

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
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Nolan Dominic Smith

Isabella C. Maryland

Kianna Marie Torres

Noel Lee Zelis

Jordan Marie Vitkovits

May 3, 2015

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

Rev. John J. Werner, Parochial Vicar

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Deacon Conrad Paulus, Permanent Deacon

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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,

It was at an athletics meeting in Glasgow, Scotland where a certain Eric Liddell was competing in the 440 yards race. According to the account I read, he was trailing the others into the second half of the race and a visitor remarked that he would hardly catch the others now. A native Glasgow turned to him and simply said, "His head's no' back yet." Sure enough, Liddell threw his head back and, with his mouth open and his arms clawing the air, he passed his opponents and won the race. His style was not beautiful, but his speed was like lightning. At the Paris Olympics of 1924, Liddell won the 400 metres, and his achievement, together with his famous refusal to run on the sabbath day, was captured for posterity in a 1981 film many of us have entitled: *Chariots of Fire*.

As I read about his life, I found out that he was born in China, to Scottish missionary parents. Eric Liddell returned to the land of his birth to spend his life as a Christian missionary. He lived and worked there for twenty years. He married and had three daughters, and devoted his life to spreading the love of God, which he had found in Jesus, everywhere he went. Someone who knew him in those years said of him, "He was overflowing with good humor and love for life, and with enthusiasm and charm. It is rare indeed that a person has the good fortune to meet a saint, but he came as close to it as anyone I have ever known."

Liddell described his own life as a "complete surrender" to God, and here is a key for helping us to understand what love means and what love asks of us. We cannot all be fast runners like Liddell, but we can learn the love of God, as he did, for love is not a human achievement. It is the gift of God.

Today, in the first Lesson, we hear one of the most important teachings that we will ever learn, and that St. Peter needed to learn. God does not have favorites. Everyone who does what is right is acceptable to God. There are no barriers, no dividing lines that separate us from one another. Not race, not color, not

creed. In Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord tells us that not even enemies are to be treated differently. Love your enemies, he tells us, and do good to those who treat you badly. This teaching can be seen in practice on every page of the Gospels, where Jesus is confronted regularly by his opponents. He treats them all with fairness, openness and honesty. This fair dealing with difficult people is love in action. It comes to its high point on Calvary, when the dying Lord asks the Father to forgive those who crucify him: "They know not what they do."

At the Last Supper Jesus gives us the commandment to "love one another, as I have loved you". For love is not a feeling. It is a response to God's loving us first, and a grace of Christ to love others. It is because we know love that we are able to love. The love of God for us inspires us to love others and to make no exceptions.

In 1943, the Japanese invaded China, and Eric Liddell, with many others, was interned in a camp. Liddell's wife and family had already gone to Canada for safety, while Liddell himself went to help at another Christian mission at a rural station. Confined in the camp, Liddell made the best of it and devoted himself to old and young, helping others to cope with their straitened circumstances. Overwork and malnourishment probably contributed to shortening his life. He died in 1945, aged just forty-three. Today, in the Scottish city of Edinburgh, there is a center dedicated to the memory of Eric Liddell, and to his devotion to community service. Its purpose is to inspire, empower and support people of all ages, cultures and abilities, as an expression of Christian compassionate values. God has no favourites.

Liddell's strict observance of the sabbath was baffling to many people, and many of us would not look at sabbath observance in the way he did, but he was respected for his beliefs, and at the Paris Olympics the US team masseur passed a note to Liddell saying, "Those who honor me I will honor." We honor the Lord by the simple and faithful observance of his commandment - "love one another".

May God always be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael



Our Scripture Lessons remind us:

...that being like Eric Liddell, perhaps not a great runner, but we can be greater lover of God;

...that to love God by loving one another is the great event of life;

...and that nothing demonstrates God's love as much as a life devoted to the service of others.

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

7am MR. & MRS. CARMEN FORTE & ANTHONY
by Sr. Dolores Toscano

7pm DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

7am ISABELLA & FRANCESCA PALADINO by Lina Cirianni

7pm JOANNE CUGLIARI by mom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

7am MR. & MRS. NICHOLAS TOSCANO by Sr. Dolores Toscano

7pm CARMELLO SCIORTINO by Nina & Antonio Massa

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

++ ASCENSION OF THE LORD ++

7am ANNA & FILLIPO DiBETTA by Franchi & Teresa DiBetta

9am CHARLES A. DePRIMO by the family

7pm ANTONIO NATALE by wife & family

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

7am GIUSEPPE DiGIUSEPPANTONIO by daughter, Elena

7pm NELLA SACINO by Theresa & James DeMuro

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

9am GREGORIO & DOMENICO GRANDE by Caterina Grande

4pm FOR ALL MOTHERS FOR WHOM REQUEST HAVE BEEN MADE

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 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 10-16, 2015 WE REMEMBER AND HONOR

TABERNACLE LAMP

V CANDIDA CAVALLAVO V

Requested by
Sister-in-law



BLESSED MOTHER SANCTUARY LAMP

V BLESSED MOTHER V

Requested by Calo family

READINGS FOR WEEK OF MAY 10, 2015

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph
4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28



SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

4pm **ALTAR SERVERS:** John Pugh, Billy & Grace Maxton

READER: Alexa Marsh

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sr. Mary Klersey & John Lamaestra

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SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

7:30am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Peter DeSantis

READER: Rob Sause

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tom DeSantis & George Gunzelman

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9am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Ryan, Brendan & Erin Dombrowski

READER: Jim Fidacaro

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Fidacaro & Michael Florczak

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10:30am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Alyssa Amato, Nikki Tardiff & Amy Wyllie

READER: Dan Walsh

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Kathy Faccone & Theresa Walakonis

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12 noon **ALTAR SERVERS:** Damian Barczewski,

Dominic & Carmen Stangota

READER: Mark McGuire

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Ness & Tess Tirol

PRAYER LIST



Teresa Galaini	Yolanda Polidoro
Anthony Gambino	Teresa Riga
Madison Gara	Frank Ratkowski
Elizabeth Gecik	Cosette Ruh
Eleanor Giraldi	Bill Salerno
Leonard Grasso, Sr.	Marianne San Filippo
Ruth Gulick	Josephine Sapp
Melanie Heim	Phyllis Serafin
James Holmes	Raffaella Simonetti
Doris Kelco	Mary Shallenberger
Joseph Kowalski	Dave Snedegar
Bernadette Laggini	Frank & Lucille Sudano
Barbara Langon	Dolores Talamini
MaryAnn Mangiaracina	Eva Terlizzi
Rosalie Marrone	Tommarie Tibaldi
Giovanna Martini	Anthony Tomaro
Louis Mattei	Gianna Torgrimsen
Pauline Mengak	Joseph Torlish
Jack Merwin	Carolyn Trepiccio
Brenda Mracek	Pasquale Truppi
Nancy Natale	Marie Vale
Adelino Nunes	Allison Valverde
Margaret O'Donnell	Maria Varvaro
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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 10, 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.

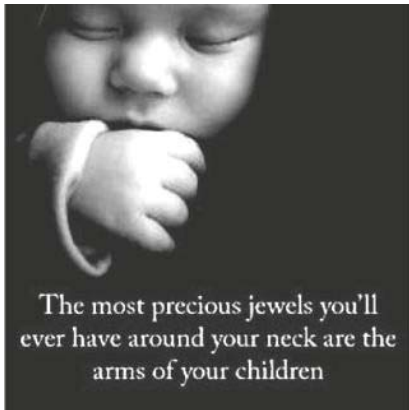
Major Michael A. De Cicco, *U.S. Army*
 Victor Dulay, Jr., *U.S. Marine Corps*
 LCpl. Matthew John,
U.S. Marine Corps
 PFC Gavin John, *U.S. Marine Corps*
 CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.
 Major Michael Morella, *U.S. Army*
 Sgt. Dan Neville, *U.S. Marine Corps*
 SPC Keith Ressa, *U.S. Army*



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).



The most precious jewels you'll ever have around your neck are the arms of your children

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Total: \$9,544.20

Envelope Offerings: \$ 7,259.00
 Net Charge Offerings: \$ 1,419.20
 Loose Offering: \$ 866.00
 Poor Box: \$151.00

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!

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



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

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

BONUS BALL

ST. ANN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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

NO BINGO
 SUNDAYS, MAY 10th & 24th

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

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**.

Website: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/221610843>



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 10, 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.



OUR SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE 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.

BOX TOPS DO EXIPRE!!



Please submit your Box Tops before they expire. The next expiration date is June 1, 2015.

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

Submit them to the School or Rectory Office

YOU ARE INVITED.....

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Friday, May 22 at 7PM

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Guardian Angels Worship ; Edison, NJ

For directions, contact the parish at 732-572-0977.

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ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

Mhonchan Ezung, Roy N. Quesa and Edwin Mauricio Tabera Vasquez

Saturday, May 16 at 10 AM

Our Lady of Peach Church; Fords

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ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

DEACON EDGAR MADARANG & DEACON DAVID SKOBLOW

Saturday, May 23 at 10 AM

Cathedral of St. Francis; Metuchen

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For directions or questions contact 732-562-2457



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.

2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL STATUS

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$52,382.48 and payments totaling \$52,158.48 from 258 parishioners. This represents 91.9% of your \$57,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts



Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

Our ACRE results are in. ACRE is the name of the assessment test for Catholic knowledge and attitudes that is given to fifth, eighth and high school students across the United States.

I am very proud to announce that two students received a perfect score on the assessment. We congratulate Evelyn Sullivan, in 8th grade and Andreea Chadwick in 5th grade.

Fifth grade scored above 80% in the following areas five of the six areas tested: knowledge of faith, moral formation, prayer and communal life. In understanding the four pillars of Catechism of the Catholic Faith, students scored 84% or above in all categories.

Our eighth graders did not disappoint us. In the section called Faith Knowledge students scored above 80% in general knowledge, liturgical life, moral formation, and missionary spirit. They scored 80% or above in three of the four pillars of the Church with a close 78% in the pillar on Christian Prayer.

There is an entire section that asks questions regarding Catholic attitude. I complement the parish in that 92% of our Catholic fifth graders agreed that they like their parish and that the people in their parish care about helping others. 94% of our Catholic eighth graders noted that they belong to a youth-friendly parish and that their parish cared about helping others. Thank you for making these children feel so accepted and welcomed. Your living witness of care for the poor and suffering comes through clearly in the students' opinion of parish caring.

On another note, students recently participated in six teams in a Religion Bowl prepared by our religion teacher, Mr. Forte. There was fierce competition regarding Bible Trivia and life in the early Church. I was very impressed with the level of confidence and the knowledge of our students.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

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.



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  
vocations.

12N Mass: 1st Communion -  
Group 2 (C) & (SC)  
NO BINGO

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015**

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm  
NO PREP CLASSES

Golf Outing  
7:30pm: KOC Meeting (CMR)

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015**

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm  
7:30pm: Liturgy meeting (RMR)  
7:30pm: Bingo (SC)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015**

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm  
NO Choir Rehearsals  
2:30-3:45pm: Little Flower Girls  
Club (SL)

4:30-5:30pm: 1st Communion  
Practice - Group 3 (C)  
7-8pm: Education & Art Fair (SC)

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015**

DAILY MASS: 7am, 9am and 7pm  
+HOLY DAY+  
+ASCENSION OF THE LORD+  
NO PREP CLASSES

**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015**

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm  
7-10pm: Parent/Child Volleyball  
activity (SG)

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015**

DAILY MASS: 9am Vigil Mass: 4pm  
CONFESSIONS: 9:30am & 3pm  
Distribution of St. Rita Roses by  
RAS after Mass

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015**

Mass: 7:30am + 9am + 10:30am + 12N  
Distribution of St. Rita Roses by  
RAS after Mass  
12N Mass: 1st Communion -  
Group 3 (C) & (SC)  
7pm: Bingo

**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.**