# The Catholic Church of St. Ann

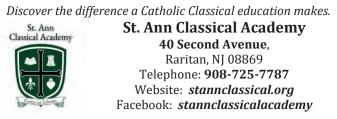


St. Ann, our Parish Patroness, pray for us!

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> Mrs. Marisa Day, Head of School, St. Ann Classical Academy, PreK-8



Call to schedule an appointment or in-person tour. Or email <kalbright@ stannparish.com>



### The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil·

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### Weekday Mass Schedule

St. Ann Church

<u>Monday through Frid</u>ay 8:00 am 12:15 pm <u>Fridays</u> 7:00 pm Saturdays 9:00 am First Saturdays 9:00 am

Holy Trinity Church

St. Ann Church

Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (Latin)

Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (English)

### **Holy Day Mass Schedule**

7:00 pm Vigil 8:00 am 12:15 pm 12:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm

St. Joseph Church (English) St. Ann Church Shrine of Blessed Sacrament English) Holy Trinity Church St. Ann Church Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (Latin) St. Joseph Church (Spanish)

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, Saturday, Wednesday, Friday,

after the 9am Mass, 3-3:30pm, 11-12noon, 11-12noon -or by appointment

St. Ann St. Joseph Holy Trinity Shrine of Bl. Sac.

### **Parish Office Staff**

Deacon Sal Bonfiglio Sr. Lorraine Doiron, SJH Mrs. Christine Esposito Ms. Nora Martin Mr. Anthony Nardino Mr. Ramon Salazar

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Deacon Roy Rabinowitz and Deacon Jesus Rego

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Superior Dir. of Religious Education Homebound Ministry In residence

May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Fourth Sunday of Easter—May 11, 2025

### **Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings** ACTS 13:14, 43-52; PS 100: 1-3,5; REV 7:9, 14B-17; JN 10:27-30

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen.

These disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life. Their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago to inspire and guide us modern-day disciples.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read the following verse to describe their reaction to this turn of events: "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But this witnessing of failure has not robbed them of their joy. What's more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom — to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The "results" of their efforts were up to God. They knew the Holy Spirit would never abandon them when their lives were focused on serving God and others and as a result, they experienced a profound sense of joy that does not depend on external circumstances, a joy the world cannot give.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to all of us, all these years later. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God's stewards does not mean a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward's life involves great challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. But in the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

How can we grow in our identity as Christian stewards so that we, too, can be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit? The Gospel reading today tells us: we must live in trust and dependence on Jesus, our Shepherd. When we cling tightly to Him by freeing ourselves from holding on too tightly to our "stuff," our time, and our achievements, we can hear His voice. He says so Himself: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." He knows us! He laid down His life for us to give us eternal life with Him. He will never ask anything of us that will harm us. A stewardship way of life is meant only to enrich us.

So, this week let us resolve to take a step towards less concern about ourselves and greater trust in Him. We will become joyfilled, Spirit-filled stewards of His good news everywhere we go.

-Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com

### HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION Sunday, May 18, 2025 3:30pm at St. Ann Church This hour of Adoration includes readings, song,

silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction.

All are welcome.





### DISCERN YOUR PURPOSE

This Lent, we are offering "Discerning Your Purpose" a special opportunity for young men to grow in their faith and learn about the priesthood. These gatherings will take place on Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at the Rutgers Catholic Center (next to St. Peter's Church, New Brunswick) and will include prayer, a presentation on one area of the priesthood, and fraternity with others who are also seeking clarity in their vocation.

# **Prayer for Vocations**

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Raritan Oratory of St. Philip Neri Presents Easter Season Formation Series: the Acts of the Apostles



Scripture study about Easter faith lived in the early church and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 28 7:00 pm St. Joseph's Parish Hall Church Basement 16 E. Somerset St. Raritan All are welcome—no need to purchase materials

# The Catholic Church of St. Ann



# Knights of Columbus Council 13264 Mother's Day Comedy Brunch

Saint Ann Parish, Raritan

Sunday, May 11, 2025 Doors Open at 1:00 PM Saint Ann School Cafeteria

Brunch & Show, 50/50 Raffle \$35 per person — \$250 per table

Ticket now on sale after all Masses Comedy Show by *Gemini Comedy Entertainment* 



### St. Rita of Cascia, Novena and Roses

The Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia is celebrated by the Catholic Church on May 22. **Novena prayers** seeking het intercession will be prayed after daily Masses beginning on May 13.

**Blessed Roses** in celebration of St. Rita's Feast Day will be distributed by the Rosary Altar Society after all Masses on Sunday, May 18. A small donation for each rose would greatly be appreciated and will help the Rosarians subsidize this beautiful parish tradition.

St. Rita of Cascia (1381-1457) is a patron saint of the impossible, difficult, and hopeless causes, distinctly in the realm of marriage, abuse, fertility, parenthood, and disease. Like St. Jude, many turn to St. Rita for her intercession in times of desperation, heartbreak, and disease.



### "O God, in your infinite tenderness

you have been pleased to regard the

prayer of your servant Rita, and to grant to her supplication that which is impossible to human foresight, skill, and effort, as rewards for her compassionate love and firm reliance on your promises. Have pity on us in times of adversities and comfort us in our calamities, that even the unbelievers may know that you are the recompense of the humble, the defense of the helpless, and the strength of those who trust in you. Grant this in the Name of Jesus the Lord."

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received Holy Communion for the first time in the past two weeks.

We rejoice and celebrate as a family of faith, giving thanks to our Lord for loving us and giving himself as gift to us.

Let us continue to pray for each other and for the Holy Spirit to strengthen us with Easter faith.

NOW ENROLLING!

St. Ann Classical Academy is now

enrolling Pre K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades for the 2025-2026 school year, and we have room for your family! Visit online at

### stannclassical.org/open-house

or call at 908-725-7787 to learn more, to register for a personal tour, or to apply today. We look forward to welcoming you!

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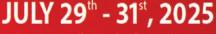
stannclassical.square.site Drawing held June 21 at 10pm



The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Vocations invites young men ages 14-17 to attend

# QUE VADIS WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Prayer • Fellowship • Adventure **Teambuilding Activities** 



### Camp Shiloh 753 Burnt Meadow Road, Hewitt, NJ 07421

 This is an opportunity to have fun, grow in your faith, and begin to think and pray about where God may be calling you in life. so an opportunity to take seriously our own gifts, talents, and weaknesses and begin prayerfully processing where God is leading us. This will be an action-packed few days with opportunities to play sports, participate in eadership and teambuilding exercises, pray, share meals, andgrow in our faith together



Please RSVP by June 30th

# BROTHERHOOD & HOPE PRIMUM DEUS + DEUS SOLUM

# Anchored in Hope

A men's night led by the Brotherhood of Hope In partnership with our diocese & St James men's ministry

Join us for a night of good food, wine, teaching, music, and faith sharing.

# Thursday, May 22

5:45 - Evening Prayer	Stone House at
6:00 - Wine	Stirling Ridge (the Lodge)
6:30 - Dinner and Program	50 Stirling Rd., Warren

Free will offering at the event. RSVP to terryconley@me.com if you're coming

#### PREGNANCY AID and **INFORMATION CENTER** 59 Thompson Street, Raritan 908-526-8121

Donation of baby products welcome: wipes, diapers, etc. The Pregnancy Aid and Information Center has an integral part in providing options to abortion and encouragement to moms in need. Let us continue to be that beacon of hope for pregnant women in difficult circumstances Please prayerfully consider offering time to volunteer. For training, tours, more information, inquire at the Center.

### 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal: PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity

While serving at the altar and preaching are their most visible roles, our permanent deacons do so much more. To name just a few ways: they are the sign of Christ the Servant among us, they are baptizing infants, presiding at wake services, teaching faith formation classes, serving meals to the poor and bringing the Eucharist to the sick. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeals helps defray tuition costs for the formation and continuing education of our permanent deacons

deacons.	<b>BAA Update Information</b>	as of 5/2/25
View the inspiring	St. Ann Parish Goal:	\$68,000.00
2025 Bishop's	Total Pledged:	\$61,408.20
Annual Appeal at	Amount Received:	\$58,156.95
https://youtu.be/	Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$6,591.80)
YD2KH8exue4	Percent of Goal Pledged:	90.31%
	Percent of Goal Received:	85.52%
	Average Gift Amount	\$426.45

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CALENDAR RAFFLE DRAWINGS HAVE BEGUN. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW. EACH TICKET HAS MULTIPLE CHANCES TO WIN. ONLY \$25 PER TICKET!



### St. ANN ITALIAN FESTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SIGN UP TO HELP OUT MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!



Save the Dates!!!

Festa Returns June 19, 20, 21

We NEED volunteers!!! Please email: FestaStAnn@gmail.com

Sponsorships Available

SCAN THE CODE AND JOIN NOW!

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St. Ann Classical Academy's 24th Annual Spring Tricky Tray is next week! Doors will open at 5pm on Saturday, May 17. It's an event you won't want to miss! Don't delay, reserve your tickets today at stannclassical.org/tricky-tray.



# Spring Tricky Tray Saturday, May 17, 2025

St. Ann Classical Academy School Cafeteria 40 Second Ave. | Raritan, NJ



00 P.M

3 Tiers: Regular, Special, Grand Sells Out Quickly. Don't delay. Reserve your tickets today! Dessert, Coffee and Tea available. Outside Food and Drink Permitted. In person only. Must be 18+ years old. Not wheelchair accessible.

Questions: Call (908)-725-7787 or email fundraising@stannparish.com I.D.: 412-1-454 RA: 2025-02-02, 2025-02-03 Gambling Problem? Dial 1-800-GAMBLER.

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Immaculata High School Theater 240 Mountain Ave, Somerville, NJ 08876

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Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.

and to Purchase Tickets

Scan the QR Code for more details

Questions? Contact the host, Pete Knob PETEKNOBTOTH@GMAIL.COM

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### Mass Intentions

# Monday, May 12

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8:00 am	Florence & Vincent Pacifico
	by daughter Mary Pacifico
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8:00 am	Immacolata Suriano, Gregorio Ruffa & Maria Gasparo by Vincenza Greco
Wednes	day, May 14
8:00 am	Guiseppe & Rosina Greco
	by Toni & Mark Marshall
Thursda	ry, May 15
8:00 am	Domenico DiBetta by Angela Scavo
Friday	May 16

Fríday, May 16

8:00 am Jerry Zappa by Pam Zappa

### Saturday, May 17

9:00 am Nettie & John, Anthony & Mary Scarpone by Family

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18

Jacob & Rose Jacobs by Dennis & Mary Stack
Albert Falco, Giovanni & Anna Falzarano
by Antonette Falco
DeFina & Costanzo Family
by Maria & Dominic Cirianni
People of the Parish

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Monday

Thursday

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30 Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20 Friday Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10 **Tuesday** 

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

**Saturday** Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

# Wednesday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

### Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



Blessed Mother Lamp for Maria Natale & Janet Graham by Filomena & Kenneth Graham & Family



### Parishioner Financial Support

The principal means of support for the Catholic Church of St. Ann is your weekly generosity. What is normally donated online and your sacrificial offering at Mass makes up the "ordinary income" that is supposed to balance the expense of ordinary parish operation, made up of salaries and benefits for the employees of the parish who serve you; all utilities and supplies; ministries and formation programs; resources needed for quality liturgies; snowplowing and landscaping, maintenance and custodial services to the buildings and properties–church, convent, rectory/office and school building. Please keep this in mind when assessing your regular level of financial support to the parish.

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

### Contributions for the weekend of May 4, 2025:

Mass Offertory	\$ 7,200
WeShare	\$ 3,072
Total for parish operation	\$10,272
DOM Other	\$ 259

**Give Online** with Weshare **Online Giving** is a simple means of caring for your parish through consistent, direct, electronic contributions. You determine the terms according to your personal, prayerful stewardship. Once in place, online giving happens automatically until you decide to amend the terms. Sign-up is simple and safe through the parish website. Please contact the parish office if you need assistance.

### Pray for those in the Military

Victor Dulay, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps Pvt Brennan Gasway. U.S. Army AIC Olivia F. Geary, U.S. Air Force PFC Brendan Hughs, U.S. Marine Corps PFC Gavin John, U.S. Marine Corps LCpl Matthew John, U.S. Marine Corps Brock D. Laggini, U.S. Coast Guard CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr. LCpl Sean Maj, U.S. Marine Corps Maj Michael Morella, U.S. Army Sgt Dan Neville, U.S. Marine Corps TSgt Anthony J. O'Connor, U.S.Air Force 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 Cpl Daniel Viscariello, U.S. Marine Corps Maj Matthew Werner, U.S. Army Sgt Janet Wyka, U.S. Army Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti, U.S. Air Force

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

Angie Glenn

Katelvn Anderson Joseph Arena Yolanda Bontempo Joanmarie Carlone Bruno Cirianni Mary Contino Jerry Costanzo Ralph Cusati Harold D'Alessio Maria Anastasia D'Amore John D'Angelo Rose D'Angelo Josephine DiPiazza John Falco Frank Forte Cindy Galvacky Gambino Family

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