

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.

Church Calendar

Can be found on our website under *Events & News - Calendar*

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.

Donations by Electronic Giving: WeShare

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!

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.

St. Ann Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Grades 1-8

Monday: 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday: 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Special Needs PREP

Grades 1-8

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.

St. Ann School

Grades K-8



Discover how a Catholic

Classical Education at St. Ann School can inspire your child to be a joyous learner, filled with wonder and awe for all of creation. Our new academic approach allows for students to be formed and immersed in virtue – truth, beauty and goodness – through their everyday curriculum.

To learn more about the school
and its new classical education approach, call us at

(908)-725-7787

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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

Altar Servers



Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

The youth altar server ministry is a way for the youth of the parish to be part of the Mass. Beginning in the fourth grade, children can directly assist the priest through setting up of the altar, preparation of the gifts and being prayerful as an example to others who attend Mass. The ministry is an excellent way for children to actively participate in their faith of Jesus Christ. Training is provided for new Altar Servers.

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

*Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
September 2019
The Protection of the Oceans*



That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans

This Weekend Our Second Collection will be for the Hurricane Dorian Relief Collection

Hurricane Dorian has devastated the islands of the Bahamas. These destructive storms and other natural disasters throughout the world claim lives, displace peoples and devastate communities. We will designate **our second collection this weekend to assist with the disaster relief efforts**. An online giving option can be found on the Diocese of Metuchen website for those who prefer this method of giving, with donations coming to the Diocese for disbursement to this disaster relief effort and any future disasters that may require our assistance.

On behalf of Bishop Checchio, thank you for standing in solidarity with all those affected by Hurricane Dorian and for your generosity to the relief effort.

*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.

Choices Matter - A Critical Life Conference

This year's conference (formerly The Critical Life Issues Conference) will be held on November 2. Bishop Checchio will say Mass at 8:30am at St. Peter the Apostle University Church, 94 Somerset St, New Brunswick. The conference will begin at 10:00am at 126 College Avenue Student Center at Rutgers University. Park behind the Student Center. 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. Registration (includes lunch) is \$25, \$10 for students, visit: <https://rutgerscatholic.org> and click on Choices Matter. For more information call: 732-562-1543.

From the desk of...

Bishop James F. Checchio

September 5, 2019



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the Lord's imperatives to His first disciples was "Come away with me and rest awhile." As we come to the end of summer, I hope you were able to find some time to relax and be renewed during this wonderful season. Like many of you, while growing up, my brothers, sisters and I always enjoyed going down the shore in the summer. The beach, the boardwalk with its rides and snacks, fishing and crabbing, and seeing summer friends were all things we looked forward to. And I fondly recall during some of those years going to daily Mass in late afternoon at the Christian Brothers Residence in Ocean City.

Having spent many years either studying at or involved in administration of the North American College in Rome, the summer always provided some welcomed extended down time for me. It gave me time to relax, rejuvenate, and extra time to be with Our Lord.

This past summer, I was able to spend some time with my family at the shore, but also enjoyed trips with different groups of friends to the Midwest and New England. Here in Metuchen, I was also grateful for the slower pace of the last several weeks as it gave me the opportunity for different pastoral activities. Indeed, during my past three summers here in our diocese I have been able to make pastoral visits to places I am not able to fit in my schedule during the rest of the year filled with so many confirmation Masses, school visits, and administrative responsibilities.

The summer has allowed me to visit some of our parishes for daily Mass, and to visit with religious communities, as well as nursing homes and prisons in our diocese. It is always so moving to celebrate the Eucharist at these places. I have no doubt that I receive more than I give during these visits. The conversations are always uplifting, and the joy real.

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 by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours). For more information on how to report abuse, please visit our diocesan website:

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

PASTOR'S FORUM

this Tuesday, September 17 at 7pm in the Church Hall

The purpose of this meeting is to provide another follow-up opportunity for anyone who would like more information, to ask questions or wants to discuss any concerns regarding the Parish Finance Report that was published last week. It is also a more appropriate time and place for Fr. Tom to communicate about the parish operation and needed support in more detail. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

EVENTS AND DATES

In general, opportunities to attend Adult Faith Formation Sessions and Events will be on Wednesday evenings. Sometimes they will take place at St. Ann's and sometimes at Holy Trinity in Bradley Gardens (just a couple of minutes drive down Old York Road). No matter where they occur, all are welcome.

Here is what is coming up in the next two months:

Meet the Oratory

October 2 7:30pm at St. Ann Church Hall

This is an opportunity to meet the members of this Oratory, who reside at St. Ann's rectory. We did an evening like this last year and it seemed to be helpful for those attending to get to know us better and to learn more about our life and ministry. We welcome your questions.

St. Philip Neri and the Congregation of the Oratory: 4 Part Series, Consecutive Wednesdays

October 16, 23, 30 and November 6 7:30pm at Holy Trinity

Who was Philip Neri? Why is he known as the second apostle to Rome and the patron saint of joy? How might his spirituality enrich your life and help deepen your relationship with Jesus? Find out how the idea of the Congregation of the Oratory developed and what makes it unique among other Catholic religious orders and communities.

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message (video)

November 13 7:30pm at St. Ann

One hour video presentation that traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. The Virgin Mary's apparition and her miraculous image has an intimate message of motherly love and concern for us all. Why are we and the whole Diocese of Metuchen praying to Our Lady of Guadalupe every week? Why is our Bishop asking that we consecrate ourselves to her? This video will help us to offer our prayer and ourselves in a more meaningful way.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Celebration of our faith

Celebration of all our Volunteer Catechists

Sunday, September 15

St. Ann's is blessed with many catechists who volunteer and make personal sacrifices in order to instruct approximately 160 parish children in our Catholic faith. Let the whole parish pray for them in a special way this Catechetical Sunday, asking the Holy Spirit to protect them and fill them with God's love. May their exercise of stewardship give honor and glory to God's truth and goodness. May all the PREP children open their hearts to God's loving plan for them. We are grateful for all parents, grandparents and catechists who hand on the faith by their word and example. Thank you and God bless you!

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 16

7:00 p.m. Sr. Dorothy DiChristafaro by Sr. Dolores Toscano
 Antonia Natale and Maria Rosa Natale by
 Domenico Natale and family

Tuesday, September 17

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 18

7:00 a.m. Anna Morella by Elena and Gracie

Thursday, September 19

7:00 a.m. Dottie Pacifico by Mary Pacifico

Friday, September 20

8:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the Faculty, Student
 Families and Alumni of St. Ann's School
 7:00 p.m. Pasqualina DeLuca by Gracie DeLuca

Saturday, September 21

9:00 a.m. Deacon John Pacifico by Angie Glenn
 4:00 p.m. Stephen Gervase by Pina Mattei

Sunday, September 22

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:00 a.m. Marine Sgt. John Basilone by family
 12:00 p.m. Nicola and Annita DeBellis by children
 5:00 p.m. Harry Stevens by Paul and Toni Stevens

Candle & Flower Intentions

St. Ann's offers candle, lamp and flower intentions in the following locations: Altar, Tabernacle, St. Joseph Statue, Blessed Mother Statue and Pro-Life Memorial. Please stop by or call the Parish Office to request an intention.

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, **September 15, 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.

Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage Invitation

St. Ann Regional Catholic Marriage Ministry presents Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage. Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm. An invitation to engaged newlywed, dating couples or couples married several years. Appetizers, dinner and dessert included. BYOB. \$35 per couple, \$40 at the door. Location: Catholic Church of St. Ann, 45 Anderson Street, Raritan, Church Meeting Room. For more information or to RSVP contact Ken and Madeline Swartz: (908) 872-0282

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

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday

1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

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 now 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. Contact: MaryBeth Tarantino, 908-334-8973 or scienmbs@optonline.net



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 15, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, September 15

8:00 am Knights of Columbus Back to School Breakfast (SC)
10:00 am Catechetical Sunday (C)
1:30 pm Baptisms (C)
3:30 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour (C)

Monday, September 16

6:15pm PREP (SC) (S)
7:30pm Pro-Life Rosary after 7:00pm Mass (C)

Tuesday, September 17

7:00 pm Pastor's Forum (CMR)
7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (CMR)

Wednesday, September 18

7:30pm St. Ann's Back to School Night (S)

Thursday, September 19

6:15 pm PREP (SC) (S)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice (C)
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (C)

Friday, September 20

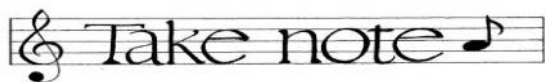
Saturday, September 21

Sunday, September 22

10:00am Memorial Mass for Marine Sergeant John Basilone
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]

Music Ministry



In this week's Gospel, we hear about three accounts of finding the lost: the finding of the lost sheep, the finding of the lost coins, and the prodigal son. In these parables, Jesus is inviting us to come back because there will be great joy when we return to God. In response, the choir sings *Softly and Tenderly* in whose text we hear the text:

Come home, you who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you to come home!

Let us return our hearts back to Christ completely.

For those of us who have heard and followed the call, consider giving back to the Church in one of its liturgical ministries.

Caregiver Retreat

On Saturday, September 28 from 9:00am- 1:00pm the Caregiver Ministry of St. Joseph's Church, 34 Yorktown Road, Hillsborough, is having a spiritual and informative morning for all Caregivers. The goal is to take time for yourself as well as be infused by spiritual renewal, followed by a free lunch at 12:30pm. Fr. Hank Hilton will begin the morning with Mass at 8:30am. To register or for more information contact: Carol (908) 369-7143 or email Carolj623@comcast.net.

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

For the St. Ann's Religious Education Program for 2019-2020: Thursday sessions begin on September 12 and Monday Sessions begin on September 16. Parents and children are to report to the St. Ann school cafeteria between 6:00pm and 6:15pm.

Parent Meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.

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

38th Annual John Basilone Memorial Parade

On Sunday, September 22, 2019, the Borough of Raritan will host its 38th annual John Basilone Memorial Parade honoring its National World War II hero, Marine Sergeant John Basilone. The parade will begin at 1:00pm. In the morning, at 10:00am a Memorial Mass will be held at the Catholic Church of St. Ann. The John Basilone Museum at the Raritan Library will be open from 10am-1pm.

The celebration begins at 10:00am on Saturday, September 21 with a 5K Run, "Manila Madness" and a concert featuring The Flounders at the Raritan Library at 1:00pm.

Weekly Offering...September 8, 2019

Total: \$ 11,902.00	
First Collection:	\$ 7,698.50
Second Collection (Peter's Pence):	\$ 1,699.00
Online Offering:	\$ 2,059.50
Other:	\$ 445.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Have You Considered Giving On-Line

As a parish, we'd like to remind you that when you choose to give your gifts online, it has a huge impact on the stability of our ministries and outreach programs, as it allows us to better plan for the year.

If you have already signed up to give online, thank you!

If not, please consider signing up. It is easy:

- 1) Visit our Parish Website and click Give Online with WeShare.
- 2) Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 3) Set up your donation or payment.

Big or small, all donations make a difference.

Give Online
with WeShare

Union Catholic High School Open House

Wednesday October 9 at 7:00pm Tours begin as early as 6:15pm. Address: 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. For more information contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600, xt. 302 or email: bthornton@unioncatholic.org