

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

Special CoronaVirus Flyer Edition

"always wash your hands and say your prayers, because Jesus and germs are everywhere"



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RETURN TO CHURCH FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Please read Bishop Checchio's enclosed letter.

The conditions and schedule for attending Mass should be considered temporary. Adjustments will be made before returning to the regular Mass schedule. Therefore, consult your parish website for updates and changes, even week to week.

**St. Ann, Holy Trinity, St. Joseph churches
and the Blessed Sacrament Shrine
will resume Sunday Masses next weekend.
See your parish website for details.**

The parish and school offices remain closed until further notice. The Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Joseph and Holy Trinity Churches will remain closed and publicly inactive until further notice. There are no public Masses or gatherings.

**St. Ann's church will be open for Private Prayer
Weekdays from 11am to 3pm.**

If visiting the church, please observe prescribed precautions.

This will be **the last week for livestream viewing
of WEEKDAY MASSES at 8am.**

Mass can be viewed by on-demand, streaming video:

www.raritanoratory.org,

YouTube Channel: **Raritan Oratory**

Links are also on our parish websites

**THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 7, livestream Masses
with distribution of Holy Communion
afterwards in Holy Trinity Church parking lot:**

8am, English

10am, Latin (EF)

12 noon, Spanish

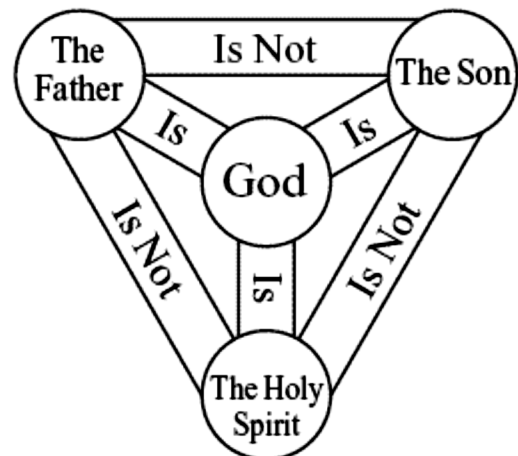
Friday Confessions 6:30-7:30pm, St. Ann church

If you have a pastoral need during this time,

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908-725-1008, press 1 then 3 (Fr. Tom),

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BISHOP JAMES F. CHECCHIO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Come Holy Spirit! Just like the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room on that first Pentecost, we prayed this past weekend with expectant faith for the coming of the Holy Spirit to renew the Church and the face of the earth once again!

Gratefully, as you likely heard, the Governor last Friday announced that health officials have green lighted the incremental lift of restrictions in our state and, as part of that, we will be able to safely gather in our churches again beginning on June 12. The clergy of the diocese, along with the good staff who assist them, look forward to welcoming those of you who are able back home to your churches that weekend, when we will appropriately celebrate the true presence of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, on the feast of Corpus Christi. What better way to return to the celebration of in-person public Masses in our churches, to be in His presence, as we celebrate His true presence?

To prepare us for these next steps, guidance was issued to all pastors on May 26 to assist them in their role of facilitating the process of the restoration of Masses with a congregation. These guidelines will need to be made particular for each of our parishes. The way in which your parish might gather for Mass may be a bit slightly different than others, even neighboring parishes. As pastors are in the best position to understand the needs and practices of their own parish communities, it will ultimately be up to the pastor to finalize the specific plans for the parish he leads.

The restoration of Masses with a congregation will be completed in a phased approach, beginning first with the celebration of weekday Masses with a limited number of people (10 or less people present), then in Phase 2 with the celebration of Sunday Masses (with only a percentage of the church being used) with more than 10 people at daily Mass present. Infectious disease experts from St. Peter's Hospital helped to develop our procedures for the resumption of communion distribution. In the future, as the general health situation continues to improve, Phase 3 will allow for the celebration of weekday and Sunday Masses with an increased number of people present; somewhat relaxed physical distancing; use of masks and specified procedures for the distribution of Holy Communion. Phase 4 will allow for the celebration of weekday and Sunday Masses with an additional increased number of people present; additional relaxation in physical distancing, use of masks as optional and relaxed procedures for the distribution of Holy Communion. As we await further guidance from health officials, there is no firm date set for each phase. We are in Phase 1 now, and will begin Phase 2 on June 12.

As we work to restore Masses with a congregation, we will do so with the safety of all parishioners, clergy, religious, parish staff, and lay ministers in mind. Therefore, following the guidance of health officials, high use areas within the church will be wiped down with disinfectant before and after each liturgy; restroom facilities will be sanitized after each liturgy and regularly; all hymnals and missalettes (and other items) will be removed from the pews and stored for the duration of the pandemic. Singing will be limited. In addition, the faithful are encouraged to wash their hands at home and bring their own masks and hand sanitizer, which should be used upon entering the church. Face masks are expected to be worn by all except for the very young (parents are in best position to determine if their child is capable of wearing a mask).

Out of deep respect for human life and concern for the common good, those in vulnerable groups should stay home and those who are sick or symptomatic must stay home. Priests who do not feel well will not be able to celebrate Mass. Depending on how many people come to Masses, with social distancing, Mass schedules may need to be adjusted. Pastors will have to keep their parishioners informed of changes.

Understanding that every individual has their own concerns or is not able to return to Mass in-person, I am continuing to dispense all Catholics in our diocese from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice. No one will be required to physically attend Mass during this period of time. While the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed, I encourage you to keep the Lord's Day holy by some other means. For example, I encourage you to tune into a livestreamed Mass from a local parish within our diocese (www.diometuchen.org/parish-live-streams) or on TV. You can also pray the Liturgy of the Hours, read and reflect on Sacred Scripture, and pray the rosary or some other devotion.

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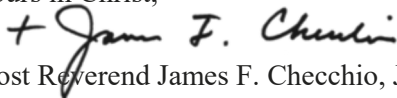
Finally, I want to express my deep gratitude for your faithfulness and perseverance in these past weeks. I am edified by the reports I get from our pastors and others about the creative ways that so many have sought to remain “connected” to the life of the Church. Please know that each day I carry you in my heart, my prayers and daily work. It is your physical safety, health and spiritual well-being that are my constant concern. As we look forward to gathering for public worship again, we have much to be thankful for and many concerns to pray and reflect upon. In addition to the scars of the pandemic, now the social landscape of our country is very tenuous; violence and unrest seems to be everywhere on the news. The Christ we follow as missionary disciples calls us to be ambassadors of a “peace the world cannot give.” Our nation will find its peace only by turning wholeheartedly to the God of love. May our parishes and schools of Metuchen be places of light, helping to transform fear and anxiety into hope and confidence in God. May we be the instruments of His peace, justice and love wherever we find our life journey right now.

One day soon, I hope to be back at your parish again. I miss you! It is my joy to be your shepherd here in the Church of Metuchen; this is a gifted and wonderful spot in God’s Kingdom on earth. I count on your prayers and support to fulfill my mission. May Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us, protect us and lead us safely to Her Son.

I am grateful to you for your patience in these past few months and assure you that with each day that has passed, I have prayed for you and your families, for your safety and health. I prayed too for the day I would be able to write you and tell you of our joyous return to the public in-person celebration of the Mass. So, know that I miss you and I am praying for you. With renewed confidence in His Holy Spirit, I ask that you please pray for me too as we take these next steps forward in faith, completely listening to Him and trusting in Him, who is always for us and with us! We are facing so many challenges in our world at this time and we need more prayer as we work together on a road forward as we face this worldwide pandemic and for peace and justice in our country.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA

Bishop of Metuchen

A Call to Enduring Love

In his pastoral concern, Bishop Checchio has directed a time of sustained prayer during this month of June, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to bring racial harmony, healing and peace to our nation.



I invite you to **join us every Friday in the month of June, at 5:00 PM for an evening of prayer. Together, we will pray for racial harmony and the healing of our nation.**

The livestream will be available from our diocesan website (www.diometuchen.org); Facebook page (www.facebook.com/diocesemetuchen); and YouTube page (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfZxhfagxVupdosF1uKpSxA>).

PLANNING FOR MASS IN CHURCH

We are initially proposing this limited Mass schedule to the Catholic people of the Raritan area. It is spread out with many time options. The schedule is **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**, based on changing restriction specifications and the attendance response. We will make adjustments as needed. Please check for up to date information on the parish website.

Saturday, 6/13, Vigil Mass

4pm St. Joseph Church

5pm Holy Trinity Church, English *Livestream*,
Distribution of Holy Communion in the parking lot.

Sunday, 6/14

8am St. Ann Church

9am St. Joseph Church

10am Shrine of Bl. Sacrament, *Latin EF, Livestream*

11am Holy Trinity

12pm Shrine of Bl. Sacrament, *Spanish, Livestream*

5pm St. Ann Church

Restrictions and precautions will be in force: masks required, social distancing enforced, attendance limitations. Check for detailed conditions on parish websites.

Parking Lot Holy Communion

This Sunday, June 7, we will once again distribute Holy Communion in the parking lot of Holy Trinity Church after each of the live-streamed Masses. (Church address is 60 Maple Street; the parking lot entrance is directly across from 74 Ardmaer Drive.)

Masses will be celebrated at 8 am (English), 10 am (Latin-EF), and 12 noon (Spanish). Holy Communion will be distributed immediately following each Mass.

Those who live nearby may choose to view the livestream Mass at home, and travel to the church when Mass is nearing conclusion. Others may choose to come earlier and view the Mass from their car, on their phone or tablet. No one will be permitted to enter the church.

Everyone must remain in their cars at all times, with the doors, windows, & sunroof closed. Windows may only be opened if the vehicle is more than 6 feet from any other vehicle or individual, and when it is your turn to receive Holy Communion.

For the sake of safety, it is important to observe any posted signs and verbal instructions from staff and volunteers.

Holy Communion will be distributed as you exit the church parking lot, and must be consumed immediately. Out of care for the health of those distributing Holy Communion, reception in the hand is strongly encouraged.

Those who are sick, and those at higher risk from Covid-19 due to age or medical conditions, are encouraged to remain at home. The obligation to attend Mass remains dispensed.

Congratulations, St. Ann School Graduates!

This past week St. Ann's celebrated the graduations of our 8th Grade students and of our Kindergarten students.

Graduation was "virtual", using zoom online group meeting, video recording and livestreaming. Given the unique situation we are all experiencing, we tried our best to recognize and honor our graduates. Diplomas, awards and scholarships were presented to those heading on to high school, prayers and blessings for all.

We pray that all of St. Ann's students have a safe and healthy summer, along with their parents and families. We hope to see our Kindergarten children return to experience the foundation of the classical education method.

We wait to see what school will look like in September, unsure of the course and effect of the current coronavirus pandemic. If interaction and space restrictions have to be observed St. Ann School may be attractive to families seeking a school with small class sizes.

Help market St. Ann School by encouraging other families with young children to come and learn more about us. Thank you.

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REGISTER/RE-REGISTER NOW!
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

**Call for more information or
to make an appointment.**

Grades K-8

Discover how a **Catholic Classical Education** at St. Ann School can inspire your child to be a joyous learner, filled with wonder and awe for all of creation. Our new academic approach allows for students to be formed and immersed in virtue, truth, beauty and goodness through their everyday curriculum.



**"A GOOD SCHOOL PROVIDES
A ROUNDED EDUCATION FOR
THE WHOLE PERSON. AND
A GOOD CATHOLIC SCHOOL,
OVER AND ABOVE THIS,
SHOULD HELP ITS STUDENTS
TO BECOME SAINTS."**

-POPE BENEDICT XVI

This quote by Pope Benedict captures our desire for St. Ann School. The mission of Catholic Classical Education is to equip children with the tools needed to activate their human potential, not just for their immediate future but also their eternal life.

Support St. Ann School and her transition to a classical curriculum with your prayers, your trust and your generosity. Enroll your children, encourage other families to consider sending their grade school children to St. Ann's.

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

EX 34:4B-6, 8-9; DN 3:52-56; 2 COR 13:11-13; JN 3:16-18

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that the Holy Trinity is the “central mystery of the Christian faith” (261). The concept of the Tri-une God — Three Persons in one God — is truly a mystery, almost too lofty for us ordinary people to even begin to grasp. Can the truth of the Holy Trinity teach us anything as everyday Christian stewards? Actually, yes!

St. John Paul II described the Holy Trinity is a “Divine Family,” a community of Persons Who give themselves completely to each other and Who wishes to share Itself, Its life, with us. These concepts are at the very heart of the stewardship way of life. As stewards, we too are called to share ourselves and our lives with others. As a stewardship parish, we are called to invite others into our community through the gift of hospitality.



These characteristics of our Triune God — offering Himself to us through intimacy with Him in His Divine life — are made manifest from the earliest passages of Scripture as we see in today's first reading, from the Book of Exodus. Earlier in Exodus, God had already developed a close relationship with Moses. Today we read that, “Having come down in a cloud, the Lord stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, ‘Lord.’” He even goes on to describe Himself as “a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.” The God of the universe “comes down” to His people, He tells them His name and He tells them some (wonderful) things about Himself. The Father wants to be known and to give Himself to His people!

Our second reading, from 2 Corinthians, carries this theme even farther, as St. Paul prays that, “the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit” will be with all of us. In other words, we are invited in to an ever deepening intimacy with this Divine Family, this community of Persons. We are reminded that this Triune God already dwells within us through our Baptism. This divine intimacy we are offered should motivate us to do as St. Paul instructs at the beginning of this passage, to “mend [our] ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.”

Finally, our Gospel passage from John reminds us that the stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the imitation of our Most Holy Trinity. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes might not perish but might have eternal life.” He gave Himself, in the Person of His Son, for love of us. We must love this God back now by giving ourselves, our lives, to Him.

Amazingly, the more we give of ourselves to God in love, the more we will find the “grace of the Lord, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within us.” The God of the universe — this mysterious, Triune God — invites us to an ever-deepening intimacy with Him when we make our lives a loving gift to Him and to others through the stewardship way of life.

— Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Where Am I Falling Short In Love? — An Examination of Conscience

The following portion of examination of conscience has been adapted from Christopher West's book *Love Is Patient but I'm Not: Confessions of a Recovering Perfectionist* (Wellspring Books/Beacon), which is based on Pope Francis's reflections on Saint Paul's famous hymn to love in 1 Corinthians 13. At its most basic level, every genuine examination of conscience asks the question: *Where am I falling short in love?* This is why Saint Paul's hymn to love makes an excellent examination of conscience.

Love is not irritable...

Being irritable has to do with a hidden agitation that we foster internally rather than bearing with and forgiving one another. Such irritation, unchecked, can grow into a hostility waiting to erupt. Love is not irritable. Sometimes I am. Lord, teach me to love.

- Referring to the “clicking noises” that a sister in her community made when sitting behind her during times of meditation, Saint Therese of Lisieux admitted that “it would be impossible for me to tell you how much this little noise wearied me.” Therese, however, learned to offer her irritation as a prayer to grow in love toward this person. What are the things others do in my life that irritate me? Have I fostered that irritation?

What do I think I will accomplish by watering the weeds of irritation instead of uprooting them? What hidden satisfaction am I finding in doing so?

Love is not resentful...

Here, love requires a generous openness to understanding, to forbearance, and forgiveness. This isn't easy. In fact, the *Catechism* puts it plainly: “It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense...” What, then, are we to do with the pain? The *Catechism* goes on to say that “the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession” (2843). Over time, as we learn to welcome the Holy Spirit in our pain, he teaches us how to suffer-with (com-*passion*) those who have caused us suffering, transforming the pain itself into intercessory prayer for those who have hurt us.

- Forgiveness does not mean saying “it's okay” or pretending nothing happened. It means surrendering those who have hurt us to the justice and mercy of God. Have I withheld forgiveness from anyone who has wounded me? Do I still need to process the pain others have caused me in order to grant that forgiveness?
- Often times we are innocent victims of others' pain, and the fact that God allowed it can make us feel abandoned by God. Christ himself cried out from the Cross: “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me!?” In our own cry of abandonment, whether we realize it or not, we are deeply united with Christ in this cry. Working through our anger at God is not a sin. But have I closed my heart to him in the process?
- What were my relationships like with loved ones growing up (parents, siblings, etc.)? Was I loved unconditionally in my mistakes, foibles, and weaknesses? Was I mocked or harshly criticized? Who in my family of origin do I need to forgive for failing to love me as I am?

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Mass Intentions

During this challenging time without the public celebration of Mass, the Oratorian Fathers are offering the opportunity to view Mass through on-demand, streaming video. Access using www.stannparish.com or www.raritanoratory.org or YouTube Channel: Raritan Oratory

For this Sunday, June 7, Masses: WITH DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION AFTER EACH LIVESTREAM MASS IN THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PARKING LOT. PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR CAR.

English livestream at 8 am EDT

Latin (EF) livestream at 10 am EDT

Español en vivo a mediodía EDT, 12 noon

For this week, June 8-12, Daily Mass:

English livestream at 8 am EDT

**SCHEDULE WILL CHANGE STARTING NEXT SUNDAY.
CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE DETAILS.**

Monday, June 8

Living and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, June 9

Vincenzo and Domenica Ruffa by Caterina and Nicola Grande

Wednesday, June 10

Fara Maltese by The Rosary Altar Society

Thursday, June 11

Crisanta Gopez Baluyut by Giselle Baluyut

Friday, June 12

Mary Frances Scarponi by the Scarponi, O'Connor and Dunham Family

Saturday, June 13

Special Intention for Caterina Fusca in honor of St. Anthony

Peter and Rose Russo and Sam and Sara Spera by son, Joseph

Sunday, June 14 - Corpus Christi

People of the Parish

Angelo Soriano by Marsha Harlan

Salvatore Pannace by Nicola and Caterina Grande

Giovanni and Michele Napolitano by Francesca and Vincenzo Viscariello

Weekly Candle & Lamp Intentions



Altar Candle #1 for Rose Tozzi
By Nick, Jeff and Donald

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Monday

1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday

1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday

1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Mt 5:20-26

Friday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday

1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37

Pray for those in the Military

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army

Victor Dulay, Jr.; U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Brendan Hughes; U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Gavin John; U.S. Marine Corps

LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps

CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.

Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army

Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps

Zack Drecchio; U.S. Navy

Pvt Tayla Rasmusson; U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Daniel J. Salvo; U.S. Marine Corps

Cpl Jonathan Schultes; U.S. Marine Corps

LtCol Louis P. Simon; U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Jerome C. Sunga; U.S. Army

Jack Vara; U.S. Marine Corps

LCpl Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps

Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army

Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force



**May God protect all those serving in
our Nation's Armed Forces.**

Parishioner Financial Support

THANK YOU to all who are mailing or dropping off your envelopes or check contributions in support of the operation of St. Ann parish. To join the 30+ people who have signed up for WeShare since the mid-March shutdown, simply go to the parish website and click on this icon to sign up and set up your personal account.

**Give Online
with WeShare**

Total Contributions to the Parish last week:

Envelopes/Checks \$3,503

WeShare Online Giving **\$3,082**

\$6,585 total to parish

Diocesan Collections \$44

Grateful for your faithfulness and generosity!

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Karen B.

Joanmarie Carlone

Anna Carra

Katie Cassling-

Fishman

Bruno Cirianni

Frank Cirianni

Mary Contino

Maria Anastasia

D'Amore

Michael D'Angelo

Dominick DeLuca

William DeSantis

Mary Felice

Frank Forte

Cindy Galvacky

Gambino Family

Maria Rosa

Gasparro

Gloria Guide

Bernadette Healy

Victor Laggini

Brianna Rose

Larson

Michael Lynch

MaryAnn

Mangiaracina

Mark Marshall

Giovanna Martini

Susan Maurice

Wilfredo Medina III

Lidia Natale

Ann Navatto

Victor Rangel

Marie Richardson

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