

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
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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

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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

Knights of Columbus News and Events

- Next meeting is March 11th at 7:45 pm in the Church Meeting Room
- **UNCLE FLOYD COMEDY NIGHT on March 16th**
Dinner at 5 pm -Show at 6 pm -BYOB-Adults only
St. Ann School Cafeteria - Tickets: \$25 each
Tickets will be sold after Masses. Contact Jim Janci for any questions at: jimj4law@gmail.com

Altar Servers

As Youth Altar Servers children from fourth grade through high school actively participate in the faith of Jesus Christ by assisting the Priest, setting up the Altar and preparation of the gifts. Training is provided. If you are interested in this ministry please contact the Parish Office.

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



Pope Francis
General Audience
February 27, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our journey of rediscovering the “Our Father”, today we shall delve deeper into the first of his seven invocations, namely, “hallowed be thy name”.

There are seven requests in the “Our Father”, easily divisible into two subgroups. The first three have at the center ‘Thou/You’ addressed to God the Father; the other four have at the center ‘us’ and our human needs. In the first part Jesus lets us enter his wishes, everyone turning to the Father: “hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done”; in the second it is He who enters us and becomes the interpreter of our needs: daily bread, forgiveness of sins, help in temptation and liberation from evil.

Herein lies the matrix of every Christian prayer — I would say of every human prayer — which is always done, on the one hand, as a contemplation of God, of his mystery, of his beauty and goodness, and on the other, as a sincere and courageous request for what we need for life, and to live properly. Thus, in its simplicity and in its essentiality, the “Our Father” teaches those who pray it not to multiply empty words, because — as Jesus himself says — “your Father knows what you need before you ask him” (Mt 6:8).

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for *March 2019* *Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities*



That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

From the desk of...

Bishop James F. Checchio



2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Help Build a Civilization of Love

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here at the Catholic Church of St. Ann. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 16/17, which has been designated as Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Please use this link to view the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal video:

<https://vimeo.com/diocesefmetuchen/2019appeal>

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

GOD OUR LOVING FATHER, WE LIFT UP OUR HEARTS IN GRATITUDE FOR SENDING OUR VIRGIN MOTHER OF GUADALUPE TO SET HEARTS ON FIRE IN THE “NEW WORLD” WITH THE SAVING MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL.

SHE IS OUR COMPASSIONATE MOTHER AND SHE DESIRES TO REMEDY OUR TROUBLES, MISERIES AND PAIN BY BRINGING US INTO A SAVING FRIENDSHIP WITH HER SON JESUS CHRIST.

WE TURN AGAIN WITH RENEWED CONFIDENCE AND OUTSTRETCHED ARMS TO OUR VIRGIN MOTHER OF GUADALUPE TO SET OUR HEARTS ON FIRE IN OUR DIOCESE OF METUCHEN AS WE PREPARE TO BE CONSECRATED TO HER MATERNAL CARE.

GIVE TO EACH ONE OF US A DESIRE TO BE A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE—SO THAT THE WORLD MAY COME TO KNOW THE TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH US.

MOTHER OF THE AMERICAS AND STAR OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION, PRAY FOR US.

**There will not always be a second collection any more...
but we need your generous support as much as ever.**

As a result of a directive from the Diocese, we have eliminated most second collections where the monies remain at St Ann's to cover expenses. Also, you may have noticed when you received the recent mailing of envelopes that it now covers a period of three months rather than two. We are now only sending mailings four times a year to save on the cost of printing and postage. We will continue to have occasional second collections that are mandated by the Diocese for specific causes.

While we want to conform to Diocesan guidelines as soon as practical, it is important for you to recognize that we are doing this with the hope that our overall offertory will not be reduced. In particular, this will effect our **WeShare** parishioners who will need to review their accounts and make adjustments as needed to your overall support to the parish.

I thank you for your understanding and recognition of the importance to our parish's financial health.

Please consider signing up with **WeShare**, an electronic giving vehicle for making automatic contributions to the parish or other special collections according to the arrangement that you establish. Hit the link on the parish website or call the parish office for assistance.

Give Online
with WeShare

Lent Reflection:

During Lent we will have some different liturgical practices in order to emphasize the penitential season and communally acknowledge the call of the Gospel to us to repent. We invite you to kneel during the Penitential Rite, as we pray the Confiteor together. The environment, music and action will be more simplified, as well.

This Wednesday, March 13, will be the first of four Lenten Wednesday Series presentations reflecting on God's Mercy. Join us at 7:30pm.



THE ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI
PRESENTS

MERCY: GIFT AND VOCATION
2019 LENTEN SERIES
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 PM
ST. ANN CHURCH, RARITAN

MARCH 13 - BIBLICAL MERCY
MARCH 20 - MERCY AS ESSENTIAL TO GOD'S NATURE
MARCH 27 - MERCY AS THE PLACE WHERE GOD MEETS US
APRIL 3 - THE JOY OF LIVING MERCY IN A MERCILESS WORLD
APRIL 10 - LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE*

*AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BRIDGEWATER

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 11

7:00 a.m. George and Dorothy Ferrera by children
7:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 p.m. Special Intention for Caterina and Saverio Todarello in honor of Santo Gregorio and Santo Biagio

Wednesday, March 13

7:00 a.m. Gregorio Natale by Caterina Grande

Thursday, March 14

7:00 p.m. Robert Sause by the Sause family
Evelyn and Dominic Stinziano by Ron and Cathy

Friday, March 15

7:00 a.m. Francesco and Elizabette Ruffa by Isabella Ruffa

Saturday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Liberato Guadagno by Clementina Guadagna
4:00 p.m. Joseph Rita by Marie Rita

Sunday, March 17

7:30 a.m. Domenico and Maria Grazia Todarello by Caterina and Saverio Todarello
10:00 a.m. Alfiero and Patrone Families by Tom and Karen Soriano
12:00 p.m. Mathew and Anthony Orlando, Jr. by Orlando Family
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week for:

*Altar Candle #1 for
Alice and Howard Condo, Sr.
by Esther Condo*

*St. Joseph Lamp for Marcello Pecoriello
by the Calo Family*

Candle & Lamp Intentions

St. Ann's offers candle and lamp 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.

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,
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,
Lidia Natale, Ann Navatto, Deacon John Pacifico,
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.*

St. Ann Parish Music Corner

Today, the first Sunday of Lent, we begin Sunday masses singing Attende Domine. The verse that the cantor sings is the entrance antiphon of the mass. Below is the refrain with the original first verses of the text.

Attende Domine et miserere, Hearken, O Lord, and have
Quia peccavimus tibi. mercy
For we have sinned against
you.

1. Ad te Rex summe,
Omnium redemptor
Oculos nostros
Sublevamus flentes
Exaudi, Christe,
Supplicantum preces

1. To you, O high King
Redeemer of all
Our eyes
Crying we lift up
Hear, O Christ
The prayers of the suppli-
cant.

Thank You from Sr. Dolores Toscano

Thank you and mille grazie.....

Dear Friends of St. Ann's,

Many thanks for all your Mass cards and kind words of comfort at the recent loss of my dear Sister Carmella Russo of 99 years. Your many cards and consolation and gifts were greatly appreciated. Be assured of my daily prayers and gratefulness.

Many thanks again and may God bless you.

Love,
Sr. Dolores Toscano

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, March 17 at 3:30 pm in St. Ann's Church, Raritan.

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.**

First Sunday of Lent - March 10, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, March 10

8:00 am St. Ann School Garage Sale (SC)
1:00 pm Confirmation Candidates Session (S)
St. Joseph Novena begins (C)

Monday, March 11

6:15 pm PREP (S)
7:45 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (CMR)
St. Joseph Novena (C)

Tuesday, March 12

7:30 pm Bingo (SC)
7:00 pm Home School Association Meeting (Convent)
St. Joseph Novena (C)

Wednesday, March 13

2:30 pm School Choir (C)
5:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper (SC)
6:45 pm Choir Practice (C)
7:30 pm Lenten Formation Series (CMR)
St. Joseph Novena (C)

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

1:00 pm St. Ann School Stations of the Cross (C)
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (C)
St. Joseph Novena (C)

Saturday, March 16

Baby Gift Drive (C)
5:00 pm Uncle Floyd Dinner and Show (SC)
St. Joseph Novena (C)

Sunday, March 17

Baby Gift Drive (C)
3:30 Eucharistic Holy Hour (C)
St. Joseph Novena (C)

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

Lenten Soup Supper

You're invited to join us for fellowship and breaking bread at our Lenten Suppers - all parishioners, family and friends are welcome. Our next supper is Wednesday, March 13 at 5:00pm in the St. Ann School Cafeteria.

Menu for March 13: Pasta Primavera, rolls, salad, cookies. Consider joining us afterwards for the Lenten Series: Mercy: Gift and Vocation at 7:30pm in the Church Meeting Room.

Gigi's Playhouse Hillsborough 5th Annual Gala

On Saturday, March 30 at the Bridgewater Marriott. For info: gigisplayhouse.org/Hillsborough/gala Gigi's Playhouse is a nationwide network of Down syndrome achievement centers.

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 or (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 5.

St. Ann's School Annual Garage Sale This Weekend: March 9 and 10

THIS WEEKEND JOIN US:

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm and
Sunday, March 10, from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
in the School Cafeteria.

Get here early - everything is priced to sell!!
Snow Dates: March 16 and 17

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!

Villa Walsh Academy Presents Cinderella

Performances are Saturday, March 30th at 7:00pm and Sunday, March 31 at 3:00pm at Villa Walsh Academy, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960. For tickets call: 973-538-3680. For info: www.villawalsh.org

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Join the March Madness as families begin to re-register their children for the 2019-2020 PREP (a.k.a CCD)

Early Re-Registration for current PREP families: Parents/Guardians can complete and return their family packet that has been distributed during PREP sessions. After June 1st Re-Registration Forms may be obtained from the Parish website.

Any new families wishing to register their child (Grade 1-8) may also take advantage of this early registration. Please contact Sr. Phyllis at pvella@stannparish.com or call: 908-725-1008, press 1 then 5, for more information. Check out the parish website: www.stannparish.com under Faith Formation tab.

Weekly Offering...March 3 2019

	Total: \$ 10,285.50	
First Collection:		\$ 7,956.00
Second Collection:		None
Online Offering:		\$ 2,265.50
Other:		\$ 64.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.