

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

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday, 9:00 AM – 5 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 PM; 15 minutes prior to all Masses, and/or by appointment.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office to schedule. A Diocesan Marriage Preparation Class is required for Marriage. First-time parents must attend our pre-baptismal program

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.

PARISH HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

Phone 368-1607

Rev. Peter J. Towsley, Pastor ext. 102

Rev. John Paul Long, Visiting Priest

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Visit www.StAnnBlackRock.com for more info.

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

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 RENTAL

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

PARISH BEQUESTS

Please consider remembering the Parish and School in your will.

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.

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.*



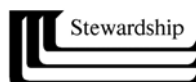
This past weekend we read the Gospel of the Transfiguration, Christ showed that everything must center on Him to be of right service to humanity. Moses, representing the law and social order, defers to Him, as does Elijah, representing the intellect and spiritual order. The Church recounts this in Lent, because Jesus revealed His glory in preparation for the Crucifixion. Christ's glory sheds light on His three temptations in the wilderness. Satan tested Him to see if He would succumb to the deceits of secularism (turning stones to bread, as though matter were the only thing that really matters) and power (control of governments in exchange for cooperating with evil) and fantasy (attaining celebrity by flouting the laws of nature).

The Catholic Church is, as Pope John Paul II said, "expert in humanity." Satan's chief enemy is the Church, for this is Christ alive in the world. From hard experience the Church knows the temptations of secularism (reducing Christianity to philanthropic humanism), clericalism (bartering supernatural grace for social power) and subjectivism (living in a parallel universe contemptuous of moral reality).

To succumb to these temptations is to die, both personally and institutionally. The latest figures show that those denominations that surrendered to "the spirit of the age" are vanishing. At the same time, the Catholic Church continues to grow. In the most recently recorded year, 2007 to 2008, the number of Catholics worldwide increased by 19 million people. Priests increased from 405,178 to 409,166. Seminarians increased from 115,919 to 117,024. In the early nineteenth century, Tocqueville predicted that, one day, the only options in the United States would be Catholicism and unbelief. In the early twentieth century, Chesterton said that "every man would end up either in utter pessimistic skepticism or as a member of the Catholic creed." In a famous vision, St. John Bosco saw little boats tying up with the Barque of Peter. This September, the Successor of Peter will speak in Westminster Hall on the very spot where St. Thomas More was sentenced to death (and eternal glory) for defending the papacy. This is not a time for self-satisfaction. It is a summons to Lenten penance for our own subtle dalliances with temptations against the Faith, in the hope that we may respond more faithfully to the work of saving so

Questions? Email AskFather@StAnnBlackRock.com

OFFERTORY

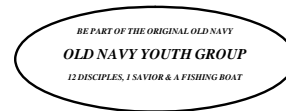


Regular Weekly Offertory 02/28/10	\$	4,173.00
LAST YEAR	\$	4,266.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES

High School Ministry



Old Navy High School Youth Group **will meet on Sunday, March 7.**

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.
March Reconciliation Classes:
March 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Liturgy



Upcoming Dates (all are at 9:30 a.m.):
Sunday, March 14
Sunday, April 25

Bits & Bytes for Youth

Ever wonder what your peers are thinking about their faith? Visit the Faith on the Quad page at the Catholic News Agency at <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/> for thoughtful commentary from teens and young adults. An excerpt from a recent column follows:

Have you ever had one of those days where nothing goes right? Where your words come out all wrong, you mess up everything you try to accomplish, and whatever you touch seems to crumble in your hands? Days like this can make it easy to get discouraged.

Christ tells us that we must be childlike if we are to follow him (Matthew 18:3, 19:14). I have often heard this explained as meaning that we must acknowledge our dependence on our Heavenly Father and abandon ourselves with complete trust to His holy will. But my experience teaching 6 year olds at Faith Formation has shown me another aspect of what it means to be childlike - the perseverance of a first grader who is determined to finish his art project. This childlike perseverance in the face of frustration is a quality we should seek to imitate, remembering that God loves our sincere effort, even when we offer Him a less-than-perfect product.

Lent is a time when we focus on repentance and turning away from sin. This involves recognizing and reflecting on our many failures. Yet Lent is meant to be a time of hope, not despair. This Lent, let us face our sins and failures with courage and the resolve to improve. Let us not get discouraged by setbacks and shortcomings, but instead embrace an attitude of childlike perseverance, continuing to do better while remembering God's perfect love for his imperfect children

ADULT MINISTRIES**Men's Ministry**

THAT MAN IS YOU – Will meet on March 8.

BOOK OF REVELATION – Saturdays at 6:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. 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.

PARISH NEWS**Parish Committee Meetings**

Children's Liturgy Cmte. meets on March 11 at 7:15 p.m.

Parish Council meets on March 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Liturgy Committee meets on March 23 at 5:30 p.m.

All 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 on our website.

Weekly Lenten Activities**Confession**

Tuesdays, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

15 minutes prior to each Mass

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 1:15 p.m. (with the school) and 7:00 p.m.

Living Stations of the Cross, March 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Weekly Food Donations for the Black Rock Food Pantry

3/6 & 3/7: 1 box of dry cereal or

1 box of instant hot cereal

3/13 & 3/14: 16 oz. bottle of cooking oil or

10 oz. jar of spaghetti sauce

Extraordinary Ministers, Homebound, Lectors

Thank you for your selfless service to our parish. The Liturgical Minister schedule from April through August, 2010 is complete. If you haven't already done so, please stop in the sacristy and pick up your copy. It is also posted on the parish website for your convenience.

St. Ann School Living Stations and Fish Fry

Our Junior High students will present the Living Stations of the Cross on March 26 at 6:00 p.m. This replaces the Stations at 7 p.m. that evening. The school is hosting a fund-raising Fish-Fry Dinner after the Living Stations. Please consider joining us for both. For more info., call the school office at (203) 334-5856.

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAINT ANN

"Many are the memories connected with the basement church of St. Ann's. In it many of our parishioners were baptized, received their First Communion and Confirmation. Many, too, were married in this structure. For others it holds a lasting memory, because from it were buried members of their families." (*Commemorative Book* 1952) Thanks to the foresight and careful planning of Fr. Ford, the basement church became the parish hall and later the foundation of the present St. Ann School.

Please share your memories about St. Ann's

AROUND THE DIOCESE**Lenten Confession Campaign**

The theme for this Sunday's readings is a need for ongoing reform. The Lenten season is a time of paying renewed attention to our growth as individuals. Ongoing reform can also be considered a conversion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is often referred to as the sacrament of conversion. Conversion is a response of being loved by God. In this conversion we realize that it is through God's love that we are saved. Through Confession one can receive this grace from God. Our Holy Father teaches us that "the Lenten season reminds us that in our Christian life we must always aspire to conversion and that when we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently the desire for Gospel perfection is kept alive in believers."

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.

Diocesan Celebration of Marriage Anniversaries

Bishop Lori will celebrate a Mass commemorating significant marriage anniversaries at St. Theresa Church, Trumbull, on April 25, at 3:00 p.m. Couples who have or will be celebrating (between January-June) one of the following anniversaries-15TH, 20TH, 25TH, 30TH, 35TH, 40TH, 45TH, 50TH & 50 PLUS YEARS-are invited to participate with family and friends. Interested couples should register with the parish office by April 12.

Adult Confirmation

Are you a practicing Catholic over the age of 18 who has not been Confirmed? On Pentecost Sunday, May 23 at 3:30 p.m., the Diocesan celebration of Confirmation for Adults will be celebrated at Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport. For more info., contact Gina Donnarummo at the Diocesan Office for Pastoral Services at (203) 416-1446.

**REFLECTION – YEAR OF THE PRIEST**

"His death was the price of one dance."

from Thoughts of the Curé D'Ars

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Ann Parish Prayer Line

Beginning this Sunday evening, our Prayer Line rep. is **Jim Casey @ 203-367-0066**. 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
May Connery
At the request of:
Her Sister, Anne Baker



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.	3/7	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Mon.	3/8	7:00 p.m.	Men's Group
Tues.	3/9	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Tues.	3/9	7:00 p.m.	Confessions (until 9 p.m.)
Wed.	3/10	4:30 p.m.	Public School Religious Ed.
Thurs.	3/11	7:15 p.m.	Children's Liturgy Committee
Fri.	3/12	1:15 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Fri.	3/12	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	3/13	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study

Altar Linens Schedule

March 7: Ida Hunter March 14: Mary Casey

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Date/Time	Lector	Extraord. Minister	Extraord. Minister	Altar Servers
3/13 4:00	Brown	Mester	Raytar	Team 1
3/14 8:00	Blagys	Shostak	Shostak	Team 2
3/14 9:30	Lyddy	Tatarynowicz	Verespie	Team 3
3/14 11:00	Hunter	Leyden	Leyden	Team 4

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



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3



SAT. MAR. 6	LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	St. Ann Parishioners, Living and Deceased
SAT. MAR. 6	VIGIL, 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 PM	Carl C. Raytar by Family
SUN. MAR. 7	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 AM	St. Ann Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:30 AM	Barbara Crisanti by McCarthy Family
11:00 AM	Walter Sych by MaryAnn Sych
MON. MAR. 8	SAINT JOHN OF GOD
8:00 AM	Helen Bodetka Malloy by Fr. Peter
TUE. MAR. 9	SAINT FRANCES OF ROME
8:00 AM	Catherine Stewart by Michael Duffy & Family
WED. MAR. 10	LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	Catherine Banfield by Petreycik Family
THU. MAR. 11	LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	Thomas Travers by Fr. Peter
FRI. MAR. 12	LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	Veronica Daddario (Living) by St. Ann Parish
SAT. MAR. 13	LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	William Lavin by Jim & Mary Casey
SAT. MAR. 13	VIGIL, 4th SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 PM	Mary Oleynick by Joann & Shirley Manzo
SUN. MAR. 14	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 AM	Deborah Riffard by Lydia Barrieau
9:30 AM	Sally Merly by Joan & Mert Pruzinsky
11:00 AM	Walter Sych by Linda DeProfio

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
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:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32