

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” He said in reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, “Lord, help me.” — Mt 15:22, 24-25

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

PASTORAL TEAM

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

Rev. John J. Werner, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. James Cafone, S.T.D., Weekend Clergy

Deacon John R. Pacifico, Permanent Deacon

Deacon Conrad Paulus, Permanent Deacon

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SUMMER Office hours: Monday - Thursday
:9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Monday, August 18, 2014—Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

7am John Duffy, r/o Nick & Margaret Caputo

7pm Edward P. Kmiecinski, r/o CB Radio Ch.39 Friends

Tuesday, August 19, 2014—St. John Eudes, Priest

7am Gregorio Curello, r/o Isabelle Ruffa

7pm Millie Konkus, r/o John & Carol Petronella

Wednesday, August 20, 2014—St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

7am Sr. Angelina Toscano, r/o Sister Dolores

7pm Jane F. & Margaret Callaghan, r/o Margaret O'Donnell

Thursday, August 21, 2014—Saint Pius X, Pope

7am Francisca Sunga, r/o Fely Sunga

7pm Harry Anderson, r/o Trish Miller

Friday, August 22, 2014—

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7am Robert Anderson, r/o Trish

7pm Frank Mattei, r/o Pina & Family

Saturday, August 23, 2014—Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

9am Joseph & Eva Giaquinto, r/o daughter, JoAnn

4pm William J. Callaghan, r/o Margaret O'Donnell

Sunday, August 24, 2014—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Rocco & Carmella Carra, r/o daughter Millie & Family

10:30am Domenico Grande, r/o Caterina Grande

12 Noon Elisabetta & Francesco D'Angelo, r/o Son & Family

Please Pray for the sick of our parish

Victoria Andrews	Anthony Gambino	Fortunato Riga
Luzmanda Anthony	Elizabeth Gecik	Teresa Riga
Bernadette Bavoso	Eleanor Giraldo	Cosette Ruh
Michael Brennan	Roberta Grillo	Anthony Sacino
Chester Butkiewicz	Ruth Gulick	Marianne San Filippo
Jimmy Canavan	James Holmes	Nancy Schiavi
Joanmarie Carlone	Doris Kelco	Mary Shallenberger
Jaden Chambers	Andrezej Knopka	Phyllis Serafin
Albert Charles	Bernadette Laggini	David Snedegar
Kathy Ciociola	Barbara Langon	Frank & Lucille Sudano
Dominic Comandol	Edward Locasio	Dolores Talamini
Susan Cunningham	Marie Locasio	Anthony Tomaro
Frances D'Angelo	Rosalie Marrone	Tommarie Tibaldi
Michele D'Angelo	Giovanna Martini	Carolyn Trepiccio
Angela DeFina	Kathy McCormack	Marie Vale
Mary Ann De Maio	Patricia McGuire	Allison Valverde
Ann Descoteau	Victoria Melitsky	Richard Vetack
Theresa DiBetta	Anna Moretti	Vincent Viscariello
Lydia Digiusepantonio	Nancy Natale	Carmella Vitale
Alyssa Eubanks	Ava Rose Navarro	Joan Wirzman
Mike Faccione	Margaret O'Donnell	Lisa Yoder
Carmela Fasano	Thomas Orecchio	Carissa Zingariello
Mary & Richard Felice	Olga Orlando	
JoAnn Felty	Gary Pieretti	
Sharon Fisahn	John Petsko	
Maria Fusca	Yolanda Polidoro	
Teresa Galaini	Frank Ratkowski	



BINGO AT ST. ANN'S

Every Sunday & Tuesday Nights
St. Ann School
(Air Conditioned) Cafeteria

Sunday's Doors Open at 5:30 pm—Games Start at 7pm
Tuesday's Doors Open at 6 pm—Games Start at 7:30 pm

HOT FOOD, DESSERTS, COFFEE & TEA AVAILABLE

Proceeds from Bingo Support School Programs
Must be at least 21 years of age to Play

IN MEMORY OF...

For the week of August 17th, requests in memory have been offered for:

Saint Joseph Lamp

Len & Barbara Ogren

Requested by Phil & Nancy



Blessed Mother Sanctuary Lamp

Special Intention

Requested by Antonia Marshall

Tabernacle Lamp

Anna Carra

Requested by Sr. Dolores Toscano

Altar Flowers / Altar Candles #1 & #2
No Requests

Remember a loved one or offer a Special Intention (Birthday, Sacrament, Graduation, Anniversary, etc.) by having flowers or candles memorialized each week. Call the Rectory for available dates and we will coordinate the request with the florist.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The small French town of Bussy-Saint-Georges, just twenty miles from Paris, has been put on the map by its mayor. Over the past two decades, a tiny hamlet centered around a 400-year-old Catholic chapel, has mushroomed into a town of 25,000 people, with a big immigrant community and many religious needs. What has drawn international interest is that the mayor, Hugues Rondeau, has developed a religious district in the new town. He has pressed Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and other faiths to create an “Esplanade of the Religions”, which will include houses of worship for each of the faiths, side by side. Despite France having a totally secular public sector, the new places of worship are built on land sold by the State. Rondeau spent years urging the government to sell the parcels of land to religious groups.

So, at the edge of town, Bussy-Saint-Georges already has a new Catholic church, and the construction is under way of a mosque, a synagogue, a Laotian Buddhist pagoda and an enormous Taiwanese Buddhist temple. “I’ve had some bad ideas in my career”, says Rondeau, “but on this one, I think I had a good idea.”

Contact and willingness to dialogue across cultural and religious divides is a message from today’s Gospel Lesson. The Canaanite woman crosses the boundaries that separate the Holy Land from the lands of the Gentiles. In addition, despite not being Jewish, she is one of only two people in the Gospel of Matthew that Jesus commends for their faith.

Jesus has left Galilee and is walking through the pagan region around the townships of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman, who has a daughter with an uncontrollable condition at home, recognises him and calls to him. Jesus ignores her, saying that he has been sent to the Jews alone, but she persists. Then Jesus says something you might not expect from him: “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.” But the woman retorts immediately that “even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table”. In other words, she suggests that both Jews and pagans are fed by the same God. Jesus clearly approves of her speaking about the whole of humanity as one family of God. He heals her daughter.

It is significant that the Canaanite woman publicly acknowledges Jesus’ identity even before the disciples have done so. She appears to accept that Jesus’ mission is to Israel first, but believes Jesus serves others too. Jesus responds to such striking faith. This unnamed woman dismantles the dividing wall of intolerance between Jews and Gentiles, and Jesus rewards her for it.

The belief that God’s blessings are limited to people of certain nationalities or cultures has been around for a very long time. Such a belief was very much alive in the society in which Jesus grew up. It is not clear whether he really believed it himself or whether he wanted to expose it and correct its false claims. Every people and culture has a handful of such prejudices and myths---from the myth that only one particular race or nation can possibly be loved by God; from the myth of the superiority of men over women to that of the superiority of Western cultures. We are today invited to expose such myths and correct their false and exaggerated claims.

The first thing the Canaanite woman teaches us, in our Christian vocation to reconcile all humankind to God, is courage. Her audacity and her refusal to take no for an answer finally paid off and we may remember this in our work for the common good. We can have the courage not to be afraid to challenge prejudice and elitism. God can use us to bring justice and healing to all of his disadvantaged daughters and sons all over the world. The second thing we can learn from this woman is the power of persuasion and dialogue. When Jesus spoke to her in language that demeaned her people, she did not retaliate in anger but kept her eyes on the goal of her mission, which was to show that even non-Jews are entitled to God’s blessing in Christ. Her gentle retort causes Jesus to rethink his response to her request. She is a model of non-violence.

In your charity, pray for the sick and the lonely—visit them if you can. Please remember to pray for all who have wandered from the Faith and all who have died. Also, pray for the souls of all the faithful departed of our Parish Family.

May God *always* be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael

Our Scripture Lessons remind us:

....that Jesus allows the Canaanite woman to see his mission going beyond the Jews, to Gentiles as well;

....that Jesus listens to her and rewards her by curing her daughter;

....and that we can learn courage and techniques for non-violent confrontation from the Canaanite woman, whom Jesus describes as a woman of great faith.

...May God always be pleased with us. Amen!

17 AUGUST, 2014 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR WEEK OF August 17th, 2014

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Devotions:

Rosary - Prayed after daily morning Mass
Scripture Study - Offered periodically
Santo Nino Novena - First Friday at 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Novena - March
St. Rita Novena - May
St. Rocco Novena - June
St. Maria Goretti Novena - June/July
St. Ann Novena - July



ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER OF ST. ANN CHURCH? You may not be!!!

No MATTER HOW OLD YOU ARE OR HOW LONG YOU HAVE ATTENDED MASS HERE, YOU MAY SHOW UP AS A CHILD ON YOUR PARENT'S REGISTRATION OR NOT SHOW UP AT ALL!!! WE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR YOU TO REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL SO YOU CAN RECEIVE MAILINGS FROM US. PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE TO FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM; THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IF YOU WISH TO BE A SPONSOR FOR CONFIRMATION OR GODPARENT, ARE GETTING MARRIED, OR WISH TO BAPTIZE YOUR BABY.

OUR MILITARY

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

Major Michael A. De Cicco, U.S. Army
LCpl William A. De Santis, U.S. Marine Corps.
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. Salva, U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal Jonathan Schultes, US Marine Corps
Major Louis P. Simon, U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Jerome C. Sunga, US Army
Jack Vara, U.S. Marine Corps



May God bless them & keep them safe. 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)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week #6	\$11,731.54
Weekly Budget Needs	\$16,000.00
Weekly Deficit	(\$4,268.46)
Deficit since 7/1/14	(\$34,293.50)

Poor Box: \$71.13

*Thank you for your generosity to our parish.
"...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"*

ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. Ann's offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online Church contributions! Log onto www.stannparish.com, 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!

SUMMER ENVELOPES

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out of town on vacation this summer. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here.

If God calls you, call us!

Religious Teachers Filippini

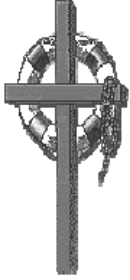
www.filippiniusa.org
www.filippinivocations.com

Continuing the ministry of Jesus the Teacher

*Are you being called to share your life in love and service as a consecrated woman in religious life as a Sister?
Are you willing to allow the Lord to consecrate your gifts, talents, and enthusiasm for life to Him, the Beloved?
Are you passionately in love with Jesus Christ?
If you have questions or are curious about the prayer, ministry and community life of the
Religious Teachers Filippini*

Contact Sister Shirlee stbernadette@gmail.com
917-349-7935 Facebook = Filippini Vocations

Retrouvaille - A lifeline for troubled marriages



Thinking about Separation or Divorce? You Can Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone?
Are you frustrated or angry with each other?
Do you argue.....or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen, to help couples through difficult times in their marriages. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

For confidential information about the September program beginning with a weekend on September 26-28, call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1900 x 1624 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

To Register: Call Tom & Pat McTague (evenings) at 732-583-4468 or call Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 (days)

SOCIAL MINISTRY

*Thank you for the great response for the lady's bike. We have a **second request, this time for a man's bike.** If you have a man's bike to donate, please let us know.*

Families in need are requesting Summer and Size 8 Fall Boy's clothes and Girls clothes size Jr. (Medium)
Please contact Christine in the Rectory office at 908-725-1008 for drop off information.

LAZARUS FUNERAL MINISTRY

***Its not what you think...* Interested persons and those who have already signed up are invited to join Father John for an Informational Meeting about the formation of the Lazarus Funeral Ministry at St. Ann Church Wednesday, August 27, 2014**

**BIBLE CLASSES FOR MATURING ADULTS 55+
BRING YOUR BIBLE**

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE OUR STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT BY FOCUSING OUR ATTENTION ON THE HISTORICAL BOOKS BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

WINNIE KLIMEK, M.A., PRESENTER
8 SESSIONS - FEE: \$5.00 PER SESSION

**BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17,
2014 10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM
ST. JOHN NEUMANN PASTORAL CENTER
146 METLARS LANE
PISCATAWAY, NJ**

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FAMILY LIFE OFFICE/DIOCESE OF METUCHEN.

TO REGISTER CALL (732) 562-1990 x 1624 OR PRINT OUT A REGISTRATION FORM -
[HTTP://IOMETUCHEN.ORG/OFFICES-AND-MINISTRIES/PASTORAL-LIFE/FAMILY-LIFE](http://IOMETUCHEN.ORG/OFFICES-AND-MINISTRIES/PASTORAL-LIFE/FAMILY-LIFE)

SCROLL DOWN TO ENRICHMENT SECTION
AND CLICK ON
"BIBLE STUDY FOR MATURING ADULTS."

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Any adult who would like to pursue the Sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation or would like to learn more about the Catholic church are invited to take part in our RCIA process.



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults welcomes all adults who want to become members of the Catholic Church, as well as baptized Catholics who have never received their First Communion or Confirmation and are interested in coming into full participation in the Catholic faith.

All are welcome to "Inquiry Night" on Thursday, September 25 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room or contact Deacon John @ 908.722.3137

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,



Since my secretary is on vacation, I have had the pleasure of taking care of sorting the mail. It has been a delightful experience. Besides the usual junk mail and bills we all receive, a few postcards arrive every day.

The postcards are from our students. Many are colorful pictures of fun filled vacation spots all over the United States. Some are even from out of the country! They are all written by the hand of a child. The little ones put forth their best printing and our older students have written in our traditional cursive writing form that many of you learned in your days in a Catholic school. The art of communication in the form of penmanship has not been lost in our school over the years.

I am most delighted with the postcards that come, not telling of vacation adventures but of how much a little one misses last year's teacher. Believe it or not, some talk about how bored a student is without us and how anxious he/she is for school to start up again. I think that is the true reason for summer vacation. It becomes a great motivator for the pursuit of all a Catholic education offers. Our students do miss friends, but they also miss the adults they mix with everyday. They miss the personal attention to body, mind, and soul. They miss the stimulation of the mind and their ability to pursue not just knowledge, but Christ.

Our enrollment continues to grow. We have currently enrolled more students than we had when the year ended in June. We still have room. Help us out by marketing our school to prospective students. If you do not know any young families, we have applications to the school in need of tuition assistance. With financial help, they will send their child or children to our school. Jesus would not want our schools to be just for the rich or middle class. He can be for all of us. As common wisdom echoes, "charity begins at home." The added benefit to you is that God is never outdone in generosity.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 17, 2014—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 7:30am / 9am / 10:30am / 12N

8am - Summer Blood Drive (CMR)

3pm - Mirra/Walczak Convalidation

Baby Gift Collection

BINGO - 7pm (School Cafeteria)

Monday, August 18, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Tuesday, August 19, 2014- St. John Eudes, Priest

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

BINGO 7:30 pm (SC))

Wednesday, August 20 2014- St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Thursday, August 21, 2014-Saint Pius X, Pope

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

7:45pm - FESTA Meeting (CMR)

Friday, August 22, 2014-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Mass at 7am 12Noon and 7pm

Saturday, August 23, 2014-Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

Daily Mass 9am / Vigil Mass: 4pm

Confessions: 9:30am to 10am and 3pm to 3:45pm

SILVER AND GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen.

Renew your marriage vows and receive a personalized certificate from Bishop G. Bootkoski at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Saturday, October 26, 2014 at 4:00 PM

Application forms may be secured by contacting the parish office or by logging onto the diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org

Deadline for registration is Monday, October 6th.

For more information call the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen 732.562.1900 x 1705

Faith Formation/Religious Education - PREP PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)—Gr. 1-8

Families are welcome to visit the Parish Office to obtain a PREP Registration Packet for the 2014-15 Program or visit our church website: www.stannparish.com under the Faith Formation/Religious Education tab for program details as well as a copy of the Registration Packet.

Contact Sr. Phyllis at pvella@stannparish.com or please call 908-725-1008 for further information.

putting
his faith
in
them



CATECHISTS/ VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time, talent?

Our Parish Religious Education Program, needs you!

Volunteers are needed for classes, catechists, aides, sacramental preparation, substitutes, office/resources and other areas. *You don't have to have children in the program to volunteer...* We encourage all adults to prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you. *All volunteers must be cleared through

the workshop Protecting God's Children—www.virtus.org—and will be provided guidance and support along the way.

If interested or wish to know more about volunteering, contact Sr. Phyllis at pvella@stannparish.com