

SAINT ANN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

“TO GROW IN GRACE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST”



PASTOR

Rev. John J. Newns

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. William Donnelly, O.S.A.

Rev. Kail Ellis, O.S.A.

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Daniel T. Giblin

Deacon Mark Szewczak

MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Thursday at 8:00 AM in St. Ann Chapel

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 PM in St. Ann Chapel
Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM in St. Ann Chapel

Spanish Mass at 9:30 AM in St. Ann Church

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday at 8:30 AM & Saturday at 3:15-4:00 PM

30 DECEMBER 2018 ~ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Welcome to St. Ann!

We're so glad that you're here. We strive to make all feel at home here and to build community.

Please let us know if we can assist you in any way.

Parish Clergy & Staff

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Parish Office Hours

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Saturday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Parish Website: www.churchofsaintann.org

Parish Email Address: stannphx@comcast.net

St. Ann Cemetery: 305 W. Pothouse Road

Sacred Heart Cemetery: 1258 Fillmore Street

New Parishioners: We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Parish Office for Parish Registration dates or to make an appointment.

Bulletin Submissions: Please send all news, photos, and events at least ten days prior to the issue date. Bulletin information should be emailed to stannadulted@gmail.com.

HOPE VOLUNTEERS drive people in need to appointments or on essential errands, Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Schedule a ride 4 days in advance. If you call on a Friday the ride will not be scheduled until Tuesday or Wednesday.



December 16-31: Mary Ann Fennell 610-933-1058

January 1-15: Joan Lyon 610-933-4751



WEEK OF DECEMBER 31
St. Peter's Church -121 Church Street
Monday: Lunch 12-1 PM,
Tuesday (TBA), Wednesday to Friday:
Lunch 12-1 PM
Saturday (December 29) Breakfast 8:30-9:30 AM

Today: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Samuel 1:20-22,24-28; Luke 2:41-52

Monday: 1John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

Tuesday: Numbers 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7;
Luke 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Thursday: 1John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

Friday: 1John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Saturday: 1John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Aid for Friends - If you can assist by creating single-serving meals with leftovers for the homebound in our community, you can pick up empty trays & supplies and then drop off meals on the back porch of 602 S. Main Street on Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:30 PM and Sundays from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM. For more information, please call Kate at 610-933-3814.

“MERRY CHRISTMAS” - We're still greeting one another with these words because Christmas is a Season. The prophetic or counter-cultural aspect of being connected to Jesus is vividly expressed in our rather subdued and somber pre-Christmas gatherings followed by our rather bright, joyful and extended post-Christmas celebrations.



FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

Today we continue our celebration and our unpacking of the mystery of the Creator's entering into creation with the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Holy Family School - As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we remember especially our dedicated principal, faculty, staff of Holy Family School and also our Board of Limited Jurisdiction for our Catholic School. We are blessed through Holy Family School and we pray that HFS will be blessed in the New Year.



Tuesday, January 1st - The eighth or octave day of Christmas—our True Love will give to us a three-layered gift of: 1) the Octave Day of Christmas; 2) The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God; and 3) the World Day of Prayer for Peace.



OCTAVE DAY – With the first Creation, which ended on the seventh day, we read that “God said, ‘Let there be light...**And so it happened.**”

Tomorrow on the **eighth day** we will take a step beyond the first seven-day Creation and cross the threshold into a new, second Creation in which the Divine Word through Whom God effected the first creation enters into and becomes a part of creation! **“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John1:14).**

In this second Creation there will be no “automatic” response (“God spoke...and so it happened”). In this rather wild new situation the Creator becomes dependent upon the cooperation of a human being who is free to choose how she will respond to the Eternal Creative Word. This Word became flesh first and personally in Mary and each one of us is called to allow the Word to become flesh and blood both in us through our thoughts, choices, words and actions.

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD – Mary is the mother of the one person Jesus who is simultaneously fully divine and fully human. In a real way,



therefore, Mary is the Mother of God! Why does our Tradition present her to us under this “outrageous” title and why is she presented to us as such on the Octave Day of Christmas? One reason is that by her cooperating with God's initiative she models for us the way to live in the New, Second Creation of Grace. We may dive into this Mystery anew as we participate in Mass this Tuesday.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER for PEACE – “Good Politics is at the Service of Peace” is the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the 2019 WDP for Peace this January 1st. Check out usccb.org for a summary of the message and prayer and action ideas!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

“**MUCH OBLIGED**” – We Catholics have an obligation to come together and participate in Mass on January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. We will have two Masses in Chapel for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God: this Monday at 6:30 PM and this Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! - Fr. Ellis, Fr. Donnelly Deacon Giblin, Deacon Szewczak, Sr. Marie Rose Gibson RSM and I wish the blessings of a happy, healthy, and holy New Year to all of our parishioners as we plunge tomorrow into the adventures that await us in 2019.

NEW CALENDARS – We hope you enjoy our new format for 2019 for our Parish Calendars. Take as many as you need as you leave Mass.

OFFICE CLOSED – Our Parish Business Office will be closed tomorrow, January 1st. If you need a priest, please phone the office and leave a message for the paster and he will get back to you as soon as he is able.

WEEKDAY MASS LOCATION – Our weekday 8:00 AM Masses will be celebrated in St. Ann Chapel (rather than in St. Ann Church) until we are out of the snow season. The Church will continue to be open daily at 9:00 AM for visits and for Wednesday Eucharistic Exposition.

SOME WINTER RELATED ITEMS

The obligation to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation does not apply in the case hazardous weather conditions. Those with special health needs and those who are up in years should err on the side of caution when there is snow and/or ice on the ground. It is no sin to stay home on Sundays in the case of questionable weather conditions. In fact, this is why Mass is broadcast on TV. For Mass listings, please go to our Parish website.

Good Health, Good Sense—During the cold & flu season it makes sense to take steps in the interest of good health. First, if you are sick it can be an act of common sense and decency to refrain from being around others. Second, you may want to exchange the Sign of Peace during Mass with a nod of the head rather than a handshake.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, December 30 *The Holy Family*

- **NO PREP CLASS**
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 AM @ 602 Living Room**
- **12 Step Spirituality Group, 7:00 PM @ Parish Office Dining Room**
- **Junior & Senior High Youth Group, 7:00 PM @ Church Hall**

Monday, December 31 *St. Sylvester I*

- **Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil, 6:30 PM Mass @ Chapel (a holy day of obligation)**
- **Legion of Mary, 7:30 PM @ Church Hall Room #2**

Tuesday, January 1 *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- **NO PREP CLASS**
- **Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 9:00 AM Mass @ Chapel**

Wednesday, January 2 *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

HAPPY FEASTDAY – We want to keep our neighbors in St. Basil the Great Parish in our prayers on the occasion of the Memorial of their patron saint.

- **Rosary, 7:30 AM @ Chapel**
- **8:00 AM Mass @ Chapel**
- **Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM @ Church**
- **Charismatic Prayer Group, 7:00 PM @ Church Hall Rm. #2**
- **Spanish Choir Practice, 7:00 PM @ Sacred Heart Church**
- **Women's Scripture Study, 7:30 PM @ Parish Office Dining Room**

Thursday, January 3 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

- **Rosary, 7:30 AM @ Chapel**
- **8:00 AM Mass @ Chapel**
- **Youth Choir Practice 5:45-6:45 PM @ Chapel**
- **Grupo de Oracion Mateo, 6:00-8:00 PM @ Church Hall Room #3**
- **Healing Hearts Card Ministry, 6:30-8:00 PM @ Church Hall**
- **Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 PM @ Chapel**
- **Pre-Jordan Baptism Class, 7:00 PM @ Parish Office Dining Room**

Friday, January 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

- **Rosary Makers Guild, 9:00 AM @ Church Hall**

Saturday, January 5 *St. John Neumann*

- **Men's Bible Study, 7:00 AM @ Church Hall**
- **Confessions, 3:15-4:00 PM @ Chapel**
- **4:30 PM Vigil Mass @ Chapel**
- **Cana Date Night, 5:45-7:45 PM @ Church Hall**
- **Alpha/Omega Spanish Prayer Group, 7:00 PM @ Sacred Heart Church**

Sunday, January 6 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Epiphany means manifestation.

*Is the Lord manifest in our time and in our lives?
If so: How? When? Where? In whom? With whom?*

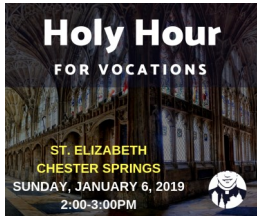
- **7:30 AM Mass @ Chapel**
- **9:30 AM Mass @ Chapel**
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 AM @ 602 Living Room**
- **9:30 AM Spanish Mass @ Church**
- **Sunday PREP Class, 10:35 AM - 12:05 PM @ Holy Family School**
- **Spanish RICA, 11:15 AM @ Parish Office Dining Room**
- **11:30 AM Mass @ Chapel**
- **Vietnamese Mass & Social, 12:00 PM @ Church**
- **Parish Registration for New Parishioners, 12:30 PM @ Parish Office**
- **Junior & Senior High Youth Group, 7:00 PM @ Church Hall**



NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK – Sunday January 6-12
Next week we will begin National Migration Week. The image above from the National Catholic Shrine in Washington, D.C. depicting the Holy Family's desperate flight into Egypt presents a hard-to-miss connection between the Holy Family and all who are migrants, refugees and displaced persons today.

WEEKDAY CANCELATIONS DUE TO WEATHER -

Our parish will cancel any scheduled 8:00 AM weekday Mass when, due to inclement weather, the Phoenixville Area School District either cancels school or delays the opening of school. To find out Mass status on a snowy or icy day, you can go online to www.myholyschool.org or www.KYW1060.com (Phoenixville's school closing number is #856.). We will cancel weekly Eucharistic Adoration when such a closure or delayed opening falls on a Wednesday.



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

On January 6 at 2:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish in Upper Uchwlan (100 Fellowship Rd, Chester Springs) will host a regional Holy Hour for Vocations. Holy Hours throughout our Archdiocese that Sunday are designed to unite all Catholics in prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. During these Holy Hours, we ask Christ to help us bear the fruit that He intends to harvest through our adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will include reflections from a diocesan priest and a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Rossi at frossi@stjosephrc.org or Fr Stokely at St. Elizabeth's Parish Office, 610-321-1200.

Counting Our Blessings!

Due to having to transmit the bulletin early, our parish financials will be posted next weekend.
Thank you for your generosity!

Year End Giving - You might want to donate appreciated stock or mutual fund shares to our parish. If you want to make the gift of appreciated securities to the parish, please contact Investment Services at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at 215-587-3969. Please note that parishes will receive the full sale price of donated securities processed through the Archdiocesan brokerage account.



MARCH FOR LIFE – Bus Trip - Friday, Jan. 18, Washington, DC

Please show your support for LIFE (from conception until natural death) by making a public witness at the annual March for Life. The Phoenixville Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus trip which includes: round trip on a coach bus, Mass for all Philadelphians at the National Shrine, a Pro-Life rally, the March on the National Mall, and a stop for dinner. Cost will be \$50.00 (dinner is at your own expense). Please sign up at <https://www.payit2.com/e/marchforlife>. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Pickell at bpickell@kpinterface.com or 484-686-4413.

Come join us, Women at the Well – Our next meeting is Monday, January 7, 2019. Please join us. For more information, please contact, Kathy Flaherty at kbflaherty@aol.com or 610.917.0549.



Please pray for the sick, disabled, homebound members of our Parish Family.

Alicia Andrews	Joe Gibson	Marie Marosek	Ann Racey	Mark Stevenson
Chad Berish	Gordon Gladden	Thomas Mastrangelo	Christine Radoiss	Sherri Stover
Beth Booth	Jennifer Golaszewski	Eugene Matta	Katherine Raggazino	Julie Szewczak
Ashley Rose Bukay	Christine Greger	Heather McCann	Jerry Ratchford	Ethel Thomas
Sandy Burns	Angela Hogan	John McKenzie	John Riegel	Glenn Thomas
Ed Cain	Ann Hovanec	Michele Mellon	Kris Roberts	Don Troncelliti
Eleanor Calvecchio	Michael Hudak	Ron Motzer	Tom Sarnak	Helen Twargoski
John Calvecchio	Jeanette Jelus	Tom Moyer	Al Scott	Doris Valerio
Leroy Campbell	Ann Johnson	Karen Nesspor	Ken Shackleton	Jeff Vance
Dave Cocci	Terry Johnson	Jacob Nichols	Maxine Sheman	Joe Vargo
Carol Daley	Larry Kirk	Georgene O'Donnell	Keith Sheridan	Mary Way
John Daly	Betty Koch	Marcelo Opiela	Margaret Sim	Paul Weaver
Al DeMola	Patrick Koch	Helene Ouimet	James Smith	Charles Wertz
Isabella DeSimone	Christine Koons	Steve Pannella	Renee Smith	Elsie West
Michael DiArcangelo	Irene Layden	Cindy Patton	Pat Solomon	Ann Wolff
Lucille Dickson	Denise Long	Joan Pendergast	Jennifer Spencer	Talan Wolstenholme
Dan Fennell	Ray Long	Glen Philips	Evelyn Spitz	
Daniel Flores	Claire Maestrale	Abigail Pilcicki	Christine Springer	
Ryan Gerhold	Steve & Joanne Mardi	Dianne Ponzio	Bob Stancavage	

Around the Archdiocese & Our Community



**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS OF
CHESTER COUNTY (CYAAC)**
(A ministry for young adults
in their 20s and 30s)

December 31 (Monday): Holy New Year's Eve @ the Cathedral

The Young Adults at the Cathedral and the Catholic Center for Young Adults (CCYA) are co-hosting a New Year's Eve Party at the Cathedral. The event runs: 11pm Holy Hour, 12:00 Mass for the Feast of Mary Mother of God, 1-2am Party and Reception at Chapel Hall. For more information, see the attached flyer or the Facebook event.

January 17-February 28, 2018 (Thursdays): Discovering Christ—Saints Peter and Paul church in West Chester is hosting Discovering Christ, a seven week series to examine life's most important questions. Enjoy a free dinner, dynamic teaching, and a small group conversation. Learn who you were created to be and how relevant your relationship with Jesus is to your life. cyaac1@gmail.com



“**GIVING HOPE TO ALL**” – is the theme of the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal. This annual appeal is our main corporate effort as the Body of Christ in the five counties of the Archdiocese to serve hundreds of thousands of our neighbors

in need of material and social assistance. For more visit <http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org>



Happy New Year from all of us at **Holy Family School!** Holy Family enables children to form close ties with classmates, which fosters a very real sense of community. The interaction among our grade levels provides both healthy role models for our younger students and opportunities for leadership for our older children. If you're looking for this along with a strong academic and spiritual foundation for your children, call us at 610-933-7562 or email us

at office@myholyschool.org to schedule a tour!

Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7pm

Event: St. Genevieve Parish Pro-Life Lecture

The pro-life community rightfully focuses on Roe v. Wade. But whether Roe is reversed or not, our pro-life goal won't be achieved unless we convert the culture, the work primarily of the laity. The lecture will focus on the role of the laity & offer suggestions on the ways we can best work to convert the culture, especially on life issues.

Speaker: Marie Joseph, Founding Executive Director of Legacy of Life Foundation & Women's Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

Location: St. Genevieve Parish Church, 1225 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown To Learn More Contact: St. Genevieve Rectory-215-836-2828 or rectory@stgensparish.com.

Saturday, January 12, 2019, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Event: A Day of Healing with You are Made New Ministry

Do you struggle with anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, self-doubt, self-criticism? Come! Let the Lord meet you right where you are and guide you forward. Retreat activities include inspiring talks, community-building, healing prayer, personal reflection, music and more. This is a wonderful opportunity for any woman seeking healing and freedom from adverse patterns or habits - of body, mind, and emotion – in order to live fully in the love and freedom that the Lord desires for us. Facilitators: De Yarrison, CPCC and Fr. Stephen DeLacy Location: Pope John Paul II High School, Royersford PA Learn more & Register: <https://youaremadenew.com/healing-retreats/>

MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER, 3501

Solly Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia, invites

you Experience the Healing of God's Mercy : A Day of Reflection, Prayer and Divine Love Saturday January 19, 2019 ~ 9 AM - 4 PM

People hurt us through what they say or do, or what they fail to say or do. Sometimes we forgive. Sometimes we struggle to forgive. At times, we are left hurt and deeply wounded. This day will offer an opportunity to gain understanding of God's mercy for us and how we can imitate God in sharing mercy with those who have hurt us. The day will include brief talks, opportunities for quiet reflection, time for prayers as well at the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Lord wants to help you experience forgiveness and mercy...Join us!

Presenter: Fr. Chris Walsh, Pastor of St. Raymond Church in Northwest Philadelphia, trained in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, has preached retreats and days of recollection across the country. He rejoices daily in God's merciful and patient love and hopes to share this love with all who gather for this day.

Fee: \$40 (includes coffee and pastry upon arrival and Noon lunch.) Please register with a \$15 deposit by January 10th. Please call 267-350-1830 or 267-350-1831 or email: mbcretreat@msbt.org with any questions.

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION! Saint Basil's Women's Fellowship 10th Anniversary! Kimberton, PA Friday-Sunday, February 8-10, 2019

Information: June Weiland, SBWF President junedonw@aol.com ALL Women Welcome!

CEMETERY CLEAN UP! Cleanup of our cemeteries is scheduled to begin the week of January 7th. Families are responsible and encouraged to remove items they wish to keep in advance of the scheduled clean-up. Any remaining decorations will be discarded. Cemetery management is not responsible for items removed, lost or stolen. Thank you for your cooperation.