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The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Sat.: St. Ann Church

St. Joseph Church 4 pm Holy Trinity 5 pm

Sun.: 7:30 am St. Ann Church

St. Joseph Church (Spanish) 8:00 am

8:30 am Holy Trinity 10 am St. Joseph Church

10 am St. Ann Church

Shrine of Bl. Sacrament (Latin EF) 10am

10:30am Holy Trinity St. Ann Church

St. Joseph Church (Spanish) 12 pm

5 pm St. Ann Church

Daily Masses

7 pm St. Ann Mon. 8 am St. Joseph 12:15 pm Shrine 12:15 pm Shrine 7 pm Holy Trinity Tue. 7 am St. Ann Wed. 7 am St. Ann 12:15 pm Shrine

Thu. 7 am St. Ann 12:15 pm Shrine

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

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time— August 13, 2023

Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings I KGS 19:9A, 11-13A; PS 85:9-14; ROM 9:1-5; MT 14:22-23

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that all that we have is a gift from Him.

While today's readings remind us that, of course, God is always in control of His creation and His creatures, they illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives — in other words, what can happen when we embrace the stewardship way of life.

In our First Reading, from the First Book of Kings, Elijah the prophet is instructed to go outside and wait for the Lord. Elijah goes out and a series of spectacular phenomena occur — strong and heavy winds that crush rocks, followed by an earthquake, and then a fire. Yet, the Lord was not found in any of those. Rather, the Almighty was found in a "tiny whispering sound." How unexpected! And how like our wonderfully mysterious God, who comes into our lives sometimes in the most unexpected ways. Do we stay alert and sensitive to His presence to receive the instruction and the countless gifts He is always sending us?

It is all too easy to fail to recognize His presence and gifts in our lives. Taking things — friends, family, material gifts, even God Himself — for granted seems to be part of our human condition. Paul remarks on this in our Second Reading in his letter to the Romans. He laments that some of his fellow Israelites, God's chosen people who have received so many gifts from God — the law, the promises, the patriarchs — fail to see the gift of Christ now offered to them.

This happens to us modern-day disciples, too. We have received all the riches of Church teaching and the Scriptures, and the overwhelming treasury of graces in the sacraments, including the gift of Christ Himself in the Eucharist. Our family, our friends, our work, our parish — all these things are gifts from God as well. When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is a gift from Him, we lose trust in Him and we do not make our lives a grateful response to Him.

Peter makes this mistake in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Just after the multiplication of the loaves and fish, Jesus sends the disciples in a boat ahead of Him to the other side of the shore. Later that evening, Jesus casually strolls up to



the boat, walking on the sea. Peter says, "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water," and Jesus responds, "Come." As Peter begins to walk on the water, he momentarily takes his eyes off Jesus to notice the strong wind surrounding them. With that, he sinks.

But what if Peter had not taken his eyes off Christ? What if he had not allowed that moment of doubt, that lack of trust to overcome him? What a grand adventure he could have had out there walking on the sea with Jesus! When we take our eyes off Christ, the many blessings He has given us, and the loving way He treats us, we sink, too.

But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PLEASE NOTE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION,

the SOLEMNITY of the ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our usual Holy Day Mass schedule is **7am and 7pm**. We do not have a Vigil Mass for Holy Days at St. Ann's.

There will NOT be a 7pm Mass on Monday, August 14. We will not have the usual Monday evening Mass.

Holy Trinity Church has a Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14 at 7pm, St. Joseph Church at 7:30pm

The Assumption (August 15) refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary being assumed — body and soul — into heaven at the end of her earthly life. "Assumption" is different than "ascension" because one is passive (i.e. one is assumed) and the other is active (i.e. one ascends). It is by the power of God Mary was assumed.



As evidenced by the writings of many early Church fathers, Christians have believed for more than a millennium that the Blessed Virgin was assumed into

heaven. In 1950, Pope Pius XII issued Munificentissimus Deus, which officially defined the Dogma of the Assumption. This means that the Church officially recognizes this belief as a true and necessary part of our Catholic beliefs about Mary. Like all beliefs about Mary, they illuminate our most treasured beliefs about her Son. The Assumption illustrates to us the truth about Christ's promise of eternal life and the resurrection of the faithful.

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Sister Dolores Toscano Farewell

After 23 years of service to the people of God in Raritan area, **Sister Dolores Toscano**, **MPF**, is retiring from her role as Pastoral Associate at St. Ann Parish. Sister Dolores has faithfully and generously ministered to the homebound, bringing the comfort of the Eucharist and the balm of friendship to the lonely and sometimes forgotten. She has meticulously tended to the altar linens, mended vestments and performed countless acts of charity. Sister knows and believes that as God loves us, so must we love one another.

Please join in thanking God and Sister Dolores for the faithful witness she has provided to our community these many years. Bishop James Checchio will be celebrating the 12 noon Mass on August 27. A reception in the school cafeteria will follow Mass to give everyone an opportunity to thank Sr. Dolores and to say good bye. Sister will be moving to the local Mother House of the Filippini Sisters in Morristown.



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Respect Life Prayer and Action

May the Blessed Mother teach us to value and respect the gift of human life

Pray: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflect:

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).

Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'" (CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose).

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid

Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support pregnant mothers and parents of young children? Do we prioritize showing our love to those who are ill or aging? Do we care for them in a way that respects God's gift of life?

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Act (Choose one):

- Read and meditate on the Mass readings for the Solemnity of the Assumption. Reflect on how the Blessed Mother consistently exemplified how to welcome and cherish God's gift of human life.
- Choose one night to sleep without your pillow or on the floor.
 Consider how Mary welcomed the Christ-child in humble surroundings and pray for mothers who welcome their children amidst poverty and difficult circumstances today.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

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The Pregnancy Aid and Information Center has an integral part in providing options to abortion and encouragement to moms in need. Let us continue to be that beacon of hope for pregnant women in difficult circumstances

Along with these items please prayerfully consider offering time to volunteer. Hours of operations: Mon. 11-2pm. Tues. 10-12:30, Thurs. 10-12pm and 4-5:30pm. There are volunteer members who will offer training with tours of our center.

Saint Ann Regional Marriage Apostolate Date Night for a Joyful Marriage

Feasts of the Angels Saturday September 30, 2023 6:30 – 9:00 PM

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Thank you for your generous donations of food to the Somerset County Food Bank Network. Every pound counts!

We are in need of adult women clothing. Size Medium for tops, sweaters. Large for pants. Needs socks as well. Gently used and/or new is greatly appreciated. Any questions, please contact Christine at the office.

ST. ANN MONTHLY SOCIAL for SENIORS and RETIREES

Enjoy afternoon tea or coffee and a light snack.
The next gathering will be on
Wednesday, August 16, from 1pm to 3pm,
in the church basement Meeting Room.



RSVP to Natasha Zelis at 908-392-3643, call or text, or email at **Tashazelis1@gmail.com**

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, 08840-4000 or give online at https://diometuchen.org/BAA.

Status of St. Ann's BAA	As of August 4
Goal:	\$63,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$81,068.63
Amount Received:	\$79,719.13
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$18,068.63
Percent of Goal Pledged:	128.68%
Percent of Goal Received:	126.54%
Average Gift Amount:	\$403.33

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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 14

No Mass at St. Ann's (7pm at Holy Trinity; 7:30 at St. Joe's)

St. Ann's Holy Day schedule does not include a Vigil Mass

Tuesday, August 15 - Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

People of the Parish 7:00 am

Maria, Paul and Rose Fusca by sister-in-law 7:00 pm

Anna

Wednesday, August 16

7:00 am Maria Fusca by the Fusca Family

Thursday, August 17

7:00 am William and Cecelia DeSantis by Sr. Dolores

Toscano

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19

9:00 am Evelyn Sullivan by the Sullivan Family 4:00 pm Julia and Edward Lesko by Bill Basilone

Sunday, August 20

People of the Parish 7:30 am

10:00 am Helen Minutillo by Marilyn and Steve Karg 12:00 pm Domenico Grande by mother Caterina Grande

5:00 pm Dr. Joseph Scalia by Denise Szabo

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday Wednesday 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Dt 34:1-12: Mt 18:15-20

Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Thursday Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; **Monday**

Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27 Mt 18:21-19:1

Tuesday

Friday Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28;

Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a,

10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

Saturday

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



Altar Candle #1 for **Dominic and Evelyn Stinziano** by Ron and Cathy Wyka

Blessed Mother Lamp for Maria Rosa Gasparro by Maria Giorgio



August Virtual Family Rosary

The Office of Family Life is sponsoring a virtual rosary for engaged/married couples and children on August 21st at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org for details and link information.

Parishioner Financial Support

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Give Online with WeShare

Contributions info from the weekend of August 6:

Offertory Contributions \$ 7,007 **WeShare Offertory Contributions** \$ 3,475 **Total for Parish Operation** \$10,482 **SACA Day of Giving 100 Additional Mission Co-op** \$ 40

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

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All Religious Education Faith Formation Information and Registration Forms can be found on our parish website: 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.

Pray for those in the Military

Victor Dulay, Jr; U.S. Marine Corps Zack Orecchio: U.S. Navv Pvt. Brennan Gasway; U.S. Army Pvt Tayla Rasmusson; U.S. Marine Corps AIC Olivia F. Geary, U.S. Air Force PFC Daniel J. Salvo; U.S. Marine Corps **PFC Brendan Hughs;** U.S. Marine Corps Col Jonathan Schultes: U.S. Marine Coros PFC Gavin John: U.S. Marine Corps SPC4 Joshua Sena ILS, Army LtCol Louis P. Simon; U.S. Marine Corps LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps **PFC Jerome C. Sunga**; U.S. Army CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr. LCpl Sean Maj; U.S. Marine Corps Jack Vara; U.S. Marine Corps Mai Michael Morella: U.S. Army Col Daniel Viscariello: U.S. Marine Coros 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

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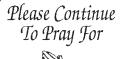


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