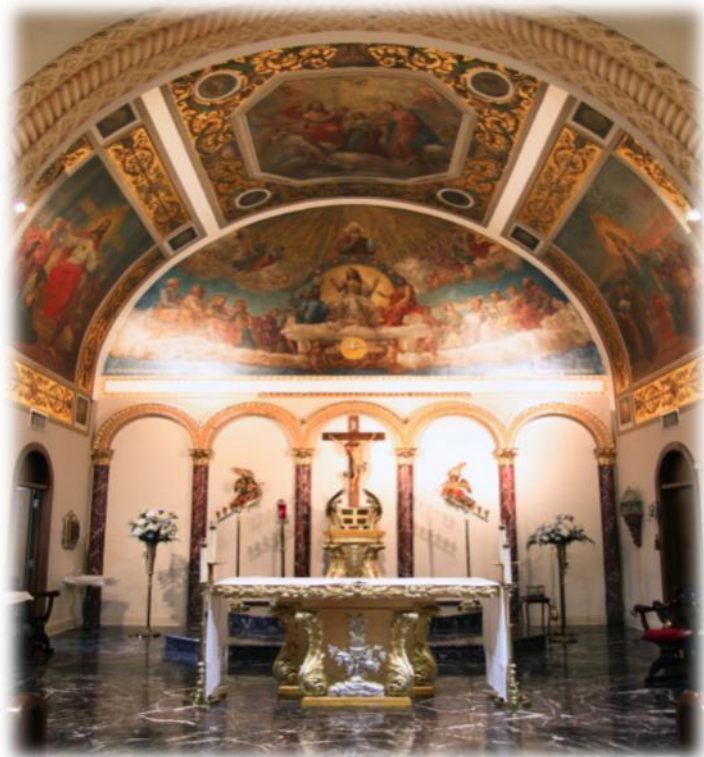


The Catholic Church of St. Ann



Church

45 Anderson Street; Raritan, NJ 08869
Telephone: 908-725-1008 • Fax: 908-707-1915

Website: www.stannparish.com

Email: info@stannparish.com

Facebook: The Catholic Church of St. Ann- Raritan, NJ

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 22, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's catechesis occurs in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, whose theme this year – on *hospitality* – was prepared by the Christian communities of Malta and Gozo. The theme is based on Saint Paul's dramatic experience of being shipwrecked at Malta, and the welcome he and his companions received there. Indeed, in contrast to the sea's violence, the survivors received "unusual kindness" (*Acts 28:2*), reflecting God's love for them. This hospitality was then repaid when Paul healed many sick people, thus revealing God's merciful love. Hospitality is an important ecumenical virtue, which is open to listening to the experience that other Christians have of God. When we welcome Christians of a different tradition we reveal God's love to them and receive the gifts that the Holy Spirit has sown in them. In this way, we Christians are challenged to overcome our divisions and to show Christ's love more effectively to others, especially the many migrants who, like Paul, face danger at sea, as they flee from peril. Working together like this will make us both better disciples of the Lord and more united as the People of God.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
February 2020
Listen to the Migrants' Cries



We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Date Night for a Joyful Marriage

Dinner Celebration of World Day of 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 23, 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, one of my great joys is to be able to spend time with the young people of our Diocese in many different settings. Each week-end, as I visit our parishes, I have the opportunity to see many families and hear from the children on any number of topics! They are always filled with questions! My visits to our Catholic schools are always a great gift that brings me joy and hope for our world.

Like many of you, our Catholic school students participated in our Year of Awakening, focusing on developing their relationships with Jesus through His Mother, Mary. On December 12, all across the Diocese, our students participated in a Consecration Prayer Service that was videotaped, placed online and shown in every Catholic school at the same time. The service enabled the students to commit themselves to deepen their relationship with Mary and her Son. In my homily at the Prayer Service, I asked them to do just one specific thing each day that is an extension of their Year of Awakening, something as simple as a "Hail Mary" as a special intention for the needs of others. I invite you to do the same! If you would like to view the Prayer Service with the students, please visit our diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org or our special website dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe: LightingHeartsOnFire.org.

The Consecration to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe will continue to be a significant part of life in the schools of our Diocese. Our Catholic schools exist, primarily, to teach the Gospel message and enliven our students to have a personal relationship with Jesus who is their hope and companion for life! These schools are intended to be places where the everyday lessons of academic life are consistently taught within the context of the message of God's love for us and our expression of that love by our actions in the world.

Support for The Catholic Spirit

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Spirit* is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet next weekend. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of the Catholic Spirit and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper—it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2020

World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

We especially remember and give thanks to the **Community of Religious Teachers of St. Lucy Filippini, Sister Margaret Mary Hanlon, MPF, Sister Dolores Toscano, MPF, Sister Phyllis Vella, MPF.**



Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

www.ForYourVocation.org • www.usccb.org

OUTSIDE CHURCH ELEVATOR DOORS

The wood is rotting, the latches and hinge mechanisms are broken, they compromise the security of the church and don't provide the needed moisture protection for our elevator system... we're talking about the ugly outside doors for the church elevator.

We are looking into purchasing new, secure, insulated metal exterior doors with vision safety windows. We're getting some quotes but expect the cost to be around \$5,000.

If you are interested in a memorial opportunity or would simply like to make a donation for this purpose, please contact either Fr. Tom or Lou Falconeri at the parish office.

This **Monday, February 3**, is the memorial of **Saint Blaise**, Bishop and Martyr. In keeping with custom, Mass on Monday will include the traditional **blessing of throats**.

It is Catholic Press Month. Next weekend there will be a **special SECOND collection** for **The Catholic Spirit**, the diocesan newspaper. This collection will supplement the newspaper's free distribution to the parishes. Express your gratitude for this free service by making a donation to the Diocese next week.

REMINDER! Please use envelopes provided for the following causes, having been specially authorized by the Diocese. These envelopes will be collected in the second pass of the basket at Mass. Second collections are now limited to these causes.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTIONS — Mandated by the Diocese of Metuchen

- Feb 9, 2020 Catholic Press Month, The Catholic Spirit
- Apr 5, 2020 Retirement for Diocesan Clergy
- Apr 10, 2020 The Holy Land Collection (Good Friday)
- May 3, 2020 Catholic Relief Services
- May 17, 2020 Development of Peoples (Latin America, Eastern Europe & Catholic Home Mission)
- Jun 7, 2020 Catholic Communications Campaign & Catholic University of America
- Jul 26, 2020 Mission Cooperative (use whenever the Mission Coop is scheduled)
- Sep 13, 2020 Peter's Pence
- Oct 18, 2020 World Mission Sunday (formerly, Propagation of Faith)
- Nov 22, 2020 Works of Mercy Campaign (formerly, Campaign for Human Development)
- Dec 13, 2020 Retirement Fund for Religious

The following envelopes are included in your packet. They ought to be used, *in addition to the regular Sunday weekly envelope*. Both contributions are for the parish and will be collected at the same time — only ONE collection.

- Social Concerns(Ash Wednesday)
- Easter Decorations
- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- Filippini Sisters
- Social Ministry
- Christmas Decorations

You have envelopes for the following Solemnities and Special liturgical celebrations, for whenever they are celebrated: Only ONE collection.

- Holy Thursday
- Ascension Thursday
- Assumption, Aug 15
- All Saints, Nov 1
- Thanksgiving
- Immaculate Conception, Dec 8
- Christmas, Dec 25
- Solemnity of Mary, Jan 1

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Mass Intentions

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 a.m. Salvatore Pannace by Pasquale and Teresa Ruffa

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 a.m. Sr. Mary Agnes and Sr. Angelina Toscano by Sr. Dolores Toscano

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

8:15 a.m. Wayne Basilone by the Albright Family

7:00 p.m. Judith Ann Refalo by Steph Rojas and family

Saturday, February 8

9:00 a.m. Wayne Basilone by Walter and Therese Basilone

4:00 p.m. Harold and Ann Lukas by the family

Sunday, February 9

7:30 a.m. Maria Grazia and Domenico Todarello by Caterina and Severio Todarello

10:00 a.m. Sharon Harlan by Marsha Harlan

12:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Riley Family by Maria and Frank Incontrera

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Flowers:

*Altar Candle #1 and Altar Candle #2
for Inez Mattei
by Bob and Rose Gada*

*Tabernacle Lamp for Howard Condo, Jr.
by Esther*

PREP (CCD)

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Sunday, February 9 and February 23, 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

February 7 is the First Friday. Every First Friday at the Church of St. Ann we observe Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and join us in prayer for a half hour or hour after the 8:15am morning Mass and before the 7pm evening Mass. Let us know what time you will be attending on the sign up sheet in the back of the Church or contact Lou Troisi at: (908)704-8959.

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 Rasmussen; 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

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

First Friday

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

St. Ann's Music Ministry

While Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation requires its own text, the choir will sing the text of the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time *Bonum est*:

Bonum est confiteri Domino et psallere nomini tuo, Altissime.

It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing in honor of your name, O Most High.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2020

Parish Events

Sunday, February 2 — Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life

Monthly Food Drive (C)

Monday, February 3

6:15 pm PREP (S)

7:00 pm Blessing of throats during Mass (C)

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 pm Columbiettes Meeting (CMR)

Wednesday, February 5

12:30 pm St. Ann School Dismissal (S)

6:30 pm Oratory Book Study for Postulants (CMR)

7:00 pm PREP Confirmation 2021 Meeting (SC)

Thursday, February 6

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, February 7 - First Friday

9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass (C)

6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting (SC)

7:45 pm Santo Nino Novena after Mass (C); fellowship (CMR)

Saturday, February 8

9:30 am Confession after Mass (C)

3:00 pm Confession (C)

3:15 pm Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (C)

6:30 pm Date Night for a Joyful Marriage (CMR)

Sunday, February 9 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

8:00 am Knights of Columbus Valentine Breakfast (SC)

10:00 am Communion Families attending Mass (C)

12:00 pm Confirmation Families attending Mass (C)

1:00 pm Session for Confirmation Candidates (SC)

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

2019 Contribution Statements

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

Weekly Offering... January 26, 2020

St. Ann Parish Total: \$ 10,153.50

Church Collection:	\$ 7,941.00
Online Offering:	\$ 2,172.50
Other	\$ 40.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

The Immaculata High School Difference

Begin your Spring with our Admissions event for 6th-10th grade families. Whether you are just starting your high school search or are looking for something more in your high school experience, you won't want to miss **The Immaculata Difference**. Please plan to join us at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 4. RSVP online at www.immaculatahighschool.org/difference.

Experience the Difference. Experience Immaculata.

Parents Night Out Movie Night

Happy Valentine's Day!

It's Parents Night Out, February 14 from 6:30pm-9:00pm while our Scouts and local children enjoy a movie in the St. Ann School Cafeteria! Drop your child off in PJ's and a sleeping bag and head out for a fun night. There will be a suggested donation per child. For more info email: pack95raritan@gmail.com

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

Catholic Schools 2020-2021 Tuition Assistance Online Application Process Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2020**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

Cursillo Annual Encounter With Christ

The Cursillo 11th Annual Encounter With Christ will be held at Mary, Mother of God Parish, 157 South Triangle Rd, Hillsborough, on Saturday, February 29 from 8am-3pm. Speakers will be Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (Saint Joseph Friary, NYC) and Dcn. Sal Bonfiglio, OFS (Secular Franciscan Order). The theme of the Encounter is "One Does Not Live on Bread Alone" (Matthew 4:4).

Coffee and a light lunch will be served. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; as well as celebration of the Mass. There is no charge but a free will offering will be accepted. All are welcome. To register, go to: <http://metcursillo.org/events-encounter.htm>

Cursillo, (pronounced "kur-see-yo,"), is a Spanish word meaning "short course," --- a short course in Christianity. A Cursillo Weekend is an "Encounter with Christ." Please see our web site www.metcursillo.org for more details.

Pilgrimage to Poland and Italy

Join the parish family of Mary, Mother of God, and Fr. John Rozembajgier on this extraordinary pilgrimage to Poland and Italy. There are only ten seats left, deadline is February 10th. Contact Barbara Wilson at (908) 421-5495 for a full color brochure and details.