

The Epiphany of the Lord

Come, let us adore Him.

January 4, 2026



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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, January 5

7:00am (L) Staci Zegler

Tuesday, January 6

7:00am † Carol Camerano

Wednesday, January 7

7:00am † Luigi DeBonis

7:00pm Memorial Mass

Thursday, January 8

7:00am (L) Cheryl

Friday, January 9

7:00am † Phyllis Capelli

Saturday, January 10

9:00am † Lorraine Ratajeck

5:00pm † Isabella Donnelly

Sunday, January 11

8:00am † Phyllis Capelli

*10:30am † Mary Pepe

12:00pm † Joseph Menino

7:00pm People of the Parish



Livestreaming Sunday Masses

**Sundays at 10:30am*

Saint Ann Catholic Church YouTube Channel – <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 January 4)

Altar Host

In Memory of Phyllis Capelli

Altar Wine

In Memory of Phyllis Capelli

Blessed Mother

In Memory of Phyllis Capelli

Our Lady of Sorrows

In Memory of Phyllis Capelli

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Good Health, Margaret Milizzo

Saint Anthony

Special Intention, Nate

Saint Clare

Good Health, Jack LaGresta

Saint Francis

In Memory of Ronald Roskowski



Saint Gerard

In Memory of Maryann Murphy

Saint Jude

Special Intention, Ceil Butka

Saint Lucy

Special Intention, Gail Beck

Saint Michael

Special Intention, Ava & Mark

Saint Pio

In Memory of Dino Miccoli

Saint Rocco

In Memory of Ronald Roskowski

Scripture Reflections

January 4, 2026—Epiphany of the Lord



"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the

ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

Moving Faith Forward Series Discovering the language of GOD

Hosted by: Father Vincent Fortunato, OFM Cap. & Gina Tognoni - Chiarello, Catechist

Sunday, January 11th 2026-9:00am-10:00am

Kick off the New Year with a deeper dive into our Faith and discover how we can hear God in the Silence.

Location : St. Ann Parish Guadalupe Room

ALL are Welcome

The Epiphany of the Lord

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week Christmas Day is observed in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic devotion dating back to the early days of the Church. It involves exposing a consecrated host, the Blessed Sacrament, allowing people to sit and pray in the presence of Jesus Christ. Adoration specifically refers to any prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament whether in front of a closed Tabernacle or in front of the exposed host in a monstrance.



During Eucharistic Adoration, it is appropriate to do any of the following....

- Read and reflect on readings from the Bible or other spiritual writings
- Pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet or any other favorite devotions
- Converse with God through spontaneous prayer or journaling
- Sit quietly and listen or just enjoy being in the presence of Christ



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Peace and blessings!

Happy New Year! As we enter 2026, let it be a year of new beginnings. We often say we will get around to this or that, and too often it never happens. Let us begin this year looking at ourselves and the gifts God has given to us and pray for the grace to put at least one of our gifts into practice this year of 2026.

As the year moves on there will be a number of activities inviting us to get involved, putting our faith into practice. Accept the challenges and say yes.

One area of concern that I invite all of you to participate in is that of prayer, and in particular to pray for vocation. As an archdiocese and as a religious order, and as part of the Church, we all are in need of young men and women willing to make the sacrifice of life and serve the Church. A simple prayer, even one Hail Mary, would be of great value. Please help.

Today's celebration of the Epiphany invites us to enter a new year. The Magi come and we have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

In His Peace,
Fr. Martin

2026

NEW YEAR, NEW START

Register with Saint Ann Catholic Church or

Update Current Information

WHY REGISTER?

- ◇ You have moved into town and are regularly attending Saint Ann Church
- ◇ You are planning your wedding
- ◇ You are Baptizing your child(ren)
- ◇ You are looking for a Sponsor letter for Baptism or Confirmation
- ◇ Your child(ren) are attending Hoboken Catholic Academy (HCA)
- ◇ To update contact/family information
- ◇ TO STAY CONNECTED with the Parish

To complete/update parish registration, please go to:

www.stannahoboken.com/parish-registration or

SCAN the QR code in the vestibule of the church.

For more information or any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 201-659-1114 or visit; office hours are Monday thru Friday, 9am-5pm; and Saturdays 10am-2pm. We are happy to help!



Baptisms

(for the month of December 2025)

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

*Noa Hunt, Julian Joseph, Aurora Sodora,
Valentina Zlotnikova, Yuri Zlotnikov,
Sebastian Becker, Sophia Leisenheimer,
Richard Melli, III, John O'Connor,
Scarlett Shiliga, Lincoln Steele*

Weddings

(for the month of December 2025)

Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here at St. Ann this past month.

*Pierce Skelly & Erica Buonomo
Michael Wynne & Lauren Rega*



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://stannahoboken.com/adultconfirmation> or contact Cheryl James via email at: cherylmjames@stannahoboken.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.stannahoboken.com/liturgical-ministries or contact the Parish office at 201-659-1114. For more information, call Cheryl M James at cherylmjames@stannahoboken.com/201-659-1114.



Saint Ann Volunteer Ministry

Volunteering, albeit within the parish or with groups associated with us, is a way to 'love our neighbor' and also a way to donate our time.



Please explore the Liturgical Ministries, Outreach and Societies on our website: <https://stannahoboken.com/ministries>. BE IN THE KNOW...join our Volunteer mailing list: volunteer@stannahoboken.com.



Deaths

During the month of **December 2025**, we celebrated a funeral Mass for the following soul:

Josephine Fitzhenry

May she rest in peace.

Reflections:

Transformed by the Light of the World

My oncologist's name lit up as my cell phone rang on the Feast of the Epiphany 14 years ago. "The biopsy showed cancer," she said. I took a deep breath, closed my eyes, and whispered a prayer, bracing myself before walking outside to tell my husband. Since that day, the Feast of the Epiphany has been a memorial stone date on my calendar at the start of each new year. From that day, the Lord has continued to open my eyes and transform me as He sends me on paths unexpected.

In the Gospel today, we hear of three earthly Kings led by a star to The King of Kings. Although they wore the trappings of worldly majesty, they bowed low - humbled before this newborn King. "They prostrated themselves and did him homage" (Mt. 2:11) And they rose up transformed.

What began for them as an outward pilgrimage - following a star - became an inward encounter with the Lord, the true Light of the World. That encounter changed them, their plans, their very mission. "And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way" (Mt. 2:12). Their expected path ahead was promptly altered by encountering the Lord. And, I dare to believe, their lives were never the same.

WINTERCHILL 2026

Once again we will be celebrating this winter with some fun activities for some or for the whole family. Dates yet to be determined but keep an eye open for:

Family Day

Mazzarella Making

Church/Music Night

Bowling

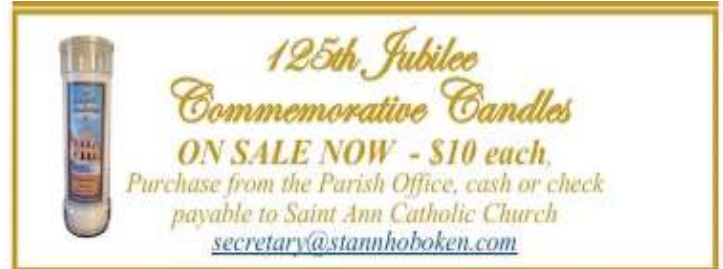
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Mass Schedule

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
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