

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. Summer Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 and Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

PARISH STAFF

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
Lyn Nagel, Music Director ext. 110
Mark Tillinger, Finance Council Chairperson
Maureen Pelletier & Jim Brewster, Lay Trustees

Phone 368-1607

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.

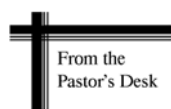
PARISH BEQUESTS

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.*



Addressing some 10,000 priests in Rome last week Cardinal Joachim Meisner, archbishop of Cologne, affirmed that just as the "Church must always be reformed", so bishops and priests "must always be reformed". In the meditation before Mass, he said that priests, like St. Paul on the way to Damascus, "must fall off their horse again, to fall into the arms of the merciful God."

"It is not enough in our pastoral work to correct only the structures of our Church so that it is more attractive. It isn't enough! What is lacking is a change of heart, of my heart," he stressed. "Only a converted Paul was able to change the world, not an engineer of ecclesiastical structures," the cardinal clarified. Cardinal Meisner said that "one of the most tragic losses" the Church suffered in the second half of the 20th century was "the loss of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of reconciliation." The lack of participation in this sacrament "is at the root of many evils in the life of the Church and in the life of the priest," he contended. "When Christian faithful ask me: 'How can we help our priests?' I always respond: 'Go to confession with them.'" According to the German cardinal, "whenever a priest stops hearing confession, he becomes a religious social agent" and "falls into a grave crisis of identity." "A priest who is not found frequently on one side or the other of the confessional's grille, suffers permanent damages to his soul and his mission," the cardinal declared. "

A confessional where a priest is present, in an empty church, is the most important symbol of God's patience, [God] who waits." In the confessional, the cardinal continued, "the priest can cast a glance at the hearts of many persons, and from there arise motivations, encouragement, aspirations for his own following of Christ." Confession, "allows us to access a life in which one can only think of God," he said. "To go to confession means to begin to believe again, and at the same time to discover that up to now we have not trusted in God in a sufficiently profound way and that, for this reason, we must ask forgiveness." He concluded, one finds in this sacrament "the merciful Father with his most precious gifts, that is, his commitment, forgiveness and grace."

Questions? Email AskFather@StAnnBlackRock.com

OFFERTORY

Regular Weekly Offertory 07/18/10	\$	6,186.00
LAST YEAR	\$	4,318.00
Co-Op Mission Sunday	\$	721.00
LAST YEAR	\$	\$818.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember that though you may travel and worship in other churches this summer, our need for your financial support continues. Please consider using our automatic withdrawal program to simplify your giving. Forms are available on our website or through the Parish Office

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES

High School Ministry



Old Navy High School Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, July 25.**

Faith Formation



Registration forms for fall 2010 are included in our bulletin and are available on our website. **ALL FORMS DUE AUGUST 1**

Six Flags/Jeremy Camp Trip

Teens between the ages of 14 and 18 are invited to join the Old Navy Youth Group on a trip to Six Flags in Agawam, MA on Saturday, August 7. Buses will leave St. Ann at 8:00 AM and return at approximately 11:30 PM. \$30 cost includes Bus, Park Admission, and tickets to see Jeremy Camp perform. All payments and permission forms were due by July 13. Those 18 and older must have attended a Protecting God's Children/Virtus Awareness Class.



Youth Group Can & Bottle Drive

Gather your cans and bottles together and bring them here to the Saint Ann Gym on Saturday, July 31 between 10:00 and 2:00. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to offset our Old Navy Youth Group activities.

Altar Server Commissioning



Please join us on Sunday, Aug. 8 at the 9:30 AM Liturgy as we formally welcome the newest members to our Altar Server Ministry. Alyssa Adintori, Maggie Buckley, Andrew Cartwright, Mary Collins, and Nicole Kerstetter have all agreed to serve our parish in that capacity. All parishioners are invited to join us as they are commissioned.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Men's Ministry

THAT MAN IS YOU –See you in September!
SALVATION HISTORY –See you in September!

PARISH NEWS

Saint Ann SummerFest



Our annual LobsterFest has “morphed” into the new and improved “SummerFest.” The Fest will be August 28 from noon to 10:00 PM on the St. Mark’s grounds. There will be a dunking booth, games, music (DJ & Live band), and entertainment for both adults and kids (batting cage, dunking tank, Bouncy-bounce). Adult advance ticket sales will begin next week. Surf (lobster) or turf (steak) advance tickets are \$20.00; surf and turf advance tickets are \$30. Next meeting is July 28 at 7:00 PM. Many helping hands will be needed so please join us at the meeting.

Father Patrick Sawie

We are pleased to let you know that Father Patrick will be joining us for two months beginning August 2.



Music Ministry

Adult Choir Update

Beginning Thursday, July 29 at 7:00 PM, our Adult Choir will begin rehearsing weekly in preparation for serving as Music Ministers at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass beginning Sept. 12. Please see Lyn after Mass for more information.

Parish Children’s Choir Update

Beginning Thursday, September 9 at 4:00 PM, weekly rehearsals for the Parish Children’s Choir will begin. The Children’s Choir will serve as Music Ministers at the 4:00 PM Saturday Masses. All children of the parish are invited to participate.



Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim

Thank you to all those who helped set-up, serve, and clean-up for our celebration of the feast day of our patroness, Saint Ann. It is true that many hands make light work!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Reflection on Today’s Readings

People have lots of prayers that they would like answered. Whether it is petitions written into the Book of Intercessions at church, requests made of a priest or a friend, entreaties offered to God before bed, or appeals made in the midst of a crisis, we are always looking for an answer. Sometimes we pray knowing what we want, like a child sitting on Santa's lap with a list of Christmas toys. And many times we pray with the expectation that God will see things our way and give us what we ask for.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about prayer. Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is a little different from Matthew's, but it is essentially the same. In Jesus' methodology, prayer starts with praising God (hallowed be your name) and then asks God to do what God wants (your kingdom come). Only then does prayer move on to posing our requests for God's consideration (give us each day our daily bread). And finally we ask for God's help (forgive us our sins). The Lord's Prayer became so much a part of Christian praying that the Fathers of the Church (early Christian writers like St. Augustine, St. Gregory, and St. Leo the Great) recommended that if a person couldn't remember any other prayer (like a psalm) he or she should just pray the Lord's Prayer instead.

The method of prayer that Jesus lays out for his disciples includes one final aspect—one that we like to forget. Luke's version puts it this way, "for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us." More commonly we say, "as we forgive those who trespass against us." Are we ready to have God act that way toward us? Do we really want God to treat us the way we treat others? That is the challenge, if we continue to pray the Lord's Prayer day after day.

Thomas Merton Center

The Thomas Merton Center in Bridgeport needs toiletries—shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, (trial sizes preferred), for their guests.

Education for Parish Service (EPS)

Adults interested in learning more about our Catholic faith are encouraged to consider the EPS program offered in conjunction with Trinity College. Classes are conducted locally in Norwalk and tuition is very modest and based on one's ability to contribute. Visit <http://eps.trinitydc.edu/#> and select “Connecticut” for more information.

Bibles for Prison Outreach

The Prison Outreach ministry is in desperate need of Bibles for the prison. If you can either donate copies of Catholic Bibles or make contributions toward bulk purchases, please deliver them to the Catholic Center at 238 Jewett Ave. or email the office at: frseraphim@ccfc-ct.org

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Ann Parish Prayer Line

Beginning this Sunday evening, our Prayer Line rep. is **Betsy Ross @ 203-333-3488**. 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.

Gery Habansky
by
The Siciliano Family

Seven Day Vigil Candle



This week our candle burns for:
Donations can be made at the Rectory



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.	7/25	6:00 PM	Youth Group
Wed.	7/28	7:00 PM	SummerFest Meeting
Sat.	7/31	10 AM-2 PM	Youth Group Can/Bottle Drive Fundraiser
Sun.	8/01	6:00 PM	Youth Group

Altar Linens Schedule

July 25: Mary Casey Aug 1: Pam Barnum

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Date/Time	Lector	Extraord. Minister	Extraord. Minister	Altar Servers
7/31 4:00	DeVita	Neudeck	Raytar	Team 5
8/01 8:00	Ross	McCaffrey	Patrignelli	Team 6
8/01 9:30	Lyddy	Cooney	Tatarynowicz	Team 1
8/01 11:00	Leyden	Bouchard	Leyden	Team 2

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



"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread." - Lk 11:1b-3



SAT. JULY 24 8:00 AM	SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF Angelo Butturini by Fr. Peter
SAT. JULY 24 4:00 PM	VIGIL, 17TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME Rita & Gerard Vaughan by Louise Cuddihy
SUN. JULY 25 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Angelo Manzo by Jacqueline Piccirillo James McCarthy by Family Eric Ohlin by Therese, Doreen, Erica, & Danielle
MON. JULY 26 8:00 AM	SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE Gery Habansky by Henrich Family
TUE. JULY 27 8:00 AM	WEEKDAY Ferguson Family Intentions by Teri & Mary Brown
WED. JULY 28 8:00 AM	WEEKDAY Saint Ann Parishioners
THU. JULY 29 8:00 AM	SAINT MARTHA Lucy Gianna Newport (Living) by Calcutt Family
FRI. JULY 30 8:00 AM	SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS Adrienne Keogler (Living) by Fr. Peter
SAT. JULY 31 8:00 AM	SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA Benedict Salerno by Fr. Peter
SAT. JULY 31 4:00 PM	VIGIL, 18TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME Deanna Kelly by Bob Kelly
SUN. AUG. 1 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Charles Czerpak by Fr. Peter Elizabeth Swanson by the Boland Family Walter Sych by Mary Ann Sych

The 2011 Mass Book is open for Mass Intentions Please note that to be fair to all, no more than 5 Mass intentions may be made by any one parishioner at this time.

Readings for the Week of July 25, 2010

Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation Class Registration Form (please PRINT)

Family's Last Name: _____ First Names (Parents): _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____

_____ Cell Phones: (_____) _____ (_____) _____

Mothers
Maiden Name: _____ Emerg. Phone: (_____) _____

Custodial Parent: _____ Email _____

Rel Ed Mailing Address _____ Parish You are Registered At: _____
(if different from above)

Both Parents Catholic? Y N _____

Child #1 – Name (Last, First) Birthdate Gender Grade in Sept. School Registering For:

Public School _____ Sac. Prep _____

Sacraments Already Received: Baptism Catholic? Date/Church: _____ Reconciliation Date/Church: _____
Sacraments Already Received: Eucharist Date/Church: _____ Confirmation Date/Church: _____

(Please include a copy of sacramental certificate including parish name where received with completed registration)

Special Needs (Medical, allergies, learning/physical disabilities): _____

Child #2 – Name (Last, First) Birthdate Gender Grade in Sept. School Registering For:

Public School _____ Sac. Prep _____

Sacraments Already Received: Baptism Catholic? Date/Church: _____ Reconciliation Date/Church: _____
Sacraments Already Received: Eucharist Date/Church: _____ Confirmation Date/Church: _____

(Please include a copy of sacramental certificate including parish name where received with completed registration)

Special Needs (Medical, allergies, learning/physical disabilities): _____

Child #3 – Name (Last, First) Birthdate Gender Grade in Sept. School Registering For:

Public School _____ Sac. Prep _____

Sacraments Already Received: Baptism Catholic? Date/Church: _____ Reconciliation Date/Church: _____
Sacraments Already Received: Eucharist Date/Church: _____ Confirmation Date/Church: _____

(Please include a copy of sacramental certificate including parish name where received with completed registration)

Special Needs (Medical, allergies, learning/physical disabilities): _____

Child #4 – Name (Last, First) Birthdate Gender Grade in Sept. School Registering For:

Public School _____ Sac. Prep _____

Sacraments Already Received: Baptism Catholic? Date/Church: _____ Reconciliation Date/Church: _____
Sacraments Already Received: Eucharist Date/Church: _____ Confirmation Date/Church: _____

(Please include a copy of sacramental certificate including parish name where received with completed registration)

Special Needs (Medical, allergies, learning/physical disabilities): _____

NOTES

The Catholic Church believes that parents are the primary faith educators of our children.
Faithful attendance at Sunday Mass nourishes your child's faith and fosters a greater relationship with God,
as well as creates a sense of belonging to our larger faith community.
Attendance at Sunday Mass is a base requirement for our Faith Formation Program.

WHO REGISTERS FOR WHAT?

Public School children should register for weekly Faith Formation (Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30)
All children in grades 2, 7, & 8 should also register for Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation)
Class Dates/Times and Tuition/Fees are on the back of this form.

2010-2011

St. Ann Faith Formation Calendar

PLEASE NOTE THAT ATTENDANCE AT PARENT MEETINGS and MASS are REQUIRED!

CONFIRMATION

Classes on Saturday 9 - 11 AM

Classes begin September 25

PARENT MEETING 6:30 9/15.

See "C" on calendar for dates

Service Hours are required.

Make-up classes on Weds at 6:00

If you miss a Saturday class, you are required to attend the Make-up (max of two per year).

DECEMBER

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FIRST RECONCILIATION

Classes on Saturday 9 - 11:15 AM

Class dates 3/5, 3/12, 3/19

Reconciliation 3/26 9 AM

See "R" on calendar for dates

Parent Meeting 3/12, 9 AM

1st Recon./1st Comm. Mandatory Parent Meeting Feb. 2, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Shaded areas indicate school is not in session-no classes

IMPORTANT NOTES

Public School Religious Ed

Classes on Wed at 4:30

Classes begin September 29

Parent Mtg/Registration 9/15 5:30

If date has an X, no class

Last class is May 18.

No classes on shaded days.

NOVEMBER

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FIRST EUCHARIST

Classes on Saturday 9 - 11:15 AM

Class dates 4/2, 4/9, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14

First Communion 5/15, 11 AM

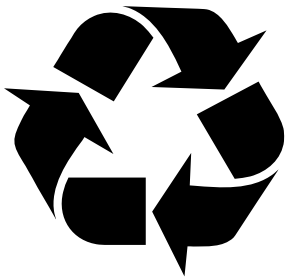
May Crowning, 5/1, 11 AM

See "E" on calendar for dates

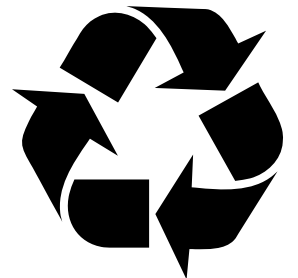
Parent Meeting 4/9, 9 AM

Sat. July 31

Can & Bottle



Drive



**Saint Ann
Parish Ctr. (Gym)**

10 - 2 PM

***Old Navy
Youth Group
Fund Raiser***