Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am - 9:00am - 10:30am - 12:00noon
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 7:00am & 7:00pm; Sat. 9:00am
Reconciliation: Saturday at 9:30am and 3:00pm
Parish Office hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm
School: 908-725-7787 • www.stannparish.com

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.” – Lk 12:50-52
**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN**

### ALTAR CANDLES

For the week of Aug. 17th - 23rd, the Altar Candles will burn in the memory (honor) of:

Altar Candle 1. Rose Gelardi  
Req. by The Patente Family  
Altar Candle 2. Grazia Ruffa  
Req. by Filippo Ruffa & Family

### SANCTUARY LAMPS

For the week of Aug. 17th - 23rd, the Sanctuary Lamps will burn in the memory (honor) of:

Tabernacle: Joseph Di Cecilia  
Req. by Sister, Adriana, Chris & Family  
St. Joseph: Joseph & Eva Giaquinto  
Req. by Daughter, JoAnn  
Blessed Mother: Peter & Mark Padovani  
Req. by Aunt Rose

Please remember to pray for our sick of our parish:

**2013 Critical Life Issues Conference - The Year of Faith**

Saturday, October 19, 2013 • 8:30am - 3:30pm

St. John Neumann Conference Center • Piscataway, NJ

“Faith creates Joy….Even in the Midst of Suffering”

- Doctor –Prescribed Suicide: Killing or Caring
- When Life Hurts: Reflections on the Christina Meaning of Suffering in Disability, Illness or at End of Life.
- A special screening of the award winning short film

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, August 19, 2013 ~ St. John Eudes**

7am: Francisca Sunga Req. by Sunga Family  
7pm: Carmela Rita Req. by Frank & Marie Rita

**Tuesday, August 20, 2013 ~ St. Bernard, Abbot**

7am: Sr. Angelina Toscano Req. by Sr. Dolores  
7pm: Jane F. & Margaret Callahan Req. by Margaret O’Donnell

**Wednesday, August 21, 2013 ~ St. Pius X, Pope**

7am: Joseph & Eva Giaquinto Req. by Daughter, Joanne  
7pm: Harry Anderson Req. by Trish & Chris Miller, & Family

**Thursday, August 22, 2013 ~ The Queenship of the BVM**

7am: Robert Anderson Req. by Trish, Chris & Miller, & Family  
7pm: Frank Mattei Req. by Pina & Family

**Friday, August 23, 2013 ~ St. Rose of Lima**

7am: Rose Pacifico Req. by Esther & Howard Wolff  
7pm: Special intention of Mary & Ray Shanlanberger  
Req. by Sister, Theresa

**Saturday, August 24, 2013 ~ St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

9am: Primo Mongiello Req. by Family  
4pm: Harry Stevens Req. by Paul & Toni Stevens

**Sunday, August 25, 2013 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7pm: Special intention of Mary & Ray Shanlanberger  
7am: Rose Pacifico Req. by Esther & Howard Wolff  
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Req. by Sister, Theresa

**Sunday, August 25, 2013 ~ St. Rose of Lima**

10:30am: Rose Gelardi Req. by Patente Family  
12:00pm: Elisabetta D’Angelo Req. by Son & Family

### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society will be having their first meeting of the season on Wed. Sept. 4th starting with recitation of the Rosary in the church at 6:30 PM, Mass at 7 PM and meeting at 7:30 PM.

Please join us if you are interested in becoming a Rosarian or call Laura Sullivan for more details (908)707-8535.

**Searching for singers!**

Choir rehearsals begin on Weds 9/4 in the church. New members are always welcomed and encouraged to join us. The Children’s Choir begins at 6pm for children in the 2nd grade and up; Church Choir begins at 7:30 for any adult in the 8th grade and up, that can sing on pitch.

**Social Concerns**

We are in need of girls fall and winter clothing in sizes 10 and 12. If you are able to help with this please call Christine at 908-725-1008 prior to dropping off.
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the lead-up to the Olympic Games every four years, a flame is kindled at Olympia, the site of the original games in ancient Greece. Last year, this flame was transported to Great Britain where it was carried in a relay, which brought that flame within ten miles of every inhabitant of the United Kingdom, before being brought into the Olympic Stadium to ignite the cauldron that was kept burning throughout the games. In ancient times the flame was an act of homage to Zeus, the chief of the gods, in whose honor the games were held. Still today, the carrying of the flame and the lighting of the Olympic cauldron has an almost sacred significance. People have a sense of being drawn together in the celebration of what is best in human endeavour, reaching the pinnacle of physical achievements.

People of faith recognize that such possibilities are a sign of divine blessing, and see human achievement as giving praise to the God who has inspired us. For us, fire is a symbol of the divine energy that empowers human beings to reach and go beyond what they think is possible.

In our Gospel Lesson today, Jesus expresses a longing to bring fire to the earth and wishes that it were burning already. He touches an elemental human experience that fire means more than simply light and heat. The fire that Jesus wants to see blazing in the world is the fire of God’s love enlightening and warming the hearts of all people. Jesus is speaking us who are used to hearing of fire as a sign of the presence of God. We think of Moses at the burning bush, when he was told to take off his shoes for he was on holy ground. We think of the pillar of fire that was the sign of the Lord leading his people from slavery in Egypt into the promised land. We think of the fire that consumed the sacrifice of Elijah in his great battle with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. Now, we think of the flames that came down on the apostles at Pentecost as a visible sign of the Holy Spirit touching and filling their lives. As fire gives light and heat, so Jesus looks to the time when God’s love, God’s Holy Spirit, will fill our hearts and minds, enabling us to know the truth and live it with courage.

However, in order to bring light and heat to our world, fire has to destroy whatever it burns. Wax, oil, wood are all converted into the energy that gives us light and warmth, and in the process they are destroyed. Fire, therefore, carries this double symbolism. If our hearts are to be filled with the light and love of God’s Holy Spirit, something has to give—-that is, our selfishness and sin. Jesus realizes the struggle that this will cause us. He longs for unity and harmony among his disciples, but knows that his teaching will bring division. Because sin and selfishness are so deeply rooted in the human condition, even the closest relationships will be affected. When the fire of God’s love is at work in us, we will feel the pain of letting go whatever is not compatible with a new relationship with God.

So what’s going to light our fire? Last year at the Olympic Games, I am always amazed at the dedication and application that is necessary even to qualify for the games. Years of self-denial and commitment to gruelling training schedules are the price that athletes are prepared to pay even for the chance to compete for a medal. They consider this to be a price worth paying. The Olympic flame is a powerful symbol of what they burn up of their own lives just to share the glory of what it is to be human.

But God offers us something more. Jesus shows us a way that enables us to go beyond anything that we can achieve on our own, to overcome even death to achieve eternal life. The fire that makes this possible is the fire of God’s love—the gift of the Holy Spirit. Are we up for this ultimate challenge? It is not a once-ever-four-years effort. It is what our whole life is all about, being prepared to let go of everything else, if only we can win the prize for which we all long, eternal glory with Christ in heaven.

In your charity, pray for the sick and the lonely — visit them if you can. Also, please remember to pray for all who have wandered from the faith, and all who have died. May God always be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael

The St Ann Liturgy Prep Committee invites you to consider serving on our committee. We:

- Support the clergy in liturgy preparation, planning and organizing activities to serve the Parish
- Serve as Parish Stewards by seeking Parish feedback on Liturgy.
- Seek ways to address unmet needs and gaps in Parish through Liturgy.
- Seek to grow Parish understanding of our liturgical celebrations, including changes to Liturgy.
  - Help to ensure the Liturgy is correct and reverent.
  - Work to expand involvement of the Parish in the Liturgy.
- Attend Diocese training seminars when offered.

If you are a Parishioner who has been looking for a new way to contribute your time and talent, and you’d like to serve St. Ann in a meaningful way, please email or call Cathy Stevens: gus1210@aol.com or 908.910.0308 for more information. You do not have to be a liturgical expert to be a valuable contributor! Resources will be provided, and we meet bi-monthly.
SACRAMENTS
Baptisms are celebrated each month on the First Sunday at the Noon Mass as well as the second, third, and fourth Sundays at 1:30pm. There will be no baptisms during Lent. Arrangements must be made in advance and new parents are required to take a Baptism Preparation class held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00am with Deacon Conrad in the CMR.
Reconciliation Celebrated on Saturdays at 9:30 am and 3 pm
Sponsors & Godparents If you are 18 years or older, you must register as an adult and be Confirmed in the Catholic Church. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized by the Church. It takes a minimum of 6 months of attending Mass to be considered eligible for both of these privileges.
Marriages The common policy of marriage requires that arrangements be made at least 1 Year before the date of marriage and before any social plans are made. The bride or groom must be a registered parishioner. A Nuptial Mass or Ceremony may be scheduled on a Friday afternoon, Saturday morning or afternoon; or Sunday afternoon Nuptial ceremony.
Anointing of the Sick Celebrated with any person who is seriously ill. This sacrament is held periodically. You may request this sacrament at any time, especially in case of emergency.

SPIRITUALITY / FAITH DEVELOPMENT
R.C.I.A. We welcome all adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church as well as baptized Catholics who never received their 1st Communion or Confirmation and are interested in becoming full participants in the Catholic faith to contact Deacon J. Pacifico at the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008.
Religious Ed (PREP) Classes are held for children in grades K through 8 on Monday or Thursday evenings at 6:15pm. A Special Needs class is held on Tuesday evening also at 6:15pm. Our program is a volunteer organization. If you wish to be a catechist please call our parish office.
Ministry to the Sick Our parish shut-in’s are visited on the first Friday of each month by our Deacons & Religious Sisters. If you know of a parishioner that is seriously ill or hospitalized, please let the parish office know.
Novenas are prayed for 9 days after each morning and evening Mass. The Novena prayer is not recited at the Saturday Vigil or Sunday Masses but it is included as part of the 9 days.
St. Joseph - March 19; St. Rita - May 22
St. Anthony - June 13; St. Maria Goretti - July 6; St. Ann - July 26

PARISH PROGRAMS
Bereavement Group meets every other Friday starting February through April under the direction of Dottie Pacifico.
Monthly Food Drive Takes place on the 1st Saturday/Sunday of each month.
Baby Gifts Drive Takes place on the 3rd Saturday/Sunday of each month.
BINGO takes place every Tuesday and Sunday
Youth Ministry Events for our youth take place throughout the year under the direction of Fr. James E. de Fillipps and St. Ann’s Youth Board.

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Summer Envelopes : We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out-of-town this summer. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do no 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.
Electronic Giving: St. Ann’s offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online Church contributions! Online contributions are simple, secure, and automatic. Log onto www.stannparish.com scroll to the bottom and click on St. Ann Parish Online Donation System. You will be connected to a secure site where you may enter your information including how much and on which date per month to have funds transferred. Thank you for your continued support!

Parish Registration
New parishioners are always welcome to register by calling or visiting the parish office. We kindly ask that when you are moving or make changes to your contact information (i.e. telephone, address change or email) that you please notify the rectory. This will help us to reduce the amount of return of mail we receive daily from the post office and keep better contact with you.

About R.C.I.A.
Perhaps you are not Catholic, but have been thinking about becoming one? Any adult baptized or not, who wishes to pursue full initiation in the Catholic Church should consider exploring R.C.I.A. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults welcome all kinds of people into the Catholic family.
Classes start in September. Please call Deacon John Pacifico at the Parish Office, 908-725-1008.

BINGO at St. Ann’s
EVERY SUNDAY & TUESDAY NIGHT ALL YEAR
St. Ann School (air conditioned) cafeteria
Sunday’s doors open at 5:30pm - Games start at 7pm
Tuesday’s doors open at 6pm - games start at 7:30pm
Hot Food, desserts, coffee, & tea available
Proceeds from Bingo support School Programs.
Bingo will be cancelled if less than 40 players.
Must be at least 21 years of age to play
Dear Friends of Saint Ann School,

We are currently looking for volunteers to help in school in some specific areas.

The school office is in need of devoted volunteers to answer the phone, make copies, and do odd office jobs from 11:00am until 1:00pm every school day, Monday through Friday. Please call the school office and speak with Kelly for more details and to set up an interview with Sr. Mary, the school principal. (908) 725-7787.

We also need of dependable cafeteria volunteers to help serve food to our children. This is another 11:00am to 1:00pm position. For details on this volunteer opportunity, please contact Donna at the parish office. (908) 725-1008.

There is a paid After School Care position available. The hours are from 2:00pm until 6:00pm every school day and from noon to 6:00pm on half days. Contact the school office for more details.

These opportunities are wonderful venues for offering Christian witness. They also keep you close to children. It is very obvious to me that our students serve us as much as we serve them. In their youthful innocence and exuberance for life, they lift our spirits and give us a reason to have hope for the future of our world and our Church.

I am reminded of my own mother as I write this letter. She worked all her life and yet in her retirement sincerely desired to give back to the Church. She would speak about feeling lonely and like no one needed her anymore. Through prayer, she found that retirement put into place a new call from God to serve Him in a unique way. She volunteers at the TOUCH office in her community and thus calls and drives shut-ins regularly. She teaches PREP for her parish and she stops by the Church Office every day to offer her services as needed. These activities serve the people of God and do not tax her small fixed income. Now she happily proclaims, “God has given me a reason to get up in the morning.”

I do not want to give the impression that volunteering is restricted to the retired. We welcome anyone capable and willing to serve. Protocols and volunteer requirements will be discussed when you call.

Thank you for considering this stewardship opportunity and for your continued support of our school.

God bless you, Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF - St. Ann School, Principal

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 18, 2013 ~ 20th Sunday in ordinary time
- Sunday Mass: 7:30 am • 9 am • 10:30 am • 12 pm.
- 5:30pm: Bingo - First game called at 7pm

Monday, August 19, 2013 ~ St. John Eudes
- Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 ~ St. Bernard
- Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm
- 6:00pm: Bingo - First game called at 7:30pm
- 7:30pm: Pastoral Cl. Meeting (dr)

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 ~ St. Pius
- Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm

Thursday, August 22, 2013 ~ The Queenship of the BVM
- Daily Mass: 7 am • 9 am • 7 pm

Friday, August 23, 2013 ~ St. Rose of Lima
- Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm

Saturday, August 24, 2013 ~ St. Bartholomew
- 9am: morning Mass – 4pm: Vigil Mass
- 9:30am & 3pm: Confessions
- 4pm: Sunday Vigil

2013 – 2014 Religious Education Program

A friendly reminder that our PREP classes are filling up! If you have not registered your child for PREP yet please do so that we can accommodate your first choice of class times and order the proper amount of books for the children. Class times are: Monday or Thursday for grade K—7 and begin on Confirmation preparation is held only on Mondays evenings.

Faith Formation - Catechist Needed

Monday & Thursday evening classes are in need of Catechists to lead the program sessions for our young people. As you give of your time & talent to this ministry, materials will be provided along with a program outline, direction and guidance for each session. Please consider joining us in our journey of faith as a witness to our young people. Please contact Sr. Phyllis at 908-725-1008 to arrange a meeting time if you are considering participating. Thank you for your consideration.

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