

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
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May 17, 2015

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

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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 17, 2015

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Recently I read a story about a man named Jim, who had been CEO of his firm for many years. Joining the company straight from school, he had worked his way up, becoming expert at all levels. There was very little about the business and how it ran that he didn't know. Now he was approaching the age of retirement. But it was hard to imagine how things would run without his knowledge, experience and expertise.

So a procedure was put in place to ease any problems that might be caused by his departure. He began to compile a handover portfolio detailing all that he knew about the business and helpful tips for his successor. A focus group met to consider the profile of the type of person who should lead the company into the future, to write a job description, and to develop a long-term strategic plan for the firm. Surely they had done everything possible to ensure a smooth succession? But it was only a few days before the date of his retirement, when someone asked how many applicants there were, that it was noticed that they hadn't actually got around to advertising the job.

In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus is preparing to leave his disciples. The approach Jesus takes to this change is, as we would expect, spiritual. There are no handover notes or long-term strategic plans to be passed on. There is no question of advertising for a successor. Instead, Jesus prays.

Today's Gospel passage comes from a section of St. John's Gospel that is often called "the farewell discourses." We read it today, as we approach the end of the Easter season, aware that Jesus left his disciples in stages. He was taken from them when he was arrested in the garden of Gethsemane, and they must have felt totally bereft at his crucifixion. But when he rose again, Jesus didn't go back to his previous way of life. It was no longer his familiar style of leadership in which he did lots of public teaching and public miracle-working. The ascension of Jesus, which we celebrated a few days ago, was the final act of leaving his apostles, but since his arrest and crucifixion Jesus had only appeared occasionally.

Of course, once Jesus returned to heaven, we know that they were not alone for long. In our First Lesson today, we hear a rare account of the days after Jesus' ascension, when the disciples met to choose a new apostle to replace Judas. They decided that the only way for this decision to be made was through prayer. Then, a few days later, on Pentecost in the upper room they would receive the Holy Spirit and would be transformed into new people. Brave, wise and full of the Holy Spirit, they would begin what we now know as the Church.

So here we are today, on this Sunday between the feast of the Ascension and next week's celebration of Pentecost. The Easter season is drawing to its close, and we are looking toward next week's celebration marking the coming of the Holy Spirit and with it the start of the Church as we know it.

In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus prays to God the Father for his friends. He prays that they will be true to him, united with God and strong against all the things they will have to face. This is his simple handover message. So long as they keep faithful, the Holy Spirit will transform these people into great leaders and brave missionaries.

When we think about the changes that we inevitably face, it's tempting to control everything, to plan it all out and to be sure that there is as little risk as possible. There is a lot of merit in this approach, of course, and we would be irresponsible if we didn't, say, plan a move to a new house and instead found ourselves on moving day without a van or the keys to the new house. But Jesus reminds us that there is another element in coping with change and coping with responsibility. He teaches us to trust God and to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. When we do this, we can be reassured that whatever decisions we make, or however much it feels as though life isn't going according to plan, we are not alone and we have the best guidance possible.

May God always be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael

Our Scripture Lessons remind us:

...*that* as Jesus was preparing to leave his disciples, he prayed for them;

...*that* the ascension of Jesus, which we celebrated a few days ago, was the final act of leaving his apostles;

...*that* a few days later, on Pentecost in the upper room they would receive the Holy Spirit and would be transformed into new people;

...*and that* so long as we keep faithful, he prays that the Holy Spirit will transform us also into leaders and missionaries in our time as he did the disciples.

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

7am FRANCES DUFFY MEREL by niece, Claire Cicalese
 7pm VINCENZA LIPOMA by Esther

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015

7am MARCO CUGLIARI by daughter, Caterina Fusca
 7pm GABRIELLE & SOFIA FERRARO by Carmine & Felicetta Truppi

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

7am MICHAEL SENA by Jim & Rosemarie Condo
 7pm CARMELLA TORTORELLI by The Rodriguez family

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015

7am EUGENE NILES by wife & children
 7pm CARMELO SCIORTINO
 by Enrico & Geraldina Sciortino & siblings

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015

7am ANNA & GIACINTO ALOE by Regina Basile
 7pm VICTORA ASCENSAO by wife, Anna

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

9am CHESTER S. BIEDRZYCKI by wife, Irene
 4pm FOR ALL MOTHERS FOR WHOM REQUEST HAVE BEEN MADE

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 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



SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

4pm **ALTAR SERVERS:** Mariana Arango, Julia Harvis, and Jamie Mallinson

READER: Theresa Walakonis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Carol and Jim Werner

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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

7:30am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Peter DeSantis and Doug Sullivan

READER: Jim Janci

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jo-Ann Liptak and Victor Nazario

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9am **ALTAR SERVERS:** ANGELINA BASILONE, Amanda & Evie Sullivan

READER: Sr. Mary Klersey

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lou Cirianni and

Sr. Dolores Toscano

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10:30am **ALTAR SERVERS:** Andreea Chadwick, Allie Myslinski and Sara Tobia

READER: Dianne Bautista

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Debbie and Jose Blanco

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12 noon **ALTAR SERVERS:** Randy Behn, Logan Christ, Morgan Hill and Damian Searchwell

READER: Lucas Pick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Maria DeLucia and Grace Rygiel

THIS WEEK OF MAY 17-23, 2015 WE REMEMBER AND HONOR



TABERNACLE LAMP V **FRANK ESPOSITO V**

Requested by
wife, Anita

ST. JOSEPH LAMP V **JANOS SZEMAN, SR. V**

Requested by
The Condo family

BLESSED MOTHER SANCTUARY LAMP V **DOMENICA RUFFA & ROSE CIRIANNI V**

Requested by
Lina & Raffaele Cirianni

READINGS FOR WEEK OF MAY 17, 2015

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16;
Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25



PRAYER LIST



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 17, 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).



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

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

ST. ANN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

BONUS BALL

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

NO BINGO
 SUNDAY, MAY 24th

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God." – 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to defend your faith or clarify a question about your faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are different? Pray for the courage to be strong in your faith and share your witness with others.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Total: \$10,713.36

Envelope Offerings: \$ 7,876.50
 Net Charge Offerings: \$ 1,743.86
 Loose Offering: \$ 1,093.00
 Poor Box: \$128.05

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

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

2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL STATUS

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$53,182.12 and payments totaling \$53,000.12 from 260 parishioners. This represents 93.3% of your \$57,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts

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

To the 2014-2015 PREP Program *team* of *catechists/aides/substitutes/hall monitors* who have journeyed in faith with our young people of our parish during each session. May God bless them for volunteering their time, talent, and treasure in so many ways with their generous spirit and faith-filled witness.

MONDAY EVENING SESSIONS

- Gr. 1 Tara Lewandowski
 Rachel Ruh
- Gr. 2 Rose Harvis
 Ness Tirol
 Liz Perez
- Gr. 3 Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
- Gr. 4 Daniela Taylor
- Gr. 5 Rosalinda Piccolo
- Gr. 6 Ruth Ricciardi
- Gr. 7 Jamille Krupa
 James Janci
- Gr. 8 Gloria Friedgen
 Caila Frassetto

THURSDAY EVENING SESSIONS

- Gr. 1 Carol Rittman
- Gr. 2 Joann Wood
 Liz Perez
 Ness Tirol
- Gr. 3 & 4 Diana Cirianni
 Megan Maltese
- Gr. 5 & 6 Renee Kinney
 Patrick Miller
- Gr. 7 Kathy Faccone
- Gr. 8 Beatriz Acevedo

HALL MONITORS
 Kym D'Agostino
 Janet Hill

HALL MONITORS & SUBSTITUTES

- Kayla Adams
- Nancy Fodor
- Michele Galvin
- Nancy Giordano
- Anthony LoPresti
- Michelle Mirra
- Angie Petti



TUESDAY EVENING CLASSES - SPECIAL NEEDS SESSIONS

- Mary Wesley
- Dan Wesley
- Pat Mastice
- Christine Esposito

BOX TOPS DO EXIPRE!!

Did you know that Box Tops have an expiration date? We need to turn them in before the expiration date in order for our school to receive credit! Many Box Tops expire in June! Please check your Box Tops and turn in any that expire between 04/01/2015 and 08/01/2015 so we can still get credit! The rest can be turned in, or saved and turned in at the start of the 2015-2016 school year!



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 17, 2015

ST. ANN 2015 FESTA

June 24 - June 27

We are looking for **VOLUNTEERS, 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.** *



Please contact Donna at the Rectory Office, 908-725-1008 x113,
or email her at dbontempo@stannparish.com.

REMINDER: Our **Final Festa Meeting** will be **Thursday, May 28** at **7:30 PM** in the **Rectory Conference Room**. Please **RSVP** to Donna at 908-725-1008.

YOU ARE INVITED.....

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Friday, May 22 at 7PM

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

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

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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
Vocations@diometuchen.org / www.diometuchen.org/vocations

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

with **BISHOP PAUL G. BOOTKOSKI**, Bishop of Metuchen

Saturday, May 30 at 11 AM

St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral; 32 Elm Ave; Metuchen

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED.

Light reception to follow.

RSVP by May 25, 2015 at 732-548-0100x210; fax 732-549-1033;
or email kkwiatkowski@stfranciscathedral.org.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered during the celebration of this Mass to those baptized Catholics needing to be anointed. In particular, we invite those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or the burden of physical, mental or emotional illness or who may be facing surgery.

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](http://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.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The newly established Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities now has a dedicated phone line and email address to receive prayer intentions from persons with disabilities, the homebound, their caregivers, relatives and friends.

Prayer Line: 732-765-6431 or

Email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Your intentions will be remembered in prayer at Holy Mass.

"Like Us" on **Facebook:** Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 17, 2015



Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

As do all of the schools in the Diocese of Metuchen, we participate in the nationally normed achievement test called, Terra Nova. I shared with you a little about it by telling you some of our rankings within the diocese. However, the good news is that we are not just good within this relatively small group. Our class national percentiles show that our school, across all grade levels and subjects, performs in the seventieth percentile or better. That means that in all areas we are in the top 30 percent of the nation or higher. Average scores are between the 40th and 60th percentile.

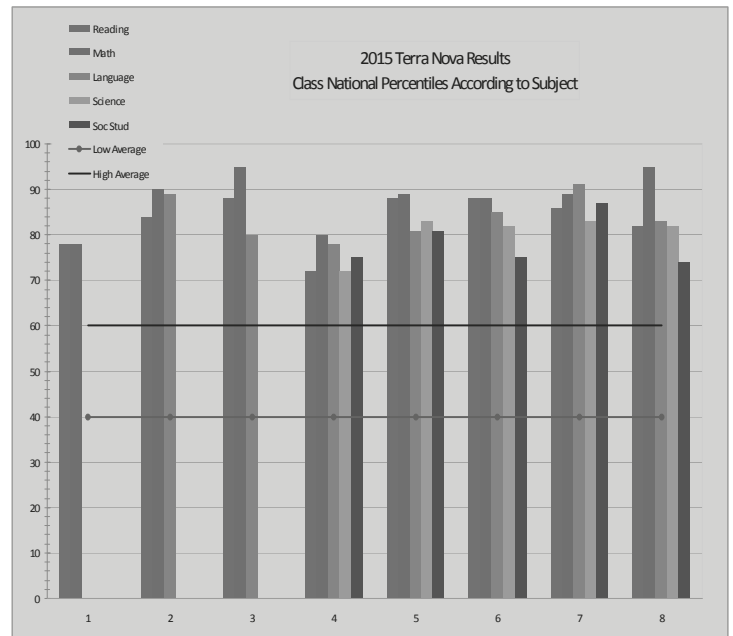
Thank you to our hard working parents and teachers who work with our children to see that all learn and grow academically, spiritually, emotionally, and as a whole and integrated person who will someday stand before God, listen to His voice, and confidently respond with a "yes" to His will. Thank you to you, too, dear children who put forth your best everyday. Your cooperation pays off with big dividends such as these.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

2015 TerraNova Results for St. Ann School

	Reading	Math	Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Grade	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
1	78	78			
2	84	90	89		
3	88	95	80		
4	72	80	78	72	75
5	88	89	81	83	81
6	88	88	85	82	75
7	86	89	91	83	87
8	82	95	83	82	74



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.



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

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

7:30pm: Pastoral Council mtg (CMR)

7:30pm: Bingo (SC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

NO Choir Rehearsals

5:45pm: Confirmation Practice (C)

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

7:30-9pm: RCIA (CMR-little room)

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015

DAILY MASS: 7am and 7pm

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

DAILY MASS: 9am Vigil Mass: 4pm

CONFESSIONS: 9:30am & 3pm

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

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

NO BINGO

4pm: Confirmation (C)

3-7pm: Columbiettes co-host

Confirmation reception (SC)