



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: 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00 a.m.
Friday: 8:15 a.m. (when school is in session) & 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
First Friday: 8:15 a.m. & 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

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 the Parish Office or Deacon Rick Stevens at 908-910-0309 or email him at rstevens@stannparish.com.

Donations by Electronic Giving

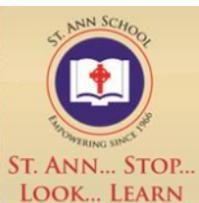
The Catholic Church of St. Ann offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online church and school contributions! Log onto www.stannparish.com, scroll down, click on *give Online with WeShare*. You will be connected to a secure site to enter your information. Thank you for your continued support!

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... STOP...
LOOK... LEARN

ST. ANN SCHOOL
PREK - 8TH
29 Second Ave, Raritan, NJ 08869
www.stannparish.com/schoolsite
Phone: 908.725.7787
Email: kalbright@stannparish.com



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 18, 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 Roy Rabinowitz

Deacon Rob Sause

Deacon Rick Stevens

Transitional Deacon Br. John Fredy Triana Beltran, CO Ms. Barbara Russell, Administrative Assistant

Office Staff

Mr. Miguel De Jesus, Director of Sacred Music

Mrs. Christine Esposito, Social Ministry

Mr. Lou Falconeri, Plant Manager

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

About Parish Ministries

When you give of your time and talent in the service of God and His people, you will see how you will grow as a disciple of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We learn by study and experience but we plunge into an embrace of our faith in radical ways when we live out of gratitude for the Eucharistic Christ and be His hands and feet and prophets in the world, heralds of the kind of love people often feel removed from.

There are various ways we can serve our community here at the Church of St. Ann. When we serve another person with joy, we serve God himself. We look at the other person with the eyes of the Father when we see them as made in the image and likeness of God. We help people see their dignity when we look at them with the eyes of charity.

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



Pope Francis
General Audience
July 7, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, we now see how the Apostles preached the Gospel of salvation not only in words but in concrete actions. The first account of healing in Acts bears witness to this. Peter and John encounter a man born lame at the entrance to the Temple. This poor beggar, who represents the excluded and discarded members of society, is looking for alms. The two Apostles fix their gaze on him, inviting him to a different way of seeing things. They offer him not silver or gold, but the greatest gift of all: the salvation to be found in Jesus Christ. They create a relationship with him, for this is how God desires to reveal himself: through a loving encounter between people. Saint John Chrysostom saw in this act of raising up a lame person an image of the resurrection. It is also an image of the Church, called to look for those in need and to lift them up. As we also strive to help others, let us, like Peter and John, always recognize our own need for that greatest treasure, which is our relationship with the Risen Lord.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
August 2019
Families, Schools of Human Growth



That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth." .



Please pray for those affected by gun violence:

"Jesus, console those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Let them be comforted in the remembrance of Your promises. Give to those who mourn, peace, in the midst of their tears. You are the Resurrection and the Life! We know and believe this!"
(www.beliefnet.com)

From the desk of...
Bishop James F. Checchio
August 8, 2019



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the cherished hallmarks of being a Christian is that we always have hope. Hope is our gift from God that proclaims there is never a situation so desperate that we would have to resort to an evil means to find a solution. This is especially true in promoting the sacredness of every human life, even when there is serious illness and suffering. In hope we can see suffering as a sign of God's presence and love. This is why it deeply saddens me to have to write to address the reality that has taken a step into the darkness of despair by accepting as law physician-assisted suicide.

On August 1, the new law, the "Medical Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act," will go into effect in our state. It permits physician-assisted suicide for competent, New Jersey residents over the age of 18 who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness and have six months or less to live. Physician-assisted suicide is suicide by a patient facilitated by means (as a drug prescription) or by information (as an indication of a lethal dosage) provided by a physician aware of the patient's intent.

The New Jersey Bishops as well as Catholics and others from across the state fought for over seven years to oppose this law. Passage of this law points to the utter failure of government, and indeed all society, to care truly, authentically and humanely for the suffering and vulnerable in our midst especially those living with an incurable disease as well as the frail elderly, the infirm and those living with disabilities.

One-Day, 9 mile Walking Pilgrimage
"The Way of St. Juan Diego"

In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, all youth, families and people of faith are invited to participate in a Walking Pilgrimage on Saturday, September 21st, from 10:00 am-8:00 pm. The walk will begin and end at Immaculate Conception Parish, 316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James F. Checchio. The cost is \$20 by August 30th or \$25 thereafter. The walk will take place rain or shine. Registration is required. For details or to register, visit www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage. Registration deadline is September 13th.

Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis

by Bishop Robert Barron

Brothers and Sisters,

I'm sure most of you are aware of the horrific sexual abuse crisis that has haunted our Church, especially in this past year. We all grieve the wicked ways that some clergy have abused children, seminarians, and other vulnerable people. I know many of us feel, understandably, demoralized and defeated.

Many of us are wondering, what should we do? What should we do as a Church— as an institution—to bring about reform and renewal, but also as individuals? What can I do?

With these scandals in mind, I would like to make you aware of a new book by Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron is a bishop in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and he's the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. His book is titled *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis*.

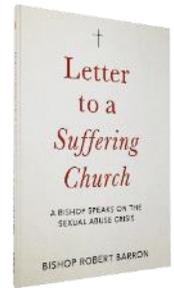
I have 20 copies available to anyone who would like to read Bishop Barron's book. I hope that you could then pass it on to someone else. If you want one, please contact the parish office to reserve a copy.

Having read the book, I hope you will take advantage of an opportunity to join with others in a two hour group discussion at **7:30pm on Wednesday, September 11 in the basement of Holy Trinity Church on Maple Street, Bradley Gardens.**

If that is not a convenient time for you and you'd like to form a study group on your own with other parishioners, you'll find a free group discussion guide at **SufferingChurchBook.com** which has guidance and sample discussion questions.

A five-part video series corresponding to each chapter in the book is also available for viewing at **videos.sufferingchurchbook.com/**

Please take this opportunity to join Bishop Barron and the Word on Fire team in praying for the Church and for all victims of sexual abuse.



A new school year is fast approaching. Let us keep in our prayers all the students of St. Ann's families who will be heading off to college very soon. It is an exciting new beginning at St. Ann School. Please also pray for our teachers, students and their families as we transition to the distinctive method of teaching and learning known as Classical Education.

Prayer to Begin a School Year

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.
At the beginning of this new school year
we implore your mercy:
bless the students, teachers, and staff
of St. Ann School of Classical Education,
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love
as we learn from you and each other
how to follow your Son Jesus.
Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.
Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.
R/. Amen

Liturgical Minister Formation

Parishioners are invited to assist at the celebration of Mass by volunteering to become a liturgical minister: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers and Altar Servers. We are especially in need at the 5pm Sunday Mass. Training will be provided. Please call the parish office.

If you are already an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or a Reader, or if you would like to become one, take advantage of the upcoming opportunity for formation and education in your area of ministry that includes the role of the minister and also practical ways to prepare and serve.

The Presenter will be Mr. Tony Varas – Director of Worship, Diocese of Metuchen

Upcoming Dates:

**For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, September 7, 2019**

**For Proclaimers of Scripture (Readers)
Saturday, September 14, 2019**

All begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 12 p.m.

Located at:
Saint John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway 08854

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 19

7:00 p.m. Apolonia Viri by Santos Family
Mr. and Mrs. Vito DeSantis by Sr. Dolores Toscano

Tuesday, August 20

7:00 a.m. Helen Mae Long by Rita Simononis

Wednesday, August 21

7:00 a.m. Sr. Angelina Toscano by Sr. Dolores Toscano

Thursday, August 22

7:00 a.m. Anna Morella by Rose and Michael D'Angelo

Friday, August 23

7:00 p.m. Elena Matarazzo by Nicole Schrum
Joseph and Eva Giaquinto by daughter JoAnn

Saturday, August 24

9:00 a.m. Deacon John Pacifico by Enzo and Theresa Padovani

4:00 p.m. Frank Mattei by family

Sunday, August 25

7:30 a.m. Sam and Esther Bonasia by John Contessa
10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

12:00 p.m. Helen Minutillo by Marilyn and Steve Karg

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps
are burning this week for:

**Tabernacle Lamp for
Rose and John (Sonny) Tozzi**
by their sons Nick, Jeff and Donald

First Friday Mass Time Change

Effective September 6, 2019, on First Fridays, Holy Mass at the Catholic Church of St. Ann will be at **8:15 a.m.**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and at **7:00 p.m.**, followed by the Santo Nino Novena and Fellowship.

School Mass on Fridays

Beginning in September, **each Friday, at 8:15 a.m. Holy Mass will be celebrated** with the students and faculty of St. Ann School here at the Catholic Church of St. Ann. This will only take place when the school is in session. All are welcome to attend.

If You Have a Mass Intention on a Weekend

If you have a Mass Intention for a Saturday evening or Sunday Mass and you would like to bring up the gifts for Communion please contact the Parish Office and let us know. (908) 725-1008, press 1 and then press 4.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Wayne Basilone

Anna Carra

Katie Cassling-
Fishman

Bruno Cirianni

Frank Cirianni

Mary Contino

Maria Anastasia
D'Amore

Michael D'Angelo

Dominick DeLuca

Ann DiBetta

January Drevnak

Mary Felice

Frank Forte

Cindy Galvacky

Gambino Family

Maria Rosa

Gasparro

Michael Giancaspro

Gloria Guide

Bernadette Healy

Victor Laggini

Gloria A. Lamaestra

Brianna Rose

Larson

MaryAnn

Mangiaracina

Mark Marshall

Giovanna Martini

Austin McNamara

Lidia Natale

Ann Navatto

Don Palumbo

Victor Rangel

Marie Richardson

Ann Forte Saxbe

Deborah Scarpone

Mary Soriano

Cathy Stinziano

Danny Tibaldi

Joseph Tomaio

Emanuel Valentin

Ron Wyka

Alex Zachok



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 Orecchio; 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 Zimmiti; U.S. Air Force

Eucharistic Holy Hour

The Oratorian community invites everyone to take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour. This is usually offered on the third Sunday of each month. This month Holy Hour will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 3:30pm at the Catholic Church of St. Ann, Raritan This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4;
Lk 12:49-53

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Mass Times While Traveling this Summer

Looking for a Catholic Church to attend Holy Mass while traveling this summer? Try: <https://masstimes.org/>

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 18, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, August 18

3:30 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour (C)

Monday, August 19

7:30 pm Pro-Life Rosary (after Mass) (C)

Tuesday, August 20

Wednesday, August 21

Thursday, August 22

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24

Sunday, August 25

11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)

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

Weekly Offering...August 11, 2019

Total: \$ 9,421.00

First Collection:	\$ 6,459.00
Second Collection (Church Improvement):	\$ 1,645.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,208.00
Other:	\$ 109.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

St. Ann's Blood Drive was a Success



Thank you to all those who donated blood this past weekend at the Catholic Church of St. Ann.

Our blood drive was a success! Twenty-two precious pints of blood were donated. According to the American Red Cross Blood Services, **this will save about 66 lives.**

Summer is a tough month for blood collection and the results of our drive will go a long way in helping to meet patients' needs.

Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 PM. Registration is required.

Register online at: diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold or contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Registration will close on October 11. There is no fee. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or calling 732-562-1543.

Parish Religious Education Program - PREP (a.k.a CCD)

2019 - 2020 REGISTRATION for PREP is underway. **Please be sure to complete and return the necessary paperwork for your child(ren)'s registration to St. Ann Parish Office as soon as possible** to ensure the class day and time that you are requesting. Registrations forms are available on the Parish website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sr. Phyllis at 908-725-1008, press 1 then press 5, or email Sr. Phyllis at pvella@stannparish.com

Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer in faith formation for children as a Volunteer Catechist or Aide.

Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage Invitation

St. Ann Regional Catholic Marriage Ministry invites married couples to Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 6:30pm-9:00 pm. Dinner and dessert included. Location: Catholic Church of St. Ann, 45 Anderson Street, Raritan, Church Meeting Room. Only \$35 per couple. For more information or to RSVP please call: (908) 872-0282

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Adult Confirmation New Sessions Starting in September!!

Looking to become **fully initiated into the Catholic Faith** (Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation)?

OR

Already been Baptized and received first Holy Communion but not Confirmation? Please consider joining others already signed up for these sessions. For more information, contact Deacon Rick Stevens at 908-910-0309 or email: rstevens@stannparish.com

How to Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, please visit our diocesan website:

<https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspectedabuse>

Retrouvaille Program

Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience at a hotel in Somerset, NJ for married couples 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: 732-562-1543. To register call: Rich & Annette Colasuonno: 732-236-0671 or email: 3024@retrouvaille.org