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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
Tue. 7 am St. Ann
Wed. 7 am St. Ann
12:15 pm Shrine
12:15 pm Shrine
7 pm St. Ann
7 pm Holy Trinity

Thu. 7 am St. Ann 12:15 pm Shrine Fri. 8 am St. Joseph 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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Sunday of Divine Mercy — April 16, 2023

Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings ACTS 2:42-47; 1 PT 1:3-9; JN 20:19-31

The Christian steward approaches life with an "Easter vision" rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today's readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and remind us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven.

Certainly, it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth — job stress, family crises, health troubles, political strife — loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today — until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas, who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus' first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed "seen the Lord" as they claimed.

Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel our Lord. They actually drew Him to Thomas in an extraordinary way. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas' statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to give in to doubts about our faith for whatever reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities — and just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants

JOIN US THIS COMING SATURDAY, APRIL 22,

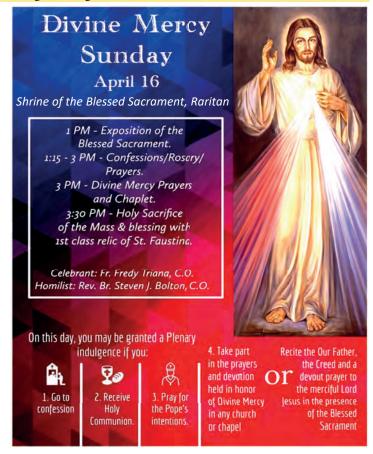
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SAINT ANN SUMMER CAMP 2023

Saint Ann's Classical Academy Cafeteria Week 1: June 19th – June 23rd Week 2: June 26th – June 30th 8:30am-3:00pm, Monday-Friday

For SACA children and those from local parishes who have completed Kindergarten and through Grade 4 in the 2022-2023 school year.

A maximum of 20 students enrolled per week on a first come, first served basis. A minimum of 10 children per week is needed for camp to run. \$350 per child per week

For more details and registration forms, please email summercamp@stannparish.school.
Registration Closes April 21st

MONTHLY SOCIAL for PARISH SENIORS and RETIREES

A friendly social time with others from our faith community. Next gathering on Wednesday, April 19th from 1pm to 3pm, in the church basement Meeting Room. Enjoy some afternoon tea or coffee and a light snack. RSVP to Natasha Zelis at 908-392-3643, call or text, or email at Tashazelis1@gmail.com

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

HAPPY EASTER!

It was wonderful to see our churches filled with joyful, prayerful participation, and the collaborative spirit shared by the various ministers and choirs during our Sacred Triduum liturgies of Holy Week. Thank you to all readers, ushers, decorators, and all others who helped in any way. A special thank you to Anthony Nardino and the choirs and musicians who made these days such a worthwhile and beautiful celebration of worship to our Lord Jesus.

Keep in your prayers our young children who will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time within the next two weeks!



uServe Camp for St. Ann, Holy Trinity, St. Joseph's and the Shrine!

2023 UPDATE: MORE OPTIONS! MORE SERVICE! To provide families more flexibility - this summer, our uServe Camp will be joining forces with a couple other Bridgewater area parishes and offering **2** identical camps for you to choose from!

WHO: All incoming 6th - 9th graders during summer of 2023 (Current 5th - 8th graders)

WHEN: Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14, 9am - 3pm OR Monday, August 7 - Friday, August 11, 9am - 3pm

WHERE: (July 10-14) St. Bernards, Bgwtr & local service sites; (Aug 7-11) Bl. Sacrament in Martinsville & local service sites

WHY:Grow in faith, service, fellowship, plus earn service hours!
COST: \$165 per camper, \$100 for each additional sibling
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boldym.com/bab/userve2 for August week

uServe Camp will bring campers to local service sites in the morning, then return to parish property for lunch and a variety of fun and faith-based activities in the afternoon.

Need more information about uServe Camp? Contact Rachael Flanagan at <u>BridgewaterRaritan@u-serve.com</u>



Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy

Introduction

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th century, when civilization began again to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of every human life.

In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning His Divine Mercy that were recorded in her *Diary*. St. Faustina's *Diary* records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as the Sunday of Divine Mercy.

Since the legalization of abortion in our country, millions of women, men, and families have been hurt by abortion. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many inaccurately feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that God forgives *every* sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion.

What is Project Rachel?

Project Rachel is the abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church in the United States. It is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, therapists, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, support groups, retreats, and referrals to licensed mental health professionals.

For more information, contact your diocese or visit <u>usccb.org/abortionhealing</u>.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY After the 7pm Mass on Monday, April 17



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

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at https://diometuchen.org/

Status of St. Ann's BAA	As of April 7	
Goal:	\$63,000.00	
Total Pledged & Received:	\$51,93721	
Amount Received:	\$46,766.71	
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$11,062.79)	
Percent of Goal Pledged:	82.44%	
Percent of Goal Received:	74.23%	
Average Gift Amount:	\$324.61	

Sunday of Divine Mercy — April 16, 2023

Mass Intentions

Monday, Apríl 17

7:00 pm Orazio Dandrea by Pina Mattei;

Teresa Mayewski by Angie Glenn;

Margarita Dublin by Marian Mondek; and Special Intention in honor of Santa Teresa del

Bambino Jesu

Tuesday, Apríl 18

7:00 am Evelyn Sullivan by the Berry Family

Wednesday, Apríl 19

7:00 am Doris Rizzo by Gail and Glenn Rygiel and family

Thursday, April 20

7:00 am Nicholas Pepe by Lynne Hurley

Fríday, Apríl 21

Saturday, Apríl 22

9:00 am Evelyn Sullivan by Maria and Frank Incontrera

4:00 pm Maria Rosa & Gregorio Natale by Domenico

Natale

Sunday, Apríl 23

7:30 am Joseph Sansone by his children

10:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name

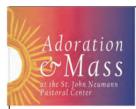
Society

12:00 pm Matthew DeCastro by William Dumont

5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Wednesday
Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9;	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Jn 20:19-31	Thursday
Monday	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8	Friday
Tuesday	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15	Saturday



Eucharistic Adorers Wanted

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Now that the pandemic is over, Bishop Checchio would like to offer Eucharistic adoration at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Monday through Friday, from 9:00-11:45 a.m. As St. Pope

John Paul II noted. "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration."

Anyone who is interested in signing up should contact Angela Marshall at amarshall@diometuchen.org



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 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.



Contributions info from the weekend of April 9 (Easter):

Offertory Contributions	\$ 12,827
WeShare Offertory Contributions	\$ 4,565
Total for Parish Operation	\$ 17,392
Holy Thursday	\$ 1,072
St. Ann Classical Academy	\$ 350
Good Friday (DOM, Holy Land)	\$ 1,223
Other DOM (Priest Retirement)	\$ 163

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

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



Blessed Mother Lamp in Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother for Continued Protection

Pray for those in the Military

Victor Dulay, Jr; U.S. Marine Corps Pvt Tayla Rasmusson; U.S. Marine Corps AIC Olivia F. Geary, U.S. Air Force PFC Daniel J. Salvo; U.S. Marine Corps **PFC Brendan Hughs;** U.S. Marine Corps **Cpl Jonathan Schultes**; U.S. Marine Corps PFC Gavin John; U.S. Marine Corps SPC4 Joshua Sena U.S. Army LCol Matthew John: U.S. Marine Coros LtCol Louis P. Simon: U.S. Marine Coros CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr. **PFC Jerome C. Sunga**; U.S. Army LCpl Sean Maj; U.S. Marine Corps Jack Vara: U.S. Marine Coros Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army Cpl Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps Sqt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps Sqt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army

TSgt Anthony John O'Connor; U.S. Air Force Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force Zack Orecchio; U.S. Navy

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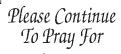


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