

# *The Catholic Church of St. Ann*



## *Church*

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## *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.

## *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.*

## *Convent*

29 Second Avenue; Raritan, NJ 08869

Telephone: 908-725-2256

## *Penance/Reconciliation*

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

## *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. in the church.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a beautiful prayer to help foster devotion to our Lord's Divine Mercy, remembering the spiritual needs of the sick and the dying.

## *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.

## *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).

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

### *Grades 1-8*

Monday: 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. or

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](mailto:pvella@stannparish.com) to register your child.

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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 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 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**

29 Second Avenue; Raritan, NJ 08869

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Website: [www.stannparish.com/school](http://www.stannparish.com/school)

Facebook: 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



**"Enter and learn...leave and  
serve bringing Christ into the  
world."**



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



*Pope Francis*  
*General Audience*  
*January 29, 2020*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we are beginning a series of catecheses on the Beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel (5:1-11). This passage, which starts the "Sermon on the Mount", illuminated the lives of believers and also that of many non-believers. It is difficult not to be touched by these words of Jesus, and the desire to understand them and welcome them ever more fully is righteous. The Beatitudes provide the "identity card" of Christians — this is our identity card — because they outline the face of Jesus himself, his style of living.

Let us now frame Jesus' words within a wider context. Over the next catechesis we will comment on each individual Beatitude, one by one.

First of all, how the proclamation of this message occurred, is important: seeing the multitude that followed him, Jesus scaled the gentle slope overlooking the Sea of Galilee, sat down and, turning to the disciples, announced the Beatitudes. His message was thus addressed to his disciples. However, the multitude, that is, all of humanity, was on the horizon. It is a message for all of humanity.

Moreover, the "mount" recalls Sinai, where God gave Moses the Commandments. Jesus begins to teach a new law: to be poor, to be meek, to be merciful.... These "new commandments" are much more than a set of rules. Indeed, Jesus does not impose anything but reveals the way of happiness — his way — by repeating the word "blessed" eight times.

Each Beatitude is composed of three parts. Firstly, there is always the word "blessed". Then there is the situation in which the blessed find themselves: poverty of spirit, affliction, hunger and thirst for justice, and so on. Lastly, there is the reason for the beatitude, introduced by the conjunction "because": "Blessed are they because, blessed are those because...". The eight Beatitudes are like this and it would be good to learn them off by heart so as to repeat them, to have this law that Jesus gave us, precisely in our minds and hearts.

*Pope Francis Prayer Intention for*  
*February 2020*  
*Listen to the Migrants' Cries*



We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

*From the desk of...*  
*Bishop James F. Checchio*  
*January 23, 2020*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To continue...The benefit of a Catholic school is that the message is for all of us — parents, teachers as well as students. When a student enrolls in a Catholic school, the entire family becomes a part of that school community. Certainly, there are many activities in the schools such as geography bees, book fairs, athletic activities and carnivals. But, more importantly, there are opportunities for families to share in liturgies, prayer services, Stations of the Cross, and May Crownings. Catholic schools are meant to assist parents/guardians in their important role as the primary teachers of their children's faith.

With that in mind, **the Office of Schools is presenting a Resource Page on the Diocesan website** that will be launched during Catholic Schools Week. This page is meant to provide information to assist parents/guardians to develop their own faith life as they guide their children. In my pastoral letter, "Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World," one of my goals was that our schools would be intentional in their role of evangelization. This new resource is a visible sign of that role. There will be articles of interest and links to brief lessons from Bishop Robert Barron and others. Some of the materials that will be available are also being used in the schools as teachers intentionally instruct students in the role of science and our Church. Our website will link parents to the websites at each school that will have information on the faith formation activities at each parish/school community. I invite everyone to visit the diocesan Resource Page as well as the pages at the local schools.

### *Support for The Catholic Spirit this Weekend*

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet this weekend. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of the Catholic Spirit and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper—it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.



**THE Catholic Spirit**  
NEWSPAPER OF THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY



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### World Marriage Day, February 9

National Marriage Week is February 7-14, 2020

God's plan for marriage is at the very core of our faith and our relationship with Christ. Through our prayer this week let us recognize our great need for deeper conversion. Focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

#### Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,  
You blessed the union of married couples so that  
they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:  
look with kindness on them.  
Renew their marriage covenant,  
increase your love in them,  
and strengthen their bond of peace  
so that, with their children, they may always  
rejoice in the gift of your blessing.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



### Dynamic Catholic

With LENT just a couple of weeks away, consider an option that can make your experience of Lent more meaningful—**BEST LENT EVER**.

**Dynamic Catholic** offers this totally free and totally awesome daily Lenten video program (sent straight to your email) that will help you unlock your God-given potential

#### The Best Lent of Your Life in 3 Easy Steps

##### 1. Sign Up

Just go to **BestLentEver** and hit **"Sign Up."** It's super easy and quick. All that is needed is your name and email address.

##### 2. Watch Videos

You'll receive short, inspiration videos each day to help you see some amazing possibilities!

##### 3. Be Awesome

It's not about testing your will power in the face of cake. It's about becoming the-best-version-of-yourself.

### ANNOUNCING! Untold Blessing COMING THIS LENT

Save your Wednesday evenings in March

*Bishop Robert Barron's*

## UNTOLD BLESSING

### *Three Paths to Holiness*

God calls each of us to become a saint, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: **"Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness."** The journey to sanctity involves knowing the truth about yourself and allowing God to work through you for the good of his creation. Explore the three paths to holiness with Bishop Robert Barron: finding the center, knowing you are a sinner, and recognizing that your life is not about you.

On Wednesday, March 4, we will begin the **Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness** program series. We will meet each Wednesday in March at 7:30pm in St. Ann's Church Meeting Room (basement of church).

Please complete a registration form and return to the St. Ann Parish Office by Tuesday, February 25, so that we know for how many people we need to plan. If possible, a \$15 fee payment will include a "study guide."

To find out more information, please contact St. Ann's parish office, 908-725-1008, or stop by the parish office to sign up.

**We have only forty (40) BEST LENT EVER Journals from Dynamic Catholic that are free for the taking for anyone who signs up for their email program.**

#### About 2020 BEST LENT EVER Journal

Experience Lent in a whole new way with the BEST LENT EVER Journal. A companion to the BEST LENT EVER email program, this journal offers thought-provoking opportunities for personal reflection each day. When you receive your BEST LENT EVER email, pull out your journal and pen, watch the daily video, and take a few minutes to write down your thoughts and reflections. Reflect on the day's question and the ways that you can incorporate these practical lessons into your life. Get ready to have a life-changing Lent!



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

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 10

7:00 p.m. Michael Gallagher by nieces and nephews  
Living and Deceased Members of the Knights of  
Columbus

### Tuesday, February 11

7:00 a.m. Marybeth Hiepert by John, Kathy and Nicole

### Wednesday, February 12

7:00 a.m. Vito Toscano and Frank Toscano by Sr. Dolores  
Toscano

### Thursday, February 13

7:00 a.m. John and Esther Sian by Frances Phillips and  
Eleanor Sian

### Friday, February 14

8:15 a.m. School Mass

7:00 p.m. Mary McNulty by son, Daniel and Maria McNulty  
and family

### Saturday, February 15

9:00 a.m. Howard Condo Jr. by Esther

4:00 p.m. Domenico and Gregorio Grande by Caterina  
Grande

### Sunday, February 16

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. JoAnn D'Alessio by Harold and Jacqueline  
D'Alessio

12:00 p.m. Domenico Grande by his children

5:00 p.m. Pedro Saringan by Leo Saringan

*Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Flowers:*

*Blessed Mother Lamp for  
Yolanda Opida Osumo  
by the Opida Family*



## Congratulations to Grace Giordano

During the Diocesan Youth Day on February 8, 2020 at St. Joseph High School, Metuchen, awards and certificates were presented to nearly 50 youth and young adults of our diocese with the Saint Timothy Award and Saint Teresa Service Award. Grace Giordano, of St. Ann Church, was one of the recipients of the St. Timothy Service Award. This award honors High School teens for their outstanding faith and service to their community, school and/or parish. Grace has given of her time and talent to St. Ann Church as an altar server, PREP Catechist, volunteer at Festa. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, Art Club, and recipient of the Gold Award. This Gold Award project, over 100 hours, involved collaborating with the Parker Life Senior Living Facility to improve relationships between residents and their caregivers. Congratulations to Grace and her family for their example and witness in living out their faith.

## 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

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 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt  
5:13-16

### Monday

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-  
13

### Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

### Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk  
7:31-37

### Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk  
8:1-10

## St. Ann's Music Ministry

Psalm 16:5-7

*Perfice gressus meos in semitis tuis, ut non moveantur  
vestigia mea: inclina aurem tuam, et exaudi verba mea:  
mirifica misericordias tuas, qui salvos facis sperantes in te,  
Domine.*

Render secure my footsteps in your paths so that my feet  
do not slip; incline your ear and hear my words; display  
your wonderful mercies, O Lord, Savior of those who place  
their hope in you.

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2020

### Parish Events

#### Sunday, February 9 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

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

10:00 am Communion Families attending Mass (C)

12:00 pm Confirmation Families attending Mass (C)

1:00 pm Session for Confirmation Candidates (SC)

#### Monday, February 10

6:15 pm PREP (S)

7:45 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (CMR)

#### Tuesday, February 11

#### Wednesday, February 12

2:30 pm School Choir (CL)

6:30 pm Oratory Book Study for Postulants (CMR)

#### Thursday, February 13

6:15 pm PREP (S) (SC)

6:00 pm Children's Choir (CL)

6:45 pm Bell Choir Practice (CL)

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (CL)

#### Friday, February 14

6:30 pm Cub Scout Parents Night Out Movie Night (SC)

#### Saturday, February 15

9:30 am Confession after Mass (C)

3:00 pm Confession (C)

3:15 pm Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (C)

#### Sunday, February 16 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:30pm 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]

### Mass on Civic Holidays

Mass on Civic Holidays will normally be at 9:00 am. Our next Civic Holiday is President's Day on Monday, February 17th. Please join the Oratory as they celebrate Mass on that day at **9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church**, 60 Maple Street, Bridgewater. If you have a question about the Mass schedule please feel free to call the parish office for clarification.

### Weekly Offering... February 2, 2020

St. Ann Parish Total: \$ 9,743.50

Church Collection:	\$ 7,878.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,851.50
Other	\$ 14.00

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

### The Immaculata High School Difference

Begin your Spring with our Admissions event for 6th-10th grade families. Whether you are just starting your high school search or are looking for something more in your high school experience, you won't want to miss **The Immaculata Difference**. Please plan to join us at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 4. RSVP online at [www.immaculatahighschool.org/difference](http://www.immaculatahighschool.org/difference).

Experience the Difference. Experience Immaculata.

### Parents Night Out Movie Night

#### Happy Valentine's Day!

It's Parents Night Out, February 14 from 6:30pm-9:00pm while our Scouts and local children enjoy a movie in the St. Ann School Cafeteria! Drop your child off in PJ's and a sleeping bag and head out for a fun night. There will be a suggested donation per child. For more info email: [pack95raritan@gmail.com](mailto:pack95raritan@gmail.com)

### St. Ann's Sports Card and Collectibles Show

Save the Date: Saturday, February 29 is St. Ann's next Sports Card and Collectibles Show from 9:00am-3:00pm at St. Ann's School. Admission is only \$1.00. There will be 50 dealer tables. For more info call: Glenn (908) 231-6658. All proceeds go to St. Ann's School

### Catholic Schools 2020-2021 Tuition Assistance Online Application Process Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) no later than **March 31, 2020**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

### Healing Mass at Holy Trinity

On Saturday, February 15th at 10:00am at Holy Trinity in Bridgewater, there will be a special Healing Mass which will include the Anointing of the Sick.

Who should be anointed? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1514-1515):

"The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.

If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced."

Sickness may also be understood to include mental illness, severe depression, or addiction to alcohol or drugs.

Please extend the invitation to, and even accompany, those you know who would benefit from this special sacrament of healing.