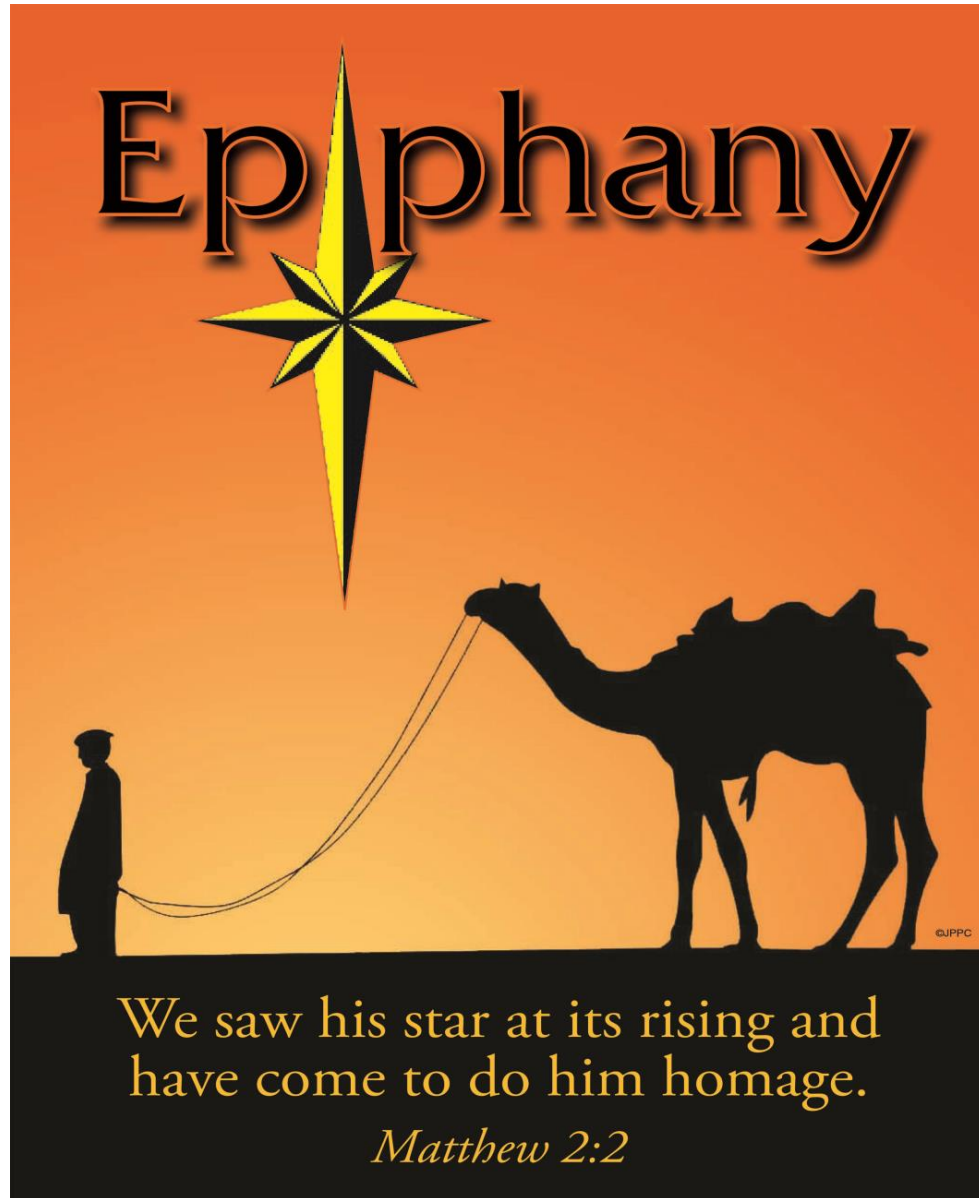


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January 2, 2022 – The Epiphany of the Lord



We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage.

Matthew 2:2

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM, 10:30 AM,

CONFESSIONS

Saturday

8:30AM-9:30AM

DAILY MASSES

Monday through Friday

8:00AM

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 2, 2022

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, Seminarian James Gebhart

The St. Ann "APP": Associate Pastor's Perspective - I recently came across this quote shared by Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide who now speaks and writes about the power of faith and forgiveness so desperately needed in our world:

"Behind every story of true love, there is a story of great patience."

What an incredible thought to ponder in our hearts as we begin a New Year. A year filled once again with hope and promise, but also one that will undoubtedly bring some heartache and anxiety and challenge along the way. Into 2022 we step together – desiring to bring love to the world around us, but also knowing that this very same love takes time and patience to grow, to heal, and to give itself away to the ones that aren't always open to accepting it.

And yet we also know that it is only through Christ that this patient love can be offered in the first place. He who is Mercy Itself and is so patient with us in our own brokenness now asks us to offer that same gift: to the spouse who forgets to ask how our day was; to the child who struggles with behavioral and emotional outbursts; to the friend who keeps making the same mistake; and even to ourselves when we stumble along the way time and again.

"Behind every story of true love, there is a story of great patience."

In a special way this week, let us turn in prayer to the three North American saints who lived patient love in their own lives: New York's Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton (January 4) who, as a widow and mother, courageously stood by the bedsides of her husband and daughter as they took their final breath; Philadelphia's Bishop John Neumann (January 5) who was tireless in his efforts to bring the Good News to the far-flung regions of his vast mid-Atlantic diocese, including our very own Delaware; and Canada's Brother Andre (January 6), who spent his days in Montreal ministering to the sick and impoverished who came to his door seeking a listening ear and open heart.

May their witness and prayers inspire us throughout 2022 to love patiently – which really is a courageous and selfless way to love. In so doing, we will be the light-bearers God calls us to be in the world around us, a world crying out for such loving, heroic witness.

NEXT SUNDAY - 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, following the 10:30am Mass. Our current lay trustees are Charles Klous and David O'Connor.

REGISTER NOW!

Need to officially join St. Ann's? 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.

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.



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!



Catholic Schools Week 2022 January 30–February 5

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www.NCEA.org/csw

SAVE THE DATE - Our annual Day of Giving to St Ann School is on Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 from 12 noon. On this day we ask you to give generously to show support and celebrate your local Catholic school.

During the week-long celebration from January 30 to February 5, St Ann School will organize activities to celebrate the value Catholic education provides to young people and its ongoing contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

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.

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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.

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.

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.cdo.org/CatholicForum.

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday January 3

**6:30 A.M. Robert Maxwell

8:00 A.M. Fr. Kevin Gorman, OSB

Tuesday January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**6:30 A.M. Diane A. Pierce

8:00 A.M. Jerry Eckrich

Intention of Anita Flynn

Wednesday January 5 St. John Neumann

**6:30 A.M. Benjamin Stanley

8:00 A.M. Geraldine Louise Duffy

***9:15 A.M. Ashle Bailey (School Mass)

*****Not a public mass**

Thursday January 6 St. Andre Bessette

**6:30 A.M. Deceased members of the Regan & Sorbara families

8:00 A.M. Kevin Kelley

Friday January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort

***6:30 A.M. Michelina V. Vella

8:00 A.M. The Reardon & Sweeney families

Saturday January 8

***8:00 A.M. Martha Lawler Ford

4:00 P.M. James J. Gallagher, Sr.

George J. Mahoney

Sunday January 9

7:30 A.M. Paul D. & Marie Bradley

***9:00 A.M. Braun & Mooney families (PREP)

*****Not a public mass**

10:30 A.M. David Foote

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 19th was \$9658. 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 – Visit our website and click the Parish Giving Button.

The National Prayer Vigil for Life - will take place from 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 first-come, 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 information about the 2022 Vigil for Life, please visit the Basilica website and the USCCB National Prayer Vigil website.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE:

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). 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 or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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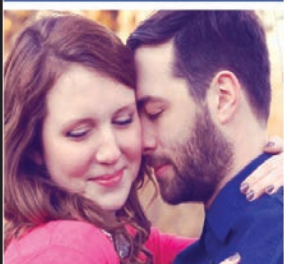
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