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December 21, 2025

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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 22

7:00am (L) Richard Surazynski

Tuesday, December 23

7:00am † Ermidio Busanic

Wednesday, December 24 (Parish Closed)

7:00am Vocations

5:00pm † Victor Competello & Bobby Milizzo

12:00am † Carmela Lisa

Thursday, December 25 (Parish Closed)

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am † Ann & Anthony Raccuia

12:00pm People of the Parish

Friday, December 26 (Parish Closed)

7:00am (L) Carol A. Ferrante

Saturday, December 27

9:00am † Rose Vella & Sondra (Vella) Zatani

5:00pm † Baxter & Jennie Giongrete

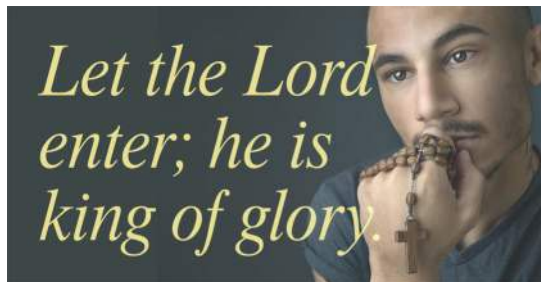
Sunday, December 28

8:00am People of the Parish

*10:30am † Eugene Simone

12:00pm (L) Ricciardi Family

7:00pm † James "JJ" Corrado



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

Sunday Mass Prayers can be accessed via mobile phone, tablets and computers via our website: www.stannahoboken.com.

Candle Memorials

(week of December 21)

Altar Host

In Memory of Jean-Pierre Desloire

Altar Wine

In Memory of Virginie Desloire

Altar Candles

In Memory of Simone Rouyer

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Noel Allis

Blessed Mother

In Memory of Ann & Anthony Raccuia

Saint Joseph

Special Intention

Crucifix

In Memory of Dino Miccoli

Immaculate Heart of Mary

In Memory of Mauro Pepe

Madonna Dei Martiri

In Memory of Mary Gigante

Mother Cabrini

Special Intention, Lopes Family

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Good Health, Rose Hartzell

Our Lady of Sorrows

In Memory of Ronald Roskowski



Sacred Heart of Jesus

Special Intention, Caroline & John

Saint Anthony

In Memory of Bobby Milizzo

Saint Clare

In Memory of Genaro & Elizabeth Fusco

Saint Francis

Special Intention, Bobby, Maura & Jackson

Saint Gerard

Good Health, Dennis Palmieri

Saint Giacomo

Good Health, Margaret Milizzo

Saint Jude

Special Intention, Lisa & Bobby

Saint Lucy

Good Health, Rose Hartzell

Saint Michael

In Memory of Joseph & Marie Fusco

Saint Pio

Good Health, Fiore Settembre

Saint Therese

Special Intention, Martha & Felix

Scripture Reflections

December 21, 2025—Fourth Sunday of Advent



"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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 (livestreamed)

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!

Christmas blessing to each and everyone of you reading this. Seems to be a thing in Hoboken that many return to their hometowns for the holidays. If that is you, travel safe and enjoy your Christmas and New Year. For those here, the same wishes to each of you for Christmas and we hope to see you at one of our Christmas Masses. Our 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass will be live streamed.


May this Christmas season hold many special blessings for each of you. Mary and Joseph have given us a beautiful example of saying yes to God (via the Angel Gabriel) and welcomed the gift of Jesus. Let us each welcome Jesus into our lives this Christmas day.

On Monday evening the Friars will be available for confessions beginning at 7:00pm. There will not be a service, but like on Saturday, just join one of the lines to celebrate the sacrament. We will try to finish up around 8:00pm if possible.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas. Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

In His Peace,
Fr. Martin





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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>



Share Sunday

Last Sunday of the Month

Monthly we collect food that is non-perishable items: coffee, sugar, peanut butter, canned tuna fish, paper/plastic plates, hot/cold cups, napkins, plastic utensils, toilet paper, dish detergent, laundry detergent, softener, toiletries for men/women, underwear, socks and necessities for the local Shelters. *Please place all non-perishables, no clothing please, in the bin located in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your generosity!*



Edward Has a Home for the Holidays

Edward's story begins in Hoboken, where he was born into a family deeply woven into the city's history. His grandfather owned a popular business downtown and relatives were always close by.

After a lifetime of working hard, raising children, running an air-conditioning business, and living independently, everything shifted when disability struck in his early 60s. By his 70s, a sudden loss of income led to an eviction he never saw coming. With nowhere left to turn, Edward found himself discouraged, depressed, and completely on his own.

He knew about The Hoboken Shelter from his ties to the City, and a year ago, he came through our doors seeking warmth, safety, and stability. This month, just in time for the holidays, Edward is moving into his own home right where he was born in Hoboken.



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**It truly was a
HAPPY
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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.

The FOURTH WEEK of ADVENT

In this Fourth Week of Advent, our final days of preparation before Christmas, we ask Christ to forgive us for our sins and through His grace, to create us anew when He comes. This week is also a time to recollect, to reflect on our Advent journey. If we have let the hustle and bustle of the season get in the way of our spiritual preparations for Christmas, we have one last chance to refocus—and the light of the candles on the Advent wreath can be a symbol of our focus, as well as a symbol of the Light of Christ.



Fourth Week of Advent Prayer

*Bestir, O Lord, Thy might,
we beseech Thee, and come;
and with great power come to our aid,
that, by the help of Thy grace, that which
is hindered by our sins may be hastened
by Thy merciful forgiveness.
Who lives and reigns, with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, world without end. Amen*

ADVENT REFLECTION:

Jesus wants to fill everyone with His grace—and He wants to use us to do it. This is especially true during Advent, a season when people can be more open to God and might consider coming to Mass at Christmas. Yet, it's ironic, that at this time of year, we can feel like we're "running on empty" and have little to offer. Does this describe me? It describes many of us; don't worry...just ask Jesus to fill you up again the next time you receive Communion.

As we come to the altar to receive the Eucharist, pray:

"Jesus, I believe this is Your Body and Your Blood. Come, Lord, and give me your grace."

Then, after Communion, spend a few moments silently thanking Jesus by praying:

"Thank you Lord for coming to me and uniting Yourself to me. I trust that You are at work now, filling me up. Thank you!"

If we do this each and every time we receive the Holy Eucharist, we cannot help but be filled to overflowing with grace left over to share!

Prayer: "Thank you, Lord, for giving Yourself to me in the Eucharist. Help me share Your grace with people around me."

Mary Grace Bellotti

Maria Grazia (Mary Grace) Bellotti was an Italian-American laywoman known for her deep faith, acts of charity, and intercessory prayers, which many believed led to miraculous healings. Born in Italy and later settling in the United States, she dedicated her life to serving her community and inspiring others through her devotion. Her legacy continues to be honored by those who remember her as a beacon of hope and compassion.



Mary Grace Bellotti passed away on November 10, 1927, in Palisades Park, New Jersey, at the age of 45. She was laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery in Queens, New York. Her life of devotion and service left an indelible mark on her community, and she is remembered as a model of faith, hope, and love. In the years following her death, efforts were made to honor her memory and recognize her contributions. The St. Gerard Maiella Society was formed in her name, and her story continues to inspire those who seek to live lives of faith and compassion.

Saint Ann

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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://youtube.com/stannhoboken))**

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
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