

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we, the Catholic Church of St. Ann, embrace all as family and continue Christ's mission by exemplifying the love of God and neighbor as stewards of God's gifts to us.

Church

The Catholic Church of St. Ann is open daily from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation.

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (only when school is in session) & 7:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day Mass

Vigil: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (weekdays)

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

St. Ann School

Pre-K - 8th Grade

Our dedicated and experienced faculty are committed to providing a quality education focused on Faith, Family and Community.

Call Sr. Margaret Mary Hanlon in the School Office or email her at mhanlon@stannparish.com to register your child(ren). Contact our school at 908-725-7787 to make an appointment to tour the school.

Church Calendar

Can be found on our website under *NEW! Parish Calendar of Events*

St. Ann PREP

1 - 8th Grade

Monday: 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday: 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Call Sr. Phyllis Vella in the Parish Office or email her at pvella@stannparish.com to register your child(ren).

Special Needs PREP

1 - 8th Grade

Thursday: 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Call Sr. Phyllis Vella in the Parish Office or email her at pvella@stannparish.com to register your child(ren).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Adult Confirmation

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic who was baptized but never received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation? If so, please contact Deacon John Pacifico in the Parish Office or Deacon Rick Stevens at 908-910-0309 or email him at rstevens@stannparish.com.

Donations by Electronic Giving

The Catholic Church of St. Ann offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online church and school contributions! Log onto www.stannparish.com, scroll down, click on *give Online with WeShare*. You will be connected to a secure site to enter your information. Thank you for your continued support!

Registration

Any new family or adult 18 and over, who has moved into the parish, are invited to stop by the Parish Office to complete a new parishioner form. Please notify us of any change of address.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.



ST. ANN SCHOOL
PREK - 8TH
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The Catholic Church of St. Ann

Under the Pastoral Care of the Priests and Brothers
of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri

V. Rev. Peter R. Cebulka, C.O., Provost

Rev. Thomas Odorizzi, C.O., Pastor

todorizzi@stannparish.com



Permanent Deacons

Deacon John Pacifico
Deacon Roy Rabinowitz
Deacon Rob Sause
Deacon Rick Stevens

Office Staff

Mr. Miguel De Jesus, *Director of Sacred Music*
Mrs. Christine Esposito, *Social Ministry*
Mr. Lou Falconeri, *Plant Manager*
Ms. Barbara Russell, *Administrative Assistant*

Community of Religious Teachers of St. Lucy Filippini

Sister Margaret Mary Hanlon, MPF, *School Principal/Superior*
Sister Dolores Toscano, MPF, *Pastoral Associate*
Sister Phyllis Vella, MPF, *Director of Religious Education*

Sacramental Information

Baptism

Sundays at 1:30 p.m. (must be scheduled with the Parish Office) Instructions for new parents take place on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Please call Mrs. Christine Esposito at the Parish Office or email her at cesposito@stannparish.com to make arrangements.

Baptism Godparents

Must be 16 years old, registered as an adult and be confirmed in the Catholic Church. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized by the church. This is especially important if you wish to be a Godparent for Baptism. It takes six months of attending Mass to be eligible for this privilege.

Penance/Reconciliation

We invite you to participate in the Penance & Reconciliation at the times specified in the front of this bulletin.

Holy Eucharist

We invite you to participate in the Holy Eucharist daily at the times specified on the front of this bulletin. If you have not had the opportunity to make your Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

Confirmation Sponsors

Must be 16 years old, registered as an adult and be confirmed in the Catholic Church. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized by the church. This is especially important if you wish to be a Sponsor for Confirmation. It takes six months of attending Mass to be eligible for this privilege.

Marriage

The common policy of marriage requires that arrangements with the church be made at least one year before the date of marriage and before any social plans are made. Either the Bride or Groom must be a registered parishioner. If you would like to get more information about getting married, please contact the Parish Office.

Ministry Information

Ministry to the Poor

We help those who are experiencing financial difficulties with food, clothing, shelter, rent, PSE&G, and water bills. Please call Mrs. Christine Esposito at the Parish Office or email her at cesposito@stannparish.com.

Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

Parishioners who are homebound are visited by our Deacons, Religious & Extraordinary Ministers. If you know of someone that is seriously ill or hospitalized, please contact the Parish Office.

Ministry to those that are pregnant and/or thinking of an abortion

We are building a culture of Life through prayer and action serving our community, state and country. We pray and serve along with the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center, helping those in crisis pregnancies and moms in need. Please call at 908-256-8121 (24-hour hotline).

Parish Ministries

St. Ann's Home School Association

Thank you to the St. Ann Home School Association and all those who are working diligently to make the St. Ann School Pancake Breakfast and Open House successful this weekend. See page 6 for additional information on St. Ann's School Open House and Pancake Breakfast this weekend.

Knights of Columbus News and Events

- Our next Parish Breakfast (Valentine's Day Breakfast) is Sunday, Feb. 10th from 8:00am-11:00am in the school cafeteria.
- Please recycle your aluminum cans and metal in the blue recycling bins located at the back of the Rectory and near the School cafeteria door.



The Catholic Church of St. Ann, Raritan, New Jersey



Pope Francis
General Audience
January 16, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our catechesis on the Lord's Prayer, we now reflect on its very first words: "Our Father". Saint Paul's letters testify that the earliest Christians, guided by the Holy Spirit, prayed using the Aramaic word for "father" that Jesus himself had used: "Abba" (cf. *Rom* 8:15; *Gal* 4:6). At the beginning of the Lord's Prayer, then, we hear an echo of the voice of Jesus himself, who teaches the disciples that to pray is to share in his own intimate and trusting relationship with the Father. The parable of the prodigal son shows us most vividly how Jesus wants us to understand our heavenly Father and his infinite love, mercy and forgiveness. Indeed, there is also something maternal about this love of the Father, which accompanies and nurtures the development of our new life in Christ as his adoptive sons and daughters. All the newness of the Gospel, and the very heart of our prayer as Christians, is in some sense summed up in the one word: "Abba". Even in the most difficult times in our lives, may we never be afraid to turn in trust and confidence to the Father, praying in the words that Jesus taught us: "Abba", "Our Father".



From the desk of...
Bishop James F. Checchio
January 10, 2019

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We never know the benefit of our prayer, and we won't until we get to heaven, but we believe it is effective. Then, too, their quiet prayer each day sharpens their identity as Christ the Servant as they spend time with Him deepening their friendship. Their prayer empowers them for the work they do so they are much more than social workers. That is why the prayers they say by themselves and with their wives and families as well as with our parishioners are so very important. While we celebrate and honor our deacons on this 50th anniversary, we should never forget the role of their wives in their ministry. To quote again from St. John Paul II - whose pontificate was so intently focused on the importance of sacramental marriage: "...the deacon and his wife must be a living example of fidelity and indissolubility of Christian marriage before a world which is in dire need of such signs. By facing in a spirit of faith the challenges of married life and the demands of daily living, they strengthen the family life not only of the Church community but of the whole of society. They also show how the obligations of family, work and ministry can be harmonized in the service of the Church's mission."

I am deeply grateful to all our deacons' wives for sharing their marriage graces with the Church and for sharing so much of their husbands with the Church. Their support for their husbands' ministry is crucial to its effectiveness. The love they share is a visible sign of Christ's love for all of us. Indeed, the Church will not allow a man to become a deacon without the positive support of his wife. Likewise, their family members share in their ministry through their support and by giving an example of a healthy family life in our Church. It is a blessing!

As you read the stories in this edition's supplement celebrating the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the permanent diaconate, you will learn more about the history of this vocation, and how our deacons serve our diocese through the three pillars of the diaconate: Liturgy, Word and Charity.

In the Diocese of Metuchen, we are blessed with 150 active deacons and 27 retired deacons. There are also 15 deacons of our diocese who minister outside of the diocese. This year, we are beginning to train a new class of Latino candidates who will be taught in Spanish. The need for Spanish speaking deacons is growing in our diocese, so please remember this class in your prayers.

I ask all of you to join me as we celebrate this 50th anniversary of the diaconate in expressing our diocese's love, gratitude and prayers for all our deacons. We are a richer Church because of their sacrificial love and service. That is certainly something worth celebrating!

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January 2019 Young People and the Example of Mary



That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Monday
Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday
Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday
Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday
Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

First Friday
Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

First Saturday
Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Nearly 500 years ago, on a hilltop on the north side of what is now Mexico City, our Blessed Mother appeared to a humble man named Juan Diego. In order to put him at ease, she told him, "Am I not your mother? Am I not here with you?" Then, to convince the skeptical bishop, she covered the hill with beautiful flowers and left her image imprinted on his *tilma*, the rough cloak he wore to ward off the December chill. This image, and the message it contains, brought millions to the Catholic faith and continues to inspire devotion and conversion to this day.

We know that Our Lady of Guadalupe is central to the devotion of the Mexican people, but why is she important for all of us? At the time she appeared, the missionaries who had come to share the Gospel were struggling; in fact, they were ready to quit. The native Aztecs, suspicious of the newcomers who had come along with violent conquistadors and devastating diseases, were practicing human sacrifice to appease their gods. After the appearance of Our Lady, not only did human sacrifice come to an end, but in just ten years, nine million people were baptized. The people and their culture were transformed and converted to Christ.

Our Bishop sees a similar need and opportunity for renewal and transformation in our Diocese. We know that so many of our fellow Catholics have drifted from the practice and understanding of the faith, and our families and our culture are suffering for it. There are also many among us who have never had the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed to them in a way they could receive and accept.

Bishop Checchio believes that Our Lady of Guadalupe can provide the intercession, inspiration, and encouragement we need in order to renew our Church and our world. For this reason, he has invited all the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen to participate in a "*Year of Awakening*" leading up to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2019, when he will consecrate the Diocese to the Lord through Our Lady. More will be coming, but there are two specific opportunities I wish to highlight now:

Soon we will unite in prayer to Our Lady, that she will assist us to awaken our hearts to a deeper desire for spiritual transformation and renewal. We will soon begin to recite a special prayer at Mass. Prayer cards will also be available for you to take and share.

A kit that includes an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and other prayer aids will become available for families to use at home for one week. The kit will be passed from family to family throughout the year. More information and a signup list will be available soon!

I hope you will join with me and my Oratorian brothers as we mark this special time in the life of our local church.

In Christ & St. Philip,

Fr. Tom

Please Note: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 10am MASS

Next Sunday, February 3, we will recognize and honor those in consecrated life at the 10am Mass. February 2 is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** and is also

World Day for Consecrated Life. We will pray for all those in consecrated life, especially for our own Filippini Sisters.

Join us and the whole Church in giving thanks for their witness to the Light, Jesus Christ.

The Catholic Church of St. Ann, Raritan, New Jersey

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 28

7:00 a.m. Paul Held III by David Leinenbach

Tuesday, January 29

7:00 p.m. Tracey Higgins by The Critchlow Family
Margaret Dunn by Family of Charles Dunn

Wednesday, January 30

7:00 a.m. Carmela Ruffa by Ralph and Lina Cirianni

Thursday, January 31

7:00 p.m. Maria Fusca by Paul Fusca and family

Friday, February 1

7:00 a.m. Mary Grasso by the Rosary Altar Society

10:00 a.m. Michele and Nancy Natale by Angelo and Catherine Viscariello

7:00 pm. Anthony and Frances Bongiovi by Anna Louise and Anthony Bongiovi and grandchildren

Saturday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Inez Mattei by Rose and Bob Gada

4:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marshall and Diane by Toni and Mark

Sunday, February 3

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

12:00 p.m. Michael Cugliari by Paul Fusca and family

5:00 p.m. Fred Riga by Antonette Gianni

*Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps
are burning this week for:*

Blessed Mother Lamp for Angelo Bavaro

Requested by daughter Lia Ruffa and family

St. Ann Blood Drive Results and Thank You

Thank you all who were able to attend this past weekend's Blood Drive. Despite the weather, 21 pints were collected which equals 63 lives saved! Be alert for future blood drives through our website, Facebook, bulletin, emails and announcements. We are asking for volunteers to assist us with this event. Please contact Christine at the Parish Office at (908)725-1008, press 1 then 6.

Pray for those in the Military

**May God protect the men & women serving
in our Nation's Armed Forces.**

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army

Victor Dulay, Jr.; U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Gavin John; U.S. Marine Corps

LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps

CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.

PFC Vincenzo Mattei; U.S. Army

Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army

Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps

Zack Drecchio; U.S. Navy

Pvt Tayla Rasmussen; U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Daniel J. Salvo; U.S. Marine Corps

Cpl Jonathan Schultes; U.S. Marine Corps

LtCol Louis P. Simon; U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Jerome C. Sunga; U.S. Army

Jack Vara; U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps

Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army

Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

**Pray for the souls of those who have given their
lives in service to our country.**

St. Ann Parish Music Corner

Two weeks ago, we wrote about the importance of text in the music we sing. In the next few weeks, we'll look at some of the text of Catholic hymnody prior to the Second Vatican Council. Let's review and meditate on the first and fourth verse of the eucharistic hymn *Adoro Te Devote*.

Adoro te devote, latens deitas,	I devoutly adore you, o hidden God,
Quæ sub his figuris vere latitas;	Truly hidden beneath these appearances.
Tibi se cor meum totum subjicit,	My whole heart submits to You,
Quia te contemplans totum deficit.	And in contemplating You, it surrenders itself completely.
Plagas sicut Thomas non intueor:	I do not see the Holy Wounds as Thomas did,
Deum tamen meum te confiteor.	But I confess that You are my God.
Fac me tibi semper magis credere,	Make me believe much more in You,
In te spem habere, te diligere.	Hope in you, and love You.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

We ask God's blessing for the strengthening and healing of our sick and homebound:

**Anna Carra, Bruno Cirianni, Frank Cirianni,
Mary Contino, Maria Anastasia D'Amore, Elyse,
Frank DiBetta, Mary Felice, Frank Forte,
Cindy Galvacky, Anthony Gambino, Arlene Gambino,
Paul Gambino, Sara Gendlek, Victor Laggini,
Gloria A. Lamaestra, Brianna Rose Larson,
MaryAnn Mangiaracina, Mark Marshall, Susan Maurice,
Austin McNamara, Lori Monaghan, Ann Navatto,
Don Palumbo, Joe Pastore, Marie Richardson,
Joseph Sgro, Cathy Stinziano, Danny Tibaldi,
Joseph Tomasio, Ron Wyka, Alex Zachok, Betty Zimmitti**

*All names will remain on the list for 4 weeks,
unless otherwise requested.*

Installation of Fr. John Rozembajgier

Fr. John Rozembajgier will be installed as pastor of Mary Mother of God, 157 S. Triangle Rd, Hillsborough, on February 2 at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage

The St. Ann Catholic Marriage Ministry presents: Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage for couples on Saturday, February 9 from 6:30pm -9:00pm. Includes dinner and dessert, \$35.00 per couple. Location: St. Ann's Church Meeting Room. To RSVP contact: Ron and Tammi Allen (908) 581-5113. Cash or check made out to the Catholic Church of St. Ann can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 27, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, January 27

8:00 am St. Ann School Pancake Breakfast (SC) after 7:30 Mass
 11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)
 11:00 am St. Ann School Pancake Breakfast (SC) after 10:00
 Mass & St. Ann School Open House (S)

Monday, January 28

7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting (PMR)

Tuesday, January 29

7:30 pm Bingo (SC)
 9:30-11:30am Open House (S)

Wednesday, January 30

2:30 pm School Choir (C)
 6:45 pm Choir Practice (C)
 7:00-8:30 pm Open House (S)

Thursday, January 31

6:15 pm PREP (S)

Friday, February 1

10:00 am First Friday School Mass with Bishop Checchio (C)
 10:30 am Blessing of new school roof with Bishop Checchio (S)
 after 10:00 Mass
 8:00 pm Santo Nino Novena (C) followed by Fellowship (CMR)

Saturday, February 2

Food drive (C)

Sunday, February 3

Food drive (C)

[C = Church, CMR = Church Meeting Room, CL = Church Loft, PMR = Parish Meeting Room, S = School, SC = School Cafeteria, SL = School Library]

St. Ann's School Annual Garage Sale Accepting Donations

On **Saturday, March 2nd** and **Sunday, March 3rd**
 from **9:00am-5:00pm.**

Pull up to school or drop off in the school cafeteria.

Donations (clean, gently used or new items):

Sporting goods	Bikes
Small electronics	Small furniture
Household goods, kitchenware	
Décor items, seasonal items	
Clothing, shoes, accessories	

We DO NOT accept:

Auto items—tires, rims, batteries	
Baby furniture (cribs, car seats, high chairs, play-pens)	
Company Logo items	
Jars or containers with food or candy	
Cassette tapes	Large luggage
Textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines	
Mattresses, pillows	Large furniture
Non-working electronics	

PREP Program Reminders

- February 10, 2019, 10:00 am Mass (parents and children preparing for the Sacrament of Communion)
- February 10, 2019, 12pm Mass (parents and candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation)
- February 10, 2019, 1:00pm Group Session in the school cafeteria (candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation)

St. Ann's School Open House and Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 27, 2019:

Pancake Breakfast –following the 7:30 am and
 10:00 am Masses
Open House -11:30 am-1:00 pm

Other Open House Dates:

Tuesday, January 29, 2019: 9:30 am –11:30 am

Wednesday, January 30, 2019: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Request a tour by calling: (908) 725-7787

www.stannparish.com/schoolsite



Our Smarter Start Program provides:
 competitive high-quality academic programs,
 certified teachers, faith-based caring environment,
 full-day program and after care.

Bishop James Checchio's Visit February 1

St. Ann's School News

We are proud and happy to announce that
 Bishop James F. Checchio will be joining us for our
 First Friday Mass on February 1st at 10:00 a.m.
 Bishop will then proceed to the school and bless our
 new roof. We hope you can join us for this exciting
 occasion. **Please note time change of Mass from
 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on that day.**

Catholic Schools 2019-2020 Tuition Assistance

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2018**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may attend one of two Application Workshops that are scheduled for January 23 and February 7 at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy from 2-4 pm, and 6-8 pm. A Spanish translator will be available.

Weekly Offering...January 20, 2019

Total: \$11,106.50

First Collection:	\$ 7,073.00
Second Collection (Foundation for Catholic Ed)	\$ 1,585.00
Online Offering:	\$ 2,293.50
Other:	\$ 155.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.