

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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Mass Schedule:

Daily: Monday-Friday: 7:00am & 7:00pm; Saturday: 9:00am

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12 Noon

Confession:

Saturday: 9:30am - 10:00am & 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Baptism:

First Sunday of the month at the Noon Mass, as well as the second, third and fourth Sunday at 1:30pm. Instruction for new parents takes place on the second Saturday of the month at 10am. Arrangements are made with the rectory, 908-725-1008.

Marriages:

The common policy of marriage requires that arrangements be made at least **One Year** before the date of marriage and before any social plans are made. Bride or Groom must be a parishioner. Please do not make any arrangements until you have met with the pastor, Msgr. Corona, and the wedding date has been approved.

Ministry to the Sick:

Parishioners who are homebound are visited on the first Friday of each month by our Deacons & Religious. If you know of a parishioner that is seriously ill or hospitalized, please call the parish office.

Lazarus Ministry:

Lazarus Ministry contacts and helps families of deceased parishioners. Providing greeters at funeral liturgies, preparing meals and house sitting are several ways parishioners assist families. Also, a Mass of Remembrance is held every November for those deceased that year.

Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Corona, PA, KCHS, Pastor

Rev. John J. Werner, Parochial Vicar

Deacon John R. Pacifico, Permanent Deacon

Deacon Conrad Paulus, Permanent Deacon

Sr. Dolores Toscano, M.P.F., Superior / Pastoral Associate

Sr. Mary Klersey, M.P.F., Principal

Sr. Phyllis Vella, M.P.F., Director of Religious Education

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we the Catholic Parish of St. Ann embrace all as family & continue Christ's mission by exemplifying the love of God & neighbor as stewards of God's gifts to us.

Sponsors & Godparents:

Must be 18 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 or a Godparent for Baptism. It takes **6 months** of attending Mass to be eligible for both of these privileges.

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP):

Grades 1-8 Monday 6:15pm to 7:30pm

Grades 1-7 Thursday 6:15pm to 7:30pm

Special Needs PREP - Grades 1-8 Tuesday, 6pm-7pm

For more information and Registration packet, please call Sr. Phyllis in the Parish Office at 908-725-1008.

Parish Registration:

Any new family who has moved into the parish, or adult children 18 and over, are invited to register at our parish after any Sunday Mass or visit the rectory 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. Also, please notify us if you move.

St. Ann School Registration - Pre-K to 8th grade:

Our dedicated and experienced faculty are committed to providing a quality education focused on Faith, Family and Community. Call us at 908-725-7787 for more information, to visit our school or to register your child(ren).

Like us on Facebook:

We are excited to announce that we now have a Facebook page for the Church, which will include important information concerning activities and special dates. Please LIKE us at "The Catholic Church of St. Ann - Raritan, NJ."

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Can we ever fully understand the ins and outs of another person's job? We may think we know how simple the job in question is. However, there may be many aspects of any job that are known only to the person who does it. For example, many people (especially those outside the Church) think that priests have an easy life, only working one day a week, apart, maybe, from at Christmas and Easter. One priest responded to this accusation by saying, "You're right, we do have an easy life. Isn't it amazing that more people are not clamouring to become priests?" That is a line that makes people stop and think.

It is fair to say that many people don't understand the lives of priests, or religious Sisters or Brothers. It is also fair to say that priests, Sisters and Brothers cannot *fully* explain their lives to others as, fundamentally, God directs their lives. A strange thing to say, but it is true nonetheless. It is God who makes the first move, and those who choose ordination or religious life follow. Those who are married may find it hard to explain why they married their spouse out of all the people in the world--it's a difficult, if not impossible thing to do. So we are all in the same boat really; trying fully to explain things doesn't always help.

Laying down his life for the sheep is the manner in which the Lord shows how much he loves us. Trying to explain this is a difficult thing to do but worth it, if we are to know the love of the Lord. To be the good shepherd is not in any way a simple or foolish thing. To be the good shepherd demands a lot of discipline and an awful lot of patience and perseverance. The discipline is required when one has to keep guard of the flock, making sure no predator enters the fold, and ensuring none of the flock strays. The patience comes into play when the good shepherd has to watch patiently when the sheep are slow to follow instructions, no matter how simple they may be. The perseverance is in recognising that the sheep need care and attention, day in and day out. The good shepherd cannot throw in the towel when the job gets boring.

Another thing about the good shepherd, which many people forget or just don't think about, is the fact that sheep smell. We may like to imagine a sheepfold containing a lovely group of immaculately white woolly creatures, all staying close to the shepherd. It is a nice image but far from the truth. Pope Francis told us that the clergy should "take on the smell of the sheep". The lot of the good shepherd is perhaps not as glamorous as it first appears, but nonetheless it is a noble vocation, one that the sheep rely on. The Lord is truly our good shepherd. Can we really appreciate what the Lord does for us? If we can begin to understand how a shepherd has a deep care for the sheep, and the trouble that goes with the job, we can begin to appreciate the Lord's deep love for us, even when we, like sheep, go astray.

We are the Lord's beloved flock. We can sit with that image and enjoy knowing that the Lord is keeping a protective watch over us. However, the Church is asking something more from us today. Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Church is asking us to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray for the people who have given their lives to follow this vocation: the priests, the deacons, the religious men and women. Our prayer for them can simply be a prayer of thanksgiving, thanking God for their dedication and service. Let us pray also for those people who are exploring the idea of priesthood or religious life. Let our prayer for them be that they may have the courage to hear the voice of God, quietly but definitely calling, and then to follow it. Let us pray, too, for ourselves as a parish family. Let our prayer be that we will always be ready to hear the quiet voice of the Lord, the good shepherd, and follow him. Praying for vocations is a good and holy thing to do. If you need a prayer for vocations, check out the back of the Hymnal.

May God always be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael



Our Scripture Lessons remind us:

*...that being the good shepherd is not as glamorous as it seems;
discipline, patience and perseverance are required;*

*...that we should question ourselves: "Do we really appreciate
what the good shepherd does for us?";*

...and that we should pray every day and especially today for vocations.

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

7am Rev. Msgr. Anthony Gambino by Msgr. Corona
7pm Helen & Anthony, II DeMaio by sister, Nancy

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015

7am Anne Dunovan by Sr. Dolores Toscano
7pm John Palijo by Marilyn & Ray Alonso

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015

7am Francesco Fusca by Maria & Paul Fusca
7pm Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015

7am Msgr. James M. Cafone by The Faculty of St. Ann School
7pm Victor Ascensao by wife, Anna

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015

7am Bettina Gasparro by Isabella Ruffa
9am Filomena & Giuseppe Natale by daughter & family
7pm Joseph & Eva Giaquinto by daughter, JoAnn

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015

9am Peter & Rose Russo and Sam & Sara Spera by son, Joe
4pm Orazio Guadagno by wife, Caterina

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

7:30am People of the Parish
9am Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
10:30am Guiseppe Greco by Rosina Greco
12 noon Pasquale Grande by Angela & family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, May 2, 2015

4pm **Altar Servers:** Mariana Arango, Julia Harvis & Carmen Stangota
Reader: Carol Werner
Eucharistic Ministers: John Lamaestra and Jim Werner

SUNDAY, May 3, 2015

7:30am **Altar Servers:** Alexa Marsh and Lia Rodriguez
Reader: Carly Rodriguez
Eucharistic Ministers: Carmine Iovine and Frank Kerr

9am **Altar Servers:** Angelina Basilone, Amanda Sullivan and Sal Wiecewski
Reader: Stephanie Kedziora
Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Dolores Toscano and Theresa Walakonis

10:30am **Altar Servers:** Damian Barczewski, Allie Myslinski and Nikki Tardiff
Reader: Dianne Bautista
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lou Cirianni & Maria DeLucia

12 noon **Altar Servers:** Logan Christ, Morgan Hill and Damian Searchwell
Reader: Silvia Sorace
Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Mele and Grace Rygiel

THIS WEEK OF APRIL 26-MAY 2, 2015 WE REMEMBER AND HONOR



ALTAR CANDLE 1 & 2 V **MARY EDNA HOSTLER** V

Requested by Mary & Tom Tornosciolo

ST. JOSEPH LAMP V **BILLY SMITH** V

Requested by Mike & Kathy Faccone

BLESSED MOTHER SANCTUARY LAMP V **VITO & ANGELO BAVARO** V

Requested by Lia Ruffa & Family



PRAYER LIST



Pat Adamo	Teresa Galaini	Yolanda Polidoro
David Alves	Anthony Gambino	Teresa Riga
Luzmanda Anthony	Madison Gara	Frank Ratkowski
Patrick Bliss	Elizabeth Gecik	Cosette Ruh
Michael Brennan	Eleanor Giraldi	Bill Salerno
Chester Butkiewicz	Leonard Grasso, Sr.	Marianne San Filippo
Joanmarie Carlone	Ruth Gulick	Josephine Sapp
Albert Charles	Melanie Heim	Phyllis Serafin
Bruno Cirianni	James Holmes	Raffaella Simonetti
Frances D'Angelo	Doris Kelco	Mary Shalanger
Michele D'Angelo	Joseph Kowalski	Dave Snedegar
Angela DeFina	Bernadette Laggini	Frank & Lucille Sudano
Joseph DeLucia	Barbara Langon	Dolores Talamini
Mary Ann De Maio	MaryAnn Mangiaracina	Eva Terlizzi
Ann Descoteau	Rosalie Marrone	Tommarie Tibaldi
Raymond Descoteau	Giovanna Martini	Anthony Tomaro
Maria M. Desiderio	Louis Mattei	Gianna Torgrimsen
Theresa DiBetta	Victoria Melitsky	Joseph Torlish
Lydia DiGiuseppantonio	Pauline Mengak	Carolyn Trepiccio
Mike Faccone	Jack Merwin	Marie Vale
Carmela Fasano	Brenda Mracek	Allison Valverde
Mary & Richard Felice	Nancy Natale	Maria Varvaro
Patrick Ferrara	Adelino Nunes	Richard Vetack
Maria Fusca	Margaret O'Donnell	Barbara Viola
	Olga Orlando	Vincent Viscariello
	Frances Peebles	Carmella Vitale
	Carol Pepere-Occiato	Emily Vokes
	John Petsko	Lisa Yoder
	P.G.	

READINGS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2015

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6 or, for the memorial,
Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 26, 2015 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

OUR MILITARY

Let Us Remember...In our prayers, the men and women serving in our Nation's Armed Forces.

May God bless them & keep them safe.

Major Michael A. De Cicco, *U.S. Army*
Victor Dulay, Jr., *U.S. Marine Corps*
LCpl. Matthew John,
U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Gavin John, *U.S. Marine Corps*
CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.
Major Michael Morella, *U.S. Army*
Sgt. Dan Neville, *U.S. Marine Corps*
SPC Keith Ressa, *U.S. Army*



PFC Daniel J. Salvo, *U.S. Marine Corps*
Corporal Jonathan Schultes,
U.S. Marine Corps
Major Louis P. Simon,
U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Jerome C. Sunga, *U.S. Army*
Jack Vara, *U.S. Marine Corps*

Pray for the souls of those who have given their lives in service to our country.

(Please advise the Parish Office if your family member's military status or rank has changed, or if a name should be included, so we may update our list).

ST. ANN SCHOOL WISH LIST



St. Ann School is in need of \$250 towards **NURSING SUPPLIES**. If you are able to donate, please contact St. Ann Parish at 908-725-1008.

St. Ann School is **now** in **IMMEDIATE NEED** of an **INDUSTRIAL FREEZER** for our cafeteria kitchen.



If you are able to donate towards this important endeavor, please contact the rectory at 908-725-1008.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Total: \$10,423.54

Easter Running Total:	\$25,973.00
Envelope Offerings:	\$ 7,574.50
Net Charge Offerings:	\$ 2,282.04
Loose Offering:	\$ 567.00
Poor Box:	\$166.09

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

"...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" Luke 12:34

ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. Ann's offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online Church contributions!

- Log onto www.stannparish.com, then scroll down, and click on St. Ann Parish Online Donation System.
- You will be connected to a secure site where you may enter your information.

Thank you for your continued support!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

We are in need of **MEN'S DARK BLUE JEANS** size 32 waist 31 length. Would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Christine at 908-725-1008.

PARISHIONER VISITOR NEEDED

We are in need of **hospital visitors** at Robert Wood Johnson University Somerset in Somerville. You will be assigned with another visitor and scheduled one time per month. Being a good listener is the only skill required. Our visitors have brightened the day for many people for the last 30 years.

Call Christine Esposito at 908-725-1008, if you are interested or want more information.

Put your time and talents to work for the Lord.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

We have two college students in need of summer internships. One is for **ARCHITECTURE** and the other is in **ACCOUNTING**.

If you know of anyone in these fields, please contact Christine at the Rectory at 908-725-1008.

CATECHISTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



St. Ann PREP (a.k.a. CCD)

Help is definitely needed! What are you waiting for?

Come join the band of faith sharers and become a catechist!

It's fantastically fun and faith filled. We cannot do His work without YOU! Still auditioning for catechists in our PREP Program for Grades 1-8. Please consider the ministry!



Call 908-725-1008 or email pvella@stannparish.com for more information.

ST. ANN 2015 FESTA

June 24 - June 27



At this time, we are looking for **Sponsorships, Donations and Marketing/Outreach Volunteers** to have a successful Festa. Also, we are in need of **bakers** for our cake wheel.



Our SUPER 50/50 is now available for purchase in the Rectory office.



If you are interested please contact Donna at the Rectory Office, 908-725-1008 x113, or email her at dbontempo@stannparish.com.



Our next FESTA MEETING will be Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 PM in the Rectory Conference Room.

BOX TOPS



Please cut all your **Box Tops** to help support St. Ann School.

Submit them to the School or Rectory Office

2015-2016 PREP PROGRAM (a.k.a. CCD)



Families are encouraged to register their children for our PREP Program (a.k.a. CCD) to catch the early Registration fee:

PREP - Registration for Grades 1-8

During the month of May: Monday/Thursday (not on Memorial Day) 6:30-7 PM. Enter through the front door of St. Ann School.

May through August: in Parish Office during Parish Office hours.

After June 30th, Registrations mailed will have an additional late fee applied, due to additional costs in adjusting the needed materials for that family.

Checkout the Parish website: [www/stannparish.com](http://www.stannparish.com) under the Faith Formation/Religious Education Tab for more information or contact Sr. Phyllis at 908-725-1008.

Please consider offering your time and talent to serve your parish community by being a volunteer catechist. You will be fulfilling an important ministry in the Church by participating in spreading the Good News and handing on the treasures of the Catholic Faith. Our children's faith and lives are depending on you.

SCRIP - GIFT CARDS

Help St. Ann Parish to help you by purchasing **Scrip Gift Cards** from us for making your purchases at stores and shopping on the internet. We receive a percentage of total sales in return. No extra cost to you. This helps to reduce costs.



Scrip Gift Cards are always available for purchase at St. Ann School or the Rectory.

Scrip Weekly Form is available at: www.stannparish.com/churchsite/

ST. ANN SCHOOL GOLF OUTING

Fox Hollow Golf Club

59 Fox Chase Run; Branchburg, NJ
<http://www.foxhollowgc.com/>



Monday,
May 11, 2014

- ◆ Registration & Breakfast: 7:30 AM
- ◆ Shotgun Start: 9 AM
- ◆ Lunch ~ Cocktails: 2 PM
- ◆ Awards ~ Silent Auction: 2:30 PM

\$160 per golfer (part of a foursome-\$150)

For more information call 908-725-7787 or at www.stannparish.com/schoolsite/Fundraiser.html

BINGO

EVERY SUNDAY at 7 PM & TUESDAY at 7:30 PM

BONUS BALL

Doors open 1-1/2 hours prior to game time.



ST. ANN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Thank you to Randazzo's Pastry Shop who so generously donates pastries to our Bingo games.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 26, 2015 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

Earth Day was celebrated this week. The children enjoyed an assembly prepared by Mrs. Maccia and the 7th grade.

I was struck by how blessed we are here at St. Ann's. The grounds are beautiful. The tulips are swaying in the breeze. The grass is lush and green. The sky is a glorious blue. The air is fresh and healthy.

Our children are strong and happy. They partake of the good things of the Lord. We fill them body and soul with the best of foods through Eucharist, daily scripture, good example, and inspiration.

We have been blessed over and over again by the Lord. You are part of that blessing. Some of you are part of the very history and fabric of the school as alumnus. Others work tirelessly on many service projects. Financial support, support of our fundraisers, and spiritual support are all part of your care of our school and our children.

As we thanked God for the gift of the Earth, we also thank Him for each of you. I encourage you to continue the support of our children. God our loving Father keeps a watchful eye out for these little ones. He is proud of them and recognizes those who are kind to them. Be assured of His thanks and blessings.

May God continue to smile upon you and bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal



ST. ANN SCHOOL ALUMNI

50th Anniversary of St. Ann School

Let's celebrate together!

If you are a graduate or know of any alumni to St. Ann School in the past fifty years, please contact the Parish Office at 908-725-1008 or email Donna at dbontempo@stannparish.com to ensure that at least one graduate from each year is represented to form this committee to coordinate and organize the various events for the year celebration.



**Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 PM, there will be a
St. Ann's School 50th Anniversary Reunion meeting
at the Rectory Dining Room.**

Anyone who is interested, please RSVP to Donna at 908-725-1008.

OUR PARISH WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015

Mass: 7:30am + 9am + 10:30am + 12N
Columbiette Bake Sale &
Membership Drive (after all Masses)
1-4pm: Pre-Cana (SC)
1:15-1:45pm: Jr. Youth Group
Meeting (CMR)
1:45-2:30pm: Jr. Youth Group
Meeting (CMR)
7pm: Bingo (SC)

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm
NO PREP CLASSES
7:30pm: KOC Social Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm
6-7pm: Special Needs PREP (S)
7:30pm: Bingo (SC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm
4:30-5:30pm: 1st Communion
Practice -Group 1 (C)
5-8:30pm: Choir Practice (CL)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm
NO PREP CLASSES
7:30pm: Festa Meeting (RCR)
7:30-9pm: RCIA class (CMR)

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015

Daily Mass: 7am, 9am and 7pm
8pm: Santo Nino Novena (CMR)

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015

Daily Mass: 9am Vigil Mass: 4pm
CONFESSIONS: 9:30am & 3pm
Food Drive

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

Mass: 7:30am + 9am + 10:30am + 12N
Food Drive
9am: Rosary Altar Society
Communion Mass
12N Mass: 1st Communion -
Group 1 (C) & (SC)
7pm: Bingo (SC)

ST. ANN SCHOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM

St. Ann School has a recycling program. We will receive money from TerraCycle for recycling certain items.

RECYCLING ITEMS

Aluminum & Plastic Drink Pouch such as Capri Sun & Honest Kids (with straw)

Entenmann's Little Bits Pouch

Go-Go's Applesauce Pouch

Energy Bar Wrappers

Inkjet & Toner Cartridge: Only with copper electronic nozzle strips.

Personal Care & Beauty: Shampoo & conditioner bottles & caps, gel tubes & caps, hair spray bottles & triggers. Shaving foam tubes (no cans). Toothpaste, toothbrush, floss container. Deodorant

Skin Care: Lip balm tubes, face, body & hand soaps & lotions bottles & tubes.

Cosmetic Packaging: Lipstick/gloss, eye shadow, bronzer, powder, eyeliner, or concealer cases or tubes. Lip or eye liner.

Plastic Tape Dispensers & Cores

Brita pitchers, bottles, filters, faucet filtration system & dispensers.

Bottle Caps



**Lets keep items out of our landfills for the
future of our children's environment.**

Bring your recycling items to our school.