



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
OF ST. ANN

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### *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.*

### *Church*

The Catholic Church of St. Ann is open daily from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation.

### *Daily Mass*

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (only when school is in session) & 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.

### *Holy Day Mass*

Vigil: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (weekdays)

### *Penance/Reconciliation*

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

### *St. Ann School*

*Pre-K - 8th Grade*

Our dedicated and experienced faculty are committed to providing a quality education focused on Faith, Family and Community.

Call Sr. Margaret Mary Hanlon in the School Office or email her at [mhanlon@stannparish.com](mailto:mhanlon@stannparish.com) to register your child(ren). Contact our school at 908-725-7787 to make an appointment to tour the school.

### *Church Calendar*

Can be found on our website under *NEW! Parish Calendar of Events*

### *St. Ann PREP*

*1 - 8th Grade*

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

Thursday: 6:15 p.m.-7:30 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(ren).

### *Special Needs PREP*

*1 - 8th Grade*

Thursday: 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(ren).

### *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 Deacon John Pacifico in the Parish Office or Deacon Rick Stevens at 908-910-0309 or email him at [rstevens@stannparish.com](mailto:rstevens@stannparish.com).

### *Donations by Electronic Giving*

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!

### *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.



ST. ANN... STOP...  
LOOK... LEARN

**ST. ANN SCHOOL**  
PREK - 8<sup>TH</sup>  
29 Second Ave, Raritan, NJ 08869  
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*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 21, 2019*

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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 John Pacifico  
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 Information

### 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).

## Parish Ministries

### Readers

To serve around the table of the Lord, to proclaim God's Word as a reader is a special privilege and ministry. As a reader you have the opportunity to use His gift to you to present the Word of God to the community in a way that can move the hearts of those who hear it. Thank you to all our readers for sharing their time and talent. Additional readers are needed to serve at weekend and holy day Masses. If you are interested, please call Deacon Rick Stevens at (908) 910-0309.

### Knights of Columbus

- Next weekend, April 27 and April 28 the Knights will have their Special Citizens Dive after Mass.
- The next Knights of Columbus breakfast will be on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am -11:00 am in the school cafeteria.

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



*Pope Francis*  
*General Audience*  
*April 9, 2019*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

After asking God for our daily bread, the “Lord’s Prayer” enters the sphere of our relationships with others. Jesus teaches us to ask the Father: “forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors” (Mt 6:12). Just as we need bread, we also need forgiveness; this too, this every day.

A Christian who prays asks God first of all that his *debts* be forgiven, that is, his sins, the bad things he does. This is the first truth of every prayer: even if we were perfect people, even if we were pure saints who never deviate from a virtuous life, we continue to be children who owe everything to the Father. What is the most dangerous attitude for every Christian life? It is pride. It is the attitude of those who stand before God thinking that they always have their affairs in order with him: the proud think they have everything in order. Like that Pharisee in the parable who thinks he is praying in the Temple, but in reality, he is commending himself before God: “I thank you, Lord, because I am not like the others”. And the people who feel they are perfect, the people who criticize others, are proud people. None of us is perfect, no one. On the contrary, the tax collector, who was at the back of the Temple, a sinner despised by everyone, stops at the threshold of the Temple and does not feel worthy to enter and entrusts himself to God’s mercy. And Jesus comments: “this man went down to his house justified rather than the other” (Lk 18:14), that is, forgiven, saved. Why? Because he was not proud, because he recognized his limitations and his sins.

There are sins that are seen and sins that are unseen. There are glaring sins that make noise but there are also sins that are devious, that lurk in our heart without us even noticing. The worst of these is pride, which can even infect people who live a profound religious life. There was once a well-known convent of nuns, in the 1600-1700s, at the time of Jansenism. They were utterly perfect, and it was said of them that they were really pure like angels, but also proud like demons. It is a bad thing. Sin divides fraternity; sin makes us imagine we are better than others; sin makes us think we are comparable to God.

And instead, we are all sinners before God and we have reason to beat our breast — everyone — like the tax collector in the Temple. In his First Letter, Saint John writes: “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 Jn 1:8). If you want to deceive yourself, say that you have not sinned: this way, you are deceiving yourself.

*Pope Francis Prayer Intention for*  
*April 2019*  
*Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones*



For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

*From the desk of...*

*Bishop James F. Checchio*

*April 4, 2019*



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

To continue...If signed into law by the Governor, New Jersey would become the eighth jurisdiction in the United States to legalize assisted suicide. What a sad day.

We had battled since 2012, when the bill was first introduced, trying to educate

our legislators, our fellow Catholics and the general public about the dangers of this bill for our state, but, in the end, we didn’t succeed.

In case you did not hear, I recently read about the Canadian euthanasia/assisted suicide law that was passed there.

Just last month, Jocelyn Downie, Canada’s leading “academic” pro-euthanasia activist, spoke at a lunch lecture for the Royal Society of Canada in Ottawa. In her presentation, Downie stated that 7,949 people have reportedly died by Medical Aid in Dying in Canada as of December 31, 2018. Based on her data the number of assisted deaths increased by more than 50 percent from the previous year. In the U.S., in places where assisted suicide is already allowed, we have been told that insurance companies have denied patients payment for treatments to save their lives, but have told them less costly, life-ending drugs would be covered.

Trends like these are very frightening.

## *2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal Parish Progress*

*Help Build a Civilization of Love*

**St. Ann Parish goal is \$65,500.**

As of April 11, 217 donors have pledged a total of \$59,733. Total amount of payments is \$49,162

This represents 92% of our goal.

Thank you to those who have participated so far. If every household contributes whatever they can, we can be confident that we will achieve our goal.



## **PASTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE**

Dear Parish Family of St. Ann,

Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia!

If he is not then, as St. Paul reminds us, our faith is worthless, we are without any lasting hope, and we are still in our sins. (ref. 1 Cor. 15)

The Resurrection of Jesus is the essential precept of our Catholic faith. It is the Event that validates who Jesus is and gives credibility to all that Jesus said and did. Easter Resurrection opened the way for the Holy Spirit to transform the lives of disciples, giving us courage to choose for something more than this passing world.

*"Death is swallowed up in victory... thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15: 56-57)*

As we celebrate this linchpin of our faith and recall that we have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, let us strive to integrate the Paschal Mystery into our lives. The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus was an immense act of trust in the Father's love and plan. When we experience trials, disappointments, struggles and suffering, let us seek to discover how God is calling us to deeper trust and greater growth. We cannot expect to be exempt from the cross. Let us face the challenge of letting go, trusting in the Father, and being open to the new life and possibilities that God will surely hold out to us. The pattern of Christian discipleship is *death to new life* – the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.

Easter is all about transformation, a participation in the transforming power of Christ's resurrection. Our whole life is a process of growth and change, conversion and transformation, to become more like Christ. As individual disciples, as a parish family and as a school, let us be open to however God wants to work in and through us.

Last week I announced that St. Ann's School will transition to a different model of education. Our children will benefit greatly from a Catholic classical liberal arts education. St. Ann's will distinguish itself as the only elementary school in Central Jersey to offer this kind of learning experience. The Catholic faith will be an integrated element of our student's education and formation. All subjects are in some way a discovery of God's truth and beauty. Our objectives include fostering in our students their relationship with Christ and a life of virtue. We desire to teach students how to reason well, and to think about and process information, not merely learn information and facts for a test. This method of education shows great respect to the human person as one made in God's image, imbued with the gifts of reason and free will. Please contact me if you want more information. Help us get the word out by sharing this good news and inviting parents with Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade school children to consider St. Ann School. There will be an Open House on June 5.

I ask that we pray for one another, that we grow in our relationship with the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. May the people of St. Ann parish open their hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we continue to become true ministers of Easter joy and hope.

In this spirit of faith and hope, my Oratorian brothers and I wish you a holy and happy Easter. I give you my sincere thanks for your shared faith and support. I ask for your prayers; be assured of mine for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ and St. Philip Neri,

Fr. Tom Odorizzi, C.O.

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

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 22

7:00 a.m. Domenico Natale and Juliet Mastonardi by wife Emilia Natale

### Tuesday, April 23

7:00 p.m. Carmella Russo by Hoofatt Family  
Jodi Peragallo by the Sause Family  
Joseph Sansone by children  
Mary Valane by Mr. and Mrs. Viscariello  
Margaret "Peggy" Wantrobski by Inez and Bob Taylor

### Wednesday, April 24

7:00 a.m. Francesco Fusca by wife Caterina

### Thursday, April 25

7:00 p.m. Gregorio Natale by Raffaele and Lina Cirianni  
Maria Barbieri by Pat Barbieri  
Frank DiBetta by Elena DiRado  
Elizabeth Gecik by Dwight and Jeanne Newell

### Friday, April 26

7:00 a.m. Vincenzo and Elisabetta Grande by Nicola and Caterina Grande

### Saturday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Ben Crisologo by Pena Family  
4:00 p.m. Mastiche and Amaroso Families by Kathryn and Patrick Mastiche

### Sunday, April 28

7:30 a.m. Francesco Fusca by son Rafaele Fusca  
10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society  
12:00 p.m. Natale Family by Maria and Frank Incontrera  
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

## This Week's Daily Bible Readings

### Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;  
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

### Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

### Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

## Pray for those in the Military

May God protect the men & women serving in our Nation's Armed Forces.

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army  
Victor Dulay, Jr.; U.S. Marine Corps  
PFC Gavin John; U.S. Marine Corps  
LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps  
CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.  
PFC Vincenzo Mattei; U.S. Army  
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  
PFC Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps  
Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army  
Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week for:

Altar Candle #1 Antonio D'Anna  
by D'Anna Family

Tabernacle Lamp for Salvatore Natale  
by wife and children

Blessed Mother Lamp in Loving Memory of  
Pasquale and Grazia Ruffa  
by son, Greg Ruffa and family

Altar Flowers for Pasquale and Immacolata  
Suriano  
by children

## Awakening Night for Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop Checchio inaugurated a year of preparation for the consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe. His intention for this year is that each one of us open our heart wide to God's grace so that authentic spiritual renewal can take place. In light of this you are invited to come to an evening of prayer, preaching and reflection on the message and meaning of Our Lady of Guadalupe's apparitions on our continent in 1531. Discover how The Blessed Mother led nine million indigenous Mexican people into a life changing encounter with her Son, Jesus, and how she desires to lead you into a deep and vibrant relationship with Him as well. This is a regional event, intended for all local parishes. Anyone may attend.

Date: April 29 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Holy Trinity Church - 60 Maple Street, Bridgewater

## Lost and Found Items

Items found in the Church are placed in a box under the table at the back of the Church, Please be sure to check the box. Items not claimed will be donated or discarded as appropriate.

## Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Wayne Basilone  
Anna Carra  
Bruno Cirianni  
Frank Cirianni  
Mary Contino  
Maria Anastasia  
D'Amore  
Michael D'Angelo  
JoAnn Dellaperute  
Mary Felice  
Frank Forte  
Cindy Galvacky  
Gambino Family  
Sara Gendlek  
Michael Giancaspro  
Victor Laggini  
Gloria A. Lamaestra

Brianna Rose  
Larson  
MaryAnn  
Mangiaracina  
Mark Marshall  
Austin McNamara  
Lori Monaghan  
Lidia Natale  
Ann Navatto  
Deacon John Pacifico  
Don Palumbo  
Marie Richardson  
Mary Soriano  
Cathy Stinziano  
Danny Tibaldi  
Joseph Tomaio



## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 21, 2019

### Parish Events

**Sunday, April 21 -Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm Mass (C)

**Monday, April 22**

No School

No PREP

Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm Finance Meeting (PMR)

**Tuesday, April 23**

No School

7:30 pm Bingo (SC)

**Wednesday, April 24**

No School

**Thursday, April 25**

No School

No Prep

**Friday, April 26**

No School

7:30 pm Devotion to Mary: Mind and Spirit (PMR)

**Saturday, April 27**

4:00 pm Knights of Columbus Special Citizens Drive after Mass

**Sunday, April 28**

Knights of Columbus Special Citizens Drive after Masses

11:00am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)

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

### Catechist/Volunteers for PREP

Looking for a way to share your faith? Volunteers are needed for classes, catechists, aides, sacramental preparation, substitutes, office/resources and other areas. You don't have to have children in the program to volunteer. Guidance and support will be provided. To find out more contact: Sr. Phyllis at [pvella@stannparish.com](mailto:pvella@stannparish.com) or (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 5.

### Summer Camp at Immaculata High School

Enjoy a wide variety of Art, Music and Athletic camps at Immaculata High School this summer. (240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville) A complete list of camps, dates and registration information can be found at [www.immaculatahighschool.org/summer](http://www.immaculatahighschool.org/summer).

### Summer Camp at Bishop Ahr High School

Enjoy a wide variety of summer camps at Bishop Ahr High School's Summer Aquinas Academy. June 24-June 28 for 5th, 6th and 7th Graders. \$50 for the week. Camps include: Theater, STEM, Photography, Technology, Forensics and Religion. For information please call: (732) 549-1108, xt. 700

### St. Ann Parish Music Corner

Happy Easter! After this period of prayer, self-negation, and almsgiving we can be spiritually reborn through the glory of the resurrection of Christ. The adult choir is recovering from the Triduum, and the bell choir is ready to ring for the remainder of the season. Please help them either by praying for them or by considering joining them. Lightening their load would be a benefit not just for them but also for our liturgies so we can grow our faith, our intellect, and our amazement of the beauty of our art.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be July 26-28. Early registration is advisable. Call: (732) 904-9636 for registration and information. Visit us at: [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)

### Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

A Catholic Prayer and Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues at St. Patrick's Church in Belvidere, NJ from April-December (first Wednesday of each month) at 10:00am and 7:00pm. The facilitator will be Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. For information please call the Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities at (732) 765-6432 or email: [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com).

### Weekly Offering...April 14, 2019

Total: \$ 13,137.00

First Collection:	\$ 8,737.00
Second Collection (Retirement Collection for Diocesan Clergy):	\$ 2,414.50
Online Offering:	\$ 1,667.50
Other:	\$ 318.00

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

### Trip to Lourdes and Southern France

Join Fr. Kenneth Brighenti of St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish, Flemington on his upcoming trip to Lourdes and Southern France scheduled for September 16-26, 2019. This trip will visit Lourdes, Avignon, Nice and Monaco. Book your trip today, limited to 25 passengers. Call (908) 766-8994 or email: [info@fratelliandcompany.com](mailto:info@fratelliandcompany.com) for more info or a complete brochure.

### Catholic Charities Connections Program

Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-on-one activities and be a role model for children who have suffered loss or who have special needs. If you are interested in making a difference in a child's life contact: Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323 or [jculen@ccdom.org](mailto:jculen@ccdom.org) for more information.