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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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"I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd lays
down his life for his sheep."
(John 10:11)

Good Shepherd Sunday
**WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER
FOR VOCATIONS**



Fourth Sunday of Easter — April 30, 2023

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Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings ACTS 2:14A, 36-41; PS 23:1-3A, 3B4-6; 1 PT 2:20B-25; JN 10:1-10

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

This endearing image of Jesus as our shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is described in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is a compelling reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent, and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us "I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly."

This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants

World Day of Prayer for Vocation is observed on Sunday, April 30, 2023 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

VOCATIONS PRAYER

God our Father, life is your gift to me.

Through baptism, you invite me to share in the gift of my life in service to others.

Be with me as I choose each day to show your presence in our world.

Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call.

I pray especially for those who serve you as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers.

Keep them close to you.

Open the minds and hearts of many other men and women that they may accept your challenge to build the Kingdom. Amen.

Pray for the children receiving **First Holy Communion** this 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.



First Friday, May 5

On the First Fridays of the month there is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm-7pm**, followed by the **7pm First Friday Mass**, then **Santo Nino** devotional prayers, rosary and benediction

Catholic Home Missions Appeal/Development of the People Collection

Next weekend there will be a separate second collection. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet those faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Give generously to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal/Development of the People Collection.



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.

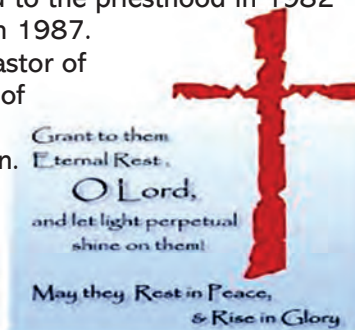
Please also mark your calendars and plan to join us for the **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations and the Sanctification of Priests on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM** at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Included in the intentions of this Holy Hour will be Deacon José Lim who will 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENT: Death of Former Pastor:

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Reverend Blaise R. Baran**, a priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, who passed away on Sunday, April 23. Father Baran was ordained to the priesthood in 1982 and came to the diocese in 1987. He previously served as pastor of St. Ann, Raritan, Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Middlesex, and St. Joseph, Washington. Most recently he served as Administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Mesquite, Nevada.



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.

Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration

The diocesan church cordially invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2023 to attend the **Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service with Bishop F. Checchio on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:30 PM** at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ.

Registration is required to attend the Prayer Service.

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 21
Goal:	\$63,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$56,394.21
Amount Received:	\$50,535.71
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$6,605.79)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	89.15%
Percent of Goal Received:	80.22%
Average Gift Amount:	\$325.98



On **Tuesday, May 2, 4:30-5:30pm** we'll be making lunches for the homeless to be given out through Bridges Outreach! We'll meet in the Holy Trinity Church Basement. Middle and high schoolers are welcome. Sign up to bring items for the lunches.

Also if you go to u-Serve.com/BridgewaterRaritan, you can see all the details for our action-packed **uServe Camps** this summer in the area for **current 5th-8th grade**, as well as a **high school service week** away in Drexel Hill, PA, Catholic Heart Work Camp, open to current youth in 8th-12th grade.

See u-Serve.com/BridgewaterRaritan for more details.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the above! God Bless,

Brian Flanagan

Program Coordinator for uServe

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Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again:
for forgiveness has risen from the grave!

—St. John Chrysostom

"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.



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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 1

7:00 pm Lamaestra and Ragno Family from the family;
Marie Forte by her husband and sons;
Joseph Iannetta by Maria & Frank Incontrera

Tuesday, May 2

7:00 am Paul Fusca by Nina Massa and family

Wednesday, May 3

7:00 am Pasquale Ruffa by Isabella Ruffa

Thursday, May 4

7:00 am Giovanna Figliano by Raphaele & Lina Cirianni

Friday, May 5 - First Friday

7:00 pm Lizzeri and Felicella Mongiello by their
daughter Adela and family;
Anna DiBetta by Anna and Ken DiGraziano;
Mary Spiegel by Michelle Hnasko

Saturday, May 6

9:00 am Josephine Ucci by Gabriella Haike
4:00 pm Pasquale Suriano by his children and grand
children

Sunday, May 7

7:30 am Eugene Niles by Terry, Nick and Chad Niles
10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary
Altar Society
12:00 pm Immacolata Suriano and Gregorio Ruffa by
their sister Vincenza Greco
5:00 pm Filomena and Giuseppe Natale by their
daughter Rose and family

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41;
1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

First Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

First Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14



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.

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 April 23:

Offertory Contributions	\$ 5,425
WeShare Offertory Contributions	\$ 2,170
SA Other	\$ 1,437
Total for Parish Operation	\$ 9,032
Other DOM	\$ 183

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



**Blessed Mother Lamp for
Lizzeri and Felicella Mongiello**
by their daughter Adela and family

**Altar Flowers in Honor of
the Blessed Mother**



Pray for those in the Military

Victor Dulay, Jr; U.S. Marine Corps

Pvt. Brennan Gasway; U.S. Army

A1C Olivia F. Geary; U.S. Air Force

PFC Brendan Hughs; U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Gavin John; U.S. Marine Corps

LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps

CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.

LCpl Sean Maj; U.S. Marine Corps

Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army

Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps

TSgt Anthony John O'Connor; U.S. Air Force

Zack Drecchio; 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

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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Vitangelo Bavaro
Joanmarie Carlone
Bruno Cirianni
Mary Contino
Jerry Costanzo
Maria Anastasia
D'Amore
Michael D'Angelo
Roseann Danna
Josephine DiPiazza
John Falco
Stephen Forktus III
Frank Forte

Nevien G.
Cindy Galvacky
Gambino Family
Maria Rosa Gasparro
Susan H.
Bernadette Healy
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Brianna Rose Larson
Michael Lynch
Antonio, Alice &
Lisa Magdamit
Mark Marshall
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