

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

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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

Festa Volunteers

St. Ann's Festa is a huge success each year because of our dedicated committee and the many amazing volunteers who donate their time and energy. Thank you!!

- Can you help with breakdown/clean up the evening of June 15 around 9:00pm?
If so, please contact Lou in the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 7.
- Can you volunteer to help prepare food in the morning or help out during the Festa itself?
If so, please contact Marybeth Tarantino at (908) 334-8973 or the Parish Office (908) 725-1008.

Don't forget to purchase your discounted food tickets this weekend after Masses.

50/50 tickets are still available in the Parish Office.

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



Pope Francis
General Audience
May 22, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we conclude our series of catechesis on the “Lord’s Prayer”. We can say that Christian prayer arises from the courage to address God with the name ‘Father’. This to say ‘Father’ to God. But it takes courage! It is not so much a matter of a formula, as much as a filial intimacy into which we are introduced by grace: Jesus is the revealer of the Father and he gives us intimacy with him. He “does not give us a formula to repeat mechanically. As in every vocal prayer, it is through the Word of God that the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God to pray to their Father” (ccc, n. 2766). Jesus himself used different expressions to pray to the Father. If we read the Gospels carefully, we discover that these expressions of prayer that come from Jesus’ lips recall the text of the “Our Father”.

For example, on the night of Gethsemane, Jesus prays this way: “Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt” (Mk 14:36). We have already cited this text from Mark’s Gospel. How can we fail to recognize in this prayer, albeit short, a trace of the “Our Father”? In the midst of darkness, Jesus invokes God with the name ‘Abba’, with filial trust and, despite feeling fear and anguish, he asks that his will be done.

In other passages of the Gospel, Jesus insists that his disciples nurture a spirit of prayer. Prayer must be insistent, and above all it must carry the memory of our brothers and sisters, especially when we have difficult relationships with them. Jesus says: “whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses” (Mk 11:25). How can we fail to recognize in these expressions, their consonance with the “Our Father”? And the examples could be numerous, also for us.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
June 2019
The Mode of Life of Priests



That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

From the desk of...
Bishop James F. Checchio
May 30, 2019



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is always enjoyable for me to go back to Rome for visits as I was blessed to do the first week of May. I have to admit though, I love getting on the plane to come home at the end of these visits.

Having spent 19½ years in Rome both studying and working, I have lived in Rome long enough! However, my short visits now invigorate me and renew me, in a sense, sort of like a mini-retreat. When I visit Rome, I am fortunate to stay at the North American College, where I studied as a seminarian and later served on faculty as vice rector then rector. I always enjoy being at the seminary where my response to my vocation was guided and formed. When I was sent to Rome by my bishop, I really had no idea what to expect, except that I knew I would be living under the shadow of St. Peter’s Basilica and near to Pope John Paul II who was someone with a strong faith that I admired very much. That experience seems to be common to each generation of graduates of the North American College. Each graduating class has memories of “their pope” whom they served Mass with, went to hear teach at the weekly audience, to pray with at the square for the Sunday Angelus and to receive their Pope’s blessing. I have to admit, I was spoiled to live in Rome under three Popes and was fond of each of them as I watched, listened and prayed with them.

On my recent visit, I spent some time in the beautiful chapel of the seminary where I had prayed over my vocation and grew in friendship with the Lord. It is moving for me to return to where so many memories and past prayerful experiences filled my heart with joy. I also met so many wonderful priests and seminarians during my years in Rome who are now doing so much to serve people all over our country. I have such gratitude in my heart for all that I received from the College which helped to make my participation in the priesthood of Jesus Christ into that which it is today.

The Diocese of Metuchen is blessed now with three of our own studying in Rome. Father Roy Quesea, whom I ordained a priest in 2016 and served for two years at St. Joseph Parish in North Plainfield is at the Casa Santa Maria, the North American College’s graduate house, doing studies in Canon Law. He seems to be enjoying his experience in Rome, and his Italian has become quite good. I am not surprised, as Father Roy also quickly picked up Spanish after his ordination which he needed for his ministry at St. Joe’s.

THE GIFT AND CALL OF PENTECOST

How beautiful is the thought that the Holy Spirit lives within us! Saint Paul reminds the Corinthian community of this fact when he asks, *"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"* (I Corinthians 3:16). It is the Holy Spirit who develops our intimacy with God. *"God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying, 'Abba!' ('Father!')"* (Gal 4:6). *"God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us"* (Romans 5:5). *"No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit"* (I Corinthians 12:3). Moreover, we know that it is the Holy Spirit Who teaches us to pray (Romans 8:26). By the power of the Spirit, we also know the Lord Jesus through his Church. Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church. It is the Holy Spirit who enlivens, enlightens, guides, and sanctifies the Church. The Psalm refrain for this Sunday's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 104) says it so well: *"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."* We know Jesus through the Sacramental Mysteries of the Church, and Holy Spirit is at the heart of the Sacramental life of the Church. Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders are the Sacramental Mysteries through which people receive the seal of the Holy Spirit. It would be impossible for us to receive Jesus in the Eucharist without the descent of the Holy Spirit at the Epiclesis of the Divine Liturgy. Even the forgiveness of sins comes through the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23). The Holy Spirit both confirmed the apostles in Holy Orders as priests and empowered them to forgive sins by His power, a work which He continues today in each of our priests.



We need to be Spirit-filled Christians

Spirit-filled people acknowledge their weaknesses, ask for the strengthening, anointing and guidance of the Holy Spirit every morning, ask for His forgiveness every evening, and pass on that forgiveness to those who sin against them. Spirit-filled people are praying people. Paul encourages us, *"Pray on every occasion as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray for all God's people"* (Eph 6:18). They are praying and worshipping God in their families and parishes. They try to grow continually in their Faith, and they seek out every opportunity to discover Christ and what it means to be children of God. Spirit-filled people are people who allow the Spirit to change their lives through their daily reading of the Bible and their frequenting of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Spirit-filled people speak words that heal, restore, make people happy and build people up instead of tearing them down. Spirit-filled people pass on the love of God to the people living around them by their acts of kindness, mercy and charity. Hence, let us ask the Holy Spirit for a spirit of love instead of hate, a spirit of helpfulness instead of non-cooperation, a spirit of generosity instead of greed and a spirit of gentleness in place of our spirit of ruthlessness.

St. Ann's ITALIAN FESTA!

Everyone, pray for great weather this week! It's Festa Time!... The first time for me as your Pastor, so it will be an exciting learning experience. I am grateful for all the hard work of the organizers and for the support they are getting from volunteers. Although a huge effort, the Festa is an important element to the parish spirit of stewardship: giving of ourselves, using our gifts, the sacrifice of our time, talent and treasure for the good of the church and school, and for the enjoyment of others. Let us do these things while also facilitating an experience for our visitors of God's love. May the kindness, hospitality, patience and generosity of our parish community help to bring joy and happiness to many. God bless all who will be busy this week to assure that those who attend will have a great time and delicious food! Come out, everyone, this Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings! Invite other friends and family to join you. Thank you for your support.

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 10

7:00 a.m. Clara Garo by Maryann and Sal Mattia and family
7:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, June 11

7:00 p.m. Antonia Natale by Domenico Natale
Eye Organ Donors by the Esposito Family
Nicola DeBellis by Ellen Karpinski
Maria Barbieri by grandchildren
Gary Gannone by Dorothy Fogarty

Wednesday, June 12

7:00 a.m. Carmella Russo by Gracie DeLuca

Thursday, June 13

7:00 p.m. George Renne by Ianetta Family
Mary and Donato Chiaella by Ianetta Family
Francesca DiVito by Alberta DeGeorge
Biagio Lembo by Brasile Family

Friday, June 14

7:00 a.m. Antonio and Rosina Viscariello by Clementina Guadagno

Saturday, June 15

9:00 a.m. Special Intention for Maria Rose Gasparro in honor of St. Anthony
4:00 p.m. Gabriele and Sofia Ferraro by Carmine and Felicetta Truppi

Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day

7:30 a.m. Nella Sacino by James DeMuro
10:00 a.m. Anna and Anthony Orlando, Sr. by Orlando Family
12:00 p.m. All fathers for whom intentions have been made
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps
are burning this week for:

Altar Candle #1 Special Intention for Anna Carra and family in honor of St. Anthony

**Altar Candle #2 for
Vincenza and Joseph Lipoma**
by Esther Condo

Blessed Mother Lamp for Rose Tozzi
by sister, Ann and children

Altar Flowers in loving memory of Rose Tozzi
by her 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 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

Weekly Offering...May 26, 2019

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| | Total: \$ 9,114.50 | |
| First Collection: | | \$ 7,448.00 |
| Online Offering: | | \$ 1,146.50 |
| Other: | | \$ 520.00 |

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Weekly Offering...June 2, 2019

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| | Total: \$ 13,184.00 | |
| First Collection: | | \$7,530.00 |
| Second Collection | | |
| (Catholic Communication Campaign): | | \$1,299.00 |
| Online Offering: | | \$3,180.00 |
| Other: | | \$ 114.00 |
| Ascension of the Lord: | | \$ 1,061.00 |

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

| Sunday | Tuesday |
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| Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14; Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 | Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Mt 5:13-16 |
| Monday | Wednesday |
| 2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12 | 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19 |
| | Thursday |
| | 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26 |
| | Friday |
| | 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32 |
| | Saturday |
| | 2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37 |

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Parish Progress

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

As of May 31, 2019:

252 donors have pledged a total of \$77,573

Total amount of payments is \$71,905

This represents 119% of our goal.

Thank you to all those who have participated.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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| Wayne Basilone | Sara Gendlek | Don Palumbo |
| Anna Carra | Michael Giancaspro | Marie Richardson |
| Charles Churchill | 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 | |



Pentecost Sunday - June 9, 2019



Parish Events

Sunday, June 9

St. Anthony Novena (C)
Festa Food Tickets on Sale after Masses (C)

Monday, June 10

St. Anthony Novena (C)
12:30 pm School Dismissal (S)
7:15 pm Festa Meeting (PMR)
7:45 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (CMR)

Tuesday, June 11

St. Anthony Novena (C)
12:30 pm School Dismissal (S)

Wednesday, June 12

St. Anthony Novena (C)
6:00 pm **Festa** (Parish Grounds)

Thursday, June 13

6:00 pm **Festa** (Parish Grounds)
7:00 pm Mass - Feast of St. Anthony (C)

Friday, June 14

6:00 pm **Festa** (Parish Grounds)

Saturday, June 15

4:00 pm Baby Gift Drive (C)
5:00 pm **Festa** (Parish Grounds)

Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day

Baby Gift Drive (C)

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

Are You Being Called to the Diaconate?

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class will begin in spring 2020. A General Information Meeting is being conducted at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:30pm. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office (732) 567-2423.

Retrouvaille Program

Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriage. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next Retrouvaille program will be held the weekend of August 23-25. For more information call the Family Life Office: 732-243-4573. To register call: Rich & Annette Colasuonno: 732-236-0671 or email: 3024@retrouvaille.org

You Can Make a Difference!

U-Serve

by fiat ventures

SUMMER CAMP

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!
We need your help making this happen!

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

fiat ventures

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. Please email: quovadis@diometuchen.org

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations

You're invited to Eucharistic Holy Hour on Friday, June 21, at 6:00 pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. For more information call: (732) 562-2457 or email: Vocations@diometuchen.org or go to: www.diometuchen.org/vocations

St. Ann Parish Music Corner

Happy Birthday!!! As we celebrate the beginning of the Church at Pentecost, the world prays for the coming of the Holy Spirit to move us to be like the Apostles in their missionary spirit. As the choir sings John Rutter's arrangement of 'I Will Sing with the Spirit,' pray that you may be opened to be moved by the Holy Spirit to go out and spread the Good News.

Catholic Charities Connections Program

Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-on-one activities and be a role model for children who have suffered loss or who have special needs. If you are interested in making a difference in a child's life contact: Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org for more information.