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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 **March** 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 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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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 9, 2023

Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings ZEC 9:9-10; PS 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; ROM 8:9, 11-13; MT 11:25-30

The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we too, must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

Our first reading from Zechariah foretells the unexpected way in which the Lord, the Savior of the world, will arrive. "See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek and riding on an ass... and he shall proclaim peace to the nations." It is almost unfathomable that our almighty, all-powerful God would humble Himself to live among us as one of our own, let alone to contemplate the unassuming way in which He arrived — born as a helpless baby, growing up under the care of human parents and finally making his entrance as savior on a lowly colt. Christ has given us a clear and compelling model of humility. We dare not pursue any other path for ourselves if we wish to follow Him.

But this kind of humility goes against our natural, worldly bent which says we must insist on having our own way, assert our rights at all costs, and put ourselves first so as to get ahead. How can we live the radical way Christ is calling us to live?

As St. Paul tells us in the letter to the Romans, our second reading today, "Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit." Because of the gifts of our Baptism and Confirmation, we have a "superpower" right within us — the Holy Spirit — Who gives us every spiritual gift and all the strength we need to follow Christ. We must awaken to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, leaning into Him to increase virtue in us, especially this key virtue of humility. Paul reminds us that this is for our own good after all — "For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus Himself speaks to the Father of the privileged role that humble souls play in God's plan of salvation. "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."

What does it mean to be a "little one"? It means that we acknowledge we don't have it all figured out, but that we are very much in need of a savior. It means we recognize that all we are and all we have been given is a gift from God. It means we embrace the stewardship way of life.

It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus offers these warm and encouraging words to entice us to embrace it. "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, embracing the humble path of stewardship. It is the path that leads to peace here and now, and ultimately leads us to heaven.

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Men's Clothing — summer and winter size medium. Pants, shorts, socks and coats are greatly appreciated. They can be gently used or new. Please bring to parish office by Monday, July 17. Contact Christine at the parish office.



It is wonderful to be able to sponsor the Diocesan Mission Cooperation Appeal in our parish again this year. On July 22-23, 2023, we will be honored to have Sister Colette Hanlon, SC with us to share the good news of the mission works of the **Sisters of Charity of**

Seton Hill in China, Korea and Ecuador.

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill first missioned four sisters from Pennsylvania to Korea in 1960. At that time it took a month for the sisters to travel by freighter ship to Korea, now it takes only hours by airplane! As our world grows smaller, our hearts grow larger and we reach out to others.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to learn about the missions and to help with our prayers and donations. As the sisters continue to bring the love of the Lord to the people they serve, they need our help—they cannot do it alone! Wherever we may live we are all missionaries and can help in different ways!

Please give from the heart on July 22-23, 2023 to help spread the Gospel throughout the world and assist the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill to share God's love with those in need. Your prayers and donations will bring blessings of hope and healing!

The Mission: In 2010 the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill Korean Province celebrated 50 years in Korea. In gratitude for the Lord's blessings in South Korea and their mission in Yanji, China (1996) started a new mission in a poor area of Ecuador which consists of taking over a clinic, a school for children with disabilities and assisting with parish work.



The Missionaries: Of the thirty-seven sisters who volunteered for this work, four sisters were chosen to go to Ecuador. These four sisters attended an intensive course for new missionaries offered by the Columban Fathers in Seoul. In preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Korean Province, the sisters arrived in Guayaquil in March 2008 and studied Spanish at the Catholic University, Universidad Catolica De Santiago De Guayaquil, for a year. After the completion of their formal language studies they moved to Pedro Carbo. Many people comment on the joy and peace these sisters bring to this area. It is a mission of hope and sharing deeply the love of the Lord. One of the sisters said, "Even though I am living in a different culture and a different land I believe that the Lord's love is strong and will help us become one with the people."

The Project: Sending missionaries to the poor in the world has always been stressed in religious communities. The Korean Bishops' Conference urged religious communities of men and women in Korea to share the blessings they have received with poorer countries of the world. Even though there are many needs in the Korean Province, we wanted to respond to the call to go to the small town of Pedro Carbo in the Archdiocese of Guayaquil, Ecuador in order to minister to children who are physically and mentally challenged and to assume administration of a small clinic, Clinica de Nuestra Senora de Mercidad.

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2023 Summer Choir Camp

The Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi is pleased to announce its inaugural **SUMMER CHOIR CAMP** for all rising 3rd-8th grade students. Students from all diocesan parishes are welcome to attend! Every day, students will participate in choir rehearsals, music theory classes, work on composer projects, and sing for the Cathedral's daily 12:10 Mass. There will also be fun outdoor activities (weather permitting) and an opportunity for each chorister to play the Cathedral's pipe organ!

General information:

Dates: August 21-25, 2023

Times: Mon-Thurs 9am – 3:30pm; Friday 9am – 1:30pm

Tuition: \$250 per chorister

Food: All chorister are required to bring a bag lunch (including drink) Monday through Thursday. A mid-morning snack will be provided each day by the Cathedral. Friday will conclude with an *Ice Cream Party* after the 12:10 Mass.

Dismissal is at 1:30pm on Friday, Aug 25.

Add'l Info: Contact Christopher Deibert, Director of Sacred Music – Music@StFrancisCathedral.org Registration Deadline: June 30, 2023



Stress In Your Marriage? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow -up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **August 18-20, 2023**. All inquiries are confidential.

For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno, 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno

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 June 23
Goal:	\$63,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$61,911.09
Amount Received:	\$59,317.34
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$1,088.91)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	98.27%
Percent of Goal Received:	94.15%
Average Gift Amount:	\$324.14

Silver & Gold Wedding 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 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey.

Registration is required to attend the Prayer Service.

Registration will close by October 6, 2023.

Please register online at: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Registration will close on October 6, 2023. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

Celebrating Life! A Day for Grandparents & Seniors (55+)

"His mercy is from age to age..."

Wednesday, **July 26, 2023 - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** *Feast Day of Saints Joachim & Anne*St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway



Join us for breakfast, fellowship, a guest speaker & Holy Mass. Event is free. Registration is required. Call 732-562-1543 or visit: https://www.diometuchen.org/ humanlifeanddignity



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, August 7 - Friday, August 11, 9am - 3pm

WHERE: Bl. Sacrament in Martinsville & local service sites

WHY: Grow in faith, service, fellowship and earn service hours!

COST: \$165 per camper, \$100 for each additional sibling

Register now at <u>boldym.com/bab/userve2</u> 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>

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 9, 2023

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 10

7:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of the Knights

of Columbus:

Victorino Rubia by the Rubia Family;

Special Intention for Pietro Ruggeri and Peter Scavo in honor of Saint Peter & Saint Paul

by their family

Tuesday, July 11

7:00 am Liberato Guadagno by his wife Clementina

Wednesday, July 12

Joseph Toscano and Marie Andrede by 7:00 am

Sr. Dolores Toscano

Thursday, July 13

Camillo DiRado by his wife Elena 7:00 am

Friday, July 14

Saturday, July 15

9:00 am Aleksandra Wos by Ela Bryczkowska

4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, July 16

7:30 am Mario Donadio by his wife Maria Antonietta

10:00 am Marie Crowley by the Crowley Family

12:00 pm Vincenzo and Elisabetta Grande by Nicola and

Caterina Grande

5:00 pm Special Intention for Maria Incontrera in

Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13;

Mt 11:25-30

Monday

Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a;

Mt 10:24-33

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, part-time and 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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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.



Contribution info from the weekend of July 2nd was not available at the time of bulletin publishing.

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



Tabernacle Lamp for Pietro Ruggeri and Peter Scavo in honor of St. Peter and St. Paul

by their family

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 Corps LCol Matthew John: U.S. Marine Coros

CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.

LCpl Sean Maj; U.S. Marine Corps Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army Sot Dan Neville: U.S. Marine Coros

Zack Orecchio; U.S. Navy Pvt Tavla Rasmusson: U.S. Marine Corps PFC Daniel J. Salvo; U.S. Marine Corps Col Jonathan Schultes: U.S. Marine Coros SPC4 Joshua Sena U.S. Army LtCol Louis P. Simon: U.S. Marine Coros PFC Jerome C. Sunaa: 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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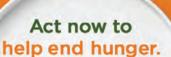
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