

# The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR  
**FIRST COMMUNION**

*Alyssa Cecilia Amato*  
*Chelsea Benitez Chaparro*  
*Henry Alexander Britz*  
*Susie Elizabeth Champakara*  
*Nicholas Reynel Garcia*  
*Leah Rose Kientzler*  
*Erin Charlotte Lewandowski*  
*Emila del Carmen Medina*  
*Nicholas Joseph Pellegrino*  
*Allison Marie Prickett*  
*Mayra Ariane Rolon*  
*Oscar Jesus Serwin*  
*Cole Trevor Stangle*  
*Kianna Marie Torres*  
*Liam Vincent Vasquez*

May 3, 2015

**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

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we the Catholic Parish of St. Ann embrace all as family & continue Christ's mission by exemplifying the love of God & neighbor as stewards of God's gifts to us.*

## MARRIAGES:

The common policy of marriage requires that arrangements be made at least **One Year** before the date of marriage and before any social plans are made. Bride or Groom must be a parishioner. Please do not make any arrangements until you have met with the pastor, Msgr. Corona, and the wedding date has been approved.

## BAPTISM:

First Sunday of the month at the Noon Mass, as well as the second, third and fourth Sunday at 1:30pm. Instruction for new parents takes place on the second Saturday of the month at 10am. Arrangements are made with the rectory.

## SPONSORS & GODPARENTS:

Must be 18 years old, registered as an adult and be confirmed in the Catholic Church. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized by the church. This is especially important if you wish to be a sponsor for Confirmation or a Godparent for Baptism. It takes **6 months** of attending Mass to be eligible for both of these privileges.

## 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).

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

Parishioners who are homebound are visited on the first Friday of each month by our Deacons & Religious. If you know of a parishioner that is seriously ill or hospitalized, please call the rectory.

## MASS SCHEDULE:

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

**Weekend:** Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

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

## Confession:

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

## 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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Father Karl Rahner SJ, one of the great theologians of the last century, wrote many books in which he tried to make sense of the Catholic faith for his contemporaries. That's what a theologian has to do. Towards the end of his life he wrote an influential essay on the future of the Christian faith. It began with this provocative statement: "The Christian of the future will either be a 'mystic'... or... will cease to be anything at all."

Did he mean that we must all have visions like St. Teresa of Avila? Father Rahner thought that the old Catholic culture that he had known as a boy was fast disappearing, eroded by an increasingly secular world. It meant that the average Christian could not depend on a Christian culture that everyone took for granted. So he thought that unless Christians had a deep and personal experience of God they would not be able to keep up the practice of their faith. That is all he meant by saying that each person needed to be a mystic. No matter how big the institutional Church seems to be, if its members do not have in them the life-blood of a personal encounter with God, then it will wither away.

Jesus took for granted that his Jewish faith needed laws and institutions like the Temple if it was going to transmit its message to the next generation. So he knew that his Church must be built on the rock of St. Peter; then God would preserve it from all its enemies. But in today's Gospel Lesson, he tells his disciples at the Last Supper that if they are to survive they must remain close to him. He takes the image of the vineyard, which was used to represent Israel in the Old Testament, and in a sense identifies himself with it by saying: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser."

If the disciples are to survive then they must be branches of Jesus, the vine. Just as a vine is pruned to make it more fruitful, the disciples will also grow by being tested in their faith. Jesus tells them to remain close to him and have the living sap flowing in their branches, or else they

will shrivel up. He insists that at the heart of their faith there is this close personal relationship with him: "Make your home in me, as I make mine in you." As they are united in Christ so they will be united through him to the Father. But this experience is not just for special members of the Church, like the apostles. The Spirit is given to everyone. All of us are called to have this "mystic" experience of being so close to Christ in our daily lives that we produce good fruit.

It is easy to get carried along by externals. The Church is essential to our faith. We cannot say, as some do, that we want Jesus but not the Church. In the Creed we affirm our belief in Jesus Christ and also in "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church". The institutional Church is a key part of our faith, but there is always the danger of just going through the motions and dying on the vine. The institution will shrivel unless its members have the sap of the living Christ flowing through them.

As Father Rahner pointed out, it is much more difficult now to be carried along by other people's faith in a society that is both secular and often hostile to our beliefs. How can we produce the fruit that will show that Christ's Church is alive and well? We do not need to be mystics like some of the great saints, but to make sure our practice of the faith, whether it is going to Mass or saying our prayers, is firmly based on a close personal relationship with Jesus. We don't at first have to do anything but rather to be at peace in his presence, to allow him to dwell in us. Then we can share a deep communion with him as we receive his body and blood in the Eucharist. If we change the image from sap, we could say that his real presence in his blood gives us new life. If we do have this close relationship of the branch to the "true vine", then it will produce good fruits especially in the way we love God and one another.

May God always be pleased with us!

*Monsignor Michael*



**Our Scripture Lessons remind us:**

*...that we are all called to have a personal experience of God;*

*...that the institutional Church is necessary but we its members must be branches of Christ, the vine; we will only be alive if we dwell in him and he in us;*

*...and that our faith is to be inspired by this personal close relationship with Christ so that the Church will produce good fruits.*

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

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

## VV *Mass Intentions* VV

### MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

7am PASQUALINO DeLUCA by granddaughter, Lia Parico  
7pm MARY ANN WIENCENSKI by Rose & Michael D'Angelo

### TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

7am PASQUALE SURIANO by wife & children  
7pm ROSE FUSCA by Giovanna Figliano

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015

7am CARMELITA GAGLIARDI by daughters  
7pm ANTONIO GASPARRO by wife & children

### THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

7am ELIZABETTA & VINCENZO GRANDE by Caterina Grande  
7pm ANTONIO NATALE by wife & family

### FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

7am JULIA OGOY by Regala family  
7pm NANCY DiGRAZIANO by niece, Antonette

### SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015

9am ANNA & GIOVANNI FALZARANO by Nina & Antonio Massa  
4pm FOR ALL MOTHERS FOR WHOM REQUEST HAVE BEEN MADE

### SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015

7:30am FOR ALL MOTHERS FOR WHOM REQUEST HAVE BEEN MADE  
9am FOR ALL MOTHERS FOR WHOM REQUEST HAVE BEEN MADE  
10:30am FOR ALL MOTHERS FOR WHOM REQUEST HAVE BEEN MADE  
12 noon FOR ALL MOTHERS FOR WHOM REQUEST HAVE BEEN MADE

### *THIS WEEK OF MAY 3-9, 2015* WE REMEMBER AND HONOR

#### TABERNACLE LAMP

V **PASQUALE SURIANO** V

*Requested by*  
wife & children

#### ST. JOSEPH LAMP

V **PASQUALE SURIANO** V

*Requested by*  
daughter, Domenica Stein

#### BLESSED MOTHER SANCTUARY LAMP

V **ANTONIO GASPARRO** V

*Requested by wife, Maria Rosa*

*Join us for the*

### **CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

at the **7 PM Mass**

with our 8th grade Confirmandi

*Reception to follow*

*in the Church Meeting Room*

*hosted by*

The Rosary Altar Society



### READINGS FOR WEEK OF MAY 3, 2015

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

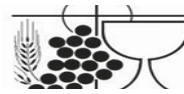
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



## Ministry Schedule

### SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015

4pm **ALTAR SERVERS:** Georgina Iannetta, Kailey Paeida,  
Seth & Juliet Krupa

**READER:** Jim Wilson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Maureen Wilson & Michael Florzszak

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### SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015

7:30am **ALTAR SERVERS:** : John Pugh

**READER:** Tom Brown

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Nanette Brown & Christine Esposito

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9am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Evie Sullivan, Joseph & Tanner Gorky

**READER:** Rebecca Dryl

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jeanne Paulus & Stephanie Kedziora

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10:30am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Doug Sullivan, Brendan & Danny McNulty

**READER:** Dan Walsh

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Barbara & Tom Ronca

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12 noon **ALTAR SERVERS:** Tyler Gee, Danielle Licht & Kevin Sawtell

**READER:** Ness Tirol

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Lena Iannetta & Antonietta Falco

### PRAYER LIST



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 3, 2015

OUR MILITARY

Let Us Remember...In our prayers, the men and women serving in our Nation's Armed Forces.

May God bless them & keep them safe.

- 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

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).

USHERS

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015; 7:30 PM

USHERS MEETING
Church Meeting Room

A HUGE THANK YOU...

To the catechists and teachers who have prepared our young people to journey in faith as the children of our parish receive Holy Communion for the first time.



- Rose Harvis
Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Roseann Palladino

- Liz Perez
Ness Tirol
Joann Wood

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.

2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
Life-Changing Faith

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$52,382.48 and payments totaling \$52,108.48 from 258 parishioners. This represents 91.9% of your \$57,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts

WEEKLY OFFERING

Total: ..... \$9,332.62

- Envelope Offerings: \$ 7,620.00
Net Charge Offerings: \$ 978.62
Loose Offering: \$ 734.00
Poor Box: \$181.88

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

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



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!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

We are in need of MEN'S DARK BLUE JEANS size 32 waist 31 length. Would be greatly appreciated.



Please contact Christine at 908-725-1008.

CATECHISTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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

Help is definitely needed! What are you waiting for?

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

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



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

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 3, 2015

ST. ANN 2015 FESTA

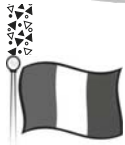
June 24 - June 27

At this time, we are looking for Sponsorships, Donations and Marketing/Outreach Volunteers to have a successful Festa. Also, we are in need of bakers for our cake wheel.



Our SUPER 50/50 is now available for purchase in the Rectory office.

If you are interested please contact Donna at the Rectory Office, 908-725-1008 x113, or email her at dbontempo@stannparish.com.



by the Raritan Knights of Columbus

Sunday, May 10 ~~~ 8 - 11am St. Ann School Cafeteria



Omelets, Pancakes, Bagels, Muffins, Fruit & more Coffee, Tea & Juice \$8 Adults \$5 Kids (5-14) Kids under 5 FREE

Annual Knights of Columbus 50/50 drawing to support scholarships and vocations

2015-2016 PREP PROGRAM (a.k.a. CCD)



Families are encouraged to register their children for our PREP Program (a.k.a. CCD) to catch the early Registration fee:

PREP - REGISTRATION (GRADES 1-8)

During the month of May: Monday & Thursday (not on Memorial Day) 6:30-7 PM. Enter through the front door of St. Ann School.

May through August: in Parish Office during Parish Office hours.

After June 30th, Registrations mailed will have an additional late fee applied, due to additional costs in adjusting the needed materials for that family.

Checkout the Parish website: www.stannparish.com under the Faith Formation/Religious Education Tab for more information or contact Sr. Phyllis at 908-725-1008.

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Please consider offering your time and talent to serve your parish community by being a VOLUNTEER CATECHIST. You will be fulfilling an important ministry in the Church by participating in spreading the Good News and handing on the treasures of the Catholic Faith. Our children's faith and lives are depending on you.

SCRIP - GIFT CARDS

Help St. Ann Parish to help you by purchasing Scrip Gift Cards from us for making your purchases at stores and shopping on the internet. We receive a percentage of total sales in return. No extra cost to you. This helps to reduce costs.



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

ST. ANN SCHOOL GOLF OUTING

Fox Hollow Golf Club

59 Fox Chase Run; Branchburg, NJ http://www.foxhollowgc.com/



Monday, May 11, 2015

- 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

BONUS BALL



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

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

ST. ANN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 3, 2015



Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

We are people who make a difference. We make a difference in the climate and culture of both the parish and the school. It is with a heavy heart that I tell you of changes in our faculty and staff.

Our nurse, Mrs. Pillon is moving on to another position. Her last day was Friday. We will miss her friendly, gentle, and professional ways. No cut was too small and no injury so great that it flustered her ability to serve us with calm and healing hands.

Mrs. Villanova and her husband have purchased property in Pennsylvania. That would be a miraculous commute for one day. Therefore, the last day of school will find all of us wishing her happiness in her new location. Mrs. Villanova has been a respected first grade teacher who has worked with almost every child in the building. Her enthusiasm for teaching and love for her little ones will be missed.

Mrs. Lisa also has her heart set on enjoying her home and husband. She will be saying good-bye to her soon to be promoted third graders in June. We will miss her creativity and her dream doors! Be it a rabbit, a snowman or Disney surprise, those doors welcomed third graders into an ingenious world of learning they will never forget.

We are grateful for the time these valiant women spent with our children. They are part of the fabric of many lives. Each uniquely impacted the minds, hearts, and souls of those under their care.

Soon, I will announce the shifts and new appointments to our school. Continue to pray for us as we continue to pray for you.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF  
Principal

### ST. ANN SCHOOL ALUMNI

## 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



**Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 PM, there will be a St. Ann's School 50th Anniversary Reunion meeting at the Rectory Dining Room.**

Anyone who is interested, please RSVP to Donna at 908-725-1008.



### SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

Mass: 7:30am + 9am + 10:30am + 12N  
Food Drive

9am: Rosary Altar Society  
Communion Mass

12N Mass: 1st Communion -  
Group 1 (C) & (SC)

7pm: Bingo (SC)

### MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

NO PREP CLASSES

7:30pm: Usher Meeting (CMR)

### TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

7pm: 50th Reunion mtg (RDR)

7:30-8:45pm: Social Ministry mtg  
(RMR)

7:30-9pm: Columbiette mtg (CMR)

7:30pm: Bingo (SC)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

12:30pm: School Dismissal

4:30-5:30pm: 1st Communion

Practice - Group 2 (C)

7 PM Mass: RAS hosting May

Crowning -reception  
to follow (CMR)

### THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

NO PREP CLASSES

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

7:30-9pm: RCIA class (CMR)

### FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

7-9pm: Youth Group Open Gym

### SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015

DAILY MASS: 9am Vigil Mass: 4pm

CONFESSIONS: 9:30am & 3pm

### SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015

~~~ MOTHER'S DAY ~~~

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

NO Bingo

8-11am: KofC Mother's Day  
Breakfast

Annual KofC 50/50 Drawing to  
support scholarships and  
vacations.

12N Mass: 1st Communion -  
Group 2 (C) & (SC)

## ST. ANN SCHOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM

St. Ann School has a recycling program. We will receive money from TerraCycle for recycling certain items.

### RECYCLING ITEMS

**Aluminum & Plastic Drink Pouch** such as Capri Sun & Honest Kids  
(with straw)

**Entenmann's Little Bits Pouch**

**Go-Go's Applesauce Pouch**

**Energy Bar Wrappers**

**Inkjet & Toner Cartridge:** Only with copper electronic nozzle strips.

**Personal Care & Beauty:** Shampoo & conditioner bottles & caps, gel tubes & caps, pump hair spray bottles & triggers. Shaving foam tubes (no cans). Toothpaste, toothbrush, floss container, deodorant.

**Skin Care:** Lip balm tubes, face, body & hand soaps & lotions bottles & tubes.

**Cosmetic Packaging:** Lipstick/gloss, eye shadow, bronzer, powder, eyeliner, or concealer cases or tubes. Lip or eye liner.

**Plastic Tape Dispensers & Cores**

**Brita** pitchers, bottles, filters, faucet filtration system & dispensers.

**Bottle Caps**



*Let's keep items out of our landfills for the future of our children's environment.*



**Bring your recycling items to our school.**