

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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St. Ann Convent: 29 Second Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869 (908) 725-2256



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."

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN, RARITAN

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 18, 2014

4:00pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Carol Werner & Theresa Walakonis
Reader - Rick Stevens
Altar Servers - Seth Krupa, Jamie Mallinson & Grace Maxton

SUNDAY, October 19, 2014

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

9:00am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Kathy Faccione & Michael Florczak
Reader - Rebecca Dryl
Altar Servers - Maxine Opida, Carmen Stangota & Sal Wicewski

10:30am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Antonietta Falco & Lena Iannetta
Reader - Dan Walsh
Altar Servers - Damian Barczewski, Allie Myslinski & John Pugh

12:00 **Eucharistic Ministers** - Ness & Tess Tirol
 Noon **Reader** - Mark McGuire
Altar Servers - Randy Behn, Logan Christ & Danielle Licht

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 20, 2014

7am Maria Rosa DiNami by Caterina & Saverio Todarello
 7pm Carmela & Rocco Carra by sister, Rose

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

7am Frank (Sonny) Esposito by Aunt Marge
 7pm Joseph Garo by wife & daughters, Frieda Debaro

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

7am Joan DeRosa by Sr. Dolores
 7pm Anna Stilletti by Maria Greco

Thursday, October 23, 2014

7am Lydia Tirol-Tumbokon by Ness & Tess
 7pm Fred Caruso by Pina Mattei

Friday, October 24, 2014

7am Theresa Condo by Jim & RoseMarie Condo
 7pm Michele (Michael) DeCandia by Lucy & Mike Giancaspro

Saturday, October 25, 2014

9am John Masterbone by the West family
 4pm Alba & Antonio Mairano by Francesca & Vincenzo Viscariello

Sunday, October 26, 2014

7:30am People of the Parish
 9:00am Domenico Natale by Emilia Natale
 10:30am Michele Sturina & Maria Sottile by Emilia Natale
 12Noon Domenico DeFina by children

NOTE: We have an abundance of Altar Candles, Tabernacle and Sanctuary Lamps and Altar Flower Memorials available for 2014. If you are unable to secure a Mass Intention for this year, consider requesting a date for one or more of the above memorials.



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
 Terry DeMuro
 Ann Descoteau
 Raymond Descoteau
 Theresa DiBetta
 Lydia Digiusepantonio
 Mike Faccione
 Carmela Fasano
 Mary & Richard Felice
 Joanne Felty

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
 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
 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 Sudan
 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 October 19 to October 25
 we remember and honor:

Altar Flowers
 Rocco Calo
 Requested by Calo family

St. Joseph Lamp
 Joseph Garo
 Requested by wife and daughters

Tabernacle Lamp
 Rocco Calo
 Requested by Calo family

READINGS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 19, 2014

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
 Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

**2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal
 Life-Changing Faith**

"Lay people are not merely the clergy's collaborators, but rather share in the responsibility of the Church's ministry," said Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Through the building of awareness and collaborative relationships, the *Office of Parish Leadership Formation* exists to recognize, support and resource the gifts of committed lay persons as well as to educate, form and empower them to respond to various needs in the contemporary Church.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps build strong parishes by supporting this vital ministry.

**Program Sponsored by the Office for Catechesis,
 Diocese of Metuchen**

***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 and December 11

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm \$4 Book Fee per person

**St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854**

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.

**NEW FISCAL YEAR
 WEEKLY OFFERING**

Week #15 (Total)..... \$8781.82

Envelope Offerings:	\$6773.00
Net Charge Offerings:	\$1289.82
Loose Offering:	\$719.00
Poor Box - \$91.00	

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 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!

**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.

**Rosary Altar Society
 Annual Bake Sale**



October 25 & 26th
 after all masses

Please donate baked goods to be sold.

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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today's Gospel Lesson has often been used to prove that politics and religion should be kept apart. You put Caesar on one side, and God on the other. But that would be impossible to maintain once you consider what counts as hot political issues: such things as education, health and wealth. They affect every part of our lives.

In fact, you can demonstrate that spiritual matters often determine the shape of politics. How do you do this? Try this thought experiment: imagine for a moment that you are being flown in a plane over the ruins of a large ancient Roman city. What buildings would you see below you? You would see the public baths, theatres and various basilicas that were used for civic functions. These buildings would have been financed by wealthy patrons of the city. Now change the scene and the time. You are now flying over a medieval city. What do you see? There are convents, hospices, hospitals, orphanages and soup kitchens. You see how Christian charity has left its impact on the political landscape. The different buildings spring from different religious visions. Rome was less concerned with caring for its poor people, while Christianity tries to put the mercy of God into practice.

In our Gospel Lesson, we are told that Jesus' enemies want to trap him. The Pharisees and the Herodians test him with a trick question: "Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" If Jesus forbids paying taxes to Rome, then he will be charged with sedition; but if he supports such pagan taxation, he will antagonise the people who want to be free of the Roman yoke. Notice that Jesus is not being asked to give some detailed analysis of church-state relations. So how does he react? He asks them for a coin with which the tax is paid. They give him a denarius, which has the image of Caesar on it. Jesus himself has no such coin, but they do and we presume they would have used it to pay tax. So Jesus silences them by telling them to give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. Then he states the more important principle: give back to God what belongs to God---which is everything. Jesus recognises there are some areas the State can deal with but only as long as they do not contradict God's law.

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus announced the kingdom of God. He then proceeded to show how God rules

in such areas as education, health and money. Jesus was a great teacher, he healed the sick and he challenged the corruption of the Temple and its bankers. Inevitably this led, as he knew it would, to his death, for he was undermining the power of the political authorities.

We can see that Jesus is not proposing any great theory of Church and State here; rather he is countering his enemies with a quick-witted reply. Jesus was a prophet who did not teach that you should concentrate only on spiritual matters. But neither was he searching for worldly power. In St. John's Gospel he explained that his kingdom is not *of* this world but neither is it *out of* this world. He knew that this rule would upset those who opposed his teaching on, for instance, law, health and wealth.

Today these tensions have not gone away. The Church is still called to witness to the kingdom of God. We are baptised into Christ and so share in his kingly and prophetic office. We may neither over-spiritualise our faith and ignore injustices, nor over-politicise our faith and ignore Jesus' warning about worldly power. In our present world there are great numbers of Christians who are living in situations where to witness against Caesar leads to persecution. We are called to discern, not ignore, what the State is doing in our lives and make judgements. There are so many situations, not just those of education, health and wealth, where those who are poor and defenceless can be neglected and need support. On many occasions we can render unto the State what is its due but there will also be times when we are called to have the courage to refuse its demands and to witness that Jesus teaches us to render to God what is God's.

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* religious views often determine political situations. Compare the ancient cities;
 ...*that* Jesus told his enemies to give Caesar's coin back to Caesar but to put first the claims that God has on us;
 ...*that* Jesus' teaching on God's kingdom challenged the political rulers and inevitably led to his death;
 ...*and that* we Christians are called to witness to God's overriding claim upon us, especially when the State exceeds its powers.

May God always be pleased with us. Amen!



2014-15 St Ann's CYM Basketball Season

Evaluations for boys
Thursday, October 30
 St Ann's School gym



4th Grade Boys (if needed) Thursday 10/30 6:00-7:00 PM
 5/6 Grade Boys Thursday 10/30 7:00-8:00 PM
 7/8 Grade Boys Thursday 10/30 8:00-9:00 PM
 HS Boys TBD

Registration forms **must be NOTARIZED** and returned either to St. Ann Rectory or Michelle Mirra; St Ann's CYM Basketball Program; 1313 Cheshire Road; Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

Jesus Wants You!!



Jesus Needs You!!

Come help Jesus and His Altar Server at St. Ann people by becoming an Altar Server at St. Ann Parish!!

Freely give and sacrifice as Jesus did for us!! As Jesus said, "Don't be afraid," because Fr. John will teach you all you need to know.

Training will take place the weekend of October 24.

RSVP to Fr. John: jwerner@stannparish.com or call 908-725-1008.

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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).

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!).

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

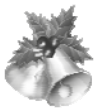
What is a Special Needs Awareness Mass?

- 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.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

AT

ST. BERNARD CEMETERY
BRIDGEWATER, NJ

Each year during the month of November, we especially commemorate the memory of our loved ones who have gone before us to their eternal rest. We invite you to attend out **Annual All Souls Day Mass** to be held in the **Chapel of Mausoleum II** on **Monday, November 3, 2014 at 9:00am**. All are welcome to join us in this celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death, and the hope of eternal life.

ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,



Our accreditation visit is now history. The students and teachers worked hard representing the best of St. Ann School. I invite you to make an appointment to come for a tour in the near future. The school looks amazing.

One great value of the accreditation process is the camaraderie it builds. I cannot thank our school family enough for giving 100% plus effort without counting any personal cost to the endeavor. We had parents assist with decorating display cases, the outside of the building, and even the foyer area.

We have only been in school one month and yet solid, curriculum driven examples filled the halls and bulletin boards with quality student work. Our teachers are so creative. Your visit will put a smile on your face. There are art originals to enjoy as well as fiction and nonfiction to read.

Our Home School Association diligently read the reports prepared by the teachers. They were able to answer questions regarding the school at a meeting held in Piscataway at our diocesan center.

Where do we go from here? We have a full blown improvement plan to continue implementing. Teachers are picking up speed in delivery as they prepare for upcoming progress reports and report cards.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for spreading the good reputation of St. Ann School to the highways and byways of your friends and extended families.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF
Principal

OUR PARISH WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 19, 2014

Mass at 7:30am / 9am / 10:30am / 12N
10:30am Mass - 1st Penance Families
12 noon Mass - Parents & Confirmandi
1pm-2:15pm - Confirmation - Group Session (SC)
7pm - BINGO (SC)
Baby Gift Drive

Monday, October 20, 2014

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

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
6pm-7pm - Special Needs PREP (School)
6:30pm-HSA meeting (CMR)
7:30 pm - BINGO (SC)

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
2:30pm-3:45pm - Little Flowers Girls Club meeting

Thursday, October 23, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
6:15pm-7:30pm - PREP (School)
7pm - Youth Group parents decorating (CMR)
7:45pm - Festa meeting (RCR)

Friday, October 24, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm
6pm-9:30pm - Youth Group Halloween Party (CMR)

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Daily Mass 9am / Vigil Mass: 4pm
Confessions: 9:30am to 10am and 3pm to 3:45pm
2pm - Rosarian Bake Sale (CMR)

Sunday, October 26, 2014

Mass at 7:30am / 9am / 10:30am / 12N
1pm - Rosarian Bake Sale (CMR)
7pm - BINGO (SC)

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.

IT'S SUBMISSION TIME!!

Please submit all your **Box Tops** to the School or Rectory Office by **Friday, October 24, 2014.**



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