

# The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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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.*

### 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.

### Anointing of the Sick:

Please call the rectory to arrange a home visit.

### 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.

### 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

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).

# 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, September 27, 2014

4:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Michael Floczak, & John Lamaestra  
**Reader** - Alexa Marsh  
**Altar Servers** - Seth Krupa, James Maxton, & Dominic Stangota

### SUNDAY, September 28, 2014

7:30 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Frank Kerr & Jeanne Paulus  
**Reader** - Jim Janci  
**Altar Server** - Peter DeSantis

9:00 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Chuck & Cindy Galvack  
**Reader** - Rebecca Dryl  
**Altar Servers** - Erin & Ryan Dombrowski, and Jamie Mallinson

10:30 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Barbara & Tom Ronca  
**Reader** - Stephanie Kedziora  
**Altar Servers** - Damian Barczeski, Allie Myslinski & Maxine Opida

12:00 Noon **Eucharistic Ministers** - Maria DeLucia & Grace Rygiel  
**Reader** - Theresa Walakonis  
**Altar Servers** - Randy Behn, Logan Christ, and Danielle Licht

## Mass Intentions this week

### Monday, September 29, 2014

7am Mary Lizette Olaveja by Endaya Family  
 7pm Filomena & Giuseppe Natale by daughter Rose & Family

### Tuesday, September 30, 2014

7am Froilan Dizon by Dizon Family  
 7pm Giuseppe Natale by daughter-in-law

### Wednesday, October 1, 2014

7am Intention for St. Theresa by Maria & Paul  
 7pm Annita DeBellis by Dryl Family

### Thursday, October 2, 2014

7am Nicholas Cicero by MaryAnne & Pat  
 7pm Thomas, Tommy ZanGrando by Pat & Patty Bliss

### Friday, October 3, 2014

7am Othelo Fajardo by Endaya Family  
 9am Domenico Natale by Emilia Natale  
 7pm Irma & Thomas D'Alessio by Harold & Jackie D'Alessio

### Saturday, October 4, 2014

9am James Longo by Barbieri Family  
 4pm Ralph & Josephine Terlizzi by daughter Fannie Needer & Pauline Mengak

### Sunday, October 5, 2014

7:30am People of the Parish  
 9:00am Rosary Altar Society  
 10:30am Giuseppe Greco by Rosina Greco  
 12Noon Joseph & Rose Orlando by Jane Hart



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 Digioseppantonio  
 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  
 Bernadette Laggini  
 Barbara Langon  
 Marie Locasio  
 MaryAnn Mangiaracina  
 Rosalie Marrone  
 Giovanna Martini  
 Louis Mattei  
 Victoria Melitsky  
 Anna Moretti  
 Nancy Natale  
 Margaret O'Donnell  
 Olga Orlando  
 Gary Pieretti  
 John Petsko

Gary Pieeretti  
 Yolanda Polidoro  
 Fortunato Riga  
 Teresa Riga  
 Frank Ratkowski  
 Cosette Ruh  
 Anthony Sacino  
 Marianne San Filippo  
 Nancy Schiavi  
 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 September 28 to October 5,  
 we remember and honor:

Saint Joseph Lamp  
*Joseph & Josephine Mizia*  
 Request of daughter Terry Majewski

Blessed Mother Sanctuary Lamp  
*Nick Frodelly*  
 Request of Wife, Children & Granddaughters

### *Just a reminder:*

If you or a family member is listed either on our Prayer List or the Military List and the status of that person has changed, please notify the Parish Office.

Prayer List names will be listed for 4 weeks only...if you wish to have that name reinstated after the 4 weeks, please call the office with your request.

# 28 SEPTEMBER, 2014 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## READINGS FOR WEEK OF September 28, 2014

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51  
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24  
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

### Devotions:

Rosary - Prayed after daily morning Mass  
Scripture Study - Offered periodically  
Santo Nino Novena - First Friday at 8:00 pm  
St. Joseph Novena - March  
St. Rita Novena - May  
St. Rocco Novena - June  
St. Maria Goretti Novena - June/July  
St. Ann Novena - July



### 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.

## Festa Committee seeks volunteers

The Festa Committee has developed three new sub-committees to enhance our Festa profit: Publicity/Marketing, Sponsorships, and Fundraising. Each of these sub-committees is necessary and vital to the success of our annual event.

We are in need of volunteers to help form each sub-committee. The volunteers will work with the head of their team, starting in October and continuing until the start of the Festa in June of 2015.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Rectory Office at 908-725-1008, and ask for Donna.

## Youth Group

### Meatball Madness

The Parish Youth Group would like to thank everyone who volunteered, donated, and participated in the meatball madness event. Your support and presence provided a financial support, and great community spirit

## NEW FISCAL YEAR WEEKLY OFFERING

Week #12 (Total)..... \$9,473.44

Envelope Offerings: \$6,977.00  
Net Charge Offerings: \$1,698.44  
Loose Offering: \$ 798.00  
Poor Box - \$195.50

*Thank you for your generosity to our parish.  
"...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"*

## 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!

### PREP classes began on

Monday, September 15, 2014 and Thursday, September 18.

Please check the Parish website [www.stannparish.com](http://www.stannparish.com) for calendars, handbook, sacrament information, etc.



Program Sponsored by the Office of 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 732-562-1900.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's parable, the reply of the second son to his father is strange. It is so strange that translators feel unable to translate it literally. The second son does not actually say, "Certainly, sir", but rather, "I, sir", or "I, Lord". He uses the first person singular on its own. That is odd but refreshing, too, when so often we hear people covering up their own wishes by avoiding the first person singular. So we hear politicians utter phrases like, "The people demand", when they really mean, "I demand".

The second son is certainly not guilty of failing to be aware of himself. Yet at the same time he lacks any real understanding of himself. The first son also speaks of himself, but with a bit more honesty. "I don't want to," is what he says. The second son is lacking any true sense of self because his self is his whole world. It seems to me that if we are to understand ourselves, we have to understand ourselves in relation to something outside of our own self. This is why the first son, in his refusal, is at least open to change. He says no, but at least he is saying no to someone. When he considers his unwillingness to obey his father, at least he is aware of his father. The second son is all ego, all self, and so his reply to his father is not so much insincere as unreal. We could contrast this with the real dialogue between God and God's people that we find in the Old Testament Lesson, where the Lord reads the hearts of his people who are accusing him of injustice. A sincere though unfair claim by his people allows the Lord to begin a sincere dialogue with his people.

In reading this Gospel Lesson, perhaps we would recover the startling nature of Christ's teaching if we substituted, for "tax collectors and prostitutes", our own pet hates among the ways in which people make money. Tax collectors are civil servants now, prostitutes are often victims more than wrongdoers; so maybe we could image Christ saying that the drug dealers, greedy bankers, or whatever group we feel morally superior to in our world today, make their way into the kingdom before us. The tax collectors and prostitutes listened to John the Baptist because they were aware that their professions were despised. They knew what they were.

For the chief priests and elders, their position in society made them blind to themselves. They saw other people, like the tax collectors and prostitutes, not as real persons, but as representations of types of people--sinners. In the opposite direction, they saw themselves, too, as types of people--in their minds, respectable and upstanding people--and so they had little understanding of their true selves.

What attracted the social outcasts to St. John the Baptist was not so much what he said as the fact that someone was speaking to them at all. So they had at least the possibility to repent. The people who will not repent are those who do not even consider the possibility of repentance. Perhaps the shock of the crucifixion may have woken some priests up to their real need for repentance. In the Acts of the Apostles, we are told that many priests became obedient to the faith. Their part in the death of Christ opened them up to the reality of their own sins, and the resurrection of Christ showed them the possibility of redemption.

Prayer is preparation and prayer is repentance. Sooner or later we will be challenged by life. We can never say that we have fought our final battle, so we pray before and after each trial. The first son is not described as praying but he is very like the prodigal son in Luke's Gospel who is said to have "entered into himself", the phrase translated as "he came to his senses". In prayer that is exactly what we do. We enter into ourselves and discover that we are not what we think we are. We are told to pray constantly not to be put to the test, but we are also to pray after we have failed the test. The prayer of the apostles was the prayer of those who had failed their test. Yet they still had many trials, even after the resurrection. There is always one more thing. As someone once said, "Experience is something you think you have, until you get more of it."

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 a sense of self enables us to make progress in the Christian life;*

*...that the sense of self is not egotism, but the opposite of this; it is a sense of other people as being as real as we are. Until we see other people as real, we are not real to ourselves;*

*...and that prayer helps us to prepare for the moments in life that will reveal to us what we really are.*

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



SOCIAL MINISTRY



IHN is Interfaith Hospitality Network- helping families get back on their feet. IHN works with families who are the diverse homeless. Today's homeless condition goes beyond the stereotypes of bag ladies and skid row derelicts. The fastest growing segment of the homeless population is families with children, including the 'working poor.' These are

parents who are working but cannot afford shelter and basic needs. The majority of IHN parents are single women but single men with children and couples are served too. Lack of a living wage, no access to affordable housing, unemployment and the effects of abuse and illness are some of the causes that have forced IHN clients from their homes.

The families are hosted by local churches to receive evening meals, fellowship and a warm place to sleep. During the day, IHN helps them with daily living. St. Ann's supports IHN through preparing meals, fellowship, and companionship. We partner with a local church where we prepare evening meals and stay until the night shift arrives to take over. This is only a few nights per year and we are in need of more volunteers and a new Ministry Head for IHN to represent St. Ann Church. For information about IHN and ways to help, please contact Christine at the rectory office at 908-725-1008, ext. 119

October 4- Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



"Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury your pardon, Lord. And where there's doubt, true faith in you."

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 - 8th grade)** rehearses Wednesdays 6-6:45pm and sings every Sunday at 9am

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 Teggler (908) 963-8473 or Jeanine Cavanagh at (908) 725-1112 X1126.



Religious Teachers Filippini  
NUN RUN Retreat  
October 24-25-26

Join the Religious Teachers Filippini for a weekend NUN RUN Retreat.

Open to single women who are juniors in high school through age 33.....An exceptional opportunity to meet, greet, Pray, eat and give service at four convents and schools with the Filippini Sisters

**FRIDAY ARRIVAL: 6PM TO 7PM** - Retreat begins  
The weekend begins with retreat on Friday night at Villa Walsh, Motherhouse of the Filippini Sisters.  
455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ.

**SATURDAY:** Run (by van ) to 3 Filippini convents  
Prayer and Service experiences  
**SUNDAY:** Mass with the Sisters

Prayer and Conference - Departure around 3 pm

On Saturday, we "RUN" by van to 3 different Filippini convents where we will have conferences and or prayer experiences, and enjoy time with the Sisters. At our final destination we will host a faith and fun night for junior high students. Then back to the motherhouse, Villa Walsh to sleep. The retreat continues there on Sunday until 3PM.

For information or to register: Sister Shirlee at stbernadetteconvent@gmail or call 917-349-7935

ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

St. Ann's will be visited by guests from across the country. They will be using the international standards developed by AdvancEd to confirm what we have been saying about our beloved school.



The process asks the school to examine itself and come up with some viable goals and objectives to be used in the improvement cycle. The teachers have worked hard to do this. They looked at our Catholic identity using the lenses provided by the approved Standards for Catholic Education. They also used the tools provided by AdvancEd as best practices for all schools. We surveyed parents and students to further support what teachers were finding.

Our area of highest achievement is our Catholic Identity. It stands out above all other areas as one that is important, valued, and well understood. Clearly it is not something the school wants to now downplay or give less attention. On the contrary, we have set the maintenance of our identity as an on going goal. That means we will continue to make sure we make decisions, act, and set a culture that is identifiably Catholic.

Other goals also surfaced. Financial viability is an area the school highlighted as one that needs extensive work. The teachers and I took time thinking about our situation and our actual sphere of influence concerning finances. We recognize that we are not financial wizards and not one of us is a member of the Fortune 500 Club.

But we are not a powerless group. Financial stability can be achieved through marketing, increased enrollment, and development. The school has the ability to market itself better. Marketing is like the gas of the enrollment car. Enrollment will take off if we keep our current students and attract new ones. Our parents, teachers, students, and administrators have a big role in this. Next, development is the steering wheel. It is what keeps the school moving forward.

Development goes beyond maintenance of an old wine skin. It is the pouring of new wine into an ever new school. Development is not collecting money to keep the school alive. It is enabling the school to actually thrive. We believe we can put together and manage a development program with the assistance of our alumni.

The school has other goals related to student performance, teaching, and learning, but these will be shared another week.

Thank you for your continued support. With your prayers and help, we know our school will achieve its goals.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF

OUR PARISH WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 28 2014

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

Bingo - 7:00pm (SC)

Monday, September 29, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

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

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

BINGO 7:30 pm (SC)

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

6:30 pm - H.S.A. (CMR)

Thursday, October 2, 2014

Daily Mass at 7am and 7pm

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

7:45pm - VIRTUS Training (CMR)

Friday, October 3, 2014 - First Friday

Daily Mass at 7am, 9am, 7pm

8pm - Santo Nino (CMR)

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Daily Mass 9am / Vigil Mass: 4pm

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

Sunday, October 5, 2014

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

**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/](http://www.diometuchen.org/2014-blue-mass/).

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.

Used Clothing Drive

**Save the date!!**

This year's used clothing drive will take place on Thursday, October 16, 2014 from 7am - 4:30pm at the school parking lot.

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

**The Diocese of Metuchen presently has 145 active permanent deacons with another 32 in formation. While serving at the altar and preaching are their most visible roles, our permanent deacons do so much more. To name just a few ways they are the sign of Christ the Servant among us, they are baptizing infants, presiding at wake services, teaching faith formation classes, serving meals to the poor and bringing the Eucharist to the sick and hospitalized. We are blessed to have Deacon John Pacifico and Deacon Conrad Paulus serving here at the Church of St. Ann, Raritan. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray tuition costs for the formation and continuing education of our permanent deacons. Please consider making your gift today.**