Its symbolism, however, is much deeper. For the early Christians it was not only reminiscent of the burning bush seen by Moses, but prophetic as well. In the face of Christmas sentimentally, it foretells, with its prickly points and drops of blood-like berries, Christ's crown of thorns. According to ancient legend, its berries were once yellow, but were stained permanently red by Christ's blood, since it was used to fashion the Savior's crown of thorns.

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