

# The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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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.

## Ministry to the Sick:

Parishioners who are homebound 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 call the parish office.

## Lazarus Ministry:

Lazarus Ministry contacts and helps families of deceased parishioners. Providing greeters at funeral liturgies, preparing meals and house sitting are several ways parishioners assist families. Also, a Mass of Remembrance is held every November for those deceased that year.

**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

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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.*

## 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 a 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

Special Needs PREP - Grades 1-8 Tuesday, 6pm-7pm

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. 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 our school or to register your child(ren).

## Like us on Facebook:

We are excited to announce that we now have a Facebook page for the Church, which will include important information concerning activities and special dates. Please LIKE us at "The Catholic Church of St. Ann - Raritan, NJ."

**JANUARY 25, 2015 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Monday, January 26, 2015

7am Philip & Philomena Vella by Sr. Phyllis  
7pm Andrew Racz by Msgr.

### Tuesday, January 27, 2015

7am Cariello Family by Sr. Phyllis  
7pm Antonio Paladino by All the nieces of the Ruffa family

### Wednesday, January 28, 2015

7am Anthony Toscano by Sr. Dolores Toscano  
7pm Jule Ann Brooksbank by Dryl family

### Thursday, January 29, 2015

7am Sr. MaryAnn Cantore by Sr. Phyllis  
7pm Lucy Russo by Sr. Phyllis

### Friday, January 30, 2015

7am Anna Fusca by Lina Cirianni  
7pm Callaghan family by Margaret O'Donnell

### Saturday, January 31, 2015

9am Liberato Gaudagno, r/o wife  
4pm Deceased Cesario family by Lidia Natale & family

### Sunday, February 1, 2015

7:30am People of the Parish  
9:00am Living & deceased members of the Rosary Altar Society  
10:30am Grazia Ruffa by Anna & Freddy Ritorto & family  
12Noon Regino Blanco by The Blanco family

## RAMBLING WITH JIM.....

Are you aware of St. Ann's parish council---who we are and what we've done and what we're trying to accomplish for the people of St. Ann's Parish? As you may know the council is composed of 17 members selected to serve for three-year terms. Our role is to study reflect upon discuss and recommend conclusion as to any concerns or problems or future endeavors to the pastor. We work off a well-planned agenda which is developed monitored and evaluated and our decisions are made by consensus. Our president Jim Fudacaro, vice president Kathy Stevens and secretary Josie Taddeo give leadership to the process.

We are proud of our accomplishments: the parish survey, our study of liturgical music, the publishing of ReNews (highlighting liturgical events and activities families can use to celebrate these events in their homes). Through the leadership of the Council, parish photographers have volunteered their time and talent to provide photos of parish activities. These photos can be seen on the parish website.

Activities still pending on the agenda of the council are formation of a children's liturgy committee, a parish welcoming committee, a +parish directory, revision of the bulletin format, and an updating of our Facebook and website. If one or more of these activities interest you, or you would like more information, please contact a member of the Council. We would be happy to have your help on any project. Using your time talent ideas and abilities will help us to fulfill our mandate to assist the pastor in making our parish more vibrant than it is at present.

Our meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:45 PM in the Church Meeting Room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Thanks for rambling with me. Jim Fidacaro, President.

## 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  
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. 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

**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).*

## PRAYER LIST



Pat Adamo	Joanne Felty	Fortunato Riga
David Alves	Teresa Galaini	Teresa Riga
Luzmanda Anthony	Anthony Gambino	Frank Ratkowski
Michael Brennan	Elizabeth Gecik	Mary Ribar
Chester Butkiewicz	Eleanor Giraldi	Cosette Ruh
Joanmarie Carlone	Leonard Grasso, Sr.	Anthony Sacino
Albert Charles	Roberta Grillo	Bill Salerno
Bruno Joe Cirianni	Ruth Gulick	Marianne San Filippo
Frances D'Angelo	James Holmes	Josephine Sapp
Michele D'Angelo	Doris Kelco	Phyllis Serafin
Angela DeFina	Joseph Kowalski	Raffaella Simonetti
Mary Ann De Maio	Bernadette Laggini	Vincent Simonetti
Ann Descoteau	Barbara Langon	Mary Shalhanberger
Raymond Descoteau	MaryAnn Mangiaracina	Frank & Lucille Sudano
Maria M. Desiderio	Rosalie Marrone	Dolores Talamini
Theresa DiBetta	Giovanna Martini	Eva Terlizzi
Lydia Digioseppantonio	Louis Mattei	Anthony Tomaro
Mike Faccione	Victoria Melitsky	Tommarie Tibaldi
Carmela Fasano	Pauline Mengak	Carolyn Trepiccio
Mary & Richard Felice	Brenda Mracek	Marie Vale
Maria Fusca	Nancy Natale	Allison Valverde
	Adelino Nunes	Maria Varvaro
	Margaret O'Donnell	Richard Vetack
	Olga Orlando	Barbara Viola
	John Petsko	Vincent Viscariello
	P.G.	Carmella Vitale
	Gary Pieretti	Lisa Yoder
	Yolanda Polidoro	

## THIS WEEK OF JANUARY 25-31, 2015 WE REMEMBER AND HONOR

### ALTAR CANDLE #1

**Rose Pacifico**  
Requested by  
Rosemary Forte  
**ST. JOSEPH LAMP**  
**Angelo Bavaro**  
Requested by Daughter,  
Lia Ruffa & family



**BLESSED MOTHER  
SANCTURARY LAMP**  
**Domenica Pecoriello**  
Requested by Calo family

## TAX LETTER

Anyone who would like an **end of year tax letter**, please call the office at 908-725-1008 or email [dbontempo@stannparish.com](mailto:dbontempo@stannparish.com).

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## ST. ANN'S FESTA COMMITTEE

### St. Ann 2015 Festa (Wednesday, June 24 through Saturday, June 27)

This year we are trying to expand our that we can create a more profitable event. two chairpersons to volunteer. One chair- and the other in charge of marketing. bility of forming their own committees to



marketing and sponsorship of the Festa so To accomplish this feat we are in need of person will be in charge of sponsorship Each chairperson will have the responsi- help accomplish their specific tasks.

If you are interested please contact Donna at the Rectory Office, 908-725-1008 x113, or email her at [dbontempo@stannparish.com](mailto:dbontempo@stannparish.com).

#### 2015 ST. ANN RAFFLE CALENDAR



\*\*\*\*LAST CALL\*\*\*\*

**FINAL SELLING DATE: JANUARY 30**

Each ticket enters every drawing  
Sold at the Rectory and School

~~\$25 per ticket~~

- ◆ Daily drawing winner receives \$25
- ◆ Last day of the month winner receives \$100
- ◆ Easter & Christmas winner receives \$500

#### FACEBOOK

We are excited to announce that we now have a *Facebook* page for the Church, which will include important information concerning activities and special dates. Please **LIKE US** at "The Catholic Church of St. Ann-Raritan, NJ".



#### STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE.....

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?  
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?  
Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?  
Have you thought about separation or divorce?  
Does talking about it only make it worse?

....RETRouvaille is a Lifeline to **Help Couples Heal & Renew their Marriages**. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with 6 follow-up sessions.

**February 6-8, 2015**

**Comfort Inn & Suites (formerly Hampton Inn); Somerset**

More information, please call Family Life office: 732-562-1990 x.1705  
To register call: Tom & Pat McTague at 732-583-4468 (evenings);  
or Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671

**All inquiries are confidential.**

Sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen.

<http://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/family-life/marriage-enrichment/retrouvaille-weekend/>

#### PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

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.



#### 2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

*Life-Changing Faith*

The role of the *Office of Evangelization* is to continue the work Jesus entrusted to the Church 2,000 years ago but with newness in terms of the methods, ardor and expressions used.

*Thanks to your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the diocesan Evangelization Team is able to serve both individuals and parishes, the clergy and laity alike, and invite all to a renewed encounter with Jesus Christ.*

Status as of 01/16/15

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$49,681.48 and payments totaling \$47,589.98 from 235 parishioners. This represents 87.2% of your \$57,000.00 goal.

**Thank you for your efforts**

#### FISCAL YEAR WEEKLY OFFERING

Week # 28 (Total) .....	\$8619.15
Envelope Offerings:	\$5486.36
Net Charge Offerings:	\$1861.79
Loose Offering:	\$1271.00
Poor Box -	\$140.90

*Thank you for your generosity to our parish.*

*"...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" 12:34*

#### WILL PLANNING

Please remember "The Catholic Church of St. Ann" when planning your will. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who in the past have left bequests to the parish. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for future generations.



#### ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. Ann's offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online Church contributions!

- Log onto [www.stannparish.com](http://www.stannparish.com), then 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!*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

If you were unable to make it to Church last Sunday, I began my sermon at all the Masses with the following announcement. *At the end of Mass today, along with our Bulletin, the ushers will distribute our Annual Parish Report. When you read it, you will notice all that our parish family does, in many ways, touching the lives of many people. You will also notice that our parish income totals over \$700,000 dollars. You might ask, "What do we do with all that money?" The answer can be found in the report of expenses, which shows what we spent. In the past fiscal year, in order to meet our obligations to our school, keep abreast of current expenses for salaries, administration, utilities, maintenance, and parish ministries, we spent more than what we took in, and were not able to put anything away for the future. Bishop Paul has been generous to our parish by loaning us money and by subsidizing our school operation.*

*An important factor to remember is that the recent recession in the US economy has been hard for all of us. St Ann's, like every family, has had to cut expenses, while continuing to provide parish services with less money. Through the leadership of our Parish Financial Council, we have cut the expenses. Unfortunately, at the same time we have also experienced less money in the offertory collections. The parish needs your help, where possible, to return offertory contributions to their former levels.*

*Another factor is our mobility---a wonderful freedom that has substantially changed our lives compared to the lives of our parents and grandparents---with improved opportunities to visit family and friends, and improved opportunities to seek out recreation---especially during the winter months to warmer climates and the summer months to special vacation spots.*

*What we must remember is that the work of St Ann's parish continues whether or not we are here, and so it is imperative that we continue our contributions even while we are out of town. Why? Unfortunately, our expenses at St. Ann's are primarily fixed---that is we have to pay salaries and benefits, keep the electricity and heat and AC on. Each weekend about 1,000 people attend Sunday Mass. During the summer months attendance may dip to 800. However, whether you are here or not, our expenses do not decline. Therefore I am asking you to be very conscious of making weekly contributions notwithstanding your travel plans. Come to Mass every Sunday. As you know, we've arranged two convenient ways to facilitate more consistent giving while we are not here. These are the online giving, that I myself use (see St Ann Parish website) and the use of 'make-up' envelopes.*

Now, here is my letter for the week. In the late 1970s the actor Alec McCowen launched a one-man show, *The Gospel of Mark*---a recitation by heart of the whole of St. Mark's Gospel. It involved a minimum of stage props: just a small table with a carafe of water in the center, and two or three chairs. It was heard in theatres both here and abroad. In fact, it was performed for a group of guests invited to the White House.

McCowen later confessed that initially one of his great fears had been that "reciting the Gospel might be a dull exercise" and that he "might have to manufacture energy" as he went along. He soon discovered that the real difficulty was finding the energy to cope with the fast-moving story of St. Mark's Gospel. In fact, he had to admit, "I was

thrilled beyond measure. This was the greatest script I had ever found." It will be excerpts from this "greatest script", the Gospel of Mark, that we shall be listening to on most of the Sundays throughout the coming year.

Today our Gospel Lesson begins at the start of Jesus' public ministry. John the Baptist has just been arrested: is St. Mark hinting at what will happen to Jesus? It must have taken courage for Jesus to come back to the very area where John had preached and been apprehended. But he does come, fearlessly, to proclaim "the Good News from God". "The time has come," he says – God's appointed time, the time the prophets foretold, the time all humanity has waited for. He continues: "the kingdom of God is close at hand" – this kingdom is not a particular territory, like the kingdoms of Europe, but rather it's wherever God reigns. Though we still wait for this kingdom to come in all its fullness--that's why we pray each day "thy kingdom come"---already it is present in Jesus; in him God's power and love have burst into our world. We see those who are sick healed, sinners reconciled, the Good News proclaimed to all.

Having approached us in Jesus, God now awaits our response. "Repent," Jesus cries, "and believe the Good News." He calls us to repent, to have a change of mind and heart, to see things differently and so to believe, to put all our trust in him.

Today's Gospel Lesson gives us not only Jesus' first recorded words in his public ministry but also his first recorded deeds. Walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he sees two young brothers casting their nets into the water and, a little further on, two more fishermen brothers mending their nets after a night at sea. Taking the initiative, he invites them, "Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men," and they respond. Maybe they had met him before and were already deeply impressed. In any event they follow him without hesitation, leaving behind nets, boats and father. Their actions are a declaration that there is nothing to compare with being Jesus' disciple; he is worth following, no matter what the cost.

Alec McCowen wrote: "It is impossible to study St. Mark's Gospel carefully and not *know*... that something amazing happened in Galilee two thousand years ago." But amazing things are still happening today. Jesus continues to call people as truly as he once called Peter and Andrew, James and John. At our baptism he called us, called us by name, called us to be his disciples. But it was not a once-and-for-all call: it's a call renewed each day, a call renewed today at this Mass. It doesn't mean that Jesus wants to take us out of this world or away from our families, but he knows how easily we can become engrossed in what this world has to offer, how easily we can confuse a kingdom, and even a salvation, of our own making with the incredible blessings that he has to offer.

So he wants us to look again at the direction of our lives and be ready to repent, to make adjustments, even radical ones, if necessary. Above all, he wants us to deepen our faith in the Good News, wants us to recognise that the Gospel of Mark, just like the other three Gospels, is the account of a God who cherishes us dearly, and loves us beyond our imagining with a love that will never end.

May God *always* be pleased with us!  
**Monsignor Michael**

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

- ...that Actor Alec McCowen called St. Mark's Gospel "the greatest script I had ever found"; and we shall be hearing from it most weeks throughout this year;*
- ...that Jesus announces the hour has come and the kingdom of God is near: he calls us, as he called his first disciples, to repent and believe the Good News;*
- ...and that Jesus is still active in our world, calling us each day to follow him, to repent, to let the Good News enter our hearts.*

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

# JANUARY 25, 2015 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## ST. ANN SCHOOL - OPEN HOUSE

### Interested in a Catholic Elementary Education....

Faith in Action, Academics, Whole Child Oriented, Integrated, Diversified, Growing, Family Friendly, Tradition of Excellence, High Test Scores, Success, Confident, 100% High School Acceptance Rate, Alive, Happy, Wisdom, and so much more!!

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, January 25

*All Are Welcome.....*

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 8 AM**

**OPENING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS - 9 AM**

**OPEN HOUSE TOURS - 10 AM**

Monday, January 26

Celebrating our Uniqueness. *All St. Ann Families are Welcome....*

**CRAZY HAT PARADE - 10:15 AM**

**NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTIONS - 1 PM**

Tuesday, January 27

**SPIRITUALITY DAY**

Wednesday, January 28

*All Are Welcomed.....*

**RESPECT FOR LIFE WALK - 8 AM**

**OPEN HOUSE, SCIENCE FAIR and**

**STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS AND TOUR - 7 PM**

Thursday, January 29

St. Ann Families Welcome.....

**SAINTS AND ANGELS**

**SCHOOL SPIRIT & SPORTS COMPETITIONS**

Friday, January 30

*All Are Welcomed.....*

**PERFORMANCE BY GRADES Pre K TO 3 - 10 AM**

**PERFORMANCE BY GRADES 4 TO 8 - 7 PM**

Saturday, January 31

St. Ann Families Welcome.....

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT - 7 PM**

*For more information, call Kelly at 908-725-7787 or our website at [stammparish.com/schoolsite](http://stammparish.com/schoolsite)*

## ST. ANN SCHOOL - SCIENCE FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA

Come to see the projects that the children from Grades 6, 7, and 8 will have on display in the school Cafeteria on **January 28 from 7- 8 PM**. The children have worked hard on their projects and will be present to show and explain their work. This is something you won't want to miss! Bring your friends to see the projects that the children worked so hard on. This is a great example of our talented children at St. Ann. So, **save the date** and make sure you don't miss this!! All are welcome to come and bring along any friends that would like to see the projects.

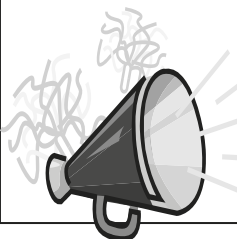


## ST. ANN SCHOOL ALUMNI

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Ann School

**Let's celebrate together!**

If you are a graduate or know of any alumni to St. Ann School in the past fifty years, please contact the Parish Office at 908-725-1008 or email Donna at [dbontempo@stannparish.com](mailto:dbontempo@stannparish.com) to ensure that at least one graduate from each year is represented to form this committee to coordinate and organize the various events for the year celebration.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



**The Catholic Church of St. Ann  
Congratulates our young people  
who for the first time received the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
on January 10, 2015**

Alyssa Cecilia Amato	Sean David O'Neill
Joaquin Guillermo Aquino Arce	Claudia Pannia
Kylie Saba Balish	Madison J Vespucci Paxson
Rylee Anne Marie Behn	Nicholas Joseph Pellegrino
Henry Alexander Britze	Antonio E. Pizza
Chelsea Benitez Chaparro	Allison Marie Prickett
Amy Samantha Bryans	Mayra Ariane Rolon
Rose Angelica Canuel	Joseph Andrew Sause
Susie Elizabeth Champakara	Oscar Jesus Servin
Madison Nicole D'Elia	Michael Gerard Sinagra
Alexis R. Fogarty	Nolan Dominic Smith
Nicholas Reynel Garcia	Cole Trevor Stangle
Cassidy Marie Keller	Alexa Rose Stangota
Leah Rose Kientzler	Eva Prem Szeman
Joseph D. Kmetz	Lisette Kiran Szeman
Emmalene Katherine Kulikowski	Cadence Rose Testa
Sophie Grace Levin	Isabella D. Maryland
Erin Charlotte Lewandowski	Kianna Marie Torres
Fiona Anna Liebmann	Mariah G. Valverde
Lukas Andrew Litwinko	Liam Vincent Vasquez
Caden Alexandra Ludlow	Jordan Marie Vitkovits
Emila delCarmen Medina	Noel Lee Zelis

## MONTE CARLO NIGHT

*Craps ~~~ Roulette ~~~ Blackjack*

**Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 6:30 PM**

*St. Ann's School Cafeteria*

\$35/pp includes:

Buffet Dinner, Venetian Table, Soda and \$25 in Gaming Chips.

*Cash Bar for Beer & Wine*

\*\*\*Purchase your tickets **before January 12** to receive an extra \$25 in gaming chips\*\*\*

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.....and proudly presents:

**Grand Prize ~~~ "Fire on Ice" Raffle**

**\$25 Raffle Donation**

**2 Seats in the DELTA SKY BOX**

**NY Rangers vs. Washington Capitols**

March 29, 2015 at 3 PM



Raffle ticket proceeds benefit St. Ann School

*For more information or to purchase tickets contact*

*Frank DeStefano at 908-635-0095 or email at [frank\\_destefano@hotmail.com](mailto:frank_destefano@hotmail.com)*

## SCRIP - GIFT CARDS



**Gift Cards** are always available for purchase at St. Ann School or the Rectory.

## AMAZON SMILE

Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible **AmazonSmile** purchases to the Catholic Church of St. Ann and St. Ann School whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.

**Website:** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1610843>



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## ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,



The school just completed a satisfaction survey. The results were very revealing and yet right on target. The survey was given to two groups – those new to St. Ann School and those who have been with us several years.

The survey revealed that the main influences for coming to our school were the safe and positive environment, the religious education offered and values instilled, and the convenient location, followed by our academics.

We congratulate the faculty and staff on these influences. It is genuinely a small, intimate family like environment in which to grow and learn. Our religious education is all encompassing and integrated throughout the day in all subjects and activities. Academics are well rounded and high school preparatory. Our standardized test scores, even when the test changed, continue to be among the highest in the diocese.

In terms of the school meeting family expectation, the results indicate highest satisfaction in safety and our overall environment, our uniforms, and our After Care Program. To me, I know that three years ago these would not have been areas of satisfaction. The safety of the students, faculty, and staff has improved as the school implemented a wider range of safety drills and preparedness programs. The After Care Program has undergone changes each year to get it at its current state of satisfaction.

The areas in highest need are already in our radar as well. The school has had technology as its goal for several years. This coming year, we are adding another computer to each classroom. This will enable teachers to have the most up to date resources to share with students. Teacher training and support has and is also increasing. St. Ann world language program has improved this year and will continue to improve. Previously students enjoyed one Spanish class a week. This has not allowed students to gain sufficient master of the language for high school, therefore, students in Grades 6 through 8 now have Spanish twice a week. This change will be evaluated in May and further adjustments made as needed. And finally, our hot lunch program is noted as an area in need of attention. Those of us at the school know that the program is contracted with us by the same company as the other area schools. The program has undergone menu and management changes. We shall continue to work with the company to provide affordable lunches that appeal to our children.

Thank you for continuing to support our school. We hope to continue to serve St. Ann students and St. Ann Parish far into the future.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF  
Principal



## READINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 2015

- Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
- Monday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41



## OUR PARISH WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, January 25, 2015

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

- 8a-12n - School Pancake Breakfast (SC)
- 9a - Catholic Schools Week Mass
- 10a-12n - School OPEN HOUSE (S)
- 7p - BINGO (SC)

### Monday, January 26, 2015

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm

- 6:15p-7:30p - PREP classes with 7p Mass
- 7:30p - KOC meeting

### Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm

- 6p-7p - Special Needs Prep (S)
- 7:30p - BINGO (SC)

### Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm

- 2:30p-3:45p - Little Flower Club (L)
- 5-8:30p - Choir Practice (CL)
- 7-8p - School OPEN HOUSE (S)

### Thursday, January 29, 2015

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm

- 6:15p-7:30p - PREP classes (S)

### Friday, January 30, 2015

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm

- 7:30p-9p - Pinewood Derby set up (SC)

### Saturday, January 31, 2015

Daily Mass: 9am Vigil Mass: 4pm

- 9a-1p - Pinewood Derby set (SC)
- 1p - KOC Bowling "Bowl-A-Thon" (AMF Lanes; Greenbrook)
- 5p-9p - Family Fun Night (SC)

### Sunday, February 1, 2015

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

- 9a - RAS Corporate Communion Mass (C)
- 10a-11a - RAS Meeting (CMR)
- 1:15p-1:45p - Jr. Youth Group Meeting (SC)
- 1:45p-2:30p - Jr. Youth Group Meeting (SC)
- 7p - BINGO (SC)

## BINGO

**EVERY SUNDAY at 7 PM & TUESDAY at 7:30 PM**

Doors open 1-1/2 hours prior to game time.

**ST. ANN SCHOOL CAFETERIA**



## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Calling all drivers.....

We are in need of a driver to assist a local parishioner. She needs a ride into Flemington on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please contact Christine at the rectory office at 908-725-1008 or email at [cesposito@stannparish.com](mailto:cesposito@stannparish.com). Thank you in advance for helping those in need.

## WISH LIST



St. Ann School is looking for donations to fix or buy an **INDUSTRIAL FREEZER** for our school kitchen. If you are able to donate, please contact the rectory at 908-725-1008.

St. Ann Church is in need of a **FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN** for the school and church buildings. Preferably someone with maintenance experience a plus. If interested, please call the rectory at 908-725-1008 ext. 104.



St. Ann School is in need of \$350 towards **NURSING SUPPLIES**. If you are able to donate, please contact St. Ann Parish at 908-725-1008.