

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

— Mt 14:28-30

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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).

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

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

www.stannparish.com

Email: info@stannparish.com

Office hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Monday, August 11, 2014—Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

7am Nicholas Cicero, r/o Sharon Gerard & Family

7pm Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, August 12, 2014—

7am Paolo Cugliari, r/o Margherita & Corrado Russo

7pm Edward J. Zelis, r/o Zelis Family

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

7am Francesco Fusca, r/o Raffalle & Kim Fusca

7pm Elisabetta Gianni, r/o Gianni Family

Thursday, August 14, 2014

7am Thomas H. Donrad, r/o Sister, Claire Cicalese

7pm Antonio D'Anna, r/o D'Anna Family

Friday, August 15, 2014-The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

7am Alberto DiGiuseppantonio, r/o Sisters, Grace & Elena

12N Special Intention of Maria Rosa Gasparo for the Blessed Virgin Mary

7pm Frances Bongiovi, r/o Anna Louise & Anthony, Jr.

Saturday, August 16, 2014

9am Norma Ferguson, r/o Daughter, Pat

4pm Agnes Meehan, r/o Margaret O'Donnell

Sunday, August 17, 2014—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Howard Condo, Sr., r/o Esther

9:00am Members of the Holy Name Society

10:30am Mark & Peter Padovani, r/o Parents

12 Noon People of the Parish

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 10th, requests in memory have been offered for:



Tabernacle Lamp

John Cospito

Requested by Sister, Nancy Mantz

Saint Joseph Lamp

Richard T. Walsh

Requested by Sister, Elizabeth A. Barbieri

Blessed Mother Sanctuary Lamp

Antonio D'Anna

Requested by D'Anna Family

Altar Flowers

Antonio D'Anna

Requested by D'Anna Family

Please Pray for the sick of our parish

Victoria Andrews	Anthony Gambino	Fortunato Riga
Luzmanda Anthony	Elizabeth Gecik	Teresa Riga
Bernadette Bavoso	Eleanor Giraldi	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 Digiuseppantonio	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	

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

There is an ancient Hindu myth that all human beings were once gods, but that they misused their divinity so much that the chief god took it away from them and called a council of the gods to decide where they should hide it so that humanity would never find it again. But they struggled to find a suitable place: if they buried it deep in the earth, eventually people would dig down deep enough and uncover it. If they placed it at the bottom of the deepest ocean, human beings would ultimately learn to plumb the depths of the seas and discover it. No mountain would be high enough that it would never be conquered by humanity.

Eventually the chief god decided he would bury divinity deep inside every person--because humans would never think to look for it there. Ever since, so the story goes, human beings have been exploring the earth--its highest peaks and its darkest depths--looking for something that is already within themselves.

Today's readings all deal with the question of humanity's search for and encounter with divinity. Yet, in the experience of the people of God, that search is turned on its head. As today's Scripture Lesson's show us, it is not that humanity is able to seek and find God by its own powers, but rather it is God who allows God's self to be discovered by us. Usually we encounter God in the most unexpected of places and ways. In the first Lesson, Elijah is on the run in fear of his life, being hunted down by the pagan queen Jezebel. Elijah has had enough and pleads with God to take his life. But on Mount Horeb he is given the rare privilege of having an encounter with the Lord, who is found not amidst the traditional pomp and trappings one might expect--a mighty wind, an earthquake, a fire--but in the gentle breeze, sometimes translated as a "still, small voice" or even "the silence". It is there that Elijah encounters the living God.

In the Gospel Lesson, the disciples are battling with the storm on the lake, in circumstances that make any encounter with God highly improbable. However, the Lord does indeed appear to them--though his disciples think he is a ghost. Jesus reassures them: "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." But Peter voices the disciples doubt: "If it is you..." Here we see the dynamic of faith succinctly expressed: Jesus invites Peter to recognise who he is, to have faith in him, take the step of faith. But it is only a step. Faced with the reality of the storm and danger of death,

Peter's faith wavers and he needs the Lord to save him. He allows his doubts--or rather his fears--to get the better of him.

In our lives, we can find ourselves like Elijah and Peter--at the end of our rope, living in fear, full of doubts perhaps simply wishing it would all just end. Like Elijah, we can discover that we don't find God where we expect to meet Him--in the places and rituals where we have been comforted by the Lord's presence in the past. Or, like Peter, the storms of our life may mean that we are so busy struggling simply to survive that we are unable to lift up our eyes to recognise the God who is already walking towards us in the midst of our personal battles. God comes to us unexpectedly--in the silence, in the midst of our busyness and our fear, in our tiredness and brokenness, in our doubts and desperation. The Lord invites us to come out of the darkness of the caves of our lives, to step out of the security of our little boats and to place out trust in him.

In the Hindu legend, the secret of divinity lies right under our noses. In a sense, both Elijah and Peter reveal a i how hopeless our lives may seem, they are pregnant with the possibility of encountering the living God. Not because we can make ourselves worthy to meet the Lord, but because he is quite simply always there reaching out to us--in the gentle breeze and the silence, in the storms and fears--with his strong hand, ready to save us. His words to us remain unchanged: "Courage" It is I! Do not be afraid."

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 desperate and beyond hope, Elijah encounters God in the gentle breeze;

....that when Peter walks on the water, his faith fails him;

....that we, too, encounter God in unexpected places and amid the storms of life

....and that the Lord invites us to recognise him, put our trust in him and step out in faith.

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

10 AUGUST, 2014 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR WEEK OF August 10th, 2014

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT ATLANTIC CITY CASINOS BUS TRIP...

And bring a friend

THURSDAY - AUGUST 14TH—9AM ATLANTIC CITY CASINOS

Bus leaves from in front of the Church.

Please call Marge Corona at 908-725-1198 to reserve your seat.

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 #5	\$9,596.28
Weekly Budget Needs	\$16,000.00
Weekly Deficit	(\$6,403.72)
Deficit since 7/1/13	(\$30,025.04)

Poor Box: \$179.14

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?
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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)

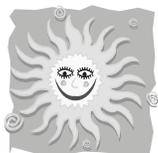
SOCIAL MINISTRY

*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.

SUMMER RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

REMINDER: The Rectory Office will be closed for business every Friday during the Summer months.



**Our Office hours are as follows:
Monday thru Thursday 9am to 4pm**

**RWJ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
SOMERSET**

BLOOD DRIVE

SPONSORED BY
ST. ANN'S PARISH

**45 ANDERSON ST
RARITAN, NJ**

SUNDAY, AUG. 17

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Give the gift of LIFE for a chance to WIN a gift!
Gift card—Patriots' tickets—IPAD
ALL Blood donated is used for RWJS patients.

To register: Call Christine Esposito 908-725-1008 x 119
Donors must be at least 17 years old, and weigh at least 110 lbs.
Bring valid ID. For questions re: eligibility, call 908-685-2926.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Any adult who would like to pursue the Sacrament of Initiation or would like to learn more about the Catholic church should consider exploring RCIA.



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

10 AUGUST, 2014—NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

The welcome back letters are ready to be sent. Classrooms are sparkling clean. The air conditioning is working beautifully. The computers have been updated to be able to run the latest and the greatest of tools of the day. Teachers are checking out curriculum updates and arranging their classrooms. Books and other materials are arriving. The Home School Association has planned the opening Mass and picnic. A few students have even put a toe on the tile, anticipating their soon to be first day.



This October, the school will undergo an accreditation process with the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Metuchen. We are moving from Middle States Accreditation into international accreditation mode by using AdvancEd as our vehicle. We continue to be state accredited through this process. We meet all state and national standards for accreditation. But we have that extra special piece, the Catholic Identity portion that we also want approved. Be a part of our adventure and our success

More classes are full but we still have some seats empty. Visualize your favorite young person in one of them. Make that vision a reality. Approach the family and send them our information. Kelly Albright is the schools cheerful secretary who can send them a packet of information and a registration form.

Do not be shy about this special work of the Lord. Some families would never dream of coming to St Ann School because that feel that it is too expensive. Get the facts and help them to quell that fear. You, yourself, can subsidize a child or pay for part of the tuition if you cannot afford the whole thing. For a family, that is a huge help. For the child, it is a chance of a lifetime.

To know how to subsidize tuition in whole or in part, contact Donna Bontempo at the rectory. For registration information, call the school at 908-725-7787. Visit the website (www.stannparish.com) or send an e-mail to mklersey@stannparish.com.

Enjoy the anticipation of our first day.
God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 10, 2014—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

BINGO - 7pm (School Cafeteria)

Monday, August 11, 2014 - Saint Clare, Virgin

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Knights of Columbus - 8pm (CMR)

Tuesday, August 12, 2014-St. Jane Frances de Chantel,

Religious

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

BINGO 7:30 pm (SC)

Liturgry Prep. Meeting - 7:45pm (RMR)

Wednesday, August 13 2014-Saints Pontain, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest & Martyr

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Thursday, August 14, 2014-St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Atlantic City Bus Trip - 9am

Friday, August 15, 2014-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Mass at 7am 12Noon and 7pm

Saturday, August 16, 2014-St. Stephen of Hungry, BVM

Daily Mass 9am / Vigil Mass: 4pm

Baby Gift Collection

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

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

Faith Formation/Religious Education - PREP

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.