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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	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
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REMINDER

Rosary Altar Society Meeting this Sunday, September 12
at 11am in the church hall meeting room

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 12, 2021

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

IS 50:5-9A; PS 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; JAS 2:14-18; MK 8:27-35

"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Jesus' words in our Gospel today challenge us to become imitators of Christ. This is not an easy request. It takes sacrifice, endurance, and commitment. Yet, it is profoundly rewarding.

As Peter professes that Jesus is Christ, Jesus begins to share that He will suffer, die, and rise. We can imagine that Peter, who is a close follower of Jesus, is taken back by these words. In his humanity Peter rebukes Him. Little does Peter know that this act is the greatest act of love that man will ever know.

In our humanity, oftentimes we too rebuke Jesus. We become angry when things don't go our way, despair when we suffer, complain when life gets hard, cringe when we are uncomfortable, or selfishly live to satisfy ourselves. We want life to be easy, comfy, free from hardships, and in our best interest. We are missing profound moments to love and serve when we live a life like that.

Jesus encourages us to think, not as human beings, but as God. He is calling us not to look at life in relation to ourselves. Rather, He wants us to be open-minded and look at life in relation to God. This requires acceptance on our part — accepting the will of God and allowing it to mold us into Christ-like people.

Jesus re-echoes this message as He addresses His disciples saying, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." We are Jesus' disciples, and He is speaking those same words to us here and now.

Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It requires us to be imitators of Christ — who suffered, died, and rose from the dead out of total love for each one of us. This means we are called to share in Christ's sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily.

But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives?

We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when we rise. This requires time with Him each day — speaking and listening.

We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Our cross might be suffering from an illness, fighting an addiction, a day of screaming kids, or a period where things just don't seem to go our way. Instead of avoiding these sufferings or complaining through them, we are called to carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them.

And we should strive to remain committed to Christ in every joy and every trial, never ceasing to follow Him. This means serving others even when we feel like serving ourselves, being open to what God is asking of us, and praising Him for every gift.

If we live life constantly focused on us, we will ultimately lose ourselves, but if we surrender our lives for Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than we could have ever imagined, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." This takes daily commitment and requires endurance in our faith, which can only be done through active discipleship.

St. James reminds us that active discipleship is lively, meaning, our lives must be an extension of our faith. Everything that we do reflects what we believe. We cannot just hold that belief in our hearts, but we need to share it by how we live each moment of each day.

This week let us sit in Jesus' presence and listen to what He is calling us to at this point in our lives. Let us rise each day with a commitment to follow Him, carry our daily crosses with Him, and live in total gratitude and service to God, family, and neighbor.

— Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Sanctify will be hosting a welcome back BBQ this **Sunday, September 12 following the 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann's**. Bring a date, a friend, a spouse, and kids.

Don't miss this great opportunity to meet and build friendships with fellow Catholics here in the Raritan area.

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.

For more information and to RSVP, please find us by searching for **SanctifyCatholics** on Facebook and following our page. Thank you!"

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Saturday September 25, 2021

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<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>

RCIA

In today's gospel, Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do people say that I am". If you, or someone you know would like to hear more about who Jesus is, we invite you to join us at an Inquiry Session. Inquiry sessions are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, the Catholic Faith Family. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited. Inquiry sessions are for those who wish to inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. For more information, contact Fr. Tom at the parish office.



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September 3, 2021

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many areas of our beautiful Diocese of Metuchen, like many other parts of our state, were significantly impacted by historic flooding and storms last night from the remnants of Hurricane Ida, which had already torn through Louisiana, leaving over a million there without power and with serious damage.

As we continue to deal with the effects of Hurricane Ida, both locally and nationally, and as we continue to hear of the devastation in Haiti and of the heartbreaking situation in Afghanistan, the disasters seem to be in abundance. Gratefully, so too does the grace.

With the many stories we hear, we remember too the many stories that often go untold. The stories that often go unnoticed because of their unsensational endings are often the most sensational of all: neighbors helping one another in the light of the Gospel, the human person recognizing in another the same inherent human dignity, and people offering care for a stranger or support to those most in need. Yes, our diocese is blessed with an abundance of grace!

We are only 24 hours from when the flooding in our area first began, and we have already received calls and comments from people offering their prayers for the affected, their support, and wanting to know how they can help. I am continually inspired and humbled by your generosity. If you would like to contribute to the Emergency Disaster Fund to support those in need of assistance, please visit: <https://diometuchen.org/disasterfund>.

The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the efforts of Catholic agencies as they work to aid emergency relief efforts locally and nationally, unless otherwise specified. Your contribution will be used for immediate emergency needs, such as water, food, shelter, and medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. I am grateful for your generous support of this collection.

Additionally, I am thankful too for our pastors and all our clergy, those on our diocesan staff and those working in our parishes and schools, and certainly to the men and women working for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, who have already begun working to assess the needs in our area. If you are in need of assistance, please call Catholic Charities at (732) 387-1315.

Please know that you and your families have been in my prayers in these last weeks and days, but even more so in these past 24 hours. I ask that you kindly keep me in yours too. In your goodness, I also ask that you join me in praying for the souls of the departed and their loved ones, for those who lost their homes, cars or other property, and for all first responders who continue to come to the assistance of those in need of help.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, through whom our diocese was consecrated, continue to protect us under her mantle and intercede for all those affected, lovingly caring for us as a mother does her children.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 12, 2021

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 13

7:00 pm Stephen Gervasi by Pina and family
Maria Barbuzzi by the Iannetta Family
Living and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, September 14 - Feast, Exaltation of the Cross

7:00 am Sarina Parks by Friends of the Madison Public Library

Wednesday, September 15

7:00 am Joseph Mutek by Sr. Dolores Toscano

Thursday, September 16

7:00 am Gonzalo Macheno by the Rodriguez Family

Friday, September 17

Saturday, September 18

9:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Ben Marshall by Mark & Antonia Marshall
4:00 pm Joseph Tomaio by Pattianne McNamara-Tomaio

Sunday, September 19 - Catechetical Sunday

7:30 am Harold and Ann Lukas by the family
10:00 am Anna, Dina and Pietro Padovani by Enzo and Theresa Padovani;
Gunner Sgt. John Basilone
12:00 pm Mary Stein by Jeff and Domenica Stein
5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18;
Mk 8:27-35

Monday

1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11;
Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16; Jn 19:25-27

Thursday

1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15



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If your grade school child is not in Catholic School, they ought to then be registered for Religious Education. If you have not done so yet, please register them now. Classes begin the week of September 27. Contact Sister Ella Mae McDonald at the parish office for more information.

Parishioner Financial Support

THANK YOU to all who help support the operation and ministry of St. Ann parish. All are encouraged to contribute using either envelopes or through WeShare Online Giving. We are also certainly grateful to all who drop off or mail their contribution. WeShare is a convenient and effective and signing up is easy. Simply go to the parish website and click on this icon and set up your personal account. Call the parish office if you need assistance.

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Contributions from August 1 weekend

Offertory Contributions	\$ 5,023
WeShare Contributions	\$ 3,688
Total for Parish Operation	\$ 8,711
Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$ 2,654

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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Karen B.	Frank Forte	Wilfredo Medina III
Joanmarie Carlone	Cindy Galvacky	Andrea Michaels
Anna Carra	Gambino Family	Lidia Natale
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Frank Cirianni	Bernadette Healy	Deborah Scarpone
Mary Contino	Brianna Rose Larson	Charalena Sena
Jerry Costanzo	Michael Lynch	Cathy Stinziano
Maria Anastasia D'Amore	Antonio, Alice & Lisa Magdamit	Patricia Tibaldi
Michael D'Angelo	Mark Marshall	Saverio Todarello
Josephine DiPiazza	Giovanna Martini	Emanuel Valentin
Mary Felice	Susan Maurice	Ron Wyka
	Jim McGuinness	

Pray for those in the Military

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army	Zack Drecchio; U.S. Navy
Victor Dulay, Jr.; U.S. Marine Corps	Pvt Tayla Rasmussen; U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Brendan Hughes; U.S. Marine Corps	PFC Daniel J. Salvo; U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Gavin John; U.S. Marine Corps	Cpl Jonathan Schultes; U.S. Marine Corps
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CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.	LtCol Louis P. Simon; U.S. Marine Corps
LCpl Sean Maj; U.S. Marine Corps	PFC Jerome C. Sunga; U.S. Army
Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army	Jack Vara; U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps	Cpl Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps
AIC Anthony John O'Connor; U.S. Air Force	Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army
	Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

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.



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