

December 28, 2025

The child  
grew and  
became strong,  
filled with  
wisdom; and  
the favor  
of God  
was upon him.

*Luke 2:40*

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*Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

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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 29

7:00am † Francesco Aluotto

## Tuesday, December 30

7:00am (L) Richard Surazynski

## Wednesday, December 31 (Parish Closed)

7:00am † Marie Iervolino

5:00pm † George F. Kenny

## Thursday, January 1 (Parish Closed)

9:00am † Maria Matesic

10:30am People of the Parish

## Friday, January 2

7:00am (L) Martha & Felix Gonzalez

7:00pm Padre Pio Prayer Group

## Saturday, January 3

9:00am Recipients of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:00pm † Edith Competelle

## Sunday, January 4

8:00am People of the Parish

\*10:30am † Deceased Members of the Fitzgibbons Family

12:00pm † James "JJ" Corrado

7:00pm † Francis Thompson

# Candle Memorials

(week of December 28)

### Blessed Mother

Special Intention, St. Ann Guild  
December Birthdays

### Crucifix

Special Intention, Annmarie &  
Frank Rizzo

### Immaculate Heart of Mary

Special Intention, Kathy DeRose

### Madonna Dei Martiri

In Memory of Francesco Valente

### Mother Cabrini

Good Health, Anna Buzzelli

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

In Memory of Camilla Mancini

### Our Lady of Sorrows

In Memory of Dino Miccoli

### Sacred Heart of Jesus

Special Intention, Lori & Joe

### Saint Anthony

Special Intention, Grace  
Settembre



### Saint Clare

Good Health, Rae tatulli

### Saint Francis

In Memory of Marie Iervolino

### Saint Giacomo

Good Health, Frank Rizzo

### Saint Jude

Special Intention, Kenny

### Saint Lucy

Good Health, Rose Hartzell

### Saint Michael

Special Intention, Ava & Mark

### Saint Pio

In Memory of Lorenzo Casale

### Saint Rocco

In Memory of Josephine  
Fitzhenry

### Saint Therese

In Memory of Theresa DeCandia

# Scripture Reflections

December 28, 2025—Holy Family



"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

# FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION to the IMMACULATE HEART of MARY

## Saturday, January 3rd — 9am Mass

followed by Recitation of the Rosary and silent reflection. GO TO: [stannhoboken.com/saturday](http://stannhoboken.com/saturday) for both link to Rosary Prayers and First Saturday Devotion Prayers.



# Eucharistic Adoration

**Sunday, January 4th** is the first Sunday of the month. Eucharistic Adoration will follow the 7:00pm Mass. All are invited to join us. Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Eucharist.

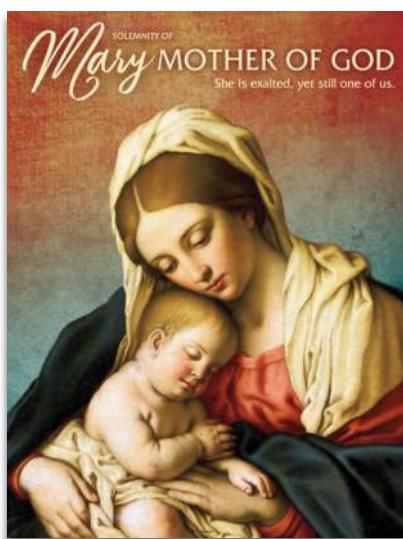


## Mass Schedule

*Wednesday, December 31, 2025*  
7:00am Mass  
Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

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

*Thursday, January 1, 2026*  
9:00am & 10:30am  
(In observance of New Year's Day  
the Parish Office will be Closed)



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Peace and blessings!  
Happy Holy Family Sunday and  
Happy New Year. May the New Year be a  
season of Grace and blessings for all of you.

As we bring our year to a close, I would  
like to take this opportunity to thank all on  
behalf of Fr. Vincent, Fr. Mariababu and the  
staff for the many ways which you have  
supported St. Ann Parish this past year. So  
many of you volunteer your time and talents to  
the parish, others come and participate in our  
events. And many of you are so very generous  
as you support us financially.

All of this makes St. Ann the beautiful  
parish that it is. May 2026 be a year of grace  
and blessings for all of you. Just a gentle  
reminder that Wednesday, January 1 is a holy  
day of obligation, the Solemnity of Mary, the  
Mother of God.

As we enter the New Year it is time  
once again to celebrate our Winter Chill. As of  
the writing of this bulletin, all the details are  
not yet available, but as always, it will be  
another great time. Check back next week for  
the details.

The feast of the Holy Family, part of  
the Christmas season, Matthew's story about  
the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary  
character. In this infancy narrative, Jesus as the  
fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies  
about the Messiah. The story of the Holy  
Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of  
Moses in the Book of Exodus.

In His Peace,  
*Fr. Martin*

## Baptisms

(for the month of November 2025)

We are happy to welcome the newest members to our Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism this past month.



*Ella Blaney, Benjamin Folger, Grace Frino,  
Eleanor Lynch, Nolan Twill, Giovanna DePierola,  
Charles Egan, Sofia Feldman, Hazel Michaud,  
Thomas Orelli, Louis Ray, III*

## Weddings

(for the months of October & November 2025)

Congratulations to the following couple who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here at St. Ann these past months.



*Michael Madonna & Katarina DiRosa  
John Himmelrick & Montana Marsilio  
Dominic Russo & Lauren Mandikas  
Charles Racioppo & Noelle Niedzwiecki  
Peter Hubbell & Rose Marie Vigneron  
Daniel Walsh & Kelly Kozar  
Nicholas Tierno & Christina Antico  
Peter Infantino & Jennie Miller*



## Deaths

During the month of **November 2025**, we celebrated a funeral Mass for the following souls:

*Michelina DiSalvi  
Patrick Gagliardi, Jr.  
Phyllis Capelli*

May they rest in peace.

## Saint Ann T-shirts For sale

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:cherylmjames@stannhoboken.com) / 201-659-1114.

## SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)

December 29

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the King presumed, could be counted on, if made Archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the King's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.



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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God's love poured out in Christ's birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning "flesh." Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the "flesh," and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how "embodied" the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that "the soul can fatten on God."

Catholics "get" that God is revealed in this world. The sacraments use the "stuff" of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God's love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament.



## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

### Remember, Reflect, Respond

This feast has had several names through history. Most recently, it was called the Feast of the Circumcision and then the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church finally settled on a more ancient title, Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It also has a secondary title of the Octave of Christmas, the secular title of New Years Day, and an honorary title of World Day of Prayer for Peace. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one.

When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son Jesus is also the divine Son of God. We honor Mary because God honored her by choosing her to be the mother of Jesus. In her humble response of "let it be done to me," she agreed to be part of God's plan for our salvation. And so today's Gospel records one simple action of Mary: to keep these things in her heart.

Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of being a disciple. Like Mary, we need to both keep, or remember, what God has done, and to reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures? How well do we know God's actions in Church history? And how much do we remember of the personal graces given us by God? Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times God has forgiven us?

Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God's goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Am I more generous to others? Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God's help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting.



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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/@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  
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Parish by completing the online  
Parish Registration Form. Parish  
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Baptisms, Weddings, Religious  
Education Programs and to  
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**Sunday** ..... Closed

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