

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



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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

Ushers

An usher is often the first representative of the congregation that visitors and parish members encounter when entering the Church. Ushers play a very special roll in our church, warmly greeting and welcoming visitors as they enter the church; helping those with special needs; passing around the collection baskets; handing out bulletins at the end of Mass and checking the Church for any items left behind.

Thank you to all of our ushers for their dedication.

You are greatly appreciated!!

A special thank you to Dave White.

If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact the Parish Office, (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 4.

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



Pope Francis
General Audience
August 7, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

To continue...In addition to being the religious center, the Temple was also a place for economic and financial exchange. The prophets and Jesus himself had often lashed out against this abasement (cf. Lk 19:45-46). How often I think of this when I see parishes that think money is more important than the Sacraments! Please! A poor Church: Let us ask the Lord for this. In meeting the Apostles, that beggar does not find money but he finds *the Name that saves man: Jesus Christ*, the Nazarene. Peter invokes Jesus' name, he commands the paralyzed man to stand upright like the living; standing, and he touches this ill person, that is, he takes him by the hand and raises him up, a gesture in which Saint John Chrysostom sees "an image of Resurrection" (*Homilies on the Acts of the Apostles*, 8). And here appears a portrait of the Church that sees those in difficulty, that does not close her eyes, that knows how to look humanity in the face in order to create meaningful relationships, bridges of friendship and solidarity in place of barriers. The face of "a Church without frontiers" appears, "a Church which considers herself mother to all" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 210), that knows how to take one by the hand in order to raise — not to condemn. Jesus always extends his hand, always tries to raise, so as to ensure that people may heal, be happy and encounter God. It is the "art of accompaniment" which is characterized by the delicacy with which one approaches "the sacred ground of the other", giving the journey a pace that is "steady and reassuring, reflecting our closeness and our compassionate gaze which also heals, liberates and encourages growth in the Christian life" (*ibid.*, 169). And this is what these two Apostles do with the lame man: they look at him, they say "look at us", they extend a hand, they induce him to stand up and they heal him. This is what Jesus does with all of us. Let us think about this when we experience bad moments, moments of sin, moments of sadness. There is Jesus who says, "Look at me: I am here!". Let us take Jesus' hand and allow ourselves to be raised up.

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."

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



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To continue...Assisted suicide is a grievous affront to the dignity of human life and can never be morally justified. The legal permission now granted to this practice does not change the moral law. With this law, the elderly could feel undue pressure to view this as an option to prevent being a burden to others and young people will begin to think that people can and should be disposable. Indeed, with this law there will be a further desensitization of the value of human life.

As Catholics, we are called to show a different approach to death and the dying; one which accompanies every person as they are dying and allows them to love and to be loved to the very end. The purposeful termination of human life via a direct intervention is not a humane action whatsoever. We ought to look instead to minimizing the pain and suffering of the dying and those who are tempted to end their lives.

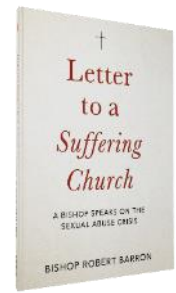
Because Saint Peter's University Hospital is a Catholic institution sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen, it complies with the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services (commonly referred to as the ERDs) that are issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The ERDs clearly state that "Catholic health care institutions may never condone or participate in euthanasia or assisted suicide in any way." Therefore, our hospital will not be cooperating with this moral evil.

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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 25, 2019

An Invitation to Read and Discuss: *Letter to a Suffering Church*



There are still some free copies available of Bishop Barron's new book, *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis*. Contact the parish office if you would like one.

There will be a group discussion of this book, beginning 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.

Liturgical Minister Formation

We are in need of more people to assist at the celebration of Mass. Consider becoming a liturgical minister, an Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, a Reader or an Altar Server. We are especially in need at the 5pm Sunday Mass. Training will be provided. To Volunteer, please contact 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.

Upcoming dates:

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

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

Both sessions are free, begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 12 p.m.

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

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



**ST. ANN SCHOOL WILL BEGIN A NEW YEAR WITH RENEWED HOPE!
FURTHER REFLECTION ABOUT CLASSICAL EDUCATION...**

This approach does not focus primarily on practical outcomes as the goal, but the formation of mind. Ironically the approach has proven that it does prepare students well for their future. No matter what students will do for their careers, classical education gives general preparation through deep thinking, problem solving, and creative expression, which help them to excel. It has been proven that as children become more immersed in technology, they fail to develop these skills. As the workforce becomes more automated and computer driven, classical training will be more in need and will not be replaced by machines like other practical skill sets.

There are a number of books that can help us to learn more about the classical approach and the Christian tradition on education. First, *An Introduction to Classical Education: A Guide for Parents* by Christopher Perrin (Classical Academic Press, 2004) provides a short, basic introduction. It leads the reader through a short history of classical education, the key approaches of the trivium and quadrivium, the importance of classical languages, and the general stages of learning.

The classical approach provides Catholics an opportunity to rethink education in a time of transition. As many public schools experience failure and Catholic schools continue to close, it may be time to look back into our own tradition in order to move forward in a fresh and creative way. The Catholic tradition offers the light of wisdom, described by Aquinas, that can enlighten the minds of our children.

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 26

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 27

7:00 a.m. Deacon John Pacifico by Nicola and Caterina Grande

Wednesday, August 28

7:00 a.m. Anna Morella by Lena and Ralph Cirianni

Thursday, August 29

7:00 a.m. Maria Barbieri by Giovanna Figliano

Friday, August 30

7:00 p.m. Rose Pacifico by Mary Pacifico

Saturday, August 31

9:00 a.m. Antonio Gasparro by Maria Rosa Gasparro

4:00 p.m. Antonia Natale by Paul and Toni Stevens

Sunday, September 1

7:30 a.m. Paul Crandall by family

10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

12:00 p.m. Rose Fusca by Paul Fusca and Family

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps
are burning this week for:



Altar Flowers in Honor of
Diana Velastegui
on her Quinceañera

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.

First Friday Mass Time Change

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

School Mass on Fridays

Effective September 1, 2019, each **Friday at 8:15 am 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.

Mass Times While Traveling this Summer

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

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 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 Zimmiti; U.S. Air Force

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mk 6:17-29

Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

Traveling Home Kit for Our Lady of Guadalupe

...is available for Sign-up at the back of the Church. The kit contains a print of the Image or our Lady, a blessed crucifix, candle, holy water, prayer cards and rosary pouch with rosary beads. Choose a week from September through December 2019 to have this kit in your home. The kit is picked up at the Sacristy door before Mass and returned the following week. Questions? Contact: MaryBeth Tarantino, 908-334-8973 or scienmbs@optonline.net



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 25, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, August 25

11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)

Monday, August 26

Tuesday, August 27

7:00 pm PREP Catechist Meeting (SC)

Wednesday, August 28

Thursday, August 29

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31

Sunday, September 1

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

Weekly Offering...August 18, 2019

Total: \$ 12,410.50

First Collection:	\$ 6,554.00
Second Collection (Filippini Sisters):	\$ 1,783.00
Online Offering:	\$ 2,633.50
Other:	\$ 28.00

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary: \$ 1,412.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

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

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, 2019 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, 2019. There is no fee required. 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

Choices Matter - A Critical Life Conference

Save the Date: November 2, 2019! This year's conference (formerly The Critical Life Issues Conference) will be held at College Avenue at Rutgers University. Pro-Life speakers include: Leah Darrow - From Top Model to Role Model; Patricia Sandoval -Addiction, Escape from Homelessness and the Back Door of Planned Parenthood; Dr. Anthony and Ceil Levatino -From Abortionist and his wife—the Ripple Effect of Choice.

Going to Rutgers in New Brunswick?

The Catholic Student Association at the Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus, is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. Please note the following information:

Mass Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

8am, 11am, 6pm St. Peter's Church, 94 Somerset St.
12pm Busch Student Center, Room 120ABC

Daily Mass:

7:30am (Mon-Fri) St. Peter's Church
12:15pm (Mon-Thurs) Catholic Center Chapel

Opening Activities:

Sept 2 (Mon): 6pm Luau at the Catholic Center
Sept 4 (Wed): 8pm CSA Night , Welcome to RU at the Catholic Center
Sept 6 (Fri): 5pm BBQ at the Livingston Student Center

Visit us on-line at www.rutgerscatholic.org or
www.stpeternewbrunswick.org