

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."

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 26, 2015

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Have you ever gone to a supermarket and thought to yourself, "Who eats all this food? Where does it all come from?" Even dogs and cats have a whole aisle to themselves. As you wander up and down the aisles you see food in abundance, row after row, and not just here, but in store after store, town after town, country after country.

Maybe the thought creeps in "Do I really need all I have bought, or did some of it just find its way into the shopping cart?" There is so much. Is it too much?

At home we turn on the television news. Across our screens trail lines of desperately hungry people, driven from places where they can make some kind of a living to a place where they cannot. Families, villages, towns beaten by unforgiving climates or torn apart by wars, wars that are often waged in the name of God.

We want them to know God's love, but how can they if they are sick and hungry? Why is anyone hungry in a world of supermarkets?

In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus saw the crowd gathering around him. He saw their hunger--hunger for food certainly, but hunger also, we suspect, for the signs and miracles he could bring about. He was a realist as well as a visionary and a man of infinite compassion. These people could not listen if they lacked nourishment.

Jesus asked for food, and Philip, one of our patrons, always practical, did a rapid calculation. In real terms it would, he estimated, take two hundred working days to earn enough money to begin to feed this many. A denarius was one day's wage. Either in faith or humor, Philip produced a few loaves and some dried fish.

Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave them to eat. The words are familiar, for we hear them again at the Last Supper. St. John writes, as always, not a simple narrative, but an illustration of the theology of Christ's actions, moving us from the present truth to the eternal mystery. In his mind there must have echoed those incredible words: "Take and eat. This is my Body." He had already made the point that this feeding of the multitude took place shortly before the Jewish feast of the Passover.

Significantly, too, this story in St. John's Gospel is followed by an account of Christ's stilling the storm that threatened to overwhelm the disciples as they crossed the

waters. He said to the frightened men, "Fear not, it is I." In both stories the elements, whether bread or water, obey the divine command. We are caught up into the mystery of the Eucharist.

The crowd in today's gospel had none of this in mind. In Jesus they saw a miracle-worker, perhaps the prophet promised by Moses, another leader who would give the Jewish people their kingdom, free from the domination of Rome. They wanted to make him king and would have taken him by force to do so. As in the temptation in the desert, Jesus resisted the easy way to gain popularity. For him there would be no instant success, no instant kingdom. He went alone back into the hills, away from the danger.

We can only wonder if his friends were disappointed. He seemed to have the crowd in his hands, and yet he refused their offer of allegiance. Would they remember this, do you think, when he stood before Pilate and said, "Yes, I am a king. But my kingdom is not of this world"?

What can we take into our week from today's readings? Perhaps first, a reminder that the world's resources are for the world and not for a chosen few. We all have a responsibility for the health of all God's people. We can all contribute in some way to the preservation of the world's resources and to the care of those who are most vulnerable. Christ cared about the human needs of those who came to him, and he is our model. We can remember too that we are one family in God through our Christian baptism that binds us together in Christ.

In the feeding of the five thousand we have a pointer to the mystery of the Eucharist. It is the bread blessed, broken, and given to us to be the food of our spiritual life and the means of our greater unity with Christ. Given in love, again and again, it enables us to give to others. We need never fear that God's love will not be enough for all our needs. There will be plenty left over.

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. 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* the miracle of the loaves and fishes takes place on a Galilean hillside;
... *that* when the people fail to understand the meaning of the miracle and want to make him king,
Jesus withdraws to the hills where, symbolically, heaven and earth meet;
... *and* if we become like the small boy in the Gospel and, from our poverty, offer all we have,
the kingdom of heaven is open to us.

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015

7am ROSE FUSCA by Maria and Paul Fusca
 7pm MARIE AND PAT COZZA by daughter, Pam Zappa

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015

7am DANI NIKAS by Deborah Scarpone
 7pm MARY EDNA HOSTLER by Frank and Ruth Ann Kerr

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015

7am MARIA DeFINA by Anna and Nicola DiBetta
 7pm ANTOINETTE CIAFFAGLIONE by Mr. and Mrs. Lino Pinho

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015

7am VITO TANGO by Ken and Donna Critchlow
 7pm JOSEPH MIZIA by sister, Terry

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015

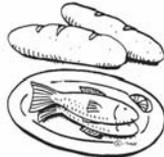
7am ELLA WRIGHT by Colleen Rodriguez
 7pm VICTOR ASCENSAO by nephew, Armando Batista

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015

9am OCELLO PINA by Maria and Biagio Laurito
 4pm SR. NANCY GALLIZZI, MPF by Forktus family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

7:30am HENRY DROZD by Silvia Sorace
 9am PIETRO AND DINA PADOVANI by son
 10:30am THERESA AND RICHARD KINNEY by family
 12 noon PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



PRAYER LIST



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015

4pm **ALTAR SERVERS:** Dominic Stangota, John & James Toolan,
READER: Carol Werner
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Michael Florczak and John Lamaestra

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

7:30am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Alexa Marsh
READER: Rob Sause
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Mary Lou Cirianni, Carmine Iovine

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9am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Ryan, Erin & Brendan Dombrowski
READER: Jackie D'Alesio
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sr. Delores Toscano, Theresa Walakonis

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10:30am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Danny & Brendan McNulty, Evie Sullivan
READER: Dan Walsh
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Antonietta Falco, Lena Iannetta

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12 noon **ALTAR SERVERS:** Randy Behn, Danielle Licht,
 Damian Searchwell

READER: Silvia Sorace

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Maria DeLucia, Joseph Mele

THIS WEEK OF JULY 26-AUGUST 1, 2015

WE REMEMBER AND HONOR

ALTAR CANDLE #1

✠ **HENRY CONDO, JR.** ✠

Requested by Jim and Rosemarie Condo

ST. JOSEPH LAMP

✠ **GREGORIO RUFFA** ✠

Requested by The Ruffa sisters

TABERNACLE LAMP

✠ **FRANCESCO RITA** ✠

Requested by Frank and Marie Rita

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" (JOHN 6:9)

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.

READINGS FOR WEEK OF JULY 26, 2015

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27 or
 Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12



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SUMMER 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



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
DRAW**

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

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:

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**

LEISURE AND SPIRITUALITY

*Summer is a special time to lay back and relax with God. Come
and be refreshed as we explore the ways leisure invites us into a
deeper way of prayer.*

**Aug 12, 7-9 p.m. (\$20-\$30 As you are able)
Presenter: Laura M. Arvin, OP**

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, **Sep-  
tember 12, 2015** at **11 AM** followed by fellowship and  
light refreshments.

The Disabled, their caregivers and all wishing to par-  
ticipate in this special event are asked to **RSVP** by **Fri-  
day, 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

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## 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, US 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 will be away the next two weeks. But, have no fear, Mrs. Albright will be here. She will be happy to assist all those in need of registration and information.

This coming week is my week in the sun with the bugs, snakes, and teenagers! I serve as a spiritual presence, counselor, and security guard at Camp Veritas in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Last year, about 150 young people participated. We are anticipating the same number this year. As much as I appreciate the invitation to return and the opportunity to serve God's people, I ask for your prayerful support. The heat and the introduction to the creatures of Maryland are not on my bucket list.

The following week I will be on vacation with my wonderful mother. I usually just keep her company. This time, she wants to visit an aquarium. We both miss my dad who was an avid fisherman. This may have something to do with her desire.

Life at the depths of the sea is seen by many as dark and dangerous. To me, it is part of the mystery of God. It is His signature in the sand. The sea reminds me of our school. It has shallow and deep waters and is filled with all kinds of life. Each is a gift and offers the opportunity of life and grace to its surroundings.

A message from the sea, when that unique member of your family seems to be a rock or a stone, considers the ocean. If you have ever had a salt water tank, you know the truth of "living stones." This stone, true to its nature and even in its hardness, provides sustenance and life to the rest of us. Praise God for his awesomeness.

Continue to pray for our school and to support it. It is providing life for our parish and for the future of our Church. As God signs His name in the sand, see his footprint into tomorrow in St. Ann School.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF  
Principal

## WEEKLY OFFERING

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Total: .....          | \$11,915.59 |
| Envelope Offerings:   | \$ 8,915.59 |
| Net Charge Offerings: | \$ 1,892.59 |
| Loose Offering:       | \$ 1,060.00 |
| Mission Co-Op Appeal: | \$ 2,852.00 |
| Poor Box:             | \$121.00    |

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

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



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

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

2nd Collection: Diocesan Assessment

7 pm: BINGO

### MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

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

7:30 pm: BINGO

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015

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

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2015

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2015

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

8 pm: Santo Nino Novena (cmr)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015

**DAILY MASS: 9 am Vigil Mass: 4 pm**

**CONFESSIONS: 9:30 am and 3 pm**

10 am: Baptismal PREP (cmr)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015

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

NO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Food Drive *after all Masses*

9 am: Rosary Altar Society Corporate Communion Mass

7 pm: BINGO

## SAINTS ANN AND JOACHIM FEAST DAY

~~ JULY 26 ~~



Each year the Church venerates the memory of Sts. Ann & Joachim on July 26th. An ancient story dating to the first centuries of the Church's life recalls how Sts. Ann & Joachim, like Abraham & 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 St. Joachim into the wilderness to fast & pray. St. Ann, remaining at home, dressed in mourning clothes & wept because she had no child of her own. Seeing her mistress distressed, a servant girl reminded Ann to put her trust in God. St. Ann washed her face, put on her bridal clothes & went to a garden to plead with God for a child. Angels appeared to St. Ann in her garden & St. 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, & with a kiss rejoiced in the new life which God had promised would be theirs. Sts. Ann & Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers & married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as all who have grown old.

*God of our Fathers, you gave Saints Anne & 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.~~