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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
Wednesday,	7-8pm,	St. Ann
—or by appointment—		

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Paul tells us that the greatest spiritual gift is love (1 Cor). If we are to be a synodal Church, then all our interactions ought to be marked by love as Paul described it: patient, kind, rejoicing in the truth. A synodal Church is not jealous, pompous, inflated, rude, self-interested (or, as Pope Francis might put it, self-referential), or quick-tempered; it does not brood over injury or rejoice over wrongdoing. Are we aware of the attitudes that mark our conversations?

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 30

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

JER 1:4-5, 17-19; PS 71:1-6, 15-17; 1 COR 12:31-13:13 or 1 COR 13:4-13; LK 4:21-30

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." These ancient words in our First Reading from the Book of Jeremiah are meant for each one of us reflecting on them today! God has given us, His children, a purpose, and mission to fulfill while we are here on this earth. Embracing Stewardship as a way of life helps us to both find and fulfill the unique mission that God has in mind for each one of us. How?

Stewardship helps us to continuously evaluate all areas of daily life. It calls us first to come to an awareness of the specific gifts God has given us in each area. Once we have been awakened to the particular ways in which God has blessed us, we can set about putting those gifts to the best possible use for the advancement of His Kingdom. While every baptized Christian is called to this universal mission, God has in mind a unique way for each one of us to carry it out. We need to ask ourselves if our daily use of the Time, Talent, and Treasure God has given us aligns with this mission in the individual circumstances of our lives right now.

But what is the real measuring stick in each of these areas? Is it the number of Rosaries I can recite in a given week? The number of ministries in which I am involved? The amount of money I give in the weekly offering? How can I tell if I am fulfilling God's mission for my life?

It is not the numbers themselves that please our Lord. Rather, as St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading today, the "measure" is the love that we put into the Time, Talent and Treasure we offer Him in grateful return. "If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own and hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing." God is not after a particular number. What He wants us to give over to Him is our very selves.

Real love is not a sentiment. Real love is manifested in living a virtuous life. We read later in St. Paul's letter that real love takes strength: it is patient, kind, humble, other-centered, truth-seeking, and long-suffering. Love is the heroic giving of oneself even when it is uncomfortable; especially then. Love looks like Jesus. Love lives like Jesus.

Sometimes, perhaps oftentimes, living like Jesus is difficult. We see this in the Gospel Reading today where we find Jesus in action, preaching in the synagogue in His hometown. He speaks truth to the people He loves, the ones He grew up with and shared His early days with. How do they respond? They are filled with fury and run Him out of town, intent on throwing Him from a cliff! Yet Jesus is undeterred. He passes right through them and presses forward with the mission His Father has entrusted to Him.

We are called to live with this same strength and determination, fueled by the power of love and by gratitude for all God has given us.

— *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

REMINDER MONTHLY FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend is our monthly food drive collection for the Somerset County Food Bank. **They are in need of pasta and tomato products.** They are very grateful for our generosity. They are currently serving over 100 families a day. Thank you for your generous donations and thoughtfulness. If you have any questions, please contact Christine at the parish office.

SANCTIFY SAINTS IN THE WORLD

Sanctify, our group for young families, couples, and adult singles will be meeting on **Sunday, February 6 at 1:15 p.m. following the noon Mass at St. Ann's.**

Join us as we begin a Series of Reflections on the 7 Sacraments!

We will first meet in St. Ann church for Eucharistic Adoration at 1:15 pm followed by a talk on Baptism and some group discussion and fellowship.

For more information & to RSVP, locate our Facebook page by searching for '**Sanctify Catholics**'.

We hope to see you there!

- Joe, Maggi, and the Sanctify core team

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life February 2, 2022 (Celebrated in Parishes February 5-6)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 and in parishes over the weekend of February 5-6, 2022. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Saint Lucy Filippini

Here at St. Ann's we are blessed to have the presence of consecrated life in the form of the Religious Teachers Filippini, who are commemorating the 350th birthday of their Foundress, St. Lucy Filippini. We too can benefit from their jubilee year of anniversary celebration. Permission has been given from the Vatican for us to receive Plenary Indulgences throughout this anniversary year. For one year this privilege is given to any chapel or church associated with the Institute of the Religious Teachers Filippini, or if they pray in front of the relics of Saint Lucy, with the usual conditions necessary for a plenary indulgence. The Decree containing more details is copied on the next page. Also for your use is a Prayer to St. Lucy.

DECREE

The **APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY**, by virtue of the faculties granted to it in a very special way by our Holy Father Francis, in order to promote the holiness of the faithful and the good of souls, attentive to the request recently presented by the Rev. Sister Ascenza Tizzano, Superior General of the Institute of the Maestre Pie Filippini, on the occasion of the jubilee year of St. Lucy Filippini, founder of the aforementioned Institute, drawing on the spiritual treasure of the Church, willingly grants a plenary indulgence, which can be obtained under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff), by the Maestre Pie and the Christian faithful, truly repentant and animated by charity, from the 13th of January 2022, until the 13th of January 2023, and (grants) also that it can be applied in suffrage of the souls of the faithful who are in Purgatory, if on pilgrimage they visit and devoutly participate in the jubilee rites:

- the chapel of the Generalate in Rome,
- or the sanctuary of Montefiascone, where the venerated remains of St. Lucy Filippini are kept,
- or any chapel or church, which in any place concerns, is cared for, followed, or refers to the Institute of the Maestre Pie Filippini,
- or if they remain in front of the relics of St. Lucy Filippini at least for a suitable period of time in meditation and prayer, to be concluded with the Our Father, the Creed, the invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and to St. Lucy Filippini.

The elderly, the sick and all those who for a serious cause are unable to leave their homes will still be able to obtain the plenary indulgence if, detesting every sin, having the intention of satisfying the three usual conditions as soon as possible, spiritually they are united to the Jubilee celebrations, having humbly offered to the merciful God their prayers, their pains and the inconveniences of life.

So that, therefore, the attainment of divine grace, through the Church, may be pastorally facilitated, this Penitentiary strongly recommends to Priests in possession of the faculty of hearing confessions, to offer themselves with an available and generous spirit for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

This decree is valid only for the jubilee year. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Rome, Palace of the Apostolic Penitentiary, December 2, Year of the Incarnation of the Lord 2021.

*Mauro Card. Piacenza, Major Penitentiary
Christopher Nykiel, Regent*



Prayer to Saint Lucy Filippini

Saint Lucy Filippini, Holy Teacher, in this jubilee year, we invoke your particular protection. Obtain for us from the Lord the grace to live in fidelity to the commitments of our Baptism and to face the challenges of our time with serenity and courage.

Grant that following your example, we can be credible witnesses of human and Christian values, and know how to welcome and love each other as brothers and sisters. Intercede for us. May our homes be places of communion and cenacles of prayer.

Saint Lucy, Holy Teacher, pray for us.

To gain a plenary indulgence recite this prayer and the conditions required for a plenary indulgence.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

January 20, 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we begin a new calendar year, we always make time to recognize our Catholic schools. Unfortunately, again this year we are challenged to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (January 30 – February 5, 2022) in the midst of rising COVID numbers and the disruption that has resulted. But, as always, our schools will rise to the challenge. I was very proud that our schools were able to offer in-person education last year to those families that wanted to have their children in school. In addition, for those families that preferred to have their students remain at home, a very successful virtual learning opportunity existed in every school. It was a great blessing to be able to serve our families, and I am so grateful to the pastors, principals and teachers that made it happen. The students were most cooperative too. Without a doubt, being able to keep our schools open during that challenging time was certainly a blessing.



While we all had hoped that this school year would be a bit easier, that has not proven to be the case. Once again, our schools have adapted to the needs of the school community. They are providing virtual learning to those that must quarantine, being attentive to health and safety requirements, and enjoying as many school activities as possible. There are school Masses celebrated, plays being performed, school clubs have resumed and outreach to others remains a hallmark of a Catholic school.

In my recent Pastoral Letter on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Metuchen, I asked that we embrace three priorities that will enable us to answer the Lord's call even more effectively: increased prayer, works of mercy and vocations. During this anniversary year, I am looking forward to learning how these priorities will be met in the schools. There are many liturgical celebrations during the year in every school, Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, special devotions, and daily prayer.

This year, there will be an increased focus on prayer, the quiet time that our students need to be with God. The campus ministry programs at our high schools have many good activities taking place. Recently, given the number of young priests we have ordained, we are blessed to again have some young priests assigned full time to our high schools as Directors of Catholic Identity and as teachers, who I hope and pray are able to foster the prayer lives of our students and faculties. Our schools are such an important part of our evangelization efforts, as they assist our students in not only learning about Jesus and the Church but in deepening their friendship with Him. I hear from our school parents how grateful they are as our schools not only offer a great education for their children but also enable our families to live Gospel values proudly at a time when that is becoming more and more challenging.

I am always so impressed, too, by the outreach and acts of mercy that our school communities do within their school and parish, but also for others. From Appalachia to Haiti and beyond, students and their families are encouraged to reach out and act in the name of Jesus. This year, I am asking that our students, just like everyone else in the diocese, perform 40 acts of mercy in honor of our anniversary year. So often when students participate in outreach of any kind, the entire family becomes involved, and that is such a blessing.

The third priority we are embracing during this anniversary year is the need for vocations. We must constantly pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is difficult in today's noisy and fast paced world to create a culture that allows young men and women to be able to even hear God's call. Our Catholic schools must be such places. I was delighted to hear that each of our schools has "adopted" one of our seminarians. In some schools, the seminarian has visited, either virtually or in person, to discuss his spiritual journey and vocation with the students. It is good to know that there are so many prayers coming from our students in support of our seminarians and praying for more young men and women to answer God's call to serve as priests and religious.

As a product of Catholic schools, I know what a blessing they are, and am so grateful to my parents for having always sent me to Catholic schools. I was not as aware then of all the significant sacrifices people make for our Catholic schools but have certainly learned that, so I want to thank all those who make our schools possible. We here in the Diocese of Metuchen are blessed by the leadership of Ellen Ayoub who serves as our Secretary for Schools. Her love of our Lord and His Church is evident, and she knows well the value of what our schools do. We are grateful for her dedication to our school families. I am grateful, too, for all our religious sisters and brothers who have taught with our dedicated lay teachers, our principals, administrators and staff and I truly appreciate all the dedicated supporters of our schools.

I am very thankful that quite a few of our pastors have told me that in these past two years more people are choosing to send their children to our Catholic schools. I know from my own experience and from what I see, they will not regret it.

While I have the great privilege of learning about our school communities through by visits to them, even now as we are being more careful, I invite you to visit the Office of Catholic Schools' website to learn more about our wonderful schools. Check our social media, too, to see what is happening in the schools.

So, as we journey into a new year, please join me in praying for our youth as well as our schools and all who make them possible. Know of my love and prayers for you always and may all of you have a Blessed 2022.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

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

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SACA Open House, January 30

St. Ann Classical Academy will have an Open House on Sunday, January 30, 2022. Help to spread the word and invite other family and friends. This is the best opportunity to get to know the vibrant culture of our great school! Come meet our faculty and learn how our classical education plan awakens the wonder in your child and in our parents as well!

This Open House begins with the 10 am Mass at St. Ann Church, followed by a pancake breakfast put together by our Home-School Association. After breakfast and a presentation, tours will follow. Stop for a bit, or stay for a while! Children are welcome!

Please register through the school website to help us plan our event: <https://stannclassical.org/open-house>

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2022-2023 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 online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2022**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

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2021 Contribution Letter for Tax Purposes

To request your 2021 Contribution Letter from St. Ann's for tax purposes call Barbara at the Parish Office at (908) 725-1008, press 1 then 4. Leave your name, address, phone number and how you would like to receive the letter (mail, email or in-person pick up).

Parishioner Financial Support

THANK YOU to all who helped support the operation and ministry of St. Ann parish throughout 2021. Whether it be by envelope, by mail or by online giving, your contributions are essential and appreciated.

WeShare online giving is encouraged because of its ease of use, consistency in support and flexibility. It is easy to sign up. 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 the Weekend of January 23

Offertory Contributions	\$ 6,525
WeShare Contributions	\$ 2,786
Total for Parish Operation	\$ 9,311
Catholic Education (DOM)	\$ 1,069
DOM other	\$ 25

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 30, 2022

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 31

7:00 pm Lorine Denton by Kristin Gondeck and family;
Alex Davidson by the Davidson Family

Tuesday, February 1

7:00 am Peter Scavo by Mom and Dad

Wednesday, February 2

Feast, Presentation of the Lord

7:00 am Matthew DeMaio by Ken & Donna Critchlow
and family

Thursday, February 3

7:00 am Salvatore Cammarata and Family by Lena
Cammarata

Friday, February 4 -First Friday

7:00 pm Gene Yuliano by Randy Fisher

Saturday, February 5

9:00 am Sr. Mary Agnes and Sr. Angelina Toscano by
Sr. Dolores Toscano

4:00 pm Maria Rose Lacquaniti by Domenico Natale

Sunday, February 6

7:30 am Antonio & Maria Rosa Greco by Isabella Ruffa

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

12:00 pm Antonio & Maria Mattei; George & Lena Taylor
and Jessie Lawson by Inez & Bob Taylor

5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor
12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-
13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,
30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12;
Mk 6:7-13

First Friday

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

First Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



Altar Candle #1 for Peter Scavo
by Mom and Dad

Altar Candle #2 for Angelo Bavaro
by his daughter Lia Ruffa and family

Blessed Mother Lamp for Annie Lella Day
by the Patente Family



Mass Intentions for July-December 2022

If you wish to request a Mass Intention for July-December 2022 please call Barbara, our Parish Secretary at (908) 725-1008, press 1 and then 4. **Mass Intentions will only be taken over the phone or by appointment only. No walk-ins.** There is a limit of 3 Mass Intentions. The offering for each Mass is \$10.00.

FIRST FRIDAY

We typically Expose the Blessed Sacrament
from 5pm to 7pm on First Fridays.

This Friday, February 4, make some adoration time
and be with our Lord in the Eucharist.

The evening First Friday Mass will start at 7pm.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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Susan Maurice

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Andrea Michaels
Lidia Natale
Ann Navatto
Victor Rangel
Marie Richardson
Deborah Scarpone
Charalena Sena
Cathy Stinziano
Patricia Tibaldi
Saverio Todarello
Emanuel Valentin
Ron Wyka

Pray for those in the Military

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army
Victor Dulay, Jr; U.S. Marine Corps
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PFC Gavin John; U.S. Marine Corps
LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps
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LCpl Sean Maj; U.S. Marine Corps
Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army
Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps
AIC Anthony John O'Connor; U.S. Air
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Zack Drecchio; 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
SPC4 Joshua Sena U.S. Army
LtCol Louis P. Simon; U.S. Marine Corps
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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