

# 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](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 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  
[www.stannparish.com/schoolsite](http://www.stannparish.com/schoolsite)  
Phone: 908.725.7787  
Email: [kalbright@stannparish.com](mailto:kalbright@stannparish.com)

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

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 11, 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 - St. Ann's Parish Garden

St. Ann's Parish Community Garden is growing. This garden is for those who are in need of fresh produce, but we ask that you please do not help yourself, instead call Christine Esposito at the Parish Office.

**Thank you to Lucas and Susan Pick who have cared for and watered our garden.**  
**God bless you!**





*Statement of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
on New Jersey's Assisted Suicide Law*

*August 1, 2019*

Human compassion fills our hearts with sadness when we hear about an individual who wishes to end his or her life to escape the pain and suffering of illness, disability, or disease. The fear associated with such devastating human conditions is real and legitimate.

However, as Pope Francis has noted, we must be careful not to yield to a false sense of compassion. **Our Holy Father reminds us that we must never take a human life—even, or especially, our own**, since “this is a sin against God, the creator.”

The gift of human life and dignity is sacred and must be respected and protected at every stage, from conception to natural death. Respect for human life encourages a trust and peace with God despite illness and suffering. We remain united to Christ through our suffering. St. Paul reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. We have Christ in life and death – when he will intercede for us and bring us to eternal joy.

We must be clear. What legislatures now refer to as “death with dignity” is legal permission for one to end their own life with a lethal overdose of prescription drugs. This new state law has become an answer to addressing one's fear of affliction or suffering. What is more, in a for-profit industry like health care, there is the real danger that euthanasia will be seen as a cost-cutting measure. There is evidence in states that have already legalized assisted suicide that insurers encourage this “solution” instead of more costly medical care. The handicapped and impaired will feel pressure to end their lives.

This law also puts immense pressure on Catholics in health care ministries to follow their conscience instead of being coerced into providing assistance that is immoral.

Dying patients who request euthanasia should receive loving care, psychological and spiritual support, and appropriate remedies for pain and other symptoms so they can live with dignity until the time of natural death.

Many families surround loved ones with comfort in their final moments of life. The Little Sisters of the Poor

provides a powerful witness to the conviction that loving, prayerful, and attentive presence offered in times of suffering and death can be redemptive. Their mission, which brings strength, peace, and assurance to those under their care, quietly proclaims their belief that “dying with dignity” comes with humble acceptance, not through the avoidance of suffering.

We only have to consider the cross of Christ to be reminded that God, in the hour of His greatest suffering, expressed His deepest compassion for us, and chose not to avoid painful torment and humiliation, but to accept it for our sake.

*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.”



*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](http://www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage). Registration deadline is September 13th.

*Silver and Gold Wedding  
Anniversary Celebration*

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold) or contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto: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.

***Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis***

by Bishop Robert Barron

Brothers and Sisters,

I'm sure most of you are aware of the horrific sexual abuse crisis that has haunted our Church, especially in this past year. We all grieve the wicked ways that some clergy have abused children, seminarians, and other vulnerable people. I know many of us feel, understandably, demoralized and defeated.

Many of us are wondering, what should we do? What should we do as a Church— as an institution—to bring about reform and renewal, but also as individuals? What can I do?

With these scandals in mind, I would like to make you aware of a new book by Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron is a bishop in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and he's the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. His book is titled ***Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis***.

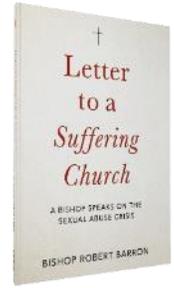
I have 20 copies available to anyone who would like to read Bishop Barron's book. I hope that you could then pass it on to someone else. If you want one, please contact the parish office to reserve a copy.

Having read the book, I hope you will take advantage of an opportunity to join with others in a two hour group discussion at **7:30pm on Wednesday, September 11 in the basement of Holy Trinity Church on Maple Street, Bradley Gardens.**

If that is not a convenient time for you and you'd like to form a study group on your own with other parishioners, you'll find a free group discussion guide at **SufferingChurchBook.com** which has guidance and sample discussion questions.

A five-part video series corresponding to each chapter in the book is also available for viewing at **videos.sufferingchurchbook.com/**

Please take this opportunity to join Bishop Barron and the Word on Fire team in praying for the Church and for all victims of sexual abuse.



**Prayer for a Suffering Church**

Lord Jesus Christ, through your Incarnation you accepted a human nature and lived a real, human life.  
Setting aside the glory of your divinity, you met us face to face in the vulnerability of our humanity.

Though without sin, you accepted sinners, offering forgiveness and placing yourself before even the most unworthy  
as a servant and a friend. You became small and weak in the estimation of the powerful,  
so that you might elevate to glory the small and weak of the world.

Your descent into our nature was not without risk, as it exposed you to the assaults of the darkest  
and most terrifying of humanity's fallen desires—our cruelty and narrowness, our deception and our denials.  
All this culminated in the cross, where your divine love was met with the full fury of our malice, our violence,  
and our estrangement from your grace.

You offered yourself to us with innocence and receptivity, and this was met with the abuse of your body,  
humiliation and mockery, betrayal and isolation, torture and death. All this—even the dereliction of feeling abandoned by God—  
you accepted. You became a victim, so that all those victimized since the beginning of the world would know you as their  
advocate. You went into the darkness, so that all those compelled into the dark by human wickedness  
would discover in you a radiant light.

Grant we pray, O Lord, healing for all victims of sexual abuse. Purify your Church of corruption.  
Bring justice to those who have been wronged. Grant consolation to all who are afflicted.  
Cast your light to banish the shadows of deception. Manifest to all your advocacy of those who have been so cruelly hurt,  
and your judgement upon those who, having perpetrated such crimes, remain unrepentant.  
Compel those in your Church whom you have entrusted to safeguard the innocent and act on behalf of the victims  
to be vigilant and zealous in their duties. Restore faith to those from whom it has been stolen,  
and hope to those who have despaired.

Christ the Victim, we call out to you!

Strengthen your faithful to accept the mission placed before us, a mission of holiness and truth.  
Inspire us to become advocates of those who have been harmed. Grant us strength to fight for justice.  
Impart to us courage so that we might forthrightly face the challenges to come.

Raise up saints from your Church, and grant us the grace to become the saints you desire us to be.

This we ask of you, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 12

7:00 p.m. Frank Toscano by Sr. Dolores Toscano

### Tuesday, August 13

7:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory by Pattianne McNamara-Tomaio

### Wednesday, August 14

7:00 a.m. Antonio D'Anna by D'Anna Family

### Thursday, August 15 -The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. Pellechio Family by the family

### Friday, August 16

7:00 p.m. Edgardo Santo by Santos Family  
Rose Fusca and Maria Fusca by Caterina Fusca

### Saturday, August 17

9:00 a.m. James Pacifico by Mary Pacifico

4:00 p.m. Mark and Peter Padovani by parents

### Sunday, August 18

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Alice Soriano by Marsha Harlan

12:00 p.m. Carmela Rita by Marie Rita

5:00 p.m. Special Intention for Rose and Michael D'Angelo and family

## 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.

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week for:

*St. Joseph Lamp for Antonio D'Anna*  
by the D'Anna Family

*Blessed Mother Lamp for a Special Intention*

*Altar Flowers In Loving Memory of Antonio D'Anna*  
by the D'Anna Family

## Persons with Disabilities

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayers for any need. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6413 or send an email to our office: 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/>

## 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

Maria Rosa

Gasparro

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 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

## This Week's Daily Bible Readings

### Sunday

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19  
or 11:1-2, 8-12;  
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

### Monday

Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday

Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16,  
16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk  
11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a,  
10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

### Friday

Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday

Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

## Eucharistic Holy Hour

The Oratorian community invites everyone to take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour. This is usually offered on the third Sunday of each month. This month Holy Hour will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 3:30pm at the Catholic Church of St. Ann, Raritan This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction.

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 11, 2019

### Parish Events

#### Sunday, August 11

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

#### Monday, August 12

7:45 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (CMR)

#### Tuesday, August 13

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (CMR)

#### Wednesday, August 14

**Thursday, August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:00 am Holy Mass (C) and 7:00 pm Holy Mass (C)

#### Friday, August 16

#### Saturday, August 17

#### Sunday, August 18

3:30 pm 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]

### Weekly Offering...August 4, 2019

Total: \$ 10,209.50

First Collection:	\$ 7,663.00
Online Offering:	\$2,391.50
Other:	\$ 155.00

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

### 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 908-910-0309 or email: rstevens@stannparish.com

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.**

### Second Collection Next Weekend

Our second collection next weekend is for the **Filippini Sisters**, who inspire school staff, the Faith Formation Centers and Parish Societies to put "Faith into Action". They support the continued growth of our Catholic schools and Faith Formation Programs to judiciously address their pressing needs in the 21st Century.

### Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage Invitation

St. Ann Regional Catholic Marriage Ministry invites married couples to Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 6:30pm-9:00 pm. Dinner and dessert included. Location: Catholic Church of St. Ann, 45 Anderson Street, Raritan, Church Meeting Room. Only \$35 per couple. For more information or to RSVP please call: (908) 872-0282

### 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Parish Progress St. Ann's Reaches 124% of Our Goal

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

As of August 2, 2019:

258 donors have pledged a total of \$80,888

Total amount of payments is \$77,105

This represents 124% of our goal.

**Thank you for your generosity  
to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.**