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Welcome to St. Anne's Catholic Church. The St. Anne's Parish is a diverse Roman Catholic Community, which proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ by teaching, witness, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Guided by Scripture and tradition, nourished by the Eucharist, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to evangelization, and compassionately serving the community's physical, spiritual and emotional needs

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:00, 10:00, 12 Noon

Weekdays and Holy Days: as announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15 to 4:00 PM

Parish Membership

Active parish membership is both necessary and helpful to all involved when seeking sponsorship certificates, Marriage or Baptism preparations. Please call the rectory to register or to report address or phone number changes.

Hospital Visits

Please have someone notify the rectory when you or a family member is hospitalized.

Baptism

Parents please email the Baptism Coordinator, at stannebaptism450@gmail.com, 3-4 months prior to expected birth of your child to register for the Baptism and Baptism Prep Class.

Marriage

Engaged couples must contact a priest at least 6 months in advance of the requested wedding date in order to make proper arrangements for the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

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Mass Intentions For This Week

Monday, December 30th

7:00 AM - Mary Louise Kaufman

8:45 AM - Melanie Clifford (L)

Tuesday, December 31st

7:00 AM - Alfred & Stella Rich

5:30 PM - Javian Rivera

Wednesday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary

8:00 AM - Parishioners of St. Anne's

10:00 AM - Elizabeth & Peter Russo

Thursday, January 2nd

7:00 AM - Francis Truman

8:45 AM - Corinne D'Ambrosio Kerecz

First Friday, January 3rd

7:00 AM - Herminia Maldondo Ortiz

8:45 AM - St. Anne's Memorial Society

First Saturday, January 4th

8:45 AM - Joyce Conrad

Anticipated Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 PM - Dennis Frost

Sunday, January 5th

8:00 AM - Intentions of Sister Kathleen Marie Mackerer, S.S.J. on her 60th Jubilee (L)

10:00 AM - Tom Donchez

12:00 PM - June Zima

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28).

Psalms: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84).

Second Reading: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24).

Gospel: The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

Pray For Our Deceased: Gary Lee Yoder, Michele Raguso.

Pray For Our Sick: Especially those in area hospitals and nursing facilities. Also, for those confined to their homes with an illness or disability.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: held in between the 7:00 & 8:45 Masses on Mondays and Wednesdays in the church until further notice.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Altar Flowers: Those who wish to order flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion may call the rectory office 610-867-5039. One large bouquet on the Main Altar, \$75; two bouquets on the Tabernacle, \$100; two large bouquets on the Main Altar, \$150.

Divine Mercy: Divine Mercy is said every Friday at 3PM in the chapel. All are welcome!



**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Vigil: Tuesday, Dec. 31, 5:30 PM
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM**

**St. Anne's Sodality:
Rosary Devotions**

Monday's - 6:30 PM - Church
9:25 AM On the four Sundays of Sodality's Mass

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger.

+ Gospel of St. Luke +

St. Anne's Sodality: would like to thank all those who baked, donated, purchased cookies and all those who worked at the Cookie Walk. Your support means the world to us. We made \$4,025! Thank you all for being good stewards of St. Anne's!

St. Vincent DePaul Society: This week's second collection will benefit Bethlehem families served by St. Anne's Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generous donations will help these families as they face serious financial emergencies. Thank you for your help in the past!

Children's Liturgy of the Word: is offered on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month during the 10 am Mass. Children in preschool up to 8 years old are invited and encouraged to attend. Join us on January 12 & January 26, 2025 to explore the following themes: "New Beginnings: The baptism of Jesus & "Just what the doctor ordered." Have a happy and safe Christmas season.

First Saturday Devotion: Our Lord has asked that we make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, going to Confession and spending 15 minutes meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary (one or more).

Pick a Saint Program: in this new year, we encourage you to journey with a saint. The school children provided names of saints which are in baskets located at all the church exits. Say the "Holy Spirit" prayer before picking a saint. Learn about and get to know your Saint & prayer buddy for the year. Remember that the Saint picks you. Enjoy the blessings and graces of your Saint's great intercession.



Coffee & Donut:

in the Main Vestibule after the 8am & 10am Masses on Sunday, January 5th. St. Gianna Life Ministry will host.

**St. Gianna Life Ministry -
Gianna's Corner:**

"At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11. The source of this great joy is the birth of the Saviour, but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfillment of joy at every child born into the World." - St. John Paul II

Next St. Gianna Life Ministry Meeting 1-2-25 at 6:30 pm in the convent. All are welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Join us in aspiring to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, hope, and joy. We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. in the convent. There are many opportunities to volunteer.

If you cannot commit to joining our group, please support our ministry to the poor by:

- donating non-perishable food, paper goods, & toiletries in the bins at the four entrances of the church.
- making donations of cash or gift cards in the poor boxes at the Washington St. exit and vestibule.
- using the special envelope every time there is a 5th Sunday in the month.
- watching for & supporting our special collections of school supplies, coats, or other needs.

We could not do this important work without the generous backing of our St. Anne parishioners.

Start the New Year by Strengthening Your Faith

Consider participating in one of our many Bible Study Groups.

Bible Study: Starting on January 14, 2025 we will study the gospel of the beloved apostle, St. John. Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Bring your Bible and bring a friend.

Bible in a Year: in this podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. You listen at your own convenience. A study group meets twice a month on the **2nd & 4th Thursday in the Convent at 6:30pm** to discuss. Please join us; it doesn't matter how far behind you are in your reading.

Questions or for more information contact John Montalvo: jhmontalvo@gmail.com or 484-893-0050.

Day Time Bible Study: will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 2:00PM. We will study "Acts". Bring your Bible and invite a friend or two. Any Questions? - Call Mary Ann Umble at 610-866-4670.

Formed: A FREE subscription to "FORMED" is available for parishioners of St. Anne's. The website and phone app afford us extensive resources to enrich our spiritual journey throughout the year. Videos, meditations, scripture reflections, movies for children, youth, and adults are available ON DEMAND AND FREE OF CHARGE. Go to

www.stannechurchbethlehem.formed.org and register so that you can begin benefiting from this great spiritual resource.

OCIA (Order Christian Initiation of Adults): is a journey of conversion designed for people seeking either Baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation. It is a process which enables the study of the Gospels, Catholic teachings, Christian values and morality, the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action with the support and involvement of the parish family.

**This School Year
St. Anne School Celebrates Its
75th Anniversary**

**Join us for an Evening of Fine Food and Music
Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 6PM.**

**Enjoy Fr. Mongiello's traditional Italian meal,
a Live Auction, and a Program of Music
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Cost is \$40 per person, seating is limited.

Reservation is required by Sunday, January 19th.
Reservation forms are available at the rectory.

St. Anne's 55+ Club: The club's next luncheon will be Wednesday, January 15 at 12:00 Noon at Adagio Restaurant, Pembroke Road. A flavorful buffet will be served for \$22. Our speaker, Debra Mellish, a past president and current member of the Catasauqua Preservation Association. She will present a talk on the Mansion district, and the iron men who lived there. See you at the Luncheon!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 15,577
Contributions - Sunday Envelopes.....	\$ 8,282
Contributions - Online Giving	\$ 5,450
Total Contributions 7/1/24 - 12/15/24	\$ 384,451
YTD Budget to now	\$ 373,846
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ 10,605

Rectory Office Hours

Mon., Dec. 30 - 8:30 to 12:00pm

Tue., Dec. 31 - Closed

Wed. to Thur., Jan. 1 & 2, 2025—Closed

Friday, Jan. 3, 2025 - 8:30 to 12:00pm

Parish Membership Requirements:

We are often asked to verify that an individual is an active member of St. Anne's so that he or she may enter into a valid marriage, act as a sponsor for Confirmation, or stand as a godparent for Baptism.

Please note that we can only verify active status if:

1. You are registered in the parish census database
2. you have some contribution record within the last three years. (This is often the only means of determining that one is attending Mass and, therefore, practicing the Faith)

Please note also: to be approved a Baptism Godparent or Confirmation sponsor, one must be over 16, have received Confirmation and, if married, must be in a valid Catholic marriage (One witnessed by a Catholic Priest or Deacon, or with proper dispensation from the Bishop.)

National Right for Life: Attend National right for Life March on Friday, January 24, 2025 departing from St. Jane Frances Church in Easton, Motor-coach departing at 7:00 am and returning around 8:30 pm. Passenger donation is \$20 - for more information and to reserve a seat, email, andrewazan3rd@rcn.com/ 484-259-7740.

Serra Club of Lehigh Valley: meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays At St. Anne's Convent for Rosary, Holy Mass, and Programs to foster, promote, and support vocations, and to grow in personal holiness. All are welcome to join! Call Gus at 610-730-0807 for more information.

NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton

	Reader	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server
Tuesday, Dec. 31, 5:30 PM Vigil: Mary, Mother of God	Robert Lawrence (1) Stephen Buell (2)	Thomas Neimeister Rosemary Neimeister	Natalie Lilly Dean Lilly Hannah Lilly
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 8:00 AM Mary, Mother of God	Richard Kovacs (1) Sonja Kluesener (2)	JD Devine Laurette Ferdinand Annemarie John	Adam Miklus Mary Ann Muhoro Joseph Muhoro
Wednesday, Jan 1, 10:00 AM Mary, Mother of God	James Connell (1) Dana Zamolyi (2)	Ann Bova Soozi Connell Donna Leon	Rosie Grellet Kara Sweeney Emily Tavares
Saturday, Jan 4, 4:30 PM Epiphany of the Lord	Rayann Vasko (1) Karen Bartelt (2)	Holly Benner Maritza Otero	Grace Apgar Gabrielle Apgar Aubrey Koch
Sunday, Jan 5, 8:00 AM Epiphany of the Lord	Barbara Traupman (1) Gene Innocenti (2)	Joan Fistner Paul Fistner	Mary Ann Muhoro Joseph Muhoro Alexis Triantafelow
Sunday, Jan 5, 10:00 AM Epiphany of the Lord	William O'Neil (1) Jonas Corl (2)	Kathleen Morgan Melissa O'Donnell	Natalie Lilly Dean Lilly Hannah Lilly
Sunday, Jan 5, 12:00 PM Epiphany of the Lord	Jane Scrak (1) Sheila Rulli (2)	Doreen Dialessi Chad Fontoura	Melody Mateo Adam Miklus Kate Seaman



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St. Anne School News and happenings.....

- The Staff and Faculty of St. Anne School would like to wish all of the Parish Families a Happy and Most Prosperous New Year. Now can be a great time to renew your vigor and interest in the Faith.
- School resumes after our lengthy Holiday Vacation on January 6th with a full day beginning at 7:00 am. Lunch will be served at our regular times and Extended Care services are available.
- Continued good luck in 2025 to our CYO winter sports teams. We appreciate you using your time and talents to represent St. Anne in the spirit of competition.
- We continue to enroll students at St. Anne and will have the formal registration for the 2025-2026 School year beginning during Catholic Schools Week. Karen Bartelt can be reached at 610-868-4182 ext.27 for information or to plan a tour during school hours.
- Should the school schedule be altered due to inclement weather families will be contacted with a One Call or it can be viewed on WFMZ Channel 69.



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