

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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Phone: 908.725.7787
Email: kalbright@stannparish.com

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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

The Knights will be recruiting after Masses on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26.

The Knights primary mission is to aid members and their families in times of need, sickness or death; to strengthen each other in faith; to support our bishops, priests and religious in their service to the Church and to render service to the community.

Religious Education RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process is a welcoming and caring program to prepare non-Catholic adults to enter in to full communion with the Church. Thank you to all those who make this program possible. For more information contact Deacon Rick at (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 8.

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



Pope Francis *General Audience* *May 8, 2019*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Yesterday evening I returned from my Apostolic Journey to Bulgaria and North Macedonia. I renew my heartfelt gratitude to the civil Authorities of both countries and to the respective Christian communities for their generous welcome. In Bulgaria, guided by the example of Saint John XXIII, I invited everyone to walk in the path of fraternity. It was a joy to meet Patriarch Neofit and the Holy Synod of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, and I was also able to spend time in prayer before the throne of Saints Cyril and Methodius, two brothers who knew how to use their culture with creativity in proclaiming the Gospel. Today too we need such passionate missionary disciples. Finally, with representatives of different religions, we asked God for the gift of peace, while children carried burning torches: symbols of faith and hope. In North Macedonia, the spiritual presence of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta accompanied me. We can see in this small yet strong woman an image of the Church in that land: a small community that becomes a welcoming home where many can find rest. After Holy Mass, I met with priests and consecrated persons, as well as youth from different Christian denominations and other religions, encouraging them to listen to the Lord's voice. As I thank God for allowing me to visit these two countries, let us entrust their people to the loving providence of Almighty God.

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 May 10, 2019:

243 donors have pledged a total of \$76,607

Total amount of payments is \$67,754.

This represents 118% of our goal.

Thank you to all those who have participated.

From the desk of... *Bishop James F. Checchio* *Easter Homily*



To continue...This parish is blessed with so many faithful, good disciples, striving to remake our world over in the image desired by God Himself and for which He created it. Our earth and Church will only be remade over in God's image, by you and I staying close to Jesus in the sacraments and the Bible, then living the Gospel in our actions and words each day. God bless you for all you are doing to build a civilization of love, striving to light a fire in the heart of our world! The resurrection is indeed God's promise to us that sin, guilt, regrets, struggles, indifference, scandal, grief, fear, sickness and not even death get the last word. The Good news of Easter is that heaven awaits us, but there is more, as it starts now. Christ is risen and has filled even our darkest hours with the light of hope and the conviction that in God all things will be made well. This is the foundation on which the Church of Christ has been built upon since the witness of the first disciples.

When the women went to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning, they were confronted with an emptiness that called them to make an act of faith; they believed, and they ran to the Apostles to share the news with them. Their act of faith changed everything. This Easter you and I are called to make our act of faith as we renew our baptismal promises. We need to affirm again that it is all true. Then we, too, are asked to run and share this good news with others, to bring them to Jesus and all He has to offer to everyone in our families, towns and diocese.

Yes, we have a hope and destiny that must illuminate everything we see, say and do. The world and our Church need our witness of hope. The Church and indeed our world need the Good News of the Resurrection! As we renew our own baptismal promises today, as we make our own act of faith in Jesus' resurrection, may the Risen Christ fill our hearts and minds with the peace the world cannot give; may our act of faith today ignite that fire within us too, and deepen our own commitment to the practice of our faith, just as it did for the women who came to the empty tomb today looking for Jesus. It changed everything in their lives, and it can in ours too.

Indeed, my brothers and sisters in Christ, this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! God bless you all, and Happy Easter!

**Crowning the Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, May 21, at 7pm followed by the evening Mass**



Pope Paul VI, in his “Letter on the Occasion of the First of May” (promulgated April 30, 1965), noted not only the venerable tradition of May devotions to Mary, but also their importance: “The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute ‘crown’ of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ, the Word Incarnate ... ‘He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; the Lord will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end.’ Elizabeth greeted the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with Jesus, as ‘the mother of my Lord.’

Mary is the perfect follower of Christ. The maid of Nazareth consented to God’s plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God’s Word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the Cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church. Thus, in an eminent way, she won the ‘crown of righteousness,’ ‘the crown of life,’ ‘the crown of glory’ that is promised to those who follow Christ.”

Although we are fast approaching the end of May, nevertheless, let us be sure to honor our Blessed Mother in our hearts and our homes. The recitation of the family rosary each day, images of our Blessed Mother, having a special shrine in our yard, and having our own family May Crowning are wonderful ways not only to foster devotion and faith, but also to draw us closer to the heart of Our Savior.



**The Solemnity of
Our Holy Father St. Philip Neri
May 27, 2019**

Join us as we celebrate St. Philip’s Day!
Since May 26 falls on Sunday this year,
we will mark the occasion with Mass
on the following day:

Monday, May 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM
The Catholic Church of St. Ann,
Raritan

Mass will be followed by a time for
fellowship with refreshments
in St. Ann’s Parish Hall.



The Oratory, 45 Anderson Street, Raritan, NJ 08869
908-725-1008 www.nboratory.org oratorians@nboratory.org

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 20

7:00 a.m. Marco Cugliari by family

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 p.m. Anthony Chiera, Sr. by Sandy and Scott Miholics
Carmelo Sciortino by mom, dad and family
Carmella M. Ruffa by Frank and Carmella Vowinkel
John DeNoble by Mr. and Mrs. Biagio Laurito

Wednesday, May 22

7:00 a.m. Connie Russo by Sr. Margaret Mary and Sr. Phyllis

Thursday, May 23

7:00 p.m. Robert Esposito by Ginnie and Bob
Dolores Wolf by Pina Mattei
Chester S. Biedrzycki by Biedrzycki Family
Giuseppe and Filomena Natale by Filomena Natale Graham and family

Friday, May 24

7:00 a.m. Gregorio Natale by sister-in-law Emilia Natale

Saturday, May 25

9:00 a.m. Anna and Giovanni Falzaranno by Francesca Viscariello
4:00 p.m. Giuseppe Greco by his children

Sunday, May 26

7:30 a.m. Troisi Family by Louis Jr.
10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
12:00 p.m. People of the Parish
5:00 p.m. Giuseppe and Filomena Natale by Rose and Michael D'Angelo

Weekly Offering...May 12, 2019

Total: \$ 10,851.00

First Collection:	\$ 7,112.00
Second Collection (Mother's Day):	\$ 2,308.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,133.00
Other:	\$ 298.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Wayne Basilone	Michael Giancaspro	Marie Richardson
Anna Carra	Bernadette Healy	Mary Soriano
Bruno Cirianni	Victor Laggini	Cathy Stinziano
Frank Cirianni	Gloria A. Lamaestra	Danny Tibaldi
Mary Contino	Brianna Rose	Joseph Tomaio
Maria Anastasia	Larson	Ron Wyka
D'Amore	MaryAnn	Alex Zachok
Michael D'Angelo	Mangiaracina	Betty Zimmitti
JoAnn Dellaperute	Mark Marshall	
Ann DiBetta	Austin McNamara	
Mary Felice	Lidia Natale	
Frank Forte	Ann Navatto	
Cindy Galvacky	Deacon John	
Gambino Family	Pacifico	
Sara Gendlek	Don Palumbo	



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps
are burning this week for:

Tabernacle Lamp for Connie Russo

By Christine Esposito

Blessed Mother Lamp for Carmella M. Ruffa

by Frank and Carmella Vowinkel

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

LCpl Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps

Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army

Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

Eucharistic Holy Hour

The Oratorian community invites everyone to take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour offered on the third Sunday of each month. This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction. The next Holy Hour will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 3:30 pm in St. Ann's Church, Raritan.

Quo Vadis - Young Men ages 14-17

Young men ages 14-17 are invited to spend three days, June 25-27, living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit with Bishop Checchio, sports, activities, prayers, small group discussions and more. Interested?

Please email: quovadis@diometuchen.org

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations

You're invited to Eucharistic Holy Hour on Friday, June 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

For more information call: (732) 562-2457 or email: Vocations@diometuchen.org. or go to: www.diometuchen.org/vocations

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 19, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, May 19

Baby Gift Drive (C)
 Rosary Altar Society's St. Rita Roses after Masses (C)
 St. Rita's Novena (C)
 12:00 pm Sacrament of First Communion during Mass (C)
 3:30 Eucharistic Holy Hour (C)

Monday, May 20

St. Rita's Novena (C)
 7:15 pm Festa Meeting (PMR)

Tuesday, May 21

St. Rita's Novena (C)
 7:00 pm May Crowning before 7:00 pm Mass
 7:30 pm Pro-Life Rosary following 7:00 pm Mass (C)
 7:30 pm Bingo (SC)

Wednesday, May 22

Feast of St. Rita
 2:30 pm School Choir (C)

Thursday, May 23

6:45pm Choir Practice (CMR)

Friday, May 24

No School
 7:30 pm Devotion to Mary: Mind and Spirit (PMR)

Saturday, May 25

Knights of Columbus Recruitment after Mass (C)

Sunday, May 26

11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)
 Knights of Columbus Recruitment after Masses (C)

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

St. Ann Parish Music Corner

"Love one another." The command of Jesus is echoed several times throughout the liturgical year. We love others because we love Him first. As in the choir's anthem this week, we listen to his other commandment of love, "If you love me, keep my commandments." His love is the fulfillment of the law. So let us truly love God first, and love one other. If we ever doubt, let us remember that we have the Holy Spirit to guide us in this way. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter. And you know him for he dwells with you and shall be with you forever."

I.H.M. Sisters Farewell

Our guests of honor will be Sisters currently assigned to Immaculate Conception School and Immaculata High School and Sisters who have served here in the past. Festivities will begin with the 5:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 8th followed by a reception with light refreshments in the Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria. On Sunday, June 9th festivities will continue with the 11:00am Mass, again followed by a reception in the Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria. A full buffet luncheon will be celebrated on Sunday, June 9 from 2:00pm - 5:00pm at the Bridgewater Marriot. Tickets are available at the Immaculate Conception Church Parish Center in Somerville.

For more information call: 908-725-1112 or go to: www.immaculaeception.org

FESTA Discounted Food Tickets

St Ann's Festa will take place from June 12th through June 15th. On the weekend of June 1-2 and June 8-9 only, the parish will be selling food tickets at a **10% discount**. You can purchase **\$22 worth of tickets for only \$20**. Tickets will be available after all masses and we accept **cash or checks** payable to "St. Ann's Church". You can also now swipe a **credit or debit card** as well. Please take advantage of this offer and avoid standing in line.

Festa Volunteers Are Still Needed

Volunteering can be fun. Come help a great cause and have fun while you are doing it. This is a great opportunity to see old friends and meet some new ones. Can you spare a couple of hours? Please contact Marybeth Tarantino (908) 334-8973 or the Parish Office (908) 725-1008.

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

Tony B
 Matthew B
 Emma A
 Josue C
 Dominic L
 Julia L



Benjamin M
 Isabella N
 Jamie P
 Andrew P
 Joseph S
 Nicholas T

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

VOLUNTEER
MAKE A CHANGE

High Schoolers! Adults!

We need your help making this happen!

If you are willing to volunteer in any way, please contact:
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