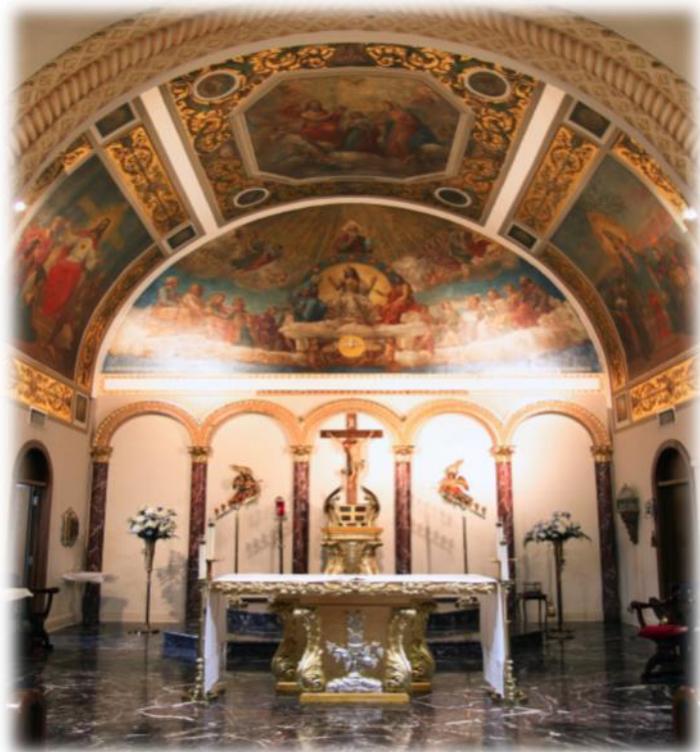


# The Catholic Church of St. Ann



## Church

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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](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.

*First Sunday of Lent - March 1, 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

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Website: [www.stannparish.com/school](http://www.stannparish.com/school)

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### 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

**ANNOUNCING! Untold Blessing  
MAKE THIS LENT ABOUT  
GROWING IN HOLINESS**  
*Bishop Robert Barron's*

## UNTOLD BLESSING *Three Paths to Holiness*

God calls each of us to become a saint, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: **"Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness."** The journey to sanctity involves knowing the truth about yourself and allowing God to work through you for the good of his creation. Explore the three paths to holiness with Bishop Robert Barron: finding the center, knowing you are a sinner, and recognizing that your life is not about you.

**FOUR SESSIONS: Wednesdays starting at 7:30pm in St. Ann's Church Meeting Room (basement of the church).  
March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25.**

[On Wednesday, April 1, Lenten Penance Service at 7pm.]

For more information, please contact St. Ann's parish office, 908-725-1008, or come to the parish office.

### Lenten Prayer for Transformation

Loving Father,  
I invite you into my life today  
and make myself available to you.  
Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself  
by seeking your will and becoming a living example  
of your love in the world.  
Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change  
in order for me to carry out the mission  
and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.  
Inspire me to live the Catholic faith  
in ways that are dynamic and engaging.  
Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish.  
Make our community hungry for best practices  
and continuous learning.  
Give me courage when I am afraid,  
hope when I am discouraged,  
and clarity in times of decision.  
Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church  
to become all you imagined it would be  
for the people of our times. Amen.



*Pope Francis Prayer Intention for  
March 2020  
Catholics in China*



We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

*From the desk of...*

*Bishop James F. Checchio*

*February 20, 2020*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Presenting the 2019 Financial Report and statistics about the life of our diocese in this edition of "The Catholic Spirit" obviously caused me to reflect upon the vast array of things that are taking place in service to the Kingdom of God here in our local Church of Metuchen. While the many blessings of the year easily came to mind, as you well know, the year also had serious challenges. Gratefully, God's promise that He will be with us in all of our trials was equally true. I am truly grateful, too, for all who labor to build up the Kingdom of God in our diocese including our clergy, those in consecrated life and the talented lay faithful who assist me in shepherding my flock.

Providentially, the fresh graces received from this past Year of Awakening and Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe have provided our whole local Church with inspiration, renewed energy and focus on our ultimate priorities as a Church. It has been my conviction that while we have prioritized addressing the past sins of clergy abuse, providing healing support to survivors and reworking structures to prevent future failings, we must also keep our focus on advancing the presence of Christ throughout our four counties with even greater boldness and courage. Our mission has to have a new urgency.

In order to advance our mission, it is true that financial resources are needed. No margin, no mission as the saying goes. It is also true that I take my responsibility to steward our financial gifts in such a way as to maximize their effectiveness for our mission. This includes examining our budgets and the ways that we use the financial gifts so generously given.

In the years since my arrival we have decreased spending and operate more effectively in our diocesan offices, which support our 90 parishes and 27 schools, and I am happy to report that we have had balanced budgets for three years in a row now. In addition to so many working to trim their budgets at the diocesan pastoral center, we also had increased revenue. As you might know, our pastoral center has been reorganized in such a way that we now rent the second floor of the center to Saint Peter's University Hospital for administrative space. This has helped to provide income which offsets the operating costs of the building. I am grateful to our Vicariate for Administration, along with thoughtful and sound advice from the Diocesan Finance Council, which has helped to make our operations sound.

## *First Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2020*

### **Announcing the Departure of Miguel de Jesus**

Miguel de Jesus, our parish music director, has accepted a position at another parish and so will be leaving us. Next weekend, March 7/8, will be Miguel's last weekend playing for liturgies; he will finish teaching at St. Ann School that following week.

Miguel has been at St. Ann's for the past two and a half years, enriching our liturgies, developing our choir and teaching our children the beauty of music. We are grateful for his service and dedication. We wish him well and continued fruitfulness through the sharing of his gifts.

### **LENT and STEWARDSHIP**

Lent is the season that the church has set aside for us to intentionally reflect on our relationship with God, others, and ourselves. It is a time to reflect on those things that bring us closer to God and others, and those things that keep us alienated from God and others. Among the many opportunities the Lenten season provides for us, it also gives us many chances to broaden the discussion of stewardship. In our world, which is so driven by consumerism, greed, and wealth, this season calls us to turn away from these, and look again to the one true God.

#### **What is Stewardship?**

**The U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, defines stewardship as a disciple of Jesus who "Receives God's gifts gratefully, cultivates them responsibly, shares them lovingly in justice with others and returns them with increase to the Lord." Stewardship is a way of life and is best understood within the context of conversion and evangelization. The disciple is motivated to share his/her time, talent, treasure, and assets with the Church and other worthy causes from a deep sense of gratitude and in a planned, proportionate and sacrificial manner.**

#### **Catholic Stewardship – A Reflection**

Catholic Stewardship is a way of life. Stewardship is best understood within the context of the conversion process, the turning away from self-centeredness to the recognition that God is the loving Creator and source of everything in our lives. This conversion process transforms our fundamental perspective of life – we move from owners of what we have, to trustees/stewards of the unconditional and loving gifts that have come from God. With this perspective, a steward recognizes that everything comes from God, develops what has been given, shares it in a loving and just way, and increases what God entrusts to her/him according to the will of God.

Stewardship is counter-cultural and challenges the secular philosophy that all we have gives us value, and is solely ours. Instead, we are endowed with dignity because of an intimate relationship with God and because all our time, talent, treasure and assets are His gifts to us. We use these gifts to become co-creators and protectors of all life, live out our God-given vocation, and strengthen and preserve the Church at all levels, domestic, parish, diocese and universal, now and into the future.

As committed disciples of our triune God, we constantly seek to ask ourselves the same question that the psalmist struggled to answer, "How do I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12) Our response progressively takes on a radical conversion and turning over all of our life as an offering to God in gratitude and love.

In the Old Testament one manifestation of this response to God was the tithe – the unconditional sharing of 10% from the first fruits of their labor. In current Catholic thinking, stewardship gift giving principles are offered to the committed disciple to prayerfully consider adopting. The steward gives his gifts:

- a) as our desire to express gratitude and love "to God for all the good he has done for us";
- b) as a sacrifice: to do without something so we can ask that our gifts of time, talent, treasure and assets be made holy and used for God's work;
- c) in proportion to what we have received – a guideline of 5% of one's time, talent, treasure and assets for one's parish, 1% to the diocese, and 4% to the universal church and other worthy causes is encouraged;
- d) from our "first fruits" of our time, talent, treasure and assets before other responsibilities are met, and in an unconditional way without any strings attached; and
- e) in an accountable manner – when we make a pledge of our time, talent, treasure, and assets we fulfill that promise.

For our stewardship of time and talent gifts, commit a time each day for prayer. Prayerfully consider making a commitment to one ministry. There are also many ways to volunteer your time and talent with community, state and national organizations that seek the common good. To support our parish, diocesan, universal church ministries and worthy causes financially, we focus on the stewardship of treasure.

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

## Mass Intentions

### *Monday, March 2*

7:00 p.m. Maria and Joseph Toscano by Joe and Lena Iannetta  
Mary Rizzo by Edward and Anita Anderson

### *Tuesday, March 3*

7:00 a.m. Giuseppe Lico by Anna Carra

### *Wednesday, March 4*

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

### *Thursday, March 5*

7:00 a.m. Joseph and Marilyn Toscano by Sr. Dolores Toscano

### *Friday, March 6*

8:15 a.m. Jack DeRosa by Sr. Dolores Toscano  
7:00 p.m. Rose and Peter Wyka and Dominick and Evelyn Stinziano by Ron and Cathy

### *Saturday, March 7*

9:00 a.m. Mario Donadio by wife and family  
4:00 p.m. Delmont Light by Annmarie Simeone and Pat Collins

### *Sunday, March 8*

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. Rosa and Basilio Cugliari by Ralph Fusca and family  
12:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Incontrera Family by Frank and Maria Incontrera  
5:00 p.m. Mary McNulty by son, Daniel and Maria McNulty and family

## Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Flowers:



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

## 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.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

March 6 is First Friday. On First Fridays 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.**

<b>LtCol Michael A. De Cicco</b> ; U.S. Army	<b>Pvt Tayla Rasmusson</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>Victor Dulay, Jr.</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>PFC Daniel J. Salvo</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>PFC Brendan Hughes</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>Cpl Jonathan Schultes</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>PFC Gavin John</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>LtCol Louis P. Simon</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>LCpl Matthew John</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>PFC Jerome C. Sunga</b> ; U.S. Army
<b>CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.</b>	<b>Jack Vara</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>Maj Michael Morella</b> ; U.S. Army	<b>LCpl Daniel Viscariello</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>Sgt Dan Neville</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>Sgt Janet Wyka</b> ; U.S. Army
<b>Zack Drecchio</b> ; U.S. Navy	<b>Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti</b> ; U.S. Air Force

## Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

<b>Anna Carra</b>	<b>Cindy Galvacky</b>	<b>Giovanna Martini</b>
<b>Katie Cassling-Fishman</b>	<b>Gambino Family</b>	<b>Susan Maurice</b>
<b>Bruno Cirianni</b>	<b>Maria Rosa</b>	<b>Lidia Natale</b>
<b>Frank Cirianni</b>	<b>Gasparro</b>	<b>Ann Navatto</b>
<b>Mary Contino</b>	<b>Gloria Guide</b>	<b>Victor Rangel</b>
<b>Maria Anastasia D'Amore</b>	<b>Bernadette Healy</b>	<b>Marie Richardson</b>
<b>Michael D'Angelo</b>	<b>Victor Laggini</b>	<b>Deborah Scarpone</b>
<b>Dominick DeLuca</b>	<b>Gloria A. Lamaestra</b>	<b>Mary Soriano</b>
<b>William DeSantis</b>	<b>Brianna Rose Larson</b>	<b>Cathy Stinziano</b>
<b>Ann DiBetta</b>	<b>Fara Maltese</b>	<b>Nathan Tarantino</b>
<b>Mary Felice</b>	<b>MaryAnn</b>	<b>Joseph Tomaiio</b>
<b>Frank Forte</b>	<b>Mangiaracina</b>	<b>Emanuel Valentin</b>
	<b>Mark Marshall</b>	<b>Ron Wyka</b>

## Lenten Soup Supper Begins March 4th

Come join us for a simple meal while strengthening the bond of faith and friendship with others at St. Ann's Lenten Soup Suppers. Beginning on Wednesday, March 4th in the St. Ann School Cafeteria. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Dinner on March 4th will include: mushroom barley soup, rolls, salad and cookies. The Lenten Soup Suppers will continue on Wednesdays during Lent. Afterwards consider joining us for the Untold Blessing sessions at 7:30 pm.



## Weekly Offering... February 23, 2020

St. Ann Parish Total: \$ 10,329.50	
Church Collection:	\$ 8,416.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,762.50
Other	\$ 151.00

**Thank you for your generosity to our parish.**

## First Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2020

### Parish Events

**Sunday, March 1 - First Sunday of Lent**

**Monday, March 2**

6:15 pm PREP (S) (SC)

**Tuesday, March 3**

5:30 pm Confirmation [at Holy Trinity]

7:00 pm Columbiette's Meeting (CMR)

7:30 pm Social Ministry Meeting (PMR)

**Wednesday, March 4**

12:30 pm School Dismissal (S)

5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper (SC)

7:30 pm Untold Blessing (CMR)

**Thursday, March 5**

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, March 6 - First Friday**

9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament [following  
8:15 am Mass] (C)

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross [following 7pm Mass] (C)

8:00 pm Santo Nino Novena (C)

**Saturday, March 7**

9:30 am Confession after Mass (C)

3:00 pm Confession (C)

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

4:00 pm Food Drive (C)

**Sunday, March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent**

Food Drive (C)

10:00 am Communion families to attend Mass (C)

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

### Congratulations to those Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Week

Let us pray for those who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Tuesday, March 3. Candidates from our parish as well as Holy Trinity Parish will be receiving the sacrament together at the Church of the Holy Trinity. Bishop Checchio will be celebrating the Mass.



### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

#### Sunday

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19  
or 5:12, 17-19;  
Mt 4:1-11

#### Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

#### Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

#### First Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

#### First Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

### Thank You from the Knights of Columbus

Thank you all that donated to the recent Knights of Columbus "Right-to-Life Rose Pin" drive. Donations total \$580.00. On February 20<sup>th</sup> the Knights went shopping spending that money on baby diapers, wipes, bottles, shampoo, lotions, sippy cups, and clothing. These items were then delivered to the Pregnancy Aid & Information Center at 59 Thompson St. here in Raritan. The volunteers at the aid center were delighted to receive these items.

### Uncle Floyd Dinner and Show at St. Ann's

Back by popular demand, the Knights of Columbus are once again hosting a Dinner and Show with Uncle Floyd here at the St. Ann School Cafeteria on Saturday, March 14 at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend or you can contact the Parish Office to purchase tickets. The Knights will also be selling 50/50 tickets after Masses.

### Adult Enrichment Classes - Matthew 5-7

The Diocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation is offering a four-week course, **each Wednesday beginning March 11, 2020 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center from 10 to 11:15 a.m.** The classes will explore and examine Chapters 5-7 of Matthew's gospel and the Beatitudes. This Adult Enrichment class is free of charge and open to anyone who is interested. Registration is required. To register please visit <https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation> For additional information, please contact Angela Marshall at [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call (732) 562-1543.

### 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 through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) 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.

### 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](http://www.immaculatahighschool.org/difference).

Experience the Difference. Experience Immaculata.