



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
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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 3, 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

Social Ministry -Hospital Visitors

Due to HIPPA laws, we no longer have access to the names of hospital patients who are parishioners of St. Ann's. If you or a loved one are hospitalized at RWJ@Somerset, please contact St. Ann's Parish Office (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 6, to arrange for a visitor to come and visit. You can also contact Pastoral Care or the Eucharistic Minister at the hospital who will reach out to St. Ann's to arrange a hospital visitor.

Knights of Columbus News and Events

Get Tickets for:

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

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



Pope Francis
General Audience
February 20, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Let us continue with the catecheses on the 'Our Father'. The first step of every Christian prayer is the entry into a mystery, that of the *fatherhood of God*. One cannot pray like parrots. Either you enter into the mystery, in the awareness that God is your Father, or you do not pray. If I want to pray to God my Father, I begin with the mystery. To understand to what measure God is father to us, let us consider the figures of our parents, but in some measure we must always 'refine them', purify them. The Catechism of the Catholic Church also says so; it says: "The purification of our hearts has to do with paternal or maternal images, stemming from our personal and cultural history, and influencing our relationship with God" (n. 2779).

None of us has had perfect parents, no one; as we, in turn, will never be perfect parents or pastors. We all have shortcomings, everyone. We always experience our loving relationships according to our limitations and also our egotism; thus they are often tarnished by desires to possess or to manipulate others. For this reason, at times declarations of love are transformed into feelings of anger and hostility. But look, last week these two loved each other so much; today they hate each other to death: we see this every day! This is why we all have, within, bitter roots that are not good, and sometimes they come out and do harm.

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

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58;
Lk 6:39-45

Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

From the desk of...

Bishop James F. Checchio

February 21, 2019



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To continue... I wish to state again my unswerving support and reiterate that I stand with all those who have been abused and victimized by members of the clergy. I also encourage anyone who has been harmed in any way, by any clergy in the Church, to reach out to local law enforcement and to our Victims Assistance Coordinator. I will continue to work with all my strength and all the grace God gives me to guide this local Church of Metuchen to be a thriving portion of God's Vineyard. May our work together produce a great harvest for the Kingdom of God. Know of my love and prayers for you and please in your kindness pray for me.

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

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>

Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
 - Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.
 - Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.



This Lent, our Catechumens are making final preparations to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Next Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m., they will celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen. They will have their names enrolled in the Book of the Elect by Bishop Checchio.

The parish family of St. Ann will celebrate a Rite of Sending to support our Catechumens during the 10 a.m. Mass here that same day.

Parishioners can also show their support for our Catechumens by becoming a Spiritual Sponsor. Prayer cards will be available at all the masses next weekend. You may choose to prayerfully support one or more of our Catechumens on the final leg of their journey to initiation into the Catholic faith.

2019 RCIA Catechumens

Andrea Benitez

Santiago Benitez

Maribel Garcia-Ventura

Mark Garcia-Ventura

Schelle Gray

Eddie McConnell

Thank you for your support of our Catechumens!

May the faith journey of the Elect during this season of Lent remind us all of our need to be open to the grace of our own initiation into Christ. Let us consciously attend to our relationship with the Lord through prayer, repentance and the practice of virtue. Have a blessed Lent!

Triumph of the Elect. *After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb." Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress. Revelation 7:9-10,13.*

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 4

7:00 a.m. Julia Patullo by Yannetta and DeStefano Families

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 p.m. Gregorio Natale by Maria Rosa and Gregorio Natale and family
Elizabeth Gecik by Bob and Pat Ronca

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 a.m. Harold and Ann Lukas by the family
9:00 a.m. Robert Andresen by Angela and Cheryl
7:00 p.m. Gregorio Natale by Maria and Frank Incontrera

Thursday, March 7

7:00 p.m. Veronica Pesapane by Lynn Martin
Dot Nazarro by Mary Matteo

Friday, March 8

7:00 a.m. Rose Tozzi by Pena Mattei

Saturday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Special Intention for Vincenza Greco in honor of Santo Gregorio and Padre Pio
4:00 p.m. Maria and Antonio Mattei by Inez and Bob Taylor and family

Sunday, March 10

7:30 a.m. George and Virginia Helmstetter by Bill and Rita Helmstetter
10:00 a.m. Isabella and Francesca Paladino by nieces Lina and Vincenza
12:00 p.m. Victoria Natale by son and family
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

*Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps
are burning this week for:*

Altar Candle #1 for Antonio Gasparro
by Maria Rosa Gasparro

Lenten Soup Supper

St. Ann's Annual Lenten Soup Supper begins Wednesday, March 13 at 5:00pm in the St. Ann School Cafeteria. It will continue each Wednesday through Lent.

Menu for March 13: Pasta Primavera, rolls, salad, cookies. Please join us. There is no charge.

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,
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.*

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.

Caregiver Retreat

On Saturday March 9, 9:00am St. Joseph's Church, 34 Yorktown Rd, Hillsborough is have a retreat for caregivers which includes Fr. Hank's sharing his caregiving journey, hospice nurses present how to care for yourself while managing the demands of caregiving and free buffet lunch at 11:30am.

To register or for more info call: Carol Jorgensen (908) 369-7143 or carolj623@comcast.net

St. Ann Parish Music Corner

O Sacrum Convivium is another Eucharistic hymn from Corpus Christi Vespers (Evening Prayer) attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas. The choir sings it this week after Communion.

O sacrum convivium!

In quo Christus sumitur:

Recolitur memoria passionis
eius:

Mens impletur gratia:

Et futurae gloriae nobis pignus
datur.

Alleluia.

O sacred banquet!

In which Christ is received,

The memory of his Passion is
renewed,

The mind is filled with grace,
And a pledge of future glory to
us is given.

Praise the Lord.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Twenty-four percent – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend, March 16/17, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

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.**

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 3, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, March 3

Monthly Food Drive (C)
9:00 am St. Ann School Garage Sale Collection (SC)

Monday, March 4

6:15 pm PREP (S)
7:15 pm Festa Meeting (PMR)

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 pm Columbiette's Monthly Meeting (CMR)
7:30 pm Bingo (SC)
7:30 pm Social Ministry Meeting (PMR)

Wednesday, March 6 -Ash Wednesday

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm Mass with Ashes (C)
4:00 pm Service with Ashes (C)

Thursday, March 7

6:15pm PREP (S)

Friday, March 8

12:30 pm St. Ann School dismissal (S)
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (C)
7:30 pm Devotion to Mary: Mind and Spirit (CMR)

Saturday, March 9

9:00 am St. Ann School Garage Sale (SC)
10:00 am Knights of Columbus Diocesan Spelling Bee (CMR)

Sunday, March 10

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

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

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 (Grade1-8) 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.

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.

St. Ann's School Annual Garage Sale Next Weekend, March 9 and 10

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!

Knights of Columbus Say Thank You

Thank you from the Knights of Columbus for the parishioners who donated to the "Rose Pin" fund raiser. We collected over \$300.00 and spent all of it on buying items for the Raritan Pregnancy Aide Center: 14 packages of diapers, 6 packs of baby wipes, 8 tubes of diaper rash cream, 7 sippy cups, 6 baby bottles, 4 bottles of baby oil. The representatives at the center were delighted and send their thanks.

Family Support Services - Mental Health

The Catholic Charities Intensive Family Support Services (IFSS) Program is a free, educational advocacy program in Somerset County which provides information, education and links to counseling for families who have a member struggling with mental illness. The goal of the program is to help families to understand how the mental health system works, how illness management and recovery treatment works, and what role they can play to be of therapeutic support for a loved one. Weekly support groups and psycho-education groups are held Mon & Wed nights from 7pm-8:30pm at Pluckemin Presbyterian Church in Pluckemin NJ for family members of Somerset County. More information, including a calendar of monthly topics visit: www.ccdom.org/intensive-family-support

Weekly Offering...February 24, 2019

	Total: \$ 9,939.17	
First Collection:		\$ 7,316.00
Second Collection (Catholic Spirit):		\$ 1,099.00
Online Offering:		\$ 1,411.17
Other:		\$ 113.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.