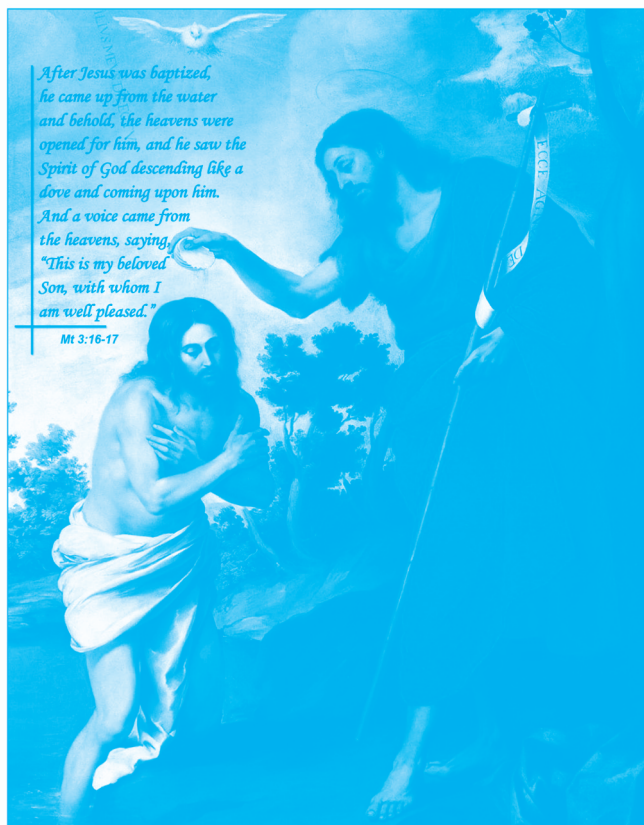


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Sacraments & Devotions

Confession:

Saturday: 9:30 - 10:00am & 3:00 - 3:45pm

Baptism:

First Sunday of the month at the Noon Mass, as well as the 2nd, 3rd and 4th at 1:30pm. Instruction for new parents takes place on the second Saturday of the month at 10am. Arrangements are made with the rectory.

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. 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.

Rectory Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

January 12, 2014 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

Pastoral Team

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

Rev. James E. De Fillipps, 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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Sponsors & Godparents:

Must be 18 and 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.

Devotions:

Rosary - Prayed after daily morning Mass
Scripture Study - Offered periodically
Santo Niño Novena - First Friday at 8:00pm
St. Joseph Novena - March
St. Rita Novena - May
St. Rocco Novena - June
St. Maria Goretti Novena - June/July
St. Ann Novena - July

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP):

PREP classes for grades k - 8 are taught on Monday or Thursday beginning at 6:15pm to 7:30pm. For information please call the Religious Education 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 Mon. thru Fri. Also, please notify us if you move.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE



Daily Mass

Monday - Friday: 7:00am & 7:00pm
 First Friday: 9:00am (Sept. - June)
 Saturday: 9:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 9:30am - 10am • 3pm - 3:45pm

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00pm First Mass for Sunday
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12Noon

ALTAR CANDLES

For the week of January 11th, the Altar Candles burn in memory (honor) of:

Altar Candle #1: Nick Frodelly by Granddaughters

Altar Candle #2: Freddy Caruso by Family

SANCTUARY LAMPS

For the week of January 11th, the Sanctuary Lamps burn in memory (honor) of:

Tabernacle: Francesco Calo by Calo Family

St. Joseph: Nick Frodelly by Children, George, Debbie, Cheryl, Brian, Nicky, & Lorrie

Blessed Mother: Nick Frodelly by Wife, Shirley

Please pray for our sick of our parish

Victoria Andrews	Roberta Grillo	Cosette Ruh
Luzmanda Anthony	Ruth Gulick	Marianne San Filippo
Bernadette Bavoso	Doris Kelco	Nancy Schiavi
Chester Butkiewicz	Bernadette Laggini	Mary Shallanberger
Joanmarie Carlone	Barbara Langon	Phyllis Serafin
Albert Charles	Edward Locasio	David Snedegar
Kathy Ciociola	Giovanna Martini	Frank & Lucille Sudano
Dominic Comandol	Kathy McCormack	Dolores Talamini
Angela DeFina	Jennifer McIntosh	Anthony Tomaro
Mary Ann De Maio	Victoria Melitsky	Richard / Patricia Teague
Ray Descoteau	Olga Morella	Tommarie Tibaldi
Theresa DiBetta	Anna Moretti	Carolyn Trepiccio
Nancy DiGraziano	Nancy Natale	Allison Valverde
Lydia Digioseppantonio	Ava Rose Navarro	Sergio Verdesco
Mary & Richard Felice	Thomas Orecchio	Richard / Carol Vetack
Sharon Fisahn	Olga Orlando	Vincent Viscariello
Julie Fisher	Raymond Peters	Carmella Vitale
Teresa Galaini	John Petsko	Lisa Yoder
Anthony Gambino	Yolanda Polidoro	Margaret ZanGrando
Elizabeth Gecik	Frank Ratkowski	
Eleanor Giraldi	Teresa Riga	



Monday, January 13, 2014 ~ St. Hilary

7am: Elizabeth Robbins by John & Elaine Rossi

7pm: The deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

7am: Bettina Gasparro by Isabella Ruffa

7pm: Theresa Corona by Family

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

7am: Rev. Fr. Abei Opida by Opida Family

7pm: Robert Egidio by The Teachers & Staff of St. Ann School

Thursday, January 16, 2014

7am: John Russo by Mr. & Mrs. Ernesto Martinez

7pm: John Russo by Barbara & Hank Allen

Friday, January 17, 2014 ~ St. Anthony, Abbot

7am: Leslie Niles by Steve Yanonis

7pm: Lydia Maiorca by JoAnn & Frank Marfino

Saturday, January 18, 2014

9am: Anne Volpe by Marian Mays

4pm: Michele Frances Krupa by Mom and Dad

Sunday, January 19, 2014 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: Helen Sabol by Barbara & Vicky

9am: Living & Deceased members of Holy Name Society

10:30am: Theresa Matteis by Niece & Family

12pm: People of the parish

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.

Thoughts For The Week

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Towards the end of the last century, Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador was the prophetic voice of the Salvadorean people. Until his assassination in March 1980, he regularly spoke out against the human rights violations of the governing military dictatorship and its death squads. Many victims in the late 1970s were catechists and church personnel. But Archbishop Romero was not always a radical church leader. When he first became archbishop three years earlier, he was a timid, conservative man who avoided political comment. So what happened to change him?

Within weeks of his appointment in 1977, a priest he knew well was murdered. Fr Rutilio Grande, a Jesuit who had denounced injustices against peasants working on sugar-cane farms, was killed when his vehicle was ambushed by a death squad shooting machine guns. Archbishop Romero wept like a child upon seeing the bullet-ridden body of his friend, and as he prayed overnight beside his coffin he decided to place himself at the forefront of the struggle of the poor. He changed from being meek and reserved to being alive with power and grace.

On the Sunday following the funeral, Archbishop Romero cancelled all Masses in the archdiocese except one and this was to be a memorial service in his own cathedral. More than 100,000 people overflowed into the plaza outside. As the Mass began the Archbishop was sweating, pale and nervous. When he began the homily, he lacked his usual eloquence. According to one onlooker, "it was as if he was reluctant to go through the door of history that God was opening up for him". But after a few minutes, says the same witness, "I felt the Holy Spirit descend upon him". The Archbishop's confidence swelled as he demanded an investigation into the killing. El Salvador's military government and the country's elite were furious. For the next three years, until he too became a target of death squads, Romero offered the people weekly homilies broadcast throughout the country, assuring them that the Church was with them in their suffering.

Today's Gospel Lesson tells us about the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan and how the Spirit of God descended like a dove upon him. We are told that a voice spoke from heaven: "This is my Son, the Beloved, my favor

rests on him." Saint Peter tells us in the New Testament Lesson that after God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power, he "went about doing good". Jesus fulfils what Isaiah prophesies in our Old Testament Lesson. The chosen one would "bring true justice to the nations" and "serve the cause of right".

Jesus goes through the waters of baptism for conversion and comes out with a new mind-set, a new approach, a new lifestyle, and a radical new mission to bring about the reign of God here on earth. The mission is for everyone. "God does not have favorites," Saint Peter tells us. Jesus also experiences the Spirit of God. This is the same Spirit of God whom we met in the first sentence of the Book of Genesis, brooding over the formless earth, like a mother bird over her egg, cherishing it and willing it to life. This is the Spirit who broods over each one of us, cherishing us and willing us to fullness of life. This is the Spirit who is the active creative power of God in the world, who calls and guides and loves us into the paths of God, who calls us to live, create, and protect life.

Jesus' experience of the Spirit and his response to that voice can be seen in every following story of the Gospel. He is a changed man from this moment on. Baptism is the ordination of every follower of Jesus to that same mission. Archbishop Romero understood this.

We all have tremendous power within us. In baptism we renounce the powers of evil and all the world's bad news in order to turn around and embrace God's good news in Christ. In baptism we are set free from sin and death. In baptism we begin the daily living out of a baptismal lifestyle that includes, among other things, the pursuit of justice and peace in the world. The baptized people of God are sent forth in mission and ministry as instruments of God's peace and living signs of God's justice. But this mission and ministry is not undertaken alone. The presence of the Holy Spirit inspires and empowers us.

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

JANUARY 12, 2014

SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER



On the third weekend of each month - Jan. 18th/19th, our parish conducts a Baby Gift Drive for families in need. It would be charitable if each family donated just one item to support this cause. Items most requested are diapers, wipes, blankets, socks, and long sleeve one piece undershirts. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Presentation of Pro-Vita Awards

The 41st Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade.

Join us as we celebrate God's gift of Human Life and the 2014 Pro-Vita awardees:

Elena Dwyer, Moderator, Pro-Life Club
Immaculata High School, Somerville

Veronica Carolfi, student
The Catholic Center, Rutgers

Peter Tarantino, student
St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Bridgewater

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen at 12 Noon
Celebrant: Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D.

Homilist: Rev. Msgr. Seamus F. Brennan

A reception will be held immediately following the Mass. For more information, please call the Office of Respect for Life at 732-562-1990 ext. 1

March for Life Washington DC Rally January 22nd

Pro-life advocates from around the country gather in Washington DC to seek change for the right to human life on the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v. Wade.

Nearest Bus Going to the March for Life in Washington DC:
Immaculate Conception - Somerville, Contact Kevin Dugan at 908-788-7736

Other buses are available, please call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1629 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org

Rally for Life in Trenton January 22nd

Rally is from 11am to 1pm
Statehouse Steps, State Capitol
125 W. State Street in Trenton, NJ

Please do not bring signs since they will be provided.
Buses & carpools leaving from various NJ locations. For more information call: (732) 562-0562. Please e-mail NJRTL if you plan to attend at feedback@njrtl.org.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week #28:	\$7,708.56
Budget need per week:	\$16,000.00
Weekly Deficit:	(\$8,291.44)
Deficit since 7/1/13:	(\$161,287.48)
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:	\$35, 658.00

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" Matthew 3:17

At the Baptism of Jesus, God made it clear that He was giving us the greatest gift He could give. He was giving us His only Son. When you really think about the magnitude of that gift of Jesus sent to save us, plus all of the many other blessings that God has entrusted into our hands, it is very humbling. God has given us so much. What do we give in return?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 12, 2014

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

School



News

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

Recently our Holy Father, Pope Francis, gave some very valuable parenting tips. To paraphrase his sentiments, he said that parenting was a lot like flying a kite. Kites and kids do not take flight on their own. Anyone who has read Arnold Lobel's Frog and Toad books knows that it takes a lot of work to get a kite up in the air. In other words, children do not raise themselves. To become a successful adult, they need help becoming success students.

But the analogy does not stop here. Once in the air, a kite left on its own does one of a few things. It dances around in the sky and lets the wind take it away and thus gets lost. Sometimes a lost kite can be found, but not always. It is risky to let the kite fly solo.

A kite without a flyer has no direction so it blows where it wills and gets torn apart by a tree, or it flies itself out of the wind and falls to the ground. A torn kite is very hard to repair. It may never quite fly right again. And kites that land on the ground are not much better off. When this happens, all the work it took to get the kite flying must be repeated.

As with Jesus and His parables, sometimes these analogies need clarification. The kite is obviously a child. We have identified parents as the kite flyer. The wind is the spirit of good or evil. Our Holy Father asks parents to keep a tight hold on the kite. He reminds us to our eye on the kite. As we hold its string, we must steer the kite away from danger. The trick is that we cannot hold on to the kite too tightly or the string will snap and the kite will again be lost.

Parents are the ones with the wisdom to know the difference between an ill wind and a good wind. Take that kite with love and encouragement into pockets of good wind. A kite takes the flyer's whole and undivided attention. It does not take the kite long to get into trouble. But a quick action on the part of the flyer ensures that the kite remains airborne.

There will be a time when the kite stops being a kite. There will be a time of growth and maturity where the kite becomes its own person who can judge the winds and the elements alone.

So what does this have to do with parishioners of St. Ann Parish? If you are a parent, the answer is clear. If you are not a parent, be good wind to the kites flying around you. Your words and example, your directions and guidance must always be done in the light of God's truth and goodness. After all, St. Ann's is the village that it takes to raise a child.

As always, thank you for your continued encouragement and support.

God bless you,
Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF - Principal

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 12, 2014

- 8am: Parish Breakfast (school cafeteria)
- 1pm - 5pm: High School Basketball Games (school gym)
- 10:30am: Mass for First Communion Prep children
- 12pm - 2:30pm: Confirmandi Mass with activity (church meeting room)
- 5:30pm: Bingo - First game called at 7pm (school café)

Monday, January 13, 2014

- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 6:15pm - 7:30pm: Prep (school)
- 7:30pm: Knights of Columbus meeting (church meeting room)

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

- 6pm: Bingo - First game called at 7:30pm
- 7pm: Boy Scouts (church meeting room)

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

- 5pm: Choir practices (choir loft)
- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 6pm: Basketball Team Pictures (school café)
- 7pm: Diocesan Video Cnf. - Catholic Faith (church mtg room)

Thursday, January 16, 2014

- 5pm: Basketball practices (School gym)
- 6:15pm: Prep (school)

Friday, January 17, 2014

- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 7pm: St. Ann School Dance (school café)

Saturday, January 18, 2014

- Baby Gift Drive at all Masses
- Raffle Calendar sale after 4pm Mass
- 5pm: Basketball games (school gym)
- 5pm: Santo Nino Fiesta (school café)

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE DATES AT ST. ANN SCHOOL

Wednesday - January 22nd: 7pm - 8:30pm

Sunday, January 26th: 10am - 1pm

Wednesday, January 29th: 7pm - 8:30pm



For additional information, please call the school office at 908-725-7787

Support Religious Education

Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded of you. And know that I am with you always. Appreciate wisdom and discipline, understand words of Intelligence; receive training in wise conduct, in what is right, just and honest; that resourcefulness, knowledge and discretion may be imparted to the young. - Proverbs 1:2-4

JANUARY 12, 2014



Foundation for Catholic Education

Annual Collection: January 18/19, 2014

January 12, 2014

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The results of a Catholic education are clear: high test scores, low drop-out rates, high college acceptance rates, strong Gospel values and, most of all, grateful families.

Parents throughout the Diocese of Metuchen recognize the tremendous advantage of a Catholic education, and many rely on your generosity to keep it affordable and accessible for their elementary and high school age children. The Foundation for Catholic Education provides tuition assistance for families that find the financial stretch particularly difficult.

The annual collection for the Foundation for Catholic Education will be taken at Masses next weekend, January 18/19, 2014. Your support will increase the number of low-income students who will benefit from an academically excellent, values-based, Catholic education.

Together we can make a difference-one deserving student at a time. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Gratefully yours in the Lord,
Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, DD
Bishop of Metuchen

P.S. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 11, 2014 and plan on joining me at the 2014 Students-to-Leaders Education Dinner which also benefits the Foundation for Catholic Education.

Foundation for Catholic Education

The mission of the Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE) is to provide tuition assistance for low and moderate income families. For further information, please call, email, or visit our website.



Save the Date

2014 FCE Students to Leaders Education Dinner

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

The Palace at Somerset Park

Phone: 732.562.2452 / Fax: 732.562.1016

E-mail: educationdinner14@diometuchen.org or visit <http://tinyurl.com/FCE-Dinner>