Beloved
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.

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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.

January 1 to 15: Michelle Giffroy-Rossi 610-283-1515
January 16 to 31: Joan Lyon 610-933-4751

Today: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14--20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21--28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40--45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1--12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13--17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
From the Pastor’s Desk...

“MERRY CHRISTMAS” – Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord—-the final day of the Christmas Season 2019. Our annual celebration of the Christmas Event is not complete until we ritually fast-forward from the infant in the manger to the man in the river. What does this plunging (baptidzein in Greek) of the adult Jesus into the Jordan have to do with Christmas?

Each Christmas we celebrate the Creator’s plunge into creation as a human being. The point of the Incarnation is not just that God is here in Christ to be with us (“Emmanuel”) but also that God in Christ is with us to do something for us that we cannot do for ourselves (“Savior”). The Word-made-flesh-and-blood has something to accomplish.

This annual celebration of the Baptism of the Lord celebrates "the incarnation of the Incarnation" as the Messiah plunges into his mission of establishing the Kingdom, that is: re-establishing the right relationship between heaven and earth. On the Cross and through the Cross the Christ dies to all that is not of the Father’s will and accepts all that is the Father’s will. When Jesus dies the Kingdom has come for God’s will has been done on earth as it is in heaven. The Resurrection is the Father’s announcement that divinity and humanity have been reconciled and that all creation has been restored to its right order in a way that is final, in a way that cannot be un-done. Victory.

BAPTISMAL LIVING - Everyday, but especially in each Sunday Eucharist (our “living sacrifice of praise”), we are called to allow our little daily plunges to become incorporated into the one big saving Plunge of Jesus. We can easily go through the 168 hours of a week without consciously connecting our words and actions with Christ’s Paschal Action. I believe if we are honest we admit that it is essential for us to gather for at least one hour a week around the Lord’s Altar so as to “show forth the paschal sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us.”

When we participate in Mass on the Lord’s Day we make visible and re-root our awareness that we have been baptized into Christ and into his Mission. We are sent forth each Sunday as ministers of the Mystery, the Paschal Mystery, the Paschal Plunge of the Christ.

As Howard Thurman wrote:

When the song of the angels is stilled;
When the star in the sky is gone;
When the kings and princes are home;
When the shepherds have returned to their flocks—
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the Lost,
To heal the Broken,
To feed the Hungry,
To Shelter the Homeless,
To Lend Strength to the Weak,
To release those in Bondage,
To rebuild the neighborhoods,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER WEEKDAY MASS LOCATION – Starting tomorrow (Monday January 13th) 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 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for visits and for Wednesday Eucharistic Exposition from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – Next weekend we will join with the other Catholics of our nation in the annual collection in support of Catholic Relief Services which supports Catholic organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. For more information visit www.usccb.org/crscollection.
Calendar for the Week

Sunday, January 12  The Baptism of the Lord

- Mass 7:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
- Mass 9:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30am Mass @ 602 Living Room
- Spanish Mass 9:30am @ St. Ann Church
- PREP 10:35am - 12:05pm @ Holy Family School
- Spanish RICA 11:15am @ Parish Office Dining Room
- Mass 11:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
- Youth Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Church Hall

- Grupo de Oracion Mateo 6:00pm - 8:00pm @ Church Hall Room #3
- Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ St. Ann Chapel

Monday, January 13  St. Hilary

- Rosary 7:30am - 8:00am @ St. Ann Chapel
- Mass 8:00am @ St. Ann Chapel
- Emmaus Caregiver Support Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Church Hall Room #1
- Women’s Guild 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Church Hall
- Legion of Mary 7:30pm - 8:30pm @ Church Hall Room #2

Tuesday, January 14

- Rosary 7:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
- Mass 8:00am @ St. Ann Chapel
- Confessions 8:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
- PREP Class 6:20pm - 7:50pm @ Holy Family School
- Bible Reflection Group 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Church Hall Room #1
- RICA 7:30pm - 9:00pm @ Parish Office Dining Room
- Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm - 9:00pm @ Church Hall Room #3

Wednesday, January 15

- Rosary 7:30am @ St. Ann Chapel
- Mass 8:00am @ St. Ann Chapel
- Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am - 7:00pm @ St. Ann Church
- Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Church Hall Room #2
- Spanish Choir Practice 7:00pm - 9:00pm @ Sacred Heart Church
- Women’s Scripture Study 7:30pm - 9:30pm @ Church Hall Room #1

Thursday, January 16

- Rosary 7:30am - 8:00am St. Ann Chapel
- Mass 8:00am @ St. Ann Chapel
- Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm - 6:45pm @ Chapel

Today’s Marriage Tip

“John (the Baptist) appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (Mt 3:1)

In any marriage hurts are inevitable.

It may not be major, like a sin,
but often small, like a pinch.

Is there anything to forgive today?

To receive daily marriage tips go to: foryourmarriage.org

Copies of the New...Saint Joseph Sunday Missal - Prayerbook and Hymnal for 2020 are available for purchase for $3.00 in the Parish Office.
Emmaus Caregiver (Nourish) Support Group

Are you or someone you know a caregiver for an aging or disabled loved one? Are you seeking practical and emotional support in a Christ-centered environment? If so, please join us for one or all of our caregiver support group sessions!

St. Ann Emmaus Caregiver Nourish Support Ministry meets: Second Monday of each month 6:30pm to 8:00pm; Church Hall Room #1; dates: January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11.

Complimentary admission. Walk-ins welcome!

For more information contact:
Ed Villanova: 610-933-1922
Marilyn Scheetz: 610-304-2769
Mary Osisek: 610-933-0717

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 the publishing company’s schedule transmittal of our bulletin over the 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.

Are you over 70 1/2 and looking for a way to increase your giving to St. Ann Parish? If so, and if you are taking required minimum distributions from your Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), there may be an opportunity for you to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRAs and potentially lower your federal adjusted gross income. To learn more about this option, please contact your personal accountant and/or financial or tax adviser.

2019 Financial Statements - If you would like to receive a statement for tax purposes, please contact the Parish Office at 610-933-3732 or stannphx@comcast.net.

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

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2020 March for Life: The March for Life will take place on Friday, January 24, 2020. You are invited to march with our St. Charles Seminarians who will be leading the way! Prior to the March, Archbishop Chaput will be celebrating Mass at 10:00am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with the Seminarians and the Philadelphia pilgrims. Please go to our website, www.phillycatholiclife.org for more information on our meeting place and planning details. If you have any questions, please call the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500 or email us at cdoughty@archphila.org.

Meals for St. Mary’s Shelter
The parishioners of St. Ann’s provide dinners for the residents of St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter on Emmett St. in Phoenixville for two scheduled weeks each year. Our next assigned week is January 27 to January 31, 2020. If you, your family, or your group would like to prepare a meal and deliver it to the Shelter, please contact Patti Phillips at 610-935-2687 or prpum73@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, February 1, 2020, 9:00-12:00 PM
Event: Chosen: Daughters, Sisters, Warriors Retreat
We can get caught up in the noise of our hurried, unfulfilling and hyper-sexualized culture, becoming disconnected from the truth of who God says we are: beloved and chosen. Of infinite value and undeniable dignity. Come spend the day with us as we: remember our feminine genius, understand common spiritual obstacles we encounter as women, talk about our Blessed Mother’s role in protecting and strengthening us and gain tools to stand and stay in the Father’s blessing.
Conference team: Father Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison, Jenn Lozano and Megan Murphy
Location: Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford, PA
Learn more and register: 610.287.2989.

January 12, 2020
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fulfilling the Church’s mission of mercy and the gospel call to love others as we love God, The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection funds Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ’s love and care.

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see “Jesus in disguise” in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

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.

Sacristan: To prepare for the celebration of the Mass. This includes readying the wine, water, and bread and putting them in place for the start of Mass. Training is provided.

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Interested? Contact Madelyn Howard at 484-302-5705 or stannadulted@gmail.com

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