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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

**Sun.: 7:30 am St. Ann Church**  
8:00 am St. Joseph Church (Spanish)  
8:30 am Holy Trinity  
10 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 St. Joseph Church (Spanish)

**5 pm St. Ann Church**

## Daily Masses

Mon. 8 am St. Joseph	12:15 pm Shrine	<b>7 pm St. Ann</b>
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		<b>7pm St. Ann</b>
Sat. 9 am St. Ann		

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday,	after the 9am Mass,	<b>St. Ann</b>
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*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 22, 2021*

### Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

JOS 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B; Ps 34; EPH 5:21-32; JN 6:60-69

Our readings today challenge us to reflect on how we are living as disciples of Christ. They offer us examples of how we should be living, and they present us with an opportunity to make a radical change in our lives.

In our first reading, Joshua tells the leaders of the Israelites to decide as to who they shall serve in this life, “If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you shall serve.” At this time, the Israelites were not wholeheartedly committed to the Lord. But Joshua outspokenly addresses this situation and challenges them to make a decision.

As he presents them with this opportunity, he boldly states, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Who or what does your household serve? Whether you are a household of one or 12, now is the time to decide, ‘will we serve the Lord?’

We are constantly bombarded with endless distractions around us. It can be very easy to serve other ‘gods’ in our lives. For instance, putting technology (phone, internet, TV), our kids' extracurricular activities, our jobs, or our social lives before the Lord. We also might be putting these things above our loved ones, and if we are doing that, then we are putting them above our relationship with God.

Reflect on how you may not be putting God first in your life and decide to respond like the Israelites, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods...Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Our second reading specifically challenges our families to live out their vocation of marriage to the fullest. St. Paul’s message is uplifting and filled with profound beauty, truth, and goodness.

St. Paul was relating marriage to Christ’s love for His Church. He is calling all husbands to radically love and serve their family as Christ radically loves us — by laying down His life for us. And he is calling all wives to support and uplift their husbands in this mission. Families are called to be a unified team in total service to one another out of love for Christ.

This capacity to love is within us, yet to love our families as Christ loves, we must first wholeheartedly love Him. As families, we must decide to put Christ first in our hearts so that we can better love one another. This is a daily choice we must make, and the best way to stay committed to this choice begins in daily prayer. It will transform our hearts.

Lastly, our Gospel brings us to the reality that making these radical changes in our lives will not be easy. Just as in Jesus’ time, people listened to His words, and chose to turn away from Him, “as a result, many disciples turned to their former way of life.” Sin is enticing but deadly.

Becoming a follower of Christ is life-giving and freeing. Peter reminds us to stay faithful and committed to Christ, “You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

With this in mind, we must strive each day to live intentionally as disciples of Christ. It starts with commitment — incorporating personal daily prayer and increasing that prayer week by week, incorporating prayer into our marriages and families, frequenting the sacraments, and serving others. Through this time with the Lord and service to those around us, He will reveal where to go next.

Today, let us pray for the strength to live our lives as Joshua proclaimed, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

— Stewardship Reflections by *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

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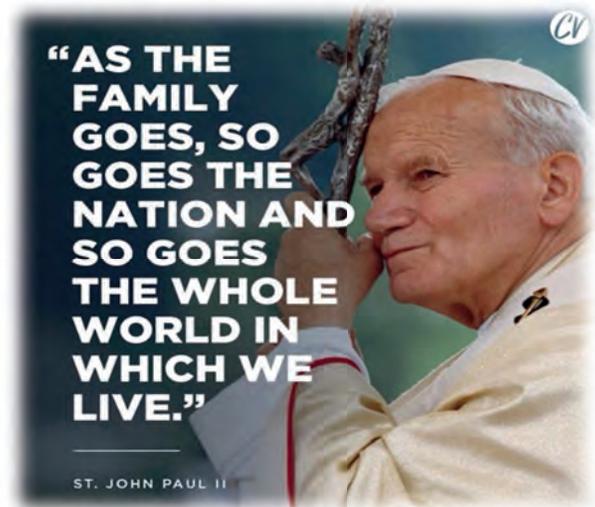
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Thank you for your support.



### A MATTER OF CHOICE

When confronted with the difficulties of believing in Jesus, those who encountered him were forced to decide whether to follow or to abandon this troublesome figure. We make that decision also. Those of us who have chosen to follow Jesus recognize that we do so not on our own power, but because of the generous gift of the Father, who freely draws us into a relationship with Jesus. This relationship is one of faith. Do you recognize the stirring of that gift of faith in someone who is looking for direction? The signs of those stirring are easy to see. Jesus is calling. Invite your relative or your friend to an **RCIA Inquiry Session**. Inquiry Sessions do not ask for commitments. Inquiry sessions are a place to ask questions about God/Jesus or about the Catholic Faith. Inquiry Sessions are opened to anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into another Christian Denomination or baptized Catholic but has not received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Inquiry sessions are ongoing. Contact Fr. Tom for more information.



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# The Catholic Church of St. Ann

## Dear Brothers and Sister, Parishioners of St. Ann's,

Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus, with my prayers for God's blessings and protection upon you and your family. I have a few items of information for you:

### REPAIR OF PARKING LOT

As you probably know, the church/school parking lots have been in need of repair. It is my understanding that, prior to my arrival at St. Ann's three years ago, some funds were donated for the purpose of repaving the parking lot. I am grateful to those who made these generous contributions. The parish had \$25,000 in restricted funds to apply to the repaving of the most damaged section immediately behind the school building. There is more to do but this section could not wait any longer. Hopefully, that repair work will be completed by the time you read this message.

The parking lot adjacent to the convent and across the street from the school, the section of lot immediately off of Anderson Street and the rectory driveway will need to wait since we do not have the resources at this time. The total cost to repair those sections can easily exceed \$50,000.

If you would like to make a restricted donation toward the future repaving of our parking lots, please include a letter that specifies the purpose for your donation. It is most appreciated.

### PRESENCE OF THE FILIPPINI SISTERS

I am happy to announce the news that another Filippini Sister is taking up residence in our convent. Sister Charlyne Greene will be joining Sisters Phyllis, Ella Mae and Dolores at the end of the month. Sister Charlyne does not have a specific assignment within the parish; she will serve in a supportive role to both the convent and the parish in whatever way possible. We welcome her to our St. Ann's parish community.

### SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION, NUANCES

The statement by New Jersey Catholic Conference of Bishops, dated May 20, 2021, ending the dispensation to the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, is repeated here for your review. The usual obligation to celebrate the Eucharist on the Lord's Day and designated Holy Days is once again the norm that we ought to be following. Exceptions, that is, legitimate reasons for not attending Mass, are also specified.

*At this time, due to the observance of public safety protocols and the increase in the availability of vaccines, we have begun a return to some sense of normalcy in various sectors of our society.*

*Therefore, we the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation beginning on Saturday, June 5, 2021, and Sunday, June 6, 2021, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We welcome the Christian faithful to return to the regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith (cf. Code of Canon Law canon 1247 and Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2180).*

*This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult the local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass (canon 87).*

*Finally, safety protocols (such as wearing masks, social distancing, etc.) and liturgical directives (communion in the hand, communion under one species, etc.) in each New Jersey Diocese remains in place until modified or revoked by the respective Diocesan Bishop.*

Each individual must prayerfully discern for themselves when it is the right time to return to the communal celebration of the Mass and the Eucharist, taking the personal precautions that they need to take. At the same time, let us maintain a deep faith and love for the Lord Jesus, sustaining gratitude for his gift of saving love, longing to participate in the sacrificial banquet of the Mass, and exercising trust in divine providence.

I look forward to a more normal return to parish involvement and activity. Please consider ways you could serve and become involved: Eucharistic minister, Reader, RCIA, various kinds of outreach, religious ed. or school volunteer, helping within a parish organization or council.

Let us pray for each other! In the midst of uncertain times, I pray for patience and perseverance, trust in God, remembering his mercy. I am grateful for you, your support and prayers. **Peace! Fr. Tom**

## Going to Rutgers in New Brunswick?

The Catholic Student Assoc. at The Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus, is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. Please note the following information:

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm, St. Peter's Church  
8:00 AM St. Peter's Church, 94 Somerset St.  
10:00 AM St. Peter's Church  
12:00 PM St. Peter's Church  
12:00 PM Busch Student Center (beginning 9/26)  
6:00 PM St. Peter's Church  
(St. Peter's is in between the Catholic Center and Barnes & Noble) CAC

#### Daily Mass

7:30 AM St. Peter's Church  
12:15 PM The Catholic Center Chapel (located inside the Catholic Center)

### Opening Activities

**Monday, Aug. 30: Luau, 6 pm, The Catholic Ctr. (Immediately following RU Involvement Fair)**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 1: CSA Night, 8 pm at The Catholic Center: Welcome to Rutgers!!**  
**Thursday Sept. 2: Tailgate for RU football, 3:30 at Buccleuch Park; look for the CSA flag!**  
**Sunday, Sept. 5: Opening Mass, 6 pm St. Peter's**  
**Monday, Sept. 6: Beach Day at the Jersey shore. Laving CC parking lot at 9:30 am. Join us!!!**

**Check us out at the Involvement Fair, Aug. 30!!**

Visit us online at [www.rutgerscatholic.org](http://www.rutgerscatholic.org)

[www.stpeternewbrunswick.org](http://www.stpeternewbrunswick.org)

Also check us out on Facebook:

Rutgers Catholic Student Association

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 22, 2021

### Mass Intentions

#### *Monday, August 23*

7:00 pm Primo Mangiello by his wife  
Col. Frank Carlone by his family

#### *Tuesday, August 24*

7:00 am Domenico and Gregorio Grande by Caterina Grande

#### *Wednesday, August 25*

7:00 am Robert Parico by Regina and Luigi Basile

#### *Thursday, August 26*

7:00 am Maria Barbieri by Pat Barbieri

#### *Friday, August 27*

#### *Saturday, August 28*

9:00 am Maria DeLucia by Mary, Toni and Terry  
4:00 pm Ralph and Mary Cusati by the Cusati Family

#### *Sunday, August 29*

7:30 am Alba Mariano by Clementina Guadagno  
10:00 am Peter and Mark Padovani by their parents  
12:00 pm Aniello Scafuto by family  
5:00 pm People of the Parish

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

#### Sunday

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b;  
Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

#### Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10;  
Mt 23:13-22

#### Tuesday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

#### Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

#### Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

#### Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

#### Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

### Mass Intentions for January - June 2022

If you are a parishioner of St. Ann's and wish to request a Mass Intention for January-June 2022 please call Barbara, our Parish Secretary at (908) 725-1008, press 1 and then 4. Leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned. **Mass Intentions will only be taken over the phone or by appointment only. No walk-ins.** There is a limit of 3 Mass Intentions and the suggested stipend for each Mass is \$10.00.

### The Joy of Love & Family Conference

In honor of the Year of the Family, talks will premiere over 6 months touching on topics for every stage of family life.

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#### Contributions from August 1 weekend

Offertory Contributions	\$ 5,781
WeShare Contributions	\$ 3,523
Assumption	<u>\$ 1,219</u>
<b>Total for Parish Operation</b>	<b>\$10,523</b>
Filippini Sisters	\$ 1,162

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

### Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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### Pray for those in the Military

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### Rosary Altar Society INVITATION—September 12 Meeting

If you are interested in joining a group of women who support our parish life, through actions, activities, fellowship and prayer. Please join the St. Ann's Rosary Altar Society. We are having an organizational meeting for all current and new members on **September 12, 2021** at 11am in the church hall meeting room (church basement).

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