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 8am to 4pm 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 for more info to visit our school or to register your child(ren).

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)(CCD)
- Grades 1-8: Monday: 6:15pm - 7:30pm
- Grades 1-7: Thursday: 6:15pm - 7:30pm
Special Needs PREP: Grades 1-8: Tuesday: 6pm-7pm
For more information, please call Sr. Phyllis in the rectory.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Sunday: 11:30am
We welcome all individuals who wish to become members of the Catholic Church as well as baptized Catholics who never received their First Communion or Confirmation and are interested in becoming full participants in the Catholic faith to contact Deacon John Pacifico in the rectory.

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 give Online with WeShare. You will be connected to a secure site where you may enter your information. Thank you for your continued support!

“LIKE US” ON 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.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK
Parishioners who are homebound are visited by our Deacons, Religious & Eucharistic Ministers. If you know of a parishioner that is seriously ill or hospitalized, please call the rectory.

Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Corona, PA, KCHS, Pastor
Rev. John J. Werner, Parochial Vicar
Deacon John R. Pacifico, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Roy Rabinowitz, Permanent Deacon
Sr. Dolores Toscano, M.P.F., Superior / Pastoral Associate
Sr. Patricia Dunham, M.P.F., Principal
Sr. Phyllis Vella, M.P.F., Director of Religious Education

www.stannparish.com Email: info@stannparish.com

MASS SCHEDULE
Daily: Monday-Friday: 7am & 7pm
Saturday: 9am (NO 9AM MASS MAY 20, 7AM INSTEAD)
Weekend: Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon & 5pm
CONFESSION: Saturday: 9:30am-10am & 3-3:45pm
RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Friday: 8am-4pm

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.

MARRIAGE
The common policy of marriage requires that arrangements with the church be made at least One Year before the date of marriage and before any social plans are made. Bride or Groom must be a registered 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. Instructions 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 Six Months of attending Mass to be eligible for both of these privileges.

MINISTRIES
- Catechist
- Choir
- Columbiette
- Knights of Columbus
- Marriage Prep
- Money Counter
- Rosary Altar Society
- Social Ministry
- Youth Group
- Usher
Just to name a few of our Ministries. If interested in joining a Ministry, contact the Rectory Office.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 14, 2017
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I don’t know whether or not you’ve ever watched the National Geographic Channel on TV. Recently, I saw a program about South Africa. Some parts of the South African bush country are more like a moonscape than a place fit for human habitation. Dried-up riverbeds, red dusty soil, stones and rocks, snakes and scorpions, scrubby plants and hot, unrelenting sun are the order of the day. It was such inhospitable land that was designated as suitable for the indigenous African population, while the better land was taken over by the farmers of the colonial powers.

It was to such an area that Redemptorist Father Paxton Hallett was sent in the 1960s. How do you build the Church in such places? With architectural drawings sketched on the back of a cigarette packet and stones collected by the people on their way to Mass each Sunday, he built churches, schools and clinics, and, with the help of loyal catechists and teachers, and the support of many missionary-minded people overseas, a local Church was established. Father (later Bishop) Hallett was not only a missionary priest and builder, he was dentist, ambulance driver, agricultural advisor, arbitrator of disputes and much loved by the people.

The image of people gathering stones in order to build their church helps us to see at a deeper level how St. Peter, in our Second Scripture Lesson today, can describe the community of faith as the living stones that make a spiritual house. The Church is not so much the building as the community of those who live close to Jesus, believing in him and living according to the example he has given. The Temple in Jerusalem was central to the life of the Jewish people in the time of Jesus. It was the symbol of their election as God’s chosen people because it was the holy place where God was experienced, living among them. Faithful Jews were expected to come to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices to God in thanksgiving and praise for all God’s saving works and also in atonement for their own sins and for the sins of the nation.

While Jesus himself took part in the national pilgrimages to Jerusalem to celebrate the great Jewish feast days, he gave offence to the religious leadership by cleansing the Temple of all those who had turned it into a marketplace and then by claiming that if they destroyed this sanctuary, he would raise it up in three days. It was only after the events of Easter that the disciples were able to grasp the full meaning of what Jesus was saying: that he was himself the sanctuary where God had made God’s dwelling among God’s people, he was the new Temple. Jesus went even further. He taught his disciples that if they loved him and kept his word, the Father would love them and he and the Father would come and make their home with them. In the understanding of St. John, Jesus was replacing the Temple in Jerusalem with himself and his faithful and believing disciples. In the words of St. Peter, he is the living stone rejected by the builders, which has become the keystone, and his disciples are the living stones making a spiritual house.

The house that Jesus built in this world is modelled on and is a visible representation of his Father’s house in heaven. Having completed his work on earth, Jesus told the disciples in our Gospel Lesson, that they shouldn’t worry because he was going to prepare a place for them in the Father’s house where there are many rooms. They now knew how to follow him because he was their Way, their Truth and their Life. By living with Jesus and loving him, they were welcoming the Father, allowing him to make a home with them, and by living at home with the Father and with Jesus, they were preparing for eternal life with God in heaven.

I started this letter with the story of poor African Catholics gathering stones to build their mission church in the harsh conditions of the bush country of South Africa. We arrived at the home of our Father in heaven. The connection is Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. All of us are responsible for building the Church of Jesus in our world today. It’s a house with many rooms. In fact, it is a place where everyone is welcome. We build it as we continue to bring our individual stones, all different shapes and sizes; all our different contributions to building the loving and caring relationships that help all our fellow believers to know and love Jesus, who draws us together in our Father’s house.

In your charity, pray for the sick and the lonely—visit them if you can. Please remember to pray for all who have wandered from the Faith and all who have died. Also, pray for the souls of the faithful departed of our Parish family.

May God always be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael

As we consider our Scripture Lessons for today we are reminded:

...that African Catholics gather stones to build their own church building. Yet, at a deeper level they are the living stones making up the Church;

...that Jesus replaces the Temple as the place where God dwells among God’s people;

...and that the Church models and represents God’s many-roomed house; and that Jesus is our Way, our Truth and our Life.

Let us open our hearts to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and may God always be pleased with us. Amen!
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, MAY 15**
7am Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Toscano by Sr. Dolores Toscano
7pm Antonio Natale by wife & family

**TUESDAY, MAY 16**
7am Pietro & Concetta Addesi
by daughter, Teresa Cirinni & family
7pm Anthony & Nancy DiGraziano by Ken & Anna DiGraziano

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**
7am JoAnna Cugliari by Paul Fusco & family
7pm Gabriele & Sofia Ferraro by Carmine & Felicetta Truppi

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**
7am Michael Sera by Jim & Rosemarie
7pm Vincenza Lipoma by Esther

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**
7am Marco Cugliari by daughter, Caterina Fusca
7pm Anges & Peter Czoch by Theresa Walakonis

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**
7am Gregorio Ruffa by Maria R. Gasparro
4pm All Mother’s for whom Requests have been Made

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon
All Mother’s for whom Requests have been Made
5pm People of the Parish

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**In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

Sandra Ay
Judy Becker
Doreen Benedetto
Patrick Bliss
Yolanda Bontempo
Theresa Bray
Michael Brennan
Chester Bulkiewicz
Joannmarie Cartone
Anna Carra
Donna Celestini
Albert Charles
Bruno Cirrani
Claudio Cirasulli
Carol Churchill
Mark Cusat
Michele D’Angelo
Angela DeFina
Fred Delano
Joseph DeLuca
Mary Ann DeMaio
Lydia DiGiuseppantonio
Catherine (Trina) DuMont
Sage Escalante
Vincent Facciolo
Mike Faccone
Mary & Richard Felice
Irene Fellner
William M. Flynn

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**Daily Bible Reading**

**Week of May 14**

**Sunday**
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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

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

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**Ministry Schedule**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**
7:30am Altar Servers: Grace Giordano
Reader: Nancy Giordano
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lou Cirinni & Tom DeSantis

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**
12noon Altar Servers: Morgan Hill, Adam Tiongson & John Toolan
Reader: Theresa Walakonis
Eucharistic Ministers: Ness & Tess Tirol

**5pm Altar Servers: Eva Cardenas
Reader: Theresa Walakonis**

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**This Week of May 14**

**Tabernacle Lamp**
灵敏 GRANDE
Requested by Rose & Michael D’Angelo

**Altar Flowers**
灵敏 ESPOSITO
Requested by Ann, Rose, Joan & Matt

**Altar Candle #1**
灵敏 NATALE
Requested by Paul & Toni Stevens

**Altar Candle #2**
灵敏 DE PRIMO
Requested by family

**Blessed Mother Lamp**
灵敏 ESPOSITO
Requested by wife, Anita & family

**St. Joseph Lamp**
灵敏 ESPOSITO
Requested by Mark & Antonia

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**Let Us Remember our Military...**
In our prayers, the men & women serving in our Nation’s Armed Forces.

- Maj Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army
- Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps
- LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps
- Pfc Jerome C. Sunga; U.S. Marine Corps
- SPC Keith Ressa; U.S. Army
- Cpl Jonathan Schultes; U.S. Marine Corps
- LtCol Louis P. Simon; U.S. Marine Corps
- Pfc Janet Wyka; U.S. Army
- Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti, U.S. Air Force

Pray for the souls of those who have given their lives in service to our country.
May God Bless them & keep them safe.

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**In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

Mike Fogarty
Susan Foti
Teresa Galaini
Cindy Galvacky
Anthony Gambino
Elizabeth Cecik
Eleanor Giraldi
Harold Grasso
Ruth Gulick
Monica Herman
Deborah Kaminski
Ron Koczon
Bernadette Laggini
Barbara Langon
Brianne Rose Larson
Stefania Leanardis
Diane Leela
Deacon John Pacilso
Philip Peluso I
Angie Romano
Loni Rose
Isabella Ruffa
Magalatta Ruffa
Coseatte Ruh
Jeanette, Ted, Richard, & Lenny Sabatina
Joe Salemo
Marion Salemo
Marianne San Filippo
Eric Santos
Jose Santos
Phyllis Serafin
Cathy Stinziano
Frank & Lucille Sudano
Dolores Talamini
Scott Tellep
Tommarie Tibaldi
Angela White
Joan Wirzman
Antonia Y.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 14, 2017

Parish Events

SUNDAY, MAY 14
~Mother’s Day~
Mass: 7:30am?9am?10:30am?12N?5pm
No Bingo
8:11am: Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast (sc)
11:30am: RCIA Class (cmr)
1:30pm: First Communion (group 2) (c)

MONDAY, MAY 15
DAILY MASS: 7am & 7pm
7:45pm: Pastoral Council meeting (cmr)

TUESDAY, MAY 16
DAILY MASS: 7am & 7pm
7:30pm: Bingo (sc)
4:30pm: First Communion practice (group 3) (c)
Choir Rehearsal: (cl) Children 6pm, Bell 6:45pm & Choir 7:30pm
7-8pm: School OPEN HOUSE & Curriculum & Art Fair

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
DAILY MASS: 7am & 7pm
4:30pm: First Communion practice (group 3) (c)
1:30pm: First Communion (group 2) (c)
8:11am: Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast (sc)
11:30am: RCIA Class (cmr)
12pm: Bingo (sc)
7:45pm: HSA meeting (mr)

THURSDAY, MAY 18
DAILY MASS: 7am & 7pm
7:45pm: RCIA Class (cmr)
9am: Mass: Celebrate Deacon’s Ordination
12pm: First Communion (group 3) (c)

FRIDAY, MAY 19
DAILY MASS: 7am & 7pm

SATURDAY, MAY 20
DAILY MASS: 7am & 7pm
VIGIL: 4pm
CONFESION: 3pm ONLY
2nd Collection: Church & Grounds Maintenance
Baby Gift Drive
St. Rita’s Roses donations after 4pm Mass
10am: Deacon’s Ordination (St. Francis Cathedral)

SUNDAY, MAY 21
Mass: 7:30am?9am?10:30am?12N?5pm
2nd Collection: Church & Grounds Maintenance
Baby Gift Drive
St. Rita’s Roses donations after Masses
10am: Holy Name Society meeting (cmr)
11:30am: RCIA Class (cmr)
12n: Mass: Celebrate Deacon’s Ordination
1:30pm: First Communion (group 3) (c)
7pm: Bingo (sc)

Register Today for the 2017-2018 School Year
St. Ann School Open House
Wednesday, May 17 -- 7-8pm
OR BY APPOINTMENT
To make an appointment to visit the school contact Kelly at 908-725-7787
www.stannparish.com/school

2017-18 St. Ann PREP Registration for Grades 1-8
Parish Religious Education Program (aka CCD)

Registration Packets are available
*in the Rectory, *mailed or
*download from the St. Ann Parish website

For More Information Contact Sr. Phyllis at pveilla@stannparish.com
or 908-725-1008 x.114
website: www.stannparish.com under Faith Formation tab.

During this Easter Season, continue to pray for the families who have children receiving their First Holy Communion on the weekends of May 14 and 21 at 1:30pm.

Reminder—Sacrament of First Communion

Practice
Group 3
Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 4:30pm
in the church

Receives Sacrament
Group 3
Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 1:30pm
in the church

ST. ANN SCHOOL CAFETERIA
♦ SUNDAYS AT 7PM
♦ TUESDAYS AT 7:30PM
*doors open 90 minutes prior to starting
CANCELLED IF LESS THAN 45 PLAYERS

2nd Collection: Church & Grounds Maintenance
Baby Gift Drive
St. Rita’s Roses donations after 4pm Mass
10am: Holy Name Society meeting (cmr)
11:30am: RCIA Class (cmr)
12pm: First Communion (group 3) (c)
7pm: Bingo (sc)

Congratulations to——-
Rob Sause and Rick Stevens
On their upcoming ordination as Permanent Deacons for St. Ann Parish
~and~
Robert Pinnissi
To be ordained as a Transitional Deacon
On May 20 at 10am
At St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen

On Saturday, May 20,
the 9am Mass will be held at 7am.
No Confessions at 9:30am.

Rosary Altar Society will be handing out St. Rita’s Roses for a donation.
After Masses on May 20 & 21
St. Rita of Cascia Feast Day: May 22

Holy Day of Obligation
The Ascension of our Lord
May 25
Masses 7am, 9am & 7pm
Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

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

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling $64,909.15 & payments totaling $51,304.53 from 284 parishioners. This represents 104.7% of our $62,000.00 goal.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

Congratulations & Thank You to all of St. Ann's Parishioners

It's not too late to participate in the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. A gift from every household, no matter the size, will make a powerful statement about our commitment to our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

Mail your gift to:
Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal
For the benefit of St. Ann Church in Raritan
PO Box 4000; Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or
give online: www.diometuchen.org/BAA

WEWKLY OFFERING—May 7, 2017

Total: $9,407.88

Envelopes: $6,561.00
Online: $2,034.13
Loose Offering: $812.75

PO Box: $214.01

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

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

MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, MAY 29
9am Mass ONLY
RECTORY OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED

May 30
SCHOOL CLOSED ~ Bishop’s Holiday

The Knights-of-Columbus thanks the generosity of St. Ann Parishioners. You donated $908.00 to our "Special Citizens Drive" held the weekend of April 29-30. Combined with other donations we received at local businesses we will be giving the ARC of Somerset County about $2,180.00 or 100% of all donations.

VOLUNTEER MENTORS NEEDED
Male & female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities & be a role model to young people. Do you
~ have a minimum of 3 hours a week to offer a child?
~ like having fun?
~ reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township?
~ want to make a difference in a child’s life?
Contact Jeanette Cullen: 732-738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org

GENEALOGY & HISTORY CONFERENCE
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Brooks Blvd, Hillsborough
Saturday, June 3 ~ 8:30am
If your ancestors immigrated here from the Old Austro-Hungarian Empire and you always wondered what to call your own ethnicity — Slovak, Hungarian, Polish, Ukrainian, Russian, etc., this is the conference for you!

SPEAKERS:
Tom Peters—noted Rusyn genealogist
John Righetti—former President of Carpatho-Rusyn Society
Rich Custer—former editor of The New Rusyn Times newsletter & avid researcher

Bring your family baptismal records from the “old country” and we can help you translate them!

Space is limited to 72 people.
$40 includes lunch & light refreshments
Registration form: http://www.stmaryhillsboroughnj.org/genealogy.html
Information: contact Tom Peters at rusyn@verizon.net
The Catholic Church of St. Ann
Congratulates our young people
who received First Communion

May 14, 2017

Sophia Conchita Velastegui
Jose Antonio Torres
Jocelyn Quesada
Joshua Jara
Jayden Alfred Ocampo
Arianna Wanthouse Nunez
Christopher Bernal
Kevin Bernal
Serena Stephanie Grasso
Jake Thomas Papcun
Jacob de Vera Palanca
Cadence Laela Park
Michael Joseph Sullivan
Joel Matthew Williams
Cayzer Jaybriel S. Yap