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

—or by appointment

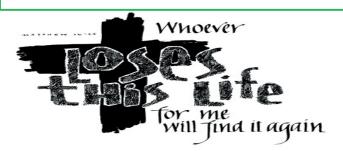
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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 3, 2023

Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings JER 20:7-9; PS 63:2-6, 8-9; ROM 12:1-2; MT 16:21-27

If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, we must be honest with ourselves and admit it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies. Our readings today reflect this challenging reality.

Our first reading is from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. After a series of hard knocks as he tries to preach the message God has entrusted to him, Jeremiah sums up the steward's "dilemma" — the choice between living for self or living for God — this way: "I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart... I grow weary holding it in."

Haven't we all felt that way, perhaps after frustrations in our ministry or being chided by friends for our "crazy Catholic beliefs"? But God is so good, so loving, so generous to us that, like Jeremiah, even when we're tempted to throw in the towel, we simply cannot turn our back on Him. We hold steady on the stewardship way of life.

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans teaches how we get back to the path of discipleship in those moments of discouragement when we feel the temptation to just **give** up and give in to selfishness. Paul urges us, "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God." He says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may do the will of God."

What does this mean for us modern-day stewards? It means we must discipline ourselves — body, mind, and spirit — through a consistent prayer life, continuous formation in our Catholic faith, and setting aside anything in our life (entertainment, material possessions, social activities) that is not pleasing to God. Seems impossible, doesn't it? And it would be impossible, except for the grace of God which is always available to us in abundance if we simply ask God for it.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, continues this theme of the tough demands of the steward's way of life, this time in the words of Jesus Himself. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this? Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others — which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake, in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants

MONTHLY FOOD BANK COLLECTION

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Religious Education Faith Formation First Grade Catechist Needed

Children preparing to receive a sacrament, Confession/ Holy Communion or Confirmation, will have religious education on Sundays at 9am and attend the 10am Mass. In general, that applies to grades one, two, seven and eight. Please contact Sr. Ella Mae McDonald if you would like to be considered for Catechist for First Grade.

Parents, Please 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 with questions.

Contact: Sr. Ella Mae McDonald in the parish office at 908-725-1008, press 1 then press 5.

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 4, is the civic holiday of Labor Day. We offer one Mass at one location on Civic Holidays. Mass this Monday will be at 9:00am at St. Ann Church.

Note that there will NOT be a 7pm Mass Monday evening, September 4. Parish offices will closed on Labor Day.

A Few Reflections for Labor Day

Man must work, both because the Creator has commanded it and because of his own humanity, which requires work in order to be maintained and developed. Man must work out of regard for others, especially his own family, but also for the society he belongs to, the country of which he is a child, and the whole human family of which he is a member, since he is the heir to the work of generations and at the same time a sharer in building the future of those who will come after him in the succession of history.

— St. John Paul II, Laborem Exercens ("On Human Work")

He who wishes for anything but Christ, does not know what he wishes; he who asks for anything but Christ, does not know what he is asking; he who works, and not for Christ, does not know what he is doing. — St. Philip Neri

Whenever you begin any good work you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection.

— The Rule of Saint Benedict

PART-TIME 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.

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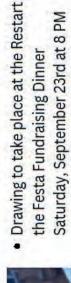


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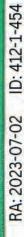
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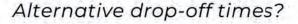


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Volunteers needed to help make this a success! Contact Bill at billhelms@verizon.net.







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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, newlywed or married several years.



Dinner & Dessert. BYOB.

\$35.00 per couple

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908-725-100 Room 8 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.

Franciscan Carolvn attended 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 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.



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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Bereavement Ministry strives to bring consolation and peer support to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Informal small group gatherings are facilitated by caring parishioners. Sharing thoughts, feelings, and emotions in the atmosphere of our faith with others who are also going through a personal loss can often bring some peace and acceptance, when understanding that these experiences are normal.

A ten-week session will begin on Monday, October 2nd from 6:30pm until 8:00pm at Holy Trinity Church (about 1.2 miles from SA). No fee, but registration is required.

Contact Deacon John Phalen at (908) 526-2394 or bereavement@holytrinitynj.org.



Lectio Divina is a meditative reading of a short Scripture passage. No experience or preparation are required.

> 2 Mondays per month 7:00 P.M. on Zoom Beginning on September 18th

Contact cdaverso@diometuchen.org for details

Hispanic Heritage Festival

St. Joseph Catholic Church 16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, New Jersey

Sunday, September 17, 2023 1:00pm -7:00pm

Featuring: Food from more than 10 different countries of Latin America, including: Mexico, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, Peru, Colombia, Paraguay, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and the U.S.!

Also, games for children, pony rides, mechanical bull, dunking tank, folkloric dance groups, D.J. Coco, live music, and culminating the day with a small Eucharistic Procession!

Everyone is cordially invited! All proceeds to benefit St. Joseph Church



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Mass Intentions

Monday, September 4—Labor Day

9:00 am Maria Gasparro by friends

Tuesday, September 5

7:00 am Frank Cirianni by Elena DiRado

Wednesday, September 6

7:00 am Special Intentions for Teresa Ciurleo in honor

of St. Teresa by Angela Scavo

Thursday, September 7

7:00 am James Pacifico by Mary Pacifico

Fríday, September 8

Saturday, September 9

9:00 am Donna Taffera by Angie Glenn

4:00 pm Dolores and Hank Hawkins by Bill Basilone

Sunday, September 10

7:30 am Antonio and Rosa Greco by their

daughter-in-law Vincenza Greco

10:00 am Rev. Blaise R. Baran -Pastor St. Ann's 1991-

1999 by Harold and Jacqueline D'Alessio

12:00 pm Primo Mongiello by his wife and family

5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday Thursday Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Mt 16:21-27

Monday Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; 3-18: Lk 4:16-30 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday Saturday 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37 Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44





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There are still openings in Kindergarten, and other grades as well.

Pray for all Children. God protect and guide them!

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 and appreciated.

WeShare online giving is encouraged because of its ease of use, consistency in support and flexibility. Sign-up is easy. 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.

Give Online with WeShare

Contributions info from the weekend of August 13:

Offertory Contributions \$ 5,779
WeShare Offertory Contributions
Total for Parish Operation \$ 7,894
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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 the Living and Deceased Members of the Cammarata Family by Lena Cammarata

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

(Romans 12:1)

Pray for those in the Military

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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
LCpl Matthew John; U.S. Marine Corps
CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.
LCpl Sean Maj; U.S. Marine Corps
Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army
Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps

Zack Orecchio; U.S. Navy
Pvt Tayla Rasmusson; U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Daniel J. Salvo; U.S. Marine Corps
Cpl Jonathan Schultes; U.S. Marine Corps
SPC4 Joshua Sena U.S. Army
LtCol Louis P. Simon; U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Jerome C. Sunga; U.S. Army
Jack Vara; U.S. Marine Corps
Cpl Daniel Viscariello; 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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