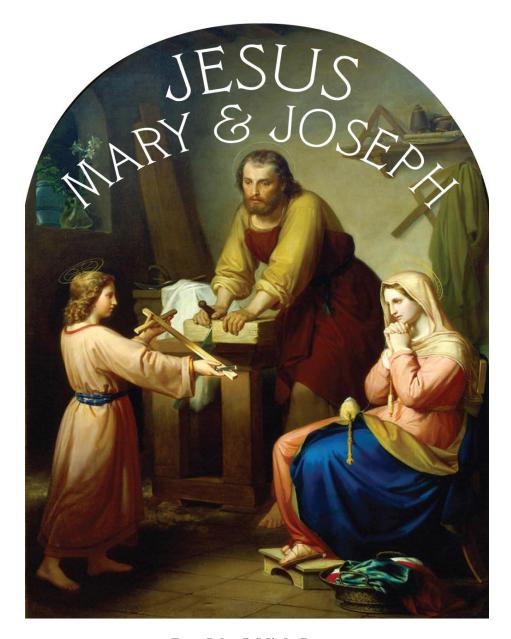
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December 26, 2021 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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Deacon Matthew F. Boyer, Esq. Seminarian James M. Gebhart
Mrs. Pat Grant – St. Ann's School Principal (www.thesaintannschool.org)

MASSES
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM,
CONFESSIONS Saturday 8:30AM-9:30AM

DAILY MASSESMonday through Friday

8:00AM

RECTORY HOURS 9AM-4PM Monday to Friday

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 26, 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, Deacon Matthew Boyer and Seminarian James Gebhart

<u>The St. Ann "APP"</u>: Associate Pastor's Perspective - As we gather with loved ones this Christmas Season, may we always be mindful of the great gift our families are – even in the messiness and struggles of daily life. God chose to be born into a human family, so He knows the joys and crosses we face as parents, children and siblings. May we dedicate ourselves this coming year to re-inviting Him into our hearts and homes, just as Our Lady and St. Joseph did.

Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless our family.

Open our hearts to receive Your love. May our home be another Nazareth,

so that our family may be a place where Your peace and love abides.

Open our eyes to recognize the gift and beauty of life,

so that we may find joy in Your presence among us.

Grant us pure hearts seeking holiness, generous hearts full of Your love,

merciful hearts ready to forgive and tender hearts full of kindness.

May our family be a sanctuary of life and love,

a beacon of hope drawing others to your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Holy Family of Nazareth, pray for us. (Aleteia.org)





The St. Ann's 2021 Christmas Mass Schedule

December 26th 7:30am & 10:30am Regular Mass schedule

December 27-31st 9am Daily Mass ONLY

December 31st 4pm Vigil Mass

January 1st9:30amNew Year's Day MassJanuary 1st4pmRegular Saturday MassJanuary 2nd7:30am & 10:30amRegular Sunday Mass

The Rectory Office will be closed Friday December 31st 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 9th, after the 10:30am Mass.** Our current lay trustees are Charles Klous and David O'Connor.

A 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!

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 stannwilmington.com or call us at 654-5519. Thank you.

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Annual Catholic Appeal – There's still time to support the ministries of the Annual Catholic Appeal. As the close of 2021 approaches, take the opportunity to improve lives and make a 2021 tax-deductible donation to the Appeal. St. Ann's is at 87% or \$125,500 of our \$140,000 goal. Any amount reached over the goal comes back 100% to St. Ann's. If you haven't yet given, please think about donating to this much worthy cause. Thank you for your kindness.

REGISTER NOW!

Need to officially become a St. Ann Parishioner? Visit our website 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.

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SPONSORS/GODPARENTS To be a godparent for Baptism, a person must be 16 years or older and a practicing and fully initiated Catholic, having completed the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If married, the union must be recognized by the Catholic Church. One Catholic godparent is required; 2 godparents (one male & one female) is the ordinary and recommended practice. Keep in mind the purpose of a sponsor is to give good example and support in the Catholic faith of the baptized. **Documentation of eligibility for all Catholic godparents are required from the Catholic Church where they are registered and attend weekly mass**. If you have eligibility questions, please call (302)654-8504 before choosing any godparents.

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

SAVE THE DATE WHEN ST. ANN PARISH AND SCHOOL CELEBRATES "MISS SHEILA O'CALLAGHAN (or MISS O)" FOR HER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ST. ANN SCHOOL - Saturday March 19th from 6:30pm-9:30pm. Please join us for an evening of delicious food, wonderful memories, auctions, Irish music and special presentations – including our own Irish dancers! Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 10. With Miss O's blessing we have established the SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS FUND in her honor. This fund will provide opportunity and diversity to under-served students and families in our community for whom a Catholic education is out of reach. To make a donation go to www.stannwilmington.com/MissO.

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Catholic forum returns from the holiday break on January 8th when Mr. Rusty Giles from St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin, Delaware will discuss the history of the parish as they begin their 250th anniversary year. Catholic Forum airs on Saturdays at 1:30pm on Relevant Radio 640 or listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum.

Mass Intentions

**Priests will be saying Mass Intentions privately for each 6:30am daily mass & the 8am Saturday Mass

Saturday December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 A.M. Mary Agnes Smallwood

11:00 A.M. Janet Salacki

Sunday December 26

7:30 A.M. Patrick Carter

10:30 A.M. Anna Kelley family

Monday December 27 St. John, Apostle

9:00 A.M. Stephen & Anna Smith

Robert Strouss

Tuesday December 28

9:00 A.M. Mary Cunningham

Wednesday December 29

9:00 A.M. Tom Wertz

Gloria Manubay

Thursday December 30

9:00 A.M. Vera Donnelly

Friday December 31 New Year's Eve

9:00 A.M. Terrence Blackney

4:00 P.M. John O'Rourke (Vigil)

Saturday January 1 New Year's Day

9:30 A.M. Jim Keegan

4:00 P.M. Kenny Ackerman

Diane Ackerman Pierce

Sunday January 2

7:30 A.M. Jerome Nolan

10:30 A.M. Augustine Asta

Georgina Sheing, Henry & Janet

Salacki

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 December 12th was \$10,842. As always – thank you for your kind and generous support to St. Ann's.

Hospital Visitations – Make sure to email the Rectory at stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call 654-5519 if you are in the hospital and would like the rectory to know. The pastoral services at the hospitals are no longer making weekly calls to update us on admissions.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET US!!! Parish Giving is available for Online Offertory Giving – Visit our website and click the Parish Giving Button.



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The National Prayer Vigil for Life - Thursday, January 20 through Friday, January 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The January 20 Opening Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. (Eastern) and will be immediately followed by a 7:00-8:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Life, concluding the evening portion of the Vigil program. Both the Mass and Holy Hour will be televised live by EWTN so that millions can participate remotely. The following morning, the Closing Mass on January 21 will take place once again at the Basilica at 8:00 a.m. (Eastern), and will also be televised by EWTN. The latest update concerns attendance for the Vigil. Both for the evening of January 20 and the morning of January 21, the on-site prayer events at the Basilica will be open to the public. There is no longer a seating limit. No advance reservations are needed. No tickets are required. Everyone is welcome to attend any part of the Vigil program. As always, there is no reserved seating inside the Basilica for the public, and everyone will be accommodated on a firstcome, first-served basis. Please also note, due to the pandemic, that the Basilica will still be enforcing it's guidelines for entry for individuals and groups attending the Vigil. For additional info about the 2022 Vigil for Life, visit the Basilica website

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.helpOurMarriage.org



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