

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).

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THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Mon. to Fri. 7am & 7pm
 First Fri. 9am (Sept.-Jun)
 Sat. 9am
 Sat. Reconciliation: 9:30-10am and
 3:00-3:45pm

Weekend Mass

Sat. 4pm, Vigil Mass
 Sun. 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,
 12noon

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 11, 2014

4:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Rick Stevens &
 Theresa Walakonis
Reader - Cathy Stevens
Altar Servers - Billy Maxton, Kailey Paieda, & Dominic
 Stangota

SUNDAY, October 12, 2014

7:30 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Jo-Ann Liptak, Victor Nazario
Reader - Nancy Giordano
Altar Server - Grace Giordano & Alexa Marsh
 9:00 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Marylou Cirianni, Sr. Dolores
Reader - Dianne Bautista
Altar Servers - Joseph & Tanner Gorky, Evie Sullivan
 10:30 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Debbie & Jose Blanco
Reader - Ness Tirol
Altar Servers - Mark Basilone, Doug Sullivan, Nikki
 Tardiff
 12:00 Noon **Eucharistic Ministers** - Antonietta Falco, Lena Iannetta
Reader - Silvia Sorace
Altar Servers - James & John Toolan, & Damian
 Barczewski

Mass Intentions this week

Monday, October 13, 2014

7am Pasquale Ruffa by wife, Isabella Ruffa
 7pm Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

7am Ann Scarpone by Scarpone Family
 7pm Maria Casola by Massa Family

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

7am St. Geraldo by Caterina Fusca
 7pm Rose Pacifico by Msgr. Corona, Fr. James & Staff

Thursday, October 16, 2014

7am Nick Cicero by Lou & Sandy Falconeri
 7pm Arlene Simonetti by Elsie Simonetti

Friday, October 17, 2014

7am Angelo Migliorelli by Sr. Dolores
 7pm Saveria & Pietro Gasparo by daughter-in-law Maria Rosa Gaparo

Saturday, October 18, 2014

9am Froilan Dizon by Dizon Family
 4pm David Nowosiclski by Sister & Wisberski family

Sunday, October 19, 2014

7:30am People of the Parish
 9:00am Holy Name Society
 10:30am John Schaub, Sr. by wife, Ann
 12Noon Theresa & Leonard Fazio & Lorraine Gannon by M/M Starr
 Giovannucci



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
 Andrezek Knopka
 James Konkus
 Bernadette Laggini
 Barbara Langon
 Marie Locasio
 MaryAnn Mangiaracina
 Rosalie Marrone
 Giovanna Martini
 Louis Mattei
 Victoria Melitsky
 Pauline Mengak
 Anna Moretti
 Nancy Natale
 Adelino Nunes
 Margaret O'Donnell
 Olga Orlando

P.G.
 Gary Pieeretti
 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



This week of October 12 to October 18
 we remember and honor:

Altar Candle #1
Brett Hughes
 Request by Family

Altar Candle #2
Mary Hughes
 Requested by Family

St. Joseph Candle
Anthony Riga
 Requested by Nicola & Caterina Grande

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The story is told of a young man who made good. He saved and saved, and set up his own business. The business did well, so well that he could employ other people to work for him. He bought bigger premises, and the orders came flowing in. He began to mix in exalted circles: all the other business people in town made friends with him, and he was invited to join the local golf club. One night he was invited to a formal dinner, and he set off a little nervously: it was a black-tie affair, with silver gilt knives and forks, and much drinking of health and making of speeches. There was a waiter hovering behind every guest, ready to refill the various glasses. When the man got home, his wife said to him, "Well, what was it like? Did you enjoy yourself?" "Not really," he said. "No one was really friendly, and they only picked at their food." His mind flitted back to the caviar, a novel experience for him. "And what's more," he said, "the jam tasted of fish."

Our Gospel Lesson for today also talks of a feast. Feasts of one sort or another are often featured in the Gospels. At a wedding feast Jesus worked his first miracle, and changed the water into wine to save the young couple from embarrassment. There were Jesus, his mother and his disciples, celebrating with the neighbors. Later on, when his public life had caught the attention of those in power, Jesus dined at the house of a local dignitary and taught the guests about humility, because they were jostling for position. The Pharisees reproached Jesus for eating with sinners, which gave him the chance to say that he had come for sinners' sake, not that of the virtuous. It was at the Last Supper that Jesus did those stupendous things that still affect us deeply: transforming the bread and wine into his body and blood, and washing the feet of the disciples. At a first-century version of a barbecue on the beach Jesus gave Simon Peter the task of feeding his lambs and his sheep. Eating and drinking in company, were an important ingredient of the Good News: accepting and giving hospitality, with a generous heart.

In all this Jesus was echoing Isaiah's vision in our Old Testament Lesson, of the hospitality of God at the end of time. Heaven will be like the party to end all parties. The banquet is for all peoples---not just the

Jews, or for that matter the Christians. "The wedding hall was filled with guests," St. Matthew tells us today. God is going to remove the mourning veil that covers us ---our guilt, our anxiety, our depression, our negativity. God is going to wipe away the tears from every eye; no one will come to the party and nurse his or her misery. We shall exult and rejoice that God has saved us. The benign and forgiving face of the Father is going to beam down the table---that's what heaven will be like. Not like the party with the caviar, where the host was showing off and the guests were frightened to eat. The banquet in the kingdom of God will be relaxed, companionable and reassuring. Dare to trust in the goodwill of God!

In the Communion Rite of our Mass, the priest says, "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." The party theme penetrates even here. The sacrificial meal we share at Holy Communion is a preparation for the glory and the joy of paradise. Jesus was once sacrificed for our sake, like a lamb being offered up in the Old Testament. We re-present this every time we come to Mass. But at the banquet in the kingdom we shall see him in his true colors, our risen Lord, and this will make us incredibly happy. Sometimes we are sad and severe about our religion, or the details of it. Maybe that's the way we were brought up. So remember that belonging to the Church on earth is a dry run for belonging to God's family in heaven; let nothing pull us down, so that we forget how to be joyful. In the words of today's Psalm, "My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing."

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* some dinners can be stiff and formal;
 ... *that* the banquet of heaven won't be like that;
 ... *and that* we should dare to practice our faith with joy.

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!

**P.R.E.P. - Parish Religious Education Program
FAMILY REMINDER**

**Sacrament for First Reconciliation Schedule
(refer to your meeting information)**

Parents (with their children), 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, October 19, 2014.

**Sacrament of Confirmation
(refer to your meeting outline information)**

Parents with young people preparing for Confirmation this year are reminded to attend the 12noon Mass together on Sunday, October 19, 2014, followed by a group session for the Confirmandi from 1pm-2:15pm in the school cafeteria.

Prayers for all Occasions - MARY, MOTHER OF MANKIND

Mother, I commend and entrust to you all that goes to make up earthly progress, asking that it should not be one-sided, but that it should create conditions for the full spiritual advancement of individuals, families, communities and nations. I commend to you the unborn, the poor, the suffering, the sick and the handicapped, the aging and the dying. I ask you to reconcile those in sin, to heal those in pain, and to uplift those who have lost their hope and joy. Show to those who struggle in doubt the light of Christ, your Son. Amen.

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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).

Choir (8th grade - adult) rehearses Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30pm and sings every Sunday at 10:30am. (We especially need men!)

Children's Choir (2nd - 7th grade) rehearses Wednesdays 6-6:45 PM and sings every Sunday at 9 AM.

A Mass for Hidden Treasures

My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for HIDDEN TREASURES; then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. --Proverbs 2:1-5

Special Needs Awareness Mass

Sunday Mass at 6:00 PM

September 21, 2014	February 15, 2015
October 19, 2014	March 15, 2015
November 16, 2014	April 19, 2015
December 21, 2014	May 17, 2015
January 18, 2015	June 21, 2015



~No masses the months of July and August

**Immaculate Conception Church
35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ**

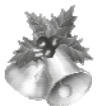
What is a Special Needs Awareness Mass?

- It is an opportunity to celebrate the gifts that people with special needs bring to the Parish.
- Our friends and family who have special needs minister at the masses as they are lectors, musicians, assisting with the offertory and contributing to the worship in our Church.
- It is an opportunity for the Parish to welcome people with special needs to participate fully in the life of the church.

For more information please contact Regina Tegglar (908) 963-8473 or Jeanine Cavanagh at (908) 725-1112 X1126.



**Senior Sisters'
Christmas Bazaar**



Religious Teachers Filippini
Villa Walsh, Mother Ninetta Auditorium

**Sunday, November 2, 2014
12:00-5:00 PM**

Please Join Us!

Good Food, Gift Baskets, Knitted & Crocheted Items, Varied Crafts, Novelties, Household Items, Breads, Pastry, and so much more.

Vocation Prayer

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. Amen.

ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,



October is one of my favorite months. Everything is in flux but in a happy and exciting way. Children are now comfortably back in school. The teacher is no longer new or scary. The meat of the curriculum takes over. That means there is no more review or making up for time lost over the summer. That new material brings a curiosity and love of learning so characteristic of children.

I visit the science lab and teams of students are pouring over desks trying to find the best way to represent the difference between plants and animals at the cellular level. I visit math classes to find algebraic expressions introduced both in first and seventh grade. Social studies finds younger students singing about Columbus and his sailing of the ocean blue. I took part in a debate in 8th grade about the 1850 Compromise. The end result was that compromises only put off a controversy until a later time. Students were then introduced to the newer business principle of "win-win".

Religion is interwoven throughout the day. Some are learning the mysteries of the rosary. Others are learning the meaning of the words we profess in our creed. Still others are applying Christian principles to everyday choices and actions. Even Pre K is busy memorizing the prayer to their guardian angel.

The cafeteria is the melting pot of evidence of learning. Action figures created in art class are displayed beside goal pennants designed by our 8th graders. Mummies fit right in with creative writing endeavors. Recycling gets a real world try as we divide our refuse into plastic and paper bins. And those marvelous social graces are taught as we eat lunch together everyday. A lunch without spilled milk or soup is a day to celebrate.

How blessed we are to be part of such an active, faith based school. Thank you for your continued support.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

SPECIAL REQUEST...

St. Ann's Art Class is in need of a large portable Shelf Drying Rack to hang and dry our students art-work. At present, we are using the gym bleachers to lay their art-work to dry. If any one is, or many are willing to donate toward one, please let us know by calling the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008 or the School at (908) 725-7787. After researching the best price, we have determined the total cost of the dryer to be \$479.00. Thank you for your continued support of St. Ann School.

Save the date!! Used Clothing Drive

This year's used clothing drive will take place on Thursday, October 16, 2014 from 7 AM - 4:30 PM at the school parking lot. Items requested are stuffed animals, men's, women's and children's clothes, linens, belts, shoes, boots, purses and wallets, sheets, towels, throw rugs, etc.

OUR PARISH WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 13, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
NO PREP Classes

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
6pm-7pm - Special Needs PREP (SC)
BINGO 7:30 pm (SC)
7:30pm - Liturgical Committee meeting (RCR)

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
6:15pm - 7:30pm - PREP (School)
7am - 5pm Clothing Drive (SP)
4pm - 7pm Barnes & Noble Bookfair (B&N)

Friday, October 17, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
7-9 PM Youth Group (Gym)

Saturday, October 18, 2014

Daily Mass 9am / Vigil Mass: 4pm
Confessions: 9:30am to 10am and 3pm to 3:45pm
Baby Gift Drive

Sunday, October 19, 2014

Mass at 7:30am / 9am / 10:30am / 12N
BINGO - 7:00pm (SC)
Baby Gift Drive

**COME PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT
13th Annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement
Wednesday, October 15, 2014
10:30 AM**

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski cordially invites ALL the faithful in the Diocese to join him at the annual Blue mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns from across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. Come to represent your parish and town to support and pray for all our dedicated local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. For more information, call 732-562-2463 or visit www.diometuchen.org/2014-blue-mass/.

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