

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



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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

Pro Life Ministry

Pray the Pro Life Rosary Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30pm (following 7:00 pm Holy Mass) & every third Tuesday of the month.

Festa Committee

Meetings are starting as planning is underway for this year's Festa, St. Ann's Festa is a huge success each year because of our dedicated committee and the many volunteers who donate their time and energy. This year's Festa is June 12-June 15. Save the date.

Knights of Columbus News and Events

- 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
February 6, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I have just completed a brief visit to the United Arab Emirates, brief but important, for it marked a step forward in interreligious dialogue and in the commitment to promoting peace in the world. This was the first papal visit to the Arabian peninsula and took place eight hundred years after Saint Francis of Assisi visited Sultan al-Malik al-Kamil. The providence of God wished to see a Pope named Francis make such a journey, and I thought often of the Saint for it helped me keep the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ close to my heart. I thank the Crown Prince, the President, the Vice President and all the Authorities who welcomed me, and Bishop Paul Hinder for preparing the event with the Catholic community. My affectionate thanks go to the priests, religious and lay faithful who enliven the Christian presence in that land. Beyond all the speeches, one further step was taken in Abu Dhabi when the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar and I signed the Document on Human Fraternity. There we affirm the common vocation of all men and women to be brothers and sisters as children of God, we reject every form of violence – especially that committed in the name of religion – and we dedicate ourselves to defending authentic values and peace in the world. Let us pray that the seeds sown during the visit may bear much fruit according to his holy will.

*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
 Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday
 Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday
 Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday
 Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday
 Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

Friday
 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday
 Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

From the desk of...

Bishop James F. Checchio
February 7, 2019



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Wow, after the last issue of "The Catholic Spirit" was published, many of you asked me if I was going away or just cutting back on my schedule. One of you even worried that I was getting "burn out" from going around too much. I realized you were concerned about me and I am grateful for that. Upon inquiry with our staff I learned that apparently the last issue of "The Catholic Spirit" had space issues and they cut my schedule, only listing the first couple of days activities. So, if any of you are wondering, no I am not going away on vacation to somewhere warm, although that sounds tempting, and no I am not "burnt out." I am keeping my regular schedule of visits and even added some more for Catholic Schools week. The whole schedule was still listed on our website but was not in "The Catholic Spirit." The situation did remind me that some of you actually follow my schedule and read my regular column. That was encouraging, as I thought perhaps only my mother was a regular reader. I try to share the schedule with you, as much as I can, and write a regular column to keep you aware of some of the things going on in my life and the life of our wonderful diocese. I will continue to do so, especially since I now know that you are following it. The last Saturday in January, I had a unique privilege in our diocese. I consecrated a new altar at St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish in Flemington. It was a joyful Mass. It is only the second time I have consecrated an altar, having done one previously at Our Lady of the Mount Parish in Warren when they refurbished their parish, too. Consecrating a new altar is one of the responsibilities and privileges of a bishop. As part of the ritual when we consecrate an altar, it is anointed with sacred chrism. At the Chrism Mass during Holy Week, each diocesan bishop consecrates the chrism oil, the oil of the sick for the Sacrament of the Sick and oil of catechumens for baptisms which will be used in the diocese during the upcoming year. It is interesting that chrism oil is only used for anointings whenever there is a permanent change taking place in our lives, when we are being permanently marked for some specific task. At baptism and confirmation chrism oil is used as we are made other "Christs" for the world; we are permanently marked to take on Jesus' mission in our world today as we become members of His Body, the Church. At ordination to priesthood the palms of the priest's hands are anointed and at a bishop's ordination, his head is anointed, as we are marked for permanent service in the Church, ministering to the Body of Christ in Jesus' name.

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 17, 2019

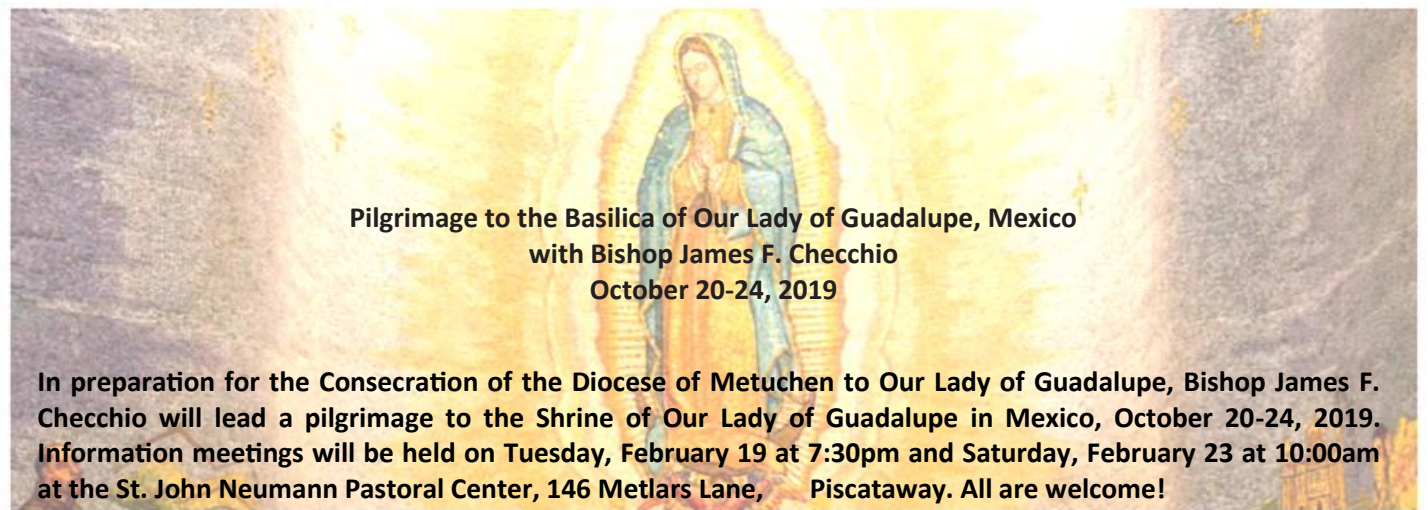
Awakening Night for Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe Wednesday, February 20

On December 12th 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 planned and organized by St. Ann and Holy Trinity parishes for the people in the Raritan Area. This event will take place at

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
60 Maple Street, Bridgewater,
off Old York Road, 2 minutes away from St. Ann's.
THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
7:00-9:00 PM

There is ample parking at Holy Trinity Church.
All are welcome. Invite other family members and friends.



RESPECT, RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE

We are facing ever more extreme positions that attack the most basic goodness of human life: assisted suicide and abortion as "healthcare" even to the very moment of birth. The human person is not an object to be used and exploited, a thing to be traded or discarded. As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace.

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, KS and Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities has issued the following statement in response to several states moving forward with legislation that would permit a baby to be aborted at nine months.

"Abortion has always been built on a lie. Today, the lie is switching from 'abortion is a choice' to 'abortion is healthcare.' A law recently passed in New York not only legalizes abortion essentially for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy but removes any protection for children born alive after abortion. A similar bill was proposed in Virginia along with several other states, all in the name of women's health.

This legislation is evil, pure and simple. And it shocks the conscience to see such evil legislation greeted with raucous cheers and standing ovations. Most grieving to our Lord of Life is that those who advocate for abortion put their eternal souls in jeopardy.

It is sickeningly dishonest to claim that women's lives or health depend on intentionally killing their children. This is especially true for late-term abortion, which always involves the purposeful destruction of a child which could have been born alive, with much less risk to the mother, had they both received real healthcare.

Though we live in very dark days, we know that the Lord has already triumphed over death. But we must use this time on earth to be His hands and feet. This means each of us rededicating ourselves to prayer, and fighting for the most vulnerable among us, especially unborn children and their mothers."

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 18

9:00 a.m. Joanne Cugliari by her mother

Tuesday, February 19

7:00 p.m. Corado Dizon by Dizon Family
Bill Povia by Mary Matteo

Wednesday, February 20

7:00 a.m. Francesco and Antonina Barbieri by their daughter

Thursday, February 21

7:00 p.m. Carmela Sessa by Bill, Paul and Mark Sessa
Alberto Falco by Antoinette and children

Friday, February 22

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

Saturday, February 23

9:00 a.m. Gregorio Ruff and Immacolata Suriano by
Caterina and Nicola Grande
4:00 p.m. MaryJane and Bill Galvacky by Cindy and Chuck
Galvacky

Sunday, February 24

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name
Society
12:00 p.m. Anthony Carra by Anna Carra and family
5:00 p.m. Pat Chiaffarano by Jim and Colleen Dimino

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week for:

Altar Candle #1 for John Schaub Sr.
by Ann and children

Tabernacle Lamp for Bob Andresen
by Ann and Janet DePaolo

St. Joseph Lamp for Angelo Bavaro
by daughter Lia Ruffa and family

Blessed Mother Lamp for JoAnn D'Alessio
by Harold and Jacqueline D'Alessio

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

Ecce Panis is one of the many Eucharistic hymns written by St. Thomas Aquinas in the mid-13th century. Below are only the first two of four verses. As you read the translation, observe if you obtain the same reverence to the Eucharist as St. Thomas Aquinas did.

Ecce panis Angelórum,
Factus cibus viatórum:
Vere panis filiórum
Non mitténdus cánibus.

Behold the Bread of Angels,
Made the food of mortal men;
Truly the Bread of children,
And not to be treated irreverently.

In figúris praesignátur,

These were types of this angelic Bread:

Cum Isáac immolátur.
Agnus Paschae deputátur
Datur manna pátribus.

Isaac's sacrifice
The paschal lamb,
The manna in the desert.

Contact Your Legislator to Oppose Assisted Suicide

A vote on the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act (S1702) is expected in the full Assembly within the next few weeks. The bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill individuals considered to have six months to live. In California, Vermont and Oregon - states that have passed the assisted suicide bills - insurance companies have denied individuals expensive healthcare coverage but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. In an era of managed care and cost control, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded financial liabilities and decisions to encourage death could be drive by reducing costs. Please contact your state legislators today and tell them that you oppose A1504/S1702. Visit: <https://njc.catholic.org/faith-in-action>

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.**

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Parish Events

Sunday, February 17

Baby Gift Drive (C)
3:30 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour (C)

Monday, February 18 - Presidents' Day

No School
No PREP
Parish Office Closed
7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (CMR)
7:15 pm Festa Meeting (PMR)

Tuesday, February 19

7:30 pm ProLife Rosary (C)
7:30 pm Bingo (SC)

Wednesday, February 20

2:30 pm School Choir (C)
6:45 pm Choir Practice (C)
7:00 pm Awakening Night (Holy Trinity Church)

Thursday, February 21

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm School Fundraiser at Panera
6:15 pm PREP (S)
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus State Team Meeting (CMR)

Friday, February 22

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

Saturday, February 23

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Sports Collectibles and Card Show (SC)

Sunday, February 24

11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting

[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!!!	

*Immaculata High School to host
"Immaculata Difference"*

Inviting all 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Thursday, February 28 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Immaculata High School, 240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville. For more information or to RSVP please visit: www.ImmaculataHighSchool.org/Difference or call the Director of Admissions at (908) 722-0200, xt 218

Weekly Offering... February 10, 2019

Total: \$10,870.00

First Collection:	\$ 7,537.00
Second Collection (Catholic Spirit):	\$ 1,371.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,826.00
Other:	\$ 136.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

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, 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 stanntrickytray@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)

Catechist/Volunteers for PREP

Looking for a way to share your faith? Our young people need you to journey with them. 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 or (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 5.

How to Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, please visit our diocesan website:

<https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspectedabuse>