

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
29 Second Ave, Raritan, NJ 08869
www.stannparish.com/schoolsite
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Email: kalbright@stannparish.com

ST. ANN... STOP...
LOOK... LEARN

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 12, 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

Knights of Columbus

- The next meeting of KOC will be May 13th at 7:45 pm in the Church Meeting Room.
- The Knights would like to thank those who gave towards our Special Citizens drive. Funds go to the Arc of Somerset County and Special Olympics.

Rosary Altar Society

Will distribute St. Rita Roses next weekend after Masses.

The Rosary Altar Society of the Catholic Church of St. Ann is composed of parish women who commit themselves to the imitation of Mary's virtues and secure her patronage by the recitation of the Holy Rosary for the mutual benefits of all members throughout the world. Every first Sunday of the month at 10:00am is the Corporate Communion Mass for the deceased and living members of the Rosary Altar Society.

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



Pope Francis General Audience May 1, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the "Our Father", we now consider the penultimate invocation: "Lead us not into temptation". Here our dialogue with God enters into the drama of the battle between our freedom and the snares of the evil one. It is not easy to accurately capture the exact meaning of the original Greek, but we can certainly say that God does not seek to put temptations in our way. Both tribulation and temptation, moreover, are mysteriously present even in the life of Jesus, and this experience makes him completely our brother. In the desert and in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus overcomes any temptation to abandon the Father's will. When we in turn are tempted, we know that we are not alone: for Christ has already taken on himself the weight of our cross, calling us to carry it with him and to entrust ourselves to the Father's faithful love.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May 2019 The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity



That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Parish Progress

Help Build a Civilization of Love

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

As of May 3, 2019:
240 donors have pledged a total of \$76,152
Total amount of payments is \$67,134.

This represents 117% of our goal.

Thank you to all those who have participated.

From the desk of... Bishop James F. Checchio Easter Homily



St. Luke's Gospel account of Jesus' resurrection is well known to us. Due to our familiarity with it though, we can easily overlook the significant depth of it. This Gospel passage offers us a unique insight that is meant to inspire, encourage, and guide our lives as Jesus' disciples in 2019 right here in our diocese.

In St. Luke's Gospel, we hear multiple times about these women who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee and were present at His crucifixion, standing at the foot of the cross. Today, we hear that they go to the tomb to anoint our Lord's body. When they arrive, they see the tomb open and the body gone. They went looking for Jesus in the last place they had seen Him, but He was not to be found there. Instead, two men ask them a question that is really a thought-provoking reprimand: "Why do you seek the one who lives among the dead?"

This reprimand is an important instruction for all of us disciples who seek to find Jesus by looking for Him as we knew Him in a past experience. Sometimes we can think that Jesus was more real in the past than He is in the present. We can look for Jesus as He was 2,000 years ago in history and fail to recognize Him present to us now in the Sacraments, the Holy Spirit, and in the lives of faithful Christians. We can also become so focused on efforts to re-create a previous encounter with Christ in our own personal lives that we fail to see where the Lord is calling us now. When we do that then we are like these women who return to a past experience of Jesus rather than learning to recognize Him present now in a new way.

St. Luke emphasizes again and again throughout His Gospel that today is the day of our salvation, not yesterday. Today the scripture is being fulfilled in our midst - not yesterday or tomorrow. Today is when we must pick up our Cross and follow Jesus - not yesterday or tomorrow. For this reason the Liturgy of the Word for Easter Sunday invites us to sing the antiphon taken from Psalm 118: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. In this way, we are invited to celebrate the resurrection as a current event that is always relevant and significant for our lives as disciples, today, right now.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, now is our time to put into practice this powerful news of the resurrection, and thanks be to God, you are already doing just that.

ST. ANN/HOLY TRINITY YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT



The poster for uServe Summer Camp features a purple border and a central globe. At the top, it says "You Can Make a Difference!" in green. The logo "uServe" is in green with a smiley face, and "SUMMER CAMP" is in a purple box. A green circle says "Register Now!". Below, it says "Join us for the ultimate camp experience. All incoming 6th-9th graders welcome!". Three circles list "Fun Games!", "Service!", and "Cool People!". The details section says "The Details! June 24-28 9:00am-3:00pm" and lists two bullet points: "Cost: \$150 (and \$100 per additional child)" and "Grow in faith, service and fellowship, and earn service hours!". At the bottom, it says "Register NOW @ www.u-serve.com/HTSAcamp".



Adults!
High Schoolers!

We need your help to
make this happen!

If you are willing to
volunteer in any way,
please contact:
Rachael Flanagan
(908) 280-2893
rflanagan@fiatventures.com

Middle Schoolers from the Churches of St. Ann and Holy Trinity are TEAMING UP to help CHANGE THE WORLD - one act of service at a time. **uServe Summer Camp** will bring campers to local service sites in the morning, then return to Holy Trinity for lunch and a variety of fun and faith-based activities in the afternoon. It is sure to be a fun week for all, and will help our community, too! Registration is now open!

July-December 2019 Mass Intention Book

We are now accepting Mass intentions for the July-December 2019 time period. Please submit your request by calling or stopping in to the Parish Office weekdays from 9:00am -3:30pm. Each family will be allowed three Mass Intentions.

Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you.

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 13

- 7:00 a.m. Martina Antoinetta by Alberto and Antoinette Falco
 7:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, May 14

- 7:00 p.m. Connie Russo by The Sisters of New Brunswick
 Antonio Natale by wife and children
 Elizabeth Gecik by daughter Jeanne Newell
 Deceased Members of the DePrimo and Mongiello Families by family

Wednesday, May 15

- 7:00 a.m. Nickolas and Frances Toscano

Thursday, May 16

- 7:00 p.m. Frank DiBetta by Maria G. Deluca
 Carmela and Mike Sena by Jim and Rosemarie
 Janeen Mahajan by the Szeman Family
 Gregorio Natale by Nicola and Caterina Grande
 Maria Barbieri by Giovanna Figliano

Friday, May 17

- 7:00 a.m. Gregorio and Domenico Grande by Caterina Grande

Saturday, May 18

- 9:00 a.m. JoAnne Cugliari by her mother
 4:00 p.m. Forktus and Simonetti Families by Grandsons Steve, Mark and David

Sunday, May 19

- 7:30 a.m. Marchella and Givoanni Turrone by John Contessa
 10:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Hoffman Family by Deacon John Pacifico
 12:00 p.m. Janice Basilone by Kathryn and Patrick Mastice
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

EWTN and St. Philip Neri

EWTN (Eternal World Television Network) will be airing a movie about St. Philip Neri in two 90 minute segments. Part 1 is May 18 at 8pm and Part 2 is May 25 at 8pm. This is an opportunity to learn about the founder of the Congregation of the Oratory.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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| Wayne Basilone | Michael Giancaspro | Marie Richardson |
| Anna Carra | Victor Laggini | Mary Soriano |
| Bruno Cirianni | Gloria A. Lamaestra | Cathy Stinziano |
| Frank Cirianni | Brianna Rose | Danny Tibaldi |
| Mary Contino | Larson | Joseph Tomaio |
| Maria Anastasia | MaryAnn | Ron Wyka |
| D'Amore | Mangiaracina | Alex Zachok |
| Michael D'Angelo | Mark Marshall | Betty Zimmitti |
| JoAnn Dellaperute | Austin McNamara | |
| Mary Felice | Lidia Natale | |
| Frank Forte | Ann Navatto | |
| Cindy Galvacky | Deacon John | |
| Gambino Family | Pacifico | |
| Sara Gendlek | Don Palumbo | |



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week for:

Tabernacle Lamp for a Special Intention for the Calo Family In Honor of the Blessed Mother and Padre Pio

St. Joseph Lamp for Giuseppe Greco
 by his children and grandchildren

Blessed Mother Lamp for Immacolata Suriano
 by daughter Domenica Stein

Pray for those in the Military

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

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| LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army | Pvt Tayla Rasmusson; U.S. Marine Corps |
| Victor Dulay, Jr.; U.S. Marine Corps | PFC Daniel J. Salvo; U.S. Marine Corps |
| PFC Gavin John; U.S. Marine Corps | Cpl Jonathan Schultes; U.S. Marine Corps |
| LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps | LtCol Louis P. Simon; U.S. Marine Corps |
| CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr. | PFC Jerome C. Sunga; U.S. Army |
| PFC Vincenzo Mattei; U.S. Army | Jack Vara; U.S. Marine Corps |
| Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army | PFC Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps |
| Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps | Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army |
| Zack Drecchio; U.S. Navy | Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force |

Prayer Service for Those Touched by the Pain of Addiction

A special prayer service for those touched by addiction will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00pm at St. Helena Parish, 950 Grove Avenue, Edison NJ. Refreshment and fellowship to follow. Pastoral ministers will be present to speak with participants and to offer healing resources. All are welcome. Information: (732) 243-4574

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

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| Sunday
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30 | Wednesday
Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50 |
| Monday
Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10 | Thursday
Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20 |
| Tuesday
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17 | Friday
Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6 |
| | Saturday
Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 |

Weekly Offering...May 5, 2019

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| Total: | \$ 11,406.16 |
| First Collection: | \$ 6,620.00 |
| Second Collection (Catholic Relief Services): | \$ 1,370.00 |
| Online Offering: | \$ 3,048.16 |
| Other: | \$ 63.00 |
| Easter: | \$ 305.00 |

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 12, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, May 12-Mother's Day

Monday, May 13

St. Rita's Novena (C)

7:45 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (CMR)

Tuesday, May 14

St. Rita's Novena (C)

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (CMR)

7:30 pm Bingo (SC)

Wednesday, May 15

St. Rita's Novena (C)

2:30 pm School Choir (C)

7:00 pm 2019-2020 Sacrament Meeting (CMR)

Thursday, May 16

St. Rita's Novena (C)

4:30 pm First Communion Practice—Group 3 (C)

6:45pm Choir Practice (CMR)

Friday, May 17

St. Rita's Novena (C)

Saturday, May 18

St. Rita's Novena (C)

9:00 am Sacrament of First Holy Communion during Mass (C)

Rosary Altar Society's St. Rita Roses after 4:00 pm Mass (C)

4:00 pm Baby Gift Drive (C)

Sunday, May 19

Baby Gift Drive (C)

Rosary Altar Society's St. Rita Roses after Masses (C)

St. Rita's Novena (C)

12:00 pm Sacrament of First Communion during Mass (C)

3:30 Eucharistic Holy Hour (C)

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

Presentation for Women Discerning Married Life

For mother, grandmothers and women discerning the vocation to married life. Join us for tea and treats on May 18, 1:00pm-4:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 250 Bebout Ave., Stirling, NJ as Mr. Robert Gill, husband of Rosie Gil (who exalted the vocation of motherhood) speaks about what we can do in the home to restore a Christian society for our children and our grandchildren. RSVP: <https://www.stvincentschurch.org/christian-culture>.

There will be a free will donation.

You're Invited to Date Night for a Joy-filled Marriage

Saturday June 8, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

St. Ann Marriage Ministry Team invites Engaged, newly-wed, and couples married several years, for a "Date Night", in the Church Meeting Room. Includes; BYOB, appetizers, buffet dinner and dessert. Presentation by special guests Dr. Kyle and Lisa Marie Beiter. Also, a Special feature, in honor of Father's Day: The artwork of Fr. Kevin Kelly will be on display. \$35.00 per couple, (\$40.00 at the door) pay by cash or check sent to Catholic Church of Saint Ann, 45 Anderson St., Raritan, NJ 08869. **RSVP by June 3.** Ken & Madeline (908) 872-0282.

St. Ann Parish Music Corner

On This Good Shepherd Sunday, the choir and the bells will be ringing a Samuel Wesley piece called Lead Me Lord. The text is as follows:

Lead Me Lord; lead me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before Thy face. For it is Thou Lord; Thou Lord only that makes me dwell in safety.

May the Good Shepherd lead us more and more on the path of holiness.

Festa 50/50 Ticket are Now On Sale

If you would like to purchase 50/50 Super Summer Splash tickets please contact the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008. Please return any unsold tickets to the Parish Office. Don't miss your chance to win 50% of the proceeds of this raffle. **Last year's winner won close to \$10,000.**

NJ Catholic Youth Rally Open to Everyone

Includes a day at Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ, a lunch buffet, Mass and Matt Maher Concert on Sunday, May 19, all day. \$50 per person (season pass holders only \$20 per person) Register at diometuchen.org/nj-youth-rally. If you have questions email John Glynn at: youth.ministry@diometuchen.org

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. 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

JANUS/GPS Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, May 14, 7:30pm, JANUS/GPS (GrandParent) Bereavement Support Group at Counseling and Therapy Services, 1124 Hwy 202S, Suite A2, Raritan. Dr. Ronca will present "Unleash Your Strong Inner Self". There is no fee but registration is requested. Anyone who has experienced a loss through death, separation, loss of job, health, relocation or retirement is encouraged to attend. To register call Barbara Ronca, PhD-LCSW, 908-218-9062, weekdays 9:00pm-3:00pm.

Eucharistic Holy Hour

The Oratorian community invites everyone to take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour offered on the third Sunday of each month. This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction. The next Holy Hour will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 3:30 pm in St. Ann's Church, Raritan.