

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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January 26, 2014 ~Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Come follow me...and I will
make you fishers of men. Mt 4:19*

Sacraments & Devotions

Mass Schedule:

Daily: Mon. - Fri. 7am & 7pm; Sat. 9am
Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil: 4pm;
Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, and 12 Noon

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.

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

St. Ann Youth Ministry, Conform2Christ

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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.

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

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

ALTAR CANDLES

For the week of January 25th, the Altar Candles burn in memory (honor) of:

Altar Candle #1 & 2: Philip & Philomena Vella
By Sr. Phyllis Vella

SANCTUARY LAMPS

For the week of January 25th, the Sanctuary Lamps burn in memory (honor) of:

Tabernacle: No intention

St. Joseph: Angelo Bavaro by Daughter, Lia & Family
Blessed Mother: Kenny Mahtoe By Tozzi Family

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

For the week of January 18th, the Altar Flowers are in memory (honor) of:



Maria Grazia Ruffa
By Gregorio Ruffa & Family

I.H.S. MEMORIAL MASS

Immaculata High School will host its Tenth Annual Memorial Mass for deceased alumni and faculty members on Sunday, February 23rd at 1:00 at the school gym. Please join us for this special liturgy.

To assure ample seating and refreshments, please contact Terry Lavin Kuboski '69 at tkuboski@immaculatahighschool.org or call (908) 722-0200 ext. 128 if you plan to attend.

Please pray for our sick of our parish

Victoria Andrews	Eleanor Giraldi	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
Albert Charles	Barbara Langon	Mary Shallenberger
Kathy Ciociola	Edward Locasio	Phyllis Serafin
Dominic Comandol	Giovanna Martini	David Snedegar
Angela DeFina	Kathy McCormack	Frank & Lucille Sudano
Mary Ann De Maio	Jennifer McIntosh	Dolores Talamini
Ray Descoteau	Victoria Melitsky	Anthony Tomaro
Theresa DiBetta	Olga Morella	Richard /Patricia Teague
Nancy DiGraziano	Anna Moretti	Tommarie Tibaldi
Lydia Digiusepantonio	Nancy Natale	Carolyn Trepiccio
Mary & Richard Felice	Ava Rose Navarro	Allison Valverde
Sharon Fisahn	Thomas Orecchio	Sergio Verdesco
Maria Fusca	Olga Orlando	Richard / Carol Vetack
Teresa Galaini	Raymond Peters	Vincent Viscariello
Anthony Gambino	John Petsko	Carmella Vitale
Elizabeth Gecik	Yolanda Polidoro	Lisa Yoder



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 27, 2014 ~ St. Angela Merici

7am: Dorothy Giammarco by Teachers & Staff of St. Ann School

7pm: Lucy Grace Ricci by Santiago & Colleen Rodriguez & Family

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 ~ St. Thomas Aquinas

7am: Anthony Toscano by Sr. Dolores

7pm: Lawrence Mayewski by Wife, Terry

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

7am: Mary C. Duffy by Niece, Claire Cicalese

7pm: Carovillano & Lettieri Families by Pat & Patti Bliss

Thursday, January 30, 2014

7am: Audilla Taffera by Family

7pm: Macari Family by Frank & Maria

Friday, January 31, 2014 ~ St. John Bosco

7am: William Caracciolo by Santiago & Colleen Rodriguez & Family

7pm: Robert Mazur by Richard Schubach & Family

Saturday, February 1, 2014

9am: Jenny & Cosmo Surace by The West Family

4pm: Anthony Bongiovi Sr. by Anna Louise & Anthony Jr.

Sunday, February 2, 2014 ~ Presentation of the Lord

7:30am: People of the parish

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

10:30am: Carlo & Teresa Truppi by Carmine & Felicetta Truppi

12pm: Frances P. Bongiovi by Anna Louise & Anthony Jr.

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,

We are now well into 2014, and the celebrations that accompany the New Year are well and truly in the past. While the celebrations may be behind us, what about the many resolutions that were made at the start of the year? Some of us may be feeling a little embarrassed at this moment, realising that our enthusiasm for our New Year's resolutions has waned. Some of us may be feeling good, upright and virtuous because we have kept all our resolutions; but there will be only a few of us feeling that way, if we are honest!

But in truth it's not our own resolutions that should be our focus, but rather the question of what God is asking of us. What has God created me for? What can I do for God? Perhaps these are questions that we don't often think about.

This Sunday could be called "Everybody's Vocation Sunday". It could easily be called that because the Gospel can lead us to see that we all have a vocation, we all have a mission in the world. Certainly it's important to promote vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, but today is an opportunity to think about the vocation of everybody in a wider sense.

Today's Gospel Lesson teaches us how simple the whole notion of a vocation is. Jesus approaches the people he wants to be his followers, asks them a question, and their response is immediately to leave everything and follow him. He meets them where they are, in their everyday lives, in the workplace, and puts the question to them.

Jesus does not ask questions about their background or education or social status. No, he only asks them to follow him. It is an invitation that requires a response and we see how Andrew, Peter, James and John all respond: they *immediately* follow him. There are no questions asked by the four men, no conditions laid down by them, nor is there any form of procrastination: "Let me sort a few things out first." No, they just follow, there and then.

It is only when they follow Jesus that they get the chance to see what he and his ministry are all about. As Jesus goes through the region he preaches and teaches, and ministers among sick people. Once they see this, Andrew, Peter, James and John realize

that they have given the right response to an amazing man.

It is an extraordinary story and at the same time an exceptionally simple one. If Jesus were to come into your workplace and give you this simple invitation, what would your response be? What answer would you give to the Lord? Have we got the capacity to follow immediately when we hear the call? This is perhaps one of the most challenging parts of living out our vocation in the world today. We feel unworthy or unprepared for the things God asks us to do. If we are feeling like this, we can remember the response of the first four disciples, their immediate decision to get up and go, to follow the Lord.

The question is really not "What answer would I give to the Lord?" but "What answer have I given to the Lord?" If today were "Everybody's Vocation Sunday", what vocation would you be thanking God for at this moment? What vocation has God blessed you with in your life? What gifts has God put at your disposal to use for the bettering of the world? What opportunities and circumstances have you had in your life that have made you a better person, a more enriched person? It's worth giving time to think and pray about these questions.

Let us all take time today to consider our own vocation, our own calling by the Lord. We may be amazed as we realise the many paths that the Lord has opened up before us. Perhaps we often think of our life as one where things just happen for no particular reason, but when we stop to think and pray we realise that the Lord has been there in the background directing all things. When Jesus invites us to follow him, he does not leave us to get on with things on our own. No, he remains close to us, gently guiding and directing our footsteps. The Lord never abandons us. Today each one of us can hear the Lord calling out to us, "Follow me." What will our response be?

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

Our Scripture Lessons remind us:

...that each Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Old Testament Lesson sheds light on the Gospel.

...that for St. Matthew, today's beginning of Jesus' ministry begins the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of worldwide enlightenment and universal deliverance.

...that Jesus could not be any clearer about where he wants his Church to be? In the world, though not of it---think of Pope Francis' call for the Church to "step outside itself," bringing Christ to society's "peripheries."

...but as St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, none of us, individuals or splinter groups, has it all together. Together, however, we have it all: Christ's own life to share, Christ's gospel to proclaim.

...a question we should ask ourselves is: How do I need to "step outside" myself to fulfill my baptismal mission? To what "periphery" in my world do I need to bring Christ's peaceable, liberating love?

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Many Thanks....

To our PREP families, who during the season of Advent collected a total of \$ 165.13 for the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) - www.mcakids.org for more information regarding this program. This activity gave our young people and their families an opportunity through the offering boxes provided by MCA to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Many we all continue to pray for and respond to the call to share our faith – to be missionaries – in response to our Baptismal call.

WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM



*Carmen Joseph De Fillipps
Sean Harvey Timbang Alfonso
Kyle Francis Releva
Mario Joseph Taddeo Jr.*

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here.*

*Ever this day, be at my side,
to light and guard, rule and guide. Amen*



To help celebrate Catholic School's Week, the school children are collecting sock, gloves, and hats which will be shared with Catholic Charities and the Brahma House. This collection is being held through January 31st. Donations will be shared with Catholic Charities and the Brahma House. Donations may be dropped off in the school office. Thank you for your generosity.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 26, 2014

Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week #30:	\$8,907.14
Budget need per week:	\$16,000.00
Weekly Deficit:	(\$7,092.86)
Deficit since 7/1/13:	(\$173,676.84)
Weekly Poor Box	\$220.00

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.

2013 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

IMPORTANT!

Please call Donna at the rectory if you wish to obtain a copy of your Contribution Statement for 2013.

Net Charge donors may obtain a copy of their Contributions Statement by logging on to their Net Charge Account. Select My Account then Payment History. You will be able to select a date range to view and print your contributions for that period.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 908-725-1008.

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

2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Faith, Family, Community*

Your contribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to sustain the ministry of the *Office of the Diaconate* which extends its efforts in the recruitment, selection and training of men who, through prayer and discernment, have recognized their calling to the permanent diaconate. Please consider making a gift today.

School News



Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

As a novice I had an amazing spiritual director. Fr. Thomas Blessin, SSJ had a saying for almost everything. One of my favorites has really helped me to understand others and be a kinder, holier person. He used to say, "Much depends on your point of view." I used to think he was telling me to consider my own point of view. But I have reconsidered. In order to live a holy life, I need to be thinking about the point of view of others. We do not all see things the same way.

For example, it is snowing like crazy outside my window. Parents are arriving in various states of panic hoping that the roads are not too slick to arrive home safely. The teachers are wondering if I could possibly let them leave early so they too can get home safely. A concerned grandparent is bringing boots for her little love. The children, on the other hand, are happily looking out the window waiting to go home and build an awesome snowman. Safety is the last thing on their mind.

We begin Catholic Schools Week this Sunday. Your point of view matters greatly. I cannot tell you how to think. But I can tell you that we have a wonderful Catholic School in St. Ann School. Some come for the faith, some for the academics, and some for the discipline. Some come for the safety and security offered, some for the affordability, and some for the interaction with like minded families.

There are those reading this article with no school aged children and may consider the topic moot. I know there are those among this group that support our school because of their faith, their first hand knowledge of the power of our school, and because the sense that is one of God's vehicles for His people and His Church. The way we Catholics are interested in all that God directs, we are interested in His schools. We care about the dignity of all persons and the right to life, equality among and between peoples, providing for the poor, clothing the naked, and feeding the hungry.

During this special week of celebrating the good that Catholic Schools represent, consider the verse of the song that says, "When I was little you taught me to read; when I was anxious you calmed all my fears, now enter into the home of My Father. ..." As you put action to the causes mentioned above, put action into St. Ann School. There is a child longing for the Lord. Help us to help his/her light to shine. Visit our school and see for yourself the difference we make in the lives of our area children.

For all you do, have done, and will do for the children of St. Ann School, thank you.
God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 26, 2014

- 9am: Catholic School's Week Opening Mass followed by Home School Association Pancake Breakfast
- 1pm - 5pm: High School Basketball Games (school gym)
- 5:30pm: Bingo - First game called at 7pm (school café)

Monday, January 27, 2014

- 8am: NJHS Induction (school cafeteria)
- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 6:15pm: PREP class with Mass
- 7:30pm: Knights of Columbus meeting (church meeting room)

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

- 1pm: Respect Life Pilgrimage (School lobby)
- 6pm: Bingo - First game called at 7:30pm (school café)
- 6:30pm: Home School Assoc. meeting (church meeting room)

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

- 1:30pm - 2:30pm: Science Fair (St. Ann School café)
- 5pm: Choir practices (choir loft)
- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 7pm - 8:30pm: St. Ann School Open House (school cafeteria)

Thursday, January 30, 2014

- Saints & Angels Day: see schedule on the last page of bulletin.
- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 6:15pm: Prep class (school)

Friday, January 31, 2014

- Olympics of the Mind Events: please see schedule on last page of bulletin.
- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)

Saturday, February 1, 2014

- 5pm: Basketball games (school gym)
- 5pm: Family Fun Night for St. Ann School Families (school café)



Join Deacon Conrad Paulus for a Lecture Series

**On the Wednesdays of
February 5th, 12th, & 19th**

At 7:30pm

Downstairs in the Church Meeting Room

Subject:

*A Brief Synopsis of the Synoptics;
Matthew, Mark, and Luke*

JANUARY 26, 2014

National Catholic Schools Week 2014
“Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service”

Sunday, January 26, 2014 ~ Kick Off Day

9:00am Opening Mass at St. Ann Parish

Pancake Breakfast ~ After the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses

Sponsored by St. Ann Home School Association. Meet our parents and supporters

Open House ~ 10:00am to 1:00pm

Guided tours begin in the school lobby. Opportunity to speak with teachers

Information sessions with Sr. Mary Klersey, School Principal

Tuesday, January 28th ~ Respect Life Tee-Shirt Day

Sponsored by our Art & Technology Department

Students will bear witness to their faith by wearing block printed tee-shirts made in Art class.

1:00pm: Respect Life Pilgrimage

Beginning in the school lobby, students pray the rosary for greater respect of human life in all its states and conditions.

All are invited to attend.

Wednesday, January 29th ~ Science Fair

Sponsored by our Science teacher, Mrs. Maccia

1:30pm - 2:30pm Open to parents

Open House ~ 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Guided Tours • Meet the faculty and staff • Gather information

Thursday, January 30, 2014 ~ Saints and Angels Day

School gymnasium

Visit us for a day relay races and competitions coordinated by our Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Hardgrove.

Parents, grandparents, prospective families and friends of St. Ann School are invited to attend.

9:00am: Grades Pre-K through grade 3 and 1:00pm: Grades 4 through 8

Friday, January 31, 2014 ~ Olympics of the Mind Events

School cafeteria

Math, Spelling, Editing, Vocabulary, and more become challenges for the four teams participating in the events.

8:15am: Grades 1 and 2 • 9:15am: Grades Pre-K and K

10:00am: Grades 3 and 4 • 11:00am: Grades 5 and 6

1:30pm: Grades 7 and 8

Saturday, February 1, 2014 ~ Family Fun Night

School cafeteria ~ 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Sponsored by our H.S.A. Current school families of St. Ann School gather together for Dinner and Games.

Our mission is to nurture in our school family a personal relationship with our Triune God.

We are committed to developing the spiritual, academic, social, physical, and cultural dimensions of all students, enabling them to live responsibly and creatively in a global environment