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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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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
approximately 12:30pm at

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this year are invited to participate in the Procession*

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www.BlessedSacramentShrine.com

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.

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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 hearts 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:

cdaverso@diometuchen.org or

amarshall@diometuchen.org

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.

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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

**Register now at boldym.com/bab/serve for July week or
boldym.com/bab/serve2 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 BridgewaterRaritan@u-serve.com

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.



Pentecost — May 28, 2023

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 29 – (Memorial Day)

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

Tuesday, May 30

7:00 am Paolo and Concetta Fusca by Caterina Fusca

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 Raphaelae

Friday, June 2 – First Friday

7:00 pm Diane Bodnar by Roger Bodnar;
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

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 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

Victor Dulay, Jr. ; U.S. Marine Corps	Zack Drecchio ; U.S. Navy
Pvt. Brennan Gasway ; U.S. Army	Pvt Tayla Rasmusson ; U.S. Marine Corps
A1C Olivia F. Geary ; U.S. Air Force	PFC Daniel J. Salvo ; U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Brendan Hughes ; U.S. Marine Corps	Cpl Jonathan Schultes ; U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Gavin John ; U.S. Marine Corps	SPC4 Joshua Sena ; U.S. Army
LCpl Matthew John ; U.S. Marine Corps	LtCol Louis P. Simon ; U.S. Marine Corps
CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.	PFC Jerome C. Sunga ; U.S. Army
LCpl Sean Maj ; U.S. Marine Corps	Jack Vara ; U.S. Marine Corps
Maj Michael Morella ; U.S. Army	Cpl Daniel Viscariello ; U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt Dan Neville ; U.S. Marine Corps	Sgt 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

Joseph Arena	Maria Rosa Gasparro	Joyce Melitsky
Vitangelo Bavaro	Susan H.	Andrea Michaels
Joanmarie Carlone	Bernadette Healy	Lidia Natale
Bruno Cirianni	Anthony Hughes	Victor Rangel
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Jerry Costanzo	Michael Lynch	Santos
Maria Anastasia	Antonio, Alice &	Deborah Scarpone
D'Amore	Lisa Magdamit	Cathy Stinziano
Michael D'Angelo	Mark Marshall	Patricia Tibaldi
Roseann Danna	Giovanna Martini	Saverio Todarello
Josephine DiPiazza	Lella Mathews	Lou Troisi
John Falco	Susan Maurice	Emanuel Valentin
Frank Forte	Jim McGuinness	Ron Wyka
Cindy Galvacky	Edward J. McNamara	
Gambino Family	Wilfredo Medina III	

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Wednesday
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b- 7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23	Thursday
	Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52
Monday	First Friday
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34	Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26
Tuesday	First Saturday
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.

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