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Parish Mission

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Ann Church, inspired by the Gospel, strengthened and nourished by the Holy Eucharist, come to know more deeply the love and mercy of Jesus Christ and serve the needs of our neighbors.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 15

7:00am (L) Christopher Anthony Ricciardi

Tuesday, December 16

7:00am (L) Richard Surazynski

Wednesday, December 17

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7:00pm † Carl, Frances & Marianne Insinga

Thursday, December 18

7:00am (L) Tonianne Ariana Ricciardi

Friday, December 19

7:00am † Nicolo Hroncich

Saturday, December 20

9:00am † Michael Francis & Edna Jacobson

5:00pm † Rita Yaccarino

Sunday, December 21

8:00am † Deceased Members of Henry & Forkan Families

*10:30am † John Falcone

12:00pm † Samantha Pascale

7:00pm People of the Parish



Livestreaming Sunday Masses

**Sundays at 10:30am*

Saint Ann Catholic Church YouTube Chanel – <https://www.youtube.com/saintanncatholicchurchhobokennj> and stay on YouTube channel for future viewing & reflection.

Mass Prayers

Candle Memorials

(week of December 14)

Sanctuary Lamp

Special Intention, Ken & Ceil Butka

Crucifix

Special Intention, Cheryl Hendricks

Immaculate Heart of Mary

In Memory of Phyllis Capelli

Madonna Dei Martiri

In Memory of Maryann Smith

Mother Cabrini

Special Intention, Maureen Wilgocki

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

In Memory of Ronald Roskowski

Our Lady of Sorrows

In Memory of Ronald Roskowski

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Special Intention, Staci Zegler

Saint Anthony

Special Intention, Roseann Gohde



Saint Francis

Special Intention, Gnassi Family

Saint Gerard

In Memory of Mary Gigante

Saint Giacomo

In Memory of Phyllis Capelli

Saint Jude

Special Intention, Carolyn Pasculli

Saint Lucy

Good Health, Rose Hartzell

Saint Michael

Special Intention, Miskulin Family

Saint Pio

Special Intention, Wilgocki Family

Saint Rocco

Special Intention, Staci Zegler & Family

Scripture Reflections

December 14, 2025—Third Sunday of Advent



"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient.

Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Confessions

December 22

Monday evening, December 22, the Friars will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) from 7:00 to 8:00pm. What a great way to close the season of Advent. Come and join us as we near the birth of Jesus.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24th

Vigil Mass – 5:00pm

Midnight Mass – 12:00am

***A Traditional Melody of
Hymns and Carols at 11:30pm***

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th

8:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 Noon

(No 7:00pm Mass)

Christmas & New Year's Parish Office Hours

***The Parish Office will be closed on Christmas Eve &
Christmas Day***

***The Parish Office will be Closed New Year's Eve & New
Year's Day***

New Year's Eve Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 31st

7:00am Mass

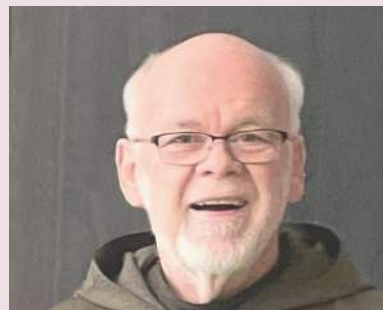
Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Thursday, January 1, 2026

9:00am & 10:30am

***May you Rejoice in
the Miracle, the Gift
& the Promise
of Christmas!***



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Peace and blessings!

Rejoice! Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday – Rejoice.

Thank you for all the gifts for the St. Nicholas Pouch. All gift tags were taken and we hope all have been returned and attached to their gift. Remember, they were due last Sunday, December 7th.

It is wonderful to see so many of you involved in Christmas parties, be it here at the parish or with work and other groups. Really gets us into the spirit. But let's not forget to also get ourselves prepared spiritually. That is the real purpose of Advent.

Once again today we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for men and women who are in the OCIA journey preparing to become Catholic or complete their sacraments of initiation. It is always encouraging to see the growth of the Church with those in this process. Be sure you include them in your prayers.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

In His Peace,
Fr. Martin



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payable to Saint Ann Catholic Church
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The Saint Nicholas Pouch

As we celebrate the spirit of giving this Christmas season we want to thank you on behalf of the non-profits: Hyacinth, Sisters of Life, and In Jesus' Name. Thank you for being a light in our community, not just during this season, but every single day. May your Joy be as immense as your generosity!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS EVE 5pm MASS LIVE - STREAMED

This year, the Christmas Eve 5pm Mass will streaming live. SUBSCRIBE to our Parish YouTube page and turn on NOTIFICATIONS:
<https://youtube.com/@stannhoboken>



Helping Those Less Fortunate

The Holy Name Society's annual clothes drive for Advent is a great way to support those in need. Collecting essential items like socks, gloves, hats and throw blankets will surely bring warmth and comfort to those in need.



Weekend Nov. 29th-30th
Weekend Dec. 6th-7th
Weekend Dec. 13th-14th
Weekend Dec. 20th-21st

Socks
Gloves
Hats & scarves
Throw blankets

2026 St. Ann Adult Confirmation Program



If you are an adult who has been Baptized and received your Holy Communion, catechized, but have not been confirmed, then you are a candidate for the Adult Confirmation Program. The Formation Period begins as follows:

Start Date: Sunday, January 11th, 2026

End Date: May 24th, 2026

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Attendance at 12 Noon Mass is Required

Confirmation Sessions take place in Padre Pio Chapel immediately following Mass

Registration Closes on January 9th, 2026

To register for this program or to get more information about the Adult Confirmation Program, please visit our website at <https://stannhoboken.com/adultconfirmation> or contact Cheryl James via email at: cherylmjames@stannhoboken.com or call: 201-659-1114 ext. 102.

Liturgical Ministry

The Liturgical Ministry is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. If you are called to these ministries, please register online at www.stannhoboken.com/liturgical-ministries or contact the Parish office at 201-659-1114. For more information, call Cheryl M James at cherylmjames@stannhoboken.com/201-659-1114.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Each year we adorn the altar with Christmas flowers in memory of our loved ones.

Floral Donation amounts:

Altar Poinsettia: \$55

Evergreen Arrangement: \$35

Submit your Floral Donations & Intentions as follows:

- Use Christmas envelopes;
- Complete Christmas Flower form, place in sealed envelope marked with CHRISTMAS FLOWERS and put in Sunday collection basket; bring to Parish Office;
- Email Annmarie Rizzo: annmarie.rizzo@verizon.net your flower order, intention and contact info;
- Call the Parish Office to place order: 201-659-1114;
- Online: www.stannhoboken.com/christmas-flowers

Payment:

- Cash or Check payable to St Ann Catholic Church
- ONLINE GIVING via stannhoboken.com

**Please Submit on/before: Friday,
December 19th.**

Thank You for your continued support to create a beautiful altar in memory of our loved ones,
**celebrating the birth of our
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!**



THIRD WEEK in ADVENT:GAUDETE SUNDAY - REJOICE! COME, LORD JESUS, COME!



The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for “rejoice.” Today, we light the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath, the priest wears rose vestments and the whole Church invites us to celebrate. Of course, we should celebrate; we’re more than halfway to Christmas...the Lord is near!!

Invitation to prayer:

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.”*

Reflection:

Happy Gaudete Sunday! In our Entrance Antiphon for Mass today (quoted above), St. Paul instructs us to “rejoice in the Lord always.” To find joy in every situation. This is an important reminder for each one of us because, as we look at the world around us and even at our own lives, we might find many reasons not to rejoice. Continued attacks on the dignity of human life, increased division amongst people, high prices everywhere we turn – all of this can make it challenging for us to rejoice. We wonder, perhaps, how we can actually put into practice Paul’s words, when it seems that so many things are not going well. It’s helpful to know that Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians, including this particular verse, while in jail. Even while undergoing this trial, this suffering, Paul is still able to see a cause for rejoicing. What’s the reason for Paul’s joy? “The Lord is near.” God is with him, as, indeed, God is with us still. That is what enables us, as followers of Jesus, to rejoice always –because *we know that no matter what is going on in our lives – Jesus, our Lord, our Savior, and our King, is near. He is not far from any of us!*

As we begin now this third week of Advent, what can we do to grow in our awareness of, and appreciation for, the presence of Jesus in our lives? How can we allow these next two weeks to truly help us be prepared to celebrate His birth with great joy and to welcome anew Him Who is called Emmanuel – God with us?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, Your Mother Mary said, “My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Allow me, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to know the joy that You, my Savior, want to bring into my life.

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Sunday Closed

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm Vigil

Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am*,
12:00pm, 7:00pm

Monday–Friday 7:00am

Wednesday

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament 5:00pm
Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
..... 6:00pm
Benediction.....6:40pm
Novenas Miraculous Medal &
Saint Anthony.....6:45pm
Mass followed by Novena to
Saint Ann.....7:00pm

Mass Followed by Rosary
Saturday 9:00am

**Note: Holy Hour, Holy Days, and
Holidays As Announced**

**(*10:30am Mass is Streamed
Live via Saint Ann YouTube
Channel: [youtube.com/
@stannhoboken](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstannhoboken))**

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
is available in Church each
Saturday from 4:00pm-4:45pm
or call the Parish Office to make
appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Upon the birth of your child,
parents please contact the
Parish Office for orientation and
to register for the required
Parents and Godparents'
Baptismal Preparation Session.
The sessions are currently
available online. Baptisms are
celebrated the first and third
Sundays of the month following
the 12:00pm Mass, at 1:00pm.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples are to be registered,
active members of the parish
and are asked to begin
preparation at least one year

prior to the planned wedding
date. It is advisable for couples
to contact the Parish Office
before other arrangements are
made for the Wedding Day.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick is
available to seriously ill members
of our Parish either at home or
in the hospital. For legal reasons,
many hospitals no longer inform
parishes when a hospitalized
parishioner would like a parish
visit. Please call the Parish Office
to make arrangements.

Holy Communion for the Homebound

For homebound persons who
would like to receive Holy
Communion regularly, please
contact the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

The Order of Christian Initiation
of Adults is a rite for adults to
prepare to receive the
Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and the Holy
Eucharist. If you or someone you
know would like to become a
Catholic, please contact the
Director of RCIA in the Parish
Office.

Parish Registration

Welcome to the Saint Ann Parish
Family! Please register with the
Parish by completing the online
Parish Registration Form. Parish
Registration is required for
Baptisms, Weddings, Religious
Education Programs and to
attend Hoboken Catholic
Academy. We urge all
parishioners to make regular use
of the envelopes or Online
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records most current.



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