SAINT ANN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
8 DECEMBER 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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
No rides will be scheduled December 16 to 31.
(Please see page 6.)

Today:  Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
Monday:  Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:  Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:  Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:  Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bced, 19; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:  Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:  Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:  Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
From the Pastor’s Desk...

FEAST of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
The Patron Saint of All the Americas and
The Patron Saint of the Pro-Life Movement

SACRED HEART CHURCH
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
• 10:00 PM Reception of statue of the Pilgrim Virgin and Songs by the Pilgrims
• 10:30 PM Holy Rosary
• 11:00 PM Mañanitas (Hymns) with live Mariachi Band

Thursday, December 12, 2019
• 8:00 AM Mass in St. Ann Church
• 5:00 PM Gather in St. Ann Church Parking Lot & line up for Procession
• 5:30 PM Procession to Sacred Heart Church (with police escort)
• 6:00 PM Mass in Sacred Heart Church
• 7:00 PM Fiesta in the HEART (former Sacred Heart School Cafeteria) with Live Music

The obligation to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation does not apply in the case of 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. Remember, Mass is broadcast on TV Channel 6 on Sunday mornings at 5:30AM.

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 charity 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.

SNOW & WEEKDAY SERVICES - Our parish will cancel any scheduled 8:00 AM weekday Mass when due to inclement weather the Phoenixville Area School District www.pasd.com either cancels school or delays the opening of school. Eucharistic Adoration will be cancelled if a weather delay or cancellation occurs on a Wednesday.

Have a Peaceful Advent
Do you wish for an idyllic family Christmas complete with joyful music, grateful children, and tinsel-covered tree? For many parents, the weeks of Advent before Christmas mean weeks spent shopping, wrapping, and spending, and are wrought with family tensions, obligations, and overly excited children. Try these steps to keep your sanity and your Savior in your family’s observance of Advent and Christmas:

Be realistic. It isn’t the goal of the season to make everyone happy. If you don’t overspend and over extend before Christmas, you’ll be in a better frame of mind when it arrives.

Tie gifts with heartstrings. It’s okay to give fewer gifts and to keep what you give simple, meaningful, and from the heart. For example, give a coupon for a household chore to someone who would appreciate an extra hand. Handmade ornaments make meaningful gifts that last.

Soothe the beast. Beautiful music can set a soothing tone for the season. Play your favorite hymns and carols to keep a peaceful tone in your home. Reach out. Want to help children focus on something other than their gift lists? Do at least one good deed for someone needy.

Seek the eternal. Jesus gives us peace, purpose, and perspective. Spend time with Jesus each day of Advent and Christmas to remember what is most important about Christmas.

Why do Catholics display poinsettias at Christmas?
Originally from Central America, poinsettias were used by early Christians to teach the faith. The bright red leaves recalled Christ’s blood which was shed for us, while their arrangement evoked the Star of Bethlehem. In one legend, a poor Mexican girl wanted to give something to the Christ child. Having nothing, she arranged weeds into a bouquet and left them before the manger. They grew beautiful red flowers, showing that she had given the best gift of all: genuine love.

Partners in Faith:
Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

Why do Catholics do that?
### Calendar for the Week

#### Sunday, December 8  Second Sunday of Advent
- **Special Collection for Religious Retirement Fund**
  - **Mass** 7:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
  - **Christmas Bazaar** 8:30am - 2:00pm @ Church Hall
  - **Mass** 9:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
  - **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

#### Monday, December 9  The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **Rosary** 7:30am - 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- **Mass** 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- **Caregiver Support Group** 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Church Hall Room #1
- **Legion of Mary** 7:30pm - 8:30pm @ Church Hall Room #2

#### Tuesday, December 10
- **Rosary** 7:30am - 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- **Mass** 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- **Confessions** 8:30am @ St. Ann Church
- **HFS Mass** 9:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** 5:45pm - 6:45pm @ St. Ann Chapel
- **PREP Class** 6:20pm - 7:50pm @ HFS
- **Confessions** 6:30pm @ St. Ann Chapel
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ St. Ann Chapel
- **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 11  St. Damasus I
- **Rosary** 7:30am - 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- **Mass** 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- **Eucharistic Adoration** 8:30am - 7:00pm @ Church
- **Confessions** 6:30pm @ St. Ann Church

### Thursday, December 12  Our Lady of Guadalupe
- **Rosary** 7:30am - 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- **Mass** 8:00am @ St. Ann Church
- **SoulCore Exercise/Prayer Group** 9:00am - 10:00am @ Church Hall
- **Crab Cake Distribution** 4:00pm - 5:30pm @ Church Hall
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** 5:45pm - 6:45pm @ St. Ann Chapel
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass** 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ Sacred Heart Church
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ St. Ann Chapel

#### Friday, December 13  St. Lucy
- **Vietnamese Penance Service** 7:30pm - 8:30pm @ St. Ann Church

#### Saturday, December 14  St. John of the Cross
- **Men’s Bible Study** 7:00am @ Church Hall
- **SoulCore Exercise/Prayer Group** 9:00am - 10:00am @ 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
- **Cana Date Night** 5:45pm - 7:45pm @ Church Hall
- **Alpha/Omega Spanish Prayer Group** 7:00pm - 9:00pm @ Sacred Heart Church

#### Sunday, December 15  Third 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 Mass** 9:30am @ St. Ann Church
- **Food Pantry** 10:30am - 1:00pm @ Parish Office Basement
- **PREP Class** 10:35am - 12:05pm @ HFS
- **Spanish RICA** 11:15am @ Parish Office Dining Room
- **Mass** 11:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
- **PREP Advent Prayer Service** 4:00pm - 5:00pm @ St. Ann Chapel
**WEEK OF DECEMBER 2**

**St. Peter’s Church Kitchen**
121 Church Street

Monday: Lunch 12-1 PM; Dinner 5-6 PM
& Pantry 6-7 PM

Tuesday to Friday: Lunch 12-1 PM

**Giving Tree gifts** benefit the retired IHM Sisters living at Camilla Hall. The last day to drop off wrapped gifts is before the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 15 in St. Ann Chapel. Thank you.

**Free Meal**

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The Knights of Columbus are conducting their **Advent Crab Cake Sale** this weekend.
Pick up will be Thursday, December 12 in the Church Hall from 4-5:30pm.

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

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**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**
Did you know... we have 8 buildings at our St. Ann site, 4 buildings at our Sacred Heart site, 2 cemeteries, and a crypt which comprise St. Ann Parish? Your Buildings & Grounds donations help maintain and repair our properties.

**Block Collection 2019**

**Budget**: $38,000
**Received (247)**: $37,497
**Shortage**: $503

Thank you!

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

Alicia Andrews  Michael DiArcangelo  Patrick Koch  Jonathan Perez  James Smith
Chad Berish  Lucille Dickson  Christine Koons  Glen Phillips  John Snyder
Stephanie Bilash  Audrey Dombroski  Irene Layden  Abigail Pilcicki  Evelyn Spitz
Patricia Bogardus  Kensley Eggeling  Denise Long  Dianne Ponzio  Christine Springer
Beth Booth  William Eggeling  Ray Long  Norm Rabenold  Bob Stancavage
Ashley Rose Bukay  Andrew Fabian  Claire Mastrale  Ann Racey  Marc Stevenson
Sandy Burns  Dan Fennell  Steve & Joanne Mardi  Christine Radoiss  Sheri Stover
Lewis Busovsky  Daniel Flores  Thomas Mastrangelo  Katherine Raggazino  Julie Szewczak
Ed Cain  Ryan Gerhold  Bernadette Matta  Jerry Ratchford  Ethel Thomas
Eleanor Calvecchio  Joe Gibson  Heather McCann  John Riegel  Glenn Thomas
John Calvecchio  Gordon Gladden  John McKenzie  Kris Roberts  Don Troncelliti
Leroy Campbell  Jennifer Golaszewski  Michele Mellon  Stephanie Robinson  Helen Twargoski
Mark Chester  Christine Greger  Ron Motzer  Tom Sarnak  Doris Valerio
Sally Claverie  Angela Hogan  Karen Nesspor  Urs Schwabe  Jeff Vance
Dave Cocci  Michael Hudak  Jacob Nichols  Debbie Schwartz  Mike Warring
Frank Cook  Jeanette Jelus  Georgene O’Donnell  Al Scott  Mary Way
Estela Cruz  Ann Johnson  Marcelo Opiela  Ken Shackleton  Ann Wolff
Carol Daley  Terry Johnson  Helene Ouiet  Maxine Sheman  Talan Wolstenholme
Al DeMola  Linda Kerr  Steve Pannella  Keith Sheridan
Isabella DeSimone  Betty Koch  Cindy Patton  Margaret Sim
“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

Join the students and families of Holy Family School at our annual Christmas Concert this Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 1:15 pm or 7:00 pm in St. Ann’s Chapel. Our K through Eighth Grades will come together to present this beautiful tradition which enriches our Advent journey and reminds us of the true gift of Christmas, the birth of Jesus! Holy Family School is a place where academic excellence, religious formation, and community building are nurtured and celebrated! For more information, contact us at office@myholyfamilyschool.org or call us at 610-933-7562. Visit our website at www.myholyfamilyschool.org

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.

Caregiver Support Group will meet Monday, December 9, 6:30 -8:00pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome. Just come in, you do not have to register before hand.

HOPE Notice: To Clients
Remember rides are not available form December 16-31. Our drivers are taking a much deserved Christmas break. We are so grateful for their generous ministry of service. Enjoy your break, drivers.

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.

Additional Ministers of Hospitality are needed for our Christmas Masses. Please sign up in church or chapel. Thank you!!

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! Here’s an idea, if you’re an Amazon Prime Member, why not sign up for Subscribe and Save and designate one or more items to be automatically delivered to St. Ann Parish? What an easy and convenient way to donate something to the Food Pantry on a regular basis!!! (Thank you for the great idea, St. Ann Parishioner)

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