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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
Friday,	11-12noon	Shrine of Bl. Sac.
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 7, 2022

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Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

WIS 18: 6-9; PS 33; HEB 11: 1-2, 8-19; LK 12:32-48

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves two potentially life-changing questions.

The first question is this: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the "right" answer to this question: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

To bring to light what we truly treasure in life, we can each ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I choose to spend my time when I find myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about my what is important to me?"

As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all that God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts?

The second question today's readings ask is this: "What would you do if you were not afraid?" To put it another way, "What would you do if you had radical faith in God?" The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews defines faith as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

This passage inspires us with the faith shown by Abraham. "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. By faith he sojourned in the promised land... By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age."

Abraham was a senior citizen when he received the seemingly crazy invitation from God to take his entire household and head out to an unknown destination. He was an elderly man with an elderly wife and no heirs when God promised to give him countless descendants. Putting his faith in God, Abraham rose above all the fears and doubts he may have had and set out, following God's call to him "for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy."

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us plainly, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." If our perfect Father is pleased to offer us nothing less than His Son right now, and Heaven eventually, then what on earth have we to be afraid of?

So, what would our lives look like if we lived unafraid? If we had the kind of radical faith that Abraham showed in ancient days. What ministry might I take on? Or, what projects might I pass up at work so that I can be more present at home? What is the risk God is asking me to take as an act of faith in Him and gratitude for all He has given me?

Later in this Gospel passage Jesus challenges us with these words. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

There is so much to think about this week. Let's ask ourselves what we really treasure, and then take a bold risk — faith-filled and unafraid — to show our gratitude to God for all that He has given to us.

— Stewardship Reflections by *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

Feast Day on August 13

Vigil Holy Hour and Sung Vespers

Friday Aug. 12, 7:00-8:00pm

- Veneration of the Relic of Bl. McGivney
- Prayers for the Canonization of Bl. Michael McGivney
- Chanted Vespers and Beautiful Organ Music!
- Opportunity for Confession!

Missa Canta in the Dominican Rite

Saturday Aug. 13, Mass 9-10am

- Breakfast Reception after Mass, basement parish hall
- Reflection on Bl. McGivney's Life and Founding of the Knights of Columbus



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ATTENTION, PARISH SENIORS

Enjoy a relaxing opportunity to connect and socialize with others from St. Ann parish. Seniors and those recently retired, enjoy a coffee or tea, a snack and pleasant conversation on **Wednesday, August 17th, from 1-3pm.**



Meet in the **Church Meeting Room.** Bring a friend too!

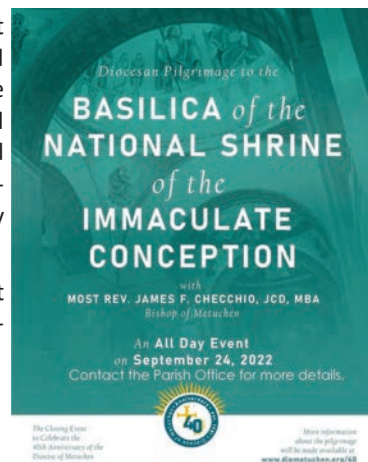
For planning purposes,
please RSVP to Natasha at
908-392-3643.

The closing of the **40th Anniversary Year of the Diocese of Metuchen** will be a diocesan **Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, September 24, 2022.**

See <https://diometuchen.org/pilgrimage-in-honor-of-the-40th-anniversary> for trip details.

Various parishes throughout the diocese have reserved bus transportation for the pilgrimage, including local parishes St. Bernards and Mary Mother of God. If interested in attending by bus, try contacting them.

For more information about the pilgrimage or transportation, please contact Angela Marshall at amarshall@diometuchen.org



The Catholic Church of St. Ann

Local Knights of Columbus Councils are gathering needed items for the Knights in Ukraine to distribute.

The Knights of Columbus Ukraine State Deputy has asked for:

**non-perishable canned food,
men's socks/underwear,
coats,
water purification tablets and
bandages.**



**Please bring your
contributions to the
church next weekend,
August 13/14.**

Family in Raritan seeking an Elder Caregiver:

Looking for a caregiver/home health care aide (live-in preferred) for a lovely 90 year old woman who lives in Raritan with her 92 year old husband. She is Italian speaking but understands English. Husband is independent and assists in her daily life. She is in a wheelchair and is able to use a walker but needs to be monitored and assisted with all ambulation.

The family is close knit with three adult children, who are working full time, but on hand to help with care and take parents to all doctor appointments and shopping.

Private room and board included for live-in. Flexible with a non live-in situation if hours covered are adequate for our needs. Negotiable.

For further requirements and if interested in making contact, please call Christine at the parish office, 908-725-1008 press #1, then #6.

National Eucharistic Revival



The Bishops of the United States have called for a National Eucharistic Revival, challenging Catholics across the US to deepen their reverence for Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. This is to be a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, beginning with Corpus Christi this year, June 19, 2022. They believe that God wants to see **a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission “for the life of the world.”**

See <https://eucharisticrevival.org/>

Prayer for the Revival

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners.

Our Lady of Fatima

Read the 2021 USCCB document on the Eucharist, the doctrinal source text for the Eucharistic Revival, entitled:

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

An online pdf copy of this document can be printed from this link

<https://isidoreandmaria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/The-Mystery-of-the-Eucharist-in-the-Life-of-the-Church.pdf>


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)

Men's Rosary Rally

**Sunday, August 14th | 1:30-2:30 pm
@ the Lord Memorial Fountain in Somerville, NJ**

Gather on the corner of East Main and Grove Streets, next to the Somerset County Court House.

*Join local Catholic men in powerful public
prayer for His glorification, our reparation, and
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

More info: njrosary@protonmail.com |  @mensrosary

St. Ann Classical Academy Hiring Teachers

We are still in the process of interviewing for open teacher positions in the new 2022-2023 academic year, including Pre-K and Science, and also part-time gym instructor.

Applicants or referrals, please contact Mrs. Marisa Day through the school office.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering for during the school lunch hour, inquire at the school. Note that child protection training and background check is required in advance. Thank you for your consideration.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 8

7:00 pm Living and Deceased Knights of Columbus;
Antonio Gasparro by Gregorio and Dominica
Grande;
Pasquale Suriano by his children and grand
children;
Ernesto Parisi by his wife Rosa Parisi

Tuesday, August 9

7:00 am Giuseppa Cesta by M. Cesta

Wednesday, August 10

7:00 am Andrew Betsko by Kevin, Eva and Kevin Jr.
Hewitt

Thursday, August 11

7:00 am Maria Rose and Antonio Greco by Isabella
Ruffa

Friday, August 12

Saturday, August 13

9:00 am Teresa Grande by Michele Pannia and family
4:00 pm Anna and Filipo DiBetta by Angelo and
Catherine Viscariello

Sunday, August 14

7:30 am Andrew Betsko by the Filippini Sisters of
St. Ann's Convent
10:00 am Liberato and Catherine DeCastro and their
sons;
William and Matthew by Trina and Bill
Dumont
12:00 pm Peter Scavo by Lena and Joe Iannetta
5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Thursday
Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48	Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1
Monday	Friday
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12
Tuesday	Saturday
Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Wednesday	
2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26	



Blessed Mother Lamp for Antonio Gasparro

by his daughter Sabrina and family

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 information from the weekend of July 31

Offertory Contributions	\$ 5,363
WeShare Contributions	\$ 3,035
Total for Parish Operation	\$ 8,398
Contributions for Organ	\$ 6,950
DOM other	\$ 75

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

Car Needed for the Filippini Sisters

Buying a new car? Is your old one still safe and functional? Consider donating it to the church! It's tax deductible.

The 2000 Chevy Impala that the Sisters have been using is no longer a safe and reliable vehicle and needs to be replaced. If you have a used car in good working order that you are no longer using, we would be very grateful for a donation. Please contact the parish office.

Pray for those in the Military

ZLT Ryan Baumbusch , U.S. Army National Guard	TSgt Anthony John O'Connor , U.S. Air Force
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
AIC Olivia F. Geary , U.S. Air Force	PFC Daniel J. Salvo , U.S. Marine Corps
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PFC Gavin John , U.S. Marine Corps	SPC4 Joshua Sena , U.S. Army
LCpl Matthew John , U.S. Marine Corps	LtCol Louis P. Simon , U.S. Marine Corps
CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.	PFC Jerome C. Sunga , U.S. Army
LCpl Sean Maj , U.S. Marine Corps	Jack Vara , U.S. Marine Corps
Maj Michael Morella , U.S. Army	Cpl Daniel Viscariello , U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt Dan Neville , U.S. Marine Corps	Sgt Janet Wyka , U.S. Army
	Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti , U.S. Air Force

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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Anna Carra	Susan H.	Lidia Natale
Bruno Cirianni	Bernadette Healy	Ann Navatto
Frank Cirianni	Anthony Hughes	Victor Rangel
Mary Contino	Brianna Rose Larson	Luigi and Carmela
Jerry Costanzo	Franco Lopreiato	Rocciolo.
Maria Anastasia	Michael Lynch	Deborah Scarpone
D'Amore	Antonio, Alice &	Cathy Stinziano
Michael D'Angelo	Lisa Magdamit	Patricia Tibaldi
Roseann Danna	Mark Marshall	Saverio Todarello
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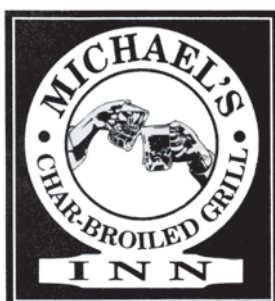
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