



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](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 Deacon John Pacifico in 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  
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*Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 7, 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  
Transitional Deacon Br. John Fredy Triana Beltran, CO

#### 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

#### Music/Choirs

Our music ministry welcomes singers and other musicians of all ages. No experience is necessary, just a willing spirit. Our Adult choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7:30pm (Sept-June) in the church and sings every Sunday at 10:00am Mass, once a month at 12:00pm Mass, holidays and special occasions. Our Bell Choir rehearses every Wednesday from 6:45pm-7:30pm and performs on holy days. It ranges in age from upper elementary school through adult. Thank you to Miguel DeJesus our Music Director for all of his hard work and dedication.

#### Knights of Columbus News and Events

- The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm in the Church Meeting Room.
- Easter flowers will be sold at the Palm Sunday weekend Masses. April 13/14

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



## DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 7, 2019

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I know you will agree that among our greatest assets in this diocese is our faithful priests. The Diocese of Metuchen currently has 29 retired diocesan priests. Just imagine how many masses, baptisms, and confessions we have celebrated with them. They have blessed us, mourned with us, and ministered to us throughout our lives. Because they devoted their lives to the services of God and the Diocese of Metuchen we have been the recipients of their sacramental and pastoral care. Wherever I go on parish visits, I hear about and can sense your great love for our priests. As I think back on my own life, I see my own faith has been remarkably shaped by the priests who ministered to me and my family while growing up. Good and faithful priests bring joy to the Church.

For the majority of diocesan priests, retirement at the age of 75 may end administrative responsibilities, but not their priestly ministry. In a number of parishes, our retired priests continue to celebrate Mass and assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They bring Christ's love to the sick and serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, and teachers, giving freely of their time to assist our active priests. The retired priests, who for health reasons cannot minister in the parishes, also continue to support the people of God through their prayers and example.

Next weekend, April 13 and 14, the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge those priests who have faithfully served our diocese by responding to the **Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests**. This collection assists our elderly priests by helping to provide them with a monthly pension. It also subsidizes the operation of the Maria Regina Residence where 10 of our retired priests are currently living.

Your generous response to next week's special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service as well as make it possible for us to continue to properly care for them. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. We depend on your prayerful support in order to accomplish the work of the Gospel in our challenging times.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

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

*Pope Francis Prayer Intention for  
April 2019  
Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones*



For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

*2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Parish Progress*

*Help Build a Civilization of Love*

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

As of March 29, 196 donors have pledged a total of \$54,598. Total amount of payments is \$45,155. This represents 84% of our goal.

Thank you to those who have participated so far. If every household contributes whatever they can, we can be confident that we will achieve our goal.

## *Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 7, 2019*

Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

I would like to call attention to some items regarding the way we provide financial support and care for St. Ann Parish. You may not be aware of some changes that have taken place. I want to provide you with some explanation so that you can better understand and respond appropriately.

### Envelopes:

For those who receive envelopes, you may have noticed that as of this past February, there are fewer envelopes in your packs. Having fewer envelopes does not mean that there is less need. One reason for reducing the number of envelopes is to adhere more closely to the directives given by the Diocese regarding special collections. I will now try to explain.

### First Collection:

The purpose for the regular weekly first collection is to provide the ordinary parish income needed to pay for the operational cost of running the parish. Ordinary operational expenses include the cost of all supplies, maintenance, salaries and benefits for employees, utilities, insurance, assessments, ministries and services, school subsidy, etc.

### Second Collections:

Often enough, the Diocese mandates special collections for the needs of the worldwide or national Church (i.e. Peter's Pence, Holy Land, For the Development of the People, Propagation of the Faith, Catholic Relief Services), or of the local Diocesan Church (i.e. Together in Charity, Retirement Collection for Diocesan Clergy). Those mandated collections help to make us aware that we have a responsibility to support the broader mission of the Catholic Church. Special envelopes are provided for those collections, in addition to the regular first collection envelope for the given week. Although they have distinct envelopes, these special collections will usually have its own second pass of the basket, distinguishing the donor's intended purpose of non-envelope cash.

Besides the special second collections mandated by the Diocese, St. Ann's has been in the practice of regularly having other second collections. They have had various names, like "building & grounds maintenance" or "debt reduction." Essentially, those second collections are applied to the overall ordinary operating expense of running your parish, described above. The intended purpose of those second collections has been to address the same needs as the first collection. If everyone has that understanding, then we do not really need those second collections; your two contributions ought to be combined into just the first collection. This year the number of those second collection envelopes has been significantly reduced. The concern of the parish Finance Council is that people will incorrectly conclude that, since there are less second collections, there is less need for financial support. We don't want you to think that, since it is not true!

The Diocese of Metuchen has directives saying that special second collections, besides those mandated, are for special extraordinary needs of the parish that are specific and defined in scope and cost; they need to be approved and authorized by the Diocese. The income from those second collections is considered extraordinary income and is to be accounted for separately from ordinary operating income. It ought to be understood that second collections for the parish that are not authorized by the Diocese are considered ordinary income and are applied to the ordinary operating expense of running the parish. (Examples of parish second collections that will be kept separate, yet still reported as ordinary income: Social Ministry and Support for Filippini Sisters)

Q. How do you know when there is a second collection?

A. When there is a second envelope provided in your packet. Otherwise, there will be only one collection.

If you make use of electronic giving (WeShare), please enter your account and modify how you want to designate your contributions. Please do this since the changes in envelope distribution affect WeShare collections as well.

Q. What are the advantages to using WeShare automatic online giving? .... to be continued!

Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless you. Peace! Fr. Tom

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

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 8

7:00 a.m. Anne Mazhlewski by Sr. Dolores Toscano

### Tuesday, April 9

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Wednesday, April 10

7:00 a.m. Carmela Cassola and Angela by Massa Family

### Thursday, April 11

7:00 p.m. Carmela Russo by Anna Cugliari  
Gregorio Natale by Vincenza Greco  
Frank DiBetta by Antoniette Falco  
Bob Andresen by Bob and Pat Ronca  
Adam M. Nawarynski

### Friday, April 12

7:00 a.m. Giacomo Greco by wife Vincenza Greco

### Saturday, April 13

9:00 a.m. Elizabetta and Vincenzo Grande by Caterina Grande  
4:00 p.m. Carlo and Teresa Truppi by Carmine and Felicetta Truppi

### Sunday, April 14

7:30 a.m. Rose and Vincenzo Contessa by John Contessa  
10:00 a.m. James Glenn by wife Angie  
12:00 p.m. Josephine and Angelo Laggini by Cindy and Chuck Galvacky  
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

*Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps  
are burning this week for:*

**Altar Candle #1 for Antonio Gasparro**  
by Maria Rosa Gasparro

**Tabernacle Lamp for Salvatore Natale**  
by wife and children

## Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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

Wayne Basilone, Anna Carra, Bruno Cirianni,  
Frank Cirianni, Mary Contino, Maria Anastasia D'Amore,  
Michael D'Angelo, JoAnn Dellaperute, Dominic DeLuca,  
Mary Felice, Frank Forte, Cindy Galvacky,  
Gambino Family, Sara Gendlek, Michael Giancaspro,  
Victor Laggini, Gloria A. Lamaestra, Brianna Rose Larson,  
MaryAnn Mangiaracina, Mark Marshall, Austin McNamara,  
Lori Monaghan, Lidia Natale, Ann Navatto,  
Deacon John Pacifico, Don Palumbo, Marie Richardson,  
Mary Soriano, 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.*

## This Week's Daily Bible Readings

### Sunday

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

### Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;  
Jn 8:12-20

### Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

### Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

## Lenten Penance Service

The **Lenten Penance Service** will take place  
at Holy Trinity Church on  
Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 pm.

## Eucharistic Holy Hour

The Oratorian community invites everyone to take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour. This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction. The next Holy Hour will be held on Sunday, April 14 at 3:30 pm in St. Ann's Church, Raritan.

## Chrism Mass April 15, 2019

Bishop James Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass on April 15 at 4:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils that each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used before Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the newly baptized, confirmandi, priests at their ordination and altar and walls of new churches. All priests will also make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to the Bishop, their ministry to God and His People.

## 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.**

## Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 7, 2019

### Parish Events

#### Sunday, April 7

Monthly Food Drive (C)

#### Monday, April 8

6:15 pm PREP (S)

7:45 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (CMR)

#### Tuesday, April 9

7:30 pm Bingo (SC)

#### Wednesday, April 10

2:30 pm School Choir (C)

5:00 pm Practice for Confirmation

5:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper (SC)

7:30 pm Lenten Penance Service (Holy Trinity Church)

#### Thursday, April 11

6:15 pm PREP (S)

6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting (SC)

6:45 pm Choir Practice (C)

#### Friday, April 12

1:00 pm St. Ann School Stations of the Cross (C)

5:30 pm Sacrament of Confirmation (C)

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (C)

#### Saturday, April 13

4:00 pm Knights of Columbus Easter Flower Sale after Mass (C)

#### Sunday, April 14

Knights of Columbus Easter Flower Sale after Masses (C)

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...March 31, 2019

Total: \$ 11,005.84

First Collection:	\$ 8,769.00
Second Collection:	None
Online Offering:	\$ 1,848.84
Other:	\$ 388.00

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

### Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30pm the JANUS/GPS Bereavement Support Group will feature Anthony Vadimsky presenting: "The Three R's, Relax, Recover with Reikki". There is no fee but registration is requested. Call Barbara Ronca, PhD-LCSW at 908-218-9062 weekdays 9am-3pm. Counseling and Therapy Services is located on Hwy 202S in Raritan.

### Lenten Soup Supper

You're invited to join us for fellowship and breaking bread at our Lenten Suppers. All parishioners, family and friends are welcome. Our next supper is Wednesday, April 10 at 5:00pm in the St. Ann School Cafeteria. Menu: Baked Ziti, Italian Bread, Salad, Brownies. Consider joining us afterwards at Holy Trinity Church for our Lenten Penance Service at 7:30pm. **Thank you** to the volunteers who donate, cook and serve our Lenten Soup Supper.

### Please Pray for Those Receiving Confirmation

Please remember in your prayers this week the forty young men and women from St. Ann's parish and school and Holy Trinity parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop James Checchio at St. Ann's church on Friday, April 12. May they be open to divine love and truth, and to all that the Spirit wants to bring about in their life.

### Catechist/Volunteers for PREP

Looking for a way to share your faith? Volunteers are needed for classes, catechists, aides, sacramental preparation, substitutes, office/resources and other areas. You don't have to have children in the program to volunteer. Guidance and support will be provided. To find out more contact: Sr. Phyllis at [pvella@stannparish.com](mailto:pvella@stannparish.com) or (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 5.

### PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

2019-2020 early re-registration for current PREP families: Parents/Guardians can complete and return their family packet that has been distributed during PREP sessions. After June 1<sup>st</sup> Re-Registration Forms may be obtained from the Parish website. Any new families wishing to register their child (Grade1-8) may also take advantage of this early registration. Contact Sr. Phyllis at [pvella@stannparish.com](mailto:pvella@stannparish.com) or call: 908-725-1008, press 1 then 5, for more information. Check out the parish website: [www.stannparish.com](http://www.stannparish.com) under Faith Formation tab.

### High School Open Houses

**Union Catholic High School** (1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains): Wed. April 10 at 7:00pm;  
Contact: (908) 889-1600, xt. 302

**5K Run/Walk and Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 13  
For information call: (908) 889-1600, xt. 392 or  
email: [racedirector@unioncatholic.org](mailto:racedirector@unioncatholic.org)

**Bishop George Ahr High School** (One Tingley Lane, Edison):  
Tues. April 9 at 7:00pm;  
Contact: (732) 549-1108, xt. 620 or on the web  
at [bgahs.org](http://bgahs.org)

### Summer Camp at Immaculata High School

Enjoy a wide variety of Art, Music and Athletic camps at Immaculata High School this summer. (240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville) A complete list of camps, dates and registration information can be found at [www.immaculatahighschool.org/summer](http://www.immaculatahighschool.org/summer).

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be July 26-28. Early registration is advisable, space is limited. Call: (732) 904-9636 for registration and information. Visit us at: [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)