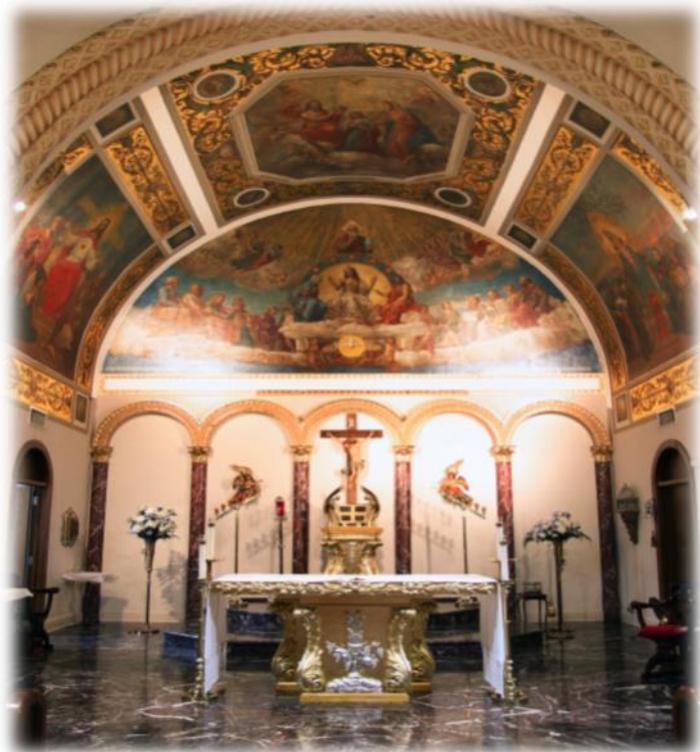


The Catholic Church of St. Ann



Church

45 Anderson Street; Raritan, NJ 08869
Telephone: 908-725-1008 • Fax: 908-707-1915
Website: www.stannparish.com

Email: info@stannparish.com

Facebook: The Catholic Church of St. Ann- Raritan, NJ

Daily Mass

Monday: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

Friday: 8:15 a.m. (when school is in session) & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

First Friday: 8:15 a.m. & 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.

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.

Convent

29 Second Avenue; Raritan, NJ 08869
Telephone: 908-725-2256

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. in the church.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a beautiful prayer to help foster devotion to our Lord's Divine Mercy, remembering the spiritual needs of the sick and the dying.

Church Calendar

Can be found on our website under *Events & News - Calendar*

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.

Donations by Electronic Giving: WeShare

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!

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

St. Ann Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Grades 1-8

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

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

Special Needs PREP

Grades 1-8

Monday: 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.

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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 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 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).

St. Ann School

29 Second Avenue; Raritan, NJ 08869

Telephone: 908-725-7787 • Fax: 908-541-9335

Website: www.stannparish.com/school

Facebook: St. Ann School

Grades K-8

Discover how a Catholic Classical Education at St. Ann School can inspire your child to be a joyous learner, filled with wonder and awe for all of creation. Our new academic approach allows for students to be formed and immersed in virtue-truth, beauty and goodness through their everyday curriculum.

Open House

March 24, 2020, 7:00 pm—8:30 pm
For more information call: (908) 725-7787



"Enter and learn...leave and
serve bringing Christ into the
world."



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



Pope Francis
General Audience
February 19, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's catechesis we consider the third of the eight Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Mt 5:5).

Here, the term "meek", literally means sweet, docile, gentle, devoid of violence. Meekness manifests itself in times of conflict. It can be seen by how one reacts to a hostile situation. Anyone can appear meek when everything is peaceful, but how does one react "under pressure", if one is under attack, offended, threatened?

In one passage, Saint Paul refers to "the meekness and gentleness of Christ" (2 Cor 10:1). Meanwhile, Saint Peter recalls the attitude of Jesus during his Passion: he did not respond nor threaten because "he trusted to him who judges justly" (1 Pt 2:23). And the meekness of Jesus can be clearly seen in his Passion.

In Scripture, the word "meek" also indicates one who does not have earthly property. Thus, we are struck by the fact that the third Beatitude says precisely that the meek "shall inherit the earth".

In reality, this Beatitude quotes Psalm 37 which we heard at the beginning of the catechesis. There too, meekness and earthly possessions are juxtaposed. If one thinks about it, these two things appear to be incompatible. Indeed the possession of land is a typical setting for conflict: people often fight over a territory in order to dominate a particular area. The stronger one prevails in war and conquers other lands.

But let us look more closely at the verb that is used to indicate the possessions of the meek: they do not conquer the earth. It does not say "Blessed the meek for they shall conquer the earth". They "inherit it". Blessed are the meek, for they shall "inherit" the earth. In the Scriptures the verb "inherit" has a much deeper meaning. The People of God actually refer to the land of Israel which is the Land of the Promise, as their "inheritance". That land is a promise and a gift to the People of God and it becomes the symbol for something much greater than a simple territory.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
March 2020
Catholics in China



We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

From the desk of...

Bishop James F. Checchio
February 20, 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To continue...One of the greatest signs of life and hope in the Church is the presence of vocations; especially to the priesthood. We are blessed that 22 men have responded to God's call and are currently studying to serve the Church of Metuchen. This is the largest group of men preparing for priesthood for our diocese in more than 25 years. This means that despite the many challenges of our days, these men are saying "yes," but we need to support them. Currently, our budget to educate and care for our seminarians is a significant and increasing line item, but a great privilege for us to do so. Indeed, this puts a strain on balancing our budget but a strain we thank God for!

Our parishes, Catholic schools and religious education programs, our youth ministry programs and the Catholic Center for Campus ministry at Rutgers are all concrete places where our young people can encounter the living presence of Christ; your generosity makes this all happen. Our financial resources must be properly stewarded, in order to keep a vital presence for youth to know they are loved by Christ and His Church.

Goodbye from Miguel de Jesus

I want to thank every parishioner for the kind send off you have given me. Your words of gratitude, well wishes, and appreciation I will hold dearly. My time at St. Ann's has been some of my most fruitful time as a musician. You are blessed to have such an amazing, versatile, and hardworking choir that enriches the liturgy every week, and it was a privilege to be able to work with them. Please pray and support them for they are extremely devoted to the parish. Please also encourage each other to be able to give of yourselves in service to the parish community as much as them. Unfortunately, I feel I am being called to help another community repair and elevate their music ministry close to the standard that is already set at your parish.

Again, I thank you for allowing me to lead your music ministry. Please pray for your new Director of Sacred Music. He/She will have a large task in keeping up the quality of music that has been set since before even my birth. Also, show him/her the same level of love and admiration that you have shown me. This will carry them to do so much more for you. I pray that each member of the St. Ann community will draw closer in unity with the Triune God and grow in love for each other and the whole world.

Pax Christi,

Miguel A. De Jesus
Former Director of Sacred Music
St. Ann Parish



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2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action*

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal impact many of the parishioners here at St. Ann's. in various ways. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

Bishop Checchio's video message about the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal will be shown in the Church Meeting Room (church basement) before and after Masses on the **March 21/22 In-Pew Weekend**. We don't have the ability to show the video during the Masses.

You may also link to view the video at <https://vimeo.com/diocesefmetuchen/2020baa-english> or go to diometuchen.org.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 21/22, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

Pregnancy Aid & Information Center

59 Thomson Street, Raritan

helps moms in crisis and their babies!

Help needed!

- Hotline volunteers
- Volunteers to serve our moms during our office hours: Mon. 11:30-2pm, Tues. 10-12:30, Thurs. 10am-12pm, 4-5:30pm.
- Also in need of baby care supplies: Bottles, wipes, shampoo, diaper rash cream.

To help with any of these items, please call Madeline Swartz at 908-872-0282, St. Ann Parish Diocesan Pro-Life Representative. Or call the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center, 908-526-8121. Prayerfully consider taking action on behalf of the moms & the babies we serve. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their continuing support!

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

Until further notice, at the Church of St. Ann:

- Take ordinary measures to avoid the spread of infection (wash, disinfect, cover mouths during sneeze/cough)
- Any individual who is sick or has flu-like symptoms should not attend Mass or other Church gatherings. Mass is broadcast on several television channels and also livestreamed on the Cathedral's website: stfranciscathe-dral.org, so the sick can make a "spiritual communion" until they return to good health.
- The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ from the chalice is to be suspended. Furthermore, no member of the faithful is obliged to receive the Body of Christ on the tongue; worthy, reverent reception by hand is preferred until otherwise notified.

For information on the coronavirus:

www.cdc.gov/COVID19

About Walking with Moms in Need

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference." Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

The 25th anniversary year of *Evangelium vitae* gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand, and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need. We are inviting parishes, through the support of their bishop and pastor, to join a nationwide effort from March 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021 entitled: **"Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service."**

For this Year of Service, the Pro-Life Committee is developing educational, pastoral, and action-oriented resources for parish use, such as:

- Tools for documenting an inventory of local resources for pregnant mothers in need.
- Ideas for improving parish responses.
- Prayers for building a culture of life and a civilization of love.
- Reflections on the teachings of *Evangelium vitae*, *Evangelii gaudium*, and *Laudato si*

Read the USCCB press release: *Pro Life Committee Chairman Invites Bishops to Join Initiative Serving Pregnant and Parenting Mothers in Need* (November 11, 2019).



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

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 16

7:00 p.m. Michael Giancaspro by Christine Esposito

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 a.m. Giuseppe Lico by Anna Carra

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Cammarata Family by Sal and Lena Cammarata

Thursday, March 19

7:00 a.m. Silvana Gover by the Critchlow Family

Friday, March 20

8:15 a.m. Inez Mattei by Bob and Rose Gada

7:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Mayewski Family by Teresa Mayewski

Saturday, March 21

9:00 a.m. Yolanda Gallagher by nieces and nephews

4:00 p.m. Alex Comandini by Bob and Pat Ronca

Sunday, March 22

7:30 a.m. Francesco Fusca by wife, Caterina

10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

12:00 p.m. Dean Greulich by the Greulich Family

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Flowers:

Altar Candle #1 for Joseph and Vincenza Lipoma
by Esther

Tabernacle Lamp for Margaret and Joe Chiselko
by Frances Phillips and Eleanor Sian

St. Joseph Lamp for Giuseppe Greco
by his children and grandchildren

Blessed Mother Lamp in Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
by anonymous

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14



Pray for those in the Military

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

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army

Victor Dulay, Jr.; U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Brendan Hughes; U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Gavin John; U.S. Marine Corps

LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps

CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.;

Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army

Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps

Zack Drecchio; U.S. Navy

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

LCpl Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps

Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army

Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

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

Gloria A. Lamaestra

Brianna Rose

Larson

Michael Lynch

Fara Maltese

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

Spiritual and Informative Session for Caregivers

Take time for yourself and experience spiritual renewal on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The Ministry to Caregivers of St. Joseph's Church, 34 Yorktown Rd, Hillsborough, is having a spiritual and informative morning for all Caregivers. If you care for a child, spouse, parent or at your workplace this session is for you. The morning will include a talk by Fr. Hank Hilton, "Stress Management for Caregivers" presented by Paula Rovinsky, RN, MA and complimentary lunch. To register contact: Carol (908) 369-7143



Weekly Offering... March 8, 2020

	Total: \$ 8,875.25	
Church Collection:		\$ 7,182.00
Online Offering:		\$ 1,645.25
Other		\$ 48.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

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Parish Events

Sunday, March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent

3:30 pm Holy Hour, hosted by the Oratory (C)

Monday, March 16

No School

St. Joseph Novena (C)

6:15 pm PREP (S) (SC)

7:30 pm Pro-Life Rosary [after 7:00 pm Mass] (C)

Tuesday, March 17

St. Joseph Novena (C)

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (CMR)

Wednesday, March 18

St. Joseph Novena (C)

5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper (SC)

7:30 pm Untold Blessing (CMR)

Thursday, March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph

Feast of St. Joseph (C)

12:00 pm Senior's Lunch Bunch (SC)

6:15 pm PREP (S) (SC)

Friday, March 20

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross [following 7pm Mass] (C)

[Ordination of Br. John Fredy Triana Beltran, 7pm, St. Joseph, Raritan]

Saturday, March 21

9:30 am Confession after Mass (C)

3:00 pm Confession (C)

3:15 pm Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (C)

4:00 pm Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend (C)

[Fr. Fredy's First Mass, 5pm at Holy Trinity Church, Bradley Gardens]

Sunday, March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend (C)

11:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting (CMR)

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

UNPLANNED

Unplanned, the movie at 7pm on Monday, March 23
in Church Meeting Room

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Congratulation to Brother Fredy

On Saturday March 20th is the Ordination of Br. John Fredy Triana Beltran at 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Church in Raritan. Congratulations Brother Fredy!! He will celebrate his first Mass on Saturday at 5:00pm at Holy Trinity Church in Bridgewater.

Somerville Catholic Young Adults

Somerville Catholic Young Adults is a community of young adults in their 20's and 30's striving to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. The goal is to be centered around Christ and prayer. With a long term goal of turning hearts back to Christ. This is accomplished through regular bible studies, fellowship, service and prayer. It is tough to follow Christ and practice one's faith alone, come and see!

Email: SVCatholicYA@gmail.com

Facebook: Somerville NJ Catholic Young Adults

Chrism Mass: April 6, 2020, 4:00 pm



Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing.

Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom - which we now call the Chrism Mass - in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries!

The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism;

The Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick;

Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass.

Senior Citizen Lunch Bunch March 19th

The Senior Citizen Lunch Bunch is on March 19th from 12:00pm-1:00pm in the St. Ann School Cafeteria. Come and enjoy soup, sandwiches and fellowship with our 7th and 8th grade students. Please call the school office if you would like to attend at

(908) 725-7787 or email Michelle Basilone at lazyg72@gmail.com.



Lenten Soup Supper - Come and Enjoy

Come join us for a simple meal while strengthening the bond of faith and friendship with others at St. Ann's Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, **March 18th in St. Ann School's Cafeteria. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.** Dinner on March 18th will include: Potato leek soup, Irish soda bread, salad and cupcakes. The Lenten Soup Suppers will continue each Wednesday during Lent. There is no fee for this event.

