

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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Parish Mission Statement

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

Mass Schedule:

Daily: Monday-Friday at 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.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call the rectory to arrange a home visit.

Ministry to the Sick:

Parish home bounds 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 let the parish office know.

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 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

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. **Summer hours** are Monday through Thursday 8AM to 4PM. 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 or to register your child(ren).

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday - 9 am to 4 pm

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 30

4:30 pm Eucharistic Ministers - Carol & Jim Werner
Reader - Theresa Walakonis
Altar Servers - James Toolan, John Toolan & James Maxton

SUNDAY, August 31

7:30 AM Eucharistic Ministers - Jim Janci, Carmine Iovine
Reader - Tom Brown
Altar Server - Peter DeSantis

9:00 am Eucharistic Ministers - Cindy & Chuck Galvacky
Reader - Rebecca Dryl
Altar Servers - Evie Sullivan, Sal Wincenski

10:30 am Eucharistic Ministers - Debbie & Jose Blanco
Reader - Dan Walsh
Altar Servers - Sarah Tobia, Allie Myslinski

12:00 Noon Eucharistic Ministers - Lena Iannetta and Antopietta Falco
Altar Servers - Damian Searchwell and Carmen Stangota

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

The week of August 31, 2014, we remember and honor:

Altar Candle #1
Salvatore Laurito
by Biagio Laurito & Family

Saint Joseph Lamp
Michael Anthony Petrillo, Jr.
by Francesca and Vincenzo Viscariella

Blessed Mother Lamp
Michael Petrillo
by Mr. and Mrs. Biagio Laurito

Altar Flowers
Richard T. Walsh
by Daughter, Elizabeth Barbieri



Monday, September 1, 2014—Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time (Labor Day: "Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor")

9am People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

7am Renato Crisologo, by Crisologo/Pena Family

7pm Jerry Carovillano, by The Zelis Family

Wednesday, September 3, 2014-St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

7am Guiseppe C. Varvaro, by Varvaro Family

7pm Helen & Clifford Compton, by Jackie & Harold D'Alessio

Thursday, September 4, 2014

7am San Gabriele Delladolorata, by Maria DeLuca

7pm Ralph Lubrano, by Pattianne McNamara-Tomaro

Friday, September 5, 2014-BI. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious

7am Nick Cicero, by Linda Dineen

9am St. Ann School Children, Staff and Families

7pm Anne Ellis & Family, by Theresa W.

Saturday, September 6, 2014

9am Giorgio Ritorto, by Maria Laurito

4pm Edward Nowasielski, by Daughter & Nowasieleki Family

Sunday, September 7, 2014-Twenty-third Sunday in Ord. Time

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Rosary Altar Society

10:30am William DeCastro, by wife Dorothy

12 Noon Filippina Grande, by Angela Grande & 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 Shallenberger
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
Raymond Descoteau	Victoria Melitsky	Allison Valverde
Theresa DiBetta	Anna Moretti	Richard Vetack
Lydia Digiuseppantonio	Nancy Natale	Vincent Viscariello
Alyssa Eubanks	Ava Rose Navarro	Carmella Vitale
Mike Faccione	Margaret O'Donnell	Joan Wirzman
Carmela Fasano	Thomas Orecchio	Lisa Yoder
Mary & Richard Felice	Olga Orlando	Carissa Zingariello
JoAnn Felty	Gary Pieretti	
Sharon Fisahn	John Petsko	
Maria Fusca		

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We're encouraged these days to watch what we eat. Yet when we're trying to do so, we may find it's not that easy. We can be torn in two directions--there are always those ready to tell us we're looking fine, so "Go on, have another one, it won't do you any harm!"; and there are those who are all too keen to look at us, shake their heads and knowingly tell us that it would be good to try to lose a little weight. The fact remains, we may know what we should do; but do we have the determination to do it?

There was a man, who, on his drive to work every morning, would stop on route by a bakery and buy a couple of big donuts. Eventually he decided that a diet was necessary. So he starting driving past the bakery each morning without stopping. Then one morning his colleagues noticed he had a donut. They asked, "What happened to the diet?" The man replied, "This morning, I thought, if God wants me to have a donut he'll give me a parking space in front of the baker's---and he did! Mind you, I did have to drive round the block nine times before I found it."

Today's Gospel Lesson is a damning one for poor St. Peter. Jesus calls him "Satan". All Peter has done is try to console Jesus and give his support. Jesus has got to the point in their relationship when he wants to share with the disciples what is going to happen. He says that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer and die. He also makes it clear that he will rise again on the third day. The disciples don't seem to have focused on the rising from the dead, but rather on the suffering and dying. St. Peter says to Jesus, "Heaven preserve you, Lord...This must not happen to you."

Last Sunday we heard Jesus speaking to St. Peter in a different way: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church." The place where Jesus says this in St. Matthew's Gospel is only five verses before today's "Get behind me, Satan!" The change in tone happens so quickly that it's almost as if Jesus says one thing in one breath and then something different in the next. We have St. Peter's strength put before us in the "You are Peter" verse; and then suddenly we have his weakness in the "Get behind me, Satan!" statement so soon after.

St. Peter has many wonderful qualities, and we rejoice in them. However, the Scriptures make sure that we are aware of his failings, too: for example, when he is

walking on the water, he panics and cried out for help; and ultimately he tells Jesus he will die for him but then denies Jesus and runs away. St. Peter is a real person of flesh and blood, full of all the bravery and fears involved in discipleship, yet he is an example that we do well to follow. When he makes mistakes, he never gives into despair but comes back time and time again to Jesus, even though that means taking up the cross on a daily basis.

Are we not basically the same as Peter in his humanness and unworthiness. Could Jesus say the same to us, "Get behind me, Satan"? Probably many, if not all of us, can think of moments in our lives when Jesus could say that to us. But let us also remember the things that we have done or the person we have been that would make Jesus proud of us.

One of the reasons that we come to Mass is to help us to be better followers of Jesus. Yet at the same time we can be so conscious of our sinfulness and failure that we are left feeling helpless on the road to holiness. Today, let us focus on what Jesus is telling us in this Sunday's Gospel Lesson. He is saying to each one of us, "If you want to be my follower, you have to pick up your cross and follow me every day." It's not an easy road that we're offered, and at times we'll find ourselves tempted to take a different direction. We know what Jesus calls us to do---do we have the determination to do it? And when we fail, do we have the faith to turn to Jesus again?

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 we see in the Gospel, Peter's strength and his weakness--he is a wonderful character, as he is a human being like us;

...that as followers of Christ, we are each called to take up our cross and follow him;

...and that at times, we get discouraged by our own weakness.

...therefore, a question we should ask ourselves is: at those times do we go to Jesus and ask for his grace?

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

31 AUGUST, 2014 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR WEEK OF August 31st, 2014

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5

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)

NEW FISCAL YEAR WEEKLY OFFERING

Week #8	\$9,753.37
Budget need per Week	\$16,000.00
Weekly Deficit	(\$6,246.63)

Poor Box \$160.25

*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

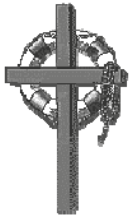
www.filippiniusa.org
www.filippinivocations.com

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?
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Religious Teachers Filippini*

**Contact Sister Shirlee stbernadette@gmail.com
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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

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 (908) 725-1008 ext. 119



AUGUST 2014 BLOOD DRIVE

Thank You Thank you to all the Volunteers and Donors who helped with the Blood Drive on August 17th. Your continued support and commitment to the Blood Donor Program are greatly appreciated. We collected 27 units to provide area patients with much needed blood. May God Bless you for your great show of Stewardship.

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

**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."

Rosary Altar Society New Season!

We welcome and invite all woman to join the Rosary Altar Society as we begin a new season.



Come join us on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30 pm as we recite the Rosary in our Church. We will attend the 7 pm Mass and then have our monthly meeting. For more information about our prayerful group, kindly contact Laura at (908) 707-8535.

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,

I am delighted to report that as of today, St. Ann School is opening next week with more students than it had when we closed in June. This is absolutely amazing!!



The increase comes at a time when Catholic schools not only suffer decreases in enrollment but also must close because enrollment does not support financial viability. To date, we have increased our enrollment by 8%

We have new teachers that are joining the St. Ann School family this year who are highly qualified, Catholic, degreed, experienced and full of life and energy. These educators are dedicated to the service of the Lord and His children. Our Religion teacher will work with our school chaplain, Fr. John Werner, and together they will provide knowledge of our beloved Catholic faith and assist students in maturing spiritually as they strengthen our student's relationships with Christ and one another.

The Language Arts students will enjoy their teachers who will take our already top notch readers and writers to new heights of experience and achievement. Our art teachers are bursting with ideas that are sure to spur creativity and talent in our developing artists.

Finally, our technology teacher will work with our students in sharpening their technical skills. As a bonus, the faculty can look forward to expert coaching in their efforts to provide even more engaging, quality learning experiences by integrating that technology in the most engaging ways possible. St. Ann welcomes each new educator to our already successful faculty.

If this sounds like the place for your child, be not afraid. St. Ann School still has room for more students. If you wish to offer your child the opportunity to develop into a holy Catholic adult, confident enough to say "yes" to the Lord and his plans for them in His Kingdom, please call for a tour at 908-725-7787, or stop in and introduce yourself. You are also invited to visit our website at www.stannparish.com

Thank you, dear parishioners for your continued support.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 31, 2014

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

Bingo - 7:00pm (SC)

Monday, September 1, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

BINGO 7:30 pm (SC)

Columbiettes 7:30 pm (CMR)

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Rosary Altar Society Meeting - 6:30 pm (CMS)

Thursday, September 4, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Friday, September 5, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Santo Nino - 8 pm (CMR)

Saturday, September 6, 2014

Daily Mass 9am / Vigil Mass: 4pm

2015 Mass Book Opens - 10:00 am (CMR)



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 Paul G. Bootkoski at a special

Evening Prayer Service

in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Sunday, 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 (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 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 or please call 908.725.1008 for further information.



LOOKING FOR FAITH-FILLED PARISHIONERS

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

Catechists are still needed:

Monday - Grade 6

Thursday - Grades 2,5,6

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. Training 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