

# The Catholic Church of St. Ann



## Church

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## 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.

## 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.*

## Convent

29 Second Avenue; Raritan, NJ 08869  
Telephone: 908-725-2256

## Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. in the church.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a beautiful prayer to help foster devotion to our Lord's Divine Mercy, remembering the spiritual needs of the sick and the dying.

## 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](http://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](mailto:rstevens@stannparish.com).

## St. Ann Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

### Grades 1-8

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

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](mailto:pvella@stannparish.com) to register your child.

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 2020*

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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

#### **Office Staff**

Mr. Miguel De Jesus, *Director of Sacred Music*

Mrs. Christine Esposito, *Social Ministry*

Mr. Lou Falconeri, *Plant Manager*

Ms. Barbara Russell, *Administrative Assistant*

#### **Community of Religious Teachers of St. Lucy Filippini**

Sister Margaret Mary Hanlon, MPF, *School Principal/Superior*

Sister Dolores Toscano, MPF, *Pastoral Associate*

Sister Phyllis Vella, MPF, *Director of Religious Education*

### **Sacramental Information**

#### **Baptism**

Sundays at 1:30 p.m. (must be scheduled with the Parish Office) Instructions for new parents take place on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Please call Mrs. Christine Esposito at the Parish Office or email her at cesposito@stannparish.com to make arrangements.

#### **Baptism Godparents**

Must be 16 years old, registered as an adult and be confirmed in the Catholic Church. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized by the church. This is especially important if you wish to be a Godparent for Baptism. It takes six months of attending Mass to be eligible for this privilege.

#### **Penance/Reconciliation**

We invite you to participate in the Penance & Reconciliation at the times specified in the front of this bulletin.

#### **Holy Eucharist**

We invite you to participate in the Holy Eucharist daily at the times specified on the front of this bulletin. If you have not had the opportunity to make your Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

#### **Confirmation Sponsors**

Must be 16 years old, registered as an adult and be confirmed in the Catholic Church. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized by the church. This is especially important if you wish to be a Sponsor for Confirmation. It takes six months of attending Mass to be eligible for this privilege.

#### **Marriage**

The common policy of marriage requires that arrangements with the church be made at least one year before the date of marriage and before any social plans are made. Either the Bride or Groom must be a registered parishioner. If you would like to get more information about getting married, please contact the Parish Office.

#### **Ministry 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).

### **St. Ann School**

29 Second Avenue; Raritan, NJ 08869

Telephone: 908-725-7787 • Fax: 908-541-9335

Facebook: 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**

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



*Pope Francis*  
*General Audience*  
*January 8, 2020*

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good Morning!

The final part of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles tells us that the Gospel continues its journey not only on land but also by sea, on a ship that brings the imprisoned Paul, from Caesarea to Rome (cf. Acts 27:1-28, 16), to the heart of the Empire so that the Word of the Risen One would be fulfilled: “you shall be my witnesses ... to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Read the Book of the Acts of the Apostles and you will see how, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Gospel will reach all people and become universal. Take it. Read it.

From the outset, the voyage meets with unfavorable conditions. The journey becomes dangerous. Paul advises not to continue navigating but the centurion takes no notice and puts his trust in the captain and in the owner of the ship. The voyage continues and a wind so impetuous is unleashed that the crew lose control of the ship and the ship sails adrift.

When death seems imminent and despair grips everyone, Paul intervenes and reassures his companions by saying what we have just listened to: “this very night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul you must stand before Caesar; and lo, God has granted you all those who sail with you’” (Acts 27:23-24). Even in times of trial, Paul does not stop being the guardian of the life of others and the catalyst for their hope.

Thus Luke shows us that the design that leads Paul towards Rome not only saves the Apostle but also his fellow travelers and the shipwreck changes from being a disaster into a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel.

*Pope Francis Prayer Intention for*  
*January 2020*  
*Promotion of World Peace*

In a divided and fragmented world, I want to invite all believers, and also all people of good will, to reconciliation and fraternity.

Our faith leads us to spread the values of peace and mutual understanding, of the common good.

***We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote together peace and justice in the world.***

*From the desk of...*  
*Bishop James F. Checchio*  
*January 9, 2020*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany, I started a week retreat together with the bishops of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Be assured that I am praying for you during my retreat, but I also ask that you pray for me, too. The Epiphany was a great day to begin a retreat, a longer period of intense prayer.

Christmas reminded us to open our hearts more fully to Christ. To accept His precious gift, God Himself, coming to share in our humanity, so that we can share in His divinity. It is by our living like Christ, but also sharing Him with others that we encounter and live with each day that they can receive the great gift of peace which only He can give and help our world become the way God desires it to be.

Our God comes to us at Christmas as a baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, calling us out of ourselves as only babies and children can do. Each year, the nativity scene calls us to ponder the Law of the Gift written on the human heart by the God who is Love.

As Christmas is about God’s search for us, the Epiphany is a time to look at our response to Him, our learning to live in the world as He did many, many years ago. That’s what the Magi were doing, searching for God and His peace in their lives, striving to honor Him and learn from Him, as they turned over their gifts and themselves to Him. It is in our accepting the Christ child and learning to live in His way that our world is made a clearer reflection of Him, and peace will come to us not only now, but forever.

We have so many things that disturb our peace, just watching the news over these past weeks with the attacks on our Jewish brothers and sisters so nearby us, and the disturbances and violence going on in the Middle East. In our own personal lives, we have things that disturb our peace, too, illnesses and the deaths of loved ones, addictions, all types of abuses, problems at work or school, relationship problems, the list can go on and on. It is no wonder that so many, from our youth to our elderly, are searching for peace.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 2020



### SUNDAY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, JANUARY 26, 2020

**OPENING MASS, 10:00 a.m.**

Following Mass is a Pancake Breakfast in the school cafeteria.

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

St. Ann School has distinguished itself by adopting the Catholic Classical Education method, the only K-8 elementary school to offer a classical liberal arts education in the Diocese of Metuchen and throughout the local NJ region.

This is a great opportunity to come and see what St. Ann Catholic Classical School is about. Discover the differences between the classical method and the modern method of education. Come to understand the benefits of classical education for your child's learning experience. Learn why this approach best honors and advances the personal dignity and faith journey of your child.

**Families, especially with young children, are invited. Invite friends and extended family members who have grade school children to come to St. Ann's Open House on January 26.**

### WEDNESDAY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, JANUARY 29

**9:30-10:30 a.m. OPEN HOUSE for prospective families**

Another opportunity to see St. Ann School and learn more about the Classical method of education that is offered here. Help get the word out! Let family and friends with grade school children know about this opportunity.

### FRIDAY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, JANUARY 31

Celebrating School Staff, Parents and Volunteers

\* **8:15 a.m. School Mass**

\* **9:00-10:30 a.m. Angels & Saints**

\* **6:00 p.m. MURDER MYSTERY DINNER & SHOW**

Come join us for a night of entertainment! The 7th Grade class at Saint Ann School will be performing a Murder Mystery Show and Dinner. The event is a fundraiser for the school. The show will take place on Friday, January 31, 2020. Doors will open promptly at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served during the intermission. All donations and admission fees go directly to the school. We appreciate your support. Tickets will be \$10. Children 2 years old and under are free. Ticket Order Forms are available at the back of Church or at the School.

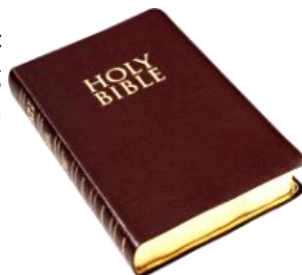
\* Parents are welcome to attend these events



### WORD OF GOD SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

**BRING YOUR BIBLES TO MASS NEXT WEEKEND**

Last year Pope Francis established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as "Word of God" Sunday, as a reminder of the honor due the Sacred Scripture in the spiritual life of the Catholic family. You are invited to bring your personal or family Bible with you to Mass on the January 25-26 weekend for a special blessing.



### 30 Days to the Devout Life

Are you feeling stuck in your spiritual life? Do you wish you had a spiritual director to help you navigate desolation and make a spiritual plan that fits your life? **St. Francis de Sales** wrote his classic *Introduction to the Devout Life* precisely to meet these needs. But, his book is filled with so much wisdom, that it can leave us not knowing where to begin! So, I've organized this classic into a step by step process called, **30 Days to the Devout Life: A Fresh Approach to a Timeless Classic**. Join us to get "unstuck" in your spiritual life.

**Presented by Blake Robinson**, [blake@joyofdevotion.org](mailto:blake@joyofdevotion.org)

**January 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

**at The Theater at Immaculata High School**

**240 Mountain Ave., Somerville, NJ.**

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

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 20

9:00 am Living and Deceased Organ Donors

### Tuesday, January 21

7:00 a.m. Dennis Fajardo by Eliezer Pinto

### Wednesday, January 22

7:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Cammarata Family by Sal and Lena Cammarata

### Thursday, January 23

7:00 a.m. Suelleu Rioroloau by Angelo and Caterina Viscariello

### Friday, January 24

8:15 a.m. School Mass (all are welcome)

7:00 p.m. Joseph Greco by Civita and Pasquale Truppi

### Saturday, January 25

9:00 a.m. Right to life of unborn children by Pro-Life Ministry

4:00 p.m. Dina Bartolucci by Angie Glenn

### Sunday, January 26

7:30 a.m. Maria Rosa and Antonio Greco by Caterina and Severio Todarello

10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name

12:00 p.m. Joseph C. Infante by the Greulich Family

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

## Visiting St. Ann's Church

Due to security issues here at St. Ann's Church, the church will be closed when there is no Mass or another planned activity going on. We are asking that when you visit the Church please stop by the Parish Office and one of our staff members will let you in. We appreciate your understanding.

## Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Flowers:

**Altar Candle #1 for Antonio Gasparro**  
by Maria Gasparro and family

**Tabernacle Lamp for Caterina Lico**  
by Anna Carra and family

**Blessed Mother Lamp for Domenica Pecoriello**  
by the Calo Family

## Mass on Civic Holidays

Mass on Civic Holidays will normally be at 9:00 am. Our next Civic Holiday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 20th. Mass on that day will be 9:00 am here at St. Ann's. If you have a question about the Mass schedule please feel free to call the parish office for clarification.

## Weekend Mass Intentions

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 in the Military

**May God protect all those serving in our Nation's Armed Forces. God bless the families waiting for them at home.**

**LtCol Michael A. De Cicco;** U.S. Army

**Victor Dulay, Jr.;** U.S. Marine Corps

**PFC Brendan Hughes;** U.S. Marine Corps

**PFC Gavin John;** U.S. Marine Corps

**LCpl Matthew John;** U.S. Marine Corps

**CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.;**

**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

## Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

**Anna Carra**

**Katie Cassling-Fishman**

**Bruno Cirianni**

**Frank Cirianni**

**Mary Contino**

**Gina Cusati**

**Maria Anastasia D'Amore**

**Michael D'Angelo**

**Dominick DeLuca**

**Ann DiBetta**

**Mary Felice**

**Frank Forte**

**Cindy Galvacky**

**Gambino Family**

**Maria Rosa**

**Gasparro**

**Gloria Guide**

**Bernadette Healy**

**Victor Laggini**

**Gloria A. Lamaestra**

**Brianna Rose**

**Larson**

**Fara Maltese**

**MaryAnn**

**Mangiaracina**

**Mark Marshall**

**Giovanna Martini**

**Susan Maurice**

**Lidia Natale**

**Ann Navatto**

**Victor Rangel**

**Marie Richardson**

**Deborah Scarpone**

**Mary Soriano**

**Cathy Stinziano**

**Nathan Tarantino**

**Joseph Tomaio**

**Emanuel Valentin**

**Ron Wyka**

## This Week's Daily Bible Readings

### Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

### Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday

Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV "Mass for Peace & Justice", nos. 887-891

### Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

### Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

### Saturday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

## Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage

St. Ann Catholic Regional Marriage Ministry invites adult dating couples, engaged couples, newlyweds & couples married several years to a dinner celebration of 2020 World Day of Marriage (Feb 9). Guest speaker will be Christina Averso-Collins and her husband. Christina is the new director of Family Life Ministry at the Metuchen Diocese. They will share their marriage adventure story!

**Saturday, February 8, 6:30-9:00 pm**

St. Ann Church Meeting Room (basement of church)

\$35 a couple, \$40 at the door

Checks: Catholic Church of St. Ann, note: Marriage Ministry

Call Christine to rsvp or for more info 908-725-1008

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 2020

### Parish Events

#### Sunday, January 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Second Collection: Foundation for Catholic Education  
3:30 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour

#### Monday, January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Parish Officed Closed  
No School  
No PREP  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Movie "Unplanned" (CMR)

#### Tuesday, January 21

#### Wednesday, January 22

2:30pm School Choir Practice (C)

#### Thursday, January 23

6:15 pm PREP (S) (SC)  
6:00 pm Children's Choir (CL)  
6:45 pm Bell Choir Practice (CL)  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (CL)

#### Friday, January 24

#### Saturday, January 25

9:30 am Confession (C) [after 9:00 am Mass]  
3:00 pm Confession (C)  
3:15 pm Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (C)

#### Sunday, January 26

10:00 am Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week (C)  
11:00 am Pancake Breakfast for St. Ann School Open House (SC)  
11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)  
11:30am-1:00 pm St. Ann School Open House (S)

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

Give Online  
with WeShare

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 not already, 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.

### Weekly Offering... January 12, 2020

Total: \$ 9,424.03

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| Church Collection: | \$ 7,860.50 |
| Online Offering:   | \$ 1,292.00 |
| Other              | \$ 271.53   |

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

### 2019 Contribution Statements

If you would like to request your Contribution Statement from the Catholic Church of St. Ann for Tax Year 2019, please call the parish office at (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 6 or email the Parish Office at cesposito@stannparish.com.

### PREP (CCD)

#### Sacrament of Confirmation:

#### Sunday, February 9, 2020:

12:00 pm Mass for parents and candidates **and**  
1:00-2:30 pm Candidates-Only Group Session  
(School Cafeteria)

#### Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

#### Sunday, February 9, 2020:

10:00 am Mass for parents/guardians and children

Questions: Contact Sr. Phyllis at the Parish Office  
(908) 725-1008, press 1 then 5

### St. Ann's Music Ministry

Why are we still hearing the Alma Redemptoris Mater now that Christmas is over? This question has come up first from the choir and also by others. This is one of the 4 Marian Antiphons traditionally sung after *Compline*, night prayer. The Alma Redemptoris Mater is sung daily during all the Christmas-related Feasts, the last of which is the Feast of the Presentation on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This feast might also be referred to as the Feast of the Purification of Mary or Candlemas. In some regions, the Christmas decorations are taken down and celebrations end with this feast which this year lands on a Sunday and replaces the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. After this feast, we will hear at mass the *Ave Regina Caelorum* until the greatest solemnity of the Church - Easter.

New Jersey  Right to Life.

#### Join the Rally for Life

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020

47th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision

NJ State House Annex (outside)

145 West State Street, Trenton, NJ

11am to approximately 1pm

Check website, [www.NJRTL.org](http://www.NJRTL.org), for information regarding weather and last-minute updates. For bus info, call 732-562-1990, X 1543 or 1629.

### Retrouvaille for Couples

Stress in you Marriage? Feeling frustrated, hurt or angry at your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

Upcoming weekend: February 21-23, 2020.

For information and to register call Rich Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno at 732-672-0748 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org