

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: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

Friday: 8:15 a.m. (when school is in session) & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

First Friday: 8:15 a.m. & 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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 1, 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

A Special Thank You to Karen Soriano

A very special **thank you** to **Karen Soriano** who volunteered her time and talent to help develop our new parish website. Please take a moment to view our new parish website at : **www.stannparish.com**



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



Pope Francis
General Audience
August 21, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Christian community is born from the superabundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit and it grows thanks to the leaven of sharing among brothers and sisters in Christ. There is a dynamism of *solidarity* which builds up the Church as the family of God, for whom the experience of *koinonia* is central. What does this strange word mean? It is a Greek word which means “pooling one’s goods”, “sharing in common”, being a community, not isolated. This is the experience of the first Christian community, that is, “communality”, “sharing”, “communicating, participating”, not isolation. In the primitive Church, this *koinonia*, this communality, refers primarily to participation in the Body and Blood of Christ. This is why when we receive Holy Communion, we say that “we communicate”, we enter into communion with Jesus, and from this communion with Jesus we reach a communion with our brothers and sisters. And this communion in the Body and Blood of Christ that we share during Holy Mass translates into fraternal union and, therefore also into what is most difficult for us; pooling our resources and collecting money for the mother Church in Jerusalem (cf. Rm 12:13, 2 Cor 8-9) and the other Churches. If you want to know whether you are good Christians, you have to pray, try to draw near to Communion, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But the sign that your heart has converted is when conversion reaches the pocket, when it touches one’s own interests. That is when one can see whether one is generous to others, if one helps the weakest, the poorest. When conversion achieves this, you are sure that it is a true conversion. If you stop at words, it is not a real conversion.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
September 2019
The Protection of the Oceans**



That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans

“A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”
- Pope Francis, Angelus, March 17, 2013

From the desk of...

Bishop James F. Checchio
August 8, 2019



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To continue...With the passage of this law by the legislature and the signing by our governor, we are facing dark times. As a Church, we will not stop from advocating for the sanctity of human life, in all stages, and we will continue to educate our legislators, our fellow Catholics and the general public about the dangers of legalized physician-assisted suicide.

Let us strive to help the sick and incapacitated find meaning in their lives, even and especially in the midst of their suffering. Let us comfort those facing terminal illness or chronic conditions through our genuine presence, human love and medical assistance. Let us, as a society and as individuals, choose to walk with them, in their suffering, not contribute to eliminating the gift of life.

We look to Our Blessed Mother in our fight to end the threats to human life and a growing culture of death. She is our model and our example of how every human being should be treated as a gift at the beginning and end of life.

God bless you and thank you for all you do to promote life in our diocese, state and country!

**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 10:00am-8:00pm. 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.

Next Weekend is the Peter’s Pence Collection

Pope Francis has shown the world what it means to care for the marginalized. The Peter’s Pence Collection is one way for us to join him in this mission. Your generosity will help support the charitable works of Pope Francis.

NEW ST. ANN WEBSITES!

We are pleased to announce that St. Ann Parish and St. Ann School have new websites.

Parish link address: <https://www.stannparish.com>

School link address: <https://www.stannparish.com/school>

They have a whole new design and organization. We are grateful to Karen Soriano for working with eCatholic and for volunteering lots of time and energy in order to make the new site operational.

Please check the new sites out. We hope they will serve to be helpful. We are aware that there is still more work to do. Constructive suggestions to make further improvements are welcome.

Liturgical Minister Formation

In the next couple of weeks there are opportunities for formation and education about the liturgical ministries of Reader and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. If you are already an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or a Reader, or if you would like to become one, take advantage of these upcoming opportunities. The sessions are free and begin at 10am, conclude by noon. Upcoming dates:

**For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, September 7, 2019**

**For Proclaimers of Scripture (Readers)
Saturday, September 14, 2019**

Located at Saint John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway 08854

The Presenter will be Mr. Tony Varas, Director of Worship, Diocese of Metuchen

THANKS TO OUR EAGLE SCOUT, DOUG

The parish is grateful to **Doug Sullivan** for constructing the gravel walkway by the garden beds at the side of the school. Doug has done this service as his Eagle Scout Project. Deacon John Pacifico's statue of Saint Dorothy will be installed soon after the footing is in place.

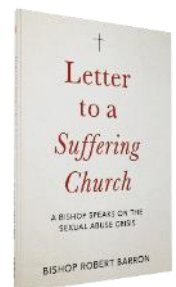
Letter to a Suffering Church

There will be a group discussion of Bishop Barron's new book, ***Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis***, beginning 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.



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

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's

Tuesday, September 3

7:00 a.m. Antonio Greco and Maria Rosa Greco by daughter-in-law Vincenza Greco

Wednesday, September 4

7:00 a.m. Rosa Cirianni by son Ralph and Lena

Thursday, September 5

7:00 a.m. Anna Morella by Caterina and Nicola Grande

Friday, September 6

8:15 a.m. Deacon John Pacifico by St. Ann's School Family
7:00 p.m. Alfred and Eleanor Ruggini by Mike and Terry Florczak

Saturday, September 7

9:00 a.m. Gerald Leighty by Critchlow Family
4:00 p.m. Phillip and Anna DeBetta by Angelo and Catherine Viscariello

Sunday, September 8

7:30 a.m. Maria Barbieri by Pasquale Barbieri
10:00 a.m. William DeCastro by Matty, Trina and Bill
12:00 p.m. Natale and Giuseppina Poccia by Civita and Pasquale Truppi
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week for:

St. Joseph Lamp for Helen and Clifford Compton
by Jacqueline and Harold D'Alessio

Blessed Mother Lamp for Rose Fusca
by Paul Fusca and family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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 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.

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 of our Lady, a blessed crucifix, candle, holy water, prayer cards and rosary pouch with rosary beads. Choose a week from now 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



Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Wayne Basilone	Maria Rosa	Victor Rangel
Anna Carra	Gasparro	Marie Richardson
Katie Cassling-Fishman	Michael Giancaspro	Ann Forte Saxbe
Bruno Cirianni	Gloria Guide	Deborah Scarpone
Frank Cirianni	Bernadette Healy	Mary Soriano
Mary Contino	Victor Laggini	Cathy Stinziano
Maria Anastasia D'Amore	Gloria A. Lamaestra	Danny Tibaldi
Michael D'Angelo	Brianna Rose Larson	Joseph Tomaio
Dominick DeLuca	MaryAnn Mangiaracina	Emanuel Valentin
Ann DiBetta	Mark Marshall	Ron Wyka
January Drevnak	Giovanna Martini	Alex Zachok
Mary Felice	Austin McNamara	
Frank Forte	Lidia Natale	
Cindy Galvacky	Ann Navatto	
Gambino Family	Don Palumbo	



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	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	LCpl 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 Zimmiti; U.S. Air Force

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14	Thursday Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Monday 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30	First Friday Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Tuesday 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37	First Saturday Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
Wednesday Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44	

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Adult Confirmation Session Starting

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 1, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, September 1

Monday, September 2 –Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

First day of school (S)

12:30pm School Dismissal (Grades 1-8) (S)

Wednesday, September 4

9:00am Kindergarten Orientation (S)

12:30pm School Dismissal (Grades 1-8) (S)

Thursday, September 5

11:30am Kindergarten Dismissal (S)

Friday, September 6

8:15am Mass (C)

9:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (C)

7:00pm Mass followed by the Santo Nino Novena (C)

Saturday, September 7

4:00pm Food Drive (C)

Sunday, September 8

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...August 25, 2019

Total: \$ 8,804.50

First Collection:	\$ 6,955.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,408.50
Other:	\$ 441.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

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 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.

Approach to Infertility

On Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 5:30pm, learn more about NaPro Technology, An Infertility Approach presented by Dr. Kyle Beiter who specializes in fertility, gynecology and gynecologic surgery. The location is: St. Peter's University Hospital, 254 Easton Ave., New Brunswick, Sister Marie de Pazzi Conference Center Room 1. Light refreshments and free parking. For more information contact Aiyana Cook at 732-565-5490.

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

For the St. Ann's Religious Education Program for 2019-2020: Thursday sessions begin on September 12 and Monday Sessions begin on September 16. Parents and children are to report to the St. Ann school cafeteria between 6:00pm and 6:15pm.

Parent Meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.

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

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

Choices Matter –A Critical Life Conference

Save the Date: November 2, 2019! This year's conference (formerly The Critical Life Issues Conference) will be held at College Avenue at Rutgers University. Pro-Life speakers include: Leah Darrow - From Top Model to Role Model; Patricia Sandoval -Addiction, Escape from Homelessness and the Back Door of Planned Parenthood; Dr. Anthony and Ceil Levatino -From Abortionist and his wife—the Ripple Effect of Choice.

Going to Rutgers in New Brunswick?

The Catholic Student Association at the Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus, is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. Please note the following information:

Mass Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

8am, 11am, 6pm St. Peter's Church, 94 Somerset St.
12pm Busch Student Center, Room 120ABC

Daily Mass:

7:30am (Mon-Fri) St. Peter's Church
12:15pm (Mon-Thurs) Catholic Center Chapel

Opening Activities:

Sept 2 (Mon): 6pm Luau at the Catholic Center
Sept 4 (Wed): 8pm CSA Night , Welcome to RU at the Catholic Center
Sept 6 (Fri): 5pm BBQ at the Livingston Student Center

Visit us on-line at www.rutgerscatholic.org or www.stpeternewbrunswick.org