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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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*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"O woman, great is your faith!"*



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time— August 20, 2023

Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings
IS 56:1, 6-7; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; ROM 11:13-15, 29-32; MT 15:21-28

Our readings today remind us that God is ever-faithful, even when we are not. They challenge us as Christian stewards to show our love for this faithful God through actions, and to lean in to our trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

The First Reading, from Isaiah, teaches that all of humanity is invited to become the Lord's disciples. But we have to actually take Him up on the invitation by the way we live our lives. "Observe what is right, do what is just... All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Our parish is not a country club. It is meant for all and must be a welcome place for all — where we roll up our sleeves together to serve and worship our God.

God knows we will not always get this right. We will choose selfishness and stay in our comfort zones at times, rather than embracing the daily call to discipleship. But God will never withhold His love and His gifts from us.

Our Second Reading, from the letter to the Romans, shows us, "For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." God is patient and merciful with us when we falter in the stewardship way of life. He brings good from even our failures as long as we continue to attempt the challenging path of discipleship. The reading closes with this reminder: "For God delivered all to disobedience that he might have mercy upon all."

And because God is indeed faithful and merciful, He wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. In other words, we must allow Him to transform us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to do. Sometimes, that will feel painful to us. Often, it will be challenging.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon.

What did Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." But she was undeterred and continued to call out to Him — so much so that the disciples asked Him to send her away. Jesus does not send her away, but He does not give her what she asks for immediately either.

Instead, He continues to challenge the woman's faith. And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman [a term of deep respect in that day], great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Truly, there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us.

So we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge to our trust in God. But those are the days when God is making saints of us. Let's embrace the hard days. The deep joy that eventually comes, the eternal reward He promises, will be so worth it. And He wants us — all of us — to have it.

— *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION
This Sunday, August 20, 2023
at 3:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church

This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction.



Save the Date

for the

Restart the Festa Fundraiser Dinner!

Date: Saturday September 23rd

Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Saint Ann's School Cafeteria

A fun night of music, entertainment, and Festa food favorites! More details to come. Volunteers Needed.



Sister Dolores Toscano Farewell

Next Sunday, August 27

Noon Mass with Bishop James Checchio

Reception in the school cafeteria

Please join in thanking God and Sister Dolores for the faithful witness she has provided to our community these many years. Take this 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.

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.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Ann Church & School is seeking a **part-time custodian/maintenance person on Mondays and Tuesdays**. Those interested, please call the parish office at (908)725-1008 extension 223 to set up an interview appointment.

REGISTER NOW

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.

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Celebrate ! Feast of the Angels

Saint Ann Regional Marriage Apostolate

Date Night for a Joyful Marriage

Saturday September 30, 2023

6:30 – 9:00 PM

**Inviting couples who are dating, engaged,
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Church Meeting RSVP to:
908-725-1008 Ext # 6
(Christine)

Our Special Guest Speakers Will Be:

Michael and Carolyn Sarno have been married since October of 2020. They both began their faith journeys in college and met through a Catholic young adult group in central New Jersey.

Carolyn attended Franciscan University of Steubenville and works as a paralegal. Michael attended The College of New Jersey and Villanova Law School and now practices law here in New Jersey.

They are currently parishioners at Saint Magdalen de Pazzi in Flemington, where they participate in Eucharistic Adoration and St. Paul's Street Evangelization ministries.

Michael is a life-long Yankees fan as well as big New York Rangers fan. Carolyn enjoys gourmet cooking and home décor and design.



Brush with Kindness is a program that is available to your qualified congregation to receive assistance and an opportunity for volunteers to participate. RVH will help with small, outdoor clean-up and repair jobs free of charge (donations are always welcomed). For example - yard clean-up, leaf raking, small paint jobs, deck maintenance, low window or gutter cleaning and small plantings. Once there is a list of qualified homeowners from your congregation that require assistance and volunteers, we will schedule a day to work on those homes.

Brush with Kindness helps those in need and encourages volunteers (within the congregation) to join us.

Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity serves New Jersey Somerset & Hunterdon counties, and our mission is seeking to put God's love into action, bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Our vision is a place where everyone has a decent place to live.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

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 pants. Needs socks as well. Gently used and/or new is greatly appreciated

Any questions, please contact Christine at the office.

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 11
Goal:	\$63,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$81,068.63
Amount Received:	\$79,821.63
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$18,068.63
Percent of Goal Pledged:	128.68%
Percent of Goal Received:	126.70%
Average Gift Amount:	\$403.33



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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 21

7:00 pm Maria Natale by her children;
Vincenzo Viscariello by his wife Francesca
Francesco Giangregorio by his sister Raffaella
Bavaro and family

Tuesday, August 22

7:00 am Anna Carra and son Joseph Carra by the
Rosary Altar Society

Wednesday, August 23

7:00 am Edward Cwieka by Bill Helmstetter

Thursday, August 24

7:00 am Linda Cody by Raymond and Ova Nesser and
Afife Naaman

Friday, August 25

Saturday, August 26

9:00 am Raffaele and Elisabeth Fusca by daughter-in-
law Caterina Fusca
4:00 pm Frank Mattei by Pina and family

Sunday, August 27

7:30 am People of the Parish
10:00 am Living and Deceased Member of the Holy
Name Society
12:00 pm Health & Blessings for Sister Dolores Toscano
5:00 pm Carmen Rego by family

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Thursday
Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Monday	Friday
Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Tuesday	Saturday
Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	
Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16	

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



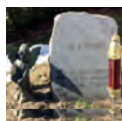
Altar Candle #1 for
Peter and Rose Wyka
by Ron and Cathy Wyka

Tabernacle Lamp for
Anna Carra and son Joseph Carra
by their family



Blessed Mother Lamp for
Evelyn and Dominic Stinziano
by Ron and Cathy Wyka

Pro-Life Candle for
Carmella Rita by Marie Rita



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 August 13:

Offertory Contributions	\$ 5,652
WeShare Offertory Contributions	\$ 2,345
Total for Parish Operation	\$ 7,997

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

PREGNANCY AID and INFORMATION CENTER 59 Thompson Street, Raritan 908-526-8121

Needed Baby Products: Baby shampoo, Wipes, Diaper Rash Ointment, Diaper Bags, Lotion.

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

Please prayerfully consider offering time to volunteer. There are volunteer members who will offer training with tours of our center. Inquire at the Center for more information.

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

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