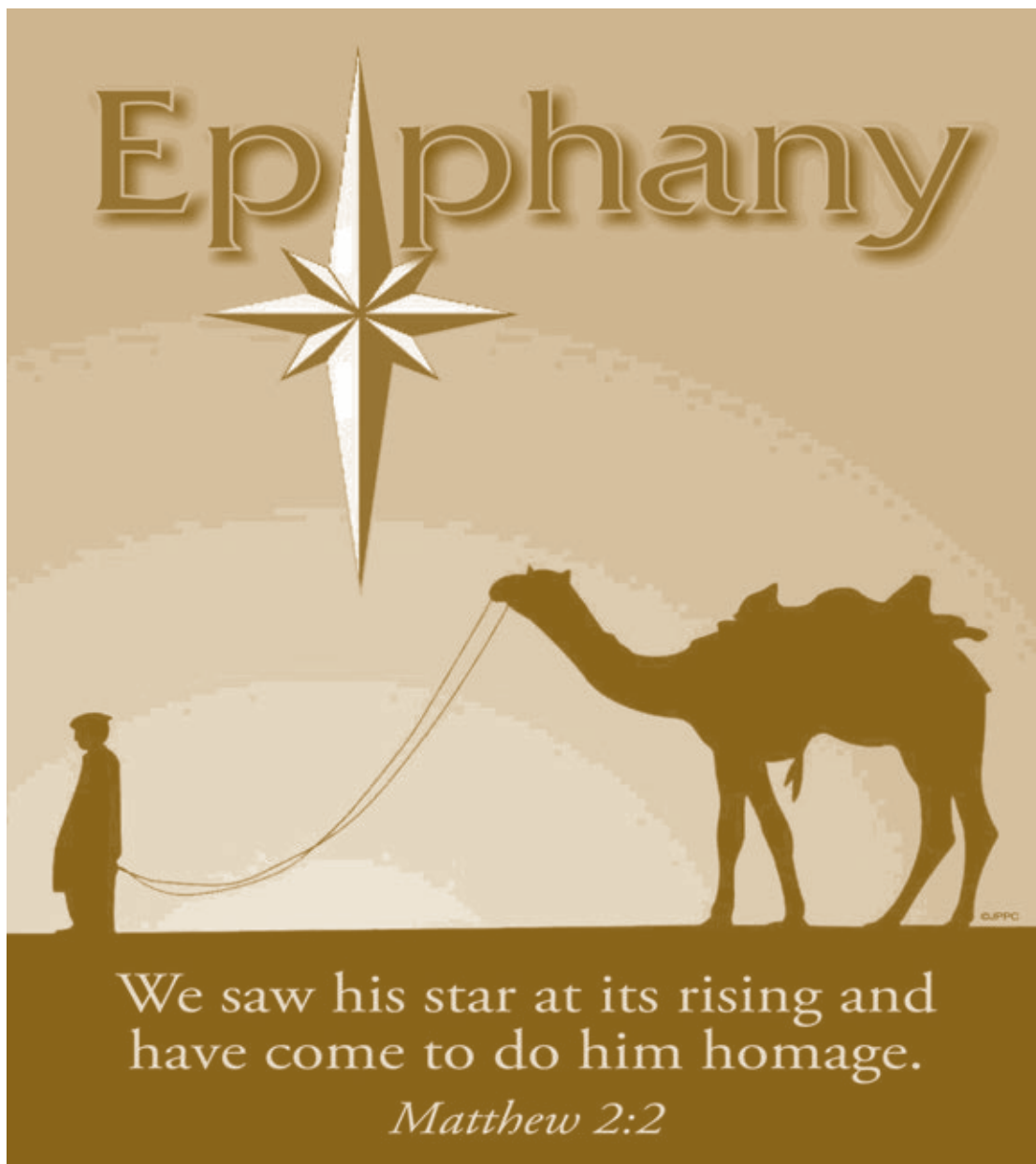


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Rev. Richard Jasper, Associate Pastor

Mrs. Pat Grant – St. Ann's School Principal (www.thesaintannschoool.org)

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 3, 2021

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" - I think each of us is happy to see 2020 behind us. A year filled with many challenges, fears and sadness. Some of us have lost loved ones. We've had to work, raise our families, educate, shop and travel in ways we never imagined. And yet, by the grace of God, we are still moving forward.

We don't know what the year ahead holds. For many, that prospect is frightening, especially when we feel as though we have already been battered by a terrible storm. And yet, as our faith tells us, there is always hope.

I take great comfort in Isaiah's words to the people and city of Jerusalem: "Your light has come and the glory of the Lord shines upon you." The prophet knew that the world was shrouded in sin and fear, and yet Isaiah kept reminding those who would listen that God is always faithful to those who seek Him in the storms of life. He walks with us, enters our mess, and constantly pours out His mercy, giving us courage to take one more step toward healing, freedom and loving trust. After all, that's all the Lord asks of us: take one more step in faith. You need not have it all figured out.

Just imagine: Isaiah saw a future people and nation filled with joy and the radiance of God. He saw "hearts throbbing and overflowing" with charity. He believed in a city and a people and a future that most could not yet see. But because he saw it, others were willing to believe in a better, brighter future, too.

So perhaps a challenge for 2021: be another Isaiah. In the midst of the challenges and struggles and moments of darkness, be the one who sees the possibility of a better tomorrow. The Christ-light within you and in our parish community is exactly what our God needs to continue His revolution of love and mercy in the world around us.

Are you willing to be one of those lights in the year ahead?

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. If you would like to vote in this election, please fill out the nomination below and put in the basket as you are leaving church.

St. Ann's Trustee Ballot Nomination - 2021

1. _____

2. _____



Thanks to the dedication and determination of our teachers and staff, the cooperation of our families and the resilience of our students, St. Ann School has remained open for in-person instruction since September 1, with the exception of scheduled breaks over Thanksgiving and Christmas and one unscheduled snow day. We offer both in-person and simultaneous online instruction via webcams for students who are unable to attend in person.

We will have one week of fully virtual learning the week of January 4 and will be back in person and online for the week of January 11.

We are grateful for the support of St. Ann parishioners, who not only share the campus with us but who also have been generous supporters of the school. Staying open during the pandemic has come at a considerable financial cost for expanded internet capability, air purifiers for the classrooms, and repurposing outdoor spaces, including a fence for the church lot and tents in the celebration garden. Hands-free temperature tablets and a new medical application help to monitor students' health before and during school. In addition to masks, we have provided desk shields for students and face shields for teachers to help mitigate the risk.

Despite the Covid restrictions, St. Ann School is a happy place that is brimming with joy and learning. Students love the outside learning opportunities, and teachers find that some of the protocols lead to a more focused learning environment in the classroom. Parents appreciate our ongoing commitment to keep their children safe and to keep the school open.

As we enter 2021, the St. Ann faculty and staff remain committed to doing everything we can to facilitate a safe, healthy and educationally enriching environment for our students, with faith in God's grace and guided as always by the example of Jesus Christ.

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.

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 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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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 654-5519.

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 January 2

**8:00 A.M. Deceased members of the Braun & Mooney families

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

Monday January 4

**6:30A.M. Intention of Anita Flynn

8:00 A.M. Evelyn Pilgrim

Tuesday January 5

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

8:00 A.M. Jerry Eckrich

Wednesday January 6

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

8:00 A.M. Deceased members of the Regan & Sorbara families

Thursday January 7

**6:30 A.M. Robert Daly

8:00 A.M. Geraldine Louise Duffy

Friday January 8

**6:30 A.M. Henry, John & Jimmy Mauk

8:00 A.M. James Gallagher, Sr.

Saturday January 9

**8:00 A.M. Rev. Paul J. Taggart

4:00 P.M. M/M Francis & Stella Smith

Sunday January 10

7:30 A.M. Mr. Richard Bengermينو

10:30 A.M. Sancho Manubay

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.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS – Have you taken a look at the patrons listed on the back on the bulletin? It's because of their support that we can provide this bulletin at no cost to our parish.

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Chad & Sarah Roberts

who was welcomed into the Christian community through Baptism



CONGRATULATIONS



**CHAD ROBERTS &
SARAH FIELD ROBERTS**

**For their Marriage Convalidation at St. Ann's
December 27th, 2020**

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!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Give your relationship the gift of quality time during the pandemic! Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight sessions presented on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from January 20 to February 14. Make Valentine's Day 2021 extra special as you learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! For more information visit our website at www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

WELCOME
Remember to Register!

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