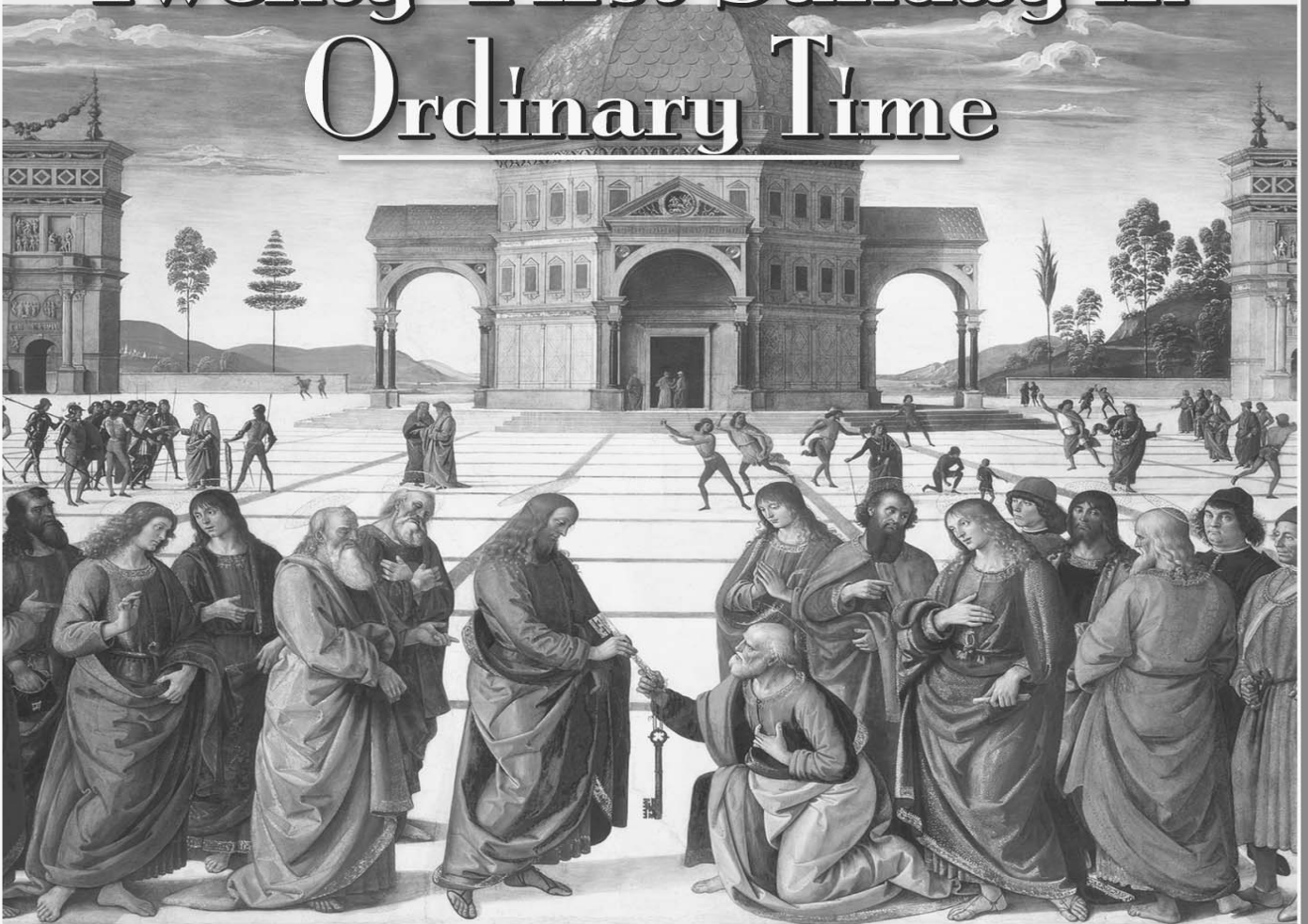


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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.”

— Mt 16:15-17

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24 AUGUST, 2014—TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

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:9:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Catechetical Sunday - September 14, 2014

is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday and the year focused on the theme, "Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness." **Those whom the community has designated to serve in parish ministries will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.**

**We, as a parish, will acknowledge these individuals at Mass on Catechetical Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 9:00am**

Readings: Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Mt 20:1-16a /  
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18



## *In Loving Memory*

For the week of August 24th, requests in memory have been offered for:

### Altar Candle #1

*Anthony Patente*

Request of Nicole & Erica Patente

### Altar Candle #2

*Anthony Patente*

Request of Michael & Dilette Patente

### Tabernacle Lamp

*Vincent Dellaperute*

Request of wife, JoAnn

### Saint Joseph Lamp

*Donato Confalone*

Request of Phil & Nancy

### Blessed Mother Sanctuary Lamp

*Salvatore Gagliardi*

Request of Teresa Ciurleo

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.



**Monday, August 25, 2014—Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time**

7am Linus Leinenbach, r/o Donna Bontempo

7pm Celina Lucienne Paillant-Dumfries, r/o Searchwell Family

**Tuesday, August 26, 2014**

7am Nick Cicero, r/o Bob & Pat Ronca

7pm Howard Condo, Jr., r/o Esther

**Wednesday, August 27, 2014- St. Monica**

7am Angelina Tarangelo, r/o Family

7pm Special Intention, r/o Mary Shallanberger

**Thursday, August 28, 2014-Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7am Grazia Ruffa, r/o Anna & Freddie Ritorto

7pm Jim Boxmeyer, r/o Meliza Plata

**Friday, August 29 2014-The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

7am David J. McCready, r/o Claire Cicalese

7pm Joseph & Peter Czock, r/o Theresa

**Saturday, August 30, 2014**

9am Marie Tanangelo, r/o Family

10:15am Memorial Mass for Salvatore Laurito, r/o Maria Laurito

4pm Arthur Kelly, r/o Margaret O'Donnell

**Sunday, August 31, 2014**

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am William Hale, r/o Cathy & Rick Stevens

10:30am Harry Stevens, r/o Paul & Toni Stevens

12 Noon Filippina, Pasquale & Domenico Grande, r/o Sister & Family

## Please Pray for the sick of our parish

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Recently in Reader's Digest, I read that all cats are experts at meditation. No animal can meditate like a cat. Dogs don't usually bother but a cat can sit for hours in deep thought. Though we have little if any understanding of what goes on within the mind of a cat, T.S. Eliot, in his poem "The Naming of Cats", stirs the imagination with the idea that a cat in deep thought is meditating on his or her name. Not the name the cat has been given, but the name that already belongs to him or her and is known only to the cat: the cat's own "ineffable...deep and inscrutable singular Name."

If a cat's secret name is wrapped in mystery, even more enigmatic are the hidden names revealed by God in the scriptures. In Genesis, Hagar, the runaway slave girl of Abram's wife Sarai, is confronted by an angel in the wilderness and told that she will bear a son and name him Ishmael. Similarly mysterious is the foretelling of the birth of John the Baptist as recorded in St. Luke's Gospel when the Angel Gabriel appears to Zachariah and tells him that his wife Elizabeth "is to bear a son and you must name him John". After his birth, even though by then Zachariah cannot speak, having been struck dumb for his failure to believe the angel's message, Elizabeth insists that his name will be John; and this is met with astonishment because the gathered friends and neighbour's point out, "no one in your family has that name."

Most mysterious of all and running parallel in St. Luke's Gospel with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth is the account of the annunciation of the birth of Jesus. In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy the Angel Gabriel appears to Mary and tells her, "You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus." To Mary's question of how this can happen, since she is a virgin, the angel replies, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow."

In biblical thought, a name was so much a part of a person that any change of name meant that, in a sense, the person was changed. When Abram's name was changed by God to Abraham, and Jacob's name to Israel, their relationship with God was developed to a deeper level. Today's Gospel Lesson records an unparalleled change of name. When Jesus questions his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" their answers reflect the

common expectation that prophecy would be revived with the coming of the Messiah. But Jesus is seeking more than what others say about him and asks for a personal expression of faith: "But you, who do you say I am?" Simon responds on behalf of them all. Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, "the Son of the living God". This is not an answer that he has thought of by himself; he has been blessed with divine revelation. And now Jesus gives him a new name, Peter, meaning 'rock', and with this new name he has changed in that his relationship with the Lord moves to a deeper level. Christ gives the assurance that his Church, built on Peter, will prevail against the powers of death; and he then gives Peter specific authority and leadership.

Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, God says, "Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine." We are known to God by our name and God loves us with an everlasting love. Our baptism is celebrated in the name of the Holy Trinity and it is then that we are given our baptismal, or Christian name, becoming a "new creation". Our relationship with God is changed to a new and deeper level.

Through the gift of his new name, Peter's pre-eminence among the disciples was confirmed and he was entrusted with a new mission. Still he remained subject to temptation and weakness and in this we are not different. But Peter truly loved Christ and ultimately gave his life in imitation of the good shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep. In our times of temptation and weakness, may we always call upon Jesus whose name is above all other names.

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 names are revealed by God in mysterious ways. Because a name is an integral part of a person, a change of name can denote a change in the person's relationship with God.*

*...that Jesus gave Simon the name Peter, meaning 'rock'. Though Peter's relationship with Jesus was changed, he was not immune from human weakness.*

*...and that in baptism we are given a name and become a "new creation". In time of weakness we can call upon Jesus, the name above all other names.*

*...a question we should ask ourselves: Do we call upon Jesus when in need and do we thank him for his help?*

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

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## READINGS FOR WEEK OF August 24th, 2014

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20  
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

### 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 #7	\$8,657.00
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 16,000.00
Weekly Deficit	(\$7,343.00)
Deficit since 7/1/14	(\$41,636.50)

**Poor Box: \$186.00**

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](http://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](http://www.filippiniusa.org)  
[www.filippinivocations.com](http://www.filippinivocations.com)

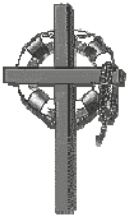
### Continuing the ministry of Jesus the Teacher

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*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](mailto: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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

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

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**

**When: Saturday, September 13, 2014**

**Where: Church Meeting Room**

**Time: Starting at 9am sharp - ending 3pm**

**Fees: \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members**

This is a 6 hour course and participants are to bring their own lunch. Coffee and snacks will be served.

Participants completing the course will receive a certificate. If applicable, the certificate can help reduce auto insurance premiums in most states. Participants are to check with their auto insurance for applicability.

**For more information and/or to pre-register, please contact Christine Esposito at (909) 725-1008 ext. 119**

**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**

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SCROLL DOWN TO ENRICHMENT SECTION AND CLICK ON

“BIBLE STUDY FOR MATURING ADULTS.”

**BUS TRIP**

Join St. Ann's bus trip to **RESORTS CASINO IN ATLANTIC CITY**



**THURSDAY, September 11** - Bus leaves at 9am from in front of the church. Please call Marge Corona, 908.725.1198

***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

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### SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

The most wonderful time of the year is coming! I knew you thought it was Christmas but it is the opening of our Catholic school year! It is here where children find purpose and meaning to their lives. It is here where they come to know Jesus. It is here where they are formed in His ways and prepared to confidently take their place in the world. It is here where the hope of our world glimmers.



The teachers have returned and are full of energy. The only time they smile more is in June. As I road the building checking on progress, I see then giving out books, making the room bright and cheerful, and printing name cards. Some are searching the interest for the perfect supplement to their lesson. Sour are rearranging their classrooms for a new look and feel. I found a cluster of teachers pouring over our Terra Nova test results talking about how best to proceed so as to meet the needs of all. Their genuine love of our school and our children is heartwarming. They give a powerful witness to faith. Watching them interact, it is obvious that this scripture verse is still pertinent, "see how these Christians love one another." That love is contagious and it is shared with our children. How blessed is St. Ann School!

This is a good time to arrange to come and meet a teacher or a group of teachers. This takes pressure and anxiety off the shoulders of children. Whether your children are enrolled in the school or you are still on the fence about the value of a Catholic education, this is a good time to call to see if the teacher is available and then to just come and get the lay of the land. Someone is always available to give you a tour and answer questions you may have. It is the warmth we share that attracts so many to our school. Once seeing, meeting, and experiencing the people who make up our school family, few families look elsewhere for a quality education.

Kelly Albright, our school secretary, is your first point of contact; she can be reached at 908.725.7787

Enjoy the last hurrah of summer.  
God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF  
Principal

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 24, 2014—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Bingo - 7:00pm (SC)

Monday, August 25, 2014- St. Louis; Saint Joseph

*Celesenz, Priest*

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting - 8:00pm (CMR)

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

H.S.A. - 6:30 pm (CMR)

BINGO 7:30 pm (SC)

Wednesday, August 27 2014-Saint Monica

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Lazarus Ministry Information Meeting - 7:30pm - (CMR)

Thursday, August 28, 2014-Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Friday, August 29, 2014-The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Saturday, August 30, 2014

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](http://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**

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his faith  
in them



LOOKING FOR FAITH-FILLED PARISHIONERS

The possibilities are endless.... Come and see!

Catechists are still needed:

Monday - Grade 6

Thursday - Grades 4,5,6,7

Sessions are held from 6:15-7:30 pm

Consider becoming a catechist for our PREP program, and don't be afraid to take the first step in making a difference in the faith lives of the young people of the parish. Raining will be provided as well as guidance throughout the program. If interested or wish to know more about volunteering, contact Sr. Phyllis at [pvella@stannparish.com](mailto:pvella@stannparish.com)

#### Faith Formation - Religious Education

#### PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) Gr. 1-8

Letters have been mailed to families who are currently registered for the 2014-2015 PREP Program. Also families will need to checkout the parish website [www.stannparish.com](http://www.stannparish.com) under the Faith Formation/Religious Education Tab for Calendar, Handbook, Schedules, Sacrament Information as well as other PREP program information.

Families who may still be interested in registering their children for the 2014-2015 PREP program are welcome to visit the Parish Office to obtain a Registration Packet or visit the above website. Contact Sr. Phyllis at [pvella@stannparish.com](mailto:pvella@stannparish.com) or please call 908.725.1008 for further information.