

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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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.

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.

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."

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY - JUNE 7, 2015

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY - JUNE 7, 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Are there surprises in your attic? Books? Any first editions casually stacked away in Uncle Arthur's old trunk? The monks of St Catherine's Monastery in Egypt had in their possession for hundreds of years one of the earliest copies of the Bible, written in the fourth century, on vellum. They knew it was a venerable document but they never dreamed of its colossal importance. Then in 1859, a German scriptural scholar, on a visit, caught sight of the document and realised, as he said, that this was "the most precious biblical treasure in existence". The pages of this "codex" (the technical term for it) are now distributed between Russia, Germany, England and Egypt. You can see a portion in the British Library in London. Which all goes to show how you can have something priceless in your possession, but only wake up gradually to its unique value. Had the monks known that they had the most primitive Greek text of scripture in their library, they would have treated it with extraordinary care.

Well, the Church's proudest possession has always been the Eucharist, God's greatest gift to His people. Today's Gospel Lesson is a foundation document for us. From the beginning, Christians assembled in private homes and relived the Last Supper; and communion was taken to the sick people who could not come. St. Justin the Martyr, whose Feast was celebrated on June 1st, describes this for us, and he died in AD 165. So the Mass, and Holy Communion, are as old as the Church herself for it was given to us by Jesus himself on that first Holy Thursday. As was logical, the custom developed of keeping hosts for Holy Communion somewhere safe, so that they would be available to the priest or deacon in an emergency.

If you had gone into a church in the tenth century, you would not have seen a tabernacle, but a dove-shaped container hanging over the altar. It was called a pyx, and the Blessed Sacrament could be placed inside. Gradually people reflected on the significance of this. Jesus is present. This is the body and blood of the risen and living Lord. He deserves our attention, indeed our adoration, not only at the moment of communion but whenever we come into the church. The greatest saint and scholar of the thirteenth century, Thomas Aquinas, wrote superb hymns in praise of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, some of which we still sing today.

The custom developed of carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession, for the veneration of believers. This is part of what we do on Holy Thursday evening---we take the Eucharist to the altar of repose, so there is a short procession round the church; but the occasion is a sad one, because Jesus is beginning his passion. So the Church, waking up at last to the full dimension of this glorious gift she has always had in her possession, launched the summer feast of Corpus Christi, or, as the Church calls it today, "The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ". In many countries there are processions through the streets, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a precious object called a monstrance. In some countries children scatter rose petals, citizens hang coloured banners out of their windows, the town band plays.

What about us? In the tabernacle, here in our Church, Our Lord is alive and welcoming. The red sanctuary lamp, always burning, is a sign of that. Christ invites us to come and spend time with him---especially before and after Mass. The tabernacle is a place for face-to-face encounter, and the face of the Lord is a challenging face but also a smiling face, an understanding face, an encouraging face, a forgiving face. If we have an hour of exposition, with the Eucharist displayed on the altar, it's a time of opportunity. If we'd lived in Galilee or Jerusalem in the time of Jesus, we would have had the greatest difficulty in getting anywhere near him, what with the curious crowds and the scores of sick people. If we did get the chance to speak to him, after thirty seconds someone else would have elbowed us out of the way. Here, in the Eucharist, we can have that quiet, prolonged, personal conversation that is the heart of all prayer.

This feast day is a day on which we can focus on the full beauty of this great gift that we are given. May we always feel the gentle presence of Jesus, drawing us like a magnet to his company.

May God always be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael



Our Scripture Lessons remind us:

... we must wake up to the full implications of what we have in the Eucharist;

...*that* the Eucharist is primarily given to us in Holy Communion;

...*and* the real presence of Christ also invites our adoration and prayer.

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015

7am GIACOMO GRECO by wife, Vincenza
7pm SANTO, RACHELA GRECO by daughter

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

7am DECEASED ESPOSITO FAMILY by Marge Corona
7pm ALICE & HOWARD CONDO, SR. by Esther

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015

7am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
7pm WILLIAM G. CALLAGHAN by M. O'Donnell

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

7am ANDREA DeFINA by Anna & Nicola DiBetta
7pm CARMEN CANNELLA by Martin & Christine Carrara

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

7am MICHAEL CUGLIARI by Giovanna Figliano
9am SCHOOL CLOSING MASS
7pm SPECIAL INTENTIONS by Antoniette Gianni

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015

9am SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MR. & MRS. FRANK DeFINA
IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY
4pm JOSEPH & FILOMENA NATALE by Emilia Natale

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015

7:30am PASQUALINO DeLUCA by grandson, Nick Parico
9am LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY
10:30am ROSA AIELLO by Antonietta & Albert Falco
12 noon ANTONIO & MARIA ROSA GRECO by Vincenza

PRAYER LIST



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015

4pm ALTAR SERVERS: Julia Harvis, Georgina Iannetta & Grace Maxton
READER: Theresa Walakonis
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Michael Florczak & John Lamaestra

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SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015

7:30am ALTAR SERVERS: John Pugh
READER: Tom Brown
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Nanette Brown and Rob Sause

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9am ALTAR SERVERS: Sal Wiecenski, Joseph & Tanner Gorky
READER: Stephanie Kedziora
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lou Cirianni & Sr. Dolores Toscano

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10:30am ALTAR SERVERS: Brendan, Ryan and Erin Dombrowski
READER: Jackie D'Alessio
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Harold D'Alessio and Jeanne Paulus

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12 noon ALTAR SERVERS: Damian Barczewski, Randy Behn & Danielle Licht
READER: Silvia Sorace
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Joseph Mele and Grace Rygiel

THIS WEEK OF JUNE 7-13, 2015

WE REMEMBER AND HONOR

ALTAR CANDLE #1 & 2

V JO BELIZZONE V

Requested by Lou & Inez Mattei



BLESSED MOTHER SANCTUARY LAMP

V ANTHONY SACINO V

Requested by Richard & Mary Felice

ST. JOSEPH LAMP

V HOWARD CONDO, JR. V

Requested by Esther

"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - Mark 14:23

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we know what drinking from His cup means for each of us. Often, it means our own sacrifice – giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.

READINGS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2015

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19;
Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37 or,
for the memorial of the Immaculate Heart, Is 61:9-11; Lk 2:41-51



CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY - JUNE 7, 2015

ST. ANN 2015 FESTA

June 24 - June 27

We are looking for **VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS** and **MARKETING/OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS** to have a successful Festa.



* **OUR SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR** *
* **PURCHASE IN THE RECTORY OFFICE.** *



Please contact Donna at the Rectory Office, 908-725-1008 x113, or email her at dbontempo@stannparish.com.

CATECHISTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



St. Ann PREP (a.k.a. CCD)

Help is definitely needed! What are you waiting for?

Come join the band of faith sharers and become a catechist!

It's fantastically fun and faith filled. We cannot do His work without YOU! Still auditioning for catechists in our PREP Program for Grades 1-8. Please consider the ministry!



Call 908-725-1008 or email pvella@stannparish.com for more information.

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

June - August

In the Parish Office during Parish Office hours.

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Checkout the Parish website: www.stannparish.com under the Faith Formation/Religious Education Tab for more infor-

Our **SUMMER FUN 50/50 RAFFLE** has grown to a grand total of: **\$5,590.00**

That's 50% of the total to 1 winner.

If you haven't purchased your tickets and you would like to be in the drawing, please send your tickets into the parish office or you can purchase them during the week of Festa.

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

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).



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



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

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY - JUNE 7, 2015

BASKETBALL CAMP

Boys & Girls ~ Grades 3-9

at Union Catholic High School

Week 1: June 22-25, 2015 ~ **Week 2:** July 20-23, 2015

The daily schedule includes station drills focusing on passing, defense, dribbling, ball handling, offensive moves, rebounding, 3 on 3; daily lectures on key aspects of the game; league games and practice sessions each day.

Participants grouped according to age, size & ability.

Lunch will be sold each day ~ Free T-Shirt

Camp Fee: \$200.00.

To Register: m.unioncatholic.org/hoopscamp.

Questions: Dr. Jim Reagan; Camp Director: 908-889-1600.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The newly established Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities now has a dedicated phone line and email address to receive prayer intentions from persons with disabilities, the homebound, their caregivers, relatives and friends.

Prayer Line: 732-765-6431 or

Email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Your intentions will be remembered in prayer at Holy Mass.

"Like Us" on **Facebook:** Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities

2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL STATUS

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$53,182.12 and payments totaling \$53,182.12 from 260 parishioners. This represents 93.3% of your \$57,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Total: \$9,491.70

Envelope Offerings:	\$ 7,842.26
Net Charge Offerings:	\$ 1,105.44
Loose Offering:	\$ 544.00
Poor Box:	\$58.88

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support of our poor box and other donations for the Social Ministry program. We have been able to buy three beds this Spring, give rental assistance to three families, and help with PSE&G shut off notices. We also provided five families with needs of groceries. Your continued support has enabled us to reach out to our community to provide self worth to these families when they are in dire straits. God Bless you all for providing the necessary funds to continue our good works.



The Feast of the Sacred Heart reminds us that we are called to the fullness of life through the love of Jesus.
June 12, 2015



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.

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY - JUNE 7, 2015



Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

The graduates just paraded through my office showing off their caps and gowns. The students literally glowed. They were so proud of themselves and their accomplishment. Gone was the sadness that this would be their last visit to my office. Gone was the thought that the life long buddies beside them would be going to other schools. Gone was the worry that they would not fit into high school. They reminded me of the Pre-K who came in holding hands to show me their Easter Hats a few weeks ago. Broad smiles filled their faces. If their parents could see them now, they would be shedding more than a few tears of pride and joy.

This marks the last week of school for the year for the rest of the children. The only people in the building happier about summer vacation are the teachers. The summer is full of family and fun, but it means the going away from a beloved teacher on whom they have come to depend and even slip and call "mom" occasionally. Summer is time for relatives and road trips. But the daily contact with peers who have been the best friend one minute and worst enemy the next also glares before them. There is a huge piece of life that will be missing for a while. They will not miss homework or tests. They will not miss lunch or recess. But they will miss the people who have become so much a part of their life.

The good news is that with our fidelity to Sunday Mass, there can be weekly reunions. I love going to Church and being flagged down by a shy waving hand or a slide down in the seat that says, "see me but do not let anyone know how happy I am to see you!"

The children are taking a break from school but not a break from the Lord. Church is that other place where we find comfort, stability, and friends. I ask that you be that friend in the pew next to our families. Your smile goes a long way in encouraging participation and in the feeling of acceptance that is so important to our young people.

You will know that you have succeeded in being another Christ when you are the one receiving the big smiles and shy waves from our children. Let's make this the summer where love grows and takes root here at St. Ann Parish.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

To the Children and Staff of St. Ann School:



Have a fun and safe summer. See you again at Festa.



SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

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

Food Drive after all Masses

7pm: Bingo (sc)

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

7:30pm: Knights of Columbus meeting (cmr)

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

7:30pm: Bingo (sc)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

12:30pm: School Dismissal

12:30-2pm: Little Flowers Girls Club (sl)

5-8:30pm: Choir Practice (cl)

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

12:30pm: School Dismissal

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

12:30pm: School Dismissal - Last Day

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015

DAILY MASS: 9am Vigil Mass: 4pm

CONFESSIONS: 9:30am & 3pm

9am Mass: Special Needs First Communion

10am: Baptismal PREP (cmr)

1-3pm: Jr. Youth Group - *Open Gym* (sg)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015

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

NO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

9am Mass: Rosary Altar Society Corporate Communion Mass

7pm: Bingo (sc)

AMAZON SMILE

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