

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.

Church Calendar

Can be found on our website under *Events & News - Calendar*

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.

Donations by Electronic Giving: WeShare

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!

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.

St. Ann Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Grades 1-8

Monday: 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday: 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Special Needs PREP

Grades 1-8

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.

St. Ann School

Grades K-8



Discover how a Catholic

Classical Education at St. Ann School can inspire your child to be a joyous learner, filled with wonder and awe for all of creation. Our new academic approach allows for students to be formed and immersed in virtue – truth, beauty and goodness – through their everyday curriculum.

To learn more about the school and its new classical education approach, call us at

(908)-725-7787

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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

Altar Servers



Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

The youth altar server ministry is a way for the youth of the parish to be part of the Mass. Beginning in the fourth grade, children can directly assist the priest through setting up of the altar, preparation of the gifts and being prayerful as an example to others who attend Mass. The ministry is an excellent way for children to actively participate in their faith of Jesus Christ. Training is provided for new Altar Servers.

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



From the desk of...

Bishop James F. Checchio

September 5, 2019

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To continue....Of course, Jesus' invitation to "come away with me and rest awhile" is an invitation to grow closer to Him through prayer and the summer gives us time for that, too. I am grateful that I was able to spend several days at a Christian Brothers Retreat House this summer. Being by the water is very meditative for me, so I enjoyed praying by the ocean at the Christian Brothers house, while visiting with my family down the shore and at the lakes in the Midwest, where this summer I visited friends in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Our Lord must have found speaking with the Father less distracting at a lake, too, as He spent much time on the Sea of Galilee where He called so many of His disciples who were fishermen.

Although I am sad to see the summer come to a close and am grateful for all the opportunities we all have had to spend more time with the Lord throughout this season, I pray that we will make time in the coming seasons to "come away and rest awhile" in Our Lord's presence. As the end of summer also signals the beginning of a new school year, I am mindful of the great movement taking place to open our schools for our youth. On my morning walks through town here in Metuchen, I see workers getting Campbell Elementary School ready to open, while the other early morning one of the brothers at Saint Joseph High School was working in the garden to beautify the campus, and our cathedral staff assiduously prepares St. Francis School to open. I am so grateful for all those who make our Catholic schools such great places for our children to grow in knowledge and in the faith: priests, religious, parents, our generous teachers and administrators, benefactors and the youth themselves. I pray that everyone got some rest this summer, and that during the upcoming year they may learn anew the importance of resting in the Lord.

Throughout the year, the chapel in my residence is a blessing and oasis for me, a place where I am rejuvenated daily by resting with the Lord. I know the St. John Neumann chapel in our Diocesan Pastoral Center is likewise a place where many come to spend time in daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and daily Mass.

When you are in the Piscataway area, or even make a special trip, I encourage to come by between 9 and 11:30 a.m. to our center. Our Lord awaits you!

It is very heartening, too, and I am truly grateful that in so many of our parishes our Lord is present in Eucharistic Adoration. If He was adored at each moment of each day somewhere throughout our diocese; we would receive abundant Blessings from our resting in Him! Our Lady shows us the way to her Son, as she rested with Him each day, even when she did not understand all that was going on in His life or hers, and even when a sword pierced her heart. Mary always leads us to her Son, who always awaits us. Be assured I am bringing you in prayer to Him through her, and I ask you to do the same for me.

God bless you all.

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

Metuchen Cursillo Weekend Fall 2019

The Metuchen Cursillo Movement will be holding their next Cursillo Weekend in the fall at the Blue Army Shrine in Asbury, NJ. A Cursillo Weekend is an "Encounter with Christ".

THE WOMEN'S WEEKEND is scheduled for November 14-17, 2019. THE MEN'S WEEKEND is to be announced. Weekends start on Thursday evening and end on Sunday afternoon.

Bishop Checchio has called the Metuchen Cursillo Movement "an international Catholic evangelical apostolate", and has assigned Rev. Fr. John Primich as its Spiritual Advisor.

For details and to download an application, log on to www.metcursillo.org or you may contact Lorri Casabianca at lorri.casabianca@gmail.com or (732) 738-1796 or Lucille Hess, Lay Director, at lhess@metcursillo.org.

Space is limited so please register as soon as possible.

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



World Day for Migrants & Refugees – Sunday, September 29, 2019

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

MIGRATION

The Church's position on migration is rooted in the Gospel and in the rich tradition of Catholic social teaching. A recent example of this teaching is in [Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope](#), a joint pastoral letter concerning migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States. The pastoral letter promotes five principles that should be used to help formulate migration-related policy:

Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland. All persons have the right to find in their own countries the economic, political and social opportunities to live in dignity and achieve a full life through the use of their God-given gifts. In this context, work that provides a just, living wage is a basic human need.

Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families. The Church recognizes that all the goods of the Earth belong to all people. When persons cannot find employment in their country of origin to support themselves and their families, they have a right to find work elsewhere in order to survive. Sovereign nations should provide ways to accommodate this right.

Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders. The Church recognizes the right of sovereign nations to control their territories and their borders. However, wealthier nations, which have the ability to better protect and feed their residents, have a strong obligation to accommodate migration flows.

Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection. Those who flee wars and persecution should be protected by the global community. This requires, at a minimum, that migrants have a right to claim refugee status without incarceration and to have their claims fully considered by a competent authority.

The human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected. Regardless of their legal status, migrants, like all persons, possess inherent human dignity that should be respected. Often they are subject to punitive laws and harsh treatment by enforcement officers from both receiving and transit countries. The Church recognizes the right of every sovereign state to control its borders in order to promote the common good. It also recognizes the right of every human being to migrate in order to enjoy his or her God-given rights. These teachings complement each other. Government policies that respect the basic human rights of the undocumented are necessary.

REFUGEES

It is a core Catholic teaching that every human being is created in the image of God and is therefore entitled to dignity and respect. The Catholic Church views assisting those in need as a fundamental Christian duty that is derived directly from the life and mercy of Christ, who himself was a refugee. As Christians, we are called to welcome our new neighbors with the same love and compassion we would want ourselves to be shown in a time of persecution. We must remember that refugees from all over the world are sent to our communities and are fleeing danger, exploitation and persecution.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services (USCCB/MRS) is one of nine national refugee resettlement agencies in the United States that assists refugees and advocates for the refugee community. Through a cooperative agreement and grants with the federal government, USCCB/MRS works in coordination with Catholic Charities and other partner agencies around the United States to welcome and ensure that the basic needs of each arriving refugee are adequately met.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A REFUGEE AND AN IMMIGRANT?

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, a refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

An immigrant is someone who voluntarily leaves his or her country in order to improve the prospects for themselves and their families.

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 23

7:00 p.m. Mirta Capan by the Dryl Family
Michael DeMaio by daughters Diane and Marilyn

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 a.m. Deacon John Pacifico by Sharon and Jeffrey Asen

Wednesday, September 25

7:00 a.m. Francesco Fusca by Fusca Family

Thursday, September 26

7:00 a.m. Giovanni and Anna Falzarano

Friday, September 27

8:15 a.m. Health and Recovery of Maria Szeman
7:00 p.m. Marie Viscione by Masterbone, Belmont and
Surace Families
Jeanette Lesinski by Laura and Richard Tuma

Saturday, September 28

9:00 a.m. Eleanor Russo by husband, Joe
4:00 p.m. Pietro, Dina and Anna Padovani by Theresa and
Enzo

Sunday, September 29

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. Marie Matteis-Fidacaro by daughter
12:00 p.m. Michael DeMaio, Jr. by sisters Marilyn and
Diane
5:00 p.m. Sal and Jean Calabro by daughters Joanne, Sally
And Jeanette

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps
are burning this week for:

Tabernacle Lamp for Deacon John Pacifico
by the Basilone Family



Altar Flowers in honor of
Marine Sgt. John F. Basilone
by the Catholic Church of St. Ann

Prayer for Those We Have Loved and Lost

Please pray for those who have recently passed:

Dominic Cringoli, Barbara Langon, Barbara Viola
"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)

38th Annual John Basilone Memorial Parade

This Sunday, September 22, 2019, the Borough of Raritan
will host its 38th annual John Basilone Memorial Parade
honoring its National World War II hero, Marine Sergeant
John Basilone. The parade will begin at 1:00pm. The John
Basilone Museum at the Raritan Library will be open
before the parade from 10am-1pm.

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

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

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage Invitation

St. Ann Regional Catholic Marriage Ministry presents Date
Nights for a Joyful Marriage. Saturday, September 28,
2019 from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm. An invitation to engaged
newlywed, dating couples or couples married several
years. Appetizers, dinner and dessert included. BYOB. \$35
per couple, \$40 at the door. Location: Catholic Church of
St. Ann, 45 Anderson Street, Raritan, Church Meeting
Room. For more information or to RSVP contact Ken and
Madeline Swartz: (908) 872-0282



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Parish Events

Sunday, September 22

10:00 am Memorial Mass for Marine Sergeant John Basilone (C)
11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)

Monday, September 23

6:15 pm PREP (SC) (S)
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (CMR)

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 pm Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion Meeting (SC)

Wednesday, September 25

Thursday, September 26

6:15 pm PREP (SC) (S)
6:00 pm Children's Choir (CL)
6:45 pm Bell Choir Practice (CL)
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (CL)

Friday, September 27

Saturday, September 28

4:00 pm Knights of Columbus Mums Sale and Recruitment (C)
4:00 pm Columbiettes Recruitment (C)
6:30 pm Date Nights for Married Couples (CMR)

Sunday, September 29

Knights of Columbus Mums Sale and Recruitment (C)
Columbiettes Recruitment (C)

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

Somerville Catholic Young Adult Ministry

All are welcome to join Somerville Catholic, Young Adult Ministry (YAM), every second Saturday evening for Selah, a holy hour of adoration, confession, guided musical praise and worship, and witness talks.

Selah is a Hebrew term commonly found in the Psalms and is a musical exclamation. Similarly, this holy hour series intends to powerfully direct our attention to the hope, joy, and peace that Christ invites us to enjoy and witness.

Date/time: Saturday, October 12th, 7:00 – 8:15P

Location: Immaculate Conception Church

Contact: SVCatholicYA@gmail.com

Viewing of Film: Unplanned

Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. Abbey Johnson was a strong advocate for women's reproductive rights until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading her to join 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

Sunday, September 29 at 3 PM; Sunday, October 13 at 3 PM and Sunday, November 10 at 3 PM

At the theatre at Immaculata High School at 240 Mountain Ave Somerville, NJ

There is no charge for admission but a free will donation is appreciated. Note to Parents: The R rating is for scenes of a medical nature and some blood

Parish Religious Education Program – PREP (a.k.a CCD) 2019-2020

Parent Meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.

Candidates and Parent Meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.

Questions? Please contact Sr. Phyllis at 908-725-1008, press 1 then 5 or email pvella@stannparish.com

Weekly Offering...September 15, 2019

Total: \$ 12,118.50

First Collection:	\$ 6,684.00
Second Collection (Hurricane Relief):	\$ 2,016.00
Church Improvements	\$ 1,373.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,924.50
Other:	\$ 121.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

St. Ann School Used Clothing Drive

**START SAVING YOUR:
GENTLY USED CLOTHES, SHOES, HATS, HANDBAGS,
LINENS, PILLOWS AND TOWELS**

St. Ann School will hold its used **Clothing Drive:**

Tuesday, October 1st

Drop off clothes and items from 7:00am-12:00pm
in the school parking lot.

All items must be placed in tall kitchen garbage bags.

If you need to drop off items before October 1 please bring bags to the school.

No books, pots, pans, or baby gear.



Immaculata High School Open Home

Sunday, October 27 from 12:00—4:00 pm. Address: 240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville.

For more information or to RSVP go online to:
www.immaculatahighschool.org/admissions/openhome
or call: (908) 722-0200, xt 218

Union Catholic High School Open House

Wednesday October 9 at 7:00pm Tours begin as early as 6:15pm. Address: 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. For more information contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600, xt. 302 or email: bthornton@unioncatholic.org

St. Thomas Aquinas High School Open House

Sunday, October 13 from 1:00-4:00 pm. Address: One Tingly Lane, Edison. For more information call (732) 549-1108, xt. 620 or go online to: stahs.net