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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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 12, 2023

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Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

SIR 15:15-20; 1 COR 2:6-10; MT 5:17-37

Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice — “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.”

The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise that we participate in on an occasional basis. It is meant to be embraced as a way of life a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, “You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

— Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

The observances of **National Marriage Week** (Feb. 7-14) and **World Marriage Day** (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, "Marriage...one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.

Saint Ann Regional Marriage Ministry
2023 World Marriage Day!

Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage!

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, 6:30 – 9:00 PM

For adult couples who are dating, engaged,
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\$35 per couple

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Church Meeting Room

RSVP: 908-725-1008 (Christine)

Married in 2003, Bill and Ketrin Maxwell are members of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Martinsville, NJ. Bill has degrees in chemistry and biology, an MBA, and serves as a Trustee at Immaculata High School. Ketrin was, born in Spain and has a PhD. in psychology, and serves on the board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapy. Come hear their testimony.



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ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 22, 2023

- **8 am St. Ann** (parish & school)
- 8 am St. Joseph
- 12:15 pm Shrine Chapel
- 12:15 pm Holy Trinity
- **4 pm St. Ann** (Liturgy of the Word)
- **7 pm St. Ann**
- 7 pm Holy Trinity
- 7 pm Shrine Chapel (Latin)
- 7:30 pm St. Joseph (Spanish)

forever and ever. Amen.

MONTHLY SOCIAL for PARISH SENIORS and RETIREES

Come out to a friendly social time with others from our faith community? The next gathering will be on **Wednesday, February 15th from 1pm to 3pm**, in the church basement Meeting Room.

Enjoy some afternoon tea or coffee and a light snack.

No charge.

RSVP to Natasha Zelis at 908-392-3643, call or text, or email at Tashazelis1@gmail.com



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

There have been some changes to volunteering for HOME (former IHN). We are looking for volunteers to help prepare and drop off meals to the HOME center in Somerville. HOME provides emergency shelter among houses of worship in Somerset County.

Volunteers will be notified via email of the dates where meals are needed and you can sign up for a date if you are available. If you would like to be added to our email list and get notified when we need meals, please send an email to mkarg@verizon.net or call Christine at the parish office.

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

OASIS 2023 DAY of PRAYER for WOMEN

April 22, 2023
9:30am-3:00pm

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Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Stirling, NJ

Mass, Confession, Rosary, Stations, Eucharistic Adoration

Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be available

Registration Fee: \$15.00

Kindly register by April 1, 2023

Registration Form is available in church or office.



The next Marriage Encounter Weekend for marriage enrichment will be held **February 24-26, 2023**. For more information contact Tom & Ruth DeFalco at 732-904-9636.

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist*

Our diocese has been blessed in recent years with an increased number of vocations and, thanks be to God, we presently have 21 seminarians studying for the priesthood. A large portion of our seminarians' education is being funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, for which they are extremely grateful. Your gift also supports a wide array of diocesan programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to both ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church. Your generosity also ensures that our retired priests who have served so faithfully receive the care they deserve in their later years. Please be as generous as your mean allow.

Diocesan Youth Day 2023 March 12 from 11:30am- 5pm St. Thomas Aquinas High School Theme: Eucharistic Revival!

- The day will begin with check-in at 11:30 AM and begin promptly at 12 noon and run until 5:00 PM.
- Cost \$20.
- All High School aged teens are welcome!
- Sunday Mass with Bishop Checchio.
- Featuring Keynote speaker, Fr. Malachy Joseph Napier, CFR a selected Eucharistic Preacher from the USCCB's National Eucharistic Revival



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The Raritan Oratory School of Evangelization **Lenten Reflection Series 2023** **The Art of Beauty**

God is Goodness, Truth, and Beauty, the source of all the goodness, truth, and beauty we experience in the world. Perhaps it is easier to grasp God as the source of goodness and truth, but do we as readily understand God as the source of all beauty? Is beauty simply in the eye of the beholder or is there some objective quality in the nature of beauty rooted in God's very being, God who is the truly beautiful One.

Join the Raritan Oratorians for their Lenten reflection series The Art of Beauty. Our guest speakers will offer reflections on how the Arts can manifest the Divine Beauty in our daily human lives. Examining the power of music, art and architecture, and literature to reflect the beauty which is found in the very essence of the true Architect of Creation, we will come to appreciate the importance of the beautiful in the life of the Christian, indeed the life of the world.

The series will be held on four consecutive Wednesdays, beginning on March 1, at **7:00 pm in the St. Joseph Auditorium** in Raritan.

March 1 The Beauty of Music Christa Dalmazio, Director of Music, Holy Innocents, Neptune, NJ

March 8 The Beauty of Art & Architecture Daniel Ezekiel Balan, Managing Partner & Principal Balan Architecture & Design Boonton, NJ

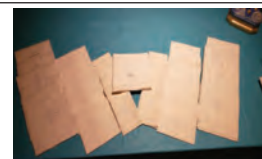
March 13 The Beauty of the Written Word Aileen S. Coccia, Faculty Member St. Ann Classical Academy, Raritan, NJ

March 20 Why Beauty Matters V. Rev. Timothy A. Christy Rector, St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen, NJ



Building a Culture of Life Post Roe"
A Critical Life Issues Conference
Saturday, March 25, 2023
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Opening Mass at 9 am - Bishop Checchio
Conference from 10 am to 3:30 pm
Cost \$35. (includes lunch and handouts)
Featuring National Speakers

The **Rosary Altar Society** thanks you for participating in our October Bake Sale. Your generous donations were used to purchase new Altar Linens (Purificators, Palls & Corporals). Worn linens will be donated to the missions.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 12, 2023

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 13

7:00pm Living and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus;
Lisa Anzalone by her husband Sal & children;
Margarita Dublin by Marian Mardak

Tuesday, February 14

7:00 am Vincenzo Viscariello by Graziella DeLuca

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Cammarata Family by Lena Cammarata

Friday, February 17

Saturday, February 18

9:00 am Ralph "Chick" Sternadori by Terry Niles and family

4:00 pm Antonia Natale by Domenico Natale

Sunday, February 19

7:30 am Richard and Mary Glenda Lawler by the Meixsell Family

10:00 am JoAnn D'Alessio by Harold and Jacqueline D'Alessio

12:00 pm Antonina and Francesco Barbieri by their daughter Anna

5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10;
Mt 5:17-37

Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

Monday

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

Thursday

Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

Friday

Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1

Tuesday

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10;
Mk 8:14-21

Saturday

Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

Mass on Civic Holidays

We have one Mass at one location on Civic Holidays. The next Civic Holiday is **Presidents' Day on Monday, February 20**. Please join the Oratory for **Mass at 9am at St. Ann's Church**. Our parish office will be closed on that day.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

**Sunday, February 19, 2023
at 3:30 pm at St. Ann Church**

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



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 info from the weekend of February 5, 2023:

Offertory Contributions	\$ 6,182
WeShare Contributions	<u>\$ 3,605</u>
Total for Parish Operation	\$ 9,787
DOM Other	\$ 50

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

Pray for those in the Military

Victor Dulay, Jr.; U.S. Marine Corps

AIC Olivia F. Geary; U.S. Air Force

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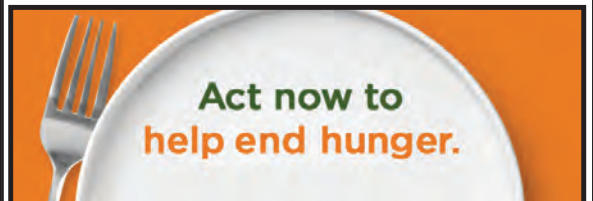
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