

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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Mass Schedule:

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

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

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

Confession:

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

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, 908-725-1008.

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.

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 parish office.

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.

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

Rev. John J. Werner, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. James Cafone, S.T.D., Weekend Clergy

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

Sr. Phyllis Vella, M.P.F., Director of Religious Education

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we the Catholic Parish of St. 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.

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 Religious Education Program (PREP):

Grades 1-8 Monday 6:15pm to 7:30pm

Grades 1-7 Thursday 6:15pm to 7:30pm

Special Needs PREP - Grades 1-8 Tuesday, 6pm-7pm

For more information and Registration packet, please call Sr. Phyllis in the Parish Office at 908-725-1008.

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).

Like us on Facebook:

We are excited to announce that we now have a Facebook page for the Church, which will include important information concerning activities and special dates. Please LIKE us at "The Catholic Church of St. Ann - Raritan, NJ."

NOVEMBER 30, 2014 - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 29, 2014

4:00pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - John Lamaestra & Carol Werner
Reader - Theresa Walakonis
Altar Servers - Mariana Arango, John Pugh & Jamie Mallinson

SUNDAY, November 30, 2014

7:30am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Tom DeSantis & Christine Esposito
Reader - Rob Sause
Altar Server - Angelina Basilone & Peter DeSantis

9:00am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Jim Fidacaro & Kathy Faccone
Reader - Jane Fidacaro
Altar Servers - Sal Wiecewski, Maryann & Maxine Opida

10:30am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Antonietta Falco & Lena Iannetta
Reader - Tina DiFabio
Altar Servers - Damian Barczewski, Andreea Chadwick, Amanda Sullivan & Nikki Tardiff

12:00 Noon **Eucharistic Ministers** - Jeanne Paulus & Grace Rygiel
Reader - Christine Carrara
Altar Servers - Logan Christ, Morgan Hill & Danielle Licht

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, December 1, 2014

7am Russo family by Rose Jacob
 7pm Stephie, John, John Jr., & Edward Chevitsky by Mary & Ray

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

7am Domenico Natale by Emilia Natale
 7pm Albert Walakonis by Mary & Ray

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

7am Teresita Pena by Crisologo & Pena family
 7pm Raymond Shallenberger by Knights of Columbus, Somerville

Thursday, December 4, 2014

7am Filomena Romagnoli by sisters, Maria & Elena
 7pm Celina Lucienne Paillant by Dumfries & Searchwell family

Friday, December 5, 2014

7am Margaret Tarangelo
 9am Dorothy Giammarco by St. Ann Classes of 2014 & 2015
 7pm Abdon Tobia by Gino & Luchi Gozum

Saturday, December 6, 2014

9am Martin Bockis by Sr. Dolores
 4pm John "Sonny" Tozzi by wife, Rose

Sunday, December 7, 2014

7:30am People of the Parish
 9:00am Anna Sturino & Giuseppe DeBartolo by Emilia Natale
 10:30am Special Intention for Immaculata Suriano in honor of The Blessed Mother
 12Noon Dominico Grande by Angela Grande & family
 4pm **Holy Day Vigil Mass** People of the Parish

READINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2014

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
First Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
First Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



David Alves
 Luzmanda Anthony
 Michael Brennan
 Chester Butkiewicz
 Joanmarie Carlone
 Albert Charles
 Bruno Joe Cirianni
 Frances D'Angelo
 Michele D'Angelo
 Angela DeFina
 Mary Ann De Maio
 Ann Descoteau
 Raymond Descoteau
 Theresa DiBetta
 Lydia Digiuseppantonio
 Mike Faccone
 Carmela Fasano
 Mary & Richard Felice
 Joanne Felty

Maria Fusca
 Teresa Galaini
 Anthony Gambino
 Elizabeth Gecik
 Eleanor Giraldo
 Leonard Grasso, Sr.
 Roberta Grillo
 Ruth Gulick
 James Holmes
 Doris Kelco
 Andrezej Knopka
 Joseph Kowalski
 Bernadette Laggini
 Barbara Langon
 MaryAnn Mangiaracina
 Rosalie Marrone
 Giovanna Martini
 Louis Mattei
 Victoria Melitsky
 Pauline Mengak
 Nancy Natale
 Adelino Nunes
 Margaret O'Donnell
 Olga Orlando
 John Petsko

P.G.
 Gary Pieretti
 Yolanda Polidoro
 Fortunato Riga
 Teresa Riga
 Frank Ratkowski
 Mary Ribar
 Cosette Ruh
 Anthony Sacino
 Marianne San Filippo
 Josephine Sapp
 Mary Shallenberger
 Phyllis Serafin
 Frank & Lucille Sudano
 Dolores Talamini
 Eva Terlizzi
 Anthony Tomaro
 Tommarie Tibaldi
 Carolyn Trepiccio
 Marie Vale
 Allison Valverde
 Richard Vetack
 Vincent Viscariello
 Carmella Vitale
 Lisa Yoder

OUR MILITARY

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
 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, US Marine Corps
 Major Louis P. Simon, U.S. Marine Corps
 PFC Jerome C. Sunga, US Army
 Jack Vara, U.S. Marine Corps

May God bless them & keep them safe. 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)



THIS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 6, 2014 WE REMEMBER AND HONOR

Altar Candle #1 & 2
 Antonio Rescinito
 Requested by Anna Tardiff & The Rescinito Family



NOVEMBER 30, 2014 - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rosary Altar Society would like to invite you to a very special evening with our guest speaker:

Sr. Dolores Toscano, MPF

on

Wednesday, December 3 at 7 PM
in the Church meeting room

**A Brief History of Saint Pope
John Paul II**

and

How to Prepare our Hearts for the Coming of Baby Jesus



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS PROJECT

Dear St. Ann Donors, Bakers & Drivers;

Thank you for all your help with the Thanksgiving Food Basket project. Your participation made it possible to feed over 83 families this year. This is a huge success!! Thanks to all of you, a happy Thanksgiving was had by our neighbors in need in our community.

God Bless You All!!

“Volunteers do not necessary have the time, they just have the heart”.....by Elizabeth McAndrew

2015 RAFFLE CALENDAR



Sold before and after all masses.
November 29/30
December 6/7, 13/14, & 20/21

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 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!

GIVING TREE



Gifts are to be returned to the Church Meeting Room the weekend of December 6-7, 2014.

Please DO NOT wrap the gift, but include wrapping paper. Also, please return the tag with the gift.

*For further information or if you need a tag,
call (908) 725-0764.*

Please remember “The Catholic Church of St. Ann” when planning your will. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who in the past have left bequests to the parish. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for future generations.



ST. ANN'S SCHOOL CAFETERIA
EVERY SUNDAY at 7 PM & TUESDAY at 7:30 PM
Doors open 1-1/2 hours prior to game time.

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” - MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER OF ST. ANN CHURCH? You may not be!!!

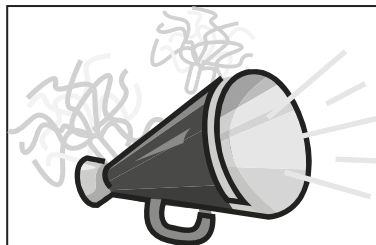


NO MATTER HOW OLD YOU ARE OR HOW LONG YOU HAVE ATTENDED MASS HERE, YOU MAY SHOW UP AS A CHILD ON YOUR PARENT'S REGISTRATION OR NOT SHOW UP AT ALL!!! WE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR YOU TO REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL SO YOU CAN RECEIVE MAILINGS FROM US. PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE TO FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM; THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IF YOU WISH TO BE A SPONSOR FOR CONFIRMATION OR GODPARENT, ARE GETTING MARRIED, OR WISH TO BAPTIZE YOUR BABY.

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**CALLING ALL
ALUMNI TO
ST. ANN SCHOOL**

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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Twenty-nine centuries ago, the Greek poet Homer wrote what was really a thriller. It was about a king, Odysseus, who went from his island home to the wars and was away for nineteen years. His wife, Penelope, feared he was dead, though hoping he was still alive, and meanwhile she was pestered by extravagant young noblemen who each wanted to be her second husband. But one “rosy-fingered dawn” (to quote Homer) Odysseus did come home, over the “wine-dark sea”, and smuggled himself into his own palace as a stranger. The one who recognised him was his old nurse. She was washing his poor feet, and came across a scar that she knew only too well. She raised her eyes to his face, and knew without doubt that the king was home again. What followed was not pretty---the wiping-out of the young noblemen and their corrupt companions, and the restoration of justice.

In today’s Gospel Lesson, Jesus tells us to stay awake, because the master of the house is coming back; and by this he means that he, Jesus, is coming back. The day will come when we raise our eyes to his face and recognise him. He loves us too much to stay away forever. When he does come, it will be too late to make preparations and clear up the mess. For better or worse, the king will be home again. It will be a moment of intense happiness for us, but also cause for a certain apprehension, because he is coming as judge. He will judge individually---that will happen when we die---but he will also pronounce judgement on the world and the human race. The appalling things we seem to be unable to control, like human trafficking and drug trafficking, like genocide and the abuse of children, like destruction of the environment and the creation of millions of refugees...all these things will come under his scrutiny. “You didn’t stay awake,” perhaps he will say. “You carried on as though I was never coming back. Well, here I am.”

After the delivery of the last judgement, no one will be able to say, “Oh, but that’s not fair!”, because it *will* be fair. There will be no place for political argument or shifting of the blame; crime on a cosmic scale will be identified and judgement will be made. In our Old Testament Lesson, Isaiah describes it in this

way: “We were all like men unclean... We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.” Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel Lesson were spoken on the Mount of Olives, overlooking Jerusalem. If his words sound alarming, even threatening, the threat was in the first place to the holy city and the Temple. This threat came true not long afterwards, when the Romans sacked and destroyed Jerusalem. The early Christians saw this as a sign that the last judgement was imminent. Well, the moment will come when the last judgement is *now*. We are so used to imagining it in the dim and misty future: one day it will be upon us.

The moral of the tale is: we are to take responsibility for planetary issues, not just small-scale personal ones. We cannot close our eyes to the state of the earth and what is happening on its surface. We are called to raise our voices and demand decency and justice, and proper stewardship of the world’s resources. We do this because we are not just insignificant insects in a global setting; we are, as Isaiah says, the clay with which the Lord fashions his masterpiece, men and women, the human race, capable of better.

St. Luke relays the same teaching of Jesus, about the master returning home from a wedding and finding his servants awake and ready to open up and receive him. The master will be so pleased, says Jesus in this version, that he will sit all his household down at table and wait upon them. That’s the good side of the last judgement; the Lord who is judge is also the Lord. St. Luke relays the same teaching of Jesus, about the master returning home from a wedding and finding his servants awake and ready to open up and receive him. The master will be so pleased, says Jesus in this version, that he will sit all his household down at table and wait upon them. That’s the good side of the last judgement; the Lord who is judge is also the Lord who loves us beyond measure. Today we can pray to this Lord of love, asking him to help us to stay awake, to be sorry for our failings in the past, to care about the things that really matter. In the words of today’s Responsorial Psalm: “And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.”

May God *always* be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael

Our Scripture Lessons remind us:

- ...*that* the theme of the master’s homecoming, with all that this implies, is not just a Christian theme;
- ...*that* whenever it happens, the second coming will be sudden;
- ...*and* we are called to answer not only for our private failings but for the moral and physical state of our world.

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!

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Find us and **LIKE US** on Facebook!!!
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Please **LIKE US** at
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5th ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND of

WINE AND FOOD TASTING

Saturday, January 24 ~~~ 7 PM
St Ann's Wine Cellar (*school cafeteria*)

Come sample a variety of wine and food from local businesses.

DJ ~~~ Basket raffles valued at up to \$1000 ~~~ 50/50

Don't miss out on one of the biggest fundraisers of the year!!

No one under 21 is admitted.

PREP Program - Family Reminder

SACRAMENT FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

(refer to your meeting information)

Parents with their child(ren), who are participating in the preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this year, are to attend Mass together at **10:30am on Sunday, December 14, 2014.**



PRAYS FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

First Week

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. ~AMEN~



You Are Invited to Celebrate the Season!

Lessons & Carols

Enjoy all our music ministry has to offer as we foretell the coming of the Savior, with short scripture passages and beautiful music from our choir, bell choir and children's choir!



Free Admission!

Sunday, December 7, 2014
5:30 PM
St. Ann Church
45 Anderson Street, Raritan

The Rosary Altar Society will provide a light reception between the 4 PM Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception and the 5:30 Lessons and Carols service.

ST. ANN'S CHOIR LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.....

Saint Ann's music rehearsals have started, and we're looking for new members! No experience needed, and no fees - just come to rehearsal to sign up!

Bell Choir (4th - 12th grade)

Rehearses Wednesdays 5-5:45pm and performs at the holidays. (To clarify, "bell choir" does not sing - we make music by ringing bells of all sizes; ability to read music preferred).



Children's Choir (2nd - 7th grade)

Rehearses Wednesdays 6-6:45pm and sings every Sunday at 9am.

Choir (8th grade - adult)

Rehearses Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm and sings every Sunday at 10:30am.

(We especially need men!)

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BLOOD DRIVE GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Tuesday, December 9 at 7:45 am – 1:45 pm

To make an appointment contact Ed Thorton: ethorton@unioncatholic.org
Walk-ins are also welcome!

2014 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Life-Changing Faith

In two weeks, our parish will be conducting an In-Pew campaign for the 2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have yet to contribute to the appeal, please take this opportunity to prayerfully consider a gift. If you have already given, please know how much your gift is appreciated.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this important pastoral ministry.

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$42,585.48 and payments totaling \$38,751.16 from 178 parishioners. This represents 74.7% of your \$57,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts.

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ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,



Let us be grateful together! Thanksgiving reminds us to be aware of the goodness that surrounds us. It is time to say thank you. In thanking God, our school also needs to thank all those involved in making it successful.

In the name of our children, I thank the parishioners of St. Ann's who generously support our school. To this day, no matter what our wish list item, someone has come forward to provide it for us. The list of material contributions includes kindergarten rugs, art room drying rack, science lab blue ray player, computer equipment, and so much more. Parishioners have prayed for us, attended our fund raisers, joined us in Christmas celebrations, and come to our First Friday Mass. Kind individuals have stood next to us during prayer and showed us how to focus on our Eucharistic Christ, or how to kneel with reverence. You have been our models of faith, each of you a living testimony to the power of Christ active and alive in your souls.

We thank our PREP counterparts. They attend other schools but join us in charitable service projects for others. They come to our events, play on our basketball teams, and even help us with our fundraisers.

We thank the organizations within the parish who believe in us and know the value of a Catholic education. The Knights of Columbus host breakfasts for us. The Altar Rosary Society supports us. The Parish Council and Finance Council work to make our funding a continued possibility. At the head of all of these, we thank our pastor, Msgr. Michael Corona for keeping our doors open, the heat turned on, and the electric bill paid.

We know there are many more people in the parish to thank. God has blessed us with all of you. As we gather to remember our blessings, we will bow our head and pray for each of you.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

OUR PARISH WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 30, 2014

First Sunday of Advent

Mass at 7:30am / 9am / 10:30am / 12N
7pm - BINGO (SC)

Monday, December 1, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
6:15-7:30pm - PREP (S)

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
7:30pm - Columbiette meeting (CMR)
7:30pm - BINGO (SC)
7:30pm - Social Ministry (RCR)

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
7:30pm - Rosary Alter Society (CMR)

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
6:15-7:30pm - PREP (S)

Friday, December 5, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
8pm - Santo Nino (CMR)

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Daily Mass 9am / Vigil Mass: 4pm
Confessions: 9:30am to 10am and 3pm to 3:45pm
Knights of Columbus Wreath & Grave Blanket Sale (*after all masses*)
Giving Tree gifts return (CMR)

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Mass at 7:30am / 9am / 10:30am / 12N
Food Bank Collection
Giving Tree gifts return & sort (CMR)
Knights of Columbus Wreath & Grave Blanket Sale (*after all masses*)
1:15-1:45pm-Jr. Youth Group Board meeting (SC)
1:45-2:30pm-Jr. Youth Group Board meeting (SC)
Rosary Altar Society Food fellowship Reception (CMR)
5:30pm - Lessons & Carols (C)
7pm - BINGO (SC)

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 9:00 AM and
Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 1:00 PM

There is no make-up for this exam!!!

The exam fee is \$25.00.

For more information regarding scholarship opportunities:
Call the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600 exts. 302 or 328,
or visit our website at:
www.unioncatholic.org/admissions/scholarships.php



Please help support reading at St. Ann School. To inspire readers the school hosts a Read-A-Thon and is in need of a sponsor to fund the Read-A-Thon. Last year, within two weeks, our students and staff read over 100,000 minutes. This year we plan to read even more.

We are in need of **women's clothing - size 16** gently used or new and **size 11 shoes**.

Please contact Christine at the Rectory Office 908-725-1008 or email cesposito@stannparish.com.

