

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
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ST. ANN... STOP...
LOOK... LEARN

Third Sunday of Easter - May 5, 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

Knights of Columbus

- This Sunday is the KOC Mother's Day Breakfast from 8am-11am in the school cafeteria.
- The next meeting of KOC will be May 13th at 7:45 pm in the Church Meeting Room.
- The Knights would like to thank those who gave towards our Special Citizens drive. Funds go to the Arc of Somerset County and Special Olympics.

Columbiettes

- Thank you to the Sgt. John Basilone Columbiettes who provided 9 Easter baskets to five parish families and a delicious Easter Meal. These families were truly blessed by the Columbiette's generosity.
- The Columbiette's next meeting is Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 pm in the Church Meeting Room.

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



Pope Francis
General Audience
April 24, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the “Our Father”, we now consider the expression: “as we forgive those who trespass against us”. Since everything we have, including our very existence, comes as a gift from God, we are always in his debt, for our life was not simply willed, it was also loved into being. We can be confident, then, that the Lord will always forgive our trespasses when we ask him with contrite hearts. Yet this grace also calls us to forgive others, just as God has forgiven us. We see this in the parable of the unmerciful servant, who though having his own enormous debt written off, in turn refuses to cancel a much smaller debt owed to him. The message is clear: if you refuse to forgive, then you will not be forgiven. God, however, grants every Christian the grace to be able to transmit to others the precious gift of forgiveness, which we can do with a word, an embrace, or a smile.

*Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
May 2019
The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity*



That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Parish Progress

Help Build a Civilization of Love

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

As of April 26, 2019:
233 donors have pledged a total of \$73,857
Total amount of payments is \$64,314.

This represents 114% of our goal.

Thank you to all those who have participated.

From the desk of...

Bishop James F. Checchio

April 18, 2019



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Christ,

Happy Easter! “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.” This is the Psalm the Church sings on Easter Sunday morning. It recalls the Old Testament victory of King David ascending to his throne in Jerusalem in glorious triumph. He was rejected by his friends and fellow countrymen and also violently opposed by his enemies. Yet, God in His goodness vindicated him.

David prefigures Jesus Christ. This is a fitting song to sing as we praise Christ. After an earthly battle with the powers of darkness that did their worst, “God raised Him from the dead, releasing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him.” (Acts 2:24) The whole Church resounds again Easter morning as we claim the truth anew “Christ is Risen”! We can never grow tired of or exhaust its riches. The glorious news “Christ is Risen” has permeated every age since the time of the apostles down to this present moment, which is our moment. God has done for us what we could never do for ourselves; “He has ransomed us from the kingdom of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.” (Col 1:13) We celebrate Easter because of God’s mercy and compassion; His great desire for friendship with each of us. We access this new life through the waters of baptism. Then every life must accept and grow in the new life Christ provides.

This is why we need to proclaim again this year our own baptismal promises at Mass on Easter, and accept and claim Christ anew. For me this Easter takes on a very personal meaning. With the death of my dad this past February 4, I came face to face with the finality of death in a very personal way. Many people I have known and loved have died and I have suffered their loss, but I have now learned what I have heard before about the death of a parent as my family learns to live in a new way without my dad here with us. It is particularly trying for my mom, who was married for 58 years to my father. Their marriage was a blessing to my brother, sisters and me, and although our mom has so many happy memories, we now witness her suffering from this loss in a way that hurts us children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, too. Gratefully, her faith is strong, as is ours; I cannot imagine going through this without my knowledge and belief in the resurrection of Jesus; the gift of faith is such a blessing in life. I am doubly grateful for the gift of faith this Easter!

Third Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2019

*From the desk of...
Father Tom*

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

It is important to us as an Oratorian community to care for the Church's liturgy and to aim for beautiful, reverent worship. In this spirit, as we complete our first year with you, we have assessed our abilities and the pastoral needs of the parishes we serve. After considerable prayerful reflection and discussion, including consultation with our parish staff and pastoral council, we have decided to adjust the Mass schedule. **The following changes will take effect beginning on Monday, July 1, 2019:**

In general, St. Ann's has good Mass attendance at all of our weekend liturgies. **There will not be any changes at this time to our Sunday Mass schedule.** We need greater lay support at the Sunday 5pm Mass; more volunteers to serve as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar Servers. Please consider serving. Contact the parish office and we will arrange for training. Liturgical music ought to enrich our worship experience and will be considered in the future.

There will be an adjustment in the weekday Mass schedule. **Evening Masses will be at 7pm on Monday and Friday**, instead of Tuesday and Thursday. Multiple intentions will continue to be permitted at the two evening Masses, in keeping with Church law and within reasonable limits.

Morning Masses will be at 7am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The schedule for **Holy Days of Obligation** at St. Ann's will be **7am and 7pm** on the day. When the school is in session there will be also a 9am Mass. Note that St. Ann's will not have a vigil Mass for Holy Days, however Holy Trinity Church will have a 7pm vigil Mass.

There will be only the **7pm Mass on First Fridays**, but when the school is in session there will be also a 9am Mass. Santo Nino devotions will normally follow the 7pm First Friday Mass.

There will be a **9am Mass on the civic holidays** that are official days off from work, but the location will not necessarily be at St. Ann's Church. The location will be announced in advance.

Our Mass Intention Book for the remainder of the year, starting on July 1, will be open Wednesday, May 8. Each family will be allowed three Mass Intentions. Please call or stop in to the Parish Office starting Wednesday, May 8 from 9:00am-3:30pm. No phone calls or walk-ins for Mass Intentions will be accepted before Wednesday, May 8.

Once again, I thank you for your cooperation, understanding and support. God bless you!

In Christ & St. Philip,

Fr. Tom

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 6

7:00 a.m. Eugene Niles by Terry and sons

Tuesday, May 7

7:00 p.m. Jean DiNunzio by Dolores, Judith and Miranda Mattia
Antonio Natale by wife and children
Vincenza and Joseph Lipoma by Esther Condo
Carmella Russo by Claire Cicalese
Maria Barbieri by Antonietta Phealen

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 a.m. Pasqualino DeLuca by Gracie DeLuca

Thursday, May 9

7:00 p.m. All Deceased Members of the Natale, Cesario and Grande Families by Lidia Natale and family
Nancy DiGraziano and Giusy Villani by Antoniette Gianni

Friday, May 10

7:00 a.m. Rose and Giuseppe DiGiuseppantonio by Gracie and Elena

Saturday, May 11

9:00 a.m. Armondo Cassola by Massa Family
4:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Giuseppe Grasso by children

Sunday, May 12

7:30 a.m. Anna Esposito, Helen Drevnak and Margaret Eurick by The Esposito Family
10:00 a.m. Marie Matteis -Fidacaro by daughter
12:00 p.m. All Mothers for Whom Requests Have Been Made
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

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
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



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week for:

Altar Candle #1 for John Masterbone
by Great-granddaughter Julia

St. Joseph Lamp for Pasquale Suriano
by children

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

Prayer Service for Those Touched by the Pain of Addiction

A special prayer service for those touched by addiction will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00pm at St. Helena Parish, 950 Grove Avenue, Edison NJ. Refreshment and fellowship to follow. Pastoral ministers will be present to speak with participants and to offer healing resources. All are welcome. Information: (732) 243-4574

Congratulations to Those Who are Receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this Sunday

Auryn B
Brad C
Maseone C
Sophia Di C
Eva G
Lia G
Raegan H
Julia H
Liam La R
Joshua L



Isaac M
Nathaniel M
Makenna M
Danielle M
Aidan N

Carl N
Preichel N
Ryan O'N
Bryan P
Lizabeth P
Quinn P
Nova R
Cooper R
Sofia T
Angela V

Weekly Offering...April 28, 2019

Total: \$ 9,872.50

First Collection:	\$ 6,308.00
Second Collection (Church Improvements):	\$ 1,573.00
Online Offering:	\$ 968.50
Other:	\$ 30.00
Easter:	\$ 993.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Third Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, May 5

Food Drive (C)
8 am - 11 am Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Breakfast (SC)
10:00 am First Communion Group 1 during Mass (C)
12:00 pm First Communion Group 2 during Mass (C)

Monday, May 6

7:15pm Festa Meeting (PMR)

Tuesday, May 7

Rectory Office Closed
7:00 pm Columbiette's Monthly Meeting (CMR)
7:30 pm Social Ministry Meeting (PMR)
7:30 pm Bingo (SC)

Wednesday, May 8

Mass Book Opens for July-December 2019
12:30 pm School Dismissal (S)
7:00 pm Home School Association Meeting (SC)

Thursday, May 9

6:45pm Choir Practice (CMR)

Friday, May 10

6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting (SC)
7:30 pm Devotion to Mary: Mind and Spirit (PMR)

Saturday, May 11

Sunday, May 12 -Mother's Day

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

EWTN and St. Philip Neri

EWTN (Eternal World Television Network) will be airing a movie about St. Philip Neri in two 90 minute segments. Part 1 is May 18 at 8pm and Part 2 is May 25 at 8pm. This is an opportunity to learn about the founder of the Congregation of the Oratory.

Thank You for the Lenten Soup Suppers

A special thank you to Helen Myslinski, Laura Sullivan, and Natasha Zelis for their hard work during our Lenten Soup Suppers. As always, great food and fellowship. We also like to thank the Confirmandi who prepared the delicious desserts. Hope to see you all back next Lent!

You're Invited to Date Night for a Joy-filled Marriage

Saturday June 8, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

St. Ann Marriage Ministry Team invites Engaged, newlywed, and couples married several years, for a "Date Night", in the Church Meeting Room. Includes; BYOB, appetizers, buffet dinner and dessert. Presentation by special guests Dr. Kyle and Lisa Marie Beiter. Also, a Special feature, in honor of Father's Day: The artwork of Fr. Kevin Kelly will be on display. \$35.00 per couple, (\$40.00 at the door) pay by cash or check sent to Catholic Church of Saint Ann, 45 Anderson St., Raritan, NJ 08869. **RSVP by June 3.** Ken & Madeline (908) 872-0282.

St. Ann Parish Music Corner

Parishioners have been asking why the organ has been playing so loud these past couple of Sundays. Liturgically, the church changes everything between seasons to remind the people what they are celebrating. Just as the colors of the vestments and the use of flowers around the altar have changed, so too has the use of music. Preludes, postludes, interludes which were missing in Lent are now brought back. The organist literally "pulls out all the stops" for Easter. Stops are the different groups of sounds that the organ makes which organist makes by pulling out certain draw nobbs. So, are you pulling out all the stops in your life to celebrate this Easter Season?

Festa 50/50 Tickets are Coming your Way

Check the mail for your 50/50 Super Summer Splash Tickets. If you do not receive your booklet in the mail and would like to purchase tickets **OR** if you would like to purchase additional tickets please contact the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008. Please return any unsold tickets to the Parish Office. Don't miss your chance to win 50% of the proceeds of this raffle.

NJ Catholic Youth Rally Open to Everyone

Includes a day at Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ, a lunch buffet, Mass and Matt Maher Concert on Sunday, May 19, all day. \$50 per person (season pass holders only \$20 per person) Register at diometuchen.org/nj-youth-rally. If you have questions email John Glynn at:



You Can Make a Difference!

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SUMMER CAMP

Register Now!

Join us for the ultimate camp experience.
All incoming 6th-9th graders welcome!

Fun Games! **Service!** **Cool People!**

The Details! **June 24-28**
9:00am-3:00pm

✓ **Cost: \$150**
(and \$100 per additional child)

✓ **Grow in faith, service and fellowship,**
and earn service hours!

Register NOW @ www.u-serve.com/HTSACamp

High Schoolers! Adults! If you are willing to volunteer in any way, please contact:
Rachael Flanagan
(908) 280-2893
rflanagan@fiatventures.com

Volunteer Make a Change