

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, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m., 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

Vigil: 7:00 p.m.

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 Deacon John Pacifico in 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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 3, 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 John Pacifico
Deacon Roy Rabinowitz
Deacon Rob Sause
Deacon Rick Stevens

Office Staff

Mr. Miguel De Jesus, *Director of Sacred Music*
Mrs. Christine Esposito, *Social Ministry*
Mr. Lou Falconeri, *Plant Manager*
Ms. Barbara Russell, *Administrative Assistant*

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

Columbiettes

Our purpose is to promote the spiritual, social and charitable welfare of our members. As a charitable, not-for-profit organization we support many different charities and are involved in community activities as well as working collectively with our Brother Knights to promote faith and unity. We also have many social events as well as our religious and charitable works where you will have the opportunity to meet other women who share your interest.

Sgt. John F. Basilone Auxiliary meets on the second Tuesday of the month September through June at 7pm in the CMR. If interested contact Barb Rymer @ #908-337-7110 or Barb.columbiettes@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus News and Events

- Our next Parish Breakfast (Valentine's Day Breakfast) is Sunday, Feb. 10th from 8:00am - 11:00am in the school cafeteria.
- Please recycle your aluminum cans and metal in the blue recycling bins located at the back of the Rectory and near the School cafeteria door.



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



Pope Francis
General Audience
January 16, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

To continue...But of course the Gospels better explain the meaning of this word. What does this word mean to Jesus? The 'Our Father' takes on meaning and color if we learn to pray it after having read, for example, the Parable of the Merciful Father, in Chapter 15 of Luke (cf. Lk 15:11-32). Let us imagine this prayer recited by the prodigal son, after having experienced the embrace of his father who had long awaited him, a father who does not remember the offensive words the son had said to him, a father who now simply makes him understand how much he has been missed. Thus we discover how those words become vibrant, receive strength. And let us ask ourselves: is it possible that You, O God, really know only love? Do you not know hatred? No — God would respond — I know only love.

Where in You is vengeance, the demand for justice, anger at your wounded honour? And God would respond: I know only love.

In that parable the father's manner of conduct somehow recalls the spirit of a *mother*. It is especially mothers who excuse their children, who protect them, who do not suspend empathy for them, who continue to love them, even when they would no longer deserve anything. It is enough to evoke this single expression — *Abba* — for Christian prayer to develop. And in his Letters, Saint Paul follows this same path, because it is the path taught by Jesus: in this invocation there is a force that draws all the rest of the prayer.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
February 2019
Human Trafficking



For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

From the desk of...

Bishop James F. Checchio
January 24, 2019



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week, I participated in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The excitement of our youth at the Masses and the March itself was so contagious. Youth from our schools and St. Peter's University Parish/Catholic Center at Rutgers University attended in very good numbers, joining so many others from throughout our region and country. One of the many blessings I have found since coming to our diocese are our youth. It is always a joy to be with them. Whether I meet them in a parish after Mass, at a service project in the community where they are assisting others, at confirmation or at one of our Catholic schools or religious education programs, I always come away with a renewed sense of hope and joy. These are the young people that will lead the "revolution of tenderness" envisioned by Pope Francis. I am blessed to be their Shepherd and embrace being with them in this revolution! Young people today are faced with so many challenges and opportunities, it really takes all of us to help guide and prepare our youth to be vigilant against evil in their future. With that in mind, Pope Francis specifically convened a worldwide synod in October 2018 on the theme: Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. When he initiated the process, he addressed a letter to the youth of the world, telling them that he wanted this synod because, "I wanted you to be the center of attention, because you are in my heart." It was his intention that the synod would be a process of discernment "so that young people can discover their life goals and realize them with joy, opening themselves up to an encounter with God."

Uniquely, prior to the Synod a questionnaire was sent around the world to hear directly from our youth about the world in which they live. The questionnaire stated that "the Church has decided to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective ways to announce the Good News today." Young people around the world answered enthusiastically, and not surprisingly, very honestly. In our diocese, our youth and young adults convened in a variety of ways to respond to the challenge of the document. They spoke candidly about their concerns relating to racism, immigration, the economy and family life/marriage, same sex attraction, the role of women in the Church and environmental issues. They questioned the role of youth in the day to day life of the parish and how the weekly homilies apply to them. They expressed concerns about the ability of the Church to engage in the digital world. In other parts of the world, they people spoke of the fear of being persecuted for their faith, war, and poverty.

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

Spiritual Adoption



To: St. Ann Parish

Date: February 3, 2019

Feast of the Presentation of the Baby Jesus

From: St. Ann Pro-Life Ministry,

Many of us were not be able participate in the March for Life this year, yet one way each of us can make a difference is to Spiritually Adopt a baby. What is a Spiritual Adoption? Initiated in 1991, this simple yet effective program provides an opportunity for children, teens, adults and senior citizens to prayerfully intercede on behalf of moms and unborn babies threatened by abortion. **Participants spiritually adopt a baby known by God to be at risk of abortion by pledging to pray the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen prayer daily, for nine months.**

We all know the power of prayer. What a wonderful way to help an unborn child. We can even spiritually adopt a baby together with one of our children. What an opportunity this can provide, to be able to talk about respecting life – from conception to natural death.

At the end of nine months of prayer our parish will celebrate the birth of our adopted baby with a baby shower. Information about the baby shower will come soon. Look for updates about the life of your adopted baby in the bulletin!

If you are interested in spiritually adopting a child, please be so kind as to return the right side of the below form to the entrance or side of the church. The left side can be cut and placed near the area in which you pray.

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT-A-BABY	SPIRITUALLY ADOPT-A-BABY
I, _____, will pray daily:	I, _____ (your name)
	promise to spiritually adopt an unborn baby,
<p>Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. -- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen</p>	_____ (choose a name for your baby)
Baby's Name: _____ (choose a name for your baby)	who is in danger of abortion by praying daily for the life of this child until birth.
Due Date: _____ (9 months from today) (keep this portion)	(return this portion)

Kindly return (right side of form) to the box at the entrance or side of church by Feb 9/10.

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 4

7:00 a.m. Giuseppe Varvaro by the Sause Family

Tuesday, February 5

7:00 p.m. Howard Condo Jr. by Esther Condo

Wednesday, February 6

7:00 a.m. Nancy and Michael Natale by sister, Catherine and Angelo Viscariello

Thursday, February 7

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

Friday, February 8

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Gecik by Vinnie Papa and Millie DellaPeruta

Saturday, February 9

9:00 a.m. Domenico and Gregorio Grande by Caterina Grande

4:00 p.m. Basile Pastore by Elena and Gracie

Sunday, February 10

7:30 a.m. Alfonso Russo by Connie and Carlo Melia

10:00 a.m. Gennaro and Filomena Pacifico by Deacon John Pacifico

12:00 p.m. Riley Family by Maria and Frank Incontrera

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Candle & Flower Intentions

St. Ann's offers candle, lamp and flower intentions in the following locations: Altar, Tabernacle, St. Joseph Statue, Blessed Mother Statue and Pro-Life Memorial. Please stop by or call the Parish Office to request an intention.

Catholic Spirit Collection

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet in next weekend's second collection. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of the Catholic Spirit and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper - it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

We ask God's blessing for the strengthening and healing of our sick and homebound:

**Anna Carra, Bruno Cirianni, Frank Cirianni,
Mary Contino, Maria Anastasia D'Amore,**

**JoAnn Dellaperute Frank DiBetta, Elyse, Mary Felice,
Frank Forte, Cindy Galvacky, Anthony Gambino,
Arlene Gambino, Paul Gambino, Sara Gendlek,**

**Victor Laggini, Gloria A. Lamaestra, Brianna Rose Larson,
MaryAnn Mangiaracina, Mark Marshall, Susan Maurice,
Austin McNamara, Lori Monaghan, Ann Navatto,**

**Don Palumbo, Joe Pastore, Marie Richardson,
Joseph Sgro, Cathy Stinziano, Danny Tibaldi,**

Joseph Tomaio, Ron Wyka, Alex Zachok, Betty Zimmitti

*All names will remain on the list for 4 weeks,
unless otherwise requested.*

2018 Contribution Statements

If you would like to request your Contribution Statement from the Catholic Church of St. Ann for Tax Year 2018 please call the parish office at (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 6 or email the parish office at cesposito@stannparish.com.

Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage

The St. Ann Catholic Marriage Ministry presents: Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage for couples on Saturday, February 9 from 6:30pm - 9:00pm. Includes dinner and dessert, \$35.00 per couple. Location: St. Ann's Church Meeting Room. To RSVP contact: Ron and Tammi Allen (908) 581-5113. Cash or check made out to the Catholic Church of St. Ann can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

St. Ann Parish Music Corner

A common Eucharistic hymn that the church uses is *Ave Verum Corpus*. Many composers throughout history have set this text to music with the most common being Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The text is below.

Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum,
immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

O Iesu dulcis,
O Iesu pie,
O Iesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail true body
born of the Virgin Mary
having truly suffered
sacrificed
on the cross for mankind
from whose side
water and blood flowed:
be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.

O sweet Jesus,
O holy Jesus
O Jesus, son of Mary
have mercy on me. Amen.

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

PFC Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps

Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army

Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

Pray for the souls of those who have given their
lives in service to our country.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 3, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, February 3

Food Drive

Monday, February 4

6:15 pm PREP (S)

Tuesday, February 5

7:00 pm Columbiette's Monthly Meeting (CMR)

7:30 pm Bingo (SC)

7:30 pm Social Ministry Meeting (PMR)

Wednesday, February 6

12:30 pm School Dismissal (S)

6:45 pm Choir Practice (C)

7:00 pm 2019-2020 Meeting for Sacrament of Confirmation (SC)

Thursday, February 7

6:15 pm PREP (S)

Friday, February 8

6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting (SC)

7:30 pm Devotion to Mary: Mind and Spirit (C/CMR)

Saturday, February 9

11:00 am Cub Scout Pinewood Derby (SC)

6:30 pm Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage (CMR)

Sunday, February 10

8:00 am Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast (SC)

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

St. Ann's School Annual Garage Sale Accepting Donations

On **Saturday, March 2nd** and **Sunday, March 3rd**
from **9:00am-5:00pm.**

Pull up to school or drop off in the school cafeteria.

Donations (clean, gently used or new items):

Small electronics	Small furniture
Décor items, seasonal items	Sporting goods
Clothing, shoes, accessories	Bikes
Household goods, kitchenware	

We DO NOT accept:

Company Logo items	Cassette tapes
Jars or containers with food or candy	Large luggage
Textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines	Large furniture
Mattresses, pillows	
Non-working electronics	
Auto items—tires, rims, batteries	
Baby furniture (cribs, car seats, high chairs, play-pens)	

Immaculata High School to host "Immaculata Difference"

Inviting all 6th, 7th and 8th grade families to an intimate information event. Families interested in transferring into Grades 10 and 11 are also welcome. Event will be held on Thursday, February 28 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Immaculata High School, 240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville. For more information or to RSVP please visit: www.ImmaculataHighSchool.org/Difference or call the Director of Admissions at (908) 722-0200, xt 218

St. Ann's School Open House and Pancake Breakfast Was a Huge Success



Thank you to all those who helped make St. Ann's School Pancake Breakfast and Open House a huge success.

Don't worry if you missed the Open House. It is not too late.

If you are interested in learning more about our school, you can request a tour by calling: (908) 725-7787 or go to: www.stannparish.com/schoolsite

Our Smarter Start Program provides:
competitive high-quality academic programs,
certified teachers, faith-based caring environment,
full-day program and after care.

Catholic Schools 2019-2020 Tuition Assistance

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2018**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may attend one of two Application Workshops that are scheduled for January 23 and February 7 at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy from 2-4 pm, and 6-8 pm. A Spanish translator will be available.

St. Ann's PREP Program Reminders

- February 10, 2019 and March 10, 2019:
10:00 am Mass (parents and children preparing for the **Sacrament of Communion**)

- February 10, 2019 and March 10, 2019:
12pm Mass (parents and candidates preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**)
- February 10, 2019 and March 10, 2019:
1:00pm Group Session in the school cafeteria (candidates preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**)

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, March 2, 10:45am (Holy Trinity Church)

Confirmation Practice: Wednesday, April 10, 5:00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: Friday, April 12

Weekly Offering...January 27, 2019

Total: \$11,493.16

First Collection:	\$ 8,454.00
Second Collection (Church and Grounds)	\$ 1,739.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,223.16
Other:	\$ 77.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.