

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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St. Ann Convent: 29 Second Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869 (908) 725-2256



Mass Schedule:

Daily: Monday-Friday: 7:00am & 7:00pm; Saturday: 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.

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 parish office.

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.

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

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.

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 Parish 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.

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).

Like us on Facebook:

We are excited to announce that we now have a Facebook page for the Church, which will include important information concerning activities and special dates. Please LIKE us at "The Catholic Church of St. Ann - Raritan, NJ."

MARCH 22, 2015 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, March 23, 2015

7am Francesco Ruffa by Isabella Ruffa
7pm Angelina Piccolo by family

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

7am Francesco Fusca by Maria Fusca
7pm Czoch brothers & wives by sister, Theresa Walakonis

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

7am Antonio Greco & Maria Rosa DiNami by Caterina Todarello
Faustino & Jacinto Pena by Pena family
7pm *Mass Intention will be offered at the 7 AM Mass*

Thursday, March 26, 2015

7am James J. Duffy by daughter, Claire Cicalese
7pm Eugenio DeStefano by wife, Fulvia & children

Friday, March 27, 2015

7am Rosa Fusca by Maria & Paul Fusca
7pm Martin Carrara by Martin & Christine Carrara

Saturday, March 28, 2015

9am Harry Stevens by Paul & Toni Stevens
4pm Ida Surino & Alfred Miceli by Emilia
Sunday, March 29, 2015 **PALM SUNDAY**
7:30am People of the Parish
9am Lorraine Theresa & Leonard Fazio by Mr. & Mrs. Starr Giovannucci
10:30am Deceased Guadagna family by Clementina Guadagna & family
12 noon Joe Greco, Salvatore, Antonio & Domenico Natale by Angela Grande

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 28, 2015

4pm **Altar Servers:** John Pugh, Carmen Stangota, James & John Toolan
Eucharistic Ministers: John Lamaestra & Cathy Stevens
Reader: Rick Stevens

SUNDAY, March 29, 2015

7:30am **Altar Servers:** Peter DeSantis
Eucharistic Ministers: Carmine Livine & Frank Kerr
Reader: Dianne Bautista
9am **Altar Servers:** Amanda Sullivan, Maryann & Maxine Opida
Eucharistic Ministers: Jane & Jim Fidacaro
Reader: Tina DiFabio
10:30am **Altar Servers:** Andrea Chadwick, Amy Wyllie, Doug & Evie Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Walakonis & Maureen Wilson
Reader: Jim Wilson
12 noon **Altar Servers:** Julia & Rebecca Aiello, Damian Barczewski and Morgan Hill
Eucharistic Ministers: Antonietta Falco and Lena Iannetta
Reader: Christine Carrara

THIS WEEK OF MARCH 22-28, 2015 WE REMEMBER AND HONOR

ALTAR CANDLE

Adolph Russo
Requested by
Chris & Linda Polaski



TABERNACLE LAMP

Frank Mangiaracina
Requested by Beloved wife

ST. JOSEPH LAMP

Frank Mangiaracina, Sr.
Requested by Mike DiLette & family

READINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2015

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



LENTEN SERVICES IN OUR CHURCH

◆ **Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during Lent at 1 & 7:30 PM
(Days of Abstinence)

◆ **Lenten Penance Service:** Wednesday, March 25; 6:30 PM

◆ **Palm Sunday:** March 28/29 - Palm will be blessed & distributed at all Masses. Solemn Blessing & Procession at 12 Noon Mass.

Holy Thursday + April 2

◆ **Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper:** 7:30 PM *(Night of Fast)*
◆ **Adoration & Prayers:** until 11 PM *(CMR)*

Good Friday + April 3 + Day of Fast & Abstinence

◆ **Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord Jesus:** 3 PM
◆ **Special Stations of the Cross:** 7:30 PM

Holy Saturday + April 4

Day of Fast & Abstinence until the Easter Vigil

No Confessions Today

◆ **Blessing of Easter Foods & Baskets:** 3 PM *(CMR)*
◆ **Easter Vigil:** 8 PM

Easter Sunday + April 5 *Regular Mass Schedule*

Overflow will be accommodated in the Church Meeting Room on the Large Screen TV. Communion will be brought to the meeting Room.



SPREADING THE WORD

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." – Jeremiah 31:33
What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

PRAYER LIST

	Maria Fusca	Teresa Riga
	Teresa Galaini	Frank Ratkowski
	Anthony Gambino	Mary Ribar
	Madison Gara	Cosette Ruh
	Elizabeth Gecik	Anthony Sacino
	Eleanor Giraldo	Bill Salerno
	Leonard Grasso, Sr.	Marianne San Filippo
	Ruth Gulick	Josephine Sapp
	Melanie Heim	Phyllis Serafin
	James Holmes	Raffaella Simonetti
	Doris Kelco	Mary Shalamberger
	Joseph Kowalski	Dave Snedegar
	Bernadette Laggini	Frank & Lucille Sudano
	Barbara Langon	Evelyn Sullivan
	MaryAnn Mangiaracina	Dolores Talamini
	Rosalie Marrone	Eva Terlizzi
	Giovanna Martini	Tommarie Tibaldi
	Louis Mattei	Anthony Tomaro
	Victoria Melitsky	Gianna Torgrimsen
	Pauline Mengak	Joseph Torlish
Brenda Mracek	Carolyn Trepiccio	
Nancy Natale	Marie Vale	
Adelino Nunes	Allison Valverde	
Margaret O'Donnell	Maria Varvaro	
Olga Orlando	Richard Vetack	
John Petsko	Barbara Viola	
P.G.	Vincent Viscariello	
Gary Pieretti	Carmella Vitale	
Yolanda Polidoro	Lisa Yoder	

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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).

WEEKLY OFFERING

Total: \$10,103.47

Envelope Offerings: \$7,765.00
 Net Charge Offerings: \$1,685.47
 Loose Offering: \$ 653.00

Poor Box - \$163.35

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

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

WILL PLANNING

Please remember "The Catholic Church of St. Ann" when planning your will. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who in the past have left bequests to the parish. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for future generations.



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!

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

No matter how old you are or how long you have attended Mass here, you may show up as a child on your parent's registration or not show up at all!!! We would like very much for you to register as an individual so you can receive mailings from us. Please stop by the Parish Office to fill out a Registration Form; this is especially important if you wish to be a Sponsor for Confirmation or Godparent, are getting married, or wish to Baptise your baby.



BINGO

**EVERY SUNDAY at 7 PM &
 TUESDAY at 7:30 PM**

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

ST. ANN SCHOOL CAFETERIA



2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Life-Changing Faith

If you have yet to make your gift, please do so today! Your gift should be based on your means and circumstances – a private decision between you and God. This past year, thousands of local Catholics received services through *Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen*.

Without the support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, these programs would have to be reduced or in some cases eliminated. Please give as generously as your means allow.

"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

SLICED FILET MIGNON DINNER

To Benefit MANVILLE FIRST AIR & RESCUE SQUAD

V.F.W. Hall; 600 Washington Ave; Manville

Dinner served **promptly** at 6 PM

For tickets or information call Sandy at 908-72-3865

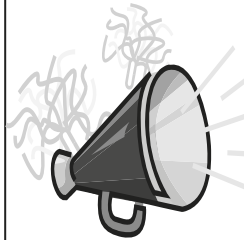
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ST. ANN SCHOOL ALUMNI

50th Anniversary of St. Ann School

Let's celebrate together!

If you are a graduate or know of any alumni to St. Ann School in the past fifty years, please contact the Parish Office at 908-725-1008 or email Donna at dbontempo@stannparish.com to ensure that at least one graduate from each year is represented to form this committee to coordinate and organize the various events for the year celebration.



SCRIP - GIFT CARDS

Help St. Ann Parish to help you by buying **Scrip Gift Cards** to make your purchases at stores and shopping on the internet. We receive a percentage of total sales in return. This helps to reduce costs.



Scrip Gift Cards are always available for purchase at St. Ann School or the Rectory.
Scrip Weekly Form: www.stannparish.com/churchsite/

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.

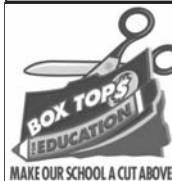
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BOX TOPS

Please cut all your **Box Tops** to help support St. Ann School.

Submit them to the School or Rectory Office



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".



MARCH 22, 2015 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

If there is one activity that makes people anxious, it is having to give a speech in public. Yet a study in a journal of psychology has suggested that there is one crucial reason why people fail to overcome their anxiety; and that is because they do what would seem to be the obvious thing to do. Being anxious, they try to calm themselves down. In fact, the article suggests, this does not work at all. What seems to work more effectively is to become excited about the prospect of giving the speech.

Perhaps this isn't surprising. Emotions have a purpose and can be used, not suppressed. The trick is to use them in the right way. A moderate fear keeps us safe. Some sadness can be healing. There is even such a thing as peaceful anger, though few manage that emotion particularly well. Lent is different from Advent. Advent reminds us of how the world was lost and on its own before Christ came; Lent reminds us of where we are going, and what price was paid for us to go there. In this way Advent is about the past, but Lent is about the future. It should be a time of excitement, and the best way to be excited is to do what we do as an act of love. Then we forget about ourselves.

Today's passage from Jeremiah begins, "See, the days are coming..." The second Lesson, from the letter to the Hebrews, speaks of Christ looking beyond his life on earth. In the Gospel Lesson, Jesus says that "the hour has come". We still live in that "hour"; it is still unfolding in our lives. Even though it is true that he has died and risen again already, to live in Christ is to live in his death and his rising to new life. Our lives are full of small deaths, and small resurrections. When we confess our sins, when we join with Christ in his Eucharist, when we make sacrifices and take risks for his sake, then something in us dies and something new is born again. We can live many years without allowing this death and resurrection to take place in our lives. We may not choose to change, but sometimes it

is outside circumstances that force a change on us. This can be the grace of God for us, but only if we have faith and hope.

So every year we are called upon to live in a special way both Christ's death and his resurrection, to prepare us for that paschal moment that will happen in every life. The seed has to stop being a seed, if it is going to be what a seed is meant to be. If we lived our lives in a perpetual winter, and all living memory had forgotten the spring, how shocked we would be when a new spring finally came. We would call it the death of winter, unable to imagine that this was not death but a newness of life. St. Paul tells us that we are to walk in that newness of life. Christ walked into the greatest darkness possible, the rejection of salvation itself, yet he entered into that darkness and faced up to it with his human emotions, showing that fear is to be overcome by hope and love.

The art of travel is knowing what to pack, but the experienced traveler will also know what not to pack. We will gain more from Lent if we see it as not just a temporary giving up of things but rather training in letting go of everything that holds us up on the journey to the kingdom. Jesus teaches us to travel lightly. The more demanding the journey, the steeper the road, the more we have to unburden ourselves.

In Lent we can learn something about how demanding the journey to eternal happiness can be. It may not be material things that we're called to let go of. We may need to let go of attitudes, emotional binds, compulsions, automatic responses to situations; in short, the false sense of self that hides the true self which is being created in Christ. Now in these last two weeks of Lent, we can consider the magnitude of the journey Christ has asked us to pursue. Yet it is not a journey we make on our own; if we look ahead, he is there, and we follow.

May God always be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael

Our Scripture Lessons remind us:

...that Lent points us to the future; and all Christian love is about looking forwards;

...that every time we accept the cross into our lives, we are accepting change. The cross is a suffering that transforms;

...and that if we follow Christ, he will lead us through unexpected places, but it is the end of the journey that matters.

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!

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CONFIRMATION TEEN OUTREACH EVENT



On Wednesday, **March 25**, Confirmation Candidates are reminded to report promptly in **front** of St. Ann School at **5:45 PM**.



FAITH FORMATION - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP REGISTRATION (grades 1-8) (Parish Religious Education Program)

Join the March Madness as **families begin to re-register** their children for the 2015-2016 (Parish Religious Education Program) - PREP by coming in-person to review and complete registration forms. Parents/Guardians may come to re-register/with payment during the **Monday/Thursday class times (6:15 PM-7:30 PM)** or during Parish Office hours.

Any **new families** wishing to register their child (grades 1-8) may also take advantage of this registration.

Please contact Sr. Phyllis at pvella@stannparish.com or **908-725-1008** for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



CATECHISTS/VOLUNTEERS PREP - Monday or TUESDAY Evening

Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time, talent? Our **Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)**, 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, support along the way.

If interested or wish to know more about volunteering, contact Sr. Phyllis at: pvella@stannparish.com or (908) 725-1008.

TAX LETTER

Anyone who would like an **end of year tax letter**, please call Donna at the Rectory office at 908-725-1008 or email dbontempo@stannparish.com.

ST. ANN SCHOOL WISH LIST



St. Ann School is in need of \$250 towards **NURSING SUPPLIES**. If you are able to donate, please contact St. Ann Parish at 908-725-1008.

St. Ann School is looking for donations to fix or buy an **INDUSTRIAL FREEZER** for our cafeteria kitchen. If you are able to donate, please contact the rectory at 908-725-1008.



ST. ANN SCHOOL GOLF OUTING

Monday, May 11, 2014
Fox Hollow Golf Club
59 Fox Chase Run; Branchburg, NJ
<http://www.foxhollowgc.com/>



- ◆ Registration & Breakfast: 7:30 AM
 - ◆ Shotgun Start: 9 AM
 - ◆ Lunch ~ Cocktails: 2 PM
 - ◆ Awards ~ Silent Auction: 2:30 PM
- \$160 per golfer (part of a foursome \$150)**

For more information call 908-725-7787 or at www.stannparish.com/schoolsite/Fundraiser.html

ST. ANN SPRING USED CLOTHING DRIVE

Thursday, April 16
7am-5pm



DROP OFF: St. Ann School Parking Lot

We are collecting used clothing, shoes, belts, coats, hats, bedding, towels, curtains, backpacks, handbags, stuffed animals, dolls, etc.

Clothing is not shredded. Used items are processed and distributed across the U.S. as well as various countries in need.

TRICKY TRAY

Saturday, April 18

St. Ann 15th Annual Spring Fling

Doors Open
At 5:00 PM



Over 350 baskets, across four value tiers, including prizes such as MICHAEL KORS & COACH bags, DISNEY, VISA Cards, Kindles, iPads, American Girl, Golf Outings, and so much more. Our Wall of Gift Certificates is filled with over 75 items. Calendar Raffle, Super 50/50 and more raffles throughout the night.

Homemade Italian dinners available for purchase. COMPLIMENTARY coffee, tea, and desserts. BYOB.

Admission tickets \$20 on sale now and includes one sheet of regular tickets. Discount ticket packages available for purchase in advance.

To Order Tickets: contact Kelly Albright at kalbright@stannparish.com or 908-725-7787, or visit www.stannparish.com/schoolsite/Fundraiser.html

We are also accepting donations, especially of baskets.

CHRISM MASS

Monday, March 30; 7:30 PM

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi; Metuchen, NJ

Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this time, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing.

St. Ambrose (340-397) began this custom-which we now call the Chrism Mass-in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries!

Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint the chest of infants & hands of adults before their Baptism;

Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead & hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick;

Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination & the altar & walls of new churches.

At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop & to their ministry to God & His People; the Bishop & all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass.

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ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,



Sr. Phyllis and I attended a wonderful workshop at the Diocese about family and faith. One topic revolved around the marvelous fact that we, as human beings are not perfect. We must realize that each of us is imperfect, our world, our churches, our schools, and our families are not intended for perfection. Praise God!

Our mission and purpose is to love. As church and school meet it is under the banner of God's love. The little one squirming next to you is in the process of growth with God. As those big eyes look up at you, remember that you too are also in a process of spiritual growth; God is not finished with you. Help our Church and St. Ann School to become all that God wants and needs us to be. How do you do that? The answer, by becoming all that God needs you to be.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

ST. ANN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

*Enrolling for September
for PRE-K ages 4-5 by October, 2015*
Saturday, March 28 from 10-11 AM

Learn about our Pre-K and discover the countless possibilities for your child!!

Join us for an EASTER STORY and a CRAFT

RSVP at 908-725-7787

for more information visit www.stannparish.com/schoolsite



ST. ANN JR. & YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Jr. Youth Group PreK-5th Grade

Sun, Mar. 29, 1:15-1:45 PM

EASTER EGG HUNT

Prayer Garden

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Friday, April 24, 7-9 PM

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Church Meeting Room

Sunday, April 25, 1-3 PM

**OPEN GYM**

St. Ann School Gym

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Sun., April 26, 1:15-1:45pm

BOARD MEETING FOR MAY

Church Meeting Room

Youth Group 6th - 8th Grade

Saturday, April 18, 4-7 PM

SKYZONE TRAMPOLINE PARK

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Sunday, April 24, 7-9 PM

**OPEN GYM**

St. Ann School Gym

Sunday, April 26, 1:15-1:45pm

**BOARD MEETING FOR MAY**

Church Meeting Room

Please RSVP to Fr. John at [jwerner@stannparish.com](mailto:jwerner@stannparish.com)

**"WHAT'S UP, ZAK?"**

North Branch Reformed Church; 203 Rte. 28; Bridgewater

Ministry of Music & Worship Arts

Starring: NBRC Youth Drama Club

Free Admission!! ~~~ Reception to Follow

[www.nbrc.com](http://www.nbrc.com)

Sunday,  
April 19  
at 4 PM

## OUR PARISH WEEK AHEAD

**Sundav, March 22, 2015**

Mass: 7:30am / 9am / 10:30am / 12N

After all Masses - Jr. & Youth Group Bake Sale  
10:30 Mass - 1st Communion Families attend (C)  
7pm - BINGO (SC)

**Monday, March 23, 2015**

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm

6:15-7:30pm - PREP (S)  
7:30pm - KOC meeting (CMR)

**Tuesday, March 24, 2015**

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm

6-7pm - Special Needs Prep (S)  
7:30pm - Festa meeting (RMR)  
7:30pm - BINGO (SC)

**Wednesday, March 25, 2015**

Daily Mass: 7am

No 7PM Mass due to Lenten Penance Service

8am-12:15pm - Teen Outreach (School Children)  
2:30-3:45pm - Little Flower Girls Club (SL)  
5-8:30pm - Choir Practice (CL)  
6-9:15pm - Teen Outreach (PREP Children)  
6:30pm - Lenten Penance Service (C)

**Thursday, March 26, 2015**

Daily Mass: 7 am and 7pm

6:15-7:30pm - PREP (S)  
7:30-9pm - RCIA meeting (CMR-Little Room)

**Friday, March 27, 2015**

Daily Mass: 7am and 7pm

1pm & 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross (C)  
7-9pm - Youth Group setup for Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt (Prayer Garden)

**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

Daily Mass: 9am      Vigil Mass: 4pm  
Confessions: 9:30am & 3pm

KOC Flower Sale after 4pm Mass

10-11am - PreK Open House (S)

**Sundav, March 29, 2015**

**PALM SUNDAY**

Mass: 7:30am / 9am / 10:30am / 12N

KOC Flower Sale after all Masses

Choir: 9am - Children; 10:30am - Adult

12 Noon Mass - Palm Procession

1:15-1:45pm - Jr. Youth Group Easter Egg Hunt (Prayer Garden & CMR)

7pm - BINGO (SC)

## PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The newly formed Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities would like to invite you to pray the **Stations of the Cross** on Saturday, **March 28th** at **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center** located at 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway. Stations will begin at 3 pm with fellowship afterwards. Wheelchair access through the front entrance. Sign Interpreter will be present for deaf and hard of hearing people. All are welcome. No cost. Please RSVP at [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com) or call 732-765-6432 to reserve a place.

## A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

**A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF:** Have you lost a loved one? This is about joining our "Journey Through Grief". Our mission is to find healing, comfort and peace. When a loved one dies our world changes. Our hearts are broken and the simplest things of life become an enormous challenge as we are faced with sadness, loneliness and even anger.

The Group will be meeting THURSDAYS for 8 weeks.

Petra House; 610 Harris Ave; Middlesex  
April 9 - May 28, 2015 ~~~~~ 2:30 - 4 PM

**Pre-registration is required.** There is no fee.  
contact Monique 732-356-9001; Pat 732-356-8886 or Mary 732-331-6147