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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	<b>7 pm St. Ann</b>
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		<b>7pm St. Ann</b>
Sat. 9 am St. Ann		

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday,	after the 9am Mass,	<b>St. Ann</b>
Saturday,	3-3:30pm,	St. Joseph
Wednesday,	11-12noon,	Holy Trinity
Friday,	11-12noon	Shrine of Bl. Sac.
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**The kingdom of  
heaven is like a  
treasure buried in a  
field. Matthew 13:44**

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 30, 2023*

### Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings

1 KGS 3:5, 7-12; PS 119; ROM 8:28-30; MT 13:44-52

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. Today's readings show us the critical importance of recognizing the kingdom of heaven in our midst and prioritizing our lives in order to obtain it.

In our First Reading, from the First Book of Kings, God appears to Solomon in a dream and invites Solomon to ask Him for something he desires. Rather than asking for riches or power, Solomon asks for the gift of "an understanding heart... to distinguish right from wrong." In other words, he asks God to help him discern what is true and therefore what really matters in life. It is no surprise that God is pleased to give him this gift and that Solomon has been known since then as the wisest of kings. God will give the same gift to us if we ask Him sincerely. And in fact, we must have a wise and understanding heart if we are to live the stewardship way of life, to guide our priorities and decision-making in matters big and small.

When we pursue Godly — rather than worldly — priorities, we can do so with great peace because, as St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading, from Romans, "all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." All things — not just the major, life-altering decisions, but the countless tiny ones we make on a daily basis as we strive to serve the Lord and advance the kingdom of heaven.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, we arrive at the conclusion of three weeks of Jesus' teaching on the kingdom of heaven. In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. We need wisdom to recognize it. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants

### REGISTER NOW FOR ST. ANN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All Religious Education Faith Formation Information and Registration Forms can be found on our parish website: [stannparish.com](http://stannparish.com). Look under "St. Ann Faith Formation" and "Faith Formation Info & Forms". Contact Sister Ella Mae at the Parish Office for more assistance or questions.

### First Friday

On the First Friday of the month there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm-7pm, followed by the **7pm First Friday Mass**. Come spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord. Make a loving choice to be pre sent to Him.



Following Mass, the rosary and other **Santo Nino** devotional prayers, concluding with benediction.

**"Take; this is my body"**

—Mark 14:22

The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial.

"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love." (St. John Paul II, *Dominicae cenae*, no. 3)



"It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God." (CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist "makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)

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## The Catholic Church of St. Ann



**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 Diocesan Office of Family Life. It 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 732-672-0748 or email [3024@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org).

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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 July 21
Goal:	\$63,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$80,703.63
Amount Received:	\$79,082.63
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$17,703.63
Percent of Goal Pledged:	128.10%
Percent of Goal Received:	125.53%
Average Gift Amount:	\$403.52

Saint Ann Regional Marriage Apostolate  
**Date Night for a Joyful Marriage**  
**Feasts of the Angels**  
**Saturday September 30, 2023**  
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#### **Options for Reporting:**

Web intake site URL: <https://diometuchen.ethicspoint.com>

Mobile URL: <https://diometuchenmobile.ethicspoint.com/>

Hotline: 844-796-1296

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 30, 2023

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, July 31

7:00 pm Marilyn Frisoli by Filippo and Berti Russo;  
Charlotte Falco by Antoinette Falco;  
Dr. Joseph Scalia by Rose D'Angelo and Family;  
Maria R. Gasparro by daughters and son

#### Tuesday, August 1

7:00 am Anna Carra by Anna Cugliari

#### Wednesday, August 2

7:00 am Rose Jacobs by the Rosary Altar Society

#### Thursday, August 3

7:00 am Frank Cirianni by Fred and Anna Ritorto

#### Friday, August 4

7:00 pm Felix Rivera Sr. by the Rivera Family;  
Henry Vitali by Laura Condo;  
Fedele John Riga by his wife and children;  
William Urban by Mary Pacifico;  
Maria R. Gasparro by Rose D'Angelo & Family

#### Saturday, August 5

9:00 am Special Intention for Teresa Ciurleo in honor of  
St. Teresa by Lena Iannetta  
4:00 pm Vincenzo Mazzagatti by his family

#### Sunday, August 6

7:30 am People of the Parish  
10:00 am Blessing for Sr. Dolores on her 97th Birthday;  
and Living and Deceased Members of the  
Rosary Altar Society  
12:00 pm Domenica and Vincenzo Ruffa by Caterina and  
Nicola Grande  
5:00 pm Kenneth Grillo by the Hurley Family

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Thursday
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
Monday	First Friday
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35	Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37; Mt 13:54-58
Tuesday	First Saturday
Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
Wednesday	
Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46	

### Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



**Blessed Mother Lamp for  
Maria R. Gasparro**  
by her daughter Domenica and Greg Grande

### 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.



#### Contributions info from the weekend of July 23

<b>Offertory Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 5,435</b>
<b>WeShare Offertory Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 2,131</b>
<b>St. Ann Other</b>	<b>\$ 110</b>
<b>Total for Parish Operation</b>	<b>\$ 7,676</b>
<b>DOM Other</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>
<b>Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill (Mission Coop)</b>	<b>\$ 3,924</b>

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

<b>Victor Dulay, Jr.</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>Zack Drecchio</b> ; U.S. Navy
<b>Pvt. Brennan Gasway</b> ; U.S. Army	<b>Pvt Tayla Rasmussen</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
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<b>Sgt Dan Neville</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>Sgt Janet Wyka</b> ; U.S. Army
<b>TSgt Anthony John O'Connor</b> ; U.S. Air Force	<b>Capt Kaitlyn Zimmiti</b> ; U.S. Air Force

### Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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

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For family members who seek support, call **EnCourage: 732-248-9460**.  
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