

23 MARCH 2014 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

# The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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## 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: 4:00 pm (1st Sunday Mass)

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

### Confessions

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

### Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm

### Lenten Parish Mission:

April 7, 8, & 9 at 7:00 pm



### Monday, March 24, 2014

7am: Antonio Greco by Saverio & Caterina Todarello

7pm: Bertie Carovillano by The Zelis Family

### Tuesday, March 25, 2014 ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

7am: Pasqualino DeLuca by Wife, Maria Grazia DeLuca

7pm: Anthony Papavero by Katherine & Timothy Howes

### Wednesday, March 26, 2014

7am: Michele Todarello by Saverio & Caterina Todarello

7pm: Ann & Peter Bagaloni by Rosemary Forte

### Thursday, March 27, 2014

7am: Domenico Todarello & Maria Grazia Lopreato by  
Caterina & Saverio Todarello

7pm: Lawrence Mayewski by Wife, Terry

### Friday, March 28, 2014 (ABSTINENCE)

7am: Teresa Simonetta & Rocco Russo

by Giorgio & Nancy Russo

7pm: Carole Dumfries by Searchwell Family

### Saturday, March 29, 2014

9am: Edward Tammamo by Zelis Family

4pm: Salvatore Natale by Wife, Lidia

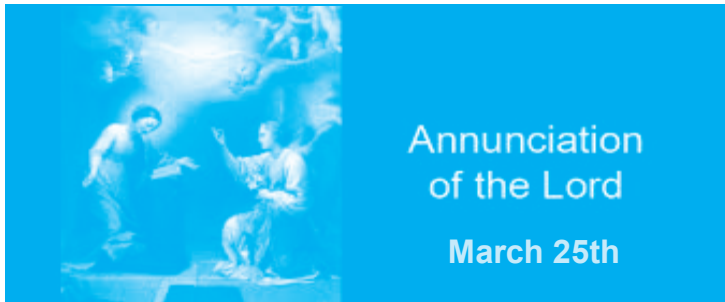
### Sunday, March 30, 2014 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30am: People of the parish

9am: Elisabetta Vincenzo by Nicola C. Grande

10:30am: Anna Maria Raschella DeFina by Children

12pm: Olympia Casola by Daughter & Family



## ALTAR CANDLES

For the week of March 22nd, the Altar Candles burn in memory (honor) of:

Altar Candle 1: Richard Kinney by Trina & Bill DuMont

Altar Candle 2: Frank Mangiaracina

by Children & Grandchildren

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

For the week of March 22nd, the Sanctuary Lamps burn in memory (honor) of:

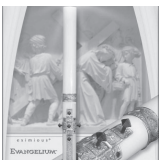
Tabernacle: Carmelo J. Palumbo by Family

St. Joseph: Frank Mangiaracina by Wife, MaryAnn

Blessed Mother: Leo Carroll Jr.

## PASCHAL CANDLE

*A sincere thank you to the Fattori Family  
for their donation  
of the 2014 Paschal Candle  
In memory  
Of their dear mother,  
Helen Fattori*



## Pray for our sick of our parish

Victoria Andrews	Teresa Galaini	Yolanda Polidoro
Luzmanda Anthony	Anthony Gambino	Frank Ratkowski
Bernadette Bavoso	Elizabeth Gecik	Teresa Riga
Chester Butkiewicz	Eleanor Giraldi	Cosette Ruh
Jimmy Canavan	Roberta Grillo	Marianne San Filippo
Joanmarie Carlone	Ruth Gulick	Nancy Schiavi
Jaden Chambers	Doris Kelco	Mary Shalanger
Albert Charles	Bernadette Laggini	Phyllis Serafin
Nick Cicero	Barbara Langon	David Snedegar
Kathy Ciociola	Edward Locasio	Frank & Lucille Sudano
Dominic Comandol	Marie Locasio	Dolores Talamini
Frances D'Angelo	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 Vetaek
Lydia Digiusepantonio	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	

## 23 MARCH 2014 ~ THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Television takes us to places that we will never have the chance to visit or see in real life. The National Geographic Channel has transported us to Africa and the arid dryness of the Kalahari Desert and Okavango Delta. The programs I've seen show us vast areas of land where seemingly nothing grows, where starving animals wait, preying on other starving animals in an often vain attempt to feed themselves and their young. Skeletons litter the desert floor. Through television we have witnessed thirsty antelope forced to stay at a distance while herds of equally thirsty elephants drink at muddy pools, which were once flowing rivers. Rapidly disappearing pools become writhing tangles of dying fish as water that previously sustained them becomes too hot and oxygen-poor to sustain life. For a few days, the fish become food for the hungry. Drought is tragic and destructive.

Yet television also shows us the steady trickle of water that begins with the start of the rainy season. Puddles become small streams, rivers and, gradually, raging torrents as vast and powerful thunderstorms crash across the sky. Dried-up riverbeds offer the water a chance of escape and a direction. Wildlife, expecting this annual transformation, has already begun to assemble in hope along the length of the riverbanks of previous years. Soon, the desert becomes a fertile plain, densely populated with animals, birds, insects and flowers. Water is all that is needed to bring life to a barren wilderness.

I believe our Gospel Lesson for today shows us that the Samaritan woman lived, so to speak, in a desert---perhaps of her own making. That she had been married five times and, at that time, lived with a man who was not her husband suggests that she survived in a constant search for love. In all probability, her lifestyle isolated her from scandalised neighbours. She came to the well alone rather than with a friend, perhaps thinking she would be unseen and would give no further cause for hurtful comment and gossip. Those who saw her speak publicly to a man resting beside the well would have raised their eyebrows and begun fresh rumours.

At first, accustomed to hide her loneliness from others, she speaks lightly and even mockingly to Jesus. She expects him, as a man and a Jew, to belittle her and make her even more conscious of her inadequacies. The woman does not anticipate

courtesy and respect any more than she foresees his summary of her failed relationships. She becomes more courageous, curious and eventually expresses her own longing never again to need to brave the gaze of hypocritical townsfolk in her search for water. Jesus explains that he has not come to dig another well in the town. Instead he has come to create a well in her heart, filled with the living water of God's love. Jesus gives the woman the courage to reach out to the people around her. Her life is no longer a dry, arid desert: it has become a fertile plain.

I think we all know what a drought is like. We know what it is like to see gardens gradually turn brown and die. Farmers worry about their crops and livestock, conscious that their health makes all the difference to their livelihood and the future of their families. Many of us may not become thirsty in a drought, but we may have faced grass-watering bans, and constant media advice on ways of conserving water. On the other hand, an excess of water is equally tragic. Floods also destroy life and hope.

In their loneliness, some people's hearts are shrivelled and barren for lack of love. We all need to love and be loved. With love, people grow and develop in unimaginable color and texture. Life, however hard, never becomes unmanageable. That is exactly the sort of transformation that Jesus promised the Samaritan woman. He did not tell her that she would never again come to the village well to draw water. Instead he offered the new life and hope that can be born of making a fresh start. Just as the annual rains allow the Okavango Delta in Africa to be reborn, so also turning to Jesus, experiencing his love, recreates our lives. However many difficulties may fill our days, we will never again face them on our own. Our hearts need not shrivel and die. Instead they can joyfully burst out into a new and everlasting life. All we need is Jesus. His love is the water for which our souls thirst.

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 water brings life to a barren wilderness;*

*...that the Samaritan woman lived in a desert, perhaps of her own making;*

*...that through her encounter with Jesus, her life became a fertile plain;*

*...that Jesus' love is the water for which our souls thirst.*

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

**MARCH MORNING PRAYER**

The Rosary Altar Society is hosting a March Morning of Prayer on Saturday, March 29th starting at 8:15 in the Church. We will start the day with the recitation of the Rosary, followed by 9am Mass. A light breakfast will be available after Mass. Sister Ascenza Tizzano is our guest speaker for the remainder of the morning.

Cost - \$20. Pre-registration required. Kindly contact Maria at 908-255-4297 or Laura at 908-707-8535 for more details

***Bishop's Annual Appeal  
Faith, Family, Community***

Next weekend, our parish will be conducting an In-Pew campaign for the 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have yet to contribute to the appeal, please take this opportunity to prayerfully consider a gift. If you have already given, please know how much your gift is appreciated.

**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 #38:	\$9,433.50
<b>Budget need per week:</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>
Weekly Deficit:	(\$6,566.50)
Deficit since 7/1/13:	(\$221,958.48)
Weekly Poor Box	\$293.70

*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, 26th of March beginning at 5:30pm in the school cafeteria.

Please respond to Debby Zakashefski at 908-369-0831 by 24th of March so that we know how many to prepare for.

**EGGPLANT ROLLATINI • 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 23 MARCH, 2014**

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

23 MARCH 2014



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

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

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

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

Saturday, 31 May 2014
MASS OF
APPRECIATION &
BBQ
FOR ST. ANN
YOUTH
SPONSORED BY
THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
RSVP 5/21

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

St. Ann Church / Grounds
4pm Mass-6:30pm

Saturday, 7 June 2014
DORNEY PARK &
WILDWATER
KINGDOM
RSVP 5/28

If the event needs an RSVP please do so by the assigned date;
idefillipps@stannparish.com

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 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.

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



Greetings from the Office of the Diaconate

Over the next several months, the Office of the Diaconate will
be publishing articles about the ministry of deacon. The articles
will be presented in a question and answer format. Our goal is
for you to become more familiar with the ministry of deacons,
their role in our Church and the requirements for ordination.

Question #2:

So are you saying that the deacon is a kind of priest?

No, not at all. Catholics are very familiar with the role of the
priest in their communities, but for many people, deacons are
still rather new. Since deacons are members of the clergy, they
have responsibilities very similar to priests in some ways: they
participate in a unique way in the Mass, they are official teachers
and preachers of the Gospel, and they preside at celebrations
of baptism, matrimony, funerals, and other forms of community
prayer.



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.



St. Ann School News

Registration continues. Though open to all children, we specifically invite school age Catholic parishioners to make St. Ann School their school of choice. We have much to offer. Call 908-725-7787 for a tour or more information.

Kudos to 8th graders Luke Leonard and Daniel McNulty for winning the Diocesan Spelling Bee sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. There are three winners and our school took two of those three places! Bravo!

Kudos to 4th grader Regina M. Blanco and 6th grader Kristen McGuire for taking first place in their divisions in the Diocese of Metuchen Respect for Life Poster Contest. The winning pictures are displayed in the school foyer.

Like to be in the winners circle? Join us for "Tricky Tray" on Saturday, May 3. I have had a peek at the raffle goodies. They will not disappoint you. Seating is limited. Get your tickets while they last.

Oasis Day is a spiritual retreat day for women. The Religious Teachers Filippini host the day at Villa Walsh on Saturday, April 5. It includes activities for girls in 6th Grade and above. It also offers reflections and prayer for women of all ages. Why not make it a Mother/Daughter event? Ask any of the Sisters for information or call the convent at 908-725-2256.



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.

OASIS 2014 ~ Day of Prayer for Women

Saturday, April 5th Time: 9:30 am to 3 pm

Hosted by: The Religious Teachers Filippini

Villa Walsh - 455 Western Avenue, Morristown NJ

Presenter: Rev. John Paladino of St. Bartholomew Parish Scotch Plains, NJ.

Spend a day of spiritual reflection and renewal with women from all over NJ. Day will include: Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Lenten Reconciliation Service, Rosary and/or Stations, and Quiet time for prayer and worship.

Registration fee: \$10. Bring your on lunch. Beverages will be available throughout the day.

Contact Sr. Lucille Pezzlo, MPF for more information at 973-538-2886 or lpezzlo40@yahoo.com

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, 23rd March 2014 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

- 12N: Marriage PREP (school cafeteria)
• 7pm: BINGO (school cafe)

Monday, 24th March 2014

- 6:15pm: PREP classes
• 7:30pm: Knights of Columbus meeting (church meeting room)

Tuesday, 25th March 2014 ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

- 6pm: Special Needs Prep (school)
• 6:30pm: Home School Association meeting (school library)
• 7:30pm: BINGO (school cafe)

Wednesday, 26th March 2014

- 5pm: Choir practices (Choir loft)
• 5:45pm: Eighth grade PREP Teen Outreach Retreat bus leaves from St. Ann school
• 5:30pm: Lenten Supper (school cafe)

Thursday, 27th March 2014

- 5pm: Basketball practices (school gym)
• 6:15pm: Prep class (school)
• 7:30pm: "The Light is on for You" book discussion (church meeting room)

Friday, 28th March 2014

- 7pm: Bereavement group meeting (rectory conference room)
• 7pm: Pack meeting (school cafe)
• 7:30pm: Stations of the Cross (church)

Saturday, 29th March 2014

- 7am - 1pm: Rosary Altar Society's March Morning Prayer (church meeting room)



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

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.