

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

45 Anderson Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869

PASTOR - Rev. Msgr. M. J. Corona, PA, KCHS
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Rosary Altar Society - Laura Sullivan
School Advisory Council - Aldo Martinez
Social Ministry - Dorothy Pacifico

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am - 9:00am - 10:30am - 12:00noon
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 7:00am & 7:00pm; Sat. 9:00am
Reconciliation: Saturday at 9:30am and 3:00pm
Parish Office hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm
School: 908-725-7787 • Parish: 908-725-1008

Congratulations on your First COMMUNION

May 5th, 2013

Cole Pierce Cabatu
Zack Robert Catterson
Sabrina Josephine Fodor
Ashtyn Garland
Brooke Elizabeth Hughes
Noelle Kristina Kientzler
Juliet Krupa
Jake Luis Lopez
Alliyah Martinez
Evan John Ona Nebab
Bryce Louis Pantozzi
Isabella Nina Patella
Jordan Nicole Rubito
Ryan Prickett
Benjamin Justin Wiecenski

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

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

ALTAR CANDLES

For the week of May 4th - May 10th, the Altar Candles will burn in the memory (honor) of:

Altar Candle 1. John "Sonny" Tozzi Req. by Wife, Rose

Altar Candle 2. William De Castro Jr. Req. by Aunt Rose

SANCTUARY LAMPS

For the week of May 4th - May 10th, the Sanctuary Lamps will burn in the memory (honor) of:

Tabernacle: Pasquale Suriano Req. by Wife, Immaculata

St. Joseph: No intention

Blessed Mother: Pasquale Suriano Req. by Family

ALTAR FLOWERS



The Altar Flowers this week are in memory of
Pasquale Suriano
Requested by
Children

Please remember to pray for our sick of our parish

Victoria Andrews
Luzmanda Anthony
Herb Arnold
Gary Atchey
Amity Bryson
Joanmarie Carlone
Jaden Chambres
Albert Charles
Kathy Ciociola
Dominic Comandol
Carolyn Curcio
Leonides Dalida
Matthew De Castro
Frank De Fina
Corazon Delacerna
Audrey De Luca
Mary Ann De Maio
Michael De Maio
Grace Ann Dettra
Vincent Facciolo
Linda Farah
Mary B Richard Felice
Patrick Ferrara
Kathleen C. Filardi
Frank Forte Sr.
Marie Forte
Ann Frezza
Shirley Fradelly
Teresa Galaini
Antonio Gasparro
Elizabeth Gecik
Frank Giordano
Gregorio Grande
Margaret Grasso
Bruno Grigoletti
David Groza Jr.
Ruth Gulick
Casey Hnasko
Doris Kelco

Robert Koeckert
Linda Krajewski
Bernadette Laggini
Barbara Langan
Brianna Larson
Marie Locascio
Antonino Lo Piccolo
Carmela Loschiavo
Mary Mangiaracina
Mark Marshall
Bridget Marshall
Giovanna Martini
Victoria Melitsky
Marilyn Manger
Olga Morella
Anna Moretti
Luke Adams Myers
Ava Rose Navarro
Ann Olivero
Thomas Orecchio
Mary Iou Orlando
Olga Orlando
Yolanda Polidoro
Frances Peables
Raymond Peters
Lorraine Raia
Frank Ratkowski
Teresa Riga
Patrick Riley
Adam Romano
Thomas Ronca
Alfred Ruggini
Eleanor Ruggini
Casette Ruh
Divina Sandig
Dr. Eric Jose Santos
Marianne San Filippo
Josephine Guide Sapp
Mary Sawidzial

Nancy Schiavi
Edwina Schurick
Raymond Schallerberger
Cindy Sonnier
David Snedegar
Nancy Spencer
Sean Stein
Matthew Stevens
Dolores Talamini
Patricia Teague
Richard Teague
Michael Tereman
Anna Teresak
Anthony Tomaro
Rena Turchi
Allison Valverde
Carol Vetack
Richard Vetack
Vincent Viscariello
Ralph White
Joan Wirzman
Lisa Yoder
Margaret ZanGrando
Joseph Zingarillo



Monday, May 6, 2013 ~ Easter Weekday

7am: Pasquale Suriano Req. by Wife, Immaculata

7pm: Sr. Mary Ann Santoro, M.P.F. , Sr. Mary Perlingevo, M.P.F. & Sr. Mary Gagliardi, M.P.F. Req. by Mary Lou Orlando

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 ~Easter Weekday

7am: Giuseppe DiGiuseppantonio Req. by Maria Grazia DeLuca

7pm: Helen Zelis Req.by Zelis Family

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 ~ Easter Weekday

7am: Eugene Niles Req. by Wife & Children

7pm: Edward Rivera Req. by Mr. & Mrs. P. Barbieri

Thursday, May 9, 2013 ~ The Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

7am: Giovanni & Anna Falzaranzo (30th Anniversary)

Req. by Alberto & Antoniette Falco

9am: People of the parish

7pm: Pasquale Grande Req. by Angela Grande & Family

Friday, May 10, 2013 ~ Saint Damien de Veuster

7am: Elisabetta Fusca Req. by Caterina Fusca

7pm: Giuseppe & Filomena Natale

Req. by Son, Antonio & Maria

Saturday, May 11, 2013 ~ Easter Weekday

9am: Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Forte & Anthony Req. by Sr. Dolores

4pm: For all mothers for whom requests have been made

Sunday, May 12, 2013 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter of the

Ascension of the Lord (MOTHERS DAY)

7:30am / 9am / 10:30am / 12pm: For all mothers for whom requests have been made



St. Ann's 10th Annual Golf Outing Raritan Valley Country Club Monday, May 13th

Come & ENJOY a fun day with friends and golfers of all levels.

8:00 am – 9:30 am - Registration, Breakfast on the Veranda
9:30 am - Shotgun start (scramble format)

Two hour open bar (wine & beer) ~ Barbecue lunch
Presentation of awards, raffle prizes and silent auction.

Interested in learning more about more sponsorship and donation options?

Please see 'Golf Outing' link on the church website at:

<http://www.stannparish.com/churchsite/>
or call Lisa Bartolotto at (908) 672-4960



ST. ANN SCHOOL WISH LIST

Our Pre-K classroom and program is in need of some new equipment for the upcoming school year. The book shelves and storage units are very old and rundown. \$1,000 would cover the cost to purchase 4 new units for the children. Whatever you can afford to donate towards this will be greatly appreciated.



MAY 5, 2012 ~ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I found in an old Catholic Digest, a story of a young mother who had been excitedly looking forward to her grandmother's visiting her and the new baby in hospital. Little Catherine Mary was the first great-grandchild in the family, and Fiona, her mother, was delighted that this meeting across the generations was going to take place. When the new great-grandmother arrived, she held Catherine Mary in her arms quietly for a bit, and then sighed deeply: "Ah, Fiona! Make the most of her now while you can. She'll break your heart, you see if she doesn't!"

This was not quite the rapturous delight Fiona had hoped for. But as the years went by, and long after her grandmother had died, Fiona found herself marvelling at the wisdom of these words. For, like mothers everywhere, Fiona learned that every milestone in the child's life – learning to eat solid food, starting to walk, beginning school, making friends away from the family... right up to moving out of the family home – each of these moments was marked not only by love and delight, but also with a sense of loss. Change and growth, however healthy and good, bring a bit of heartbreak too.

Change is often difficult for us, especially when it involves letting go of things that have been dear to us and making room for new things, about which we are less sure. This normal experience of moving on is seen in today's Scripture Lessons as the pattern of our maturing in faith, our growing in relationship with and in God.

In the Gospel we see Jesus at a moment of great change. He must leave his friends, face the cross, and so open up the path to the new life of the resurrection. In this new life Jesus is in a sense absent; but he is also present in a new, more profound way to his followers – and for all generations. So, before his passion, the Lord seeks to reassure and comfort his friends, promising that, even as he goes away and all seems lost, the great gift of the Spirit will be theirs. The disciples are called to be at peace and untroubled in the face of all the change and loss that lies ahead, putting their trust in the Lord and his word to them.

This trusting in God's promises cannot be learned all at once; indeed, it is a lifetime's learning for most of us. In the

Church, too, it can take time to argue and discuss, and so discern where the Spirit is leading us. This is something that the first Christians had to struggle with, as we heard in today's first reading. The debate over whether circumcision was necessary for Christians or not was a very heated one, which involved arguments between those great pillars of the Church, Peter and Paul. It took time and heartache before the apostles could recognise something that was "decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves". Only then was a decision for opening up the way of salvation and lifting unnecessary burdens possible.

What makes it possible for us to work hard through change and disagreement as Christians? Simply the unity of God's call to us, and to all people. In all the struggle and uncertainty it is the vision of life in the Spirit, of the new Jerusalem, that is most certain and unchanging; for this is God's future, God's mysterious and loving plan for us.

Change, loss, moving on – these things shape our lives at all levels. While such experiences are at best unsettling, and at worst distressing, they are always, in Christian living, moments with the potential for grace, places where the Spirit seeks to come and lead us on. As Blessed John Henry Newman remarked: "To live is to change. To be perfect is to have changed often."

Today we are called to reflect on how we respond to change – in our own lives, in the lives of those we love, and within the Church and the world. Often our fears and hurt can put up barriers to the graces of new life God is offering; perhaps our anxiety has led to a lack of charity amidst the disturbances of change. It is a hard discipline to learn to trust God's providence in these shifts and disruptions; but when things aren't going to plan, when we don't like what our children, parents, friends, church, or boss are suggesting – perhaps then is the moment to pray: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

In your charity, pray for the sick and the lonely – visit them if you can. Also, please remember to pray for all who have wandered from the faith, and all who have died. May God always be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael



"Take this all of you and eat of it..."

Take this all of you and drink from it..."

A command given by Christ over 2 millennia ago;

a command given by Christ still
celebrated today!

As part of our *Year of Faith* celebrations you are invited to:

"The Mass: Jesus in our midst"

A lecture series presented by

Fr. James E. De Fillippis

on

the Wednesdays of

May 8th, May 18th and May 29th at 7:45 p.m. in
the Church Meeting Room

St. Ann Stewardship Corner

OFFERTORY

April 27/28, 2013 Collection.....\$7,639.25

Poor Box.....\$100.50

Thank you for being as generous as you are able.

For those who wish to donate electronically please visit our website at www.stannparish.com and click on the NETCHARGE icon.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated each month on the First Sunday at the Noon Mass as well as the second, third, and fourth Sundays at 1:30pm. There will be no baptisms during Lent. Arrangements must be made in advance and new parents are required to take a Baptism Preparation class held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00am with Deacon Conrad in the CMR.

Sponsors & Godparents: If you are 18 years or older, you must register 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. It takes 6 months of attending Mass to be eligible for both of these privileges.

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. Either the bride or groom must be a registered parishioner. Nuptial Masses / Ceremony may be scheduled on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning or afternoon; Sunday afternoon Nuptial ceremony only.

R.C.I.A.: We welcome all individuals who wish to become members of the Catholic Church as well as baptized Catholics who never received their 1st Communion or Confirmation and are interested in becoming full participants in the Catholic faith to contact Deacon J. Pacifico at the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday at 9:30 am & 3:00 pm.

Ministry to the Sick: Our parish shut-in's are visited on the first Friday of each month by our Deacons, Religious Sisters, Eucharistic ministers. If you know of a parishioner that is seriously ill or hospitalized, please let the parish office know.

Padre Pio League: Please join us on the first Monday of each month for prayer and devotion immediately after the 7am Mass.

Fatima Candlelight Procession

Sunday, May 19, 2013
Gathering at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Piscataway
For details call (732) 968-5555



Dear Friends of Saint Ann School,

I just love the month of May! Not only are the flowers blooming, but so are our students. Today I reviewed Pre K work. The teacher wanted me to see the difference between their ability to write their first name in September as compared to today. The difference was amazing. In the beginning of the year, students did not use the line to guide them at all. They had some or none of the letters of their name. Some were just a scribble with absolutely no resemblance to writing. Others imitated cursive writing but actually made not even one letter. Now - every name was written within the space provided. All letters were included and in the correct order. Shaky hands now produced sure and confident letters. Pre K has grown tremendously over the past year.

You can see that kind of growth in all grades. It may be less obvious but it is no less significant. Just like in nature, we waited all year doing what we could to make new growth possible, so it is with education at our school.

Many schools rank themselves based on the annual national standardized test that is taken in March. We know the scores are important but we also take into consideration growth of the whole child which includes spiritual, emotional, social, and so much more. That being said, it is easiest to report our Terra Nova Scores to you.

I have included the range of our scores from the lowest class to the highest. 500 would be your average score, meaning students mastered what they were expected to master at any given grade level. It is interesting to note that the lowest is always first grade and the highest is either seventh or eighth grade. Students do more than maintain growth at grade level per year. The longer a student is here, the more progress is seen. Scores are from 100 to 900.

Reading: 606 - 712 Math: 569 - 741
Language Arts: 630 - 722

If these were SAT scores, we would be sitting pretty as colleges tried to entice us to choose their learning environment! It is significant that we made the most growth and had our highest score in Math. That is a stumbling block for many schools but not for St. Ann School. Thank you for all of your support. You are part of our success story.

Thank you and God bless you,
Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

Why people don't sing in church ...

Carolyn Thomas, Director of Music, will be holding an open forum for the Parish in June on this topic. All congregants - both musicians and non-musicians - are invited to share comments and suggestions to increase congregational singing. (Date/time TBD; check the bulletin for updates.)

ST. ANN ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

Thursday, May 9th • Time: 9:00AM

For information or to reserve a seat on the bus, please call Marge Corona at 908-725-1198.

The bus trip in June is cancelled due to our our FESTA on June 11th - June 15th; we hope you visit us!
The A.C. bus trips will start up again on July 11th.

MAY 5, 2013

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
Sgt. John J. Houser III, U.S. Marine Corps
PFC. Matthew John U.S. Marine Corps
CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Morella, U.S. Marine Corps
Major Michael Morella, U.S. Army
Sgt. Dan Neville, U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Daniel J. Salvo, U.S. Marine Corps
Corp. 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
LTJG Robert Wilson, U.S. Navy



GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Our Golden Age Group will meet on Monday, May 6th at 1:30 PM for a special meeting at the St. Ann School cafeteria.

St. Rita Novena (May 14 - 22)

Patron saint of lost and impossible causes, sickness, wounds, and marital problems.

A novena in honor of St. Rita will be prayed after every Mass beginning on Tuesday, May 14th to her feast day, Wednesday, May 22nd.



On the weekend of May 25th & 26th our Rosary Altar Society will distribute blessed roses in honor a St. Rita. A small donation would help our Rosarians cover the cost of the roses and continue their good work.

ST. ANN'S PARISH NURSES

All are invited to **FREE** health screening services from Saint Peter's University Hospital, Community Mobile Health Services on

May 19th from 10:30a.m. to 1:30p.m. at St. Ann School Cafeteria.

St. Ann 108th Festa ~ June 11th - 15th, 2013

Want to get behind the scenes and assist at this fun cultural festival with your skills and passion? Join our 108th Annual St. Ann Festa filled with games, homemade food, cuisine, music, and much more!

Summer Splash 50/50 Raffle Update

Grand total for our 50/50 is currently at \$4,710.00. You still have time to purchase your ticket or sell to family and friends. Additional tickets are available at the office.

Drawing date is Saturday, June 15th.

Winner need not be present.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 5, 2013 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

- ◆ Sunday Mass: 7:30 am. • 9 am. • 10:30 am. • 12 pm.
- ◆ 12pm: First Communion Mass—Group 1 Children
- ◆ 7 pm: BINGO

Monday, May 6, 2013 ~ Easter Weekday

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm
- ◆ 1:30pm: Golden Age (sc)



Tuesday, May 7, 2013 ~ Easter Weekday

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm
- ◆ 7:30pm: Social Ministry (ccr)
- ◆ 7:30pm: Columbiette meeting (cmr)
- ◆ 7:30 pm: Bingo (sc)
- ◆ 7:45pm: Finance meeting (rcr)

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 ~ Easter Weekday

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm
- ◆ 4:30 pm: Group 2 First Communion practice
- ◆ 5 pm: Choir practices (cl)
- ◆ 7pm: Educational Fair & Spring Program (sc)
- ◆ 7:45pm: Lecture Series "The Mass: Jesus in our midst"

Thursday, May 9, 2013 ~ The Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am • 9 am • 7 pm
- ◆ 7:45pm: S.A.C. meeting (rcr)

Friday, May 10, 2013

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am • 7 pm
- ◆ 12:30pm: Lunch Bunch (sc)

Saturday, May 11, 2013 ~

- ◆ Mass: 9 am Daily Mass / 4pm: Sunday Vigil
- ◆ 9:30am and 3pm: Confession
- ◆ 10am: Baptism PREP

Father James and St. Ann's Altar Servers would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the **Raritan Knights of Columbus** for sponsoring and hosting the Altar Servers BBQ that was held on Sunday, April 28th. Thank you for all that you !

The Raritan Knights invite you to help us fight cancer by attending our Parish Breakfast which will raise funds for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Foundation.



When: Sunday May 12th

Time: 8AM – 12 Noon

Location: St. Ann's Cafeteria

Admission: All Mom's are free when accompanied by 1 paying adult

Adults: \$8.00 pp

Children: 5-14 yrs old \$5.00 pp

A portion of the proceeds from this annual event will be donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure