

16 March 2014 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

# The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**



## PASTORAL TEAM

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

**Rev. James E. De Fillipps, 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

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

## Sacraments & 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 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 and 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 Niño 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 K - 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 Mon. thru Fri. Also, please notify us if you move.

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

## MASS SCHEDULE & SPECIAL DATES

### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday: 7:00am & 7:00pm; Saturday: 9:00am

### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (1st Sunday Mass)

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12 Noon

### Confessions

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

### Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30pm

### St. Joseph Novena: March 11th - March 19th

Prayed daily after the 7am and 7pm Masses

### St. Joseph Feast Day: 19th March

Mass times: 7:00am, 9:00am, 7:00pm



### Monday, March 17, 2014 ~ St. Patrick

7am: Giuseppe DiGiussepantonio by Daughter, Maria DeLuca

7pm: Adriana Brennan by St. Ann Athletic Committee

### Tuesday, March 18, 2014 ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7am: Domenico De Fina by Anna & Nicola DiBetta

7pm: Alfred Ruggini by Michael & Terry Florczak

### Wednesday, March 19, 2014 ~ St. Joseph

7am: Domenico Todarello by Saverio & Caterina Todarello

9am: Filippo & Anna Di Betta

by Catherine & Angelo Viscariello

7pm: Antonio & Rosina Viscariello

by Catherine & Angelo Viscariello

### Thursday, March 20, 2014

7am: Special intention of Charlotte & Chris Gessler

by Sr. Dolores

7pm: Yolanda Gallagher by Nieces & Nephew

### Friday, March 21, 2014 (ABSTINENCE)

7am: Mario Greco by Isabella Ruffa

7pm: Troisi Family by Louis & Jennie Troisi

### Saturday, March 22, 2014

9am: James J. Duffy by Niece, Claire Cicalese

4pm: Ida Sturino & Alfredo Michele by Emila Natale

### Sunday, March 23, 2014 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am: People of the parish

9am: Francesco Fusca by Caterina Fusca

10:30am: Elisabetta & Vincenzo Grande by Nicola C. Grande

12pm: Frank & Teresa DiBetta ~ 60th Wedding Anniversary

## SPECIAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the solemn evening of

### Good Friday

at 7:30pm in St. Ann Church the Conform2Christ

Youth Board invites you to pray the Stations of the Cross with them.

17th April 2014

## ALTAR CANDLES



For the week of March 15th, the Altar Candles burn in memory (honor) of:

Altar Candle 1 & 2: Ann Scarpone

## SANCTUARY LAMPS



For the week of March 15th, the Sanctuary Lamps burn in memory (honor) of:

Tabernacle: Special intention of Ann Tommaszi

St. Joseph: Special intention of Sr. Irma Papaleo

Blessed Mother: No intention

## REST IN PEACE

### Ann Scarpone - March 5, 2014

Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord

and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Pray for our sick of our parish

Victoria Andrews	Anthony Gambino	Frank Ratkowski
Luzmanda Anthony	Elizabeth Geck	Teresa Riga
Bernadette Bavoso	Eleanor Giraldi	Cosette Ruh
Chester Butkiewicz	Roberta Grillo	Marianne San Filippo
Jimmy Canavan	Ruth Gulick	Nancy Schiavi
Joanmarie Carlone	Doris Kelco	Mary Shallenberger
Jaden Chambers	Bernadette Laggini	Phyllis Serafin
Albert Charles	Barbara Langon	David Snedegar
Nick Cicero	Edward Locasio	Frank & Lucille Sudano
Kathy Ciociola	Marie Locasio	Dolores Talamini
Dominic Comandol	Rosalie Marrone	Anthony Tomaro
Angela DeFina	Giovanna Martini	Tommarie Tibaldi
Ann Descoteau	Kathy McCormack	Carolyn Trepiccio
Mary Ann De Maio	Victoria Melitsky	Marie Vale
Theresa DiBetta	Olga Morella	Allison Valverde
Nancy DiGraziano	Anna Moretti	Richard Vetack
Lydia Digiussepantonio	Nancy Natale	Vincent Viscariello
Thomas Duda	Ava Rose Navarro	Carmella Vitale
Mary & Richard Felice	Thomas Orecchio	Joan Wirzman
JoAnn Felty	Olga Orlando	Lisa Yoder
Sharon Fisahn	Raymond Peters	Margaret ZanGrando
Maria Fusca	John Petsko	
Teresa Galaini	Yolanda Polidoro	

## 16 MARCH 2014 ~ THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Blaise Pascal was a genius whose misfortune was to be on the wrong side of history. Today he is remembered mostly for his mathematical and scientific work, despite dying young in 1662 at the age of thirty-nine. But he was also a philosopher, a controversial theologian and a mystic. His full greatness lay in his exploration of the relationship between all of these gifts. His misfortune lay in his theology, which tended towards the puritanical views favoured by the group called the Jansenists. This made him an enemy both of the Church at that time and also of the State of Louis XIV in France. In practice what this meant was that the world of the Enlightenment and scientific development would follow the philosophy of another of his adversaries, Descartes, famous for his dictum: "I think, therefore I am."

For Pascal, Descartes detached the world of reason from the other human worlds of the spirit and the heart, leaving God uninvolved after having kick-started creation. We can see the barren results in our contemporary struggle to reconcile matters of faith and reason. Pascal's interest was to examine the different dimensions of reason, the heart (which has reasons that reason does not know) and God. His own life was governed by a mystical experience he had in 1654, and from then till the end of his life he carried round a piece of parchment sown into his cloak, which tried to express what had happened. It includes the words: "This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ."

It is on Mount Sinai that Moses both experiences God and is given the commandments for his people. He first encounters God in the episode of the burning bush, and it is at Sinai again that he goes up the mountain to receive the commandments that will govern the lives of the people of Israel, spending forty days and forty nights with God. After the people's apostasy, Moses has to return a second time to renegotiate with God, and Moses asks that he might see God's glory. God says that Moses cannot see him directly but hides him in a cleft of a rock so that Moses may be in the Lord's presence as he passes by. When Moses comes down the mountain this time, his face is so illuminated that the people cannot bear to look at him, and he has to cover his head with a veil.

If Moses signifies the Torah, the Law and covenant given by the Lord to his people, Elijah stands for the prophets, those

whose task was to bring God's erring people back to the faithful practice of the covenant. Elijah too experiences God on the mountain, waiting until all the storms and winds have passed, and there is only a pleasant breeze. This is the moment of the renewal of his vocation and he goes forth to anoint new kings and his own successor, Elisha.

All of this Jesus brings to his disciples as he takes them up the mountain. His is the new covenant with God, but the gift of that covenant is hallowed and experienced by his disciples as an encounter with God's glory. Listening to the word of God and the experience of the living God are inextricably interwoven.

We have begun our Lenten journey, following Christ into the wilderness for forty days and forty nights. Today we too are taken up with his disciples to the mountain top so that we too may be touched by his glory. Jesus recognises that it is not possible to follow him and his teaching purely out of duty or willpower. We all, though in different ways, need to be touched by the experience of the living God, as given to the disciples as they witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus and to Pascal in his mystical moment of being with God.

For some people such moments become the foundation of their conversion to Christianity. Others find sustenance for their belief in their experience of prayer and worship. Others again, in moments of natural awe and wonder in the natural world, in their loving relationships, or in the world of the arts or discovery. God reaches out to touch the heart of each of us in such a way that we can journey onwards, not just through Lent but through the darker moments of our lives when faith, knowledge and our comfort zone may be challenged by life's mysteries.

My special thanks to all of you for your prayers and "Get well wishes!". It's good to be back, especially with no pain in the hips. Now I need the patience to work hard with my physical therapy. My problem is that I want everything immediately to be the same as it was before I had any hip difficulties. I have to learn patience.

In your charity, please pray for the sick and lonely—visit them if you can. Also, please remember to pray for all who have wandered from the Faith and all who have died. Please pray for the parents of the babies who have been killed through abortion.

May God always be pleased with us!

*Monsignor Michael*

### ***Our Scripture Lessons remind us:***

...that Moses and Elijah both had personal experiences of God's glory on the mountain;

...that Jesus strengthened his disciples for his coming passion and death through sharing his own transfiguration with them in the company of Moses and Elijah;

...that we too are called to recognize God's presence in our lives in whatever way the Lord makes himself known to us;

***May God always be pleased with us. Amen!***

**WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM**



*Trevor McIntosh  
Jason LiBrizzi  
Dylan McKenzie*

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here.  
Ever this day, be at my side,  
to light and guard, rule and guide. Amen*

**Homemade Pierogie On Sale All During Lent**

St. Joseph Church in Raritan will be selling delicious homemade pierogie after all Masses during Lent in the Lower Church Hall. Seven great varieties are available for purchase: Potato, Potato & Cheese, Potato & Onion, Farmer's Cheese, Sweetened Kraut, Mushrooms & Lekvar! Still only \$8 per dozen!! You may also purchase your pierogie weekday during office hours at the parish office (908)725-0163 X10.

**BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who helped with our Blood Drive on the 23rd of February. Your continued support and commitment to the Blood Donor Program are greatly appreciated. We collected 19 units to provide area patients with much needed blood. May God bless you for your great show of stewardship.

**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 #37:	\$10,829.00
<b>Budget need per week:</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>
Weekly Deficit:	(\$5,171.00)
Deficit since 7/1/13:	(\$215,391.98)
Weekly Poor Box	\$322.48

*Are you receiving a tax refund this year? Many Catholics find that tithing on unexpected income – a tax refund, winnings at the casino, or an inheritance is a great first step to feeling the joy and contentment that come when we really do give as God has asked us to go give. Try it yourself and feel the joy.*

**ELECTRONIC GIVING - SAFE & EASY**

St. Ann's offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online Church contributions! Log onto [www.stannparish.com](http://www.stannparish.com). Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on St. Ann Parish Online Donation System. There you will be connected to a secure site where you can enter your information safely and privately.

**LENTEN SUPPER**



Everyone is invited to attend the Lenten Supper held on Wednesday, 19th of March beginning at 5:30pm in the school cafeteria.

Please respond to Debby Zakashefski at 908-369-0831 by 17th of March so that we know how many to prepare for.

**PENNE VODKA • SALAD  
DESSERT • BEVERAGE**



**St. Ann Lenten Parish Mission  
April 7th, 8th & 9th**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm  
This year our Lenten Mission will be led by The Very Rev. Juan Diego Brunetta, O.P., J.C.D.  
Our mission will close with Eucharistic Adoration and our Lenten Penance Service. Four priests will be available to hear confessions.

**READINGS FOR WEEK OF 16 MARCH, 2014**

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

# School News



Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

This week students have been hard at work showing what they know. Hallways were hushed. No one left the room for errands. It was a very unusual week. Grades One through Eight were deep into lead pencil answers on their standardized tests. These tests reflect a snapshot of what students know, how they think, and how they apply their skills to various situations. When I was in school, this week was a fill in the dot test week. Today, it is much more complicated.

Students do a fair amount of selecting correct answers. However, they also draw, make tables and charts, and write essays in completing the test. This gives a broader understanding of student knowledge, capabilities, and skills.

Just like the past, children are heard saying, "That was easy!" or "I think I did great!" This is what it means to be a child. They have wonderful positive attitudes which enable them to see the glass half full rather than half empty. They think so well of themselves, that they would never dream of not being able to anything. Reality of school grades and classroom test scores do not figure into the equation for them. They do their best and leave the rest to God.

Jesus can seem a lot like our children. He seems to exude a positive attitude, even towards His impending crucifixion. He will not be discouraged or turned back from His journey. He will finish and do exactly what is expected of Him. Along His journey, He does not listen to the gossip of His day or to naysayers, nor does he become discouraged. He is resolute about accomplishing His Father's will. I pray that we become like Jesus. Let us follow His example and that of our children. No matter what the past, this is a new day, a new chance for success and conversion.

Forgot your Lenten fast or to give alms? No problem, do it today. Even if all days past were failures, today can be the day of days. You can do it. You know you can. What's more your example lets children know that restarting is what we people do. Our efforts are worth it. They yield results.

God bless you,  
Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF - Principal



Our Pre-Kindergarten class is in need of a new DVD/VCR player.

Please call the parish or school office if you would like to donate one at 908-725-1008 for the parish office or 908-725-7787 for the school office.

Your generosity and dedication to our school children is greatly appreciated.

## WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, 16th March 2014

- Baby Gift Drive
- 9am: Girl Scout Sunday Mass
- 1pm - 5pm: High School Basketball Games (school gym)
- 7pm: BINGO (school cafe)

### Monday, 17th March 2014 ~ St. Patrick

- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 6:15pm: PREP classes



### Tuesday, 18th March 2014 ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 6pm: Special Needs Prep (school)
- 7:30pm: BINGO (school café)
- 7:45pm: Pastoral Council meeting (church meeting room)
- 7:45pm: Parish Nurses meeting (rectory cnf. Room)

### Wednesday, 19th March 2014 ~ St. Joseph

- 5pm: Choir practices (Choir loft)
- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 5:30pm: Lenten Suppers (school café)
- 7pm: St. Ann School Open House (school café)



### Thursday, 20th March 2014

- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
- 6:15pm: Prep class (school)
- 7:30pm: Book discussion (church meeting rm)

### Friday, 21st March 2014

- 7pm: Bereavement group meeting (rectory conference room)
- 7pm: Marriage Prep (school café)
- 7:30pm: K of C meeting (church meeting room)
- 7:30pm: Stations of the Cross (church)
- 8pm: Dodgeball Tournament (school gym)

### Saturday, 22nd March 2014

- All day: Basketball games (school gym)



## 11th Annual St. Ann's Golf Outing

Monday, May 5th, 2014

Copper Hill Country Club

100 Copper Hill Rd., Ringoes, NJ 08551

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

Registration & Breakfast: 8:00am - 9:30am

Shotgun start: 9:30 am (scramble format)

Lunch / Cocktails / Awards &

Silent Auction: 2:30pm - 4:30pm

\$195 per golfer. Golfer give away bags worth over \$200

To register or inquire more information, please visit

<http://www.stannparish.com/schoolsite/fundraiser.html>

and click on Golf Outing.



**YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

Friday, 21 March 2014  
**DODGEBALL  
 TOURNAMENT**  
**WINNING TEAMS  
 SCORES**  
 iTunes **GIFT CARDS**  
 St. Ann School Gym  
 8:00pm – 9pm  
 Grades 6-9  
 \$5.00

Friday, 11 April 2014  
**OPEN GYM NIGHT**  
 St. Ann School Gym  
 7:45pm – 9pm  
 Grades 6-9  
 \$4.00

Sunday, 13 April 2014  
**YOUTH  
 PROCESSION OF  
 PALMS & SOCIAL**  
 RSVP 4/8  
 St. Ann Church & Church  
 Meeting Room  
 11:45pm-2:30pm  
 Free

Friday, 18 April 2014  
 (Good Friday)  
**STATIONS OF THE  
 CROSS**  
**LED BY FR. JAMES  
 &  
 ST. ANN YOUTH  
 BOARD**  
 St. Ann Church  
 7:30pm

Saturday, 19 April 2014  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**HOSTED  
 BY YOUTH BOARD**  
 Prayer Garden  
 Pre-K3 to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
 11AM  
 Free

Saturday, 31 May 2014  
**MASS OF  
 APPRECIATION &  
 BBQ**  
**FOR ST. ANN  
 YOUTH**  
**SPONSORED BY  
 THE KNIGHTS OF  
 COLUMBUS**  
 RSVP 5/21  
 St. Ann Church / Grounds  
 4pm Mass-6:30pm

If the event needs an RSVP please do so by the assigned date;  
[jdefillipps@stannparish.com](mailto:jdefillipps@stannparish.com)

**P.R.E.P. REGISTRATION 2014-2015**

Join the March Madness as families begin to re-register their children for the 2014-2015 Religious Education (PREP) Program by coming in person to review and complete Registration Forms. Parents/Guardians may come during the Monday/Thursday class times (6:15pm-7:30pm) to re-register/with payment or during Parish Office hours. An additional late fee will be added to Re-registration forms that will be mailed to families after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Any new families wishing to register their child (Grade1-8) may also take advantage of this registration. Please contact Sr. Phyllis at [pvella@stannparish.com](mailto:pvella@stannparish.com) or 908-725-1008 for more info.

**WANTED: CATECHIST/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](http://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](mailto:pvella@stannparish.com) or (908) 725-1008.



**St. Ann School  
 14th Annual Spring Fling Tricky Tray  
 Saturday, May 3, 2014**

Doors open at 5:00 pm  
 The first ticket will be pulled at 7:00 pm  
**Admission tickets are \$15 each and  
 includes one sheet of regulars.**

Save money and time by ordering ticket packages in advance. These tickets will be ready for you when you arrive at the Tricky Tray. Additional tickets are available for purchase throughout the night. **Tickets are currently on sale now and will remain on sale until we are sold out.**

This event sells out very quickly. Please visit St. Ann School website at: <http://www.stannparish.com/schoolsite/fundraiser.html> and click on Tricky Tray.

**Must be at least 18 years of age to attend.**



WELCOME

You are invited to join us for  
 Open House at St. Ann School

**Wednesday, March 19th  
 7:00 pm.  
 School Cafeteria**

St. Ann School offers a safe & nurturing environment traditional values, small classes, personal attention and so much more.

This is a great opportunity for families to learn how Catholic schools are making a difference in the lives of students.