



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

Monday: 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

Social Ministry Support

Next weekend please place your contribution envelopes to help support Social Ministry in the first collection with your usual church offering.

This collection is used for our 60 plus Thanksgiving baskets. St. Ann's Social Ministry has been providing Thanksgiving baskets for over 30 years to our parish families and the local community in need. Truly a wonderful way to provide a meal and brighten the lives of those who are struggling. We are always grateful for your generosity. God Bless you all and the volunteers who assist with this amazing ministry.

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



Pope Francis
General Audience
October 16, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Gospel's journey through the world, which Saint Luke recounts in the Acts of the Apostles, is accompanied by the supreme creativity of God which is manifested in a surprising way. God wants his children to overcome all particularism in order to open themselves up to the universality of salvation. This is the aim: to overcome particularism in order to be open to the universality of salvation, because God wants to save everyone. Those who are reborn by water and by the Holy Spirit — the baptized — are called to go out of themselves and be open to others, to live the closeness, the way of living together, which transforms every interpersonal relationship into an experience of fraternity (cf. Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 87).

The witness to this process of “fraternization” that the Spirit wishes to initiate in history is Peter, the protagonist in the Acts of the Apostles, along with Paul. Peter experiences an event that marks a decisive turning point in his life. While he is praying, he receives a vision that acts as divine “provocation”, so as to bring about a change of mindset in him. He sees a great tablecloth that descends from on High, containing various creatures: four-legged animals, reptiles and birds, and he hears a voice that invites him to eat of that flesh. He, as a good Jew, responds by claiming that he has never eaten anything unclean, as required by the Law of the Lord (cf. Lev 11). Then the voice reiterates forcefully: “What God has cleansed, you must not call common” (Acts 10:15).

With this event the Lord wants Peter to no longer value events and people according to the categories of clean and unclean, but that he learn to go further, to look at the person and at the intentions in his or her heart. What renders man unclean, in fact, comes not from outside but only from within, from the heart (cf. Mk 7:21). Jesus said it clearly.

After that vision, God invites Peter to go to the house of an uncircumcised Gentile, Cornelius, “a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, a devout man who feared God”, who gave alms liberally to the people and always prayed to God (cf. Acts 10:1-2), but was not a Jew.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
November 2019
Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East



That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

From the desk of...

Bishop James F. Checchio
October 3, 2019



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To continue...It truly was a joy-filled day, bringing together people from across our diocese. The Church was indeed alive, inspiring and full of hope! The Office of Evangelization, which largely organized the day under the leadership of Jodie D'Angiolillo, who had served as our department director for many years, as well as her staff, did a wonderful job organizing the pilgrimage.

Father Tim Christy, our Vicar General, was involved every step of the way, from the planning to the walking! From our diocesan center, Laura Ferreras, John Glynn, and Sister Anna Nguyen, SCC, tended to the many details of the pilgrimage together with Deacon Tom Griffoul, who also charted the route. They were assisted by more than 40 people working on a core team who generously gave of themselves over the past 18 months to make this spiritual project come to fruition. Father Jay Toborowsky, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Annandale, graciously hosted us along with his good and faithful parishioners and the Knights of Columbus. The barbeque after Mass was a relaxing, delicious end to the day many participants will always remember.

Yes, Our Lady always wants to lead us into deeper union with Her Son, and she did just that this past weekend. As we continue with our year of Spiritual Awakening, we ask Mary to look on us with love and to carry our petitions to her Son, who always wants to give us what we need to assist us on our way home to Him!

...As always, know that I am praying for you and your loved ones, too. May our year of Spiritual Awakening bring our diocese abundant graces. Know, too, of my love for all of you. God bless you!

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

HEALING MASS

SATURDAY, November 30, 9am Mass

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is given to the Church for both our physical and spiritual well-being. On Saturday, November 30th at 9 AM we will celebrate a healing Mass for any parishioner or family member who is experiencing significant illness. During this Mass the Anointing of the Sick will be offered. Who is eligible to receive the sacrament? It is appropriate to administer the Anointing of the Sick at times of serious need – before surgery, after accidents, in debilitating illness, for those experiencing the affliction of chronic disease, weakness from the burden of years, mental anguish, and spiritual oppression. Save the date now and please invite those you know who may benefit from the reception of the Sacrament.

If you can assist with providing transportation for those unable to drive that would be greatly appreciated. For those unable to access the church through the stairs there is an elevator which is accessible from the outside of the church.

Movie Night

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message (58 minutes)

Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30pm in the Church Meeting Room

Over this past year we have been praying to **Our Lady of Guadalupe** at all the Sunday Masses in preparation for the Diocesan celebration of consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. Come join us for a movie night as we view the film ***Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message***. This movie will help us call to mind again the significance of Our Lady's apparition and its profound effect on the Native Americans of Mexico in the 16th century. More importantly, this film will remind us of the significance of Our Lady's visitation for us today. Let us recognize our need now for Mary's message and seek to integrate her purpose into our own spiritual lives.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country **November 3-9, 2019**. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

INSPIRATION FOR PARENTS

Families: The Foundation for Vocations

An old Latin schoolmaster had the habit of entering the classroom and bowing to his pupils before the lesson. One day a boy asked why he showed such reverence to the young students. "Because I do not know who you may be one day," answered the old teacher. "Some of you may grow up to be presidents or generals, perhaps even popes or saints. I do not bow to who you are today, but to who you may become."

Who might your child or grandchild become? A leader who solves a political crisis? A researcher who discovers a life-saving cure? What about a priest who heals souls? Or a brother who serves the forgotten?

Your attitude toward your child's vocation has a huge impact. Many priests and sisters say: "Growing up our family prayed together... We served others as a family... My parents often had clergy and religious over for dinner."

The influence of parents may actually be getting stronger. Oprah Magazine ran an article on new research showing that millennials feel closely connected with their parents, with 77% seeking their parents' advice on a regular basis.

If your son or daughter should express interest in becoming a priest, sister, or brother, they'll be watching closely for your reaction. It may be awkward to bow, but in your own way, express reverence for what they may become.

How Parents Can Nurture Vocations

Set an example. Model discipleship and a loving marriage to your children.

Seek role models. Befriend priests, sisters, and brothers and invite them to your home.

Look to scripture. Read and discuss the Bible stories of Mary's response to God (Luke 1:26-39), and Jesus calling the Apostles (Mt 4:18-22).

Pray for the future. Pray aloud that your children will follow Jesus and remain open to holy marriage, priesthood, and religious life.

If your child does express interest in the priesthood or religious life, be supportive. The best thing you can say is, "Whatever God wants for you, I want for you, too. Just keep praying to discover His will for your life."

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 4

7:00 p.m. Alexander F. Salerno by the Mattaliano Family
Maria Barbieri by Pasquale Barbieri

Tuesday, November 5

7:00 a.m. Lillian Ciurleo by Gregg Filep

Wednesday, November 6

7:00 a.m. Mrs. Aleksandra Swiderska by Sr. Dolores
Toscano

Thursday, November 7

7:00 a.m. Caterina Guadagno by Clementine Guadagno

Friday, November 8

8:15 a.m. Richard Scigler by wife
7:00 p.m. Francesco Fusca by Paul Fusca and family
Pasquale Lico and Maria Lacquanite by Anna
Carra and family

Saturday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Alberto Falco by Lena and Joe Iannetta
4:00 p.m. Carlo and Teresa Truppi by Pasquale and Civita
Truppi

Sunday, November 10

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. Michele Sturino and Maria Sottile by daughter
Emilia
12:00 p.m. Col. Frank Carlone by the Carlone Family
5:00 p.m. Harry Minutillo by the Karg Family

Pray for those in the Military

May God protect the men and 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

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week for:

Altar Candle #1 for Calo and Pecoriello Family by Calo Family

Altar Candle #2 for Carmela Sciortino by Massa Family

Blessed Mother Lamp for Francesco Fusca by Paul Fusca and Family

Altar Flowers for William DeCastro by wife Dorothy



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

Victor Rangel

Marie Richardson

Deborah Scarpone

Mary Soriano

Cathy Stinziano

Joseph Tomaio

Emanuel Valentin

Ron Wyka

Alex Zachok



This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Monday

Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

St. Ann's Music Ministry

The Gospel today reflects the sacrificial giving of Zacchaeus and his repentance. The choir will reiterate the Gospel Acclamation verse, John 3:16-17, which reminds us of God's sacrificial nature. "God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son, that those who believeth in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life. God came not into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

Information Session on Annulments

This session will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1890 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30 pm and again at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 105 Summer Road, Three Bridges (Flemington) on Thursday, November 14 at 7:30pm. RSVP to the Tribunal of the Diocese of Metuchen: 732-529-7589 or tribunal@diometuchen.org

Pray for Those We have Recently Lost

Please pray for those who have recently passed...

Anna May Grasso

"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)

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 3, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, November 3

Food Drive (C)

Monday, November 4

6:15 pm PREP (SC) (S)

Tuesday, November 5

7:30 pm Social Ministry Meeting (PMR)

Wednesday, November 6

12:30 pm School Dismissal (S)

7:30 pm Presentation series about St. Philip Neri and the Congregation of the Oratory [Part 4 of 4] (Holy Trinity Church basement)

Thursday, November 7

No PREP

6:00 pm Children's Choir (CL)

6:45 pm Bell Choir Practice (CL)

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (CL)

Friday, November 8

Saturday, November 9

5:00 pm Turkey Lurkey Bingo (SC)

Sunday, November 10

8:00 am—11:00 am Parish Breakfast for Veterans Day hosted by the Knights of Columbus (SC)

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

Weekly Offering...October 27, 2019

Total: \$ 8,916.50

First Collection:	\$ 7,736.00
Online Offering:	\$ 953.50
Other:	\$ 227.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Confirmation Retreat November 23

On Saturday, November 23rd, 10:00am - 5:00pm the Candidates for Confirmation from the Catholic Church of St. Ann and Holy Trinity Church will be on a retreat day at St. Ann Parish. Over 50 Candidates will be participating this year. The Candidates and their parents will be attending the 4:00pm Mass at St. Ann Church on that day. Please keep these families in your prayers and pray for the group of young people as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in March.



Annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Project



Please help with this Special Ministry. We are seeking volunteers, drivers and bakers for the following:

- Friday, Nov. 22, 9am-10:30am-pick up Turkeys at Wegman's
- Saturday, Nov. 23 9am-11:30am-pick up food items @Branchburg Shop Rite
- Sunday, Nov. 24 9am-11am-assemble baskets and 11:15am-12:30pm deliver baskets to local families
- Monday, Nov. 25 8:30am-10am-make delivery to local school/local families

This event takes place at St. Ann School Cafeteria. If you would like to volunteer please contact Ivette Melillo (908) 229-5548 or trrim2000@aol.com

Widow and Widower Group Circle of Friends

Located at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1890 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville, NJ. Circle of Friends will be hosting an Open House for new members at their annual Mass of Remembrance, remembering deceased spouse and members on November 17 at 1:30pm followed by refreshments. The group usually meets on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. September through June. Interested? Please call Alicia Conklin (908) 285-7123 or Jack McCullen (732) 752-3922

Christ the Redeemer Parish Presents...

St. Peter by the Sea Orchestra. This concert of show/pop/classical music is scheduled for 2:00 pm, November 24, 2019 at the NEW auditorium of Manville High School, 1100 Brooks Blvd, Manville. Reservations are necessary. Visit: www.CTRManville.com for more information or call 908-722-0072. Get your tickets now for what is sure to be a sellout.

ST. ANN'S CHRISTMAS TREES

The Advent and Christmas season here at the Catholic Church of St. Ann is a special time to remember.

Dedicate a tree to loved ones you wish to remember living or deceased or choose a special Christmas message for your tree.

The lighting will take place December 14, after the 4:00pm Mass.

The trees will be lit every evening until the Epiphany.

Christmas Tree Reservation Forms can be found at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office: (908) 725-1008, press 1 then 4.