

Saint Ann Church

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PARISH OF ST. ANN

We, the parishioners of St. Ann Church of Black Rock, Bridgeport, are called by God through the Holy Spirit and our Savior Jesus Christ, to praise, love and worship God through the celebration of the Sacraments and especially the Eucharist. Under the patronage of our beloved St. Ann, Mother of Mary and Grandmother of Jesus, we hope with deep humility to be a loving, caring, giving and forgiving community in the service of all whom we touch in our daily lives. Guided by the teaching of Our Lord found in the Good News and in the traditions of the Church, we strive to be a Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love, and a Harbor of Peace.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 AM
Sunday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM
Holy Day Vigil: 4:00 PM
Holy Day Schedule: 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:00-3:45 PM
15 minutes prior to all daily & Sunday Masses,
and/or by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of each month from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance. A Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course is required. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

BAPTISMS

By appointment. 1st time parents must attend our pre-baptismal program. Call the Parish Office to schedule.

FAITH FORMATION

To register for Faith Formation classes, please contact our Coordinator of Religious Education, Ms. Martindale.

HOSPITALIZED AND HOME BOUND

The priests of St. Ann Church are happy to visit any parishioner who is in the hospital or who is confined to home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

PRAYER TRADITION AFTER MASS: *It has been a long-standing tradition of St. Ann Parish to kneel after the closing hymn (before leaving the church) and to offer three Hail Marys: one Hail Mary is said for yourself; one Hail Mary is said for the person present in the church who is most in need; and one Hail Mary is said for the parishioner most in need. May God bless us as we continue to pray for one another.*

PARISH STAFF

Phone 368-1607

Rev. Peter J. Towsley, Pastor ext. 102
Mrs. Theresa Tillinger, Principal 334-5856
Ms. Regina Martindale, CRE ext. 101
Ruth Anne Parker, Music Director
Mark Tillinger, Finance Council Chairperson
Maureen Pelletier & Jim Brewster, Lay Trustees

PARISH HOURS

The Parish Offices are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Parish Offices are closed on Holy Days and Civic Holidays.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Old Navy Youth Group: Sunday 6:00 PM
Senior Meeting: Monday, 12:00 PM (Convent)
Men's Group Monday, 7:30 PM
Bible Study Tuesday, 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Cub Scouts: Wednesday, 6:00 PM
Boy Scouts: Wednesday, 7:30 PM
Public School Religious Ed.: Wednesday, 4:30 PM
Men's Bible Study: Saturday, 6:30 AM

PARISH CALENDAR

Visit us at www.StAnnBlackRock.com for more information on events and activities in our parish.

PARISH RENTAL

Our parish center and gymnasium are available for rental. Call the Parish Center for more information.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Many families benefit from your generosity to the Food Pantry. Our contributions of non-perishable foods, are brought to both St. Stephen's Food Pantry and Black Rock Food Pantry. Please bring your donations to the vestibule of the Church each week.



Liturgy of the Hours
(Part two of two)

Each of the "Hours" has a particular character, e.g. compline has a slightly penitential character, reflecting on the day and calling on God's mercy and can easily incorporate an examination of conscience; accordingly, they have different structural elements:

- Psalms -- the staple element of the Liturgy of the Hours is the Psalter; these are said in all "Hours" and over a particular period -- in the older Breviary one week, and now, post Vatican II, over four weeks;
- Scriptural readings -- each "Hour" has scriptural readings, some quite small (in the case of the minor, midday, Hours between lauds and vespers), some extensive (matins could contain anywhere from three readings upwards, and nowadays contains two lengthy passages);
- Gospel Canticles -- the modern arrangement of the Psalter includes certain canticles from the Prophets, Revelation, etc., but the three Canticles of note are the Benedictus/Zecharias' song of thanksgiving on the birth of his son, St John Baptist, the Magnifica, (Mary's "yes" to God at the Annunciation), and the Nunc Dimittis, (Simeon's heart-rending thanks to God on the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple), featuring in Morning Prayer (lauds), Evening Prayer (vespers), and Night Prayer (compline) respectively;
- Intercessions -- since Vatican II, both Morning and Evening Prayer have contained intercessions -- and Responsories -- both of these echo the pre-Vatican II preces;
- The Our Father -- along with Mass, the Our Father is also said at the conclusion of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, providing a threefold sanctification of the day; and
- A Concluding Prayer.

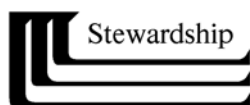
In addition to the rhythm of a four-week Psalter, the Liturgy of the Hours, like Mass, also changes according to the liturgical year and the calendar of the Saints.

Questions? Email AskFather@StAnnBlackRock.com

STEWARDSHIP

God will give back to us. The lad who gave his loaves and fishes did not have to go without his dinner.

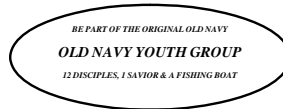
OFFERTORY



Regular Weekly Offertory 02/14/10	\$	5,001.00
LAST YEAR	\$	4,349.00

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES

High School Ministry



Old Navy High School Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, February 21.**

Convivio High School Congress

Convivio Congress for high school students will be held at Sacred Heart University March 12, 13, and 14. For more information visit, www.convivio.org/connecticut.

Faith Formation



Weekly Faith Formation Classes for Public School students
Wednesdays, at 4:30 p.m.
February Reconciliation Classes:
February 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Liturgy



Upcoming Dates (all are at 9:30 a.m.):
Sunday, February 28
Sunday, March 14



The youth of our Parish collected monetary donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring on the weekend of February 6-7 at Stop & Shop. They collected \$211.50! That amount was donated to Sean Forrest's Movin' With the Spirit (www.MWTS.org) Haitian mission.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Men's Ministry

THAT MAN IS YOU – Mondays at 7:30 p.m.
BOOK OF REVELATION – Saturdays at 6:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning Feb. 16. We will meet on 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, and 4/27.

Weekly Lenten Activities

Confessions every Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. beginning 2/23. Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 1:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

PARISH NEWS

Adult Catechists & Catechist Helpers Needed

Catechists and/or catechist helpers are needed for First Communion and First Reconciliation. Classes meet eight times on Saturday mornings (2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15) from 9 to 11 a.m. Lesson plans and training are provided. Catechist/helper's children do not have to pay the Faith Formation registration fees. All adults assisting in the program must have attended a Protecting God's Children Virtus Awareness class and have authorized a background check. Please contact Regina in the parish office at (203) 368-1607 extension 101 for more information or to volunteer (RMartindale@StAnnBlackRock.com). Please help educate our youngest parishioners in their faith!

Flemish Illumination in the Era of Catherine of Cloves January 22 through May 2 (by Janet Shostak)



A beautiful and most interesting exhibit is now on display at the Morgan Library in New York City (36th and Madison). "The Hours of Catherine of Cloves" is an illustrated manuscript of separate pages containing the prayers that Catherine would say each day. The hand-drawn illuminations are all about the life of Christ. They are miniatures, striking in their detail and beauty. It is worth a trip or stop

when in NYC as it's just a few short blocks from Grand Central.

Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings

Our parish nurses will conduct blood pressure screenings after all Masses this weekend, February 20-21.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Katherine Fredericks who has been named to the Honor Roll at Luralton for the second quarter.

Save the Date!

Save some time on June 5 and June 6 for the school's Vines and Vignettes event. More details will be coming. In the meantime, visit the website, www.vinesandvignettes.com.

For Your Information

Parish Finance Council meets on March 1 at 7:00 p.m. Please note that any interested parishioners are invited to attend Finance Council, Liturgy Committee, Children's Liturgy Committee, Parish Council, and Vision Committee meetings. They are all open forums. Meeting dates and times are published in the calendar section of the bulletin and are also on the calendar page of our website.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAINT ANN

At the summer festivals over the years, some 20 automobiles were raffled off. "The rapid growth of the parish focused attention on the development of a new church. Much credit for the success of this annual summer event must be given to the direction of Stephen Roach and the many parishioners who even helped construct the stands used at these festivals."

(Commemorative Book 1952)

Please submit your memories about St. Ann's

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Lenten Confession Campaign

Today's first reading is a "Eucharistic Confession," a confession of thanksgiving. Throughout our lives, but it seems to be more prevalent during Lent, we are called to focus our attention on the sacrifice Christ has made for our redemption. We prepare for Easter through Lenten observances of additional prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. There are also additional opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Tuesday, February 23 begins the Lenten Confession Campaign in our Diocese. Pope Benedict says that "Lent is an especially favorable season to meditate on the reality of sin in the light of God's infinite mercy, which the Sacrament of Penance expresses in its loftiest form." Every Tuesday every parish in the Diocese will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for you. Let us echo the words of St. Paul from today's second reading: "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

Natural Family Planning

Sessions at St. Rose of Lima in Newtown on Feb. 26, March 26, & Apr. 23. from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. NFP is knowledge of one's fertility and a call to celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality. For more info. . please contact Al & Adrienne Keogler at a.keogler@att.net or (203) 270-9544. For more info. about NFP, or to register online, please visit the Couple to Couple League Int'l at www.ccli.org.

High School Junior & Senior Boys

Consider adding St. John Fisher Seminary to your list of college visits. For more info and to schedule your visit, please contact Father Robert Kinnally at 203-416-1513 or e-mail vocations@HearTheCall.org.

Shadow Days at Luralton Hall

Luralton invites all 7th grade girls to spend a day as a shadow student between March 8 and April 23. For more info., call the Admissions Office at (203) 877-2786 ext. 144.

REFLECTION – YEAR OF THE PRIEST



**"Our prayer is an incense which God receives
with extreme pleasure."**

from Thoughts of the Curé D'Ars

St. Ann Parish Prayer Line

Beginning this Sunday evening, our Prayer Line rep. is **Stuart Sachs @ 332-0053**. Calls are welcome anytime but preferred between 5:00 & 6:00 PM.

Memorial and Building Fund



Mass is said monthly for all members. Contact the Rectory to enroll a loved one.

Seven Day Vigil Candle



This week our candle burns for: Donations can be made at the Rectory **Victims of the Haitian Earthquake**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Our parish website always has the most up-to-date meeting information. Visit <http://www.stannblackrock.com/calendar.html>

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	2/21	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Mon.	2/22	7:30 p.m.	Men's Group
Tues.	2/23	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Week 2 of 10)
Tues.	2/23	5:30 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting
Tues.	2/23	7:00 p.m.	Confessions (until 9 p.m.)
Tues.	2/23	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Week 2 of 10)
Wed.	2/24	4:30 p.m.	Public School Religious Ed.
Wed.	2/24	7:00 p.m.	Lobster Fest. Planning Meeting
Thur.	2/25	7:30 p.m.	Bpt. Parish Leaders @ Cath. Ctr.
Fri.	2/26	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	2/27	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sat.	2/27	9:00 a.m.	First Reconciliation Class
Sat.	2/27	Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings after	
Sun.	2/28	all Masses	

Altar Linens Schedule

Feb. 21: Christine Macken Feb. 28: Pam Barnum

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Date/Time	Lector	Extraord. Minister	Extraord. Minister	Altar Servers
2/27 4:00	Cuddihy	Mester	Mester	Team 5
2/28 8:00	Blagys	Patrignelli	Roach	Team 6
2/28 9:30	Casey	Casey	Cooney	Team 1
2/28 11:00	Lee	Lee	Duffy	Team 2

Note: This is the original schedule. If you have swapped with someone else, the office would not be aware of the change



SAT. FEB. 20	VIGIL, 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 PM	Members of the Memorial Fund
SUN. FEB. 21	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 AM	Christiane Lafontant
9:30 AM	Coleman, Maguire & Gannon Families by Cecelia Coleman
11:00 AM	Peggy McCabe by Regina Martindale
MON. FEB. 22	THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER
8:00 AM	Success of the Lenten Confession Campaign
TUE. FEB. 23	SAINT POLYCARP
8:00 AM	Margaret Rose Matyi by Estate
WED. FEB. 24	LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	John & Theresa Matyi by Margaret Rose Matyi
THU. FEB. 25	LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	Rose Matyi Phillips by Margaret Rose Matyi
FRI. FEB. 26	LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	St. Ann Parishioners, Living & Deceased
SAT. FEB. 27	LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	Cecelie Gallagher by Mona Dennehy
SAT. FEB. 27	VIGIL, 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 PM	Deanna Kelly by Bob Kelly
SUN. FEB. 28	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 AM	Angelo Manzo by Jacqueline Piccirillo
9:30 AM	Dan & Margaret McCarthy by Family
11:00 AM	Walter Sych by Anna Gurrieri



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010

Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36