

# St. Anne Catholic Church

450 E Washington Avenue • Bethlehem, PA 18017-5944

## December 15, 2024



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[www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection)  
Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service: 1-800-276-1562,  
[www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org).

***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](mailto: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.

#### Rectory

610-867-5039  
Fax 610-882-4094

#### School

610-868-4182  
Fax 610-868-8709

#### CCD

610-868-7514  
Fax 610-868-8709

#### Extend Care

610-317-6392

#### Pre-School

610-868-7513

Church Website: <https://www.stannechurchbethlehem.com>

Email: [church@stannebethlehem.org](mailto:church@stannebethlehem.org)

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**Mass Intentions For This Week**

**Monday, December 16th**

7:00 AM - Gary Martell

8:45 AM - Theresa Saia

**Tuesday, December 17th**

7:00 AM - Amanda & Daniel Foti

**Wednesday, December 18th**

7:00 AM - Mary Casciani

8:45 AM - Eleanor Zick

**Thursday, December 19th**

7:00 AM - Amanda Santee

8:45 AM - For the Family of Kathryn Bilsak

**Friday, December 20th**

7:00 AM - Joseph Livirrie

**Saturday, December 21st**

8:45 AM - Marilyn Slonaker

**Anticipated Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM - Martin DiMaria

**Sunday, December 22nd**

8:00 AM - Maria Valente

10:00 AM - Marie Scattene

12:00 PM - Marilyn Slonaker

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalms:** Lord, come and save us (Isaiah 12)

**Second Reading:** Rejoice in the Lord always (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel:** Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

**Pray For Our Deceased:** Sr. Robert Marie Green, Francis Tumpey, Freddie Gonzalez.

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

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

**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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

**Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

**Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

**Friday:** Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Sgs 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

**Altar Flowers:** Flowers on the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar are in memory of Carol Ann Altamura from her husband.

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

**St. Anne's Sodality:** will have an Advent reflection on December 16th with benediction and the scriptural rosary featuring the joyful mysteries. All are welcome. Monday, December 16th at 6:30 PM in the Church.



**Parish Penance Service**  
**Thursday, December 12th**  
**7:00 PM**

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

Monday's - 6:30 PM - Church  
9:25 AM On the four Sundays of Sodality's Mass  
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Lord . . . You have given Mary to your people as mother, through her intercession, bring us to eternal life.  
+ Intercessory prayer +

**Princeton Singers:** On Sunday, December 15, at 4:00 pm, the Princeton Singers will return with “A Rose in Winter,” songs of the season to warm the heart and ring in the joys of Christmas. Come for an afternoon of wonderful music!

**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 December 8 & 22 to explore the following themes: “King of kings: Preparing for Christ’s coming and God’s love - the greatest gift of all.”

**When a New Year Comes: do you make resolutions?** A new liturgical year begins for us in December. How about making a resolution to give some of your time and talent to serve our parish in the music program? We need more cantors and will welcome more choir members, ages high school and above. Give us a try! Contact Jane Errera for information, 610-865-4837, or StAnnesMusic@aol.com.

**Baptisms:** Congratulations to the newly baptized members of our parish community; Jacqueline Bechtel, Lillian Brew, Sloane Gallagher, Harper Hentzky, Freddie Santiago, Hudson Steidinger. May the Lord continue to shower you with His many blessings.

**Oplatki (Christmas Bread):** Packets (2 per Pack) of Oplatki are available in the Rectory Office and after all Masses for \$2 per packet. The use of the “Christmas Bread” is a beautiful Old World tradition used at the Christmas Eve supper and still celebrated in many ethnic homes in our country.



Prayers for the Lighting of the  
Advent Wreath  
Week Three

*Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.*

**Pastoral Council Nominations:** have been completed with the number of nominees matching the number of openings on the council. Therefore, no election procedures are necessary. I am happy to announce that the new members of the St. Anne Parish Pastoral Council are: Joanne McKeown, Anthony Passalacqua, Carissa Pokomy-Golden, and Sheila Rulli. We are happy to welcome them to the council and look forward to working with them. The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16.

**Advent: A Season for Saints:** “Christ was born to save!” What better way to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus than to meet a few of the saints He saved by His birth. Have the Advent season come alive as Father Brown shares the lives of three saints and what they teach us about Christmas.

**Where:** St. Anne Rectory Meeting Room

**When:** Tuesdays in December; 6:30pm

**What:**

+ Saint Lucy (December 17th)

**Angelorum:** On Monday, December 23rd, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Angelorum, the Women’s Choir of the Diocese of Allentown, under the direction of Beverly McDevitt, will present an hour of Christmas music at the Cathedral. The choir will sing from the loft, and priests will be available for confessions during this hour. Come and spend an hour with Jesus and listen to the music that sings of His birth and His LOVE. We hope it will bring peace and joy in this most beautiful season.

## Giving Tree



**Annual Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree is located in the main vestibule of the church. Please take a tag or purchase a infant/toddler item of your choice. You may also purchase a gift card. Suggested stores: Target, Walmart, grocery stores (for formula diapers). Gift cards or gifts may be dropped off at the rectory office or left by the tree. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful program to help new mothers!





## Christmas Schedule

### Individual Confessions

Sunday, December 22 - 7:00 PM  
Monday, December 23 - 4:00 PM

### Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24  
4:00 PM, 7:00 PM and 12 Midnight

### Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25  
10:00 AM and 12 Noon

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.  
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16



## Knights of Columbus

Sunday, December 15, 2024  
8:00 am – 11:00 am

### The Knights of Columbus

Invite you to

### **Breakfast with Santa**

An event for the entire family!

Ages 10 & Over - \$10

Ages 5-9 - \$5

Under 5 FREE

St. Anne School  
Community Center  
375 Hickory Street, Bethlehem

Delicious Pancake breakfast with  
Sausage, Bacon, Fruit and Drink

Photos with Santa included

(Photos by Christmas City Studios)

*North  
Bethlehem  
Catholic  
Youth  
Group*

December 18 | 5:30 pm-7 pm

434 E Washington St  
Bethlehem, PA

*The group be discussing the final part of the Anima series: Blaze  
You do not need to have attended previously to participate.  
All are welcome!*

For questions or to RSVP email [abrown@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:abrown@allentowndiocese.org)

### FREE GIFT OF “FORMED” FOR YOU!

If you haven't yet checked out our subscription to FORMED, take a few moments and do it! 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](http://www.stannechurchbethlehem.formed.org) and register so that you can begin benefiting from this great spiritual resource.

## This week at St. Anne's

### Sunday, December 15:

1:00 PM - Daisy troop #81013, Convent  
 1:00 PM - OCIA, Convent

### Monday, December 16:

5:00 PM - Cheer Practice, Community Center  
 6:30 PM - CCD, School  
 6:30 PM - Sodality, Church

### Tuesday, December 17:

6:15 PM - Girl Scout#82044, Convent  
 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus, Com. Center

### Wednesday, December 18:

6:00 PM - Adult Choir, Community Center  
 6:00 PM - Grief Support, Convent

### Thursday, December 19:

5:00 PM - Cheer Practice, Community Center  
 6:00 PM - School Gingerbread Decorating, CC  
 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts, Convent

### Friday, December 20:

7:00 PM - Cub Scouts, Convent

**St. Anne's 55+ Club:** The Club's next luncheon will be Wednesday, December 18 at 12:00 Noon at Adagio Restaurant, Pembroke Rd. A flavorful buffet will be served for \$20. This is our special Christmas luncheon. We invited the Freedom High School Choraliers. Let's show our appreciation with a great turn out. See you at the luncheon!

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

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!" - St. John Paul II

Pregnancy and Parenting Resources:

- Catholic Charities - Diocese of Allentown  
[catholiccharitiesad.org](http://catholiccharitiesad.org), 610-435-1541
- Cay Galgon Life Center - Bethlehem,  
[caygalgonlifehouse.org](http://caygalgonlifehouse.org), 610-867-9546

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

### **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.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Dawn Tobin at 610-737-8067.

Fourth Sunday of Advent	Reader	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server
Saturday, Dec. 21, 4:30 PM	Karen Bartelt (1) Jane Scrak (2)	Carolyn Hirsch Dennis Reichard	Grace Apgar Gabrielle Apgar Aubrey Koch
Sunday, Dec. 22, 8:00 AM	Richard Kovacs (1) Dana Zamolyi (2)	David Malloy Mary Ann Umble	Isabella Hann Naomi Rhinehart Jax Rhinehart
Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:00 AM	Jonas Corl (1) Dawn Tobin (2)	Marita Philipp John Philipp	Adam Miklus Kara Sweeney Emily Tavares
Sunday, Dec. 22, 12:00 PM	Sheila Rulli (1) Joseph Verenna (2)	Annemarie Beach Lawrence Beach	Rosie Grellet Melody Mateo Rosemary Reji



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

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- Liturgical News: Our next school Mass will be held on December 20 at 8:45 am. It will be our final Mass before the Christmas Holiday.
- Thank you to all of the PSA families who assisted with our annual “Santa Shop”. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to purchase small gifts for family and friends.
- We are continuing to register students for the current school year. Official registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin during Catholic Schools week in January.
- Our annual “Tricky Tray” will be coming in March. Watch for more information and a flyer in the bulletin.

**Registration is Still Open at  
St. Anne School for 2024-2025**

**Kindergarten - 8th Grade**

We invite and encourage you to visit our classrooms and tour our school.

Call 610-868-4182 or email: [info@stannebethlehem.org](mailto:info@stannebethlehem.org)

St. Anne Catholic School - where we live our mission each day as we,  
Lovingly teach students values, and value EVERY student”

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