**Saint Ann Church**  
A Roman Catholic Community  
Served by Capuchin Franciscan Friars

**Parish Mission Statement:** We, the Catholic community of Saint Ann Parish, are guided by the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that each person may be able to experience love, forgiveness, unity and spiritual peace and then, share this experience to those most in need.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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**Adoration, Holy Days & Holidays:** As Announced

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday at 4:15pm-4:45pm or call the Parish Office to make an appointment to celebrate the Sacrament.

**Sacrament of Baptism**
Upon the birth of their child, parents are asked to contact the Parish Office for orientation and to register for the required Parents and Godparents’ Baptismal Preparation Session. The sessions are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30am in the Church. Baptisms are celebrated at 1:00pm on the first and third Sundays of the month following the 12noon Mass.

**Sacrament of Marriage**
Couples must 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. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. For legal reasons, many hospitals no longer inform parishes when a hospitalized parishioner would like a parish visit. Please contact the Parish Office of any homebound persons who would like to receive Holy Communion regularly.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)**
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a rite in the Church 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 Parish Office.

**Parish Registration**
We welcome you to the Saint Ann Parish Family and invite you to register with us by filling out a form either by contacting our Parish Office or on the website. Parish Registration is required for Baptisms, Religious Education Programs and to attend Hoboken Catholic Academy. We urge all parishioners to make regular use of the envelopes. If you are moving from the Parish, please notify the Parish Office.
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**The OCTIVE of CHRISTMAS!**

**Monday, December 31**
7:00am Jennie Rizzo

*Solemnty of Mary Vigil Mass*
7:00pm Marie Iervolino

**Tuesday, January 01**

*SOLEMNITY of MARY*
10:00am Rose Vella & Sondra (Vella) Zitani

**Wednesday, January 02**
7:00am Honore Burt
7:00pm Memorial Mass

**Thursday, January 03**
7:00am Edith Competello

**Friday, January 04**
7:00am Loretta Rembold
7:00pm Padre Pio Prayer Group

**Saturday, January 05**
9:00am Dorothea Schisani
4:00pm (Fox Hill) DelRusso Family
5:00pm James “JJ” Corrado

**Sunday, January 06**
*Epiphany of the Lord*
7:30am Paul DelRosso
9:00am Paola DeGennaro
10:30am Konstantine Bogdanos Jr
12:00pm Carl & Frances Insinga
7:00pm Lucy Truglio

**MEMORIALS**

*Altar Host*
IMO, Joseph Versaci

*Altar Wine*
IMO, Joseph Versaci

*Altar Candles*
IMO, Joseph Versaci

*Blessed Mother*
IMO, Margie Rodriguez

*Immaculate Heart of Mary*  
Good Health, Mary Pepe

*Sacred Heart*
IMO, Rosemarie Algier

*Saint Francis*
IMO, Ann Sabini

*Saint Joseph*
IMO, Joseph Versaci

*Saint Lucy*
IMO, Marie Iervolino

*Saint Michael*

Special Intention, Fr Remo DiSalvatore OFM Cap

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**Eternal rest, Grant unto all, O Lord.**

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in God’s peace. Amen.

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**PARISH INFORMATION**

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

December 23, 2018

Due to the Christmas Holiday and printing schedule for the bulletin, the Weekly Collection for December 23, 2018 will be in the January 06, 2019 bulletin

Make your weekly donation convenient...

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**ONLINE GIVING:**

**MAKE THE CHANGE...!!**

Saint Ann’s provides Online Giving a very safe and convenient way to make a one-time or recurring donation. If you are using donation envelopes or are just putting cash in the collection basket, please consider enrolling in Online Giving.

Getting started is easy—just visit our website: www.stannhoboken.com, and click Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account and you won’t have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays! It really is that EASY!! During Mass, if you still want to place something in the offertory basket, pick up a “I GAVE ONLINE” cards, located to the left as you enter church, and place it into the offertory basket.

Thanks to all who participate in Online Giving!

Thank you for financially supporting our Parish Family!

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**SOLEMNITY of MARY**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Monday December 31st

*Vigil Mass – 7:00pm*

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**HOLY DAY**

Tuesday January 1st

*10am Mass*  
(no 7:00am Morning Mass)

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**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

to the

**IMMACULATE HEART of MARY**

Saturday January 5th

*9am Mass*  
in the Church

followed by recitation of the Rosary & Silent Reflection

ALL are welcome! Great way to start 2019!
To our Parish Family & Friends~
Glory to God in the Highest!
May the blessings of God’s special gifts be yours this Christmas and in the New Year!
Yours in Christ~
Fr. Remo, Fr. Charley, Fr Ed, Jeremy and The Saint Ann Parish Staff

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION
Feast of the Holy Family
December 30, 2018
“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God’s children, it’s important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently. AMEN!

PRAYER for VOCATIONS
Father, we’re Your people, the work of Your hands.
So precious are we in Your sight
That You sent Your Son, Jesus.
Jesus calls us...
...to heal the broken-hearted,
to dry the tears of those who mourn,
to give hope to those who despair, and
to rejoice in your steadfast love.
We, the baptized, realize our call to serve.
Help us to know how You want us to serve.
Call forth from among us Priests,
Sisters, Brothers and Lay Ministers.
With our hearts
You continue to love Your people.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS for an INCREASE in VOCATIONS
Please PRAY one OUR FATHER, one HAIL MARY and one GLORY BE for an increase in vocations for the Capuchin Franciscan Friars Sacred Stigmata Province (www.capuchinfriars.org) and to the Archdiocese of Newark. For more information, go to www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/vocations

THE SOLEMNITY of MARY
HOLY MOTHER of GOD
Tuesday January 1st
The title “Mother of God” is the Western church’s equivalent of the ancient Eastern title ‘Theotokos’, which means “God-bearer.” In 431, the Council of Ephesus sanctioned the title ‘Theotokos’ for Mary as a way of declaring and protecting the Divinity of Christ. The title declares the most important truth about Mary: “MARY IS THE MOTHER OF GOD”

When we celebrate this feast on January 1st, we honor not only Mary but also Jesus, true God and true man. We proclaim the glorious truth that in Mary’s womb the Second Person of the Trinity united Himself completely with our humanity.

In Mary, we see the portrait of one who knew God’s shining face upon her, filling her with grace (NUM 6:25). Looking upon her with love and showering her with divine blessings, God prepared her to say “yes” to His plan that she bear His Son into this world.

As Mary consented in faith, the Father gave her His peace (NUM 6:26), continually encouraging her to trust Him as she saw His plan unfold. How deeply she must have needed this peace, as she faced dangerous and frightening circumstances such as giving birth in a faraway city, in a cave, or fleeing to Egypt in the dead of night (Luke 2:4-7; MT 2:13-15). In each situation, Mary learned to trust more fully that God would bless her and keep her (NUM 6:24)...

...Like Mary, we can walk confidently in the blessing and peace of the Lord. The Son of God, who left His throne to become one like us, has conquered sin and death for all of us.

Each day, we can freely receive the life of Jesus into our hearts simply by responding “yes” to the Lord’s call, just as Mary did.

By Jesus’ sanctifying blood, we have been made vessels of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to cry out “Abba! Father!” as true sons and daughters of God (GAL 4:6-7). The Lord is not far off, but very near; indeed He dwells within us through His Holy Spirit. Let us turn to Him and allow His blessing, grace, and mercy to shine upon us.

Join us for Mass in Honor of the SOLEMNITY of MARY
Holy Mother of God – January 1st
Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Mass: Monday December 31st at 7:00pm
Holy Day Mass: Tuesday January 1st at 10am
(no 7:00am Morning Mass)
FEAST of THE HOLY FAMILY
of JESUS MARY & JOSEPH
Sunday December 30th
(1st Sunday after Christmas Day)
Saint Paul understood well the qualities of graced relationships: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness. Then he adds another virtue that provides a solid pillar of strong family life: GRATITUDE – we are always to be thankful! On this feast of the Holy Family, let us examine our gratitude. Do we as a family of humankind thank God our Father for all that has been given us? Our providential God has given us the gift of life (creation), the gift of salvation, (redemption), the gift of the Spirit, (sanctification). Every moment of every day we are a blessed family, surrounded by God’s Grace and Love.

There is no mention in the Gospels as to Mary’s gratitude for all that Saint Joseph did for her and Jesus. We can be assured that Mary was thankful. Mary knew and proclaimed in the Magnificat the great things God has done for her; Mary surely sang the praises of Saint Joseph, too adding to Mary’s compassion and kindness, humility and gentleness, patience and forgiveness...the workings of a good family!

Two little words, “Thank you”, should be forever on our lips as we ponder the many blessings that have come our way from God, family and friends.

CONSECRATION to the HOLY FAMILY

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example, did will to pass the greater part of Thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to YOU this day.

Do Thou protect us, guard us and establish amongst us Thy holy fear, true peace and concord in Christian love: in order that by living according to the Divine pattern of Thy family we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain eternal happiness.

O Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us, by this kindly intercession, make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us His graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph, most holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, help us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal needs; that so we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and thee, for all eternity. Amen.

PRAY an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be (3x)

VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

Praying for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life is both a responsibility and privilege of the laity. We at Saint Ann Church have a beautiful ministry of prayer for vocations using the Vocation Prayer Chalice. Each Sunday at the end of a Mass, a family or individual will be presented the Vocation Prayer Chalice, a candle and a booklet with prayers for each day of the week. In taking the Prayer Chalice, they commit themselves to pray each day during that week on behalf of our parish for vocations. There is no doubt that the Holy Spirit is calling forth men and women (boys and girls) from this very parish community to these courageous and beautiful roles of service in the Church. May our prayers help inspire them to be attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit within them and to step forward in faith and with generous hearts to wherever the Spirit leads them! Consider being part of this wonderful opportunity of prayer...

Please pray on it! If you would like to receive the Vocation Prayer Chalice into your home and pray for vocations, please contact the parish office by phone: 201-659-1114 or parishoffice@stannahoboken.com requesting your name be placed on the schedule.

There is power in prayer.

ACCELERATED CONFIRMATION
CLASSES for ADULTS

The Accelerated Adult Confirmation Classes are for adults who are baptized Catholic, received First Communion, catechized and are now seeking to complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

Confirmation brings the process of Christian Initiation to completion. The process is one of a small-group, adult learning experience. The focus of the program is to connect the practice of our Catholic faith to our experiences in our everyday lives. Participants will look at how their image of God affects the way in which they are in relation to Him. This program is an opportunity to see for the first time the faith of the Church with an adult understanding.

The class meets for 10 continuous Tuesdays, February 5th thru April 16th, 7pm – 9pm
Padre Pio Chapel, 619 Jefferson Street

To register and/or for more information, please contact Cheryl M James, Director of RCIA by phone: 201-659-1114 x102 or email: cherrymjames@stannahoboken.com.

REGISTRATION CLOSES: JANUARY 8th

NOTE: Adults who need to receive the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion are to follow the normal route through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please contact Cheryl James for details/info.
SAINT ANN CHRISTMAS CLUB
Planning your 2019 Christmas Donation...IN ADVANCE!

Is your Christmas donation to the Church this year what you want it to be? Do you find, with all the demands on your financial resources at this time of year, you are short of cash?
The Saint Ann Christmas Club is a way to help you plan your Christmas gift to the Church for the coming year. For example, $10 a month will allow you to give a $120.00 Christmas gift to Saint Ann’s or $2.00 a week will generate a similar gift to the Church.

If you would like to participate, please complete the Saint Ann Christmas Club Form, below, and submit it by placing in the Sunday collection basket, sending it in the mail or bringing to the Parish Office.

Upon receipt of the completed Saint Ann Christmas Club Form for 2019, you will receive either weekly or monthly envelopes to schedule your monetary donation throughout the year for your 2019 gift.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Martha Gonzalez, 201-659-1114 x106.


The SAINT ANN
2019 CHRISTMAS CLUB FORM

NAME: ________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________

__________________________________

PHONE home/cell #: ________________

Envelope Family ID #: ______________

ANTICIPATED CONTRIBUTION

AMOUNT: $ ______________

Scheduled Payment (Please check one)

Weekly _________    Monthly ________

Please place the completed form in the Sunday collection basket, mail it or bring to the Parish Office.
Your Saint Ann 2019 Christmas Club envelopes will be mailed to you.

THANK YOU!!