

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 - 8<sup>TH</sup>  
29 Second Ave, Raritan, NJ 08869  
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ST. ANN... STOP...  
LOOK... LEARN

*Second Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2019*

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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  
Transitional Deacon Br. John Fredy Triana Beltran, CO

#### 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, Please call at 908-256-8121 (24-hour hotline).

### Parish Ministries

#### Festa Committee/Volunteers

Planning is well underway for this year's Festa, St. Ann's Festa is a huge success each year because of our dedicated committee and the many amazing volunteers who donate their time and energy. This year's Festa is June 12 -June 15. Save the date. If you are interested in helping out please contact: Jim Wilson at jwi3304440@aol.com or Chris Zarelli at czarelli@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008.

#### Knights of Columbus

- This weekend, April 27 and April 28 the Knights will have their Special Citizens Dive after Mass.
- The next Knights of Columbus breakfast will be on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am -11:00 am in the school cafeteria.

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



*Pope Francis*  
*General Audience*  
*April 17, 2019*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In these weeks we are reflecting on the "Our Father"; now, on this eve of the Easter Triduum, let us consider three prayers that Jesus makes to the Father as he approaches his death and resurrection. The first takes place after the Last Supper: "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you" (Jn 17:1). Second, full of anguish in the garden of Gethsemane, our Lord entrusts himself to God with the tender word "Abba, Father" (Mk 14:36). Third, at the height of his torment on the cross, Jesus prays for us: "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). As we pray the "Our Father" in the coming days, let each of us ask for one of these three graces: to live our lives for God's glory, that is with love; to know how to entrust ourselves to the Father in moments of tribulation; and, in our encounter with the Father, to allow ourselves to be forgiven and to find the courage to forgive others.

## *Pope Francis Prayer Intentions*

Each year, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. The Holy Father plans to add a prayer intention each month related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief.

The urgent prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation. The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Apostleship of Prayer, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer.

## *Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April 2019 Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones*



For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

*From the desk of...*

*Bishop James F. Checchio*

*2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal*



## *Help Build a Civilization of Love*

On Divine Mercy Sunday we turn to our faith in God who is ready to embrace us and forgive us for all our wrongdoings. In exchange for our humanity God offers His divinity and even though we have sinned against God He never forgets that what He made is good and always shows mercy.

Mercy is a sign of a strong church. We need to be merciful and we need mercy upon us to carry out the mission of the Church to make the Risen Lord's Way, Truth, and Life known. With a few weeks remaining in the Bishop's Annual Appeal we have reached over 92% of our parish goal and together we can reach our full potential in the upcoming weeks. The ministries that the Bishop's Annual Appeal funds provides us the opportunity to attend to our people, serve our Church, and makes the priorities of the Gospel known.

All the funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal go towards the ministries and programs outlined in the appeal brochure.

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at [www.diometuchen.org/BAA](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA).

## *2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Parish Progress*

### *Help Build a Civilization of Love*

**St. Ann Parish goal is \$65,500.**

As of April 23, 2019, 224 donors have pledged a total of \$60,633. Total amount of payments is \$50,250.

This represents 93% of our goal.

Thank you to those who have participated so far. If every household contributes whatever they can, we can be confident that we will achieve our goal.



*From the desk of...  
Father Tom*

Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

Happy Easter and continued blessings throughout the Easter season! Thank you to all who donated for flowers and assisted at the beautiful liturgies in any way.

A few weeks ago I explained a change in our practice of taking collections at Mass. We are phasing out parish generated second collections.

I explained the purpose for the regular primary collection: *“to provide the ordinary parish income needed to pay for the operational cost of running the parish.”* In reality, the first collection at weekend Masses and other contributions made at Christmas, Easter and other Holy Days do not match our ordinary needs. Since we began to adjust the number of parish second collections, the offertory has declined. The current parish income is 12% less than last year at this time.

I also explained that the second collection has the intended purpose of responding to diocesan, national and worldwide causes that are mandated through the Diocese and the Bishop’s Conference. Having a second collection that does not have special permission from the Diocese, or is not mandated, ought not to take place. However, you are used to having a second collection even when it is not for a special approved purpose and even when its purpose is essentially the same as the first collection.

By phasing out parish generated second collections, we risk having less contribution income. It does not need to be so. It is up to you, and I am trusting that you will respond appropriately. What you normally contributed to the parish in two collections can be just as easily contributed in one collection.

I ask that you please make an adjustment in how you think about your support to St. Ann’s. Contribute all that you intend as support for the parish in the first (now sometimes the only) collection. I encourage you to take into consideration the overall need of the parish and your own financial position. Consider our Lord’s teaching about being good stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to you. Does your charitable, sacrificial giving reflect your recognition of God’s blessings and your gratitude as a disciple?

Reassess your contribution from time to time. Make a conscious and committed choice about your contribution. Offer it prayerfully. If you have been habitually contributing the same dollar bill for the past ten or more years, perhaps it is time to reconsider. What percentage of your income is your support for St. Ann’s parish? Anywhere near five percent?

I hope to continue addressing any confusion about the envelope system and the online giving system. Please take personal initiative to assure that these systems accurately reflect your contribution intentions. Contact me if you have questions or would like clarification about these matters.

Please do not interpret this message as, “the Pastor is upset!” Rather, I am grateful to be here with you and for all your support. I do realize that when I make a needed change, it impacts on all of you. I hope that our cooperation and adjustment together can be done in the best of spirits...with patience and charity.

God bless you. Peace!

Fr. Tom

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

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 29

7:00 a.m. Robert Andresen by Ray Yarmel

### Tuesday, April 30

7:00 p.m. Antonio Natale by Domenico Natale  
Debbie Ward by Debbie and Jose  
Frank DeStefano by Rod and Daniela Taylor  
Gregorio Natale by Raffaele and Lina Cirianni  
Jean DiNunzio by Louise, Scott and Christopher Stewart

### Wednesday, May 1

7:00 a.m. Gregorio Ruffa and Immacolata Suriano by sister Vincenza Greco

### Thursday, May 2

7:00 p.m. June Fischetti by Eleanor Maccia and Kelly Albright  
Marianne Mariani by Michelle Basilone  
Carmella Russo by Lena and Joe Iannetta

### Friday, May 3

7:00 a.m. Vincenzo and Dominica Ruffa by daughter and son-in-law Lina and Ralph Cirianni  
9:00 a.m. Antonio Gasparro by Maria Rose and children  
7:00 p.m. Elizabeth Gecik by Bob and Pat Ronca

### Saturday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Pat Crisologo by Pena Family  
4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, May 5

7:30 a.m. Mary and Joseph Contessa by John Contessa  
10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society  
12:00 p.m. Pasquale Suriano by his children  
5:00 p.m. Resty Santos by Maria Aurora Santos

## This Week's Daily Bible Readings

### Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

### Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

### Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

### Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21 or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26-2:3

or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

### Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

### First Friday

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

### First Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

## 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 Orecchio; U.S. Navy

Pvt Tayla Rasmusson; 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

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week for:

**Tabernacle Lamp for Salvatore Natale**  
by wife and children

## Awakening Night for Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop Checchio inaugurated a year of preparation for the consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe. His intention for this year is that each one of us open our heart wide to God's grace so that authentic spiritual renewal can take place. In light of this you are invited to come to an evening of prayer, preaching and reflection on the message and meaning of Our Lady of Guadalupe's apparitions on our continent in 1531. Discover how The Blessed Mother led nine million indigenous Mexican people into a life changing encounter with her Son, Jesus, and how she desires to lead you into a deep and vibrant relationship with Him as well. This is a regional event, intended for all local parishes. Anyone may attend.

**Date:** April 29 **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Holy Trinity Church, 60 Maple Street, Bridgewater

## Mass Book Opening for July -December 2019

The Mass Book will be opening Thursday, May 9. Each family will only be allowed three Mass Intentions. Please call or stop in at the Parish Office starting Thursday, May 9. **No** phone calls or walk-ins for Mass Intentions will be accepted **before** Thursday, May 9. Thank you.

## Adoration on First Fridays

Every First Friday at the Catholic Church of St. Ann we observe Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and join us in prayer for one hour or just a half hour, once a month. You decide what time during Adoration you can attend. A sign up sheet can be found in the back of the Church or contact Lou Troisi at (908) 704-8959.

## Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Wayne Basilone

Anna Carra

Bruno Cirianni

Frank Cirianni

Mary Contino

Maria Anastasia

D'Amore

Michael D'Angelo

JoAnn Dellaperute

Mary Felice

Frank Forte

Cindy Galvacky

Gambino Family

Sara Gendlek

Michael Giancaspro

Victor Laggini

Gloria A. Lamaestra

Brianna Rose

Larson

MaryAnn

Mangiaracina

Mark Marshall

Austin McNamara

Lidia Natale

Ann Navatto

Deacon John

Pacifico

Don Palumbo

Marie Richardson

Mary Soriano

Cathy Stinziano

Danny Tibaldi

Joseph Tomaio

Ron Wyka



## Second Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2019

### Parish Events

#### Sunday, April 28 - Divine Mercy Sunday

Knights of Columbus Special Citizens Drive after Masses  
11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)

#### Monday, April 29

7pm-9pm Awakening Night (Holy Trinity Church)

#### Tuesday, April 30

4:30 pm -5:30 pm First Communion Practice Group 1 (C)  
7:30 pm Bingo (SC)

#### Wednesday, May 1

2:30 pm School Choir (C)  
6:45 pm Choir Practice (C)

#### Thursday, May 2

4:30 pm -5:30 pm First Communion Practice Group 2 (C)

#### Friday, May 3 -First Friday

9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass (C)  
Mass: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm  
8:00 pm Santo Nino Novena after Mass (C) and then  
fellowship (CMR)

#### Saturday, May 4

4:00 pm Food Drive (C)

#### Sunday, May 5

8 am - 11 am Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Breakfast  
10:00 am First Communion Group 1 during Mass (C)  
12:00 pm First Communion Group 2 during Mass (C)

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

### St. Ann Parish Music Corner

Happy Easter! The bells are ringing and the choir singing. Please consider joyfully shouting to God on a weekly basis by joining the adult choir if you are over the age of 13 and especially if you have a male voice. If your answer is "I don't think I can do it," then heed the words of Jesus in the Gospel today, "Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe." All you need is a giving spirit, and the rehearsals will take care of the rest. Do not doubt yourselves like Thomas. Be courageous. Join!

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be July 26-28. Early registration is advisable. Call: (732) 904-9636 for registration and information. Visit us at: [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)

### Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

A Catholic Prayer and Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues at St. Patrick's Church in Belvidere, NJ from April-December (first Wednesday of each month) at 10:00am and 7:00pm. The facilitator will be Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. For information please call the Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities at (732) 765-6432 or email: [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com).

### Catechist/Volunteers for PREP

Looking for a way to share your faith? Volunteers are needed for classes, catechists, aides, sacramental preparation, substitutes, office/resources and other areas. You don't have to have children in the program to volunteer. Guidance and support will be provided. To find out more contact: Sr. Phyllis at [pvella@stannparish.com](mailto:pvella@stannparish.com) or (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 5.

### Summer Camp at Immaculata High School

Enjoy a wide variety of Art, Music and Athletic camps at Immaculata High School this summer. (240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville) A complete list of camps, dates and registration information can be found at [www.immaculatahighschool.org/summer](http://www.immaculatahighschool.org/summer).

### Summer Camp at Bishop Ahr High School

Enjoy a wide variety of summer camps at Bishop Ahr High School's Summer Aquinas Academy. June 24-June 28 for 5th, 6th and 7th Graders. \$50 for the week. Camps include: Theater, STEM, Photography, Technology, Forensics and Religion. For information please call: (732) 549-1108, xt. 700

### Weekly Offering...April 21, 2019

Total: \$ 22,972.00

Easter Collection:	\$ 17,379.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,268.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 1,095.00
Online Offering:	\$ 2,945.00
Other:	\$ 285.00

**Thank you for your generosity to our parish.**

### Trip to Lourdes and Southern France

Join Fr. Kenneth Brighenti of St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish, Flemington on his upcoming trip to Lourdes and Southern France scheduled for September 16-26, 2019. This trip will visit Lourdes, Avignon, Nice and Monaco. Book your trip today, limited to 25 passengers. Call (908) 766-8994 or email: [info@fratelliandcompany.com](mailto:info@fratelliandcompany.com) for more info or a complete brochure.

### Catholic Charities Connections Program

Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-on-one activities and be a role model for children who have suffered loss or who have special needs. If you are interested in making a difference in a child's life contact: Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323 or [jculen@ccdom.org](mailto:jculen@ccdom.org) for more information.