

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN

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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.

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, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (only when school is in session) & 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

Vigil: 7:00 p.m.

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.

St. Ann School

Pre-K - 8th Grade

Our dedicated and experienced faculty are committed to providing a quality education focused on Faith, Family and Community.

Call Sr. Margaret Mary Hanlon in the School Office or email her at mhanlon@stannparish.com to register your child(ren). Contact our school at 908-725-7787 to make an appointment to tour the school.

Church Calendar

Can be found on our website under *NEW! Parish Calendar of Events*

St. Ann PREP

1 - 8th Grade

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

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

Call Sr. Phyllis Vella in the Parish Office or email her at pvella@stannparish.com to register your child(ren).

Special Needs PREP

1 - 8th Grade

Thursday: 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(ren).

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 Deacon John Pacifico in the Parish Office or Deacon Rick Stevens at 908-910-0309 or email him at rstevens@stannparish.com.

Donations by Electronic Giving

The Catholic Church of St. Ann offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online church and school contributions! Log onto 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!

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.



ST. ANN SCHOOL
PREK - 8TH
29 Second Ave, Raritan, NJ 08869
www.stannparish.com/schoolsite
Phone: 908.725.7787
Email: kalbright@stannparish.com



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 20, 2019

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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 John Pacifico

Deacon Roy Rabinowitz

Deacon Rob Sause

Deacon Rick Stevens

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 Information

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, helping those in crisis pregnancies and moms in need. Please call at 908-256-8121 (24-hour hotline).

Parish Ministries

Social Ministry

Thank you to the two individuals who donated the much-needed coats. Your generosity is very heart-warming to these individuals. Thank you and God bless.

Knights of Columbus News and Events

Our next Parish Breakfast (Valentine's Day Breakfast) is Sunday, Feb. 10th from 8:00 am-11:00 am in the school cafeteria.

Pro Life Ministry

Pray the Pro Life Rosary Tuesday, January 22 at 7:30pm (following 7:00 pm Holy Mass) & every third Tuesday of the month.

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



Pope Francis
General Audience
January 9, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Lord's Prayer, we now consider Jesus' teaching on the need for perseverance in prayer. We see from the Gospels that Christ's entire life is steeped in prayer, born of his communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit who guides his every action. Jesus' constant prayer is seen above all in the events of his passion. At the Last Supper, he intercedes for Peter's perseverance in faith (cf. *Lk* 22:32), and his last words from the cross are a prayer for forgiveness and a confession of trust in the Father's will. When the disciples ask Jesus to show them how to pray, he gives them the words of the "Our Father". But he goes on to tell two parables that teach the need for constancy in prayer and unwavering trust that the Father will answer our petitions. As a good Father, God answers every prayer in his good time and according to his saving plan. Though the unfolding of that plan remains mysterious, we can be confident that, in the end, ours is a loving Father who longs to fulfil the desire for happiness present in every human heart.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
January 2019
Young People and the Example of Mary



That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Special Collection Today
Foundation for Catholic Education

The second collection this weekend is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, which provides scholarships to financially-deserving children attending a Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school. Hundreds of families, hoping to give their children the gift of a Catholic school education, will seek financial assistance from the FCE Scholarship Program for the 2019-2020 school year. Your gift will send a child to Catholic school, changing a life forever! Please be as generous as your means allow.

From the desk of...
Bishop James F. Checchio
January 10, 2019



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The restoration of the diaconate as a permanent order of ministry in the Church occurred as a result of the Second Vatican Council in the mid 1960s. Then, Pope, now St. Paul VI, published new norms for the Diaconate in his Apostolic Letter, *Ad Pascendum*. Then 50 years ago, the Vatican approved the United States Bishops' request for the establishment of the diaconate order in our country.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary, in this issue of *The Catholic Spirit*, there is a special supplement on our deacons whom Pope Paul VI described as "the interpreter of the needs and the desires of the Christian communities, and the sign or sacrament or sign of Christ the Lord Himself who came not to be served but to serve."

I always enjoy visiting our parishes, and one of the joys is seeing all of our deacons who come to assist at Mass. Their faithfulness in our parishes is evident, and I know our people are grateful for that. They give beautiful witness to Christ the Servant, and ensure that He is always present through their prayer lives, the witness they give as men in Holy Orders and their service at the altar, to the poor especially, and in so many ministries that otherwise might not take place. In our world today that so values efficiency and utilitarianism, our deacons give witness to all of the importance of service.... how many "services" today are being taken over by machines...robotics to take over human functions — machines serve us at banks, checkout counters, at customer service centers and on the phone But Christ puts a human face on service and the diaconate is the sacramental embodiment of His example and mandate to serve. At ordination, deacons are configured to Christ the Servant. As Pope, now St. John Paul II said in his 1987 visit to the United States: "This is at the very heart of the diaconate to which you have been called: to be a servant of the mysteries of Christ and, at one and the same time, to be a servant of your brothers and sisters. That these two dimensions are inseparably joined together in one reality shows the important nature of the ministry which is yours by ordination." As a sacramental sign of the Church's mission, our deacons also have the responsibility to "enable" others; that is, by their example and encouragement, they show others how to be effective ministers and evangelizers. In addition, through their secular employment, they bear witness to the Gospel in the marketplace and show all around them how their life as committed disciples and ordained ministers is not something they "do" for a couple of hours a week, but rather is integrated into every facet of their life. This is why their commitment to be men of prayer is so important.

Catholic Schools Week Schedule

Sunday, January 27th, 2019

Celebrate Our Church & Parish

- Opening Mass at 10:00 am – dress uniform
- Pancake Breakfast/Open House, 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- Wax Museum

Monday, January 28th, 2019

Celebrate Our Students

- Dress Down Day in School Colors, Red & Blue
- Principal's Ice Cream Treat
- Pep Rally – 1:00 pm Gym

Tuesday, January 29th, 2019

Celebrate Our Community

- Morning Prayer Service – Cafeteria – Parents Invited
- Donuts & Coffee Clutch – Parents Invited
- **Prospective Families Open House, 9:30-11:30 am**
- Law Enforcement Assembly – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, January 30th, 2019

Celebrate Our Nation

- Game Time – 1:00 pm Cafeteria
- Science Fair – Open House, 7:00-8:30 pm

Thursday, January 31st, 2019

Celebrate Our Vocation

- Panels – 9:00 am cafeteria
- Saints and Angels Activity, 9:00-10:30 (Pre-K, K, 1, 2,3) & 1:00-2:00 (Grades 4-8)

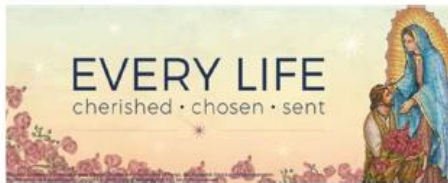
Invite other family members, friends and co-workers who have young children to come and see St. Ann's School. Explore all the blessings and benefits for your children with a Catholic education from St. Ann's Elementary School.



Friday, February 1st, 2019

- First Friday Mass with Bishop 10:00 am, Blessing of New Roof
- Please join us for Mass and the Blessing
- Scavenger Hunt 1:00-2:00 pm

Parents welcome to attend all events..



Another Look at Abortion

Read the full version at uscgb.org/abortion.

If someone takes an innocent person's life after he or she is born, it's against the law; before birth (even minutes before, in most states), it's legal because of the U.S. Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision in 1973.

Abortion results in the death of a child. For many, abortion causes severe and long-lasting emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma, and other detrimental effects have also been documented. (For help, visit [www. HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://www.HopeAfterAbortion.org).)

Support mothers and their children during and after difficult pregnancies.

So, what are we to do? The Church does not approach difficult pregnancy decisions with a false "either/or" mentality, pitting mother against child. We love them both! Learn more at www.uscgb.org/abortion.

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Announcement of Ordination

The Members of the New Brunswick Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri announce with great joy the upcoming diaconal ordination of **Br. John Fredy Triana Beltran, C.O.** Br. John Fredy will be ordained by the Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, on **Saturday, February 2, 2019, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Ann Church, Raritan, NJ.** Please remember Br. John Fredy in your prayers as he prepares for his ministry as a deacon.

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 21

9:00 a.m. Sr. Mary Agnes and Sr. Angelina Toscano by
Sr. Dolores Toscano

Tuesday, January 22

7:00 p.m. Victims of abortion by St. Ann's Pro-Life Ministry

Wednesday, January 23

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Gecik by Carol and Ed Youngs

Thursday, January 24

7:00 p.m. Anne Eurick by Dot Melenchuk
Anthony Scardavelle by Frank Bitetto

Friday, January 25

7:00 a.m. Alberto Falco by Mr. and Mrs. Biagio Laurito

Saturday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Harold and Ann Lukas by the family
4:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Salemi by RoseMary and
Pina

Sunday, January 27

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name
Society
12:00 p.m. Caterina Lico by Anna Carra
5:00 p.m. Rosina Greco by her children and grandchildren

*Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps
are burning this week for:*

Altar Candle #1 for Caterina Lico

Requested by Anna Carra and family

Blessed Mother Lamp for Domenica Pecoriello

Requested by Calo Family

Eucharistic Holy Hour

The Oratorian community invites everyone to take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour offered on the third Sunday of each month. This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction. The next Holy Hour will be held on Sunday, January 20 at 3:30 pm in St. Ann's Church, Raritan.

Pray for those in the Military

**May God protect the men & women serving
in our Nation's Armed Forces.**

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; *U.S. Army*
Victor Dulay, Jr.; *U.S. Marine Corps*
PFC Gavin John; *U.S. Marine Corps*
LCpl Matthew John; *U.S. Marine Corps*
CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.
PFC Vincenzo Mattei; *U.S. Army*
Maj Michael Morella; *U.S. Army*
Sgt Dan Neville; *U.S. Marine Corps*
Zack Orecchio; *U.S. Navy*

Pvt Tayla Rasmussen; *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*
PFC Daniel Viscariello; *U.S. Marine Corps*
Sgt Janet Wyka; *U.S. Army*
Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; *U.S. Air Force*

**Pray for the souls of those who have given their
lives in service to our country.**

St. Ann Parish Music Corner

While the trees outside of the church are no longer present and the green is no longer seen, we here in the church building adorn the church again with green. In this period of time after the Epiphany, the Gospels tell of Jesus' revelation to the world. Just as the star revealed where the Child King was, God made Him known in His baptism last week, in His first miracle this week and in the next few weeks, to the Jewish people through his healing, preaching, and calling of the first Apostles. Unlike the Magi who departed from Jesus, we as Catholics choose to follow Him to the grave. The choir will respond to this by singing a hymn titled "We Will Follow." Let our hearts connect with that text to remind ourselves to follow Christ in every decision we make.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

We ask God's blessing for the strengthening and healing of our sick and homebound:

Anna Carra, Bruno Cirianni, Frank Cirianni,
Mary Contino, Maria Anastasia D'Amore, Elyse,
Frank DiBetta, Mary Felice, Frank Forte,
Cindy Galvacky, Anthony Gambino, Arlene Gambino,
Paul Gambino, Sara Gendlek, Victor Laggini,
Gloria A. Lamaestra, Brianna Rose Larson,
MaryAnn Mangiaracina, Mark Marshall, Susan Maurice,
Austin McNamara, Lori Monaghan, Ann Navatto,
Don Palumbo, Joe Pastore, Marie Richardson,
Joseph Sgro, Cathy Stinziano, Danny Tibaldi,
Joseph Tomaio, Ron Wyka, Alex Zachok, Betty Zimmitti

*All names will remain on the list for 4 weeks,
unless otherwise requested.*

For Those Touched by Addiction or Loss due to Addiction

In an effort to offer spiritual support, a Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday, January 30th at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ. Pastoral ministers will be present at the service to listen to and speak with participants and to offer healing resources. All are welcome. For more information: (732) 243-4574

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11	Thursday Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12
Monday Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22	Friday Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28	Saturday 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21
Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6	

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 20, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, January 20

Baby Gift Drive

8:30 am St. Ann's Blood Drive (CMR)

3:30 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour (C)

Monday, January 21

No School

No PREP

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (CMR)

Tuesday, January 22

7:30 pm Bingo (SC)

7:30 pm ProLife Rosary following 7:00 pm Mass (C)

Wednesday, January 23

2:30 pm School Choir (C)

6:45 pm Choir Practice (C)

Thursday, January 24

6:15 pm PREP (S)

Friday, January 25

7:30 pm Devotion to Mary: Mind and Spirit (C/CMR)

Saturday, January 26

Sunday, January 27

8:00 am St. Ann School Pancake Breakfast (SC)

11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)

11:00 am St. Ann School Pancake Breakfast & Open House (SC)

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

PREP Program Reminders

- February 10, 2019, 10:00 am Mass (parents and children preparing for the Sacrament of Communion)
- February 10, 2019, 12pm Mass (parents and candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation)
- February 10, 2019, 1:00pm Group Session in the school cafeteria (candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation)

Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

A Catholic Prayer and Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at St. Patrick's Church in Belvidere, NJ on February 6, March 13, April-December (first Wednesday of each month) at 10:00am and 7:00pm. The facilitator will be Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness.

For more information please call the Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities at (732) 765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

Immaculata High School to host "Immaculata Difference"

Inviting all 6th, 7th and 8th grade families to an intimate information event regarding your high school decision-making process. Families interested in transferring into Grades 10 and 11 are also welcome. Event will be held on Thursday, February 28 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Immaculata High School, 240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville.

For more information or to RSVP please visit: www.ImmaculataHighSchool.org/Difference or call the Director of Admissions at (908) 722-0200, xt 218

St. Ann's School Open House and Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 27, 2019:

Pancake Breakfast -following the 7:30 am and 10:00 am Masses

Open House -11:30 am-1:00 pm

Other Open House Dates:

Tuesday, January 29, 2019: 9:30 am -11:30 am

Wednesday, January 30, 2019: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Request a tour by calling: (908) 725-7787

www.stannparish.com/schoolsite



Our Smarter Start Program provides:
competitive high-quality academic programs,
certified teachers, faith-based caring environment,
full-day program and after care.

Bishop James Checchio's Visit February 1

St. Ann's School News

We are proud and happy to announce that Bishop James F. Checchio will be joining us for our First Friday Mass on February 1st at 10:00 a.m. Bishop will then proceed to the school and bless our new roof. We hope you can join us for this exciting occasion. **Please note time change of Mass from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on that day.**

St. Ann's School Garage Sale - Save the Date

The Garage Sale will be on Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10 in the School Cafeteria. Please save the date. Details about donation collection coming soon.

Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage

The St. Ann Catholic Marriage Ministry presents: Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage for couples on Saturday, February 9 from 6:30pm -9:00pm. Includes dinner and dessert, \$35.00 per couple. Location: St. Ann's Church Meeting Room. To RSVP contact: Ron and Tammi Allen (908) 581-5113. Cash or check made out to the Catholic Church of St. Ann can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Weekly Offering...January 13, 2019

Total: \$ 10,968.50

First Collection:	\$ 6,778.00
Second Collection (Debt Reduction):	\$ 2,316.00
Online Offering:	\$ 1,394.50
Other:	\$ 480.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.