

# 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."

**DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 9, 2014**

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, November 8, 2014

4:00pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Michael Florczak & Maureen Wilson  
**Reader** - Jim Wilson  
**Altar Servers** - Kailey Paieda, Seth & Juliet Krupa

### SUNDAY, November 9, 2014

7:30am **Eucharistic Ministers** - George Gunzelman & Carmine Iovine  
**Reader** - Jim Janci  
**Altar Server** - Angelina Basilone & Peter DeSantis

9:00am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Sr. Mary Klersey & Sr. Dolores Toscano  
**Reader** - Rebecca Dryl  
**Altar Servers** - Veronica Dryl, Joseph & Tanner Gorky

10:30am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Harold & Jackie D'Alessio  
**Reader** - Theresa Walakonis  
**Altar Servers** - Sarah Tobia, Carmen & Dominic Stangota

12:00 Noon **Eucharistic Ministers** - Antonietta Falco & Lena Iannetta  
**Reader** - Ness Tirol  
**Altar Servers**-Logan Christ, Morgan Hill & Danielle Licht

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Monday, November 10, 2014

7am Giacomo Greco by Vincenzo Greco  
 7pm Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

### Tuesday, November 11, 2014

7am Nick Cicero by Members of Unico RV Chapter X  
 7pm Riley family by Marie & Frank

### Wednesday, November 12, 2014

7am For All Police Officers by John Contessa  
 7pm Anthony & Theresa Sansone by Grandchildren

### Thursday, November 13, 2014

7am Assunta & Gaetano Bonaduce by daughter, Angie Romano  
 7pm Norman & Josephine & Ruth Czock by Mary & Ray

### Friday, November 14, 2014

7am Henry J. Donrod by daughter, Clare Cicalese  
 7pm Anthony & Marie Filiano by Gerry & Nick Cicero

### Saturday, November 15, 2014

9am Rosa Cugliari by Caterina Fusca  
 4pm All Souls

### Sunday, November 16, 2014

7:30am All Souls  
 9:00am All Souls  
 10:30am All Souls  
 12Noon All Souls

## READINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2014

**Sunday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
**Monday:** Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6  
**Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10  
**Wednesday:** Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19  
**Thursday:** Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25  
**Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37  
**Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8



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  
 Maria Fusca

Teresa Galaini  
 Anthony Gambino  
 Elizabeth Gecik  
 Eleanor Giraldi  
 Roberta Grillo  
 Ruth Gulick  
 James Holmes  
 Doris Kelco  
 Andrezej Knopka  
 James Konkus  
 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  
 Mary Shallanberger  
 Phyllis Serafin  
 Frank & Lucille Sudano  
 Dolores Talamini  
 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 9-15, 2014 WE REMEMBER AND HONOR

**Blessed Mother Sanctuary Lamp**  
 William DeCastro  
 Requested by Aunt Rose Tozzi

**Saint Joseph Lamp**  
 Angelo Bavaro & Pasquale & Grazia Ruffa  
 Requested by Filippo & Lia Ruffa & Family



# DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 9, 2014



**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.*

**RARITAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**3RD ANNUAL - VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST**  
*cooperation with Operation Jersey Cares*  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**8-11 AM**  
**ST ANN'S SCHOOL CAFETERIA**  
45 Anderson Street; Raritan

**Active Members of our Nation's Military: FREE**  
**All other Veteran's: \$5**  
**All others: Adult - \$8 Kids - \$5 Kids under 5 - FREE**

At this breakfast we will be collecting donated items that will be included in CARE Packages sent overseas.

**Items that Operation Jersey Cares is in need of include:**

Baby Powder, Baby Wipes, Bar Soap, AA & AAA Batteries, Beef Jerky, Breath Mints, Canned Chili, Canned Pasta, Chicken Packs/Cans, Chunky Soup, Coffee, Cough Drops, Disposable Razors, Duct Tape, Feminine Hygiene products, First Aid items, Granola Bars, Gum, Hot Chocolate, Kraft Easy Mac, Magazines, Oatmeal, Phone Cards, Playing Cards, Powdered Drink Mix, Pringles (cans only), Razors, Shaving Cream, Single Serve Cereals, Slim Jims, SPAM or other canned meats, Sunscreen, Tea Bags, Tissues, Toilet Paper, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Trail Mix, Tuna Packs/Cans, Twizzlers, etc.

**Donations to OJC will also be accepted.**

Your items collected will be distributed to military personnel by Operation Jersey Cares.

For more info on OJC go to <http://operationjerseycares.org/>

**Thanks in advance for your support of this cause.**

## 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!)

## Bereavement Group

St. Ann's Parish will conduct Bereavement meetings beginning on **Friday, November 7, 14, and 21st**. The meetings will begin at **7:00 PM** in the **Rectory Conference Room**. Anyone who wishes to attend or would like additional information can call Dottie at 908-725-1008.

## NEW FISCAL YEAR WEEKLY OFFERING

Week #17 (Total)..... \$9,813.35

Envelope Offerings: \$7,998.00  
Net Charge Offerings: \$1,380.35  
Loose Offering: \$435.00

Poor Box - \$193.01

*Thank you for your generosity to our parish.*

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

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. Ann's offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online Church contributions! Log onto [www.stannparish.com](http://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!*

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.



*"For we are God's fellow workers..." - 1 CORINTHIANS 3:9*

We are called to help God build His kingdom on earth. We are His eyes, ears, hands and voice on Earth. By giving of our "first fruits" of our time, talent and treasure we help fulfill God's call. Are you doing all you can to help? Do you spend time in prayer every day? Do you participate in one of the many parish ministries? Do you give generously in the offertory collection each week?

## 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.

*St. Ann Church presents*

## The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea

Annual Christmas Concert

**Date: Sunday, December 21, 2014**

**Time: 2:00 PM**

**At: Somerset County Vocational School, Bridgewater, NJ**

908-725-1008 ext. 104 for tickets

Advanced tickets sales only - Orchestra: \$35 - Balcony: \$30

## DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 9, 2014

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Recently I read an article about a little church that is closed now, but not knocked down. Some parishioners protested against its demolition and so it still stands in its own grounds, with the priests' rectory next door. It is a simple design, and possesses a simple loveliness. Built in the middle of the nineteenth century with the "pennies of the poor", it served a community of mainly immigrant Irish people in a growing mining town in Pennsylvania. Coal mines and cotton mills provided the employment, but life was hard and money scarce. The church provided the gathering point for an immigrant community and a school was built beside the church for the education of the next generation.

Inside the church a feeling of warmth and cosiness existed. Statues of saints stood in the porch alcoves, St. Patrick and St. Teresa and St. Vincent de Paul giving welcome to people as they entered. Around the walls the Stations of the Cross reminded people of the way of life we are all called to tread as we try to follow the Lord. At the front of the church the warmth of the sanctuary beckoned and invited attention and prayer---sanctuary lamp and candles burning, flowers faithfully arranged and incense in the air.

During Mass or Benediction, people sang their hearts out, expressing their love of God and devotion to Mary, mother of the Lord. This gathering, week by week, gave inspiration and hope of heaven to a people who spent their days in dark mines and noisy factories. It lifted hearts to a horizon of better things. And, the people of that place thanked God for that.

Whenever Jesus went to synagogue, he took his place among his fellow townspeople, to listen to the word of God, to learn how to live a good life, to pray for the grace to be a good person in this world. A day would come when he was invited to be the reader of God's word, and then he would recite the prophecy of Isaiah and tell the listening crowd that he was now the fulfilment of that word. God had come among them in the flesh and blood of Jesus.

On the day he came to the Temple in Jerusalem, Jesus was appalled at the corruption of people, turning God's house into a market and a place of exploitation.

When challenged about his behavior in driving the traders out, Jesus spoke about another temple that he would build. It was his prophecy about his resurrection, its meaning hidden from his hearers, but remembered later by his friends. The place where God dwells is in a human heart, freed from corruption and prejudice, open to welcome and receive all people of goodwill. Later, when St. Paul preached about the Lord on his missionary journeys, he used this image of a building to describe the real "house of God", which is made up of people joined together in the Holy Spirit.

Today's feast turns our eyes to Rome and to the Cathedral Church of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. In Rome the Church of St. John Lateran is the church that houses the local Christian community, and this feast celebrates that local place. But because the Bishop of Rome is the head of the Church universal, this feast is also and equally the feast of every local community throughout the world. Today's feast is the feast of *our Parish, too*.

In our New Testament Lesson, St. Paul says that we are a building and each one of us a living stone. As such, we give one another support by living beside one another and being there for one another. We provide a roof overhead and a shelter from the cold. We give warmth to one another, and welcome. Sharing in Christ's body, we give sustenance to one another. We belong to one another. We are family in Christ Jesus. Most of all, in his teaching, St. Paul says that "the temple of God is sacred". He is speaking now not about a building but about each and every human being. It is a wonderful grace to know and to see that every person in this world is sacred, and to be treated with the utmost reverence. As the people long ago in that Pennsylvania town knew, there is more to life than dark satanic mills. There is reverence for one another.

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 all the faithful departed of our Parish Family.

May God *always* be pleased with us!

*Monsignor Michael*

### *Our Scripture Lessons remind us:*

...*that* Jesus, in his home town, attended synagogue and preached to his own people;  
...*that* in Jerusalem, Jesus purified the Temple of corrupt practices, and foretold the new temple---his risen life;  
...*and that* St. Paul describes how we, as living stones, support and strengthen one another; every human person, like a temple, is sacred.

*May God always be pleased with us. Amen!*

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## 2014 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

### *Life-Changing Faith*

Supportive local faith communities have proven essential in a veteran's healing and reintegration into civilian life. The *Apostolate for Military and Veteran Families* provides parishes with the tools to become sources of encouragement for those who return from duty bearing physical, emotional & spiritual wounds.

*Thanks to your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, more parishes are becoming places where our military and veteran families are greeted with open arms and shown they are respected, cared for and welcome.*

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$36,944.50 and payments totaling \$32,949.75 from 145 parishioners. This represents 64.8% of your \$57,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

*Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen  
Partners Child Care Programs*

**Position:** Group Leader/Group Leader II  
*Vacancies in their afterschool programs located in the Somerville and Hillsborough School Districts.*

Group Leaders are responsible for supervising the children at all times and assisting with the various program components. This includes implementing a wide variety of developmentally appropriate activities & fostering children's development of social skills and respect for others by using positive guidance techniques. and job requires punctuality, teamwork, creativity and an understanding and application of the Agency's mission, policies, and procedures.

**Hours vary:** Monday through Friday, 1:30pm-6:30pm.

**Compensation:** Group Leader starts at \$9.73/hr.  
Group Leader II starts at \$10.49/hr.  
*Pay is commensurate with experience.*

## *Evangelii Gaudium*: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

In his first apostolic exhortation, Pope Francis offers his sweeping vision for our Church and a "call to action" for the world's believers. The document covers a wide range of topics, including evangelization, the priesthood and preaching, an increased openness to the roles of women and the laity, economic injustice and more. Join us to break open this document to help us understand, celebrate and live Francis' message of Gospel joy, love and peace. Bring this learning experience back to your parish community. All are invited!

**THURSDAYS: October 23, November 20 & December 11**  
**7:00 pm to 9:00 PM**                      **\$4 Book Fee per person**

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center; 146 Metlars Lane; Piscataway, NJ

*Facilitated by Cele Regan*

Director of the Office for Catechesis, Diocese of Metuchen

*Registration is not necessary, but will be helpful in planning.  
Call 732-562-1990.*

## 2015 CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION DINNER

**Tuesday, April 14, 2015**

**Phone:** 732-562-2452

**Email:** educationdinner15@diometuchen.org

**Website:** <http://tinyurl.com/2015EdDinner>

*Foundation for Catholic Education - The mission of the Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE) is to provide tuition assistance for low-income families attending our Catholic schools.*

## DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION

**Saturday, November 15**

All church ministers and parishioners are invited to attend the Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway**. The Convocation will be especially helpful to all those in parish leadership, especially catechists and Catholic School teachers, RCIA and Evangelization teams, and Youth and Young Adult Ministers. The day will include prayer with Bishop Bootkoski, Bishop Gerald Kicanas (keynote speaker), workshops, lunch, and exhibitors.

*For more information call: 732-562-2448 x.1310*

*For workshop descriptions and registration forms:*

*<http://www.diometuchen.org/faithformationconvocation>.*

*St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church To Sponsor*

**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

**4:00pm to 7:00pm**

### Slavic Dinner

\$13.00 for adults (ages 9 & up) -- \$5.00 for Children (ages 8 & under) Includes **all you can eat** Pierogi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage. A new feature of the dinner is a surprise entrée each month specially selected and prepared by St. Mary's chef John Pagano. Dinners are held on the *second Wednesday of every month* throughout the year. **Orders to go are available.**

**For more information:** Fr. Ed Cimbala at 908-725-0615

St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ

## IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL

### 25TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

Over 90 Crafters & Vendors

Theme baskets & Prizes

*Refreshments and home-baked goods available for purchase*

**ADMISSION:** \$2 Adults, \$1 Seniors, Children FREE

*Lifenet presents:*

## TALKING TO YOUR TEENAGERS ABOUT SEX

**St. Patrick Hall at St. Brigid Church**

129 Main Street, Peapack

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 7 PM**

The presentation will empower parents with the latest information about how casual sex is impacting our young people and will discuss practical strategies for parents to help their child avoid the risk taking behavior that can have life-long consequences. This program is open to parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles as well as other adults interested in the well-being of the children in their lives.

*To attend or additional information, please contact the parish office:  
908-234-1265*

*The Chelsea at Bridgewater presents*

## WOMEN & AGING:

### CLINICAL SUPPORT FOR AGING & MENOPAUSE

**Thursday, November 13 at 8:30 AM**

A free, continuing education event worth 3 CEUs approved by the National Association for Social Workers.

*Presented by*

Lynn Biot-Gordon, LCSW/CDP

**The Chelsea at Bridgewater**

680 Route 202/206 North, Bridgewater

**RSVP to Donna Pignatelli: 908-252-3400**

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## ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

Each month seems to be taken over by some holiday. November brings to mind Thanksgiving. Although not necessarily a religious holiday, giving thanks is most definitely an attribute of a Christian.



Oprah Winfrey has been spreading the simple practice of a journal of thanks. Every day she puts her gratitude in writing. The practice changed her life. I encourage you to give it a try. God does bless each and every one of us every day in His own way according to our unique person and needs.

The children offer thanks as part of their daily prayer. As you tour the school, you will find feathers with words of thanks and prayers of thanks for the people who show our children love. Many include parents and brothers and sisters. All include friends. I even found one mentioning a dog. My favorite are the ones that thank God for Jesus or Mary. They give us grown-ups an excellent example of awareness of the goodness of God.

I remember when I made my first communion, the priest told us to close our eyes and thank God for 10 things. How wonderful if this attitude of gratitude took over our lives once more. I hit a terrible low point in my life. It was this gratitude that opened the eyes of my mind and heart to my blessings. I attribute my vocation to this simple practice.

Know that those of us involved at the school add you to our list of blessings. We know that without your support, we would not be able to sustain our school.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF  
Principal

## OUR PARISH WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, November 9, 2014

Mass at 7:30am / 9am / 10:30am / 12N

Knights of Columbus Veterans Day Breakfast -Active Vets **FREE** (SC),  
*plus*, Annual Collection to support operation Jersey Cares Operation  
"Shoe Box".

10:30 Mass - 1st Penance families

7pm - BINGO (SC)

### Monday, November 10, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

6:15pm - 7:30pm - PREP (School)

8:00pm - Knights of Columbus (CMR)

### Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

7:30pm - BINGO (SC)

7:30pm - Liturgical Prep (RCR)

### Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

2:30pm-3:35pm - Little Flowers Girls Club meeting - (SL)

7:00pm - Monte Carlo meeting (SC)

### Thursday, November 13, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

6:15pm - 7:30pm - PREP (School)

### Friday, November 14, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

7pm-10pm - Marriage Prep (SC)

### Saturday, November 15, 2014

Daily Mass 9am / Vigil Mass: 4pm

Confessions: 9:30am to 10am and 3pm to 3:45pm

### Sunday, November 16, 2014

Mass at 7:30am / 9am / 10:30am / 12N

Baby Gift Collection

12pm-4pm - Marriage Prep

7pm - BINGO (SC)

St. Ann's School is holding a  
**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

November 17-21 in the school lobby.



<b>Nov.17</b>	<b>Nov.18</b>	<b>Nov.19</b>	<b>Nov.20</b>	<b>Nov.21</b>
<b>10am-</b>	<b>8:30am-</b>	<b>8:30am-</b>	<b>8:30am-</b>	<b>8:30am-</b>
<b>3pm;</b>	<b>3pm;</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>8:30pm</b>	<b>8pm</b>
<b>6pm-7:30pm</b>	<b>6pm-9pm</b>			

~~SEEKING VOLUNTEERS, DRIVERS & BAKERS~~  
for the

**St. Ann's Annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Project**

Friday, November 21      Sunday, November 23  
Monday, November 24



This is a Great Community Service for Confirmation Candidates and Scouts.

Contact *Ivette Melillo* at 908-229-5548 or  
trrim2000@aol.com.

Find us and **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".

