



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
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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

Knights of Columbus

Easter flowers will be sold after Masses this weekend.

Pro Life Ministry

Pray the Pro Life Rosary Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30pm
(following 7:00 pm Holy Mass).

Parish Providers

Parish Providers are volunteers that provide various services for people experiencing emergency situations. Examples are: a special food collection, an item collection (winter coat, clothes, furniture), special service (a ride to a doctor, a household or yard chore) and meal preparation. Please consider putting your name on our Parish Provider list by contacting Christine at (908) 725-1008, press 1 then 6.

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



Pope Francis
General Audience
April 3, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Last Saturday and Sunday I completed an Apostolic Journey to Morocco, and I thank His Majesty King Mohammed VI and the other authorities, for their warm welcome. Above all I thank the Lord for allowing me to take yet another step along the road of dialogue and encounter with our Muslim brothers and sisters, as a “Servant of hope” in today’s world. To serve hope in our day is to build bridges between cultures, and it was a joy and honour for me to be able to do this in the noble Kingdom of Morocco, meeting both its people and its political leaders. King Mohammed and I reiterated the essential role religions have in defending human dignity, promoting peace and justice, and in caring for creation, our common home. The question of migration was of particular importance and I was able to thank the Church in Morocco for its commitment towards migrants, and to encourage those who give generous service in realizing the words of Christ: “When I was a stranger you welcomed me” (Mt 25:35). After greeting priests, religious, consecrated men and women and the Ecumenical Council of Churches, thousands gathered for the Sunday Mass, where the parable of the prodigal son spoke to us of the beauty of God’s plan of forgiveness and reconciliation. Indeed, knowing our need of God’s mercy is vital, for only those who have been reborn and live in the Father’s embrace, can be servants of hope for our world.

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 April 5, 212 donors have pledged a total of \$ 59,088. . Total amount of payments is \$ 48,517 This represents 91% 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.

From the desk of...
Bishop James F. Checchio
April 4, 2019



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, I celebrated Mass in the chapel at my residence in Metuchen. This was a special day for me because I have a deep devotion to Mary and am not able to have many Masses at home. My schedule keeps me on the road most days for parish Masses, as well as visits to schools, nursing homes, prisons, and especially during this time of year confirmations, which take place almost every night. I had a good morning to begin this special day in my life and the life of the Church, recalling the Angel Gabriel’s appearance to the frightened Mary, announcing that she would be the Mother of God! My morning walk and rosary, Mass for the solemnity, then quiet time in prayer provided me with good time to rest with Mary on this special day of hers. My prayer was enhanced by the depiction of the Annunciation on the two stained glass windows in my chapel behind the altar. This year, the Annunciation took place in the third week of Lent, so we found ourselves half way through the Lenten season, a good time to reflect on this Lent and ask ourselves if we have opened our hearts to the Son of God more during these weeks particularly through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are also a few months into our Year of Spiritual Awakening in preparation for our diocesan consecration to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe.

There have been many spiritual awakening prayer services taking place, and I have enjoyed hearing from our priests, deacons, religious and laity during my parish visits about these opportunities of opening our hearts more to her Son, of making ourselves spiritually awake as Juan Diego was when he met our Lady. Our Gospel on this weekend reminded us through the barren fig tree story that we still have time to produce fruit, as the owner of the vineyard gives us another year to produce fruit. Gratefully, our God always awaits our response to His invitation to deeper friendship with Him.

Mary must have been such a beautiful person, who even though fearful when the Angel appeared to her, was able to say “yes” to the Angel as she had prepared herself so well through her own prayer. How grateful we are to her for her ‘yes’ and her example. One of the joys of heaven will be to meet this beautiful woman of faith whose intercession we seek so often in our prayer.

I, too, had some fear enter my heart on Mary’s beautiful feast day. Our New Jersey state legislature passed the so-called “Medical Aid-in-Dying” bill that same day. If signed into law by the Governor, New Jersey would become the eighth jurisdiction in the United States to legalize assisted suicide. What a sad day.

St. Ann School, Catholic Classical Education

We are excited to announce that, beginning September 2019, St. Ann K-8 Catholic School, located in Raritan, New Jersey, will transition to a renewed method of teaching that will enhance the student's learning experience. By adopting this different method of Catholic education, St. Ann's will distinguish itself from other elementary schools in this region of New Jersey. We are excited to announce that St. Ann's will be offering a Catholic classical liberal arts education. What does this mean?

A Catholic Classical Liberal Arts School operates on the premise that our good and loving God has created all that is for a purpose and with a plan. Moreover, God has given humanity special gifts that enable us to learn and grow, to apply ourselves in seeking what is true, good, and beautiful. The gifts of intellect and free will, which God gave to the human person, the pinnacle of God's creative work, enable humans to order their thinking with reason and to exercise virtue in their choosing. The Catholic classical liberal method of education seeks to present learning as an adventure that encourages the student's sense of wonder at how God's order and plan can be found in everything. This approach to education also affirms and capitalizes on the natural phases of a child's development. Religion and one's relationship with God is integrated within all subject areas; Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are basic texts for the classroom.

Learning at St. Ann's will not just be a matter of absorbing a quantity of facts and information and then taking a test. Our desire is for our students to learn how to think and reason; to develop language skills in order to write and speak well about what they discover in school. Our aim is help them become human persons who know their purpose and mission in life, and to become enthusiastic about their relationship with God and others and the world. What is reality? What is truth? What can I learn from it and how ought I respond to it?

We want St. Ann's students to come to know that the Way, the Truth and the Life has a name and that He invites us to accept His gift of healing-love and freedom. We want our schoolchildren to develop great confidence, to know they are uniquely loved, and to respect their own dignity and that of others. Our desire for them is to be filled with wonder and awe while they learn about the order, patterns and natural laws found within math and the sciences; we want their hearts and minds to be opened to the beauty and truth to be found in great literature and the lives and events of historical heroes and saints.

Our transition to the classical model will occur over a two-year period beginning with the 2019 – 2020 academic year. The first year of transition will focus primarily on the subjects of history, literature and language arts. The transition will be complete for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

We are located at 29 Second Avenue, Raritan, NJ. **Call 908-725-7787** to make an appointment.

OPEN HOUSE: JUNE 5, 7:00-8:30pm

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 15

7:00 a.m. Filomena and Alberto DiGiuseppantonio by Elena and Gracie

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 p.m. Gregorio Natale by Saverio and Caterina Todarello
Rose Tozzi by Doris Kelco
Nicola DeBellis by Ellen Karpinski
Bill Larkin by Lena and Joe
Howard Wartel by Sliwa Family

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 a.m. Gregorio and Domenico Grande by Caterina Grande

Thursday, April 18

7:30 p.m. Carmela Russo by Kelly Albright and Eleanor Maccia
Janet Vierbuchen by Rosary Altar Society

Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

8:15 p.m. (Vigil Mass) People of the Parish

Sunday, April 21

7:30 a.m. Giuseppe Vavaro and Robert Sause by the Sause Family
10:00 a.m. Dottie Pacifico by Deacon John Pacifico
12:00 p.m. Pasquale and Immacolata Suriano by their children

Awakening Night for Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 12th Bishop Checchio inaugurated a year of preparation for the consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe. His intention for this year is that each one of us open our heart wide to God's grace so that authentic spiritual renewal can take place. In light of this you are invited to come to an evening of prayer, preaching and reflection on the message and meaning of Our Lady of Guadalupe's apparitions on our continent in 1531. Discover how The Blessed Mother led nine million indigenous Mexican people into a life changing encounter with her Son, Jesus, and how she desires to lead you into a deep and vibrant relationship with Him as well.

This is a regional event, intended for all local parishes.

Anyone may attend.

Date: April 29 **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Location: Holy Trinity Church - 60 Maple Street, Bridgewater

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 Rasmussen; 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

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week for:

Altar Candle #1 Special Intention for Anna Carra and family in Honor of the Passion of the Lord

Altar Candle #2 Special Intention for Anna Carra and family in Honor of Palm Sunday

Tabernacle Lamp for Salvatore Natale
by wife and children

Blessed Mother Lamp for Jason Przybylski
by family

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday
Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday
Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday
Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday
Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday
Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday
Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday
Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

Lost and Found Items

Items found in the Church are placed in a box under the table at the back of the Church, Please be sure to check the box. Items not claimed will be donated or discarded as appropriate.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Wayne Basilone
Anna Carra
Bruno Cirianni
Frank Cirianni
Mary Contino
Maria Anastasia
D'Amore
Michael D'Angelo
JoAnn Dellaperute
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



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 14, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Knights of Columbus Easter Flower Sale after Masses (C)
3:30 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour (C)

Monday, April 15

No PREP
7:15 pm Festa Meeting (PMR)

Tuesday, April 16

7:30 pm Bingo (SC)
7:30 pm Pro-Life Rosary following 7:00 pm Mass (C)

Wednesday, April 17

2:30 pm School Choir (C)
6:45 pm Choir (C)

Thursday, April 18 - Thursday of the Lord's Supper

No School
No Prep
Parish Office Closed
7:30 pm Mass followed by Adoration until 11:00pm (C)

Friday, April 19 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord

No School
Parish Office Closed
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross (C)
3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (C)
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Holy Trinity Church)

Saturday, April 20 - Holy Saturday

No Confessions
12:00pm Blessing of the Easter Food/Baskets (C)
8:15pm Easter Sunday Vigil Mass (C)

Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm Mass (C)

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

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.

Congratulations to Those Who Received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 12

Charlotte Polycarpia Adam
Zack Michael Catterson
Kristin Christina DeStefano
Sabrina Anna Fodor
Tyler Anthony Gee
Brooke Elizabeth Hughes
Georgina Christina Iannetta
Noelle Teresa of Calcutta Kientzler
Juliet Rita of Cascia Krupa
Rebecca Catherine Laboure Lachac
Michael Pio Linda

Tomasz Christopher Maziarz
Justin Peter McDonough
Brett Valentine McManus
Daniel Vincent De Paul Mezquita
George George Miller
Evan John Nebab
Maryann Catherine of Siena Opida
Isabella Zita Patella
Audrey Veronica Pennimpede
Ryan Patrick Prickett
Mayra Alice Rolon

Oscar Francis Servin
Amanda Cecilia Sullivan
Adam Paul Tionson
Benjamin Alexander of Comana Wicenski



St. Ann Parish Music Corner

As we focus more on the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, we join in the sorrow of the Blessed Mother. This text will be sung for the offertory this weekend as well as the

Stabat mater dolorosa juxta The grieving mother stood by
crucem lacrimosa dum pende- the cross crying while her Son
bat Filius. was hanging.

Cuius animam gementem con- Through her weeping soul,
tristatam et dolentem pertran- compassionate and grieving, a
sivit gladius sword passed.

O quam tristis et afflicta fuit illa O how sad and afflicted was
benedicta Mater Unigeniti. that blessed Mother of the Only

Marriage Encounter Weekend

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

Weekly Offering...April 7, 2019

Total: \$ 10,377.83

First Collection:	\$ 6,884.00
Second Collection (Church Improvement):	\$ 1,813.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,526.83
Other:	\$ 154.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Trip to Lourdes and Southern France

Join Fr. Kenneth Brighenti of St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish, Flemington on his upcoming trip to Lourdes and Southern France scheduled for September 16-26, 2019. This trip will visit Lourdes, Avignon, Nice and Monaco. Book your trip today, limited to 25 passengers. Call (908) 766-8994 or email: info@fratelliandcompany.com for more info or a complete brochure.