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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

The Lord's Day Masses

Sat.:	4 pm	St. Joseph Church
	5 pm	Holy Trinity (LS)
Sun.:	8 am	St. Ann Church
	9 am	St. Joseph Church
	10 am	St. Ann Church
	10 am	Shrine of the Bl. Sacrament (Latin EF)
	11 am	Holy Trinity
	12 pm	Shrine (Spanish)
	5 pm	St. Ann Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday,	after the 9am Mass,	St. Ann
Saturday,	3-3:30pm,	St. Joseph
Wednesday,	11-12noon,	Holy Trinity
Wednesday,	7-8pm,	St. Ann
—or by appointment—		

Daily Masses

Mon.	8 am St. Joseph	12:15 pm Shrine	7 pm St. Ann
Tue.	7 am St. Ann	12:15 pm Shrine	7 pm Holy Trinity
Wed.	7 am St. Ann	12:15 pm Shrine	
Thu.	7 am St. Ann	12:15 pm Shrine	
Fri.	8 am St. Joseph	12:15 pm Shrine	7 pm Holy Trinity
	7pm St. Ann, for First Friday only		
Sat.	9 am St. Ann		

Note: All scheduled Mass intentions will be honored, at the same church location and as closely to the original scheduled time as possible, unless instructed otherwise.

REGARDING THE MASS SCHEDULE

We intend to restore the regular Mass schedule beginning the weekend after Labor Day, **September 12-13**. This means having the 4pm Saturday Vigil Mass, and on Sunday changing the 8am back to 7:30am. We will also have the 10am, 12noon and 5pm Masses on Sunday. We hope that everyone who wants to return church can be comfortable doing so without feeling overcrowded. Please continue to take the usual precautions when attending Mass—6 feet distancing from those outside of your household and wearing your mask.

Live-Streamed Mass

We are working on finding a way to continue to provide livestreaming Mass.

There are many opportunities to watch Mass on TV or across the internet. The Diocese of Metuchen has a list on their website, diometuchen.org, of parishes who are live streaming. Besides those, here are a couple of other options for online Sunday Mass:

- **Ascension Presents** YouTube channel, Fr. Mike Schmitz;
- **EWTN** Global Catholic Network (www.ewtn.com)

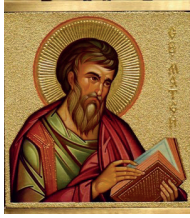
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Scripture Reflection

JER 20:7-9; PS 63:2-6, 8-9; ROM 12:1-2; MT 16:21-27

If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, we must be honest with ourselves and admit it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies. Our readings today reflect this challenging reality.



Our first reading is from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. After a series of hard knocks as he tries to preach the message God has entrusted to him, Jeremiah sums up the steward's "dilemma" — the choice between living for self or living for God — this way: "I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart... I grow weary holding it in."

Haven't we all felt that way, perhaps after frustrations in our ministry or being chided by friends for our "crazy Catholic beliefs"? But God is so good, so loving, so generous to us that, like Jeremiah, even when we're tempted to throw in the towel, we simply cannot turn our back on Him. We hold steady on the stewardship way of life.

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans teaches how we get back to the path of discipleship in those moments of discouragement when we feel the temptation to just give up and give in to selfishness. Paul urges us, "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God." He says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may do the will of God."

What does this mean for us modern-day stewards? It means we must discipline ourselves — body, mind, and spirit — through a consistent prayer life, continuous formation in our Catholic faith, and setting aside anything in our life (entertainment, material possessions, social activities) that is not pleasing to God. Seems impossible, doesn't it? And it would be impossible, except for the grace of God which is always available to us in abundance if we simply ask God for it.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, continues this theme of the tough demands of the steward's way of life, this time in the words of Jesus Himself. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this? Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others — which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake, in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

— *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

2020 PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION TO BE TAKEN UP ON SEPTEMBER 13

Due to the pandemic caused by the Corona virus, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection. This special collection supports both the pastoral care of the Catholics in the Holy Land and provides for the upkeep of the holy places associated with the life, death and resurrection of the Lord.

The collection was moved to September 13 because it is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Please be generous in participating in this small gesture of solidarity in order to support the Christian communities that are in the Holy Land.

You may have already given by using your envelope or designated your gift through Online Giving. Thank you. If you have yet to give, please use your envelope on September 13.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS WELCOME, KRISTIN!

We all know how disruptive the shutdown due to the corona virus has been. Liturgically speaking, we lost half of Lent and all of our Holy Week and Easter community celebrations. This had a great impact upon Kristin Gondeck, who was preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

After considerable delay, it is with great joy that we will celebrate her sacraments of initiation at the 10am Mass this weekend. Kristin, who will take the name Clare, will be baptized, confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time.

We thank God for her perseverance and witness of faith. Let us welcome her into our Catholic family and parish community. Pray for her, that the Holy Spirit works powerfully and blesses her new Christian life of discipleship.



Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.
(Romans 12:1)

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serve bringing Christ into the
world."**



St. Ann's K-8 Classical School is preparing for in-person classes starting in the Fall. Fr. Peter Cebulka, Head of School, is working with a Task Force and is developing plans for a safe return to St. Ann School.

Many other schools, because of the large number of students and limited classroom space, will have different arrangements — partial day or partial week attendance, remote learning only or hybrid learning.

St. Ann's School has the capacity for more students to attend. Our school may be an attractive option to parents who want their child to have a regular in-school experience.

Contact St. Ann School for information about enrollment in our K-8 classical school. **Help us also get word out to other parents you may know who are not familiar with our school.**

EVERYDAY GRACE FROM GOD

**Amidst all the busy-ness and
business of life, God is present,
waiting for a simple look His way.**

**Perhaps it's a "thank you" or "I
love you" or "be with me, Lord."
Maybe it's an "Our Father" as you
walk into work, or a "Hail Mary"
in line for a coffee.**

**These prayers may not seem like
much, but they are enough for
God to respond back to us with
His love and Divine grace.**

Social Concerns Ministry Interfaith Hospitality Network

IHN, Interfaith Hospitality Network, is a non-profit that helps homeless individuals and families with temporary shelter, with a goal of helping them achieve their independence. The clients are usually women and children that have fallen on tough times and need a little help getting back on their feet.

During the day, IHN provides counseling, life skills, job coaching and other assistance to help them sustain an independent life. In the evening, shelter and dinners are provided by members of different houses of worship on a rotating, weekly basis.

Volunteers cook dinners and provide companionship to these families in the evenings. We have a dedicated crew of volunteers from St. Ann who coordinate with Good Shepard Lutheran in Somerville. During this time of COVID, the volunteer opportunities have been put on hold but will resume in better times. If you have any questions about the organization or would like to consider volunteering when opportunities arise, please contact the St. Ann's IHN Coordinator, Marilyn Karg at mkarg@verizon.net.

In 2019 the Knights of Columbus Worldwide donated \$187.6 million dollars and volunteered 77 million hours



Highlights:

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| • Leave No Neighbor Behind | Nearly \$5M |
| • Special Olympics | \$4.5 M |
| • Christian Refugee Relief | \$3.3 M |
| • Food Drives | \$1.8 M |
| • Habitat for Humanity | \$810,000 |
| • Global Wheelchair Mission | 8,109 wheelchairs |
| • Coats for Kids | 124,211 coats |

Source: KofC Knightline, August 11, 2020

St. Ann's has an active Knights of Columbus, Basilone Council #13264. Consider joining and put faith into action with other men of the parish. Fellowship, Faith, Service... good for you, good for your family and parish, good for the mission of Christ and the Catholic Church.

For more membership information, contact Jim Werner at wer407@aol.com.

ST. ANN SCHOOL

We WELCOME students and teachers from St. Ann School to the start of a new academic year. We pray for a safe and fruitful year. There will be many adjustments that are needed on everyone's part as classes begin this week. May there be generous and charitable cooperation and collaboration between families, faculty and students while implementing required precautions. God bless, protect and sustain all members of St. Ann school and parish community!

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 30, 2020

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 31

7:00 pm Frank DeLuca and Deceased Members of the DeLuca Family by Alexander Natale-Papera

Tuesday, September 1

7:00 am Paul Crandall by his family

Wednesday, September 2

7:00 am

Thursday, September 3

7:00 am

Friday, September 4

7:00 pm Deceased Members of the Grande Family by Zia Lidia Natale

Saturday, September 5

9:00 am

Sunday, September 6 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am, 10 am and 5:00 pm
Dina Pietro and Ann Padovani by Enzo and Theresa
People of the Parish
Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
William DeCastro by his family
Francesco Rita by Marie Rita

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. During these unusual times many more parishioners have found that WeShare Online Giving has been a convenient and effective way for them to support the parish. It is an easy process to sign up for WeShare. Simply go to the parish website and click on this icon and set up your personal account.

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Total Contributions to the Parish last week:

Envelopes/Checks	\$3,767
WeShare Online Giving	<u>\$2,476</u>
Total for Parish Operation	\$6,243

Additional Gifts: School Water Pipe	\$50
Filippini Sisters	\$250

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!

Pray for those in the Military

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army	Pvt Tayla Rasmussen; U.S. Marine Corps
Victor Dulay, Jr; U.S. Marine Corps	PFC Daniel J. Salvo; U.S. Marine Corps
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PFC Gavin John; U.S. Marine Corps	LtCol Louis P. Simon; U.S. Marine Corps
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Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps	Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army
Zack Drecchio; U.S. Navy	Capt Kaitlyn Zimmiti; U.S. Air Force



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

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27	Wednesday 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
Monday 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30	Thursday 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
Tuesday 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37	First Friday 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
	First Saturday 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



St. Ann's offers candle, lamp and flower intentions in the following locations:

Altar, Tabernacle, St. Joseph Statue, Blessed Mother Statue and Pro-Life Memorial.

Please call the Parish Office to request an intention.



Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Karen B.	Cindy Galvacky	Susan Maurice
Joanmarie Carlone	Gambino Family	Wilfredo Medina III
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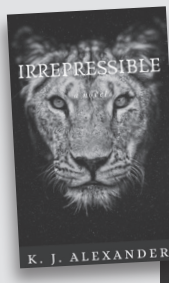


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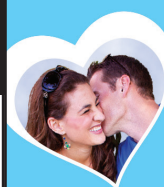
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