



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 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 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 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.

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, 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 SCHOOL
PREK - 8TH
29 Second Ave, Raritan, NJ 08869
www.stannparish.com/schoolsite
Phone: 908.725.7787
Email: kalbright@stannparish.com



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 10, 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

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

Ushers

An usher is often the first representative of the congregation that visitors and parish members encounter when entering the Church. Ushers play a very special roll in our church, warmly greeting and welcoming visitors as they enter the church; helping those with special needs; passing around the collection baskets; handing out bulletins at the end of Mass and checking the Church for any items left behind.

Thank you to all of our ushers for their dedication.

You are greatly appreciated!!

A special thank you to Dave White.

If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact the Parish Office, (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 4.

Knights of Columbus News and Events

- Our next meeting is February 11 at 7:45pm in the Church Meeting Room.
- Please recycle your aluminum cans and metal in the blue recycling bins located at the back of the Rectory and near the School cafeteria door.



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



Pope Francis
General Audience
January 30, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today I will reflect with you on my recent [Apostolic Journey to Panama](#). I invite you to give thanks with me to the Lord for this grace that he wished to give to the Church and to the people of that dear country. I thank the President of Panama and the other Authorities, the Bishops and I thank all the volunteers — there were so many — for their warm and informal welcome, the same as we witnessed in the people who hastened to greet me everywhere, with great faith and enthusiasm. One thing that struck me greatly: the people lifted the children up in their arms. As the popemobile passed, all those with children held them up as if to say: “Here is my pride, here is my future!”. And they showed off their children. But they were many! And the fathers and mothers were proud of those children. I thought: there is so much dignity in this gesture and how eloquent it is compared with the demographic winter we are experiencing in Europe! Children are the pride of that family. Children are the security for the future. The demographic winter, without children, is harsh!

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February 2019 *Human Trafficking*



For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

Monday

Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

From the desk of...

Bishop James F. Checchio
January 24, 2019



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To continue...Though my concerns were different at that age, like our youth today, I also desired authenticity, Gospel truths, and a challenge. Today, we are able to face these challenges together. Before the Synod last October, 300 young people from all over the world met in Rome to produce a document on their ideas and feelings, their view of the world and their recommendations. This document was used by the bishops as they did the work of the synod, and has helped to inform the final report issued by the Vatican earlier this month. I have asked the Catholic Spirit together with our new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, John Glynn, to publish some articles on the final document, to help us understand where the Church would like us to go with ministry to and with our youth. I consider this to be an important document. As I read it, and read the many concerns expressed by the young people and the bishops, it confirmed for me the need for all of us to be in meaningful dialogue with young people. How can we lead them towards discovering their goals and Christ if we do not listen to and empathize with their current experiences? With that in mind, during Catholic Schools Week, I am meeting with a group of students from our four high schools, and another group of eighth-graders so that we can begin together to chart our way. This follows up on a previous “listening session” I have had with students from our high schools, and will be the first of the listening sessions I will have since the Synod report has been issued. This will lead us to conducting more “listening sessions” with youth throughout our diocese.

By convening the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment, the Holy Father is very clearly declaring that we, as Church, must invest time, energy and resources in our young people. As we all know, the young are in the heart of God and the Church. We, young and old, are all called now to collaborate by using the gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide and protect the youth entrusted to our care.

I am grateful to the many youth ministers who labor in our diocese, and to the many teachers, administrators and staffs in our religious education programs and Catholic schools. Each year, the Church celebrates Catholic Schools Week and I certainly want to thank all those who make them such great places in our diocese; they are a blessing which carries on throughout the school day, what our parents try to pass on to their children at home. A sacrifice, yes, but one well worth it. I want our youth to know that we love them and are here with and for them. With all the challenges in our world, with increasing anxiety and depression amongst so many youth in our day, Jesus Christ is the answer, and while growing closer to Him ourselves, He awaits us to help bring our youth closer to Him. May He help us in our efforts, and thank you for making this a priority in our Church, too. God bless you all.

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

Regional Raritan Area

"AWAKENING NIGHT"

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Holy Trinity Parish Church

7:00-9:00 p.m.

The Message: Preaching and Witness
Eucharistic Adoration
Prayer and Confession
Music

We have entered into this preparatory year of grace, a year dedicated to "Spiritual Awakening" that leads up to the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The desire is to awaken all of us for consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe come December 2019.

Our Diocese will only be renewed if the individuals who make it up allow the saving power of Jesus Christ to renew their hearts, and minds, and souls. It is hoped that this evening will provide you with an opportunity for personal renewal through an encounter with Our Lord, Jesus Christ and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please save the date now and commit this event to prayer. Invite other family and friends, as well. We pray for God's powerful intervention through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Special Prayer to Our Lady

Bishop Checchio has declared a "Year of Awakening" to prepare for the consecration of our Diocese through Our Lady of Guadalupe, and has asked all the faithful in the Diocese to offer a special prayer to Our Lady.

Starting this weekend, we will be reciting this prayer before the beginning of Mass. The prayer can be found in the cover of our song missals.

Family Home Prayer Kit

SIGN UP!

As another way to participate in the "Year of Awakening", please consider hosting the traveling image of Our Lady in your home for a week. This image, which has been blessed by the Bishop, is accompanied by a candle, holy water, rosaries, and other prayer resources to help you and your family enter into this special time. It will be available starting next weekend (Feb. 16/17); the signup sheet is available at the main entrance of the church.



The risk of assisted suicide becoming the law of the land against the will of the people of New Jersey is real. We must come together now to speak out for the people targeted by this terrible legislation, our senior citizens, and persons with disabilities, serious illnesses and injuries. Please join us to turn back assisted suicide in New Jersey.

The Senate Health Committee scheduled a hearing on Thursday, February 7th at 1 p.m. on the NJ Assisted Suicide bill late (S1072). **A vote of the full Assembly on the companion bill, A1504, may come before the end of the month. Please help us keep up the pressure on our legislators to Vote No on this dangerous and misguided bill!**

Please call and email your 2 Assembly Members and State Senator to **urge them to Vote No on A1504/S1072.**

For assistance with identifying your representatives and sending them a message, please go to: <https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp>

You can call and email them with a pre-written email and suggested phone message we prepared by going to <https://njrtl.org/legislation/>

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 11

7:00 a.m. Michael Gallagher by nieces and nephew
7:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Knight of Columbus

Tuesday, February 12

7:00 p.m. Dominic and Evelyn Stinziano by Ron and Cathy

Wednesday, February 13

7:00 a.m. Nicholas and Anthony Toscano by Sr. Dolores Tosanco

Thursday, February 14

7:00 p.m. Mary Grasso by Lynn Grasso, Marie Mayr, Mark Grasso and Christopher Grasso

Friday, February 15

7:00 a.m. Carmela Ruffa by cousin Caterina and Nicolo Grande

Saturday, February 16

9:00 a.m. Domenico Natale by wife Amelia Natale
4:00 p.m. JoAnn D'Alessio by Harold & Jacqueline D'Alessio

Sunday, February 17

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. Special Intention for Karen Soriano in honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta
12:00 p.m. Domenico Grande by children
5:00 p.m. Frank Rita by Marie Rita

Candle & Flower Intentions

St. Ann's offers candle, lamp and flower intentions in the following locations: Altar, Tabernacle, St. Joseph Statue, Blessed Mother Statue and Pro-Life Memorial. Please stop by or call the Parish Office to request an intention.

Eucharistic Holy Hour

The Oratorian community invites everyone to take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour offered on the third Sunday of each month. This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction. The next Holy Hour will be held on Sunday, February 17 at 3:30 pm in St. Ann's Church, Raritan.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

We ask God's blessing for the strengthening and healing of our sick and homebound:

Wayne Basilone, Anna Carra, Bruno Cirianni,
Frank Cirianni, Mary Contino, Maria Anastasia D'Amore,
Michael D'Angelo, JoAnn Dellaperute, Dominic DeLuca,
Frank DiBetta, Mary Felice, Frank Forte, Cindy Galvacky,
Anthony Gambino, Arlene Gambino, Paul Gambino,
Sara Gendlek, Victor Laggini, Gloria A. Lamaestra,
Brianna Rose Larson, MaryAnn Mangiaracina,
Mark Marshall, Austin McNamara,
Lori Monaghan, Ann Navatto,
Don Palumbo, Joe Pastore, Marie Richardson,
Cathy Stinziano, Danny Tibaldi,
Joseph Tomaio, Ron Wyka, Alex Zachok, Betty Zimmitti

All names will remain on the list for 4 weeks,
unless otherwise requested.

2018 Contribution Statements

If you would like to request your Contribution Statement from the Catholic Church of St. Ann for Tax Year 2018 please call the parish office at (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 6 or email the parish office at cesposito@stannparish.com.

St. Ann Parish Music Corner

Ave Regina Caelorum is one of the four Marian hymns that is sung for Compline (Night Prayer). This hymn in particular is sung between the Feast of the Presentation (February 2nd, the old end of the Christmas Season) and the Easter Vigil.

Ave Regina caelorum,	Hail, O Queen of the heavens.
Ave Dómina Angelórum:	Hail, O Lady of the angels.
Salve radix, salve porta,	Hail, the root of Jesse, and the portal
Ex qua mundo lux est torta:	From which the world's true Light is risen
Gaude Virgo gloriósa,	Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,
Super omnes speciósa:	O fairest of all creatures.
Vale, o valde decóra,	Farewell, O most lovely one;
Et pro nobis Christum exóra.	pray for us to Christ, our Savior.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Help Build a Civilization of Love

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign will again be conducted during Lent and our parish can earn a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over .

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports our Cultural Diversity Ministries and enhances the work of forming our youth. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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

Pray for the souls of those who have given their
lives in service to our country.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 10, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, February 10

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

Monday, February 11

6:15 pm PREP (S)

7:45 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (CMR)

Tuesday, February 12

Parish Office Closed (Staff Day of Prayer)

7:30 pm Bingo (SC)

Wednesday, February 13

2:30 pm School Choir (C)

6:45 pm Choir Practice (C)

7:00 pm H.S.A. Meeting (SC)

Thursday, February 14

6:15 pm PREP (S)

Friday, February 15

Saturday, February 16

4:00 pm Baby Gift Drive (C)

Sunday, February 17

Baby Gift Drive (C)

3:30 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour (C)

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

St. Ann's School Benefit Annual Garage Sale

We are having a **HUGE Benefit Sale** on **Saturday, March 9 from 7:00 am - 4:00 pm** and **Sunday, March 10, from 8:00 a m - 2:00 pm** in the School Cafeteria.

Here is just a sample of what you will find:

Small electronics	Small furniture
Household good, kitchenware	Bikes
Décor items, seasonal items	Sporting goods
Clothing, shoes and accessories and so much more!!!	
Get here early - it is priced to sell!!	

Slavic Dinner at St. Mary Byzantine Church

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will resume Slavic Dinners on Wednesday, February 13, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, in the St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ. The cost is \$15.00 for adults (ages 9 and up) and \$5.00 for Children (8 and under). Includes all you can eat Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage.

Each month a special entrée will be selected and prepared by St. Mary's chef John Pagano. Dinners are held on the second Wednesday of every month. Orders to go are available. For more information contact: St. Mary's at 908-725-0615. The dinner in March will be held on March 13.

St. Bernard's Cemetery and Mausoleums

New tile and carpeting is scheduled to be installed in the St. Bernard Mausoleums starting in the month of February. During the time of renovations access may be limited. Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation.

St. Ann School Tricky Tray - Saturday April 6

St. Ann School is hosting its 19th Annual Tricky Tray Saturday, April 6, 2019.

The success of our event depends greatly upon generous donations from individuals and businesses, especially in our parish community. We ask for your continued support by providing new merchandise, monetary or gift card donations to be used in our basket raffles. We ask that you supply any donations on or before March 15, 2019.

Tickets are now on sale!!

\$25 Admission Ticket includes: Coffee, tea & dessert, and 1 sheet of regular tier basket tickets. Outside food and drink are welcome. Water and soda will be available for purchase. Must be 21 years old or over.

Non-refundable.

If you are interested in making a donation to or attending our event please call the school office at: (908) 725-7787 or e-mail the event committee at stantrickytray@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support!

St. Ann's PREP Program Reminders

- March 10, 2019:
10:00 am Mass (parents and children preparing for the **Sacrament of Communion**)
- March 10, 2019:
12pm Mass (parents and candidates preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**)
- March 10, 2019:
1:00pm Group Session in the school cafeteria (candidates preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**)

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, March 2, 10:45am (Holy Trinity Church)

Confirmation Practice: Wednesday, April 10, 5:00pm (St. Ann's Church)

Sacrament of Confirmation: Friday, April 12 (St. Ann's Church)

Weekly Offering...February 3, 2019

Total: 10,074.00

First Collection:	\$ 6,724.00
Online Offering:	\$ 3,315.00
Other:	\$ 35.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Persons with Disabilities

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayers for any need. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6413 or send an email to our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com