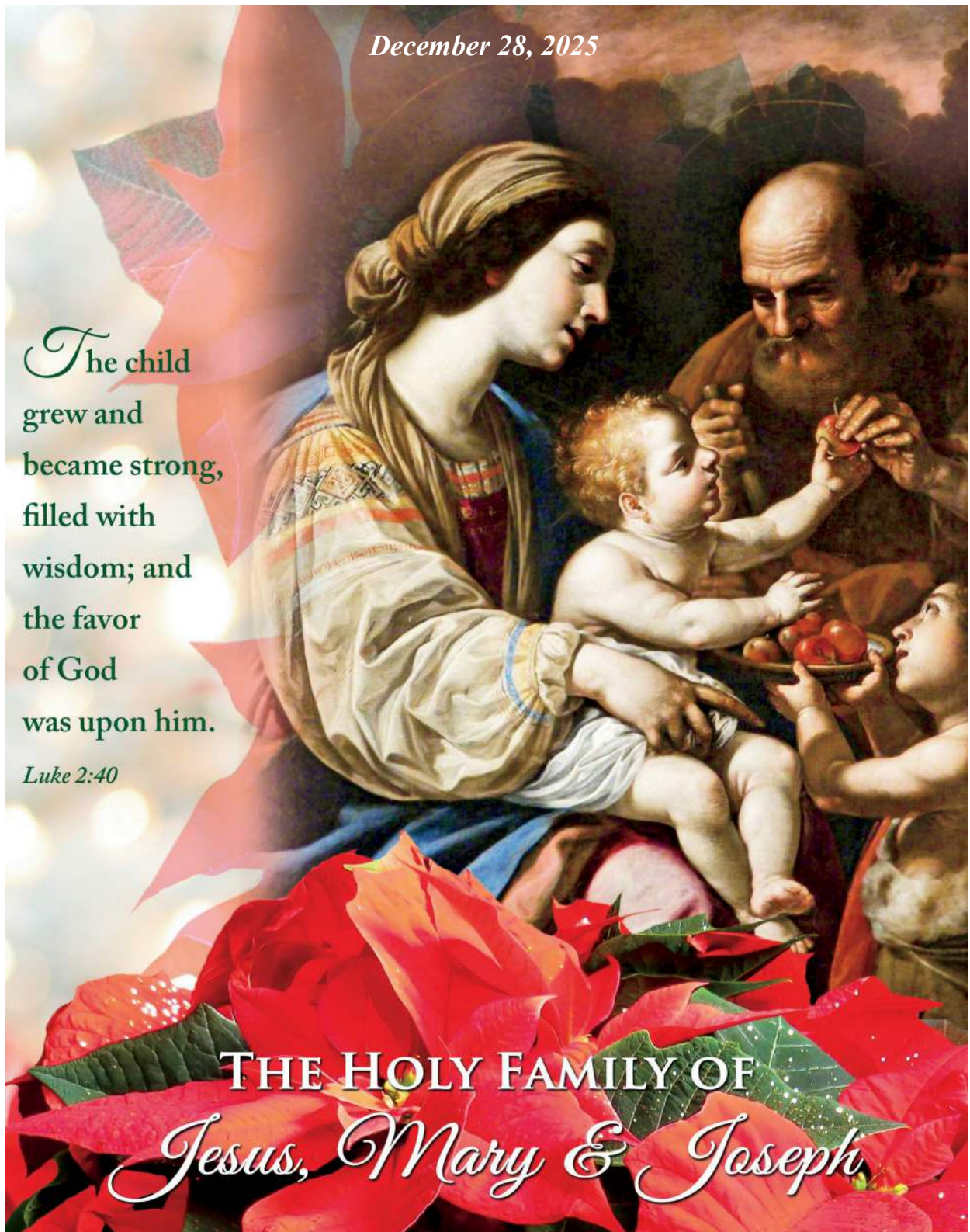


December 28, 2025

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

Luke 2:40



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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: stannahoboken.com/saturday
for both link to Rosary Prayers and First
Saturday Devotion Prayers.



Livestreaming Sunday Masses

*Sundays at 10:30am

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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.

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

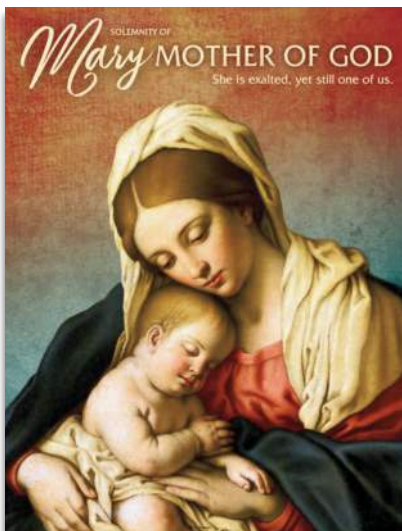
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

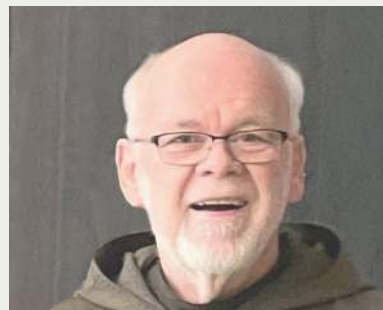
Thursday, January 1, 2026

9:00am & 10:30am

*(In observance of New Year's Day
the Parish Office will be Closed)*



**Happy
New Year**
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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 Himelrick & 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.

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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.

Liturgical Ministry

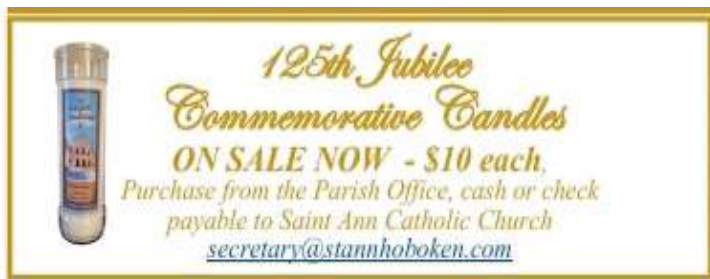
The Liturgical Ministry is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. If you are called to these ministries, please register online at www.stannhoboken.com/liturgical-ministries or contact the Parish office at 201-659-1114. For more information, call Cheryl M James at cherylmjames@stannhoboken.com/201-659-1114.



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.



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/
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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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