

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, Friday: 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00 a.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
First Friday: 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

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 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
Phone: 908.725.7787
Email: kalbright@stannparish.com

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 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 Roy Rabinowitz

Deacon Rob Sause

Deacon Rick Stevens

Transitional Deacon Br. John Fredy Triana Beltran, CO Ms. Barbara Russell, *Administrative Assistant*

Office Staff

Mr. Miguel De Jesus, *Director of Sacred Music*

Mrs. Christine Esposito, *Social Ministry*

Mr. Lou Falconeri, *Plant Manager*

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

Social Ministry's Food Pantry

Did you know....

we have our own Food Pantry here at the Catholic Church of St. Ann. Our modest Food Pantry is found in the Parish Office and serves the needs of our immediate community. Please consider donating soups, cereal, canned fruit, toiletries or granola bars. Donate items to the Parish Office. If you have any questions contact Christine in the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 6.

This is different from our monthly food collection. Each month the food collected from our monthly food collection in the Church is donated to the Food Bank of Somerset County.

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

HOLY MASS FOR MIGRANTS HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS



*Altar of the Cathedral in
Saint Peter's Basílica
Monday, July 8, 2019*

Today the word of God speaks to us of salvation and liberation.

Salvation. During his journey from Beersheba to Haran, Jacob decides to stop and rest in a solitary place. In a dream, he sees a ladder: its base rests on the earth and its top reaches to heaven (cf. Gen 28:10-22). The ladder, on which angels of God are ascending and descending, represents the connection between the divine and the human, fulfilled historically in Christ's incarnation (cf. Jn 1:51), which was the Father's loving gift of revelation and salvation. The ladder is an allegory of the divine action that precedes all human activity. It is the antithesis of the Tower of Babel, built by men with their own strength, who wanted to reach heaven to become gods. In this case, however, it is God who comes down; it is the Lord who reveals himself; it is God who saves. And Emmanuel, God-with-us, fulfils the promise of mutual belonging between the Lord and humanity, in the sign of an incarnate and merciful love that gives life in abundance.

Faced with this revelation, Jacob makes an act of trust in the Lord, which becomes a work of recognition and adoration that marks a key moment in the history of salvation. He asks the Lord to protect him on the difficult journey he must make, and says: "The Lord shall be my God" (Gen 28:21).

Echoing the words of the patriarch, we repeated in the psalm: "O my God, I trust in you". He is our refuge and our strength, our shield and our armor, our anchor in times of trial. The Lord is a refuge for the faithful who call on him in times of tribulation. For it is indeed at such moments that our prayer is made purer, when we realize that the security the world offers has little worth, and only God remains. God alone opens up heaven for those who live on earth. Only God saves.

This total and absolute trust is shared by the head of the synagogue and the sick woman in the Gospel (cf. Mt 9:18-26). These are scenes of liberation. Both draw close to Jesus in order to obtain from him what no one else can give them: liberation from sickness and from death. On the one hand, there is the daughter of, one of the city authorities; on the other, a woman afflicted by a sickness that has made her an outcast, marginalized

someone impure. But Jesus makes no distinctions: liberation is generously given to each of them. Their longing places both the woman and the girl among the "least" who are to be loved and raised up.

Jesus reveals to his disciples the need for a preferential option for the least, those who must be given the front row in the exercise of charity. There are many forms of poverty today; as Saint John Paul II wrote: "The 'poor', in varied states of affliction, are the oppressed, those on the margin of society, the elderly, the sick, the young, any and all who are considered and treated as 'the least'" (Apostolic Exhortation *Vita Consecrata*, 82).

On this sixth anniversary of the visit to Lampedusa, my thoughts go out to those "least ones" who daily cry out to the Lord, asking to be freed from the evils that afflict them. These least ones are abandoned and cheated into dying in the desert; these least ones are tortured, abused and violated in detention camps; these least ones face the waves of an unforgiving sea; these least ones are left in reception camps too long for them to be called temporary. These are only some of the least ones who Jesus asks us to love and raise up. Unfortunately the existential peripheries of our cities are densely populated with persons who have been thrown away, marginalized, oppressed, discriminated against, abused, exploited, abandoned, poor and suffering. In the spirit of the Beatitudes we are called to comfort them in their affliction and offer them mercy; to sate their hunger and thirst for justice; to let them experience God's caring fatherliness; to show them the way to the Kingdom of Heaven. They are persons; these are not mere social or migrant issues! "This is not just about migrants", in the twofold sense that migrants are first of all human persons, and that they are the symbol of all those rejected by today's globalized society.

We spontaneously return to the image of Jacob's ladder. In Christ Jesus, the connection between earth and heaven is guaranteed and is accessible to all. Yet climbing the steps of this ladder requires commitment, effort and grace. The weakest and most vulnerable must be helped. I like to think that we could be those angels ascending and descending, taking under our wings the little ones, the lame, the sick, those excluded: the least ones, who would otherwise stay behind and would experience only grinding poverty on earth, without glimpsing in this life anything of heaven's brightness.

*Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
July 2019
The Integrity of Justice*

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.





Catholic Classical Education

As St. Ann School plans and prepares to implement the classical, liberal arts approach of education for this next school year, become well informed about its benefits and philosophy. This method invites us to rediscover a refreshing way of seeing the human person. Learning can become a joyous process of discovery, an exciting adventure.

Principles Derived from the End of Classical Education

(Purpose, Grace, the Order of Affections, Subordination) [Part 2]

Grace:

In a Christian school, learning is not an end in itself. Instead, the classical Christian teacher asks God to use his teaching, dispositions, and actions as an instrument in His hand to cultivate the students' souls toward holiness. In this sense, learning can be a means of grace

Ordo Amoris (the order of affections):

To fulfill a lower order good, one must proceed to the good of the next highest order (i.e. to fulfill the good of finishing homework, the student must proceed to the slightly higher good of trying to get a good grade; to rightly gain food and shelter we must seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; to get into the most appropriate college and to do well when we get there, we must seek wisdom and virtue).

Failure to recognize this principle in every area of education and life leads to a disordered soul and a school that cannot succeed in what it values most highly. To nurture a rightly ordered soul requires the cultivation of the moral imagination.

Subordination:

Schooling is not the purpose of life or of childhood and it has value only to the degree to which it enables the child to fulfill his purpose as a particular human being. It is not fitting for a school to dominate a child's life or to ask a child to perform exercises that have no value beyond school.

If you are interested in learning more about St. Ann's School and Classical Education please contact the school at: (908) 725-7787 or go to: www.stannparish.com/schoolsite

**PERSON FOR MAINTENANCE/REPAIR JOB
at St. Ann's, PART-TIME**

Soon there will be some changes in the staffing for St. Ann's building and plant maintenance. We would like to hire someone who has "handy man" skills, able to assess any problems in the church, school, rectory or convent buildings, and capable of handling basic repairs and fixes. The position might also involve responding to spontaneous needs and supporting facility preparations for events.

This is a part-time position, 25 hours/week, \$15.50/hour to start.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested or if you know someone that you would like to recommend. Parish Office # 908-725-1008. Thank you.

ST. ANN ANNUAL ITALIAN FESTA RESULTS

I am pleased to announce the results of this year's Festa that took place on the evenings of June 12-15. I was amazed at the magnitude of collaboration and dedication among so many people. It is a wonderful example of how great work can be accomplished by working together with a common goal. The love and pride that you have for St. Ann's is evident. I can see how the Festa is a loving gift to the Raritan community.

There were so many volunteers that helped our Festa to be successful. I hesitate to mention individuals because I can't mention everyone. But, of special note, we can all thank Jim Wilson and Chris Zarelli for doing the bulk of the planning and organizing, in addition to many hours of service during the Festa itself. Their leadership and dedication is commendable. They had the support of an army of committee members, volunteers and the parish staff. I am thankful to all of you. God bless everyone for your contribution and hard work. Gratefully, Fr. Tom.



FINAL FESTA 2019 NET PROFIT= \$53,966.00
SUPER 50/50 WINNER WON \$6,515.00

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 29

7:00 p.m. Helen May Long by Schrum Family

Tuesday, July 30

7:00 a.m. Deacon John Pacifico by Ralph and Isabella Cirianni

Wednesday, July 31

7:00 a.m. Ellen Collins by Kathleen Capaccione

Thursday, August 1

7:00 a.m. Vincent Pacifico by Mary Pacifico

Friday, August 2

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. Col. Frank Carlone by Carlone Family

Saturday, August 3

9:00 a.m. Charles Churchill by Berry Family

4:00 p.m. Josephine Forktus by husband and sons

Sunday, August 4

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. Maria Fusca by Paul Fusca and family

5:00 p.m. Harry Stevens by Paul and Toni Stevens

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps
are burning this week for:

Blessed Mother Lamp for Alex Salerno
by the Lella Family

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

Ann DiBetta

Mary Felice

Frank Forte

Cindy Galvacky

Gambino Family

Michael Giancaspro

Bernadette Healy

Victor Laggini

Gloria A. Lamaestra

Brianna Rose

Larson

MaryAnn

Mangiaracina

Mark Marshall

Giovanna Martini

Austin McNamara

Lidia Natale

Ann Navatto

Don Palumbo

Victor Rangel

Marie Richardson

Ann Forte Saxbe

Deborah Scarpone

Mary Soriano

Cathy Stinziano

Danny Tibaldi

Joseph Tomaio

Emanuel Valentin

Ron Wyka

Alex Zachok



Prayer for Those We Have Loved and Lost

Please pray for those who have recently passed:

Charlie Churchill, Anna Morella and Betty Zimmitti

"Jesus, console those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Let them be comforted in the remembrance of Your promises. Give to those who mourn, peace, in the midst of their tears. You are the Resurrection and the Life! We know and believe this!" (www.beliefnet.com)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - August 2

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, after the morning Mass and before the evening Mass. 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.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Monday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

First Friday

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

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 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

LCpl Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps

Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army

Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:00 PM. Registration is required. Please register online at: diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 11, 2019. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or calling 732-562-1543.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 28, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, July 28

11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)

Monday, July 29

Tuesday, July 30

Wednesday, July 31

Thursday, August 1

Friday, August 2 -First Friday

7:00 am Mass and 7:00 pm Mass

8:00 pm Santo Nino Novena (C) followed by fellowship (CMR)

Saturday, August 3

9:45 am Confessions following 9:00 am Mass (C)

3:00 pm Confessions (C)

4:00 pm Food Drive (C)

Sunday, August 4

Food Drive (C)

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

Weekly Offering...July 21, 2019

Total: \$ 10,465.50

First Collection:	\$ 7,102.00
Second Collection (Air Conditioning):	\$ 1,779.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,423.50
Other:	\$ 161.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Mentoring Through Catholic Charities

Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. If you are interested in making a difference in a child's life contact: Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org for more information.

Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

A Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at St. Patrick's Church in Belvidere, NJ on the following Wednesdays at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM : August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4.

Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and tips on how to cope with this health issue.

For more information, please call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities 732-765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Mass Times While Traveling this Summer

Looking for a Catholic Church to attend Holy Mass while traveling this summer? Try: <https://masstimes.org/>

Blood Drive Catholic Church of St. Ann

Parish Hall
45 Anderson Street
Raritan, NJ 08869

**Sunday, August 11, 2019
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: St. Ann
to schedule an appointment.

Traveling Home Kit for Our Lady of Guadalupe

...is available for Sign-up at the back of the Church. The kit contains a print of the Image or our Lady, a blessed crucifix, candle, holy water, prayer cards and rosary pouch with rosary beads. Choose a week from June through December 2019 to have this kit in your home. The kit is picked up at the Sacristy door before Mass and returned the following week. Questions? Contact: MaryBeth Tarantino, 908-334-8973 or scienmbs@optonline.net



One-Day, 9 mile Walking Pilgrimage "The Way of St. Juan Diego"

In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, all youth, families and people of faith are invited to participate in a Walking Pilgrimage on Saturday, September 21st, from 10:00 am-8:00 pm. The walk will begin and end at Immaculate Conception Parish, 316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James F. Checchio. The cost is \$20 by August 30th or \$25 thereafter. The walk will take place rain or shine. Registration is required. For details or to register, visit www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage. Registration deadline is September 13th.

Parish Religious Education Program - PREP (a.k.a CCD)

2019 - 2020 REGISTRATION for PREP is underway. **Please be sure to complete and return the necessary paperwork for your child(ren)'s registration to St. Ann Parish Office as soon as possible** to ensure the class day and time that you are requesting. Registrations forms are available on the Parish website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sr. Phyllis at 908-725-1008, press 1 then press 5, or email Sr. Phyllis at pvella@stannparish.com

Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer in faith formation for children as a Volunteer Catechist or Aide.