SAINT ANN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1 DECEMBER 2019
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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

Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Parish Website:  www.churchofsaintann.org

Parish Email Address:  stannphx@comcast.net

St. Ann Cemetery:  305 W. Pothouse Road

Sacred Heart Cemetery:  1258 Fillmore Street

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 1 to 15:  Howard Gordon 215-316-1982
December 16 to 31:  Mary Ann Fennell 610-933-1058

Today:  Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday:  Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:  Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:  Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:  Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:  Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:  Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:  Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
HAPPY NEW YEAR & HAPPY ADVENT – Today we celebrate both the first day of the Year of Grace 2020 and the start of the penitential season of Advent. It strikes me that on the first day of each Church Year, our Tradition directs our attention to the last day: the end of time itself, the final coming of the Christ, the consummation of creation. “And the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started, and know the place for the first time”, wrote T.S. Eliot. Having completed our journey through the Year of Grace 2019, have we gained any more insight into the purpose of life and are we living in greater conformity with Jesus Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life?

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH CELEBRATION

All are welcome!

SACRED HEART CHURCH
148 Church Street

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• 10:30pm - Rosary and Arrival of Virgin Pilgrim at Sacred Heart Church
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#### Sunday, December 1  *First Sunday of Advent*
- Mass 7:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
- Mass 9:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
- *Children’s Liturgy of the Word* 9:30am Mass @ 602 Living Room
- Spanish RICA 11:15am @ Parish Office Dining Room
- Vietnamese Mass & Social 12:00pm @ St. Ann Church & Church Hall
- Parish Registration 12:30pm @ Parish Office Dining Room

#### Monday, December 2
- Rosary 7:30am - 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- Mass 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- Rosary Group Meeting 8:30am - 9:30am @ Parish Office 2nd Floor
- Advent by Candlelight 7:00pm - 9:00pm @ Griffin Hall
- Women at the Well 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Parish Office Dining Room
- Legion of Mary 7:30pm - 8:30pm @ Church Hall Room #2

#### Tuesday, December 3  *St. Francis Xavier*
- Rosary 7:30am - 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- Mass 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- Confessions 8:30am @ St. Ann Church
- PREP Class 6:20pm - 7:50pm @ HFS
- Bible Reflection Group 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Church Hall Room #1
- RCIA 7:30pm - 9:00pm @ Parish Office Dining Room
- Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm @ Church Hall Room #3

#### Wednesday, December 4  *St. John Damascene*
- Rosary 7:30am - 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- Mass 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am - 7:00pm @ Church
- Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00pm @ C Hall Rm #2
- Spanish Choir Practice 7:00pm @ S H Church
- Women’s Scripture Study 7:30pm - 9:30pm @ Parish Office Dining Room

#### Thursday, December 5
- Rosary 7:30am - 8:00am St. Ann Church
- Mass 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- SoulCore Exercise/Prayer Group 9:00am - 10:00am @ Church Hall
- Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm - 6:45pm @ St. Ann Chapel
- Grupo de Oracion Mateo 6:00pm - 8:00pm @ Church Hall Room #3
- Healing Hearts Card Ministry 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Church Hall
- Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ St. Ann Chapel

#### Friday, December 6  *St. Nicholas*
- Rosary Makers Guild 9:00am - 10:00am @ Church Hall

#### Saturday, December 7  *St. Ambrose*
- Men’s Bible Study 7:00am @ Church Hall
- First Penance 12:00pm - 1:00pm @ St. Ann Church
- Confessions 3:15pm - 4:00pm @ St. Ann Chapel
- Mass 4:30pm @ St. Ann Chapel
- Alpha/Omega Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - 9:00pm @ Sacred Heart Church

#### Sunday, December 8  *Second Sunday of Advent*
- Special Collection for Religious Retirement Fund
  - Mass 7:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
  - Mass 9:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
  - Children’s Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass @ 602 Living Room
  - Spanish Mass 9:30am @ St. Ann Church
  - PREP Class 10:35am - 12:05pm @ HFS
  - Spanish RICA 11:15am @ Parish Office Dining Room
  - Mass 11:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
  - Youth Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Church Hall

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**Christmas Bazaar**

*Sunday, December 8, 8:30am - 2:00pm Church Hall*

**Pope’s Universal Intention for December**

*The Future of the Very Young*

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.
Mark Your Calendar
St. Ann Christmas Bazaar
Sunday, December 8, 2019
8:30 AM to 2:00 PM
St. Ann Church Hall
(Basement of St. Ann Church)

Over 15 Crafters (mostly all St. Ann Parishioners) selling all handmade products...
- Christmas Decorations
- Silk Scarves
- Jewelry
- Baby Blankets
- Rosaries
- Hand-blown Glass Ornaments and Decorations
- Candles
- All Natural Bath & Body Soaps
- Totes, Keychains, Fun Signs, Paperweights
- Knitted Hats, Scarves and Mittens

Please...Children’s Craft Activity
Ann’s Café
Mary Kay & LuLaRoe Products
Raffle
& Visit with Santa

WEEK OF DECEMBER 2
St. Peter’s Church Kitchen
121 Church Street
Monday: Lunch 12-1 PM & Dinner 5-6 PM
Tuesday to Friday: Lunch 12-1 PM
Saturday: Breakfast 8:30-9:30AM & Pantry 9-10 AM

Counting Our Blessings!
Your donations help us fulfill our parish mission
and make improvements to our facilities.
Thank you for your generosity!

The financials will not be posted this weekend due to having to transmit the bulletin early because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Want to save some time and money while helping St. Ann Parish in the process?  Consider using Direct Deposit for your weekly Sunday donation.  St. Ann’s offers a Direct Debit program whereby your total monthly (Sunday) contribution is automatically deducted from your designated account on the 15th of each month.  There is no fee to use this service.  Sign up forms may be found on our chapel shelves or call the Parish Office for more information.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Advent Crab Cake Sale the weekend of December 7-8.  Pick up will be Thursday, December 12 in our Church Hall from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

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

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“GIVING HOPE TO ALL” – is the theme of the 2019 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

As the year’s end approaches we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. This time of year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by considering a gift to Holy Family School. A gift to Holy Family School benefits the giver with tax deductions and capital gains savings, while helping to ensure the financial health of Catholic School in the Phoenixville area. For more information on supporting Holy Family School with a year-end gift, please visit our website at www.myholyschool.org or call our office at 610-933-7562 Be sure to like us on Facebook!

Phoenixville Candlelight Holiday House Tour
Saturday, December 7, 3:00 - 7:00 pm
Location: Phoenixville Senior Center, 153 Church St
Mark your calendar for this year's Annual Holiday House Tour! Once again it features gorgeous homes decorated for the holidays, complete with Christmas trees, lights and other classic elements. The Tour is a once-a-year opportunity to see inside some of our town's unique historic houses and fabulous modern-day homes.

We love having you as part of our flock! Let’s keep in touch! Get important Parish & Ministry updates via email & text. There are two ways to connect. Visit our church at: flocknote.com/StAnnPhx or Text Stannphx to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.

St. Ann Food Pantry by the numbers
Did you know…
• The food pantry has helped 82 individuals and families in 18 months?
• 17 bottles of laundry detergent can be snapped up in as many minutes?
• The most popular diaper sizes are 3, 4, and 5 – but if moms don’t have enough, they must ration them?

The St. Ann food pantry has helped our parishioners and friends in need due to your generous donations. Please help us restock the pantry: laundry detergent, paper towels, cooking oil, juice, bagged (dry) black beans, white rice, canned tuna, pancake mix & syrup, snacks, diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, toilet paper. We remain well stocked with canned goods. Donations can be left anytime on the front porch of the parish office. We thank you!

Event: SoulCore
SoulCore is a movement that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary. A sensory experience combining candlelight, music, scripture and movement to nourish body, mind & soul and encourage deeper reflection on the virtues of the rosary. A beautiful alternative to yoga. Please bring an exercise mat, water and wear comfortable clothing. Classes are free.

Leader: Nicky Verna
Locations and date: Saturday, December 14 - 9am - St. Ann Parish, Church Hall
More info: Contact stannadulted@gmail.com or 484-302-5705 or visit: www.soulcore.com

Sunday, December 8, 2019, 3:00 p.m. Concert - Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
This year’s program will include “Seek Him that Maketh the Seven Stars” (Jonathan Dove), the riveting “In Splendoribus Sanctorum” (James Macmillan), Sir Christèmas (William Mathias), the Advent Responsory (Richard Marlow) and holiday favorites for all to join in singing. All are welcome to come and pause for an afternoon of reflection and prayer in anticipation of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
$50 Off registration fee with this Ad!
- Serving Infants through 3rd grade
- Keystone STARS STAR, 4
- Small Class sizes in a home like setting

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