November 18, 2012 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Schedule**

**Weekends:** Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am - 9:00am - 10:30am - 12:00noon

**Daily Mass:** Monday - Friday: 7:00am - 7:00pm  
Saturday Daily: 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday’s at 9:30am & 3:00pm
**ALTAR CANDLES**
For the week of Nov. 17 - 23rd, the Altar Candles will burn in the memory (honor) of:

- Altar Candle 1. Brian Rittman Req. by Carol & Bill
- Altar Candle 2. Georgia Peebles Req. by Carol & Bill

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**
For the week of Nov. 17 - 23rd, the Sanctuary Lamps will burn in the memory (honor) of:

- Tabernacle: Rocco Calo Req. by Calo Family
- St. Joseph: Vincent Scavo Req. by Salvatore & Angela Scavo
- Blessed Mother: Grandpa Natale & Grandpa Papera
  Req. by Grandson, Alexander Natale-Papera

**ALTAR FLOWERS**
The Altar flowers this week are in memory of Rocco Calo
Requested by Calo Family

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**“Renewal & Rediscover” of our Faith Weekend November 17/18**

As part of our Year of Faith celebrations, every 3rd Sunday will be our “Renewal & Rediscover” of our Faith Weekend. Our priests’ homilies will be geared toward certain articles of our faith. This weekend our concentration is on, The Liturgy of the Word: Sacred liturgy, Sacraments, & Eucharist. Our source of information is taken from Pope Benedict XVI Apostolic Exhortation, *Verbum Domini* or The Word of the Lord.

**Our next “Renewal & Rediscover” of our Faith Weekend will take place December 15/16**

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**Ministers of the Liturgy for Weekend of November 17/18th**

**4:00pm Mass**
- Altar Servers: Chiara Benato / John Puch / Seth Krupa
- Reader: Theresa Walakonis
- EM: J. Lamastra / C. Werner

**7:30am Mass**
- Altar Servers: Peter DeSantis / Jack Boyda
- Reader: Tom Brown
- EM: N. Brown / Marie Forte

**9:00am Mass**
- Altar Servers: A. Fontanetta / E. / G. Giordano

**9:00am Mass continuation...**
- Reader: Stephanie Kedziora
- EM: M. Faccone / Jim Fidacaro

**10:30am Mass**
- Altar Servers: Brad / Trevor Meixsell / Mark Basilone
- Reader: Sr. Mary Klersy
- EM: A. Falco / L. Iannetta

**Noon Mass**
- Altar Servers: Allie Myśliński / Kaitlyn Dunn / D. Barczewski
- Reader: Francis Palazzi
- EM: Ness / Tess Tirol

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**St. Ann Christmas Concert Committee is pleased to announce Father Alphonse Stephenson’s Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea Christmas Concert. Father Stephenson, world renowned, directed over 3000 performances of “A Chorus Line” on Broadway. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the Somerset County Vo-Tech School in Bridgewater. Advance Tickets are on sale now at the Rectory Office, reserved seating is available on a first come first served basis. Orchestra Tickets are ONLY $35.00 in advance; Balcony tickets are $30.00 in advance. We are taking reservations NOW. Call the Rectory Office at (908)725-1008 ext. 104 to reserve your ticket. This event sells out quickly!**

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**Monday, November 19, 2012**
- 7:00 a.m: Francis Marcin Req. by Nick & Alice Albanese
- 7:00 p.m: Albert Walakonis Req. by Wife & Children

**Tuesday, November 20, 2012**
- 7:00 a.m: Vincent Scavo Req. by Salvatore & Angela Scavo
- 7:00 p.m: Howard Condo Jr. Req. by Wife

**Wednesday, November 21, 2012 ~ The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 7:00 a.m: Deceased members of the Russo Family
  Req. by Mary Stack & Rose Jacobs
- 7:00 p.m: Marie Wright Req. by Rose Pacifico

**Thursday, November 22, 2012 ~ St. Cecilia / Thanksgiving Day**
- 9:00 a.m: For the People of the Parish

**Friday, November 23, 2012 ~ St. Clement / St. Columban / Blessed Agustin Pro**
- 7:00 a.m: Elisabetta & Vincenzo Grande
  Req. by Caterina Grande
- 7:00 p.m: Rosa & Basilio Cugliari Req. by Maria & Paul Fusca

**Saturday, November 24, 2012 ~ St. Andrew Dung-Lac**
- 7:00 a.m: Deacon John R. Pacifico’s 85th Birthday
  Req. by Wife, Dorothy & Family
- 7:00 p.m: All Souls for whom requests have been made

**Sunday, November 25, 2012 ~ Christ the King**
- 7:30 a.m: All Souls for whom requests have been made
- 9:00 a.m: All Souls for whom requests have been made
- 10:30 a.m: All Souls for whom requests have been made
- 12:00 p.m: All Souls for whom requests have been made

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our Catholic faith has inspired many great artistic works down through the ages—just look at the beautiful paintings that adorn the ceiling of our Church. More contemporary works can also help present the faith powerfully in an age that is saturated with images. Three years ago, on a vacation in London, I saw a very dramatic painting of the resurrection of the dead found in the Tate Gallery in London. Sir Stanley Spencer’s painting known as The Cookham Resurrection depicts the dead rising from their graves in the English village of Cookham. The faces are recognisable to the villagers. The local churchyard becomes the setting for the resurrection of the dead. Christ is enthroned in the church porch, cradling three babies, with God the Father standing behind. Spencer himself appears near the center, naked, leaning against a gravestone; his fiancée Hilda lies sleeping in a bed of ivy. Risen souls are transported to heaven.

Some people find the painting rather uncomfortable in that it reminds us of the fragility of life, the shortness of some lives and closeness of death. On the other hand it makes very real the hope of the resurrection of the dead and that we will be reunited with all those who have died, in some mysterious way, in the communion of saints. Such a scene gives a great hope, that those who have lived and placed their trust in God will be saved and receive the gift of eternal life. They will shine out brightly like stars in the night sky.

During this Year of Faith, as we pray the Creed each week, we pray: “He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.” Later we pray, “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” It is these beliefs that we profess in today’s Scripture Lessons. We tend to pray these words rather easily but they are full of mystery. This mystery has fascinated people over the ages, especially at times of disaster or on significant dates like the year 2000 – perhaps it will be the same in the year 2222.

We believe that Christ will come in glory and that the dead will be raised. We also believe that at our death we will be judged according to how we have lived and so we are called to be vigilant in our actions. We trust in a loving and compassionate God, and believe that through our good actions and faith we will be prepared to meet God at death. Perhaps the music of Elgar’s The Dream of Gerontius, based upon the words of Blessed John Henry Newman, captures the mystery of this encounter better than many images. In today’s Gospel Lesson we are told that the angels will be sent to gather together the people so that the Lord may judge and welcome home those who have chosen to follow him.

As we face the inevitable questions about the mystery of death we can hope in Christ’s reconciling sacrifice offered on the cross. By this one single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying and therefore reconciled the world to himself. We are indeed the friends of God who wait in hope expectantly for Christ’s second coming.

We are also reassured that the promises of Jesus will endure for ever. The coming of spring and the budding of the fig tree remind us of new life breaking into the old, of life coming from what seems like death. In a similar way the paschal mystery reminds us that Christ breaks into death by his resurrection.

While the image of St. Michael the archangel sending those who have been unfaithful to destruction is very frightening, we can be assured of the Lord’s mercy for those who call upon his name, repent and believe in him.

Today’s Lessons remind us of the last judgement, the second coming and the promise of heaven or hell. During the month of November we pray for the dead, and today’s liturgy helps us to renew our hope in the resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

The Lessons also act as a wake-up call before the season of Advent. We are invited to get our act together so that we can more deeply welcome Christ into our lives, in our prayer, in listening to God’s word, in the Sacraments and by sharing our love with others, by actions such as visiting those who are sick, bereaved or lonely. Jesus shows us the way of life. How, this week, can we follow his way more closely?

In your charity, pray for the sick and the lonely—visit them if you can. Also, please remember to pray for all who have wandered from the faith, and all who have died. May God always be pleased with us!

Monteignor Michael

ST. ANN’S YOUTH GROUP

December 8th, Immaculate Conception Church, Somerville, NJ. Come, encounter our Creator in Adoration and experience the Gospel through the lens of contemporary culture. IC will be hosting Catholic Underground. Fr. James and the Youth Board will be there! It begins at 7:30 PM with adoration and evening prayer and fellowship to follow. All ages are welcome!

December 21st, The Youth Board will be hosting a Movie Night for grades 4-8. We will be watching “The Grinch,” starring Jim Carey. Hot Cocoa and cookies will be served. The fun begins at 6pm and ends at 9pm. A $3.00 donation is requested by the board. The Youth Board is taking a break during the month of January!

February 8th, The Youth Board will be hosting a Mardi Gras Party for grades 6-9. The fun begins at 7:30pm and ends at 9:30pm. A $5.00 donation is requested by the board. Mardi gras is French for Fat Tuesday, referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatter foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday. The day is sometimes referred to as Shrove Tuesday, from the word shrive, meaning “confess.”
**St. Ann Stewardship Corner**

We are a Stewardship Parish

Offertory for November 10/11………………….$10,269.50

Hurricane Sandy …………………………….$2,694.00

Thank you for being as generous as you are able!

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**Baptisms:** Baptisms are celebrated each month on the First Sunday at the Noon Mass as well as the second, third, and fourth Sundays at 1:30pm. **There will be no baptisms during Lent.** Arrangements must be made in advance and new parents are required to take a Baptism Preparation class held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00am with Deacon Conrad in the CMR.

**Sponsors & Godparents:** If you are 18 years or older, you must register 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 Godparent. It takes 6 months of attending Mass to be eligible for both of these privileges.

**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. Either the bride or groom must be a registered parishioner. Nuptial Masses / Ceremony may be scheduled on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning or afternoon; Sunday afternoon **Nuptial ceremony only.**

**R.C.I.A.:** We welcome all individuals who wish to become members of the Catholic Church as well as baptized Catholics who never received their 1st Communion or Confirmation and are interested in becoming full participants in the Catholic faith to contact Deacon J. Pacifico at the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008.

**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday at 9:30am –10:00am & 3:00 - 3:45pm.

**Ministry to the Sick:** Our parish shut-in’s are visited on the first Friday of each month by our Deacons, Religious Sisters, Eucharistic ministers. If you know of a parishioner that is seriously ill or hospitalized, please let the parish office know.

**Padre Pio League:** Please join us on the first Monday of each month for prayer and devotion immediately after the 7am Mass.

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**SOCIAL CONCERNS—MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

Anyone who has medical equipment that is no longer needed, such as, wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, hospital beds, and similar things can donate them to the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church which then loans out the equipment to anyone in need. Contact Pluckemin Medical Equipment Ministry at 908-396-6057 if you need equipment or have it to donate or call Dottie Pacifico at 908-725-1008 for additional information.

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**School News**

Dear Friends of St. Ann School,

Sensitive to the needs of our neighbors, St. Ann School has joined efforts with St. Ann Parish Social Concerns Ministry. Families were given lists of items needed by area Sandy victims. The response was an immediate influx of clothing marked with the exact sizes needed. Anything listed as a need was attempted to be met by the children and their families. This is an example of our faith in action. Students did not say that they had light and power but asked one another about what they could do for those without. Families took in other families providing food, shelter and hot showers. The ingenious forms of bigheartedness and caring were exemplary.

But we also know that Thanksgiving is soon to arrive! The school children have diligently been collecting food and personal hygiene items as requested. The large cafeteria table that has been designated as the collection site is overflowing.

All of this takes place in a real school with real people. Our families have suffered by the economy and Sandy as much as they have in all other schools. We have unemployed parents and underemployed parents. The sacrifice made by these families is not without notice. Be assured that God is not outdone in generosity. He has blessed our school and will continue to bless it and all of its resourceful, kind, and charitable families.

May we continue to be one in our faith in Christ Jesus.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Klersey, MPF

Principal

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**GIVING TREE**

Next weekend the Giving Tree will be set up in the Church. It will hold tags that specify gifts which will be distributed to Catholic Charities, Somerset Youth Shelter, Somerset County DYFS, as well as several local families.

You may take a tag, purchase that item, and bring it to Church the weekend of December 8 & 9, 2012. **Please do not wrap the gift, but include wrapping paper. Also, please return the tag with the gift.** For further information, call (908) 725-0764.
Please remember and pray for our sick

The prayers of the parish continue to be with those who are in the hospital / health care facilities. *Names will remain on prayer list for 4 weeks

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 18, 2012 ~ Christ the King
- Mass: 7:30 a.m. • 9 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. • 12 p.m.
- Baby Gift Drive / Columbiette Bake Sale
- 8am: Thanksgiving Food Basket Assembly (sc)
- 10am: Holy Name Society (sc)
- 12 p.m: Marriage PREP (sc)
- 7 pm: BINGO

Monday, November 19, 2012
- Mass: 7 am • 7 pm
- 6 pm: PREP (s)
- 7 pm: Webelos I meeting (cmr)
- 7:30 pm: Finance mtg. (rcr)

Tuesday, November 20, 2012
- Mass: 7 am • 7 pm
- 6 pm: Special Needs PREP (s)
- 7:30 pm: BINGO (s)
- 7:30 pm: Parish Nurses (ccr)
- 7:45pm: Parish Council meeting (cmr)

Wednesday, November 21, 2012 ~ The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Mass: 9 am
- No School or PREP Classes

Thursday, November 22, 2012 ~ St. Cecilia / Thanksgiving Day
- Mass: 9am
- No Choir practices

Friday, November 23, 2012 ~ St. Clement / St. Columban / Blessed Agustin Pro
- Mass: 7 am • 7 pm
- Sports Cards & Collectible Show (sc)

Saturday, November 24, 2012 ~ St. Andrew Dung-Lac
- Mass: 9 am: Daily Mass
- 9am: Sports Card & Collectible Show (sc)
- Confessions: 9:30 am and 3:00 pm
- 4 pm: Weekend Vigil Mass
- Giving Tree set up

St. Ann Wine & Food Tasting — Rescheduled
Our Wine & Food Tasting has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 1st
Tickets are still available through the rectory & school offices; 908-725-1008.
Take this opportunity to support our school and begin the holiday season with family, friends, and good food from area restaurants with delicious wines.

Sports Card & Collectibles Show
Saturday, Nov. 24th
Mark your calendar! The annual Sports Card & Collectibles Show returns on Saturday, Nov. 24th from 9:30am – 3:30pm at St. Ann School cafeteria. Fifty dealers; admission $1/pp. All proceeds benefit St. Ann’s.

2012 Bishop’s Annual Appeal ~ Christ Alive in His People

Stewardship challenges all Catholics to a radical conversion, taken one step at time, to put God first in their lives. Through ongoing education, motivation and invitation, the Office of Stewardship assists the clergy and laity as they encourage active stewardship in the local parish church through the sharing of time, talent and treasure. Your gift to the Bishops Annual Appeal is stewardship in action.

Let Us Remember .... In our prayers, the men and women serving in our Nation’s Armed Forces.
- Major Michael A. DeCicco, US Army
- Victor Dulay, Jr. U.S. Marine Corps
- Sgt. John J. Houser III, U.S. Marine Corps
- RCT. Matthew John U.S. Marine Corps
- Major Michael Morella, US Army
- Sgt. Dan Neville, US Marine Corps
- PFC Daniel J. Salvo, US Marine Corps
- Corp. Jonathan Schultes, US Marine Corps
- Major. Louis P. Simon, US Marine Corps
- PFC Jerome C. Sunga, US Army
- Jack Vara, U.S. Marine Corps
- LTJG Robert Wilson, U.S. Navy

St. Ann School cafeteria.