

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, 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. 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 to register your child.

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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



**"Enter and learn...leave and
serve bringing Christ into the
world."**



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



Pope Francis
General Audience
January 15, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we conclude our catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles with Paul's arrival in Rome, in chains, to appeal his case to Caesar. As we have seen, Saint Luke's account of the spread of the Gospel largely coincides with Paul's missionary journeys. In Rome, Paul is welcomed by the Christian community and permitted to remain under house arrest. Luke ends the Book of Acts not with Paul's martyrdom but by describing his tireless proclamation of the Gospel, showing the power of God's word which can never be chained (cf. 2 Tim 2:9). Paul's missionary journeys, culminating in this City, reveal the power of God's grace to open hearts to the Gospel and its saving message. Having in these past months followed the spread of the Good News throughout the world, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew in each one of us the call to be courageous and joyful missionary disciples of Christ. In this way, we – in the footsteps of Paul – will fill our world with the Gospel and make our communities places of fraternity where all can encounter the risen Lord.

*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.

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

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let us resolve that our celebration of Christmas and Epiphany this year, our recalling of the birth of Christ into our world, will not only open our hearts more fully to God, the King of Love, but that it will also make us more and more willing to love as He did, even in a world where Christianity is becoming rare. May others come to know Jesus and His peace through us, my brothers and sisters in Christ! We are His disciples in the Diocese of Metuchen. He chooses to need us to make Himself known, what an honor, privilege and responsibility. If not us, then who will do this here and now?

As we share the love and peace of the Christ Child, remember we are not alone. We are blessed by the Virgin Mary's "yes" to God to become the Mother of God as she brought Him into the world and our lives. Most recently, we were blessed through our consecration to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe; she is tethered to us and will not let us down as she continues to bring Jesus to us, so we can share Him with all we encounter. Yes, you and I are Jesus' disciples today and each day, and He desires to be with us even now and until we rest in heavenly peace with Him, always.

These are my thoughts and prayers as I begin my retreat, for me personally, but also for our beautiful diocese, each of you. I will continue to pray intensely as we journey into the coming year sharing the love of Christ through our lives and inviting are brothers and sisters who have fallen away from the practice of the faith to return.

Soon we will be sharing with you how each one of us can take one step forward in our renewed faith as individuals and a diocese and also hopefully bring souls to Christ as St. Juan Diego did so many years ago. In the days ahead, I pray that you will embrace and live the consecration we have taken. I ask you, too, to pray for me on my retreat, that I may more fully open myself to receive Christ so that I can be the Catholic Christian and shepherd that God is calling me to be. May we all take one step closer to Our Lord in 2020, so that it will be a year of Grace for us all! Know of my love and prayers for you and God bless you all.

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**Celebrate
Catholic Schools
Week 2020**
January 26 - February 1
#CSW1920



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



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. As believers, we are called to "take up and read" the Bible. The depth and richness of the sacred narrative contained within it is a light to our feet in the darkness and a source of surety and consolation in a difficult and changing world.

This new Word of God Sunday is a reminder to us that we are called every day to read, study, pray, and interact with the Bible. Its wisdom and worldview are to shape and mold all that we do, from how we spend money, to the way we forgive, to how we vote, to the way we treat the poor. Everything is to be enlightened and elevated by the deeds and words contained in the Sacred Scriptures.

And so, in the twists and turns of life, we should slow things down and acknowledge this new Sunday designation as a gift and use it as an encouragement to draw closer to the Bible.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 27

7:00 p.m. Rose and Peter Wyka and Dominick and Evelyn Stinziano by Ron and Cathy

Tuesday, January 28

7:00 a.m. Marybeth Heipertz by John, Kathy and Nicole

Wednesday, January 29

7:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Deacons of St. Ann's

Thursday, January 30

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

Friday, January 31

8:15 a.m. St. Ann's School Students and Staff

7:00 p.m. Michael Giancaspro by wife, Lucia and family

Saturday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

4:00 p.m. Dina Bartolucci by Pat and Bob Ronca

Sunday, February 2

7:30 a.m. Inez Mattei by Bob and Rose Gada

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

12:00 p.m. Maria Fusca by Paul Fusca and family

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Flowers:

Blessed Mother Lamp for Rose and Peter Wyka and Dominick and Evelyn Stinziano by Ron and Cathy

Pray for Those We Have Recently Lost

**Wayne Basilone
Leonard V. DeMuro**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every First Friday at the Catholic Church of St. Ann we observe Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and join us in prayer for an hour or a half hour, once a month, after the morning Mass and before the evening Mass. You decide what time during Adoration you can attend. A sign up sheet can be found in the back of the Church or contact Lou Troisi at (908) 704-8959.

Weekly Offering... January 19, 2020

St. Ann Parish Total: \$ 9,130.50	
Church Collection:	\$ 6,683.00
Online Offering:	\$ 2,289.50
Other	\$ 152.00
Foundation for Catholic Education	\$ 1,595.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

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 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

Monday

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

First Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

St. Ann's Music Ministry

Until the start of Lent, the choir will sing an anthem during the offertory that corresponds to the chant text that is requested by the liturgy. This week we have Franck's arrangement of *Dextera Domini*. The text and translation are as follows:

Dextera Domini fecit virtutem, dextera Domini exaltavit me: non moriar, sed vivam, et narrabo opera Domini.

The Lord's right hand has shown strength, the Lord's right hand has exalted me. I shall not die, but live; and I shall declare the works of the Lord.

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Parish Events

Sunday, January 26-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)

Monday, January 27

Catholic Schools Week
6:15 pm PREP (S)
7:00pm Finance Council Meeting (PMR)

Tuesday, January 28

Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday, January 29

Catholic Schools Week
9:30 am-11:30 am St. Ann School Open House (S)
2:30 pm School Choir Practice (C)
6:30 pm Oratory Book Study for Postulants (CMR)

Thursday, January 30

Catholic Schools Week
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 31

Catholic Schools Week
6:00 pm Seventh Grade Murder Mystery Dinner and Show (SG)

Saturday, February 1

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, February 2 —Feast of the Presentation Of the Lord

Monthly Food Drive (C)

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

St. Ann's Sports Card and Collectibles Show

Save the Date: Saturday, February 29 is St. Ann's next Sports Card and Collectibles Show from 9:00am – 3:00pm at St. Ann's School. Admission is only \$1.00. There will be 50 dealer tables. For more info call: Glenn (908) 231-6658. All proceeds go to St. Ann's School

Calendar Raffle Tickets Are Going Fast

Buy your Calendar Raffle Tickets at the Parish Office or School Office. Raffles tickets are only \$20. It is possible to win multiple times. Drawings will be weekly beginning in February through April.

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

2019 Contribution Statements

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

News from the Provost of the Raritan Congregation of the Oratory

I would like to take this opportunity to share some recent developments in our Oratorian community. As of January 15th, Fr. Ken Kolibas, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Raritan, is on a four-month sabbatical. Please join us in praying for Fr. Ken that this would be a fruitful and spiritually renewing time for him. During the time of the sabbatical, the pastoral care of St. Joseph Church in Raritan will be provided by the members of the Raritan Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri. Fr. Kevin Kelly, C.O. will continue at St. Joseph in his capacity as parochial vicar and will be the primary pastoral person serving the spiritual needs of the parish community. Fr. Jeffrey Calia, C.O., Pastor of Holy Trinity in Bradley Gardens, will serve as the financial administrator at St. Joseph while continuing his service as Pastor of Holy Trinity. Fr. Kevin and Fr. Jeff will be assisted by the other members of the Oratory.

In addition, as of January 27 the members of the Congregation will assume responsibility for the Blessed Sacrament Shrine in Raritan. I will take on the position of Rector of the Shrine while continuing as Head of School and member of the Faculty at St. Ann School.

Finally, Br. Fredy has scheduled his interview at the embassy in Bogota, Colombia for February 3. This is the final step in the visa process. We hope to have him home with us somewhere between February 10-15.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we take on these new ministries and pray fervently that the rest of Br. Fredy's visa process proceeds smoothly and quickly!

In the Heart of Jesus and St. Philip Neri,
Very Rev. Peter R. Cebulka, C.O.
Provost: The Raritan Oratory



THE ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI
IN RARITAN