

# The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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**PASTOR** - Rev. Msgr. M. J. Corona, PA, KCHS  
**Parochial Vicar** - Rev. James E. De Fillippo  
**Permanent Deacons** - J. Pacifico / C. Paulus  
**Weekend Clergy** - Rev. Msgr. James Cafone  
**Parish Trustees** - Martin Carrara / Lori Albanese  
**Superior / Pastoral Assoc** - Sr. D. Toscano, MPF  
**School Principal** - Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF  
**Altar Servers** - Rev. James E. De Fillippo  
**Atlantic City Bus Trip** - Marge Corona  
**Baby Gift Drive** - Maddy Swartz  
**Baptism PREP** - Deacon Conrad Paulus  
**Bereavement** - Dorothy Pacifico  
**Bingo** - D. McNulty / J. Szeman / T. Miller  
**Blood Drive** - Theresa Mayewski  
**Card Connections** - Christine Esposito  
**Columbiettes** - Mia Sena  
**Cub Scouts** - Susan Baker  
**C.Y.M. Basketball** - Tom Ellis  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - James Fidacaro  
**Finance Committee** - James Wilson  
**Food Drive** - Carol Rittman  
**Golden Age** - Marge Corona  
**Holy Name Society** - Ken Swartz  
**Knights of Columbus** - John Carlone  
**Liturgy Prep Committee** - Cathy Stevens  
**Lunch Bunch** - Marge Corona  
**Marriage Prep** - Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brown  
**Music Ministry** - Carolyn Thomas  
**Natural Family Planning** - Mr. & Mrs. Ken Swartz  
**Parish Council** - James Fidacaro  
**Parish Nurses** - Irene Roglieri  
**Parish Providers** - Mr. & Mrs. Rick Stevens  
**Parish Visitors** - Christine Esposito  
**Pro Life** - Maddy Swartz  
**R.C.I.A.** - Deacon John R. Pacifico  
**Readers** - James Fidacaro  
**Religious Ed, Director** - Sr. Phyllis Vella, M.P.F.  
**Rosary Altar Society** - Laura Sullivan  
**School Advisory Council** - Aldo Martinez  
**Social Ministry** - Christine Esposito

## Mass Schedule

**Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm**

**Sunday: 7:30am - 9:00am - 10:30am - 12:00noon**

**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 7:00am & 7:00pm; Sat. 9:00am**

**Reconciliation: Saturday at 9:30am and 3:00pm**

**Parish Office hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm**

July 21, 2013 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." - Lk 10:38-40*

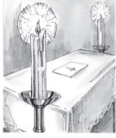


Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we the Catholic Parish of Saint Ann embrace all as family and continue Christ's mission by exemplifying the love of God and neighbor as stewards of God's gifts to us.

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

## ALTAR CANDLES

For the week of July 20th - July 26th, the Altar Candles will burn in the memory (honor) of:



**Altar Candle 1. Giuseppe & Caterina Lico**

Req. by Carmela & Wayne Kopf

**Altar Candle 2. Giuseppe & Caterina Lico**

Req. by Carmela & Wayne Kopf

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

For the week of July 20th - July 26th, the Sanctuary Lamps will burn in the memory (honor) of:



**Tabernacle: Antonio Natale**

Req. by Michael & Maria Renda & Family

**St. Joseph: Giuseppe C. Varvaro**

Req. by The Varvaro Family

**Blessed Mother: Goldie Bennett** Req. by Dorothy Opilla

## ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

The Altar flowers this week are given in memory of

**Rose Pacifico**

Requested by Deacon John and Dorothy Pacifico



To arrange for flowers to be placed at the altar for a loved one or a special intention, please call the parish office at 908-725-1008 ext. 101

*Please remember to pray for our sick of our parish*

Victoria Andrews  
Luzmanda Anthony  
Herb Arnold  
Gary Atchey  
Deborah Bailey  
Bernadette Bavoso  
Amity Bryson  
Joanmarie Carlone  
Jaden Chambres  
Albert Charles  
Kathy Ciociola  
Dominic Comandol  
Carolyn Curcio  
Leonides Dalida  
Frank De Fina  
Corazon Delacerna  
Audrey De Luca  
Mary Ann De Maio  
Grace Ann Dettra  
Lydia Digioseppantonio  
Vincent Facciolo  
Linda Farah  
Mary B Richard Felice  
Patrick Ferrara  
Kathleen C. Filardi  
Sharon Fisahn  
Frank Forte Sr.  
Marie Forte  
Ann Frezza  
Shirley Frodell  
Teresa Galaini  
Elizabeth Gecik  
Frank Giordano  
Margaret Grasso  
Bruno Grigoletti  
David Groza Jr.  
Ruth Gulick  
Aurea Higgins

Casey Hnasko  
James Holmes  
Doris Kelco  
Robert Koeckert  
Bernadette Laggini  
Barbara Langan  
Brianna Larson  
Marie LoCascio  
Carmela Loschivo  
Mary Mangiaracina  
Bridget Marshall  
Giovanna Martini  
Victoria Melitsky  
Marilyn Monger  
Olga Morella  
Anna Moretti  
Luke Adams Myers  
Ava Rose Navarro  
Ann Olivero  
Thomas Orecchio  
Olga Orlando  
Yolanda Polidoro  
Frances Peebles  
Raymond Peters  
Lorraine Raia  
Frank Ratkowski  
Teresa Riga  
Patrick Riley  
Adam Romano  
Cosette Ruh  
John Russo  
Dr. Eric Jose Santos  
Marianne San Filippo  
Josephine Guide Sapp  
Mary Sawidzial  
Nancy Schiavi  
Phyllis Serafin  
Raymond Shallenberger

Phyllis Serafin  
Cindy Sonnier  
David Snedegar  
Sean Stein  
Matthew Stevens  
Dolores Talamini  
Patricia Teague  
Richard Teague  
Anna Teresak  
Frank Tropiano  
Rena Turchi  
Allison Valverde  
Carol Vetaack  
Richard Vetaack  
Vincent Viscariello  
Joan Wirzman  
Lisa Yoder  
Margaret Zangrando  
Joseph Zingariello

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 22, 2013 ~ Saint Mary Magdalene

7am: Francesco Fusca Req. by Margherita Russo

7pm: Daniel N. Joffe Req. by Granahan Family

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 ~ Saint Bridget, Religious

7am: Marie Andrade Req. by Sr. Dolores

7pm: Giuseppe & Caterina Lico

Req. by Carmela & Wayne Kopf

Wednesday, July 24, 2013 ~ Saint Sharbel Makluf, Priest

7am: John Hratko Req. by Frank & Licia Caruso

7pm: Giovanni & Anna Falzarano

Req. by Francesca & Vincenzo Viscariello

Thursday, July 25, 2013 ~ Saint James, Apostle

7am: Rev. Salvatore Ciullo Req. by Sr. Dolores

7pm: Stephen J. Krachun Req. by The Zelis Family

Friday, July 26, 2013 ~ Saints Joachim and Ann, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7am: Marcella McGlynn Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Felice

7pm: Katherine & Nicholas Tozzi

Req. by Daughter & Son-in-law

Saturday, July 27, 2013

9am: Joseph Mizia Req. by Sister, Terry Mayewski

4pm: Mary Ronca Req. by Steven Yanonis

Sunday, July 28, 2013 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: People of the parish

9:00am: Salvatore, Anita, & Frances Russo

Req. by Gerry & Nick Cicero

10:30am: Mr. & Mrs. John Stunis

Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Marshall

12:00pm: Deceased of the Hoffman Family Req. by Deacon

John & Dorothy Pacifico

*The Novena in honor of Saints Ann & Joachim will prayed after each Mass daily July 26th.*



Please pray for repose soul of

**Filomena "Mamie" Carri - July 12, 2013**

**Phyllis Rosi - July 12, 2013**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

*Thoughts For The Week*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

From ancient times, hospitality has been regarded as a sacred duty---an expression of one's sense of compassion, humanity and, on occasion, even of one's wealth. Especially among nomadic cultures, hospitality was essential for survival, enabling people to travel safely in harsh and dangerous conditions. Most cultures still place a high premium on welcoming the stranger and visitor---as was illustrated so visibly in the 2012 London Olympic and Para-Olympic Games, when an army of volunteers known as "Games makers" were scattered throughout the streets, buses and trains of London, highly visible in their purple vests, always available to give directions, information and advice. Though unpaid, they were highly praised as an essential element in making the millions of visitors to the games feel welcome.

For many states in the world, the modern hospitality industry ranks near the very top of their sources of income, and so they put in every effort to project an image of being a welcoming and hospitable place to visit. Recently I read that one hotel chain in Europe even had the "bright" idea of offering human bed-warmers, for those people who prefer their beds to have "that already-slept-in feel" and who don't like getting into a bed with cold sheets. When guests request the service, a staff member will put on a one-piece fleece sleeper-suit and roll around in their bed, heating the sheets to a comfortable temperature. Scientists say warming the bed should help guests nod off faster---like having a giant hot-water bottle. Very hospitable!

Today's Scripture Lessons offer us a glimpse of Middle Eastern hospitality. In the Old Testament Lesson, Abraham and Sarah offer food, drink and shade to their visitors, unknowingly entertaining three angels of the Lord, who in return promise them the blessing of a child. In this Lesson we do not hear the ending of the story---that Sarah laughed at the thought of herself and her husband, way past childbearing age, having a son. The following year, however, they were indeed blessed with a son whom they named Isaac---meaning laughter---to remind them of how Sarah had laughed at the promise of God's blessing.

In our Gospel Lesson, Martha and Mary also receive a divine visitor, in the person of Jesus. Martha offers what might be described as the traditional type of hospitality for the women of

the household---to cook and prepare and serve. Mary offers the hospitality of her undivided attention to the Lord, kneeling at the Master's feet and drinking in his words---arguably, in that time and culture, the position of a male (as no rabbi would have a female disciple). Yet Jesus defended Mary's actions as "the better part". She in fact offers a more profound hospitality to Jesus. Martha fails to choose the one form of hospitality that is needed -- to give the Lord one's time and attention. In fact, Martha actually breaks the rules of hospitality much more than Mary does, as she asks the guest---Jesus---to get involved in a family dispute. It is Mary who offers genuine hospitality and in so doing receives the blessing of the Lord's teaching---a life-giving message. So significantly, the next passage in St. Luke's Gospel---the sequel to this story---is the disciples' request to Jesus to teach them how to pray: how to be at home with God and enjoy God's hospitality.

The scriptures show us time and again how people who offer hospitality to God find themselves on the receiving end of God's hospitality---like Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and so many others. For God is never outdone in generosity. We give different names to the hospitality of God---salvation, eternal life, wholeness, healing, redemption, forgiveness, holiness. Always, when we make room for God in our lives---in prayer, in service of others, in faithfulness to our calling---we find ourselves transformed by that encounter.

The good news is that it is God's very self, who in so many small and countless ways, is the visitor in our daily lives. If we welcome God, then we are inevitably changed. We become more compassionate, more willing to serve, more ready to turn away from our sin, more gentle, more open to life, more able to listen, to pray, to love. In short, we become more like the God we welcome. By offering God hospitality, we are drawn into God's hospitality--the Lord makes his home in us and we find ourselves at home in the Lord. Such hospitality is not simply sacred, it is life-giving both for us and for those we meet.

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***

**RENEW ! ~ News from the Pastoral Council**

The Pastoral Council, in an effort to improve Parish communication, recently requested that parishioners over the age of 18 fill out a Parish Database Update Form. To date, we have received 286 updates. As we continue to receive this information, we are concurrently evaluating electronic broadcasting options. We envision using the system to notify you by the method of your choice, of upcoming liturgical events, church activities and our Parish Ministries.

Carolyn Thomas, our Music Director recently held a meeting to discuss ways to increase singing during mass. Your participation at the meeting was very much appreciated. Many ideas were generated and are being evaluated by the Liturgical Committee over the next few months. Some ideas are being immediately implemented: since many participants suggested using more familiar music, we will return to the Mass to Saint Ann Gloria, etc., as well as, the Celtic Alleluia. Another popular idea we intend to implement is for the choir members to occasionally sit amongst the congregation to promote communal singing.

We will continue to keep you informed as we explore and implement many of the your suggestions.

SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** are celebrated each month on the First Sunday at the Noon Mass as well as the second, third, and fourth Sundays at 1:30pm. There will be no baptisms during Lent. Arrangements must be made in advance and new parents are required to take a Baptism Preparation class held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00am with Deacon Conrad in the CMR.

**Reconciliation** Celebrated on Saturdays at 9:30 am and 3 pm

**Sponsors & Godparents** If you are 18 years or older, you must register 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. It takes 6 months of attending Mass to be eligible for both of these privileges.

**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. The bride or groom must be a registered parishioner. Nuptial Mass or Ceremony may be scheduled on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning or afternoon; or Sunday afternoon Nuptial ceremony .

**Anointing of the Sick** Celebrated with any person who is seriously ill. This sacrament is held periodically. You may request this sacrament at any time, especially in case of emergency.

SPIRITUALITY / FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**R.C.I.A.** We welcome all adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church as well as baptized Catholics who never received their 1st Communion or Confirmation and are interested in becoming full participants in the Catholic faith to contact Deacon J. Pacifico at the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008.

**Religious Ed (PREP)** Classes are held for children in grades K through 8 on Monday or Thursday evenings at 6:15pm. A Special Needs class is held on Tuesday evening also at 6:15pm. Our program is a volunteer organization. If you wish to be a catechist please call our parish office.

**Ministry to the Sick** Our parish shut-in's are visited on the first Friday of each month by our Deacons & Religious Sisters. If you know of a parishioner that is seriously ill or hospitalized, please let the parish office know.

**Novenas** are prayed for 9days after each morning and evening Mass. The Novena prayer is not recited at the Saturday Vigil or Sunday Masses but it is included as part of the 9 days.

*St. Joseph - March 19 ; St. Rita - May 22*

*St. Anthony - June 13; St. Maria Goretti - July 6; St. Ann - July 26*

PARISH PROGRAMS

**Bereavement Group** meets every other Friday starting February through April under the direction of Dottie Pacifico.

**Monthly Food Drive** Takes place on the 1st Saturday /Sunday of each month.

**Baby Gifts Drive** Takes place on the 3rd Saturday /Sunday of each month.

**BINGO** takes place every Tuesday and Sunday

**Youth Ministry** Events for our youth take place throughout the year under the direction of Fr. James E. De Fillipps and St. Ann's Youth Board.

*St. Ann Stewardship Corner*

**OFFERTORY**

July 14/15, 2013.....\$8,302.25

Poor Box.....\$217.40

*Thank you for being as generous as you are able!*

*Summer Envelopes*

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office 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.

*Electronic Giving*

St. Ann's offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online Church contributions ! Online contributions are simple, secure, and automatic. Log onto [www.stannparish.com](http://www.stannparish.com) scroll to the bottom and click on St. Ann Parish Online Donation System. You will be connected to a secure site where you may enter your information including how much and on what date per month to have funds transferred. Thank you for your continued support!

*Parish Registration*

New parishioners are always welcome to register by calling or visiting the parish office. We kindly ask that when you are moving or make changes to your contact information (i.e. telephone, address change or email) that you please notify the rectory. This will help us to reduce the amount of return of mail we receive daily from the post office and keep better contact with you.

*About R.C.I.A.*

Perhaps you are not Catholic, but have been thinking about becoming one? Any adult baptized or not, who wishes to pursue full initiation in the Catholic Church should consider should consider exploring R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults welcome all kinds of people into the Catholic family.

Classes start in September. Please call Deacon John Pacifico at the Parish Office, 908-725-1008.



**ST. ANN'S BINGO**

**Every Sunday & Tuesday Night**

**St. Ann School (air conditioned) cafeteria**

Sunday's doors open at 5:30pm - Games start at 7pm

Tuesday's doors open at 6pm - games start at 7:30pm

**Hot Food, desserts, coffee, & tea available**

Proceeds from Bingo support School Programs.

Bingo can be cancelled if less than 40 players.

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,



Last week I wrote regarding the Pre Kindergarten for our four year olds. When the pre-K teacher, Mrs. Condo, heard this, she contacted me and asked if she could give her perspective on our program. She gives you the same kind of information, but you may appreciate her teacher point of view.

Mrs. Condo writes

*"Did you know Saint Ann School offers Pre-K? From the earliest ages, we strive to help our students acquire independence, courage, compassion, academic excellence and integrity. We offer either half or full day classes at a reasonable rate. Children benefit from attending physical education, music and library classes weekly. They are introduced to a lifelong relationship with Jesus, and attend Mass with the rest of the school on First Fridays. For those who stay for lunch, we offer a hot lunch option. In addition, aftercare is also available. Why not stop by to see our modern classroom and hear about our program which sets us apart from other schools?"*

Of course, Mrs. Condo is absolutely correct. Our program is unique. Our teachers are unique. It is one of those programs you have to see to believe.

If the program itself does not convince a family, other St. Ann School attributes might. Aftercare is available until 6:00 p.m. for working parents. Morning care is available beginning at 7:30 a.m. free of cost. Pre K and in fact the entire school benefits from learning in an air conditioned facility. A nurse is present on campus. Non core classes such as World Language, Physical Education, Art, Technology, Library, and Music are taught by teachers who specialize in these areas. Our parents are an outstanding group of people who support their children, the school, and Catholic education.

We have openings in most grades. Please share the good news of St. Ann School with your friends and neighbors. They will not be disappointed.

God bless you,  
Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF  
Principal

**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
- Sgt. John J. Houser III, U.S. Marine Corps
- PFC. Matthew John U.S. Marine Corps
- CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.
- Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Morella, U.S. Marine Corps
- Major Michael Morella, U.S. Army
- Sgt. Dan Neville, U.S. Marine Corps
- PFC Daniel J. Salvo, U.S. Marine Corps
- Corp. 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
- LTJG Robert Wilson, U.S. Navy



**THE WEEK AHEAD**



**Sunday, July 21, 2013 ~ 16th Sunday in ordinary time**

- ◆ Sunday Mass: 7:30 am. • 9 am. • 10:30 am. • 12 pm.
- ◆ Baby Gift Drive
- ◆ 5:30pm: Bingo - First game called at 7pm

**Monday, July 22, 2013 ~ St. Mary Magdalene**

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm • St. Ann Novena after Masses

**Tuesday, July 23, 2013 ~ St. Bridget, Religious**

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm • St. Ann Novena after Masses
- ◆ 6:00pm: Bingo - First game called at 7:30pm

**Wednesday, July 24, 2013 ~ Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm • St. Ann Novena after Masses

**Thursday, July 25, 2013 ~ St. James, Apostle**

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm • St. Ann Novena after Masses
- ◆ 7:45pm: Virtus training (cmr)

**Friday, July 26, 2013 ~ Sts. Ann & Joachim, Parents of BVM**

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm & St. Ann Novena

**Saturday, July 27, 2013**

- ◆ 9am: morning Mass
- ◆ 9:30am & 3pm: Confessions
- ◆ 4pm: Sunday Vigil



**St. Ann Food drive - Hunger doesn't take a vacation - August 3rd and 4th**

The food bank relies on support from our church community to help collect food to support our neighbors in need. You can deliver your items at Mass or drop off at the parish office Monday - Friday / 8am - 4pm.

Non-perishable items are best such as canned & Dry goods.

**ST. ANN ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP**

Our monthly bus trips to Atlantic City take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month leaving from our church at 9am.

Our next bus trips to Atlantic City will take place on, August 8th. Any one interested attending should contact Marge Corona at 908-725-1198 for more information.

**ST. ANN SCHOOL WISH LIST**

Our Pre-K classroom is in need of book shelves & storage units for the upcoming school year. \$1,000 would cover the cost to purchase 4 new units for the children.

Our Math Curriculum would like to purchase a BENQ Projector which costs \$350.00. BENQ is a visual aid tool that promotes better instruction, motivates learning, creates enthusiasm, increase participation, and optimize learning in today's tight school budgets.

*Whatever you can afford to donate towards these items will be greatly appreciated. Please call 908-725-1008.*