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The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Sat.: 4 pm St. Ann Church

4 pm St. Joseph Church 5 pm Holy Trinity (LS)

Sun.: 7:30 am St. Ann Church

8:30 am Holy Trinity 9 am St. Joseph Church

10 am St. Ann Church

10am Shrine of Bl. Sac. (Latin EF)

10:30am Holy Trinity
12 pm St. Ann Church
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

 M
 8 am St. Joseph
 12:15 pm Shrine
 7 pm St. Ann

 Tu
 7 am St. Ann
 12:15 pm Shrine
 7 pm Holy Trinity

 W
 7 am St. Ann
 12:15 pm Shrine

Th **7 am St. Ann** 12:15 pm Shrine

Fri 8 am St. Joseph 12:15 pm Shrine 7 pm Holy Trinity First Fridays 7 pm St. Ann

Sat 9 am St. Ann

REMINDER: PRECAUTIONS FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

We hope that everyone who wants to return to church for Mass can be comfortable doing so without feeling overcrowded, especially now that the full Mass schedule is being restored. **Please wear your mask so that it covers both your mouth and your nose.** The tabs of blue tape on the pews are 2 feet apart. If you are not sitting with members of your same household, you are supposed to sit apart a distance of 6 feet. The blue tabs are supposed to assist you to measure the distance from wherever another person may be sitting.

Reception of Holy Communion will be at the normal place within the Mass. Please maintain your distance from others. After Communion and the Final Blessing, please take care to leave the church while maintaining your distance from others.

HAPPENING THIS SUNDAY, OCT. 25

BLUE MASS to honor and pray for those serving Raritan law enforcement, 9am at St. Joseph Church. **SANCTIFY**—gathering of young marrieds and singles following the 12noon Mass outside or in the school cafeteria. More info on page 2.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 25, 2020

Reflection on Lectionary Readings

October 25, 2020 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time EX 22:20-26; PS 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 THES 1:5C-10; MT 22:34-40

Today's readings are all about love — the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

From the very beginning, God reveals Himself as a loving and compassionate Father Who has a particular concern for the most vulnerable of His people. He requires this same compassion from His people in our treatment of one another.

Our First Reading, from Exodus, is an example. In this ancient text God says, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien... You shall not wrong any widow or orphan... If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset... If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." This love of neighbor was a radical departure for the people of this era. But this is the radical God that we serve.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up." The "how" of loving God first and neighbor as self is unique to each individual.

Perhaps God is calling you to love Him with your whole heart, soul and mind by committing to a daily time of praying with the Scriptures. Maybe He is calling you to spend time with Him in adoration or a weekday Mass. It might be that He is asking you to put Him first as a family with a time for evening or morning prayer together. Maybe He wants you to spend a bit less time watching the news or surfing the internet, and a little more time pondering the blessings He has given you throughout the day.

And how is God calling you to love your neighbor as your-self? Maybe it is by checking on a relative or neighbor who is isolated. Or by patiently listening to a colleague at work who is overwhelmed. Or by getting involved in a ministry that serves children or the poor.

The stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies the two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it up, it's all about love.

— Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

SANCTIFY

Are you interested in taking your relationship with God and your daily vocation to a new level? Consider joining Sanctify!

Sanctify is a Catholic community focused on young families, married couples, and singles dedicated to cultivating holy friendships that support each member to fulfill his or her particular vocation.

We seek to explore and witness to the truth, beauty, and goodness of our Catholic faith through the Sacraments, prayer, formation, and fellowship while we pursue sainthood in our daily lives.

Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 25 following the noon Mass at St. Ann's.

Please RSVP to the event on our Facebook page so we know how many people to expect.

Find us on Facebook with the username @SanctifySaintsInTheWorld or go directly to

https://www.facebook.com/SanctifySaintsInTheWorld See you there!

PRAY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

St. Ann parish and St. Joseph parish plans to hold a special Blue Mass for our Raritan law enforcement personnel this Sunday, October 25. We will gather at St. Joseph Church at 9:00 a.m. We invite you to join us in praying for all law enforcement personnel, and specifically for those who serve our local community.

Keeping in mind the various risks and sacrifices associated with their service on behalf of our safety and protection, consider praying for them the **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



"The Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. ...Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary" respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary

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Grades K-8

St. Ann Classical Academy Griggstown Pie Fundraiser

One less thing to think about this Thanksgiving!

Support St. Ann Classical Academy and a local farm by purchasing fruit and savory pies now in time for Thanksgiving! Pies arrive frozen and uncooked, ready to be baked in your oven.

Pies include Apple, Apple Crumb, Blueberry, Peach, Cherry, Strawberry Rhubarb, Pumpkin, Pecan, Sweet Potato, Chicken Pot Pie, Turkey Pot Pie, Vegetarian Pot Pie, and Shepherd's Pie! The savory pies feed four, and make a great freezer staple for a quick dinner or give to a friend in need.

Orders can be placed online: **https://stannclassical.square.site/s/shop**, or submitted to the school via the order form.

Please ask your friends and families to help make this fundraiser a success!

Orders are due no later than Tuesday, November 3rd. Pick up will be 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm on Monday, November 16th outside St. Ann Classical Academy.





JOB POSITION

St. Ann Classical Academy in Raritan is in need of a part-time **physical education teacher** for Grades K-8. Duties would include meeting with each grade once a week (Fridays) and developing and executing a varied physical education program for our students.

If you are interested in the position please contact Fr. Peter Cebulka, C.O., Head of School, at 908-725-7787 or cebulka@stannparish.com>.

Choices Matter – A Virtual Critical Life Issues Conference Series

During October which is Respect Life month, the Office of Human Life and Dignity, Diocese of Metuchen, presents the annual Choices Matter - A Virtual Critical Life Issues Conference Series.

The theme this year is "Living the Gospel of Life!".

Please join us virtually on the following dates to hear these dynamic speakers:

October 29 - 7:00 PM - Kristen Hanson - Warriors of Hope: Fighting Assisted Suicide in America

October 31 - 10:00 AM - Stephanie Gray Connors - Abortion: The Great Debate



There is no fee, however, registration is required for this Virtual Conference Series. Donations are appreciated. To register please visit: https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter. You can attend one or all of the sessions. Thank you!

ALL SOULS DAY

Next Monday, November 2, is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls Day!

After celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, we will pray with them for those on the journey from here to there.

Mass will be at 7pm. We will remember and honor by name those who have died this past year. A family member is welcome to place a flower before the altar in loving memory of the deceased. With trust in the healing power of Christ, may we all experience His peace.

The parish website, **WWW.STANNPARISH.COM**, has a new feature to encourage sustaining our community relationship through prayer. It has a new button link,

PRAYER PETITIONS.

You are invited to share your intensions and request support by hitting the button and submitting your petitions. Especially if you are maintaining distance, know that this is a way to stay connected. I will share your concerns and join you in praying for your needs.

Whether you are maintaining cautious isolation or able to connect in a limited way, keep your parish family in your prayers. With trust in the Lord, let us maintain hope for a vibrant future and begin to reflect on how to reengage in the life and ministry of St. Ann's. I recently sent parishioners a letter and I welcome your response. You are in my prayers.

Blessings and peace! Fr. Tom



Attention High School Teens!

Sunday, November 1st, 7-8:30pm

@ Holy Trinity Parish Center

Brown Bag Blast! We are looking for high school teens to come help make sandwiches for the homeless to be given out through Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (S.H.I.P.) in Somerville. Come for service and stay for games, snacks, friends, discussions, and prayer. Sign up at the link below to bring items for the project, and spread the word!



Learn more about S.H.I.P at ship908.com



To RSVP and sign up to bring supplies, go to u-Serve.com/BridgewaterRaritan

What is uServe? This year, the parishes and communities served by the Oratorian priests here in Bridgewater and Raritan will have a number of service-based youth ministry events for high school teens called the uServe program. Some will be held on-site at one of the parishes, while others will be out in the community with local service organizations.

Please contact our Program Coordinator, Brian Flanagan for more info at BridgewaterRaritan@u-Serve.com | 973-946-8770

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St. Ann's Christmas Trees

The Advent and Christmas season at St. Ann's Parish is a special time to remember.



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Christmas Tree Reservation Forms can be found in the lobby of the Church or contact the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008, press 1 then 4

THE CONSTANT FOUNDATION

Prayer is not an optional add-on or a kind of fix-it utility when everything else fails.

Rather, prayer must be the foundation, the staple, the one constant of our day.

Of course it's not easy, and finding the time to be with God every day will take work. But having this relationship with God is why we were created altogether, and the one thing God wants more than ever.

There is nothing more God desires from you than you.

Jon Leonette, https://www.jonleonetti.com/

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

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Open Your Heart and Home to a Foster Child

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is seeking loving families to foster children of all ages, who have been abused, neglected or have had multiple out of home placements, through its Treatment Family Homes Program, contracted by New Jersey's Department of Children and Families.

The goal for the children in this program is to leave foster care and achieve permanency through reunification with their families, adoption, or independent living. Catholic Charities provides these resilient children with individual and family therapy, assistance with educational and medical needs, and independent living skills to help them reach their full potential.

Applicants must have adequate space for a child and complete a home study which includes background checks, references, interviews, and a home inspection. All Catholic Charities licensed families receive initial and ongoing specialized training, 24 hour emergency access to staff, respite services, monthly reimbursement for the child's expenses and support from experienced families.

For more information please visit www.ccdom.org or contact Miguelina Nunez at 866-247-HOME (4663) or at mnunez@ccdom.org.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, October 26

7:00 pm Mary Elizabeth Gilbert by Nanny and Poppop; Kevin Kohlweck by Harold and Jacqueline D'Alessio

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 am Domenico Cardelle by Carlo and Fernanda Montanari

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 am Carlos Zuniga by Kathy Carr Galella and family

Thursday, October 29

7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Cammarata Family by Sal and Lena Cammarata

Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31

9:00 am Michele and Maria Sotila by daughter Emilia 4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, November 1—Solemnity of All Saints

7:30 am Special Intention for Clementina Guadagno in Honor of All Saints

10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

12:00 pm Alberto Falco by his wife and children 5:00 pm Harold and Ann Lukas by their family

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Wednesday
Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10;	Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Mt 22:34-40	Thursday
Monday	Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35
Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17	Friday
Tuesday	Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6
Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21	Saturday Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

"We are called to reverence and love every human person as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. The Gospel of Life teaches us that 'the task of accepting and serving life involves everyone; and this task must be fulfilled above all towards life when it is at its weakest" (EV 43).

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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 con-

venient 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:

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Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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Pray for those in the Military

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army Victor Dulay, Jr; U.S. Marine Corps PFC Brendan Hughs; U.S. Marine Corps PFC Gavin John; U.S. Marine Corps LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr. LCpl Sean Maj; U.S. Marine Corps Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps

Zack Orecchio; 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 AB AnthonyJohn O'Connor; U.S. Air Force Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions

St. Joseph Lamp for Kevin Kohlweck by Harold and Jacqueline D'Alessio





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