

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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Most Holy Trinity

"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." *Jn 16:14-15*

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SACRAMENTS AND DEVOTIONS

Mass Schedule:

Daily: Monday-Friday at 7:00am & 7:00pm; Saturday at 9:00am
Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12 Noon

Confession:

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

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, 908-725-1008.

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.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call the rectory to arrange a home visit.

Ministry to the Sick:

Parish home bounds are visited on the first Friday of each month by our Deacons & Religious. If you know of a parishioner that is seriously ill or hospitalized, please let the parish office know.

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 Godparent for baptism. It takes **6 months** of attending Mass to be eligible for both of these privileges.

Devotions:

Rosary—Prayed after daily morning Mass
Scripture Study—Offered periodically
Santo Nino Novena—First Friday at 8:00pm
St. Joseph Novena—March
St. Rita Novena—May
St. Rocco Novena—June
St. Maria Goretti Novena—June/July
St. Ann Novena—July

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP):

PREP classes for grades 1-8 are taught on Monday or Thursday beginning at 6:15pm to 7:30pm. For information please call the Religious Education Office at 908-725-1008

Parish Registration:

Any new family who has moved into the parish or adult children 18 and over, are invited to register at our parish after any Sunday Mass or visit the rectory 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. Also, please notify us if you move.

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PASTORAL TEAM

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

Rev. John J. Werner, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. James Cafone, S.T.D., Weekend Clergy

Deacon John R. Pacifico, Permanent Deacon

Deacon Conrad Paulus, Permanent Deacon

Sr. Dolores Toscano, M.P.F., Superior / Pastoral Associate

Sr. Mary Klersey, M.P.F., Principal

Sr. Phyllis Vella, M.P.F., Director of Religious Education

www.stannparish.com

Email: info@stannparish.com

Office hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

IN MEMORY OF...

For the week of June 15th, requests in memory (honor) have been offered for:

Altar Candle #1

Michael Schurick

Requested by Tanya, Rich, Edwina & Tom

Saint Joseph Lamp

Angelo Bavaro & Pasquale Ruffa

Requested by Filippo & Lia Ruffa & Family

Blessed Mother: Sanctuary Lamp

Antonio Gasparro

Requested by Domenica & Gregorio Grande

For your information

*The Padre Pio Statue has been donated by
Maria Gasparro, children & grandchildren*

in Loving memory of

Antonio Gasparro

*(Mr. Gasparro's first name was misspelled
in last weeks bulletin)*



Monday, June 16, 2014—

7:am Intention of Maria & Paul Fusca in honor of St. Anthony

7pm Deceased Priests of the parish

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

7am Antonio Greco, r/o Isabella Ruffa

7pm Elizabetta Gianni, r/o Antoniette & Family

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

7am: Anna & Filippo DiBetta, r/o Anna & Nicola

7pm Norma Ferguson, r/o Pam Zappa

Thursday, June 19, 2014—Saint Romuald, Abbot

7am: Antonio & Raffaelli Marisia, r/o M/M Frank DeFina

7pm William G. Gallagher, r/o Margaret O'Donnell

Friday, June 20, 2014,

7am Anthony Niziolek, r/o Grace Rygiel

7pm LaBarbera Mana Dentici, r/o Grandchildren

Saturday, June 21, 2014 ~

9am: Henry Condo, Sr., r/o Jim & Rose Marie Condo

4pm: For all Fathers for Whom requests have been made

Sunday, June 22, 2014 ~Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

7am For all Fathers for Whom requests have been made

9am For all Fathers for Whom requests have been made

10:30am For all Fathers for Whom requests have been made

12 Noon: For all Fathers for Whom requests have been made

Please Pray for the sick of our parish

Victoria Andrews	Teresa Galaini	Frank Ratkowski
Luzmanda Anthony	Anthony Gambino	Fortunato Riga
Bernadette Bavoso	Elizabeth Gecik	Teresa Riga
Michael Brennan	Eleanor Giraldo	Cosette Ruh
Chester Butkiewicz	Roberta Grillo	Anthony Sacino
Jimmy Canavan	Ruth Gulick	Marianne San Filippo
Joanmarie Carlone	James Holmes	Nancy Schiavi
Jaden Chambers	Doris Kelco	Mary Shallenberger
Albert Charles	Bernadette Laggini	Phyllis Serafin
Kathy Ciociola	Barbara Langon	David Snedegar
Dominic Comandol	Edward Locasio	Frank & Lucille Sudano
Susan Cunningham	Marie Locasio	Dolores Talamini
Frances D'Angelo	Rosalie Marrone	Margaret Ticola
Michele D'Angelo	Giovanna Martini	Anthony Tomaro
Angela DeFina	Kathy McCormack	Tommarie Tibaldi
Ann Descoteau	Patricia McGuire	Carolyn Trepiccio
Mary Ann De Maio	Victoria Melitsky	Marie Vale
Theresa DiBetta	Anna Moretti	Allison Valverde
Lydia Digiuseppantonio	Nancy Natale	Richard Vetack
Thomas Duda	Ava Rose Navarro	Vincent Viscariello
Alyssa Eubanks	Thomas Orecchio	Carmella Vitale
Mary & Richard Felice	Olga Orlando	Joan Wirzman
JoAnn Felty	Raymond Peters	Lisa Yoder
Sharon Fisahn	John Petsko	Margaret ZanGrando
Maria Fusca	Yolanda Polidoro	Carissa Zingariello

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Not so very many years ago, a pastor friend of mine believed he should preach one very difficult and theologically complex sermon each year, for the good of his people. He invariably chose Trinity Sunday for this. Unfortunately, his plan didn't work very well, because his congregation never understood what he was talking about at any time!

There is a famous story about St. Augustine—although there is no record that Augustine himself actually told it—and it is only known from the thirteenth century. The story tells us that Augustine was sitting on a beach, trying to grasp the mystery of the Trinity, when he saw a small boy with a seashell collecting water from the sea and pouring it into a hole in the sand, returning to the sea for more water, and so on. Distracted by this, St. Augustine asked him, “What are you doing?” The child answered, “I'm, going to pour the entire ocean into this hole.” “That is impossible; the whole ocean will not fit in the hole you have made,” said Augustine. The boy replied, “And you cannot fit the Trinity into your tiny little brain.”

The complexities of the theology of the Trinity will always be beyond the human mind in this life. That is not a cause for concern for us today, however, because we gather today to celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, not to understand it. Our entire liturgy is wrapped up in the Trinity: our prayer is addressed to God the Father, through Jesus Christ his Son, both of whom live and reign in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, three persons. It would be interesting to sift through the full liturgical texts for almost any occasion and examine just how often the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are mentioned—from the time we begin in the name of Father, Son and Spirit, to the blessing invoking the protection of Father, Son and Spirit at the end of the Mass.

How, though did we come to know about God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit? We know about God because God has told us about Himself. In fact, only God can reveal Himself to us. It happens in today's Scripture Readings. In our Old Testament Lesson from the Book of Exodus, Moses carries the stone tablets of the Law, which tell us about God's ways, but only God can say, as he does here, “Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.” We can only learn this about God because He alone tells us; humans could never invent a god who is like this.

St. Paul, in our New Testament Lesson, famously passed on to his readers and hearers what he himself had been told. This empowers him to wish for the Corinthians, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.” It was from God alone that Paul learned these qualities of God.

The fullest and most remarkable revelation of God comes from Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, who alone has come from heaven. Jesus tells us of God's purpose and plan for our world, and it follows from God's own revelation in Exodus of the God of tenderness and compassion, and is affirmed by Paul's statement that Jesus is graceful, God is full of love, and that in the Spirit alone, we can have true and genuine fellowship. In our Gospel Lesson, Jesus tells us what God wants for the world. It is not condemnation, because God sent his Son into the world so that the world could be saved; that is, that you and I can be saved! Jesus is God's plan for the world in action: he is the love of God, God's graciousness and the foundation of human fellowship in the Spirit.

This takes me back to our liturgy and our prayer. When we pray to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit, we are not just making a series of theological statements. We are actually immersing ourselves in the God whose Son tell us that the Father's desire is that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Next time we pray, “in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit”, perhaps we might like to think that this familiar series of words is like a summary of how one God, in three persons, invests so much in us so that we might have life to the full.

A special “Thank You!!” to our Knights and our Home/School Association for preparing and presenting the reception we had last Sunday for Father James. Your kindness to our parish, school and priests is deeply appreciated.

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 Trinity is impossible for us humans to understand;

...that Jesus tells us that God wants humanity to be saved, not condemned;

...and as we pray in the name of Father, Son and Spirit, we recall that God's plan includes every one of us

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!

15 JUNE 2014 - MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

READINGS FOR WEEK OF June 15, Sunday 2014

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 / Cor 13:11-13 / Jn 3:16-18
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 / Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 / Mt 6:7-15
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14 / Mt 19-23
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 / Mt 6:24-34
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25 / Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Cor 10:16-17 / Jn 6:51-58

SOCIAL MINISTRY

HELP! We are in need of a window air conditioner for a local family and a Woman's bicycle.. If you have either one or both to donate, please call Christine at 908-725-1008 in the Rectory Office

SPECIAL REQUEST

St. Ann's 7th grade classroom is in need of a DVD/VCR. If someone is willing to donate one, please let us know by calling the Parish Office at (908)725-1008 or the School at 908-725-7787

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
LCpl William A. De Santis, U.S. Marine Corps
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
PFC Keith Ressa, U.S. Army
PFC Daniel J. Salvo, U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal Jonathan Schultes, US Marine Corps
Major Louis P. Simon, U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Jerome C. Sunga, US Army
Jack Vara, U.S. Marine Corps
LT. Robert Wilson, U.S. Navy



May God bless them & keep them safe. Pray for the souls of those who have given their lives in service to our country.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week #50	\$9,974.99
Weekly Budget Needs	\$16,000.00
Weekly Deficit	(\$6,025.01)
Deficit since 7/1/13	(\$279,117.36)

Poor Box: \$166.50

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

"...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"

Lk.12:34

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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

Thank you for your continued support!



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
you govern and protect your people
and shepherd them with a father's love.
You place a father in a family as a sign
of your love, care, and constant protection.
May fathers everywhere be faithful to the
example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast
in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining
the family, caring for those in need.
Give your wisdom to fathers
that they may encourage and guide their children.
Keep them healthy so they may support a family.
Guide every father with the Spirit of your love
that they may grow in holiness
and draw their family ever closer to you.
Amen.



LAZARUS MINISTRY

The death of a family member, friend, or co-worker is always a difficult time and we ask "why?, why did God take our loved one from us?" Sometimes this happens suddenly, sometimes it is drawn out, and very draining. No matter how death comes, we realize it is final. We, as a parish family, have all experienced death at one time or another in our lives. There is a program that reaches out to families at this time called "Lazarus Ministry."

Lazarus Ministry is scheduled to start at St. Ann's this fall. Our abilities will depend on the number of volunteers who respond to our call. For more information or to Volunteer please contact:

Dottie Pacifico (908-722-3137) or
Toni Randazzo (908-707-8990).

- ♦ Visit the bereaved immediately following the death.
- ♦ Help plan the funeral liturgy (with the guidance of parish priest and deacons).
- ♦ Offer to stay at the bereaved home during the funeral.
- ♦ Follow-up with regularly placed phone calls.
- ♦ Give literature about normal grief reactions.
- ♦ Loan resource books and/or videos about dealing with loss.
- ♦ Plan a memorial service in May.
- ♦ Plan an All Souls' Day Mass.
- ♦ Facilitate an on-going support group.
- ♦ Pray with the bereaved.

ALWAYS listen with a compassionate heart, provide hope for the future, and present opportunities to remember the past.

BUS TRIP

Join St. Ann's bus trip to
ATLANTIC CITY



On Thursday, 19th of June
Bus leaves from in front of the church at 9am
Please call Marge Corona at 908-725-1198
to reserve your seat or obtain more information

The St. Ann Parish Nurses recently had a presentation from Sumantha Banerjee from the Somerset County Health Department.



The topic was "Preparing makes sense, get ready now!"

We need to have plans in place when disaster strikes whether it is the result of fire, flood, snowstorm or an attack. Be prepared with at least 3 days worth of emergency supplies. Get a kit of emergency supplies. This should include H2O, food, medicine, clothes, flashlight. Make a plan for what you will do in an emergency. Where will you meet up with family members? Do you have contact information for family & friends? Where will you shelter? Be informed about what will happen. Go to www.ready.gov to learn more about emergencies or potential threats. Get involved in preparing your community. You may want to get involved with the Citizen Corps in your town or county—visit their website: www.citizencorps.com. They will help prepare & train volunteers in the community .

2013-2014 PREP Program—Volunteers
Catechists, Aides, Hall Monitors

With gratitude to God, we pray these words from Paul's Letter to the Philippians:

"I give thanks to God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."

Fr. James De Fillipps
Sr. Mary Klersey
Jordyn Christ
Diana Cirianni
Kym D'Agostino
Kathy Faccone
Michele Galvin
Nancy Giordano
Jim Janci
Jamille Krupa
Tara Lewandowski
Megan Maltese

Michelle Mirra
Nicole Patente
Angie Petti
Liz Perez
Rosalinda Piccolo
Rachel Ruh
Maria Sause
Daniela Taylor
Ness Tirol
Christina Torlish
Laura Williams
Mariangela Zukowitz



A THANK YOU FROM THE
FESTA COMMITTEE....

We would like to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of St. Ann's Festa. Your personal commitment was incredibly helpful. You all did a fantastic job whether it was baking a cake for the cake wheel, worked at a booth, sold 50/50's, helped set up or take down, cooked, cleaned tables, took out garbage and stretched dough, all your efforts were important to us. May God bless you in abundance.

15 JUNE 2014 MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

Thank you to everyone who helped or attended Festa! I know the school is the beneficiary of the Festa success, but I must confess that there is a bigger bonus in it for the parish.

We human beings are not our best when everything is running smoothly. We are not at our best when we are alone, doing our day to day thing. We are at our best when there is a challenge before us. We are at our best when we acknowledge the challenge and step out in faith to meet it.

To me that is what Festa is all about. I watch the rectory staff working very hard behind the scenes, The Festa unifies them around a common cause. It does the same for the parish. People who sit in a pew or two behind another family are now both working at the duck pond or selling raffle tickets. They learn each others name and form memories that bind them together forever.

Whether your little ones enjoy the thrill of the rides or you are just bringing home some yummy delicacy for your family's dessert, you are now part of something larger than yourself. The joy of the occasion is unmistakable and contagious.

It reminds me of the joy the early Christians must have experienced as they got together. No wonder the faith spread so quickly in those days; everyone had the same challenge and the same hopes and dreams. They held fast to their faith and to each other. This I how they met and overcame the challenges of their times.

It has been this way throughout history. My friends, it is that way now. Our school has its challenges as does our parish, but things like Festa are our foot forward. As we live and work together in faith, we grow in the likeness of Christ. As Julian of Norwich says, "And all will be well." Good things await us. God really is for us.

God bless you,
Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES-

Congratulations to graduates

Erin McGovern And Daniel McNulty

- ◆ *Erin was awarded a \$500 scholarship in memory of Frances P. Bongiovi and the Bongiovi Funeral Home*
- ◆ *Daniel was awarded a \$500 scholarship in memory of Anthony C. Bongiovi and the Bongiovi Funeral Home.*

St. Ann School would like to sincerely thank Anna Louise Bongiovi & the Bongiovi Funeral Home for their generosity that is given to our school and its children. Our prayer is that the Lord Jesus bless them with his love in abundance.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 15, 2014—FATHER'S DAY

- Mass at 7am / 9am / 10:30am / 12N
- NO BINGO

Monday, June 16 2014 Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

- Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
- 7:30 pm: BINGO (School cafeteria)

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 -

- Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Thursday, June 19 2014

- Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Friday, June 20, 2014—

- Daily Mass at 7am

Saturday, June 14, 2014 -

- Daily Mass 9am / Vigil Mass: 4pm
- Confessions: 9:30-10 and 3:00-3:45pm
- 4pm Diocesan Scout Mass

Faith Formation—Religious Education PREP—(Parish Religious Education Program)—Gr. 1-8

*Registration for new families whose children are entering Grade 1 in the Fall are welcomed to visit the Parish Office to obtain a **PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)** Registration Packet for the 2014-15 Program year. *A copy of your child's baptismal record will be needed. *Registration for current families in the program as well as new families to the parish may also visit our church website: www.stannparish.com under the Faith Formation/Religious Education Tab for program details as well as a Registration Packet. Contact Sr. Phyllis at pvella@stannparish.com or please call 908-725-1008 for further information.

WANTED: CATECHISTS/ VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time, talent? PREP, Parish Religious Education Program, needs you! Volunteers are needed for classes, catechists, aides, sacramental preparation, substitutes, office/resources and other areas. You don't have to have children in the program to volunteer.. We encourage all adults to prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you. *All volunteers must be cleared through the workshop Protecting God's Children—www.virtus.org—and will be [provided guidance and support along the way. If interested or wish to know more about volunteering, contact Sr. Phyllis at pvella@stannparish.com or call (908) 725-1008