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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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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 21, 2022

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Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings IS 66:18-21; PS 117: 1-2; HEB 12:5-7, 11-13; LK 13:22-30

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

In fact, the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, mentions "discipline" five times in the six verses of today's passage. Some examples: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord." "Endure your trials as discipline." "Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines." In this passage we also learn why we should embrace God's discipline: "Later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it."

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Then He goes on to tell the parable of the master of the house who locked his door to those outside. Jesus says, "You will stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord open the door for us.'" But the master will say in reply that he does not know them. Jesus continues, "And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' But the master will insist, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.'" Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus leaves us with great hope that it is indeed possible to make it through the narrow gate. He tells us, "People will come from the east and the west, and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Holiness of life, true discipleship, is meant for everyone — young and old, rich and poor, powerful and lowly.

In the week ahead let's strive to embrace the spiritual disciplines that can transform us into real disciples of Christ and lead us into the Kingdom of God.

— Stewardship Reflections by *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*



Family Prayer Night

Meeting in St. Ann's church hall
Saturday, August 27, starting at 5:30pm.

Included in the evening is an opportunity for families to pray the Rosary together and to share a potluck meal.

All are welcome to attend. Please sign up at
<https://forms.gle/rOewuqrNRUNHXXb57>

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

This Sunday, August 21, 2022

at 3:30 pm at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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



Annual Oratory Barbecue

will follow on the grounds of
Holy Trinity Church
60 Maple Street
Bridgewater, NJ

Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Prayer Service October 30, 2022

The diocesan church cordially invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2022 to attend the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service with Bishop F. Checchio on Sunday, **October 30th, 2022 (Please note the change in date--previously October 16th)** at 3:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey.

Registration at www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration is required to attend the Prayer Service.

If anyone has any questions, please email
amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.



Pilgrimage to Basilica, September 24, 2022

Please join the diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA, Bishop of Metuchen on Saturday, September 24, 2022 to celebrate the closing event of the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Metuchen.

Bishop Checchio will also welcome Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio, to the United States, the personal and official representative of Pope Francis, to join us on this prayerful day.

For a schedule of the day, additional information, and a list of parishes running buses to the Basilica, please visit:
www.diometuchen.org/pilgrimage-in-honor-of-the-40th-anniversary.

For questions or concerns, please contact
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Thank you to all who have given generous contributions or made pledges of support for our replacement church organ.

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The Allen Organ company has been providing quality electronic instruments to churches for decades. This organ is from 2013 and was in active use in a church from 2013-2020. Although it is a "lightly used" instrument, our organ company still offered us a 10 year warranty for all parts and labor.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 22 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 pm Josephine Forktus by Steve and sons;
Robert Fonti by Jane and Robert Romain;
Primo Mongiello by his wife

Tuesday, August 23

7:00 am Margaret Vaughn Greene by the Critchlow Family

Wednesday, August 24 – Feast of St. Bartholomew

7:00 am Arlene Hecht by Dede Noyes & Patsy Schang

Thursday, August 25

7:00 am Chris Pfeil by the Ganz Family

Friday, August 26

Saturday, August 27

9:00 am Rose Fusca & Maria Fusca by Caterina Fusca
4:00 pm Mary Felice by the Lettieri Family

Sunday, August 28

7:30 am People of the Parish
10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
12:00 pm Anthony Lettieri by the Lettieri Family
5:00 pm Tony Iannetta by Maria Lorio and Catherine Viscariello

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Monday

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



Altar Candle #1 for Angelo Casola
by the Massa Family

Pro-Life Candle for Carmella Rita
by Marie Rita



Job Opening—Part-Time Custodian

St. Ann's Parish is looking for a part-time Custodian to work Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00 am—3:00 pm. Call the Parish Office to inquire further.

Parishioner Financial Support

THANK YOU to all who help support the operation and ministry of St. Ann parish.

Contributions information for the weekend of August 14 was NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS BULLETIN PRINTING; WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT BULLETIN.

"Take; this is my body"

—Mark 14:22

The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial.

"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love." (St. John Paul II, *Dominicae cense*, no. 3)



"It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God." (CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist "makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)

Pray for those in the Military

2LT Ryan Baumbusch, U.S. Army National Guard

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Cpl Daniel Viscariello, 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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Frank Cirianni

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