

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 4, 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

Lazarus Ministry

The Lazarus Ministry is named for the friend of Jesus, Lazarus, whom the Lord raised from the dead. The Lazarus Ministry assists those experiencing a loved one's death. The primary focus of this ministry is to guide grieving families through the planning of the Funeral Mass for their loved one.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about this ministry please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you to Mark Cusati for his work with the Lazarus Ministry. He has helped many families during their time of sorrow.



From the desk of...
Bishop James F. Checchio
July 25, 2019

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus gave His attention not to those who sought the best places of honor but to those who chose roles of humble service. Rather than competing for a seat at His table, Jesus wants us to compete for the chance to serve at the table. Jesus reached out not to those who were concerned about having the best clothes to wear but with those who were concerned that others had sufficient clothing to wear. He listened not to those who bragged about their strength but to those who sought strength from Him in their weakness. He fed those who came to Him hungry, not those whose lives were all ready satisfied. Jesus was not concerned about those who were concerned with themselves, but with those who showed concern for the needs of others.

In our last issue of "The Catholic Spirit," there was an article on our diocesan newspaper and the awards it recently received, and I hope you were able to read it. "The Catholic Spirit" is a vital ministry in our diocese. It greatly enhances communications amongst our parishes, agencies, institutions and people. Its stories provide many inspiring examples of people, parishes and the diocese concerned about and serving others as Jesus calls us to do.

In recognition of its work, "The Catholic Spirit" received six awards from the Catholic Press Association at its annual conference, and one was third place for "Best Newspaper!" While our staff truly puts great effort into producing "The Catholic Spirit" in order to serve, to evangelize and share the happenings of the diocese with you, our readers, I am pleased that others have seen their good work and felt it warranted awards.

While our diocesan newspaper has been recognized as one of the 'best' in our country, for its embodiment of "good journalism," with its vibrant stories, "The Catholic Spirit" also is an excellent resource for the teachings of the Church and this past year has been instrumental in helping to educate its readers about our diocese's planned dedication to Jesus through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In addition, in every issue, Msgr. John N. Fell, a priest of our diocese, writes about the readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass and Father John G. Hillier has been explaining the "Catechism of the Church" through one article in each issue.

The paper also includes a column with Pope Francis' message at his general audience and Father Kenneth Doyle answers questions sent to him by readers. For our young readers, "The Catholic Spirit" publishes a "Kids Corner," while adults are entertained guessing "The image of the week," and can complete a Crossword Puzzle.

I have been impressed with our paper and those who put it together since my arrival in the diocese. I regularly have people tell me while visiting parishes that they enjoy our paper; some even tell me that they regularly read my column and check my schedule because they like to know where I am going in the upcoming weeks. I am always happy that someone besides my mother is reading my column.

Obviously, "The Catholic Spirit" staff being given these awards is encouraging for those who put so much time and effort into making the paper what it is. Our readers also help, by being so generous with their contributions, in our annual collection held during Catholic Press Month and through the subsidy which the Diocese gives to support the paper.

We are working to connect more of our print edition of the newspaper with our electronic media, so as to share events and happenings with you in a more timely way and with various means. In our day, the work of evangelization needs to use every means possible, and I am grateful that our staff is working on these initiatives. So, keep reading and enjoying "The Catholic Spirit" and thanks for your donations which keep it going. Although our staff is not doing this work to be noticed, it certainly is nice that their hard work is recognized and appreciated by so many!

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.

*Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
August 2019
Families, Schools of Human Growth*

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."



St. Ann School in the News

I hope that you saw the article in the July 25 issue of The Catholic Spirit, our Diocesan newspaper, headlining **St. Ann's School "to be first classical institution in diocese."** You may have also seen the front-page headline of the Courier News on Monday, July 29, "**St. Ann School to undergo major remodel of curriculum.**" (If you missed it, you can find it online at <https://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/education/2019/07/27/nj-education-st-ann-catholic-school-raritan-remodel-curriculum/1839936001/>). We are announcing exciting news.

A plan is unfolding for St. Ann School that is positive, hopeful and, I firmly believe, the right and best thing to do for families, children and the Church. The mission of the Catholic Church has always been to evangelize, teach the truth of the Gospel, and to propose to broken humanity the merciful, redeeming gift of new life from the Risen Christ. St. Ann School is not giving up on this mission and is taking the lead in our diocese to recover the tried and proven classical liberal arts education that has existed for many centuries, that is, until history that is more recent. The more modern method of education separates truth and the learning experience from God; its purpose is merely utilitarian. The classical method reinstates God's rightful place for the proper understanding of the free and intelligent human person, creation, wisdom, truth, beauty and virtue. In a Catholic classical school, religion is more than just one class subject among others; it is integrated with all subjects. In a Catholic classical school, the goal for students is not just to get a good grade on a test; it is learning how to think and reason well, how to reach for excellence because it is good to do so. This way of learning is the gift I hope many parents will find desirable for their children. This way of teaching and learning is the gift I hope St. Ann Catholic Classical School will provide.

I have taken action as soon as I could. When we arrived here at St. Ann's last July, I knew that something different was needed in order to distinguish St. Ann School from other area schools, whether they be public, parochial or private. I knew that we needed to offer a service in education that was not the same as what others around us were offering, something that could attract more families to enroll their children. I knew we needed to swing enrollment up in order to reduce the financial subsidy burden on the parish. I am aware of the existing debt and I am aware of other matters that need to be addressed. I will not make false promises and there are no quick and easy answers. We need to give this approach a chance. Throughout the country, many Catholic schools have been saved by introducing the classical education approach. The same is possible for St. Ann School.

In preparing for the new academic year I am trying to tighten the school budget as much as possible. We are also making positive administrative changes. Fr. Peter Cebulka will serve in the school full time this year, continuing to teach, but also providing targeted support for faculty formation and the overall mission development. Please join me with a positive, hopeful spirit of trust. Pray that the Lord blesses our efforts and the many sacrifices being made.

Thank you for your prayers, patience and support. God bless you. Peace! Fr. Tom



St. Ann School is enrolling students for the 2019-2020 school year. To learn more about the school and its new classical education approach, please call St. Ann School at: (908) 725-7787

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.

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 5

7:00 p.m. Gloria Espin by Carlo Romano
Michele Biedrzycki by Biedrzycki Family
Antonio Gasparro by loving wife Maria Gasparro and family

Tuesday, August 6

7:00 a.m. Domenica and Vincenzo Ruffa by daughter Lena and Ralph

Wednesday, August 7

7:00 a.m. Patricia Schlom by Anne Marie Toscano

Thursday, August 8

7:00 a.m. Pasquale Suriano by his children

Friday, August 9

7:00 p.m. Anna Morella by Maria and Frank Incontrera
Antonia Natale by children and grandchildren

Saturday, August 10

9:00 a.m. Deacon John Pacifico by Mary Pierson
4:00 p.m. Nancy and Michael Natale by Angelo and Catherine Viscariello

Sunday, August 11

7:30 a.m. Louis A. Troisi, Sr. by Louis A. Troisi, Jr.
10:00 a.m. Maria Barbieri by Pasquale Barbieri
12:00 p.m. Joseph Stevens by Rick Stevens
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week for:

Altar Candle #1 for Harry Stevens and Antonia Natale

by Paul and Toni Stevens

Altar Candle #2 for Harry Stevens and Antonia Natale

by Paul and Toni Stevens

Tabernacle Lamp for Maria Fusca

by Paul Fusca and family

St. Joseph Lamp for Pasquale Suriano

by his children

Blessed Mother Lamp for Antonio Gasparro Happy Birthday in Heaven

by daughter Sabrina Ruffa and family

Altar Flowers in Honor of Sr. Dolores Toscano's 93rd Birthday

by Sr. Dolores

Mass Times While Traveling this Summer

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

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Wayne Basilone

Anna Carra

Katie Cassling-Fishman

Bruno Cirianni

Frank Cirianni

Mary Contino

Maria Anastasia

D'Amore

Michael D'Angelo

Dominick DeLuca

Ann DiBetta

January Drevnak

Mary Felice

Frank Forte

Cindy Galvacky

Gambino Family

Michael Giancaspro

Gloria Guide

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



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*

LCpl Daniel Viscariello; *U.S. Marine Corps*

Sgt Janet Wyka; *U.S. Army*

Capt Kaitlyn Zimmiti; *U.S. Air Force*

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday

Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

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.

Register online at: diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold or contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Registration will close on October 11, 2019. There is no fee required. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or calling 732-562-1543.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 4, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, August 4
Food Drive (C)

Monday, August 5

Tuesday, August 6

Wednesday, August 7

Thursday, August 8

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

Sunday, August 11

8:00 am - 1:30 pm Blood Drive at St. Ann's (CMR)

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

Weekly Offering...July 28, 2019

Total: \$ 9,874.17

First Collection:	\$ 7,171.00
Second Collection (School Support):	\$ 1,428.00
Online Offering:	\$ 998.17
Other:	\$ 277.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

A Young Adult Retreat -What is it Worth?

Young adults, ages 18-39 are welcome to a retreat on August 17 from 10am-6pm at the Rutgers Catholic Center. There will be talks, prayer, discussion groups, two meals and time to socialize. It is only \$20 per person. Register at: diometuchen.org/ya-retreat or contact: young.adult@diometuchen.org. This is hosted by the Diocese of Metuchen Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Adult Confirmation New Sessions Starting in September!!

Looking to become **fully initiated into the Catholic Faith** (Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation)?

OR

Already been Baptized and received first Holy Communion but not Confirmation? Please consider joining others already signed up for these sessions. For more information, contact Deacon Rick Stevens by phone 809-910-0309 or email: rstevens@stannparish.com

If You Have a Mass Intention on a Weekend

If you have a Mass Intention for a Saturday evening or Sunday Mass and you would like to bring up the gifts for Communion please contact the Parish Office and let us know. (908) 725-1008, press 1 and then press 4.

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.