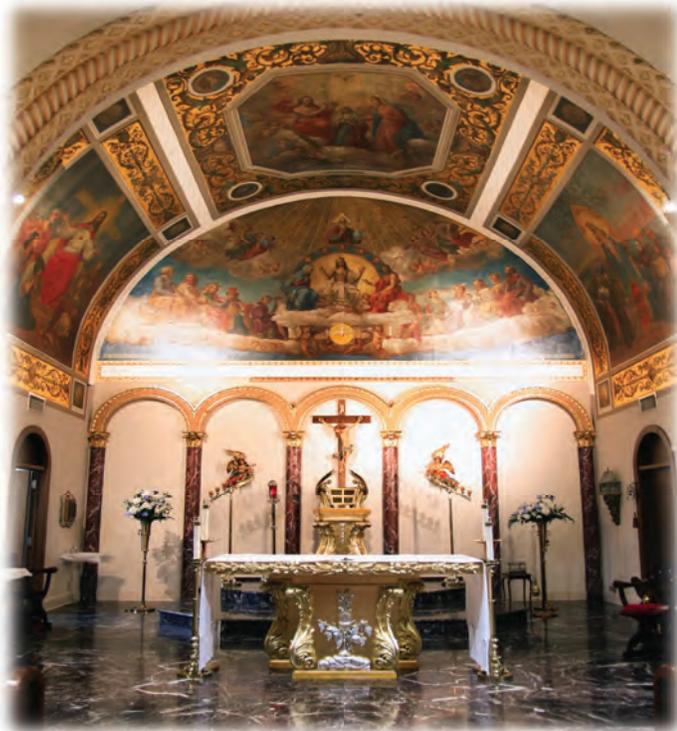


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## The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil:

4:00 pm St. Joseph Church  
5:00 pm Holy Trinity

### Sunday:

7:30 am **St. Ann Church**  
7:30 am St. Joseph Church (Spanish)  
9:00 am St. Joseph Church (English)  
10:30 am **St. Ann Church**  
10:30 am Holy Trinity Church  
10:30 am Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (Latin)  
12:00 pm **St. Ann Church**  
12:00 pm St. Joseph Church (Spanish)  
5:00 pm **St. Ann Church**

## Weekday Mass Schedule

### Monday through Friday

8:00 am **St. Ann Church**  
12:15 pm Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (English)

### Fridays

7:00 pm Holy Trinity Church

### Saturdays

9:00 am **St. Ann Church**

### First Saturdays

9:00 am Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (Latin)

## Holy Day Mass Schedule

7:00 pm Vigil St. Joseph Church (English)  
8:00 am **St. Ann Church**  
12:15 pm Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (English)  
12:15 pm Holy Trinity Church  
7:00 pm **St. Ann Church**  
7:00 pm Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (Latin)  
7:00 pm St. Joseph Church (Spanish)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday,	after the 9am Mass,	<b>St. Ann</b>
Saturday,	3-3:30pm,	St. Joseph
Wednesday,	11-12noon,	Holy Trinity
Friday,	11-12noon	Shrine of Bl. Sac.
	—or by appointment	

## Parish Office Staff

Deacon Sal Bonfiglio	<i>Business Administrator</i>
Sr. Lorraine Doiron, SJH	<i>Dir. of Adult Sacr. Prep, OCIA</i>
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## Permanent Deacons

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*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph  
December 28, 2025*

## *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—December 28, 2025*

### Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14; COL 3:12-21; MT 2:13-15; 19-23

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, today's feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on the gift and calling of family life. The Church calls the family the "domestic church," the place where our faith takes root – and where the stewardship virtue of hospitality begins.

Why is hospitality vital to family life? Because our homes should be a place of love, welcome, and restoration. We can't expect to grow in prayer, service, or faith if our home atmosphere is disconnected or tense. Though no family is perfect, we must intentionally create homes where everyone feels loved and valued.

Our readings offer practical wisdom. In the Book of Sirach, we hear about the blessings that come when children respect their parents – and when adult children lovingly care for their aging parents. Respect and tenderness build a home filled with unity and peace.

St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians offers even more insight. He reminds us that each family member is "God's chosen one," and urges us to "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, and patience – even when we may not feel like it. These small, daily acts of love foster true hospitality at home, which then extends to the wider community.

The Holy Family, too, knew hardship. As today's Gospel reminds us, they faced danger, displacement, and uncertainty. Yet Mary and Joseph remained faithful, trusting in God's plan. They are powerful intercessors for our own families today.

On this feast, may we recommit to making our homes places of love and welcome. Let's honor God through the way we treat each other at home – with patience, forgiveness, and care.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family to all who live the stewardship way of life!

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, [www.CatholicSteward.com](http://www.CatholicSteward.com)



### January 4, 2026 — Together in Charity Collection

Next week the annual diocesan "Together in Charity" collection will be taken up at all Masses as a special second collection. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour/seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs.

### Monthly Food Drive Collection Next Weekend (first Sunday of the month)

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**December 26, 29, & 30**  
**Mass at 8 am only at St. Ann Church**

Shrine Chapel Closed, Parish Offices Closed,  
No Bingo at Holy Trinity on Dec. 26

**December 27-28**  
Regular Weekend Schedule

**Wednesday, December 31**  
**Mass at 8 am only at St. Ann Church**

Shrine Chapel Closed, Parish Offices Closed  
No Confessions at Holy Trinity

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 31	4:00pm Vigil	St. Joseph Church (English)
<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Ann Church</b>
	10:30am	Shrine Chapel (EF, Latin)
	12:00 noon	St. Joseph (Spanish)
	12:15pm	Holy Trinity

Parish Offices Closed

Friday, January 2, 2026  
Regular Schedule Resumes

### Save the Date: Catholic Schools Week Open House!

Prospective families are invited to join us on **Sunday, January 25 for our Catholic Schools Week Open House.** Begin the morning with 10:30 AM Mass at the Catholic Church of St. Ann, then visit St. Ann Classical Academy for school tours from 11:30 AM–2:00 PM. We welcome families considering Pre-K through 8th Grade for the 2026–2027 school year and look forward to welcoming you.



Join us for our Open House & Explore the Classical Difference at our Co-Ed, Pre K - 8th Grade Academy!

## OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 25, 2026 | 10:30am-2:00pm

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After the New Year celebration we begin to plan in earnest for the next academic year, 2026-2027. For children who will go into Pre-Kindergarten through to 8th grade, consider St. Ann Classical Academy.

In January we will provide information for the **CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2026-2027 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS**. We will do as best we can to make Catholic education at SACA possible for your family.

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—December 28, 2025

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 29

8:00 am Mark Marshall by James Berger

#### Tuesday, December 30

8:00 am Joseph & Eva Giaquinto by daughter, JoAnn

#### Wednesday, December 31

8:00 am Lidia Natale by Sabrina & Gregorio Ruffa

#### Thursday, January 1, Mary Mother of God *Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation*

8:00 am People of the Parish

#### First Friday, January 2

8:00 am Salvatore Ritorto by Saverio & Caterina Todarello

#### Saturday, January 3

9:00 am Mark Marshall by Harold & Jacqueline D'Alessio

#### Sunday, January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am People of the parish

10:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

12:00 pm Michael DeCicco by Angela & Salvatore Scavo

5:00 pm Karl Helmstetter by The Helmstetter Family

### Parishioner Financial Support

The principal means of support for the Catholic Church of St. Ann is your weekly generosity. What is normally donated online and your sacrificial offering at Mass makes up the “**ordinary income**” that is supposed to balance the expense of **ordinary parish operation**, made up of salaries and benefits for the employees of the parish who serve you; all utilities and supplies; ministries and formation programs; resources needed for quality liturgies; snowplowing and landscaping, maintenance and custodial services to the buildings and properties—church, convent, rectory/office and school building. Please keep this in mind when assessing your regular level of financial support to the parish.

Whether by envelope, by mail or by online giving, your contributions are essential and appreciated. THANK YOU to all who help support the operation and ministry of St. Ann parish.

Contribution information for the weekend of **December 21, 2025** was not available in time for this bulletin. The next bulletin will include this information.

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### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

#### Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

#### Monday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

#### Tuesday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

#### Wednesday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

#### Thursday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

#### First Friday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

#### First Saturday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

### Pray for those in the Military

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<b>Brock D. Laggini</b> , U.S. Coast Guard	<b>Jack Vara</b> , U.S. Marine Corps
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### Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions

#### Blessed Mother Lamp for Angelo & Vitangelo Bavaro

by Lia & Filippo Ruffa & Family

#### Altar Candle 2 for Peter Scavo

by Mom & Dad



### Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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Yolanda Bontempo	Ken Heaphy	Daniel Roggenburg
Joanmarie Carlone	Bernadette Healy	John Roglieri
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