

# *The Catholic Church of St. Ann*



## *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: 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00 a.m.  
Friday: 8:15 a.m. (when school is in session) & 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.  
First Friday: 8:15 a.m. & 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*

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.

## *Church Calendar*

Can be found on our website under *Events & News - Calendar*

## *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.

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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.*

## *Parish Office Hours*

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

## *Donations by Electronic Giving: WeShare*

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!

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

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#### **Permanent Deacons**

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.

### **St. Ann Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)**

#### **Grades 1-8**

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

#### **Special Needs PREP**

#### **Grades 1-8**

Monday: 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.

#### **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).

### **St. Ann School**

#### **Grades K-8**

Discover how a Catholic Classical Education at St. Ann School can inspire your child to be a joyous learner, filled with wonder and awe for all of creation. Our new academic approach allows for students to be formed and immersed in virtue-truth, beauty and goodness through their everyday curriculum.



**To learn more about the school and its  
new Classical education  
approach, call us at:  
(908) 725-7787**



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



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 12, 2020

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last month we consecrated our Diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe with the intention to live our faith more boldly and to use our Blessed Mother as an inspiration to accomplish great things. We now take a step forward together with a renewed sense of mission and commitment to live the Gospel message.

The work of our Catholic schools is a living example of the Gospel message. To see the students, our teachers, administrators and our principals, dedicated to education and service gives me great joy and hope that we can provide a future for our children. A future that is a demonstration of God's kingdom at work, where disciples are formed and our youth are prepared to serve the community under God's blessings of mercy and justice.

There is a special collection next weekend (January 18/19) that supports the **Foundation for Catholic Education's** annual scholarship program. This program provides needs-based grants to children attending a Catholic elementary or high school in our Diocese. Thanks to the generosity of our faithful to this collection last year we were able to provide larger scholarships to students and send over 79 children to one of our schools in September.

Your gift makes an impact and provides great promise to so many young lives. Your sacrifice makes it possible for families to send their children to a school with a safe and nurturing environment while still being provided an academically rich educational experience with an emphasis on character development.

Our children are our future and our hope. The gift of a Catholic school education can forever change a child's life. I invite you to consider supporting this effort and to please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

P.S. We celebrate the ministry of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, which runs from January 26 – February 1, 2020. If you are interested in giving your children or grandchildren the benefit of a great Catholic education, please visit <https://diometuchen.org/csw>.

### Pope Francis Prayer Intentions

Each year, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. The Holy Father plans to add a prayer intention each month related to current events or urgent needs.



### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January 2020 Promotion of World Peace

In a divided and fragmented world, I want to invite all believers, and also all people of good will, to reconciliation and fraternity.

Our faith leads us to spread the values of peace and mutual understanding, of the common good.

***We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote together peace and justice in the world.***

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2020

### Respect Life Reflection Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (*Spe salvi* 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

#### Date Night for a Joy Filled Marriage

St. Ann Catholic Regional Marriage Ministry invites adult dating couples, engaged couples, newlyweds & couples married several years to a dinner celebration of 2020 World Day of Marriage (Feb 9).

**Saturday, February 8, 6:30-9:00 pm**

St. Ann Church Meeting Room (basement of church)

\$35 a couple, \$40 at the door

Checks: Catholic Church of St. Ann, note: Marriage Ministry

Call Christine for rsvp or more info 908-725-1008

New Jersey  Right to Life

**Join the Rally for Life**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020**

47th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision

NJ State House Annex (outside)

145 West State Street, Trenton, NJ

**11am to approximately 1pm**

Check website, [www.NJRTL.org](http://www.NJRTL.org), for information regarding weather and last-minute updates. For bus info, call 732-562-1990, X 1543 or 1629.

### ST. ANN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK is January 26-31, 2020**

The Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week is at 10am on Sunday, January 26, 2020. Following Mass is a pancake breakfast in the school cafeteria. We will have an **Open House from 11:30am-1:00pm** that same day.

St. Ann School has distinguished itself by adopting the Catholic Classical Education method, the only K-8 elementary school to offer a classical liberal arts education in the Diocese of Metuchen and throughout the local NJ region.

This is a great opportunity to come and see what St. Ann Catholic Classical School is about. Discover the differences between the classical method and the modern method of education. Come to understand the benefits of classical education for your child's learning experience. Learn why this approach best honors and advances the personal dignity and faith journey of your child.

**Families, especially with young children, are invited. Invite friends and extended family members who have grade school children to come to St. Ann's Open House on January 26.**

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

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 13

7:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

### Tuesday, January 14

7:00 a.m. Eddie Galang by Eliezer Pinto

### Wednesday, January 15

7:00 a.m. Tom Mosher by Critchlow Family

### Thursday, January 16

7:00 a.m. Walter Von Seggern by Lori Monaghan

### Friday, January 17

8:15 a.m. School Mass (all are welcome)

7:00 p.m. Darlene Mankowski by husband and sons

### Saturday, January 18

9:00 a.m. Anna Morella by Caterina Fusca

4:00 p.m. Michele Biedrzycki by Biedrzycki Family

5:30 p.m. Santo Nino Feast Mass

### Sunday, January 19

7:30 a.m. Debbie Sepesi by the Basilone Family

10:00 a.m. Giuseppe and Rosina Greco by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Marshall

12:00 p.m. Caterina Lico by Anna Carra and family

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

## Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Flowers:

*St. Joseph Lamp for Francesco Calo  
by the Calo Family*



*Altar Flowers for Rose Tozzi  
by Nick, Jeff and Donald*

## Mass on Civic Holidays

Mass on Civic Holidays will normally be at 9:00 am. Our next Civic Holiday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 20th. Mass on that day will be 9:00 am here at St. Ann's. If you have a question about the Mass schedule please feel free to call the parish office for clarification.

## Retrouvaille for Couples

Stress in you Marriage? Feeling frustrated, hurt or angry at your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

Upcoming weekend: February 21-23, 2020.

For information and to register call Rich Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno at 732-672-0748 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

## Pray for those in the Military

**May God protect all those serving in our Nation's Armed Forces. God bless the families waiting for them at home.**

**LtCol Michael A. De Cicco;** U.S. Army

**Victor Dulay, Jr.;** U.S. Marine Corps

**PFC Brendan Hughes;** U.S. Marine Corps

**PFC Gavin John;** U.S. Marine Corps

**LCpl Matthew John;** U.S. Marine Corps

**CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.;**

**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

**LCpl Daniel Viscariello;** U.S. Marine Corps

**Sgt Janet Wyka;** U.S. Army

**Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti;** U.S. Air Force

## Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

**Wayne Basilone**

**Anna Carra**

**Katie Cassling-Fishman**

**Bruno Cirianni**

**Frank Cirianni**

**Mary Contino**

**Gina Cusati**

**Maria Anastasia D'Amore**

**Michael D'Angelo**

**Dominick DeLuca**

**Ann DiBetta**

**Mary Felice**

**Frank Forte**

**Cindy Galvacky**

**Gambino Family**

**Maria Rosa**

**Gasparro**

**Gloria Guide**

**Bernadette Healy**

**Victor Laggini**

**Gloria A. Lamaestra**

**Brianna Rose**

**Larson**

**Fara Maltese**

**MaryAnn**

**Mangiaracina**

**Mark Marshall**

**Giovanna Martini**

**Susan Maurice**

**Lidia Natale**

**Ann Navatto**

**Victor Rangel**

**Marie Richardson**

**Deborah Scarpone**

**Mary Soriano**

**Cathy Stinziano**

**Nathan Tarantino**

**Joseph Tomaio**

**Emanuel Valentin**

**Ron Wyka**

## This Week's Daily Bible Readings

### Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38;  
Mt 3:13-17

### Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

### Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;  
Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

### Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

## Murder Mystery Dinner at St. Ann School

Come join us for a night of entertainment! The 7th Grade class at Saint Ann School will be performing a Murder Mystery Show and Dinner. The event is a fundraiser for the school. The show will take place on Friday, January 31, 2020. Doors will open promptly at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served during the intermission. All donations and admission fees go directly to the school. We appreciate your support. Tickets will be \$10. Children 2 years old and under are free. Ticket Order Forms are available at the back of Church or at the school.





## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2020

### Parish Events

#### **Sunday, January 12 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

1:00 pm Santo Nino Feast Practice (SC)  
8:00 pm Santo Nino Novena (C)

#### **Monday, January 13**

6:15 pm PREP (S) (SC)  
7:45 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (CMR)  
8:00 pm Santo Nino Novena (C)

#### **Tuesday, January 14**

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (CMR)  
8:00 pm Santo Nino Novena (C)

#### **Wednesday, January 15**

8:00 pm Santo Nino Novena (C)

#### **Thursday, January 16**

No Choir Practice  
6:15 pm PREP (S) (SC)  
8:00 pm Santo Nino Novena (C)

#### **Friday, January 17**

8:00 pm Santo Nino Novena (C)

#### **Saturday, January 18**

9:30 am Confession (C) [after 9:00 am Mass]  
3:00 pm Confession (C)  
3:15 pm Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (C)  
Second Collection: Foundation for Catholic Education  
5:30 pm Santo Nino Mass followed by Feast (C then SC)

#### **Sunday, January 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Second Collection: Foundation for Catholic Education  
3:30 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour

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

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

Everyone is welcome to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together on **Saturdays at 3:15 pm in the church**. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a beautiful prayer to help foster devotion to our Lord's Divine Mercy! With this devotion, let us especially remember the spiritual needs of the sick and the dying.

### Weekly Offering... January 5, 2020

Total: \$ 12,298.50	
Church Collection:	\$ 6,855.00
Online Offering:	\$ 2,811.50
Other	\$ 613.00
Together in Charity	\$ 2,019.00

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Jan 1) \$ 2,538.20

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

### 2019 Contribution Statements

If you would like to request your Contribution Statement from the Catholic Church of St. Ann for Tax Year 2019, please call the parish office at (908) 725-1008, press 1 then press 6 or email the Parish Office at [cesposito@stannparish.com](mailto:cesposito@stannparish.com).

### PREP (CCD)

#### Sacrament of Confirmation:

#### **Sunday, February 9, 2020:**

12:00 pm Mass for parents and candidates **and**  
1:00-2:30 pm Candidates-Only Group Session  
(School Cafeteria)

#### Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

#### **Sunday, February 9, 2020:**

10:00 am Mass for parents/guardians and children

Questions: Contact Sr. Phyllis at the Parish Office  
(908) 725-1008, press 1 then 5

### Santo Nino Sinulog 2020

The Santo Nino Prayer Group of Raritan invites you to join us on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, in celebrating the Sinulog, a Philippine annual fiesta celebration in honor of the Holy Child. The Fiesta will start with a Holy Mass at 5:30PM followed by the fiesta celebration at the St. Ann School Cafeteria. There will be cultural dances and most of all the previous Hermanos and Hermanas will perform their annual turn-over ritual dance. Please come, enjoy and experience the Filipino culture right here in Raritan.

The Prayer group also invites you to the nine-day prayer before the fiesta. It started last Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> every evening at 8:00pm at the Church and will end on Friday, January 17, 2020. There will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, scripture readings, rosary prayers and the Santo Nino novena.

### Thank You and Good News from the Oratory

From the Provost

On behalf of the Fathers and Brothers of the Congregation of the Oratory, I want to thank all of you for your kind and thoughtful Christmas remembrances. It is a joy for us to serve the parishioners of St. Ann and Holy Trinity and we are sincerely grateful for your support and encouragement as we work together for the sake of the Gospel. I would also like to take this opportunity to share the good news that on New Year's Eve we received notification that Br. Fredy's visa was approved and that he will be returning to us shortly. I would ask for your continued prayers that all would proceed smoothly in the next few weeks as we make arrangements for his return home. May the joy and love of the Christmas season continue to reside in your hearts and minds throughout this new year!

In St. Philip Neri,

Fr. Peter Cebulka, C.O.

Provost: The Raritan Congregation of the Oratory