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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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St. Ann Classical Academy Open House Sunday, February 27, 2022

10:00 am Mass at St. Ann Church
11:00 am Pancake breakfast in the SACA Cafeteria
11:30 am Presentation on our classical education plan and parent-school partnership (SACA Cafeteria)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Self-guided tours of classrooms and school; Meet with faculty members and parent ambassadors

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Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

JER 17: 5-8; PS 1:1-4,6; 1 COR 15:12, 16-20; LK 6: 17, 20-26

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

The First Reading from Jeremiah paints a vivid picture of the difference between the person who puts his trust in fellow humans versus the person who relies on — or, in other words, hopes in — the Lord. "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh... He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season but stands in a lava waste." Not a pretty picture!

On the other hand, the prophet teaches, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green."

Notice that the one who trusts in the Lord does not escape the heat any more than the one who has put his trust in human strength — his own or another's. The difference between the two is that the one who fails to trust in the Lord becomes barren in the heat, while the one who trusts in God is given the means to persevere and even thrive in the midst of the challenging times. "Its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress but still bears fruit."

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that it is foolish to think of hope in the Lord with only an "earthly" vision since God desires nothing less than our eternal happiness. "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." To aim only for comforts or pleasure or honors in this life is actually an impoverished way of living.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

— Stewardship Reflections by *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

(Romans 12:1)

CATECHISTS (still) NEEDED for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

You can make a big difference in a young person's faith and life.

Answer Christ's call to serve; grow in your own faith too. Sr. Ella Mae is in need of additional teachers to assist at evening Religious Education sessions. Contact her at the parish office with any questions and for more details.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF TWO PRIESTS

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of:

Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Corona,

a priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, who passed away on Saturday, February 5th. Fr. Corona was ordained to the priesthood on May 25, 1968. He served as parochial vicar of St. Peter, New Brunswick, pastor of Saint Philip and St. James Church, Phillipsburg; St. Ann Church, Raritan and Administrator of St. Luke, North Plainfield.

Reverend Monsignor Terrance Lawler,

a retired priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, who passed away on Sunday, February 6th. Fr. Lawler was ordained to the priesthood on May 25, 1974. He served as parochial vicar of St. Peter, New Brunswick, pastor of St. Joseph Church, North Plainfield; Our Lady of Victories, Sayreville; Our Lady of the Mount, Warren and St. Mary, Alpha before retiring to Blessed Sacrament parish in July 2021.

Saint Cardinal John Henry Newman

An extraordinary life as a theologian, pastor, novelist, convert to Catholicism, and Oratorian. He had a tremendous influence on the Second Vatican Council, is considered one of the greatest English prose writers of the 19th Century, and has inspired the recent growth of the Oratory especially in the English-speaking world. Learn about this fascinating recently canonized saint:

**Wednesday, February 23 at 7pm
at Holy Trinity Church basement,**

with a viewing of Bishop Barron's film
St. John Henry Newman: The Convert
followed by a discussion led by Fr. Jeff.



HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

The Oratorian community invites you to our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour. This month's Holy Hour will be held on **Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 3:30 pm** at the Catholic Church of St. Ann, Raritan.

This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction.



Thank you to our parish family for the 16 generous bags of food for the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. Greatly appreciated and will be dispersed to many families. We have a monthly food collection on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support!

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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.factsmtg.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.

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

40 Works of Mercy Initiative

Guided by Bishop James F. Checchio's newest pastoral letter, "Answering the Lord's Call through Prayer, Works of Mercy, and Vocations," the Office of Communications and Public Relations is assisting with the preparation of information for a "40 Works of Mercy" initiative, which will further detail how we can "put mercy into action" this coming Lent and Easter as we continue to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese. Stay tuned for the release of more information in the coming days.

SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Synod Listening Session will be held in order that we may respond to the Holy Father's call to journey together, to engage in dialogue with one another, and to listen to what the Lord is asking of us. Registration is requested for the listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes and to register, visit: diometuchen.org/synod2023.

Our local listening sessions will be at:

County Seat Deanery

Friday, February 18, 2022

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

or 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Immaculata High School, Somerville



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).



The Diocese of Metuchen SURVIVING DIVORCE

"Respect needs to be shown especially for the sufferings of those who have unjustly endured separation, divorce or abandonment..." — Pope Francis

FOR MEN AND WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

This program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce.

8 Week Program

Wednesdays 7p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

March 16, 23, 30 • April 6, 20, 27 • May 4 and 11

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Learn to smile again. The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, NEW ministry for men and women who are suffering from the pain and loneliness of divorce.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 13, 2022

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 14

7:00 pm Angelo Bavaro by Raffaella Bavaro and family;
Frank and Mary Anne Mangiaracina by the
Patente Family;
Living and Deceased Members of the Knights
of Columbus

Tuesday, February 15

7:00 am Frank Toscano and Nicholas Toscano by Sr.
Dolores Toscano

Wednesday, February 16

7:00 am Msgr. Leon A. Mosko by Stephanie Zarecki and
Riley Ramsthaler

Thursday, February 17

7:00 am JoAnn D'Alessio by Harold and Jacqueline
D'Alessio

Friday, February 18

Saturday, February 19

9:00 am Maria Barbuzzi by the Massa Family
4:00 pm Theresa Bray by Jill Hockenbury

Sunday, February 20

7:30 am Antonio and Maria Rosa Greco by Caterina
and
Saverio Todarello
10:00 am Joseph & Maria Toscano by Sr. Dolores
Toscano
12:00 pm Alberto Falco by Antoinette Falco and family
5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
Thursday Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

Monday Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Friday Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1

Tuesday Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Saturday Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13

Wednesday
Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions

Blessed Mother Lamp in Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

Pro-Life Candle for Frank Rita
by Marie Rita

Altar Flowers for JoAnn D'Alessio
by Harold and Jacqueline D'Alessio



Parishioner Financial Support

THANK YOU to all who help support the operation and ministry of St. Ann parish. Whether by envelope, by mail or by online giving, your contributions are essential & 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 February 6

Offertory Contributions	\$ 5,909
WeShare Contributions	\$ 3,246
Total for Parish Operation	\$ 9,155
DOM other	\$ 137

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

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.

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Joseph Arena Joanmarie Carlone Anna Carra Bruno Cirianni Frank Cirianni Mary Contino Jerry Costanzo Maria Anastasia D'Amore Michael D'Angelo Roseann Danna Josephine DiPiazza John Falco Mike Florczak Frank Forte Cindy Galvacky Gambino Family	Maria Rosa Gasparro Susan H. Bernadette Healy Anthony Hughes Brianna Rose Larson Jay LaVerghetta Franco Lopreiato Michael Lynch Antonio, Alice & Lisa Magdamit Mark Marshall Giovanna Martini Susan Maurice Jim McGuinness	Edward J. McNamara Wilfredo Medina III Andrea Michaels Lidia Natale Ann Navatto Victor Rangel Marie Richardson Deborah Scarpone Charalena Sena Karen Soriano Cathy Stinziano Patricia Tibaldi Saverio Todarello Emanuel Valentin Ron Wyka
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Pray for those in the Military

2LT Ryan Baumbusch, U.S. Army National Guard LtCol Michael A. De Cicco, U.S. Army Victor Dulay, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps 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 AIC Anthony John O'Connor, U.S. Air Force	Zack Drecchio, U.S. Navy Pvt Tayla Rasmussen, 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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