

# The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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My Dear Parish Family,

As the St. Ann School Chaplain, it gives me great pleasure to share with you where our talented eighth graders will be attending high school in September. I have become familiar with each one of our eighth graders personally, academically, and spiritually. All of them are not only dedicated to their academics, but also their faith.

I ask you to join me in prayer as we remember our eighth graders as they soon embark on the next chapter of their lives. They will always have a home here at St. Ann!

Congratulations to all of my eighth graders and may Jesus Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ann continue to bless all of you in abundance!

Father James E. De Fillipps  
Chaplain

Julia Benewait	Mount St. Mary Academy
Lauren Clouser	Mount St. Mary Academy
Jazlyn Colon	Immaculata High School
Jessica Fratianni	Hillsborough High School
Julia Hauss	Bishop Ahr High School
James Killeen	Somerset County Vocational School
Nicole Kelly	Immaculata High School
James Kerwin	Immaculata High School
Luke Leonard	Saint Joseph High School
Matthew Lynch	Immaculata High School
Erin McGovern	Immaculata High School
Francis McGuire	Immaculata High School
Daniel McNulty	Immaculata High School
Brigid Meisenbacher	Mount St. Mary Academy
Alanna Pearson	Immaculata High School
Aaron Rivera	Immaculata High School
Kevin Sawtell	Delbarton School
Gavin Wasilius	Immaculata High School
Matthew Williams	Seton Hall Preparatory School

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

## PASTORAL TEAM

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

**Rev. James E. De Philipps, 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



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 24, 2014

7am: Giacomo Greco by Vincenza Greco

7pm: Santo Greco by Daughter

### Tuesday, February 25, 2014

7am: Robert Pyne by Rodriguez Family

7pm: Genevieve Paillant by Searchwell Family

### Wednesday, February 26, 2014

7am: John Kowal Sr. by Frances Phillips

7pm: Michael Tarangelo by Family

### Thursday, February 27, 2014

7am: Faustino & Jacinta Pena by Pena & Crisologo Families

7pm: Sadie & Anthony Forte by Rosemary Forte

### Friday, February 28, 2014

7am: Sam Verdesco by Family

7pm: Robert Egidio by Laura Williams & Family

### Saturday, March 1, 2014

9am: Maruzza Fortunato Barbieri by Maria & Paul Fusca

4pm: Antonio & Rosina Viscariello by Daughter, Clementina

### Sunday, March 2, 2014 ~ 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: People of the parish

9am: Living & Deceased members of the Rosary Altar Society

10:30am: Mary Lou & Anthony Orlando by Joan & Jack Peradon

12pm: Liberato Guadagno by Wife, Clementina

*Like living stones,  
Let yourself be built into  
A spiritual house. 1 Peter 2:5*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday: 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: 9:30 - 10:00am & 3:00 - 3:45pm

### Ash Wednesday, 5th March 2014:

Mass: 7:00am, 12 Noon, 7:00pm

Service: 9am, 4:00pm

## REST IN PEACE

**Carol A. Vetack ~ February 10, 2014**

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

## ALTAR CANDLES



*For the week of February 22nd, the Altar Candles burn in memory (honor) of:*

**Altar Candle 1 & 2: Anthony Carra**  
by Anna Carra & Family

## SANCTUARY LAMPS



*For the week of February 22nd, the Sanctuary Lamps burn in memory (honor) of:*

**Tabernacle: Nick Frodelly** by Children & Grandchildren

**St. Joseph: Nick Frodelly** by Wife, Shirley

**Blessed Mother: John Schaub Sr.** by Wife, Ann

## Pray for our sick of our parish

Victoria Andrews	Eleanor Girdali	Frank Ratkowski
Luzmanda Anthony	Roberta Grillo	Teresa Riga
Bernadette Bavoso	Ruth Gulick	Cosette Ruh
Chester Butkiewicz	Doris Kelco	Marianne San Filippo
Joanmarie Carlone	Bernadette Laggini	Nancy Schiavi
Jaden Chambers	Barbara Langon	Mary Shallahberger
Albert Charles	Edward Locasio	Phyllis Serafin
Nick Cicero	Marie Locasio	David Snedegar
Kathy Ciociola	Rosalie Marrone	Frank & Lucille Sudano
Dominic Comandol	Giovanna Martini	Dolores Talamini
Angela DeFina	Kathy McCormack	Anthony Tomaro
Ann Descoteau	Victoria Melitsky	Tommarie Tibaldi
Mary Ann De Maio	Olga Morella	Carolyn Trepiccio
Theresa DiBetta	Anna Moretti	Marie Vale
Nancy DiGraziano	Nancy Natale	Allison Valverde
Lydia Digioseppantonio	Ava Rose Navarro	Richard Vetack
Mary & Richard Felice	Thomas Orecchio	Vincent Viscariello
Sharon Fisahn	Olga Orlando	Carmella Vitale
Maria Fusca	Raymond Peters	Joan Wirzman
Teresa Galaini	John Petsko	Lisa Yoder
Anthony Gambino	Yolanda Polidoro	Margaret ZanGrando
Elizabeth Gecik		

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual and political leader, is a hero to many people around the world as a man of peace; but who does he look up to? You might be surprised to learn that he has described as "my hero and my friend" an Irishman who was blinded by a rubber bullet fired during the terrorist attacks in Northern Ireland. Richard Moore was only ten years old and on his way home from school in the city of Derry in 1972 when he was shot at point-blank range in his face. "I was about ten feet away when a soldier fired the rubber bullet that struck me on the bridge of my nose," he recalls, "and all I remember is that everything went blank and that was the moment my life changed for ever."

He has travelled on an extraordinary journey since then, turning an event of potential human tragedy into a story of compassion and faith that has inspired others, including the Dalai Lama. In his twenties Moore launched a charity, *Children in Crossfire*, to support children internationally who are caught up in violence and poverty. More than that, he not only forgave the soldier who fired that rubber bullet, but has even befriended him. Now in his late forties, he gives talks regularly to young people about the importance of putting aside grudges and showing compassion towards enemies.

Unfortunately, aggression is one of our instinctive human reactions to difficult situations. However, Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel Lesson---part of the Sermon on the Mount---tells us that if we respond to aggression with more aggression we risk creating an endless cycle of violence. Violence harms our unity, setting one person against another and making cooperation impossible. Jesus teaches that God's love extends to everyone, and that includes people we might regard as our enemies, and people we have excluded from our circle of friends. The Quakers have an expression, "that of God in all of us", which picks up on a theme in all today's Scripture Lessons: God's Holy Spirit is in each person, and all are deserving of compassion and love.

Jesus left us with a code for life, a lifestyle that seems contrary to much of the thinking and action in mainstream society. It is a lifestyle he lived himself: where everybody is to be shown love and respect. This applies even to people who give abuse, take endlessly and give nothing in return, or make the lives of others a misery.

It is not only in the spheres of the military, business and politics that aggression and confrontation rear their heads--it is also

in the run of the mill of our daily life. Just think about how aggressive driving can lead to road rage, and how disputes with neighbors can escalate into battles unless we make a real effort to get on together. Retaliation or "payback" is a strong theme in the film world, and perhaps we are too tolerant of violence in the media. In how many of our homes do we allow violent video games to be played, despite evidence that regular playing risks creating insensitivity towards violence?

Our Gospel Lesson calls us to reject the belief that aggression is often the best and easiest way to solve problems. Richard Moore may be blind but, as he says, "my sight has been taken away, but not my vision". Efforts to build bridges with people we don't like or who have harmed us might bring surprising results. If not, then we may take consolation that we are being faithful to the way of living that Jesus expects of his followers. And remember, God may be making something good out of our efforts in some way that we cannot see.

All this does not mean that God never takes sides. In Jesus, it is clear that God sides with those who are poor, marginalised and oppressed, regardless of the labels we place on them. We are urged to move outside our comfort zones to engage with people we usually ignore and respond to God's call to be peacemakers. This will mean playing our part--however small--in moving the world away from the path of violence and retaliation, perhaps by supporting a Christian peace group. It will also mean tackling our own prejudices and dislikes towards those we come across in our daily lives.

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 faith, and all who have died. May God always be pleased with us! -

*Monsignor Michael*

### ***Our Scripture Lessons remind us:***

...that we are to "offer no resistance to one who is evil." Far from counseling surrender to injustice, Jesus offers strategies that are "revolutionary" to break the endless cycle of offense and retaliation and invite aggressors to self-examination, even conversion.

...that the love of enemies Jesus commands springs not from "feelings," over which we have little control, but is an act of the will. We choose to see even the "unlikeable" as created in God's image, and so to pray for their good, here and hereafter, even for one who is our persecutor.

...a question we should ask ourselves: Is there some person, some situation in my life through which God is calling me to embrace Jesus' revolutionary invitation to transform the world by love?

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

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP



St. Ann's monthly bus trip to ATLANTIC CITY will resume on Thursday, March 13th. Bus leaves from our church at 9am.

Please call Marge Corona at 908-725-1198 to reserve your seat or obtain more information.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Due to inclement weather and publishing deadlines, financial figures for the weekend of February 15 & 16, 2014 can not be reported. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Are you receiving a tax refund this year? Have you considered giving a percentage of it back to your parish? Many Catholics find that tithing on unexpected income – a tax refund, winnings at the casino, or an inheritance is a great first step to feeling the joy and contentment that come when we really do give as God has asked us to go give. Try it yourself and feel the joy.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Faith, Family, Community

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

ELECTRONIC GIVING - SAFE & EASY

St. Ann's offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online Church contributions! Log onto www.stannparish.com. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on St. Ann Parish Online Donation System. There you will be connected to a secure site where you can enter your information safely and privately.

Dear Lord, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not count the cost, to fight and not heed the wounds, to toil and not seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will.

St. Ignatius Loyola



We are collecting any blest palms you might have from last Palm Sunday. These will be burned at all Masses on the weekend of March 1 & 2, 2014 to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please place them in the basket before the altar or drop off at the rectory.

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
CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.



- Major Michael Morella, U.S. Army
Sgt. Dan Neville, U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Daniel J. Salvo, 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
LT. Robert Wilson, U.S. Navy

May God bless them & keep them safe. Pray for the souls of those who have given their lives in service to our country.



Each year during Lent, St. Ann's will cook and host a community Lenten Supper on the Wednesday's of Lent, beginning March 12th through April 9th at 5:30pm in the school cafeteria.

In the weeks to follow a detailed menu will be provided each week in the bulletin. Please join us if you can.

WEEKLY READINGS FEB. 24 - MAR. 2, 2014

- Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sun.: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

# School News



Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

I cannot report that our children have been hard at work and making excellent progress. It seems that God is working on another plan in their regard. The snow has kept us out of school more than in school for the past few weeks.

This reminds me of the story of the patron Saint of parish priests. Saint John Vianney was similar to St. Thomas Aquinas. Both were considered not very smart and not likely to amount to anything. St. John lived in a world much like ours. Paris in his day was dangerous for Catholics. You could literally lose your head over such a profession of faith. With what was considered little to offer, St. John was sent to a dying parish in the city of Ars where he could not do any damage. But God's plans for him were not to hide him but to allow him to grow and flourish in this new setting.

It was not that the people in Ars were any different from those in Paris. St. John was not suddenly hit with an intelligence lightning bolt from above. In this humble setting, doomed by nature and politics to end in failure, Ars had suddenly been favored by God with the presence of this humble, insignificant to the world, little priest. His acts of kindness coupled by his blessed ability in the confessional and his thought provoking sermons, converted the city of Ars. His fame spread beyond Ars, attracting saints and sinners from all over the surrounding areas.

So what does this have to do with our children, our school, and all this snow? God is in charge. He works his best miracles under what seems to be impossible circumstances in the eyes of the world. God's wish for us, including our children, is not for destruction. This is one of God's serendipitous graces being poured out onto each of us.

In short, to use another famous saying, may our children bloom where they are planted. Be it homebound buried in snow or soaking up the lessons taught in school, God has a plan that will not be foiled by cold, or ice, or snow or ... Let's not complain but rather cooperate with God's plan. Who knows how many St. John's will emerge from our parish and school.

God bless you,  
Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF  
Principal

## WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, February 23, 2014

- 8am: Winter Blood Drive
- 1pm - 5pm: High School Basketball Games (school gym)
- 7pm: BINGO (school cafe)

### Monday, February 24, 2014

- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 6:15pm: PREP classes - President Day
- 7:30pm: K of C meeting (church meeting room)

### Tuesday, February 25, 2014

- 6:30pm: H.S.A. meeting (church meeting room)
- 7:30pm: BINGO (school café)

### Wednesday, February 26, 2014

- 5pm: Choir practices (choir loft)
- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 7pm: State of the School meeting (church meeting room)

### Thursday, February 27, 2014

- Dr. Seuss Book Drive
- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 6:15pm: Prep class / Mass (school- church)

### Friday, February 28, 2014

- 5pm - 7pm: Basketball practice (school gym)
- 7pm: Bereavement group meeting (rectory conference room)
- 7:45pm - 9pm: Mardi Gras Social for St. Ann's Youth Group (church meeting room)

### Saturday, March 1, 2014

- All day: Basketball games (school gym)
- Food Drive



Join Our  
Golf Outing

## 11th Annual St. Ann's Golf Outing

Monday, May 5th, 2014

Copper Hill Country Club

100 Copper Hill Rd., Ringoes, NJ 08551

[www.copperhillcc.com](http://www.copperhillcc.com)

Registration & Breakfast: 8:00am - 9:30am

Shotgun start: 9:30 am (scramble format)

Lunch / Cocktails / Awards &

Silent Auction: 2:30pm - 4:30pm

\$195 per golfer

Golfer give away bags worth over \$200

To register or inquire more information, please visit  
<http://www.stannparish.com/schoolsite/fundraiser.html>  
and click on Golf Outing.

## YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Friday, 28 February 2014

### MARDI GRAS

SOCIAL

RSVP 2/24

Church Meeting Room

7:45pm – 9pm

Grades 6-8

\$5.00

Friday, 14 March 2014

### ICE CREAM

EXTRAVAGANZA &

MOVIE NIGHT

RSVP 3/11

Church Meeting Room

7:30pm-9:30pm

Grades 4-6

\$5.00

Friday, 21 March 2014

### DODGEBALL

TOURNAMENT

WINNING TEAMS

SCORES

iTunes GIFT CARDS

St. Ann School Gym

8:00pm – 9pm

Grades 6-9

\$5.00

Friday, 11 April 2014

OPEN GYM NIGHT

St. Ann School Gym

7:45pm – 9pm

Grades 6-9

\$4.00



Sunday, 13 April 2014

YOUTH

PROCESSION OF  
PALMS & SOCIAL

RSVP 4/8

St. Ann Church & Church

Meeting Room

11:45pm-2:30pm

Free

Friday, 18 April 2014

(Good Friday)

STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS

LED BY FR. JAMES

&

ST. ANN YOUTH  
BOARD

St. Ann Church

7:30pm

Saturday, 19 April 2014

EASTER EGG HUNT

HOSTED

BY YOUTH BOARD

Prayer Garden

Pre-K3 to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

11AM

Free

*If the event needs an RSVP  
please do so by the assigned  
date; too much food/drink is  
being wasted! Please RSVP to  
[jdefillipps@stannparish.com](mailto:jdefillipps@stannparish.com)*



### St. Ann School 14th Annual Spring Fling Tricky Tray Saturday, May 3, 2014

Doors open at 5:00 pm

The first ticket will be pulled at 7:00 pm

**Admission tickets are \$15 each and includes one  
sheet of regulars.**

Save money and time by ordering ticket packages in advance. These tickets will be ready for you when you arrive at the Tricky Tray. Additional tickets are available for purchase throughout the night. Tickets go on sale Feb. 18th and will remain on sale until we are sold out. This event sells out very quickly. Please visit St. Ann School website at: <http://www.stannparish.com/schoolsite/fundraiser.html> and click on Tricky Tray.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



St. John Vianney School, Colonia NJ is seeking a principal for the 2014-2015 school year. St. John Vianney is a PK3 - grade 8 with an enrollment of 475 students. The candidate must be practicing Catholic with dynamic teaching, development and leadership skills in both the academic and religious area. The candidate must have five years teaching experience, hold (or working towards) a Master's degree in administration and certification. For more information or to obtain an application, please go to: <http://school.sjvianney.com/principalsearch>. Application deadline is Friday, March 7, 2014.

### MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

The Diocese of Metuchen serves a Roman Catholic community of more than 600,000 people throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. Presently, we are seeking a Maintenance Mechanic to:

- ◆ Perform routine tasks such as painting, plumbing, electrical wiring and other related activities
- ◆ Maintain facilities, grounds and equipment in a clean, safe and orderly condition.
- ◆ Cut lawns using a power mower; Trim and edge around walks, flower beds and walls.
- ◆ Assist in snow removal by shoveling walkways and drive-ways
- ◆ Assist with other projects as needed.

This position will be primarily based at two of our New Brunswick facilities, but will also be called on to perform work at other locations as directed.

The ideal candidate will be responsible and reliable, and will be experienced in construction, electrical, plumbing and carpentry. Must be able to routinely lift and/or move up to 50 pounds, work outdoors, and be available to work occasional weekends and/or evenings. Must possess reliable transportation and valid drivers' license.

**Compensation:** Competitive salary and full benefits package

**Hours:** 40 hrs per week Mon – Fri

**Location:** New Brunswick

**Environment:** Professional Office/Outdoors. Interested