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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

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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Pentecost — May 28, 2023

Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings ACTS 1: 1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23; MT 28:16-20

Throughout our readings today, we see the amazing truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way. We are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ in a way that is unique to each one of us.

Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, recalls the dramatic moment when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles. "Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

Notice how personal and individual is this outpouring of the Spirit. This personalized way of "gifting" the apostles allowed them each to reach different people, sharing with them the "mighty acts of God." Embracing the stewardship way of life means that we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the unique gifts He has given to each of us, to accomplish the particular mission entrusted to us.

Jesus gives us this mission in our Gospel passage from John. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But we must not let this responsibility overwhelm us. Jesus Himself, tells us so — "Peace be with you."

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace. And let us resolve to lean on the Holy Spirit more and more as our guide through the stewardship way of life.

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants

MONTHLY FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Next weekend, June 3/4, is our monthly food collection for The Somerset County Food Bank Network. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Annual Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday, June 11, 2023, The Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

after 11am EF Mass at the Shrine
Procession through the streets of Raritan to begin
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Marian intercession for the upcoming Synod

In anticipation of the first session of the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops taking place this October, the Holy See's General Secretariat of the Synod has asked Catholics to observe a moment of prayer on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, placing the Synod under her protection.

Bishop Checchio is asking the parishes of the diocese to pray the Synod Prayer at Masses on the weekend of May 27/28 and at daily Mass on May 31.

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son. forever and ever. Amen.

First Friday, June 2

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

We have one Mass at one location on Civic Holidays.
Our next Civic Holiday is **Memorial Day on Monday, May 29**.

Mass this Memorial Day will be at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church.

The parish office will be closed on Memorial Day.

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The Significance of Pentecost

Next to Easter and Christmas, Pentecost is the Church's most important feast. That's true not just for the liturgical calendar, but for our spiritual lives. Christmas marks Christ's coming in the flesh, "for us and for our salvation." Easter marks Christ's triumph over sin and death — none of us must be damned unless we freely want to be. Pentecost marks Christ's sending of his Spirit to enable his Church to carry on his work of salvation — of turning people from sin and to God — until he "comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Liturgically, Pentecost closes the Easter season.

Jesus, risen and ascended into Heaven, sent his Spirit to the Church so that every Christian might participate in his own divine life and become his valid witness in the world. The Holy Spirit, breaking into history, defeats aridity, opens hlearts to hope, stimulates and fosters in us an interior maturity in our relationship with God and with our neighbour.

Come, Holy Spirit, and be with us! Happy Pentecost!



Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation June 3, 2023

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is a unique opportunity for young adults (18+) and adults with divorced or separated parents to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown, together with others who know this pain and are knowledgeable, compassionate retreat leaders.

When: June 3, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Where: The Shrine of St. Joseph,

1050 Long Hill Rd, Stirling, NJ General Admission is \$75.00, Student Admission is \$25.00.

To register visit: www.diometuchen.org/familylife

If you have any questions, please contact: <u>cdaverso@diometuchen.org</u> or <u>amarshall@diometuchen.org</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 May 19
Goal:	\$63,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$61,172.21
Amount Received:	\$57,484.21
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$1,827.79)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	97.10%
Percent of Goal Received:	91.24%
Average Gift Amount:	\$327.12

Uncle Floyd Night!

Saturday, June 17

Dinner and Comedian Entertainment
after the 4pm Mass
in the cafeteria of St. Ann Classical Academy
Tickets now on Sale. Only \$25.

Enjoy an informal and fun evening. Good food. Good company. Good laughs.

Proceeds support the good work of the Knights of Columbus and St. Ann Parish Contact: Jim Janci, JimJ4law@gmail.com



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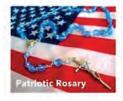
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uServe Camp will bring campers to local service sites in the morning, then return to parish property for lunch and a variety of fun and faith-based activities in the afternoon.

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

Join the community of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for a Patriotic Rosary on Wednesday, June 14 (Flag Day), at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 105 Summer Rd., Three Bridges, NJ.

This rosary prays for our flag and the freedom it represents, each level of our country's governance from local to state to national, and for blessings to guide our leaders.



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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 29 - (Memoríal Day)

9:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's Church only

Tuesday, May 30

Paolo and Concetta Fusca by Caterina Fusca 7:00 am

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 am Maria Grazia and Domenico Todarello by

Saverio and Caterina Toderallo

Thursday, June 1

7:00 am Immacolata and Gregorio Ruffa by their

sister-in-law Lina and Raphaele

Fríday, June 2 -Fírst Fríday

Diane Bodnar by Roger Bodnar: 7:00 pm

Anthony Gambino by the Schorling and

Droumbakis Families:

Pope Benedict XVI by Sr. Dolores Toscano

Saturday, June 3

9:00 am Evelyn Sullivan by Angie Glenn

4:00 pm Frank Mattei by Pina Mattei and family

Sunday, June 4

7:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary

Altar Society

12:00 pm Ernesto Parisi by Rosa Parisi

5:00 pm Casper Fidacaro Sr. by his daughter

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Wednesday Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Rom 8:22-27; Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;

In 7:37-39

Lk 1:39-56

Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-

Thursday

7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

Monday Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;

First Friday Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26

In 19:25-34

First Saturday

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Sir 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33

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.



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Contributions info from the weekend of May 21:

Offertory Contributions \$ 6.194 **WeShare Offertory Contributions** \$ 3,187 SA Other 338 **Total for Parish Operation** 9,719 **Catholic Communication Campaign** 946 **DOM Other** 185

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

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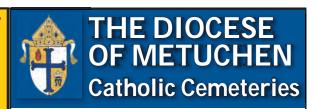
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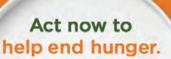
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