



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



Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26, 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

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 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, Please call at 908-256-8121 (24-hour hotline).

Parish Ministries

Festa Volunteers Needed

St. Ann's Festa is a huge success each year because of our dedicated committee and the many amazing volunteers who donate their time and energy.

Come help a great cause and have fun. This is a great opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones.

Can you volunteer to help?

Please contact Marybeth Tarantino

(908) 334-8973 or the Parish Office (908) 725-1008.

Can you help with set up the morning of June 8 at 8:00am?

Can you help with breakdown/clean up the evening of June 15 around 9:00pm?

If so, please contact Lou in the Parish Office.

***This year's Festa is coming up fast!!
Don't forget to purchase your 50/50 tickets.***

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



Pope Francis Easter Sunday Homily

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Easter!

Today the Church renews the proclamation made by the first disciples: "Jesus is risen!" And from mouth to mouth, from heart to heart, there resounds a call to praise: "Alleluia, Alleluia!" On this morning of Easter, the perennial youth of the Church and of humanity as a whole, I would like to address each of you in the opening words of my recent Apostolic Exhortation devoted especially to young people: "Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world. Everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive! He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. However far you may wander, he is always there, the Risen One. He calls you and he waits for you to return to him and start over again. When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure, he will always be there to restore your strength and your hope" (Christus Vivit, 1-2).

Dear brothers and sisters, this message is also addressed to every person in the world. The resurrection of Christ is the principle of new life for every man and every woman, for true renewal always begins from the heart, from the conscience. Yet Easter is also the beginning of the new world, set free from the slavery of sin and death: the world open at last to the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of love, peace and fraternity. Christ is alive and he remains with us. Risen, he shows us the light of his face, and he does not abandon all those experiencing hardship, pain and sorrow.

May he, the Living One, be hope for the beloved Syrian people, victims of an ongoing conflict to which we risk becoming ever more resigned and even indifferent. Now is instead the time for a renewed commitment for a political solution able to respond to people's legitimate hopes for freedom, peace and justice, confront the humanitarian crisis and favor the secure re-entry of the homeless, along with all those who have taken refuge in neighboring countries, especially Lebanon and Jordan.

Easter makes us keep our eyes fixed on the Middle East, torn by continuing divisions and tensions. May the Christians of the region patiently persevere in their witness to the Risen Lord and to the victory of life over death. I think in particular of the people of Yemen, especially the children, exhausted by hunger and war. May the light of Easter illumine all government leaders and peoples in the Middle East, beginning with Israelis and Palestinians, and spur them to alleviate such great suffering and to pursue a future of peace and stability.

May conflict and bloodshed cease in Libya, where defenseless people are once more dying in recent weeks and many families have been forced to abandon their homes. I urge the parties involved to choose dialogue over force and to avoid reopening wounds left by a decade of conflicts and political instability. May the Living Christ grant his peace to the entire

beloved African continent, still rife with social tensions, conflicts and at times violent forms of extremism that leave in their wake insecurity, destruction and death, especially in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon. I think too of Sudan, presently experiencing a moment of political uncertainty; it is my hope that all voices will be heard, and that everyone will work to enable the country to find the freedom, development and well-being to which it has long aspired.

May the Risen Lord accompany the efforts of the civil and religious authorities of South Sudan, sustained by the fruits of the spiritual retreat held several days ago here in the Vatican. May a new page open in the history of that country, in which all political, social and religious components actively commit themselves to the pursuit of the common good and the reconciliation of the nation.

May this Easter bring comfort to the people of the eastern regions of Ukraine, who suffer from the continuing conflict. May the Lord encourage initiatives of humanitarian aid and those aimed at pursuing a lasting peace.

May the joy of the resurrection fill the hearts of those who on the American continent are experiencing the effects of difficult political and economic situations. I think in particular of the Venezuelan people, of all those who lack the minimal conditions for leading a dignified and secure life due to a crisis that endures and worsens. May the Lord grant that all those with political responsibilities may work to end social injustices, abuses and acts of violence, and take the concrete steps needed to heal divisions and offer the population the help they need. May the Risen Lord shed his light on the efforts made in Nicaragua to find as rapidly as possible a peaceful negotiated solution for the benefit of the entire Nicaraguan people.

Before the many sufferings of our time, may the Lord of life not find us cold and indifferent. May he make us builders of bridges, not walls. May the One who gives us his peace end the roar of arms, both in areas of conflict and in our cities, and inspire the leaders of nations to work for an end to the arms race and the troubling spread of weaponry, especially in the economically more advanced countries. May the Risen Christ, who flung open the doors of the tomb, open our hearts to the needs of the disadvantaged, the vulnerable, the poor, the unemployed, the marginalized, and all those who knock at our door in search of bread, refuge, and the recognition of their dignity.

Dear brothers and sisters, Christ is alive! He is hope and youth for each of us and for the entire world. May we let ourselves be renewed by him! Happy Easter!

*Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
May 2019
The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity*

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.





**The Solemnity of
Our Holy Father St. Philip Neri
May 27, 2019**

Join us as we celebrate St. Philip's Day!
Since May 26 falls on Sunday this year,
we will mark the occasion with Mass
on the following day:

Monday, May 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM
The Catholic Church of St. Ann,
Raritan

Mass will be followed by a time for
fellowship with refreshments
in St. Ann's Parish Hall.

The Oratory, 45 Anderson Street, Raritan, NJ 08869
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STOP INFANTICIDE!

Some states are proposing laws to expand abortion and to repeal laws providing specific protections for babies born alive after surviving an attempted abortion. (In a successful abortion, the life of the baby in the womb is ended and this is never morally acceptable. We continue to promote laws to protect babies in the womb.) The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S.311/H.R. 962) would provide protections nationwide to help prevent newborns from being killed or being left alone to die.

Sadly, the U.S. had failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which protects babies who survive an attempted abortion from infanticide. But there is still hope for this bill.



If the US House of Representative passes the bill, it would put significant pressure on Senators who voted against the bill to reconsider their vote.

Tell your US Representative that all new born babies deserve care and a change for life!

Tell Congress we need stronger laws to protect babies who survive abortion and are born alive. Text **ALIVE to 50457** or visit www.babiesbornalive.com. You will receive a reply to the text with a link with a prepared message, You will enter your information and hit "send". It only takes 2 minutes.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!
ALL NIGHT PENTECOST VIGIL
Saturday, June 8

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
548 Main Street, Metuchen

Vigil Mass of Pentecost • 7 p.m.
Vigil Mass Celebrant,

FATHER TIMOTHY CHRISTY

Vicar General of the Diocese of Metuchen

Closing Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 a.m.

Come with an open heart, expecting God to do great things in your life,
and through your prayer a fresh new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our
Diocese of Metuchen during this Year of Awakening.

Come at any time and stay as long as you wish.

FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE AND MORE DETAILS, VISIT

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email youth.ministry@diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1543

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to prayer, together with some women, and
Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers."

ACTS 1.14



Spring is here...

...and the plants and flowers have begun to green and grow, **BUT so have the weeds!!** We are asking for some volunteers who can spare some of their free time to help maintain, plant and water the flower and shrub beds here on our parish grounds. Anyone interested in helping please contact Lou Falconeri at the parish office (908) 725-1008, press 1 and then 7.

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 27

9:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of Our Nation's Armed Services by the Orlando Family

Tuesday, May 28

7:00 p.m. Antonio Natale by Finazzo Family
Antonio D'Anna by D'Anna Family
Maria Barbieri by Pat Barbieri
Francesca Ritorto by daughter Maria
Crisanta Gopez Baluyut by her children

Wednesday, May 29

7:00 a.m. Gregorio Natale by Antoinette Falco
7:00 p.m. Gregorio Ruffa and Immacolata Suriano by sister, Maria Rose Gasparro

Thursday, May 30

7:00 a.m. James Mangini, Jr. by dad, James Mangini, Sr.
9:00 a.m. Irene Hughes by Eleanor Maccia
7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday, May 31

7:00 a.m. Carmella Russo by Elena DiRado

Saturday, June 1

9:00 a.m. Michele and Joanna Napolitano by Francesca and Vincenzo Viscarello
4:00 p.m. Fannie and Herman Bocchino by daughter Angie

Sunday, June 2

7:30 a.m. Natali Family by Louis, Jr.
10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
12:00 p.m. Frank Mattei by wife and children
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Weekly Offering...May 19, 2019

Total: \$ 10,908.25

First Collection:	\$6,398.00
Second Collection (Development of the People):	\$1,313.00
Online Offering:	\$2,787.25
Other:	\$ 410.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Wayne Basilone	Michael Giancaspro	Marie Richardson
Anna Carra	Bernadette Healy	Mary Soriano
Bruno Cirianni	Victor Laggini	Cathy Stinziano
Frank Cirianni	Gloria A. Lamaestra	Danny Tibaldi
Mary Contino	Brianna Rose	Joseph Tomaio
Maria Anastasia	Larson	Ron Wyka
D'Amore	MaryAnn	Alex Zachok
Michael D'Angelo	Mangiaracina	Betty Zimmitti
JoAnn Dellaperute	Mark Marshall	
Ann DiBetta	Austin McNamara	
Mary Felice	Lidia Natale	
Frank Forte	Ann Navatto	
Cindy Galvacky	Deacon John	
Gambino Family	Pacifico	
Sara Gendlek	Don Palumbo	



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps
are burning this week for:

Altar Candle Lamp #1 for Antonio D'Anna
by D'Anna Family

Altar Flowers for Antonio D'Anna
by D'Anna Family

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 Drecchio; 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
LCpl Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army
Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

Mass will be 9:00 am on
Memorial Day, May 27.

Happy Memorial Day



Quo Vadis - Young Men ages 14-17

Young men ages 14-17 are invited to spend three days, June 25-27, living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit with Bishop Checchio, sports, activities, prayers, small group discussions and more. Interested?

Please email: quovadis@diometuchen.org

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Thursday
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29	Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20 The Ascension of the Lord
Monday Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11	Friday Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15	First Saturday Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations

You're invited to Eucharistic Holy Hour on Friday, June 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854.
For more information call: (732) 562-2457 or email: Vocations@diometuchen.org. or go to: www.diometuchen.org/vocations

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 26, 2019

Parish Events

Sunday, May 26

Knights of Columbus Recruitment after Masses (C)
11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day

No School
Parish Office Closed
9:00 am Mass (no 7:00 am Mass)
7:00 pm Mass for Solemnity of St. Philip Neri followed by
fellowship and refreshments (C then CMR)

Tuesday, May 28

7:30 pm Bingo (SC)

Wednesday, May 29

2:30 pm School Choir (C)
6:45 pm Choir Practice (CMR)
7:00 pm Vigil Mass – Ascension of the Lord (C)

Thursday, May 30 – Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:00 am, 9:00 am and 7:00 pm Mass (C)
No Choir

Friday, May 31

7:00 pm St. Ann School Eight Grade Dance (SC and SG)

Saturday, June 1

Food Drive (C)

Sunday, June 2

Food Drive (C)
12:00 pm **Mass for Sr. Dolores' 75th Anniversary
followed by Garden Party
(Church, then St. Ann's Grounds)**

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

FESTA Discounted Food Tickets

St Ann's Festa will take place from June 12th through June 15th. On the weekend of June 1-2 and June 8-9 only, the parish will be selling food tickets at a **10% discount**. You can purchase **\$22 worth of tickets for only \$20**. Tickets will be available after all masses and we accept **cash or checks** payable to "St. Ann's Church". You can also now swipe a **credit or debit card** as well. Please take advantage of this offer and avoid standing in line.

Italian Festa 2019
Wednesday, June 12 – Saturday, June 15

Are You Being Called to the Diaconate?

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class will begin in spring 2020. Applications for that class will be accepted near the end of the summer. A General Information Meeting is being conducted at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:30pm. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office (732) 567-2423.

St. Ann Parish Music Corner

This week, the choir anthem is the living Swedish composer, Martin Åsander's Peace. This piece is characteristically different from the usual choral anthems. Quoted directly from the Gospel today the text is: "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Peace I leave with you my peace I give unto you."

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Parish Progress

St. Ann Parish goal is \$65,500. As of May 17, 2019:
247 donors have pledged a total of \$76,932
Total amount of payments is \$68,517.
This represents 118.4% of our goal.
Thank you to all those who have participated.

Traveling Home Kit for Our Lady of Guadalupe

...is available for Sign-up at the back of the Church. The kit contains a print of the Image or our Lady, a blessed crucifix, candle, holy water, prayer cards and rosary pouch with rosary beads. Choose a week from June through December 2019 to have this kit in your home. The kit is picked up at the Sacristy door before Mass and returned the following week. Questions?

Contact: MaryBeth Tarantino, 908-334-8973 or scienmbs@optonline.net



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