

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

Website: www.stannparish.com/school

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.

Open House

March 24, 2020, 7:00 pm—8:30 pm
For more information call: (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
February 12, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's catechesis we consider the third of the eight Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Mt 5:5).

Here, the term "meek", literally means sweet, docile, gentle, devoid of violence. Meekness manifests itself in times of conflict. It can be seen by how one reacts to a hostile situation. Anyone can appear meek when everything is peaceful, but how does one react "under pressure", if one is under attack, offended, threatened?

In one passage, Saint Paul refers to "the meekness and gentleness of Christ" (2 Cor 10:1). Meanwhile, Saint Peter recalls the attitude of Jesus during his Passion: he did not respond nor threaten because "he trusted to him who judges justly" (1 Pt 2:23). And the meekness of Jesus can be clearly seen in his Passion.

In Scripture, the word "meek" also indicates one who does not have earthly property. Thus, we are struck by the fact that the third Beatitude says precisely that the meek "shall inherit the earth".

In reality, this Beatitude quotes Psalm 37 which we heard at the beginning of the catechesis. There too, meekness and earthly possessions are juxtaposed. If one thinks about it, these two things appear to be incompatible. Indeed the possession of land is a typical setting for conflict: people often fight over a territory in order to dominate a particular area. The stronger one prevails in war and conquers other lands.

But let us look more closely at the verb that is used to indicate the possessions of the meek: they do not conquer the earth. It does not say "Blessed the meek for they shall conquer the earth". They "inherit it". Blessed are the meek, for they shall "inherit" the earth. In the Scriptures the verb "inherit" has a much deeper meaning. The People of God actually refer to the land of Israel which is the Land of the Promise, as their "inheritance". That land is a promise and a gift to the People of God and it becomes the symbol for something much greater than a simple territory.

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,

to continue...We have also restructured the pastoral offices to have evangelization and mission more central to all of their initiatives and support to our parishes and schools. The Vicariate for Communication and Evangelization is tasked with promoting the message of the Church in our times with honesty, integrity and the vision of Christ's ultimate victory over the darkness of this world. As Christians there is always hope, always a brighter tomorrow, precisely because Christ redeems the deepest disorder of the human heart.

The role of Catholic communications is always to tell the story of any event through the lens of Jesus Christ. Social media and online presence cannot be underestimated in our day, especially if we are seeking to reach our younger generations, who do not always engage with us in our Church buildings and institutions as they did in times past. Now, we must be missionaries and go to them. This is why I have directed that we increase our technology and social media to reach out in creative, beautiful and effective ways.

Our "Catholic Spirit" remains a practical way to unite our four counties and so many tell me of your appreciation for it. We have a common story to tell in our Church here in central New Jersey that is ours to tell. The newspaper is now carrying stories of how the charitable mission of the Church is being accomplished so remarkably well through Catholic Charities, as well as the many local initiatives in which so many parishes and schools so generously participate. Even with cutting our budget in recent years to balance it, we have been able to maintain the subsidy to Catholic Charities, as gratefully the gala funds, which support its works, increased this past year, too.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

Twenty-four percent – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend, March 21/22, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

Second Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2020

Our Gospel Reading on this Second Sunday of Lent recounts the Transfiguration as reported by Matthew. All three of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) give an account of this. St. Thomas Aquinas called the Transfiguration Jesus' "greatest miracle" in part because it is a miracle performed on Jesus Himself.

Jesus was transfigured in the presence of three of His Apostles: Peter, James, and John. To be "transfigured" implies that the Lord was completely transformed, not just in how He appeared but absolutely, inwardly as well. Jesus became so dazzlingly bright that it was difficult to look on Him. It was like looking directly at the sun.

During our time in Lent, we are called to a type of transformation, as well. In our cases it is more inward than outer. God asks us to try to seek conversion of mind and heart. Yet, only God can truly cause this type of conversion; however, we must be open to it for it to occur.

Stewardship is closely associated with conversion. People who give of themselves to build the Kingdom of God are disciples of the Lord. To be a disciple, we must follow Jesus' example and teachings. His way of life literally becomes our way of life. For that to happen we must be transformed. That transformation can present challenges, but it also offers extreme joy. Stewardship challenges us to make conscientious decisions about our lives. Stewardship calls each of us to account for what God has given us, not only for the sake of knowing how much we have and how God has blessed us, but also to know how much God is calling us to share what He has given us with others.



Announcing the Departure of Miguel de Jesus

Miguel de Jesus, our parish music director, has accepted a position at another parish. This will be his last Sunday playing for liturgies; he will finish teaching at St. Ann School this 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.

Remember our Parish in Your Will

More and more Catholics are responding to the idea of giving a gift that perpetuates our Catholic faith. Please consider remembering St. Ann parish in your will. By doing so, you establish a legacy of love for others by enabling the Church to continue the expansion of our Catholic faith through its ministries.

For more information on naming our parish in your will, contact: Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Stewardship & Development, by phone at 732-562-2432 or by emailing development@diometuchen.org.

Also, see link, <http://>

ORATORY GOLF OUTING
SAVE THE DATE:
FRIDAY MORNING: JUNE 12, 2020
at Heron Glen Golf Course

www.heron Glen.com

Help St. Ann in Raritan community count in the 2020 Census.

United States
Census
2020

Census data impacts decisions at the national, state, tribal, and local levels—from congressional representation to the annual allocation of more than \$675 billion. Census data informs funding for programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Section 8 Housing; Pell Grants; the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; the Children's Health Insurance Program; and more. These funds and programs are essential to the well-being of our families, our faith community, and our neighbors.

Beginning in mid-March, you can respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail. Responding is quick and easy, and you can complete the census on your mobile device. All responses are confidential, and by law they cannot be used against you in any way. Respond to the 2020 Census today.

Visit 2020CENSUS.GOV to learn more.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 9

7:00 p.m. Charlie Churchill by Carol, Charles and Peter Living and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 a.m. Michael Incontrera by Maria and Frank Incontrera

Wednesday, March 11

7:00 a.m. George and Dorothy Ferrera by children

Thursday, March 12

7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Vincenza Greco in honor of Santo Gregorio and Padre Pio

Friday, March 13

7:00 p.m. Maria Barbieri by Giovanni Figliano Dorthee Battiatto by family

Saturday, March 14

9:00 a.m. Wayne Basilone by Angie Glenn
4:00 p.m. Salvatore Pannace by Angelo and Caterina Viscariello

Sunday, March 15

7:30 a.m. Pasquale Ruffa by Isabella Ruffa
10:00 a.m. Antonia Natale by Paul and Toni Stevens
12:00 p.m. Pasquale and Immacolata Suriano by their children
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Flowers:

Altar Candle #1 for Olga and Dave Fleming
by Frances Phillips and Eleanor Sian

St. Joseph Lamp for Marcello Pecoriello
by the Calo Family

Blessed Mother Lamp for Vicki Melitsky
by her daughter Joyce

Pray for Those We Have Recently Lost

William Hunt III
Maurice Mastice
Francis Morrison



Health Precautions During Mass

Until further notice, the Church of St. Ann will suspend distribution of the Precious Blood during Holy Mass. We also request that people not shake hands at the sign of peace. We are taking these precautions to try to avoid the transmission of disease. If you have a fever or have any flu-like symptoms please stay home and seek appropriate care. Thank you for your understanding.



Pray for those in the Military

May God protect all those serving in our Nation's Armed Forces.

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army
Victor Dulay, Jr.; U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Brendan Hughs; 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

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

Senior Citizen Lunch Bunch Returns

On March 19th from 12:00-1:00 pm in the St. Ann School Cafeteria come and enjoy soup, sandwiches and fellowship with our 7th and 8th grade students. Please call the school office if you would like to attend at (908) 725-7787 or email Michelle Basilone at lazyg72@gmail.com.



Weekly Offering... March 1, 2020

Total: \$ 9,623.50	
Church Collection:	\$ 7,718.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,885.50
Other	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday (Social Ministry)	\$ 2,392.00
Thank you for your generosity to our parish.	

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.

Second Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2020

Parish Events

Sunday, , March 8- Second Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 9

6:15 pm PREP (S) (SC)
7:45 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (CMR)

Tuesday, March 10

St. Joseph Novena
7:00 pm Festa Meeting (PMR)

Wednesday, March 11

St. Joseph Novena
5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper (SC)
7:30 pm Untold Blessing (CMR)

Thursday, March 12

St. Joseph Novena
6:15 pm PREP (S) (SC)

Friday, March 13

St. Joseph Novena
No School - Faculty In-Service Day
No 8:15 am Mass
6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting (SC)
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross [following 7pm Mass] (C)

Saturday, March 14

9:30 am Confession after Mass (C)
10:00 am Diocesan Spelling Bee (CMR)
3:00 pm Confession (C)
3:15 pm Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (C)
5:00 pm Uncle Floyd Dinner and Show (SC)

Sunday, March 15 -Third Sunday of Lent

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



Lenten Soup Supper - Come Join Us



Come join us for a simple meal while strengthening the bond of faith and friendship with others at St. Ann's Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 11 in St. Ann School's Cafeteria. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Dinner on March 11 will include: Pasta Primavera, rolls, salad and brownies. The Lenten Soup Suppers will continue each Wednesday during Lent. There is no fee for this event.

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.

Congratulations on Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation



Julianna **Cecilia** Arena
Angelina **Francis** Basilone
Evan **Patrick** Berry
Veronica **Gianna** Castro
Gianna **Teresa of Avila**
Catterson
Kailey **Clare of Assisi**
Chadwick
Nina **Cecilia** Cirianni
Lila Jane **Teresa of Calcutta**
Cook
Veronica **Bernadette** Dryl
Julianna **Joan of Arc** Fischetti
Christian **Anthony** Fodor
Samuel **Anthony** Gaboda
Tyler **David** Galayda
Carly **Teresa of Calcutta**
Galvin
James **Valentine** Hauss
Matthew **John the Baptist**
Hughes

Nathan **Maximilian** LaRoche
Kristofer **Matthew** Litwinko
Christopher **John** LoMedico
Sophia **Teresa of Calcutta**
Maltese
Olivia **Emma** Marago
Victoria **Clare of Assisi** Marago
Nina **Teresa of Calcutta** Nebab
Tracy **Maria** Nunez Alfaro
Christopher **Francis** Paine
Dieter Samuel **Boniface**
Pasewaldt
Deborah **Agatha of Sicily**
Pazmino
Alyssa **Margaret of Scotland**
Petti
Justin **Joseph** Petti
Vincent **Bartholomew** Plocic
Jason **Raphael** Sainte
Leonard **Anthony** Saringan
Noelle **Cyrus** Szeman
Justin **Joseph** Teresak
Frank **Anthony** Verano
Amy **Gianna** Wyllie
and
Wayne **Nicholas** Berry

Spiritual and Informative Session for Caregivers

Take time for yourself and experience spiritual renewal on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The Ministry to Caregivers of St. Joseph's Church, 34 Yorktown Rd, Hillsborough, is having a spiritual and informative morning for all Caregivers. If you care for a child, spouse, parent or at your workplace this session is for you. The morning will include a talk by Fr. Hank Hilton, "Stress Management for Caregivers" presented by Paula Rovinsky, RN, MA and complimentary lunch. To register contact: Carol (908) 369-7143 or email CarolJ623@comcast.net



This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday
Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday
Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday
Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday
Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday
Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32