

The Catholic Church of St. Ann



St. Ann, our Parish Patroness, pray for us!

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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
8:00 am Shrine of Bl. Sacrament (Spanish)
8:30 am Holy Trinity
9 am St. Joseph Church

10 am St. Ann Church
10am Shrine of Bl. Sacrament (Latin EF)
10:30am Holy Trinity

12 pm St. Ann Church
12 pm Shrine of Bl. Sacrament (Spanish)

5 pm St. Ann Church

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
First Fridays		7pm St. Ann
Sat. 9 am St. Ann		

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—		

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. Hand sanitizer is available at the doors ways of the church.

Reception of Holy Communion is now at the normal place within the Mass. Distribution is to half of the community at a time to avoid crowding in the center aisle. 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.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 24, 2021

Reflection on the Sunday Lectionary Readings

Jon 3:1-5, 10; PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 COR 7:29-31; MK 1:14-20

Our readings today call us to be decisive in our faith. God calls us as stewards to repent and renew our commitment to Him each day.

In our First Reading, God instructs the prophet Jonah to travel through the city of Nineveh and warns the people that the city would be destroyed due to their evil ways. When the people of Nineveh heard this, they declared a fast in repentance. The Lord saw this and had compassion for them.

Every moment is an opportunity to either grow closer to God or further away from Him. We can identify with the people of Nineveh when we recognize that our actions are not drawing us closer to God. We may be attached to certain sins or living in complacency — over time, that can weaken our commitment to the Lord and sever the relationship we have with Him.

When we become aware of our weaknesses, it should not cause us to despair. Instead, it should call us to act quickly as the people of Nineveh did. Jonah had been gone only a single day's walk before the people repented.

We, too, should go no more than a single day without acknowledging our offenses towards God and renewing our commitment to Him with greater conviction. God wants to be compassionate towards us, but we must be willing to recognize our need to repent.



Our Gospel today shares Mark's account of Jesus calling His first disciples. In his account, Jesus approaches Simon and Andrew, and later, James and John. These four men were fishermen, casting their nets. Jesus states, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. We rationalize that we will eventually get around to deepening our commitment to prayer when we have time, even though we have been wanting to do so for months. We can justify that we are too busy right now to make time to go to confession regularly, but tell ourselves we will do it soon once our schedules ease up. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now, just like the first disciples did.

These men became members of Jesus' twelve apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. They left their jobs, homes and families, devoting their lives to God's work. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is con-

 **Sunday, Jan 31, 7-8:30pm**
@ Holy Trinity Parish Center
Attention High School Teens!
Warm Regards! We'll make no-sew hats and scarves for children in need. Sign up at the link below to RSVP and bring monetary donations to offset the cost of the fabric! Come for service, stay for games, snacks, prayer, and friends.

Visit the link to sign up!
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Summer Service Trip! We'll be joining teens from around NJ to go to Catholic Heart Work Camp in Dover, DE June 27 to July 2 for a mission trip to serve those in need. Visit the link above for all the details, or reach out with questions!
Contact Brian Flanagan | 973-946-8770
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2021-2022 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply through **FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment** at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid> starting January 1, 2021.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2021. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

tinuously calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can repent and renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves, what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? If not now, when?

— Stewardship Reflections by *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

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Urge Legislators to **Oppose NJ Reproductive Freedom Act (S3030/A4848)**

On October 8, 2020, The Reproductive Freedom Act (RFA) S3030 was introduced in the New Jersey State Senate and was referred to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. If passed, the RFA would codify into New Jersey law the findings of Roe v. Wade, meaning that abortion would remain legal in New Jersey even if the case were overturned by the Supreme Court. The RFA would also strip safeguards and regulations on the abortion procedure, making New Jersey a more dangerous place for women and their unborn babies.

Contact your state legislators now to oppose this measure. For more information and to find your state legislator or to view the NJ Bishops' Statement on this proposed legislation visit: <https://njcatholic.org/reproductive-freedom-act>

St. John Paul II Litany of Peace

St. John Paul II lived through a series of oppressive governments and saw first-hand the consequences of hatred and violence. It was an experience that formed his pontificate, and he never ceased to promote peace wherever he went. In particular, on the World Day of Peace in 1986 he read a type of "litany of peace," appealing to different groups in society to promote peace.

He firmly believed that everyone needed to work for peace in order for it to endure. May we take heed of his words and remind our friends and family that we need to unite for peace to work.

Dear friends, brothers and sisters all: at the beginning of a new year I renew my appeal to all of you to put aside hostilities, to break the fetters of the tensions that exist in the world. I appeal to you to turn those tensions of North and South, East and West into new relationships of social solidarity and dialogue.

To you, politicians and statesmen, I appeal: to give the leadership that will incite people to renewed effort in this direction.

To you, businessmen, to you who are responsible for financial and commercial organizations, I appeal: to examine anew your responsibilities towards all your brothers and sisters.

To you, military strategists, officers, scientists and technologists, I appeal: to use your expertise in ways that promote dialogue and understanding.

To you, the suffering, the handicapped, those who are physically limited, I appeal: to offer your prayers and your lives in order to break down the barriers that divide the world.

To all of you who believe in God I appeal that you live your lives in the awareness of being one family under the fatherhood of God.

To all of you and to each one of you, young and old, weak and powerful, I appeal: embrace peace as the great unifying value of your lives. Wherever you live on this planet I earnestly exhort you to pursue in solidarity and sincere dialogue Peace as a value with no frontiers: North-South, East-West, everywhere one people united in only one Peace.

RESPECT FOR LIFE NEWS & EVENTS

Come pray a rosary for life

In solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC, and all who are praying for life in a special way on that day, Bishop James F. Checchio will pray a rosary for life on Main Street in Woodbridge on **Friday, January 29 at 1 p.m.** All are invited to attend, though face coverings and social distancing will be required.

Those planning to attend are asked to park and meet in the St. James Parish, 369 Amboy Ave., Woodbridge, parking lot at 12:45 p.m. We will then process to the Main Street location. The rosary will be prayed in English and Spanish. There is a 12:10 p.m. daily Mass at St. James for those interested in attending before the rosary. For more information, contact: amarshall@diometuchen.org.

9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

St. Ann's Respect Life Rosary

On the 3rd Monday of the month at St. Ann's church, a Pro-life Rosary for an end to abortion is prayed following the 7pm Holy Mass.

COME PRAY A ROSARY FOR LIFE
with Bishop James F. Checchio

In solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country

January 29, 2021 1:00 PM

Main Street Woodbridge

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369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ

The rosary will be prayed in English and Spanish after the 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James, for those who wish to attend.

FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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Saint Ann Catholic Regional
Marriage Ministry celebrates:
2021 World Marriage Day

Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage!

Saturday February 13, 2021
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An Integrated Look at the Holy Family**

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In this book (only \$5), the psychological dimensions of family life and human formation are explored in light of the Holy Family and the education they can give us in their School of Love. This 44-day preparation for consecration is written in a way meant to draw you into the process with your body, mind, and spirit.

As we leave 2020 behind and move forward in the "year of St. Joseph," let's place ourselves under the care, protection, and leadership of this guardian of the Holy Family!

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- The keys to unlocking a deeper prayer life.
- Where to turn in times of suffering.
- The keys to overcoming doubt and share your faith with others
- How to find balance and recalibrate your family with the Word of God. .. and much more!

Please be sure to register and invite your friends!
Register for FREE at: CatholicBibleSummit.com

HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID-19?

COVID-19 CRISIS COUNSELING SERVICES

NJ Hope and Healing Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) offered through Catholic Charities is available to assist the communities in New Jersey affected by COVID-19.

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- Linkage To Resources
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THE RENEWAL OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Ann Classical Academy wants to take part in this renewal

Take a few minutes to read some of Elisabeth Sullivan's insights and discover many reasons for supporting and promoting this renewal.

The tumult, fears, and divisions of 2020 stand in stark contrast to the peace of the Christ Child. When the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, the weary world rejoiced in the Truth. Everything was forever changed. But amid today's aggressive secularism, the challenge for Christians is to keep this truth in focus, to live constantly in the wonder and mystery that lie beyond human comprehension—that draw us to the Light beyond ourselves.

Among parents, educators, and clergy who are alarmed by the skyrocketing numbers of young people who are falling away from their Catholic faith, there is a growing realization that the secular progressive model of education has been a stealthy saboteur. Rooted in an atheistic, utilitarian philosophy, it has no interest in wonder or wisdom. Aimed at the merely temporal goals of college and career readiness, it fails to feed the mind, the heart, and the soul. A pragmatic, godless education relentlessly defies and belittles the mysteries at the heart of faith. Its consequences can be seen in an epidemic of skepticism, anxiety, and even despair among the young.

A growing number of Catholic educators are now confronting the fact that, when they uncritically adopt secular curricula, standards, and pedagogy, they are inadvertently teaching as though the Incarnation never happened. They see what the secular model can never convey: The world is a different place through the eyes of faith. Learning becomes an adventure to discover meaning, purpose, order, connections, and beauty in Creation. All knowledge is one in Jesus Christ, the Logos in Whom all things cohere. As young people are guided to know themselves and their place in the world, they grasp that "it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear" (*Gaudium et Spes*). *When this vision is restored throughout the curriculum, pedagogy, and school culture, they grow in joyful hope.*

A vibrant renewal of Catholic education is spreading across the country as educators reject the utilitarianism and fads of the dominant, industrialized model and reclaim the distinctive, centuries-old Catholic educational tradition that unites faith and reason. The impact of this deeply human formation is transformative. Students find joy in learning. Teachers are renewed in their vocations. Families are being drawn back to the Church. Dying schools are revived. New ones are launched. Their experience demonstrates that the solution to the demise of Catholic education has been hiding in plain sight all along: These communities flourish when they reclaim the Church's tradition in the classical liberal arts and sciences, which formed some of the sharpest minds and holiest saints in the history of the world.

Elisabeth Sullivan serves as the Executive Director of The Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE).

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Catholic Classical education is all about God's children discovering the joy of learning when education is presented within the context of the Coming of the Lord Jesus.

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inviting us to discover the gift that we can become.

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2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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email kalbright@stannparish.com**

*Registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins in January.
Catholic Schools Week 2021 is January 31-February 6.*

Ways that you can help advance this renewal and support St. Ann Classical Academy:

- If you are a parent with young children, think, pray and consider enrolling them at St. Ann Classical Academy. Contact the school for more information. Talk to Fr. Peter Cebulka, Head of School.
- Word of mouth promotion—encourage other family members, friends, neighbors or co-workers to explore Catholic Classical Education with us.
- Be a "Tuition Angel"—perhaps you are in the position of being able to assist a struggling family to keep the Catholic education option open through tuition assistance. You may make the difference for a much needed increased enrollment.
- Offer the gift of a classical Catholic education for your grandson or granddaughter, niece or nephew.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 24, 2021

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 25

7:00 pm Angelo Salvatore by Inez and Bob Taylor
Special Intention for the Mouridy Family

Tuesday, January 26

7:00 am For the recovery of Vinnie Tavormina, Knights of Columbus State Deputy

Wednesday, January 27

7:00 am For all serious victims of COVID-19

Thursday, January 28

7:00 am For spiritual comfort and healing for families mourning the death of loved ones

Friday, January 29

Saturday, January 30

9:00 am For the protection of all health care professionals and those who work in positions of personal risk
4:00 pm

Sunday, January 31

7:30 am Janos Szita by George Matyasfalvi
10:00 am Domenica and Gregorio Grande by Caterina Grande
12:00 pm William Bloise by Diane
5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Mass Readings

Sunday

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20

Monday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;
Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday

2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



Altar Candle #1 for John Russin
by Dan and Laura Sullivan

Altar Candle #2 for Maria Grazia and Pasquale Ruffa
by son Greg, Sabrina and Family

Rest in Peace
Christopher Carson
and **Mary Baker**

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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 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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Contributions from January 17, 2021

Envelopes/Checks/Cash	\$4,526
WeShare Online Giving	<u>\$3,348</u>
Total for Parish Operation	\$7,874
Foundation for Catholic Education/DOM	\$413

Thank you and God bless you for supporting the mission of the church and the ministry of St. Ann parish.

VOLUNTEER SOUGHT

Thanks to those who generously donated so that St. Ann's could purchase new church video camera and control equipment, we now have a system in place to more easily support livestream video of church services. We would like to find a couple of people from the parish who knows already, or is willing to be trained, how to set up and operate our system, when needed. It involves computer interface wifi/internet hook up, and familiarity with our equipment. Please contact the parish office if interested.

Pray for those in the Military

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army	Zack Drecchio; U.S. Navy
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LCpl Sean Maj; U.S. Marine Corps	Jack Vara; U.S. Marine Corps
Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army	Cpl Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps	Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army
AIC Anthony John O'Connor; U.S. Air Force	Capt Kaitlyn Zimmiti; U.S. Air Force

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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