

# The Catholic Church of St. Ann



St. Ann, our Parish Patroness, pray for us!

*Under the Pastoral Care of the Priests and Brothers  
of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri*

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## The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

<b>Sat.: 4 pm</b>	<b>St. Ann Church</b>
4 pm	St. Joseph Church
5 pm	Holy Trinity
<b>Sun.: 7:30 am</b>	<b>St. Ann Church</b>
8:00 am	St. Joseph Church (Spanish)
8:30 am	Holy Trinity
10 am	St. Joseph Church
<b>10 am</b>	<b>St. Ann Church</b>
10am	Shrine of Bl. Sacrament (Latin EF)
10:30am	Holy Trinity
<b>12 pm</b>	<b>St. Ann Church</b>
12 pm	St. Joseph Church (Spanish)
<b>5 pm</b>	<b>St. Ann Church</b>

## Daily Masses

Mon. 8 am St. Joseph	12:15 pm Shrine	<b>7 pm St. Ann</b>
Tue. <b>7 am St. Ann</b>	12:15 pm Shrine	7 pm Holy Trinity
Wed. <b>7 am St. Ann</b>	12:15 pm Shrine	
Thu. <b>7 am St. Ann</b>	12:15 pm Shrine	
Fri. 8 am St. Joseph	12:15 pm Shrine	7 pm Holy Trinity
First Fridays		<b>7pm St. Ann</b>
Sat. <b>9 am St. Ann</b>		

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday,	after the 9am Mass,	<b>St. Ann</b>
Saturday,	3-3:30pm,	St. Joseph
Wednesday,	11-12noon,	Holy Trinity
Friday,	11-12noon	Shrine of Bl. Sac.
—or by appointment—		

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## St. Ann Classical Academy

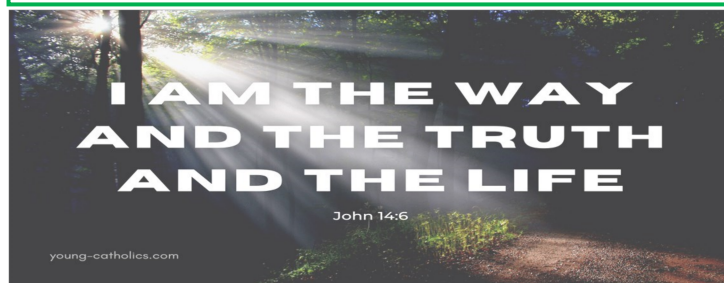
**40 Second Avenue,**  
Raritan, NJ 08869

Telephone: **908-725-7787**

Website: [stannclassical.org](http://stannclassical.org)

Facebook: [stannclassicalacademy](https://www.facebook.com/stannclassicalacademy)

**Call to schedule an appointment or in-person tour.**  
**Or email [kalbright@stannparish.com](mailto:kalbright@stannparish.com)**



*Fifth Sunday of Easter — May 7, 2023*

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### Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings ACTS 6:1-7; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 PT 2:4-9; JN 14:1-12

The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven.

Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here — whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams — a true “domestic church.” In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home.

We actually see this concept at play from the earliest days of the Church, as illustrated in our first reading from Acts. In the first verse, we read about how the members of the early church complained “because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.” When there is turmoil in the home when needs are not being met (in this passage, a very basic need for adequate food and drink), or when we lack an attitude of service within our homes and towards each other in our community, we are not the stewards that Christ is calling us to be.

Stewardship is not just about going to Mass once a week, serving in ministries, and giving financially to the parish. Those are all essential parts of stewardship. But stewardship begins long before we step onto our parish campus. It begins with our families, our domestic churches. The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

Ultimately, stewardship is not something that we do — it is who we are. It’s a way of living out our baptismal call to follow Christ as His disciples — whether in parish life, in our social life, in our work life — and certainly in our home life.

In our second reading, St. Peter instructs, “Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” Peter is not speaking strictly to clergy members, but to all of us who are disciples of Christ by virtue of our Baptism. How are lay people to do this?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us, “It is here that... all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way 'by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity.' Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and a 'school of human enrichment'” (1657).

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect “spot” for each one of us who remain faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true “domestic churches” where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other, and our generous hospitality to all. Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants

### Catholic Home Missions Appeal/Development of the People Collection

A separate second collection this weekend. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet those faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

Give generously to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal/Development of the People Collection.

### TRICKY TRAY SUCCESS!!

It may be that the April 22nd Tricky Tray fundraiser event was the school’s most successful to date. St. Ann Classical Academy netted \$58,460 in profit, which is a fantastic boost in meeting this year’s school budget needs. Success was possible due to the tireless efforts of the school’s H.S.A., especially the few who did the bulk of the planning and organizing. Thank you for your hard work and sacrifice. The school and parish is grateful to all the school parents, students and family volunteers, those who donated prizes and the 400 participants who had a great time while supporting St. Ann Classical Academy.



### Annual Corpus Christi Procession

**Sunday, June 11, 2023,**

**The Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ  
(Corpus Christi)**

**11am, Mass**

**after Mass Procession through the streets of Raritan**

**THE SHRINE CHAPEL OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**52 West Somerset Street  
Raritan, NJ 08869**

**After Mass Procession stops at  
St. Ann and St. Joseph Churches**

**\*All children who have made their First Holy Communion  
this year are invited to participate in the Procession\***

For more information contact the Shrine at  
908-722-1489 or visit our website:  
[www.BlessedSacramentShrine.com](http://www.BlessedSacramentShrine.com)



## The Catholic Church of St. Ann

### NJ Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure

**May 21st, 2023**

**9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**1 Six Flags Boulevard, Jackson, NJ 08527**

Registration is open for our Annual Statewide Youth Rally!

The NJ Catholic Youth Rally is a day-long event that gathers teens from across the state of NJ for a day of fun, fellowship, Mass, and more held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. **The day starts with dynamic opening ceremony hosted by the Diocese of Metuchen featuring Break Ministry.** Teens then get the day to enjoy the park and all the rides. The day concludes in the Batman Stunt Arena with a Mass. Open to all Jr. High, High School & Young Adult Ministry, Scouting Parish/School Athletic Programs, and families!

### NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY

at **SIX FLAGS  
GREAT ADVENTURE**  
**MAY 21, 2023**

Please Visit Our Website to Register by May 12th:  
[www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally](http://www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally)

Opening Ceremony hosted by the Diocese of Metuchen featuring Break Ministry

**TICKETS**

**\$65.00**  
PER PERSON

**\$30.00**  
FOR SEASON  
TICKET HOLDERS

[www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally](http://www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally)

Please visit our website to register by May 12th:

### School Employment Opportunities

St. Ann Classical Academy Pre-K to Grade 8 school anticipates the possibility of having teaching positions available for the 2023-2024 academic year, both full-time and part-time. We would also like to increase our list of available substitute teachers.



If you would like to be considered, please submit your resume to Marisa Day, Head of School, [mday@stannparish.com](mailto:mday@stannparish.com), or call at 908-725-7787.

### 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

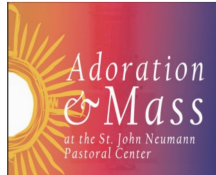
*Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist*

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

Status of St. Ann's BAA	As of April 28
Goal:	\$63,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$57,869.21
Amount Received:	\$51,885.71
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$5,130.79)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	91.86%
Percent of Goal Received:	82.36%
Average Gift Amount:	\$328.80

### Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration

The diocesan church cordially invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2023 to attend the **Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service with Bishop F. Checchio on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:30 PM** at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ. Registration is required to attend the Prayer Service.



### Eucharistic Adorers Wanted

Eucharistic adoration at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, **Monday through Friday, from 9:00-11:45 a.m.** As St. Pope John Paul II noted. "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration."

Anyone who is interested in signing up should contact Angela Marshall at [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org)

### The Philippine Madrigal Singers In Concert St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen Sunday, May 14, 2023 at 4 pm

A benefit concert featuring the world-renowned choral as it serenades the audience with music of celebration, thanksgiving, and love on this special Mother's day. Your attendance and generosity will support the vital programs of the Diocese of Metuchen Filipino Apostolate (DMFA), St. Francis Cathedral of Filipino Americans (SFCCFA), and the National Association of Filipino Priests - USA (NAFP). Tickets are \$45 General Admission; \$100 (Limited) Preferred Seats w/ Meet and Greet.

To Purchase Tickets Online:

<https://dmfa.ticketspice.com/2023madz>  
or call Jojo at 732-742-1854

**THIS SPELLS  
HELP FOR LOTS OF  
FAMILIES THIS  
YEAR!**

**LETTER CARRIERS'  
FOOD DRIVE  
SECOND SATURDAY IN MAY**

**PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION IN A BAG BY YOUR MAILBOX.  
WE'LL DELIVER IT TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.**

*National Partners*

## Fifth Sunday of Easter — May 7, 2023

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, May 8

7:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus;  
Antonio Natale by his children;  
Silvana Puleo by the Filippini Sisters of St. Ann Convent;  
Antonio Gasparro by his wife Maria Rose Gasparro

#### Tuesday, May 9

7:00 am Anna & Giovano Falzarano by Antoinette Falco

#### Wednesday, May 10

7:00 am Manlio Ianiero by his wife Sue and family

#### Thursday, May 11

7:00 am Nicholas and Frances Toscano by Sr. Dolores Toscano

#### Friday, May 12

#### Saturday, May 13

9:00 am Rosalie Szeman by Pat Betsko  
4:00 pm Peter Scavo by his mom and dad

#### Sunday, May 14

7:30 am People of the Parish  
10:00 am Marie Matteis-Fidacaro by her daughter  
12:00 pm Antonio Danniballe by Gregorio and Maria Rose Natale  
5:00 pm All Mothers For Whom Requests Have Been Made

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Thursday
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12	Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Monday	Friday
Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Tuesday	Saturday
Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Wednesday	
Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8	



Next Sunday, May 14

### Parishioner Financial Support

THANK YOU to all who help support the operation and ministry of St. Ann parish. Whether by envelope, by mail or by online giving, your contributions are essential & appreciated.

WeShare online giving is encouraged because of its ease of use, consistency in support and flexibility. It is easy to sign up. Simply go to the parish website and click on this icon and set up your personal account. Call the parish office if you need assistance.

Give Online  
with WeShare

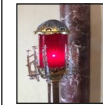
#### Contributions info from the weekend of April 30:

<b>Offertory Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 5,225</b>
<b>WeShare Offertory Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 2,500</b>
<b>SA Other</b>	<b>\$ 730</b>
<b>Total for Parish Operation</b>	<b>\$ 8,455</b>
<b>Catholic Relief Services</b>	<b>\$ 1,693</b>

Thank you and God bless you for supporting the mission of the church and the ministry of St. Ann parish.

Do not conform yourselves to this age  
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,  
that you may discern what is the will of God,  
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

(Romans 12:1)



**Tabernacle Lamp for Antonio Gasparro**  
by his daughter Sabrina and family

### Pray for those in the Military

<b>Victor Dulay, Jr.</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>Zack Drecchio</b> ; U.S. Navy
<b>Pvt. Brennan Gasway</b> ; U.S. Army	<b>Pvt Tayla Rasmussen</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>AIC Olivia F. Geary</b> ; U.S. Air Force	<b>PFC Daniel J. Salvo</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>PFC Brendan Hughs</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>Cpl Jonathan Schultes</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>PFC Gavin John</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>SPC4 Joshua Sena</b> ; U.S. Army
<b>LCpl Matthew John</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>LtCol Louis P. Simon</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.</b>	<b>PFC Jerome C. Sunga</b> ; U.S. Army
<b>LCpl Sean Maj</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>Jack Vara</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>Maj Michael Morella</b> ; U.S. Army	<b>Cpl Daniel Viscariello</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>Sgt Dan Neville</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>Sgt Janet Wyka</b> ; U.S. Army
<b>TSgt Anthony John O'Connor</b> ; U.S. Air Force	<b>Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti</b> ; U.S. Air Force

### Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Joseph Arena	Nevien G.	Susan Maurice
Vitangelo Bavaro	Cindy Galvacky	Jim McGuinness
Joanmarie Carlone	Gambino Family	Edward J. McNamara
Bruno Cirianni	Maria Rosa Gasparro	Wilfredo Medina III
Mary Contino	Susan H.	Joyce Melitsky
Jerry Costanzo	Bernadette Healy	Andrea Michaels
Maria Anastasia	Anthony Hughes	Lidia Natale
D'Amore	Brianna Rose Larson	Victor Rangel
Michael D'Angelo	Michael Lynch	Deborah Scarpone
Roseann Danna	Antonio, Alice &	Cathy Stinziano
Josephine DiPiazza	Lisa Magdamit	Patricia Tibaldi
John Falco	Mark Marshall	Saverio Todarello
Stephen Forktus	Giovanna Martini	Emanuel Valentin
Frank Forte	Lella Mathews	Ron Wyka