

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily: Monday-Friday: 7:00am & 7:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am

Weekend: Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12 Noon

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

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).

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 rectory.

ELECTRONIC GIVING:

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

R.C.I.A.:

We welcome all individuals who wish to become members of the Catholic Church as well as baptized Catholics who never received their First Communion or Confirmation and are interested in becoming full participants in the Catholic faith to contact Deacon John Pacifico in the rectory.

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

Rev. John J. Werner, Parochial Vicar

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 & continue Christ's mission by exemplifying the love of God & neighbor as stewards of God's gifts to us.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 rectory.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

Please join us on *Facebook*. Our Church *Facebook* page includes important information concerning activities and special dates. Please **LIKE US** at "The Catholic Church of St. Ann-Raritan, NJ."

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 19, 2015

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In a world of communications dominated by text messages and social media, we may think that limiting the number of characters in a message is a modern idea. Well, it isn't—at least, writers having to work within limits isn't new. It was around even when the Bible texts were written. The issue then was not about limiting messages to a maximum number of characters, but the challenge for writers was to make sure that not a single word they had written was unnecessary. This was for the very practical reason that papyrus, on which the documents were written, was both hard to come by and very expensive, so it made sense for writers to ensure they neither wasted nor used up unnecessary papyrus. Every word would be carefully considered to see if it was absolutely necessary. These considerations have helped give us a rule that says that when we read a Gospel text, a psalm or whatever, there can never be a word that the writer did not positively intend to include. In other words, nothing got there by accident.

This has important consequences for us when we are reading biblical passages today and we wonder why some details are included that do not make sense, or something is apparently repeated unnecessarily. Today's Gospel Lesson gives a good illustration of this. This account both reminds us of what has gone before this episode and gives hints about what is to follow. As it opens, we are told that Jesus' disciples have been away (he had sent them out to proclaim the Good News just as he had been doing). As the narrative ends, the set-up is complete for the account of one of the most famous miracles ever: the feeding of the five thousand. In between, and using no more words than are absolutely necessary, St. Mark the evangelist describes both the arrival of people, and the place where they gather, in a way that will give added significance to the feeding miracle, which we will hear next week in John's version. St. Mark gives us brief clues that conjure up much older and equally well-known stories without going into detail and thereby using up his precious papyrus supply. He also enlists the help of a well-known psalm to set the scene. It will be easier to set that scene first, and then look at how St. Mark hints at its significance.

We are told that Jesus instructed his disciples to come away to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. This sounds like repetition, but a more accurate translation would be that they went to a deserted---or desert---place to be by themselves. The desert reminds us immediately of the Israelites' forty years in the desert. The disciples have not had anything to eat; the Israelites were faced with starvation until God fed them with manna. There's a whole history in a few sentences.

The famous psalm "The Lord is my shepherd" is really a commentary on how the Lord cares for his people--as he did in freeing them from slavery in Egypt, in bringing them safely through the Red Sea and in feeding them from nothing. In poetic form, it says that the shepherd leads us to pastures near "restful waters". The shepherd guides his sheep "along the right path". These ideas are alluded to in the Gospel story. Jesus leads the disciples and a crowd like sheep without a shepherd to a place where he will feed them---"pastures green". The shepherd guides them along the right path; Jesus sets out to teach people.

Every single image, every single word in this Gospel story has significance. It reminds us of Israel's history; it recalls the prayer of Israel---which is what the psalms were---and it is likely St. Mark wanted his readers to think of the Eucharist. Once Jesus was no longer visibly present on earth, he needed to reassure his readers that the one who shepherded the crowd, who fed those who were hungry and who had compassion on those who lacked a shepherd, is not absent from this world. He continues to be present and to minister to each generation in the same way. It is especially in the Eucharist we celebrate that the Lord who is shepherd, teacher and source of food continues to be present to us today.

In your charity, pray for the sick and the lonely—visit them if you can. Please remember to pray for all who have wandered from the Faith and all who have died, especially Patricia Marie Gromko, Annette LaMastro and Dora Regatts. Also, pray for the souls of all the faithful departed of our Parish Family.

May God always be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael



Our Scripture Lessons remind us:

...that economy of words was essential to biblical writers; nothing is written by accident.

They were adept at calling to mind in a few words entire stories from the past;

...that preparing the way for the feeding of the five thousand, the Gospel writer alludes to the Exodus and to the psalm "The Lord is my shepherd";

...and that these tell us something about the Eucharist we share today. How do we see our Eucharist as the act of the shepherd who not only feeds us but also offers us rest?

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015

- 7am ROSE FUSCA by Zia, Caterina Fusca
7pm ROBERTA GRILLO by Lena Iannetta and Antonietta Falco

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015

- 7am CAMILLO DiRADO by son and family
7pm GIUSEPPE C. VARVARO by The Varvaro family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015

- 7am BRENDA S. MRACEK by McGovern family
7pm VICTOR MANALO by Marilyn and Rey Alonso

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015

- 7am DR. ROBERT B. SAUSE by McGovern family
7pm ALL THE DECEASED MEMBER OF THE MONGIELLO FAMILY
By The Mongiello family

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015

- 7am ROSEMARIE HALUSKA by McGovern family
7pm PETER DiCOSTANZA by Philip and Joyce DiCostanza

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015

- 9am ANTONIO AND MARIA MATTEI by Inez Taylor and family
4pm DECEASED PASTORS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

- 7:30am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9am NICHOLAS AND KATHERINE TOZZI
by Enzon and Theresa Padovani
10:30am SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MR. & MRS. ALBERT FALCO
IN HONOR OF ST. ANN
12 noon DOMENICO GRANDE by wife, Angela

PRAYER LIST



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| Pat Adamo | Maria Fusca | Frank Ratkowski |
| David Alves | Teresa Galaini | Teresa Riga |
| Luzminda Anthony | Anthony Gambino | Cosette Ruh |
| Antonia Y. | Madison Gara | Marianne San Filippo |
| Patrick Bliss | Elizabeth Gecik | Josephine Sapp |
| Michael Brennan | Eleanor Giraldi | Phyllis Serafin |
| Chester Butkiewicz | Leonard Grasso, Sr. | Raffaella Simonetti |
| Joanmarie Carlone | Ruth Gulick | Mary Shallenberger |
| Albert Charles | Melanie Heim | Dave Snedegar |
| Bruno Cirianni | James Holmes | Cathy Stinziano |
| Mark Cusati | Doris Kelco | Frank & Lucille Sudano |
| Frances D'Angelo | Joseph Kowalski | Immaculata Suriano |
| Michele D'Angelo | Bernadette Laggini | Dolores Talamini |
| Angela DeFina | Barbara Langon | Eva Terlizzi |
| Joseph De Lucia | Loni Rose | Tommarie Tibaldi |
| Mary Ann De Maio | MaryAnn Mangiaracina | Anthony Tomaro |
| Ann Descoteau | Rosalie Marrone | Gianna Torgrimsen |
| Raymond Descoteau | Giovanna Martini | Carolyn Trepiccio |
| Maria M. Desiderio | Louis Mattei | Pasquale Truppi |
| Lydia DiGiuseppantonio | Pauline Mengak | Marie Vale |
| Mike Faccone | Jack Merwin | Maria Varvaro |
| Carmela Fasano | Nancy Natale | Richard Vetack |
| Mary & Richard Felice | Nicoletta N. | Barbara Viola |
| | Margaret O'Donnell | Vincent Viscariello |
| | Olga Orlando | Carmella Vitale |
| | Frances Peebles | Emily Vokes |
| | Carol Pepere-Occhiato | Lisa Yoder |

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015

- 4pm **ALTAR SERVERS:** Jamie Mallinson, John Pugh & Doug Sullivan
READER: Theresa Walakonis
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Michael Florczak and John Lamaestra

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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

- 7:30am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Peter DeSantis
READER: Jim Janci
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tom DeSantis and Carmine Iovine

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- 9am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Sal Wiecenski, Evie and Amanda Sullivan
READER: **READER NEEDED**
Eucharistic Ministers: Chuck and Cindy Galvacky

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- 10:30am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Danny & Brendan McNulty,
ALTAR SERVER NEEDED

READER: Dan Walsh

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Debbie and Jose Blanco

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- 12 noon **ALTAR SERVERS:** Randy Behn and Morgan Hill,
ALTAR SERVER NEEDED

READER: Silvia Sorace

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Joseph Mele and Theresa Walakonis

THIS WEEK OF JULY 19-25, 2015

WE REMEMBER AND HONOR

ALTAR CANDLE #1 & 2

✠ **EVA L. DePRIMO** ✠

Requested by The Family

ST. JOSEPH LAMP

✠ **GIUSEPPE C. VARVARO** ✠

Requested by The Varvaro family

PRAYER FOR A SAFE JOURNEY

FEAST DAY: JULY 25

Oh Lord, we humbly ask you to give Your Almighty protection to all travelers.



Accept our fervent and sincere prayers that through Your great power and unfaltering spirit, those who travel may reach their destination safe and sound.

Grant Your divine guidance and infinite wisdom to all who operate automobiles, trains, planes and boats. Inspire them with due sense of duty and knowledge and help them guide those entrusted in their care to complete their travel safely.

We thank you, Oh Lord, for Your great mercy and unending love to all mankind and for extending Your arm of protection to all travelers.

Amen.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 19, 2015

READINGS FOR WEEK OF JULY 19, 2015

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28



SUMMER FESTIVAL

PARISH
FESTIVAL



Christ the Redeemer Parish
**SACRED HEART 47th ANNUAL
SUMMER FESTIVAL**
S.2nd Ave; Manville (just off Main St)

July 28—August 1
Tues-Fri: 6-10pm Sat: 5-10pm

~~WHEELS~GAMES~RIDES~50/50~RAFFLES~DJ~~
~~LIVE MUSIC~POLISH DJ on Wednesday~~

**DELICIOUS HOMEMADE POLISH FOODS
PREPARED DAILY**

For info, call 908-725-0072 or www.ctrmanville.com

SACRED TIME, SACRED SPACE

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer; Watchung

Offering the following programs:

Registration required: call 908-753-2091 or
e-mail: msmhope@msmhope.org

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following programs:

SACRED TIME, SACRED SPACE

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer.

**Aug 6; 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bring bag lunch
\$20-30 as you are able**

WEEK-LONG DIRECTED RETREAT

An experience of personal prayer based on Scripture. Daily spiritual direction. Atmosphere of prayerful quiet. Adaptable to the needs of each individual.

**Aug 7-14. Begins 7 p.m.; concludes 11 a.m.
\$490/week; non-refundable deposit \$80**



EVERY SUNDAY at 7 PM and TUESDAY at 7:30 PM

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

ST. ANN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**BONUS
BALL**

Thank you to Randazzo's Pastry Shop who so generously donates pastries to our Bingo games.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO PAPAL MASS IN PHILADELPHIA

**MASS TO BE CELEBRATED BY POPE FRANCIS
++ September 27, 2015 ++**

Tentatively scheduled for 4pm



...on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art
& along the Ben Franklin Parkway.

~~~ No tickets required - all standing event ~~~

**\*\* Pilgrims should be physically fit and prepared to  
walk several miles. \*\***

Round Trip From: **ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX; Bridgewater**

Round Trip bus reservation & pilgrimage package: **\$55/pp**  
All payments by *credit card only*. **NO REFUNDS.**

**"FIRST-COME FIRST SERVED"** basis. Space is limited.

**\*\*Does not include meals or shuttle expenses at event site.**

~~ Reservations starting July 8, 2015 ~~

**Preferred on-line method:**

[www.diometuchen.org/WMOF](http://www.diometuchen.org/WMOF)



**Phone:** 732-562-1990 x-1543

Monday-Friday 10am-1pm

A waiting list will be formed once seats are filled.

## PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

**All Are Invited**

The Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is sponsoring the Celebration of Holy Mass with the opportunity for participants to receive the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** at **St. Helena's Church**, 950 Grove Ave, Edison, NJ 08820 on Saturday, **September 12, 2015 at 11 AM** followed by fellowship and light refreshments.

The Disabled, their caregivers and all wishing to participate in this special event are asked to **RSVP by Friday, September 4, 2015** by calling 732-234-6432 or emailing us [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com).

## RELIGIOUS TEACHERS FILIPPINI

If God calls you, call us!!

**Religious Teachers Filippini**

Continuing the ministry of Jesus the Teacher.

Are you being called to share your life in love and service as a consecrated woman in religious life as a Sister?

Are you passionately in love with Jesus Christ?

If you have questions or are curious about the prayer, ministry and community life of the Religious Teachers Filippini.

**Contact:** Sister Shirlee [stbernadetteconvent@gmail.com](mailto:stbernadetteconvent@gmail.com)  
917-349-7935 [www.filippinivocations.com](http://www.filippinivocations.com)

**Facebook:** Filippini Vocations

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 19, 2015

## 2015-2016 PREP PROGRAM (a.k.a. CCD)



Families are encouraged to register their children for our PREP Program (a.k.a. CCD) as our young children journey in faith together.

### PREP - REGISTRATION FOR GRADES 1-8

July & August

Obtain a PREP Registration Packet during Parish Office hours or

Download a PREP Registration packet from the parish website.

Checkout the Parish website: [www.stannparish.com](http://www.stannparish.com) under the Faith Formation/Religious Education Tab for more information or contact Sr. Phyllis at 908-725-1008.

*Please consider offering your time and talent to serve your parish community by being a volunteer catechist. You will be fulfilling an important ministry in the Church by participating in spreading the Good News and handing on the treasures of the Catholic Faith. Our children's faith and lives are depending on you.*



## SUMMER ENVELOPES

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail, deliver or electronically give your weekly envelopes to the parish while you are out-of-town on vacations this summer. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here.

## LOOKING FOR A CHURCH ON VACATION?

Are you traveling worldwide and need to locate a Catholic Church? Mass Times is a nonprofit organization that provides a free service to travelling Catholics by helping them to find a nearby church and their Mass schedule. Mass Times covers some 246 countries and territories.

Visit [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org) on your smartphone or download the Mass Times iPhone app on iTunes.

You can also call 734- 794-2100.

## 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,  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Major Louis P. Simon,  
U.S. Marine Corps  
PFC Jerome C. Sunga, U.S. Army  
Jack Vara, U.S. Marine Corps  
Sgt Janet Wyka, U.S. Army

**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).*

## AMAZON SMILE

Amazon will **donate 0.5%** 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/221610843>



## ST. ANN SCHOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM

St. Ann School has a recycling program. We will receive money from TerraCycle for recycling certain items.

### RECYCLING ITEMS

**Aluminum & Plastic Drink Pouch** such as Capri

Sun & Honest Kids  
(with straw)

**Entenmann's Little Bits Pouch**

**Go-Go's Applesauce Pouch**

**Energy Bar Wrappers**

**Inkjet & Toner Cartridge:** Only with copper electronic nozzle strips.

**Personal Care & Beauty:** Shampoo & conditioner bottles & caps, gel tubes & caps, pump hair spray bottles & triggers. Shaving foam tubes (no cans). Toothpaste, toothbrush, floss container, deodorant.

**Skin Care:** Lip balm tubes, face, body & hand soaps & lotions bottles & tubes.

**Cosmetic Packaging:** Lipstick/gloss, eye shadow, bronzer, powder, eyeliner, or concealer cases or tubes. Lip or eye liner.

**Plastic Tape Dispensers & Cores**

**Brita:** Pitchers, bottles, filters, faucet filtration system & dispensers.

**Bottle Caps**



*Let's keep items out of our landfills for the future of our children's environment.*

**Bring your recycling items to our school.**

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Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

I have returned from a wonderful retreat. The best news of the retreat is a short message I heard as clear as a bell. To tell the truth, I have been hearing it all year long but did not discern it as words from the Lord. It puts my mind at ease and makes me know that I have nothing to fear, God is in charge.

So what did I hear and come to understand? "Behold, I am doing something new!" How awesome to know that God is not finished with you or me yet. All that surrounds us has a reason, a purpose, and it is under God's direction.

This message has been given the past few weeks at morning Mass as we hear the stories of Abraham, Joseph, and Moses. In fact, it is the story of Jesus, Himself. This is not just salvation history; it is our history.

When you come to Church and look around. It is an opportunity to see God setting His plan for the future in motion. Just as in the past it is not for doom. It is for life beyond our wildest dreams.

So the fidgety child next to you, the distracted altar server, or the song you have never heard before are there on purpose. Look and listen with the eyes, ears, and the heart of the Lord that you too may know as I know and as scripture tells us, "Behold, God is doing something new." Let us rejoice and be glad.

I thank you for your continued kindness, prayers, and support of St. Ann School. Help us make God's vision of our future a reality.

Have a blessed week,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF  
Principal

***"...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." (Mark 6:31)***

Do you spend time listening for God? Most of the time, He speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. Take time in silence everyday and ask God what it is He wants you to do. Consider making a retreat this year.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

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| Total: .....          | \$10,811.07 |
| Envelope Offerings:   | \$ 8,706.00 |
| Net Charge Offerings: | \$ 1,406.07 |
| Loose Offering:       | \$ 699.00   |
| Poor Box: \$173.00    |             |

**Thank you for your generosity to our parish.**

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



## SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

**MASS: 7:30 am + 9 am + 10:30 am + 12 N**  
7 pm: BINGO

## MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015

**DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm**  
7:30 pm: Knights of Columbus meeting

## TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015

**DAILY MASS: 7 am and 7 pm**  
7:30 pm: BINGO

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015

**DAILY MASS: 7 am and 7 pm**

## THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015

**DAILY MASS: 7 am and 7 pm**

## FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015

**DAILY MASS: 7 am and 7 pm**

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015

**DAILY MASS: 9 am Vigil Mass: 4 pm**  
**CONFESSIONS: 9:30 am and 3 pm**  
Food Drive after 4PM Mass

## SAINTS ANN AND JOACHIM FEAST DAY

~~ JULY 26 ~~



Each year the Church venerates the memory of Saints Ann and Joachim on July 26th. An ancient story dating to the first centuries of the Church's life recalls how Saints Ann and Joachim, like Abraham and Sarah, were scorned by their neighbors because they had no children. Years of longing did not weaken their trust in God, but grief eventually drove Saint Joachim into the wilderness to fast and pray. Saint Ann, remaining at home, dressed in mourning clothes and wept because she had no child of her own. Seeing her mistress distressed, a servant girl reminded Ann to put her trust in God. Saint Ann washed her face, put on her bridal clothes and went to a garden to plead with God for a child. Angels appeared to Saint Ann in her garden and Saint Joachim in the desert, promising that, despite their old age, they would give birth to a child who would be known throughout the world. The new parents ran to meet one another at Jerusalem's Golden Gate, and with a kiss rejoiced in the new life which God had promised would be theirs. Saints Ann and Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as all who have grown old.

God of our Fathers, you gave Saints Anne and Joachim the privilege of being the parents of Mary, the mother of your incarnate Son. May their prayers help us to attain the salvation you have promised to your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. *~~Collect from the Roman Missal.~~*