

# The Catholic Church of St. Ann

## Special CoronaVirus Flyer Edition

*"always wash your hands and say your prayers, because Jesus and germs are everywhere"*



### St. Ann Church

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Our bulletin company is shut down. This flyer is a temporary substitute for your convenient reference. Please check the parish website, [www.stannparish.com](http://www.stannparish.com), for more up-to-date info.

As our nation and our world struggles with the coronavirus pandemic and its restrictive consequences, we remain in the unfortunate state of cautious isolation during Holy Week and Easter. There is to be NO PUBLIC GATHERING (inside or outside churches, in cars, etc.) for Palm Sunday or any of the usual Holy Week celebrations. Blessed palm may NOT be distributed at this time. No Stations of the Cross, no Penance service, no visitation of the churches on Holy Thursday, no blessing of Easter food, etc. This is the most sacred time of the liturgical year. Although the situation is difficult, try to pray with the Church this week. Enter into the Paschal Mystery. Take time for prayer, private family devotions like Stations of the Cross, Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The Paschal Triduum cannot be transferred to another time so the best we could do is to share with you our celebrations prayed without a congregation. We will broadcast via the live-stream internet so that you can participate with us to the fullest extent possible.

The Oratorian priests will celebrate the Holy Week liturgies without a congregation. They may be viewed by on-demand, streaming video at [www.raritanoratory.org](http://www.raritanoratory.org) (or at YouTube Channel: Raritan Oratory), as follows:

**Palm Sunday, April 5, at 8am.**

**Holy Thursday, April 9, at 6:00pm**

**Good Friday, April 10, at 3pm**

**Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil, April 11, at 8pm**

**Easter Sunday, April 12, at 8am**

All in the parish communities of St. Ann, Holy Trinity, St. Joseph and the patrons of the Blessed Sacrament Shrine will be remembered in our prayers.

Our Bishop James Checcio will be celebrating the Holy Week liturgies without a congregation at the Cathedral; the broadcast can be viewed on the Cathedral website at <https://www.stfranciscathedral.org/> as follows:

Palm Sunday, April 5, at 10:30am

Holy Thursday, April 9, at 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 10, at 3pm

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil, April 11, at 8pm

### Acts of Spiritual Communion

When circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass.

### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

*Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter - April, 2020*



### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; PHIL 2:6-11; MT 26:14-27:66 or MT 27:11-54

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him..." "In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb."

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talents and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

— **Stewardship Reflections** by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Please Note:

By directive of the Diocese and Bishop Checchio, the palm that is blessed at the Palm Sunday Mass will NOT be distributed at this time. It is possible that the palm may become contaminated and that it become a means of spreading infection. The palm may be distributed at a later time.

**CHECK IT OUT!**

### **A Journey Through Holy Week for Families**

A great flipbook, courtesy of Diocese of Phenix  
<https://dphx.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-04-DPHX-HOLY-WEEK.pdf>

Especially helpful because you are stuck at home!

## *Easter Triduum*



### **PRAYERS FOR LENT DURING HOLY WEEK**

#### **Lenten Prayer for Holy Thursday**

Jesus, in these last few days leading up to Easter, as I recall your passion and death, let me remember that, above all, I am called to feed your sheep. You have given me a model of how to live; may I strive to be all that you created me for, spreading the love of God and the truth of our Catholic faith wherever I am able. You are the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

#### **Lenten Prayer for Good Friday**

Jesus, no one knows change better than you. You died on the cross, and three days later you rose from the dead. Forty days later you ascended into heaven and left the world transformed for the rest of time. Help me to transform my soul, to die to sin and death and be reborn in your love and eternal life. Amen.

#### **Lenten Prayer for Holy Saturday**

Jesus, you are courage incarnate. As you hung on the cross for my sins and the sins of the world, you showed me that all things are possible. You knew that life did not end on the cross. It was only the beginning of a new and glorious eternal life. Amen.

#### **Lenten Prayer for Easter**

Almighty Father, I thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead and redeemed humankind. Fill us with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful disciples and enthusiastic witnesses of our Catholic faith. Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever/prayers-for-lent/>

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# Reflection for Easter

## **Introduction**

The Easter celebration of Jesus' Resurrection lasts for 50 days, until Pentecost. During this festive season, take some extra time to reflect on the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

## **EASTER**

Let us put ourselves in God's presence.

### ***Biblical and Ecclesial Wisdom***

"Christ lifted up from the earth, has drawn all men to himself (cf. Jn 12:32). Rising from the dead (cf. Rom 6:9) he sent his life-giving Spirit upon his disciples and through him set up his Body which is the Church" (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 48).

### ***Resurrection and New Life***

When we rejoice in Jesus' Resurrection, we also celebrate Christ's gift of himself, which transforms us and enables us to become a self-gift to others. When this happens, we are renewed by the blessings that Easter gives us. On this day, we rejoice in Jesus' conquest of sin and death and anticipate the Holy Spirit's coming on Pentecost. Jesus continues with us through his Church, the ongoing gift of his divine presence. We rejoice that our hard times and pain, like his, will be overcome, and that we will be rewarded some day. Each Easter, by the power of God's grace, given through the Holy Spirit, we renew our desire to cultivate our gift of self.

We commit ourselves anew to our Risen Lord in his joys and suffering, so that one day we will rise and live forever in his Kingdom, where no more pain or sadness exist, only God's all-embracing love. Then will we see how firm faith, steadfast love, and enduring hope prepare us to celebrate eternal life forever.

*Pause to reflect on Jesus' Resurrection and the difference it makes in our lives.*

### ***Reflection Questions***

In the spirit of the Resurrection, we ask the following questions:

1. Why do we celebrate our transformation through Christ's gift of himself on Easter, the feast of the Resurrection?  
What does this feast tell us about ourselves and the purpose of our lives?
2. How does the gift of the Church help us to cultivate our gift of self, given to us at birth?

*Let us pray to the risen Christ, thanking him for the gift of faith.*

Deacon Rick and Cathy Stevens will be moving later this month to be closer to family further South. We have all been blessed by their loving presence and generous service to the St. Ann parish community. With gratitude and prayers let us wish them well.

Another deacon, **Sal Bonfiglio**, will replace Deacon Rick and be our new parish Business Administrator. Deacon Sal is not assigned to St. Ann's as a deacon but will put his wealth of experience to the good service of the parish. Welcome, Sal!

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

The parish and school offices are closed until further notice. The Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Joseph and Holy Trinity Churches will remain closed and inactive until further notice. There are no public Masses or gatherings.

**During Holy Week, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, St. Ann's church will be open for Private Prayer from 11am to 3pm.**

If visiting the church, please observe prescribed precautions.

**Mass can also be viewed online by 9am on M, T and W.**

Oratorian priests are praying Mass daily in private and fulfilling requested Mass intentions.

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YouTube Channel: **Raritan Oratory**

**After Easter Sunday, and until further notice, we will continue with 11am-3pm church visitation hours on weekdays, with Friday evening Confessions (6:30-7:30pm) and with Sunday morning video Mass.**

**Sunday: English & Spanish by 9 am, Latin (EF) by 12 noon**

**Monday - Friday: (English) by 9 am**

These are also on our parish website.

**If you have a pastoral need during this time,**

please contact us by phone or email:

908-725-1008, press 1 then 3 (Fr. Tom),

[oratorians@raritanoratory.org](mailto:oratorians@raritanoratory.org)

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Divine Mercy event planned to take place at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, April 19, is cancelled.
- Online Eucharistic Holy Hour hosted by the Raritan Oratory, Sunday, April 19 at 3:30pm (Divine Mercy Sunday)



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## EASTER MESSAGE from Fr. Tom

What is so wonderful about our Catholic faith is the revelation God has given to us about His particular interest in having a loving, covenant relationship with us. Throughout the unfolding of salvation history God has reminded the human family that we are His people and He is our God. On His part, God is always faithful, always and unconditionally loving us and calling us back to accept Him, wanting humanity to know and trust Him.

Easter is the full expression of God's love for us. His is a love that personally comes to us, to be one with us, to become the redeeming sacrifice that overcomes the consequence of our sin, even entering into our darkness in death. He has personally proposed the New and Everlasting Covenant to the human family through Christ's sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus is Risen for us, for our benefit, to speak to our hearts about who we are and the life to which we are called. Jesus shows us the way into this life. Let us give abundant thanks and praise to God for being Gift to us.

Keep this in mind when you begin to get overwhelmed by imposed changes in your life, when you find yourself worried and fearful about the future, when suffering and the need for sacrifice comes your way. Not those things nor the disruption that a pandemic creates, preventing us from gathering together in church on the greatest day in the liturgical year, changes the truth and reality of what Jesus Christ has done for us. Make an act of trust in what is secure, unchanging and lasting... ***Jesus Christ is Risen and the possibility of eternal life is now yours!***

Persevere, my brothers and sisters. You are in my prayers and remembered at every Mass I celebrate. I pray the graces of this Easter season enrich you with much hope and deep faith in the Risen Lord. We in the Raritan Oratory are blest to be with you and we wish all a Happy Easter. Peace!

## 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal

*Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action*

### St. Ann Parish Update

124 Donors as of April 2, 2020

Amount Pledged: \$37,111

Amount Paid: \$30,518

Parish Goal: \$70,000

Thanks to all who have made a contribution so far.

A reminder that ***the parish relies on parishioner support*** to satisfy ongoing operational expenses and services to the community. We are still receiving bills and paying employees who serve the parish. Your parish has needs and responsibilities week to week.

Thank you to all who are mailing in their envelopes or checks to the parish office. Thank you to all who make regular use of WeShare automatic online giving.

If you have not been sending your regular weekly parish contribution, please do so. If you sign up with **WeShare**, your contribution will be received automatically according to the terms that you establish. It is easy to set up and easier for everyone afterwards. Go to the parish website, [www.stannparish.com](http://www.stannparish.com), and click on link that says, ***Give Online with WeShare.***

*Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter - April, 2020*



## Break Open the Tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection,  
but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed.

Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand.  
Help me to roll away this stone and find the miracle of new life.  
That I may live more fully in your saving grace.

Amen

## The Easter Season

Easter is not just celebrated on Easter Sunday. It's an entire season that lasts for 50 days! This time of joy and exultation, from the Resurrection of the Lord to Pentecost, is one feast day, or one "great Sunday."



### Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy image, the Chaplet, and the Novena

**Saint Faustina:** Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

*This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.*

~ Pope Saint John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

*My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)*



On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

**The Image:** Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687). (Instructions for its recitation are provided on a separate page.)

**The Divine Mercy Novena:** Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

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

## Mass Intentions

The Oratorian Fathers will be celebrating Mass privately, fulfilling the scheduled Mass intentions and praying for a timely conclusion of the crisis. View these Masses online streaming video. Access at [www.raritanoratory.org](http://www.raritanoratory.org), or the YouTube Channel: **Raritan Oratory**:

**Sunday: English & Spanish by 9 am,  
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### *Monday, April 6*

Anne Mazalewski by Sr. Dolores Toscano

### *Tuesday, April 7*

Camillo DiRado by Elena

### *Wednesday, April 8*

Alberto Falco by Francesca and Vincenzo Viscariello

### *Thursday, April 9 -Holy Thursday*

People of the Parish

### *Friday, April 10 -Good Friday*

### *Saturday, April 11 -Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)*

People of the Parish

### *Sunday, April 12 —Easter Sunday*

Domenico Natale and Juliet Mastronardi by wife,  
Emilia Natale

Anna and Anthony Orlando, Sr. by Orlando Family  
Cesare and Lillian Minarelli & Ed and Anne LaMotta by  
the LaMotta Family

### *Monday, April 13*

Living and Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus

### *Tuesday, April 14*

Giacomo Greco by Vincenza Greco

### *Wednesday, April 15*

Maria Schattino by Antoinette Falco

### *Thursday, April 16*

Fred Jacob Shaffern by Mr. and Mrs. Gillett

### *Friday, April 17*

Deceased Members of the Bwyskai Family by Teresa  
Mayewski

### *Saturday, April 18*

Angela Grande by her children  
Stephen Gervase by Pina Mattei

### *Sunday, April 19 -Sunday of Divine Mercy*

Raffael and Elisabetta Fusca by Ralph Fusca and family  
Angelo and Josephine Laggini by Cindy and Chuck  
Galvacky

Deceased Members of the Natale Family by Maria and  
Frank Incontrera

## Weekly Candle & Lamp Intentions

### **Altar Candle #1 for:**

April 5 - Howard Condo, Jr. by Esther

April 12 -Gary LaMotta by the LaMotta Family

### **Tabernacle Lamp for:**

April 5 -Angelo Casola by the Massa Family

April 12 -Antonio D'Anna by the D'Anna Family

### **Blessed Mother Lamp for:**

April 5 -In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

April 12 -Louise Salerno by Annie Lella

## Mass Intention Book for July -December 2020

If you are a parishioner of St. Ann's and wish to request a Mass Intention for July -December 2020 please call the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008, press 1 and then 4. Leave your name and phone number and our parish secretary will return your call. **Due to health-related concerns Mass Intentions will only be taken over the phone at this time. Your call is very important to us and you will get a call back as soon as we are able. Your patience is appreciated.** There is a limit of 3 Mass Intentions and the stipend for each is \$10.00.

## Pray for Those Who Have Recently Died And for Those Who Mourn Their Loss

### **Gloria Lamaestra & Fara Maltese**

*Let perpetual light shine upon them and may they rest in peace*

## Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Karen B.  
Joanmarie Carlone  
Anna Carra  
Katie Cassling-  
Fishman  
Bruno Cirianni  
Frank Cirianni  
Mary Contino  
Maria Anastasia  
D'Amore  
Michael D'Angelo  
Dominick DeLuca  
William DeSantis  
Ann DiBetta  
Mary Felice

Frank Forte  
Cindy Galvacky  
Gambino Family  
Maria Rosa  
Gasparro  
Gloria Guide  
Bernadette Healy  
Victor Laggini  
Brianna Rose  
Larson  
Michael Lynch  
MaryAnn  
Mangiaracina  
Mark Marshall  
Giovanna Martini

Susan Maurice  
Wilfredo Medina III  
Lidia Natale  
Ann Navatto  
Victor Rangel  
Marie Richardson  
Deborah Scarpone  
Mary Soriano  
Cathy Stinziano  
Nathan Tarantino  
Joseph Tomaio  
Emanuel Valentin  
Ron Wyka



May God protect all those serving in  
our Nation's Armed Forces.

May God strengthen, guide and protect all doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals and research scientists as they serve the sick and dying victims of the coronavirus, and seek a quick and effective remedy.