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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
12:15 pm Shrine
7 pm St. Ann
7 pm Holy Trinity
12:15 pm Shrine

Wed. 7 am St. Ann
Thu. 7 am St. Ann
12:15 pm Shrine
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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Third Sunday of Easter — April 23, 2023

Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings

ACTS 2:14, 22-33; PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 PT 1:17-21; LK 24:13-35

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards we know that our lives are a sojourn towards the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our second reading instructs us to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ." What a powerful reminder during the Easter season of our "why" for embracing the stewardship way of life — we have been ransomed by our Lord's saving death and resurrection. Our lives are a gift from Him — as we sojourn through life, we are to make of our lives a gift to Him in return.

Our Gospel passage today describes a sojourn as well, the familiar Easter season story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. These men knew Jesus personally. They were believers. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They talked with Him, traveled with Him, ate with Him. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. And if that were not enough, they had also been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own walk of faith, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, the support of our parish family. Yet, we lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God. The life of a disciple — even for us modern-day disciples — is truly a sojourn, with valleys and mountaintops, wrong turns and course corrections required on a regular basis.

Our Lord offers a course correction to the two disciples who have lost their way, opening their eyes to the reality of His presence and the truth of His Resurrection. What happens when their eyes are opened once again and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist— "the breaking of the bread?" They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them.

So, what can we do when we become discouraged, when we need our hearts set on fire once again? We can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures (the living Word of God) and the Eucharist (the very source and summit of our faith). Frequent recourse to these two gifts from our Lord is absolutely essential to sustain us in the stewardship way of life.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on the journey towards heaven, with a renewed sense of joy and gratitude as we go!

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week our parish will have a special second collection for **Catholic Relief Services**. Funds from this collection help to provide food to the hungry, support for displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously for the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at **www.usccb.org/catholic-relief**.

Pray for those receiving **First Holy Communion** this Sunday and next Sunday at the 10:00am Masses.

St. Ann's Faith Formation Program will host a May Crowning ceremony on Monday evening, May 1, at 6:00pm in the Church. All are invited to join us as we honor our Blessed Mother, Mary.



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
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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



We are now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please share with your family and friends that we will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, April 26 between 9AM and 11:30AM and between 1:00PM and 3:00PM for prospective families.

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School Employment Opportunities

St. Ann Classical Academy Pre-K to Grade 8 school anticipates the possibility of having teaching positions available for the 2023-2024 academic year, both full-time and part-time. We would also like to increase our list of available substitute teachers.

If you would like to be considered, please submit your resume to Marisa Day, Head of School, mday@stannparish.com, or call at 908-725-7787.



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>

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/BAA.

Status of St. Ann's BAA	As of April 14
Goal:	\$63,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$54,272.21
Amount Received:	\$48,124.46
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$8,727.79)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	86.15%
Percent of Goal Received:	76.39%
Average Gift Amount:	\$326.94

SUPPORT FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH GRIEF

Bereavement Ministry strives to bring consolation and peer support to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Informal small group gatherings are facilitated by caring parishioners. Sharing thoughts, feelings, and emotions in the atmosphere of our faith with others who are also going through a personal loss can often bring some peace and acceptance, when understanding that these experiences are normal. You are welcome to participate in this process of healing.

Holy Trinity Church is beginning a ten-week session process on Monday, May 1st from 6:30pm until 8:00pm.

No fee, but registration is required.

Contact Deacon John Phalen at (908) 526-2394 or email at bereavement@holytrinitynj.org.



Celebrate and Pray for the Gift of Vocations

Please join Bishop Checchio and the clergy of the Diocese for the upcoming Diaconate Ordination which will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. On this day, Bishop Checchio will ordain four men for service as deacons in our Diocese. Please know it would mean a great deal to us if you were able to attend.

Please also mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations and the Sanctification of Priests on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Included in the intentions of this Holy Hour will be Deacon José Lim who will be ordained a priest on the following day, the sanctification of all our priests, and the plea to God Our Father to call many more laborers into his vineyard.

Also, we would like to invite you to one of the great events of our Diocesan Church year, the Priesthood Ordination which will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. On this day, Bishop Checchio will ordain Deacon José Lim as a priest for service in our Diocese. You are very warmly encouraged to be with us.

Third Sunday of Easter — April 23, 2023

Mass Intentions

Monday, Apríl 24

7:00 pm John and Gloria Lamaestra by their family;

> Nancy Gianni by Pasquale and Civita Truppi: Joseph Iannetta by Maria and Biagio Laurito;

Angela Ritorto by her children

Tuesday, Apríl 25

Rosalie Szeman by the Albright Family 7:00 am

Wednesday, Apríl 26

Deceased Members of the Toscano Family by 7:00 am

Sr. Dolores Toscano

Thursday, Apríl 27

Rosalie Szeman by the Condo Family 7:00 am

Friday, Apríl 28

Saturday, Apríl 29

9:00 am Maria Barbieri by Pat Barbieri

4:00 pm Manlio Ianiero by his wife, Sue and family

Sunday, Apríl 30

7:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am Evelyn Sullivan by Bob and Pat Ronca 12:00 pm Lucille Alves by her Godmother Angie

Filimena Natale, Filippina Grande, Carmela 5:00 pm

Carra, Maria Natale by Frank and Maria

Incontrera

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Thursday Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Lk 24:13-35

Friday Monday Acts 9:1-20; In 6:52-59

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Saturday Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69 Tuesday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; In 6:35-40



The Diocese of Las Vegas has let us know that Father Blaise Baran, a former pastor of St. Ann's, has been hospitalized with some health issues. In your kindness, please keep him in your prayers. If anyone wanted to send a card or such, Father Baran serves as the Administrator of La Virgen de Guadalupe Catholic Church, P.O. Box 300, Mesquite, NV, 89024.

"The Catholic Church of St. Ann" was officially established on April 17, 1903. The first members consisted of more than 100 families from Italy. Our first church building was small and wooden, built in 1906. It was replaced with our current brick church, built in 1933. For 120 years now St. Ann's has sought to faithfully proclaim and live the gospel, worshiping and serving God and neighbor.

St. Ann, intercede for us!

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 16:

Offertory Contributions \$ 5,737 **WeShare Offertory Contributions** \$ 3,210 Easter (additional) \$ 630 **Total for Parish Operation** \$ 9,577 Other DOM \$ 176

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

St. Ann's offers opportunities to memorialize candle and lamp intentions in the following locations:

Altar, Tabernacle, St. Joseph Statue, Blessed Mother Statue and Pro-Life Memorial

Please call the Parish Office to request an intention.

Pray for those in the Military

Victor Dulay, Jr; U.S. Marine Corps Pvt. Brennan Gasway; U.S. Army AIC Olivia F. Geary, U.S. Air Force **PFC Brendan Hughs;** U.S. Marine Corps PFC Gavin John: U.S. Marine Coros LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr. LCpl Sean Maj; U.S. Marine Corps Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army

Sot Dan Neville: U.S. Marine Corps

Zack Orecchio; U.S. Navy Pvt Tayla Rasmusson; 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 Sot Janet Wyka: U.S. Army TSgt Anthony John O'Connor; U.S. Air Force Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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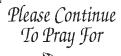


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