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

Wed. 7 am St. Ann
Thu. 7 am St. Ann
12:15 pm Shrine
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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
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Wednesday, 11-12noon, Holy Trinity
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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 17, 2021

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings IS 53:10-11; PS 33; HEB 4:14-16; MK 10:35-45

Our readings today convey how deeply God understands our weaknesses and sufferings, and how we are called to imitate Him through humility and service.

Our First Reading reminds us that Jesus suffered for us "through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear." Out of love for us, He willingly submitted to this to fulfill His Father's mission.

Similarly, our Second Reading reminds us that the Son of God suffered, was tempted, and died for us. He is not distant from the reality that sin is among us, or that pain and sorrow affect us.

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin." We have a God who personally understands each one of us and what we are going through each day

It is easy to forget the humanity of our God. We might view Him as distant or out of touch. Yet, these readings help us recall that the Son of God lived among us. He lived through the tempting of the devil, the loss of loved ones, emotional agony, and physical pain, just as we do.

Jesus doesn't look at us with anger when we fall into temptation or abandon us when we suffer. He knows it is hard and He is right there with us in those moments of complete shame and suffering.

St. Paul reminds us, "So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

In our weak moments, instead of running from the Lord, we are called to turn to Him. For who could understand us better than the One who knows our hearts and infinitely loves us? He desires us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness when we fall, and for the strength to keep going when we are weak.

In our Gospel, we are reminded that Jesus went through all of this becoming flesh, suffering, and dying — to serve us. Although He is God, He became man and surrendered His life into the hands of men so that we might be saved. The life of Jesus was centered around His Father's mission and the service of mankind. And this is how we ought to live — in imitation of Christ.

James and John wanted to ensure they had a spot in heaven with Jesus. They were concerned about themselves in that moment, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Jesus quickly reminded them, "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as ransom for many.

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects - that power, authority, and wealth should be our goals in life.

Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling — a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan for

Jesus did just that and it resulted in eternal life for all who seek it. So, we must ask ourselves, are we living out God's plan for our lives? Is my life centered on Christ and those around me or is it centered on me?

It can be difficult to know God's plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture — we only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus.

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Treasures of the Church Vatican Relic Tour

The Treasures of the Church - Vatican Relic Tour is stopping at St. Ann Classical Academy this Monday, October 18th. During the school day, our students will listen to a presentation on patron saints and the tradition of relics by Father Carlos Martins and have their very own reliquary exposition! Father Martins will help guide them to find a patron saint as they take a look and venerate over 150 relics that travel from all over the world.

We will be opening up the second of the two school day presentations to local homeschool families. Details for that exposition to follow so that you can let your friends know.

In the evening, our parish family and neighboring community will be welcome to join us for the **public presentation** and exposition that will begin at 7:00 pm.

Sanctify, our group for young parents, couples, single adults, and young professionals, will have our next meeting on Sunday, November 7.

Join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship as we continue our reflection on the Mass and its impact on our lives. Eucharistic Adoration will be in St. Ann's SAINTS IN THE WORLD church around 1:15, after the conclusion of the noon Mass. Formation and con-



versation will follow in the St. Ann school cafeteria. Looking forward to seeing you there!

RCIA: Invitation to "Inquire"

If you, or someone you know would like to hear more about Jesus and placing our trust in God, we invite you to join us at an Inquiry Session.

Inquiry sessions DO NOT assume a commitment to join the Catholic Faith family. 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.

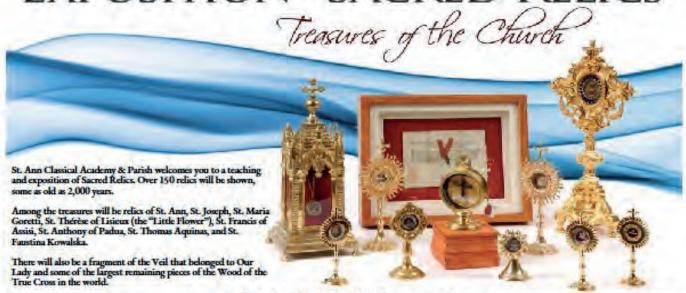
Come to an INOUIRY SESSION planned for Sunday, October 31 at 2pm in the church basement parish hall. If possible, contact the parish office or Fr. Tom to inform us of your intention to attend.

So let us make it our daily mission to do the will of God. It will look different for each one of us.

Today, let us recall that we have a loving God who completely understands us and sympathizes with us. He is waiting for us to call on Him for mercy and strength. Yet, let us also recall that our God challenges us to be imitators of Him by becoming humble servants for God and neighbor.

– Stewardship Reflections by <u>Catholic Stewardship Consultants</u>

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Sunday, 10/24, 7:00-8:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Bridgewater, NJ

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Help spread love with Boxes of Joy!

We are taking part in a nation-wide project to make gift boxes for children in developing countries. These gifts might not fix a leaky roof, but they are a tangible way for children to understand God's love, and God's gift of Jesus to us at Christmas.

Help us pack boxes!

When: Sunday, October 24th 7-8:30pm Who: Middle & High School Grades Where: Holy Trinity Church, Bridgewater, NJ What: Come for service, stay for fun!

Sign up to donate a small gift or other item, or to contribute \$10 towards the cost of shipping.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aca62caafdcf8-boxes



Consecration to Saint Joseph

Pope Francis declared the **Year of St. Joseph** "to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal."

Before the year ends, take part in a group **Consecration to St. Joseph**, a 33 day journey for us to come to know and love St. Joseph in a deeper way.

Participants will meet on Wednesdays from November 3 through December 1, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall at St. Joseph Church, Raritan.

The Consecration will take place Sunday, December 5, at 3:00 pm in St. Joseph Church.

Participants will need a copy of the book <u>Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father</u> by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. Please let us know if you need assistance acquiring the book.

RSVP to Kristina at 908-526-2394 or office@holytrinitynj.org by October 29.

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Respect for Life Rosary

At St. Ann's, this month's Pro Life Rosary will be after the 7pm Mass on Monday, October 25, instead of October 11.

Pregnancy Aid & Information Center

Those suffering and in need of information about the effects of abortion in their personal life can call the Pregnancy Aid & Information Center, confidential hotline @ 908-526-8121.

A Dark Day in America **Email Congress**

https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/88618/Respond

On Friday, September 24, the House of Representatives voted to pass the most radical abortion bill ever. Among other extreme actions, the so-called Women's Health Protection Act would:

- Allow abortion on demand nationwide throughout every stage of pregnancy
- Ban pro-life laws in every state and local government
- Force Americans to support abortions with their tax dollars
- Likely **eliminate conscience protections** for doctors

Please contact your Representative today -- either to express gratitude for voting against the bill or to express strong, but respectful, disagreement for voting for it, while urging him or her to reconsider support for this radical bill.

Additionally, it is likely that the Senate will also vote on this bill in the very near future. Please also contact your two Senators to strongly urge them to oppose the Senate version of this bill when it comes up for a vote.

Pre-written messages are ready for you to edit or send. It just takes a moment! RESPOND online to:

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NJ LIFE **FORUMS**

- NJ Reproductive Freedom Act: What's in it?
- The Abortion Connection to Covid 19
- . Human & Fetal Body Parts Trafficking
- Roe v. Wade: Dobbs v Jackson Women's Hith. Org. --Supreme Court Hearing 12/1/21

Presenters Include Physicians, Pastors, and Leaders from Family & Prolife Organizations across the State of NJ-Q & A session. Find a Forum Near You:

Tues,, 10/12/21 7pm **Bible Baptist Church** 100 Lakewood Rd. New Egypt, NJ

Tues., 10/19/21 7pm

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1179 Littleton Rd.

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Church

Thurs., 10/14/21 7pm **East Millstone United** Methodist Church 6 Elm St. Somerset, NI

Sun., 10/17/21 9:45am St. Mary of the Lake **Roman Catholic Church** 40 Jackson Rd. Medford, NJ

Wed., 10/27/21 7pm Thurs., 10/21/21 7pm **Fellowship Crosspoint Church** Sparta Evangelical 187 Chesterfield-Crosswicks Rd. Church Chesterfield, NJ 08533 385 Lafayette Rd. Sparta, NJ 08533



"Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life", respectlife.org/prayer-to-stjoseph

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. This event is sponsored by the 5 Roman Catholic Diocese of New Jersey. Coming up in October are the following talks and speakers, focusing on Family



- FR. CHRIS ALAR, MIC, Family Healing After Suicide
- DR. DANIEL & BETHANY MEOLA, Accompanying and Healing the Wounds of Adult Children of Divorce
- LINDSAY SCHLEGEL, Healing After Miscarriage

Healing:

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Lay Liturgical Ministry

Beautiful and worthy Sunday Worship is a priority for the Raritan Oratory. For this to happen, we depend on the generosity of volunteers from our parish communities. We are in need of more Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion! If you feel that you are called to serve your parish in this way, please speak to us. Your commitment to a liturgical ministry would be a great help your parish.

A Call for New Participants

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

As an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, lay people can serve by assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass (on Sundays or weekdays), at our local hospitals or nursing homes, or during visits to homebound parishioners. To become an EM, one must be a parishioner who is fully initiated (having received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation) and in good standing with the Church. Preference for a specific Mass time is taken into consideration.

Reader

Offer your voice to proclaim Sacred Scripture during Mass. Readers serve on a rotation, and preference for a specific Mass time is taken into consideration.

Workshop and Training Session for All (new & existing) Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Saturday, October 23rd.

This will be a time for formation as well as an opportunity to review and update procedures. Although the event is being held at the Holy Trinity parish center, it is for all the parishes served by the Oratory: St. Ann's, St. Joseph's, and Holy Trinity; and is mandatory for those who are already serving in these ministries, as well as new members

WHERE: Holy Trinity Church Parish Center (Bingo hall)

WHEN: Saturday, October 23rd, 10am-2pm (lunch will be provided)

RSVP for this workshop by emailing Mr. Anthony R. Nardino, Director of Liturgy and Music, at **ARNardino@raritanoratory.org**

Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala Thursday, October 28 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 28^{nd} at 7:00 p.m. and be sure to join us for the **2021 Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala**. Meet some of the people whose lives have been transformed by the services of Catholic Charities. Hear inspiring stories of the courage, creativity and compassion of our Catholic Charities 'heroes' as they continue to provide uninterrupted service to those hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please prayerfully consider becoming a *Champion for Catholic Charities* by making a gift of any amount in support of the services and programs for the most vulnerable. Links for the Virtual Gala and donations can be found at www.diometuchen.org/champions. Questions, call 732-562-2432.

Diocesan Youth Day

The Diocesan Youth Day will be held on October 23rd from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM at St.

Josephs Parish in Hills-borough. The day will cost \$20 includes time for fun, food, community, prayer, speakers, and a visit from Bishop Checchio!



Immaculata High School Open Home

On **Sunday, October 24,** middle school students and their parents are invited to attend our premier Fall admissions event: Open Home. Whether this will be your first time on our campus or you have visited us before, we are confident you will find our Open Home to be informative, engaging, and full of Spartan Spirit!

For more information and to register, please visit www.immaculatahighschool.org/openhome

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1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Current 8th Grade Students are Invited to join us for our Virtual Day of Hope and Inspiration on October 27th from 4-5 p.m.

To register, contact the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 328

Prospective Students and Families are Invited to join us for our General Information Session Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The more you learn about UC, the more you can envision your future! Pre-registration is required; go to: https://unioncatholic.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

For additional information visit our website at <u>www.unioncatholic.org</u> or call 908-889-1600, ext. 302

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Mass Intentions

Monday, October 18

7:00 pm Frank DeStefano by the DeStefano Family; Patrick Mastice by Joan Golias and Frank Kahn

Tuesday, October 19

7:00 am William and Cecelia DeSantis by Sr. Dolores
Toscano

Wednesday, October 20

7:00 am James Pacifico by Mary Pacifico

Thursday, October 21

7:00 am Patrick Mastice by Frank and Ruth Ann Kerr

Fríday, October 22

Saturday, October 23

9:00 am Ireneo Aala by Gina Saringan 4:00 pm Michael Lopez by Rosa Leon

Sunday, October 24

7:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Holy

Name Society

12:00 pm Jose and Maria Gajardo by the Rego Family 5:00 pm Michael D'Angelo- Health and Blessings by

his wife and family

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21: Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



Altar Candle #1 for Frank DeStefano by his mother and family

St. Joseph Lamp for Rose, Peter Wyke Sr. and Peter Wyka, Jr. by Ron and Cathy Wyka





Altar Flowers for John Schaub Sr. by Ann and children

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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
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PFC Jerome C. Sunga; U.S. Army
Jack Vara; U.S. Marine Corps
Cpl Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army
Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

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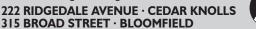


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