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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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**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time— September 10, 2023**

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### Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings

EZ 33:7-9; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; ROM 13:8-10; MT 18:15-20

Today's readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned as a result of the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, our neighbors, our friends and our parish family need us and we need them — not just for survival, but to be our best selves, and to help each other on the path to heaven.

Our readings today show us how we can be good stewards of these vital relationships, beginning with the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel. God says to Ezekiel, "You... I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me." Because of our Baptism, we are all "watchmen" for one another. We have been given the gift of our Catholic faith and we have a responsibility to lovingly and generously share that gift. As Christian stewards, we must take this call to heart every day of the week and in every setting in which we find ourselves.

This can seem overwhelming at first. Are we called to keep a sermon in our back pocket at all times? Not exactly.

St. Paul gives us simple instruction in our second reading from Romans to guide us in our dealings with others. He reminds us what Christ Himself taught: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the overarching principle that guides us to be good stewards of our relationships and communities.

True love means seeking the good of the other. Sometimes, love requires us to speak up when it would be easier to remain silent — other times, love calls us to keep our mouths shut when we would prefer to "put someone in their place."

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus further refines this instruction on good stewardship of our relationships, even when they involve conflict. He says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

What timely advice for the modern-day steward. In this age of social media, it is tempting and all too easy to take to Twitter or Facebook to vent our frustrations about someone who has offended us. This is not love. But neither is allowing a brother (or sister) to sin against us without speaking up. Jesus teaches us to confront the offending person directly and discretely — with the goal of restoring the relationship if possible. This is how we steward our relationships even through rocky waters.

Later in this passage, Jesus speaks to us of the power and beauty of community life. "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants

### Catechetical Sunday September 17

Theme: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened"  
(Matthew 11:28)

This year's theme reminds us of the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them.

### 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.**

### ST. ANN MONTHLY SOCIAL for SENIORS and RETIREES

Enjoy afternoon tea or coffee and a light snack.

The next gathering will be on

**Wednesday, September 20, 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**

### Perpetual Adoration Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament

The Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, in Raritan, is looking for adorers to sit with the Blessed Sacrament Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is also being offered the third Thursday of each Month (Night Vigil) from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

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\*\*Kids under 10 are an at-will donation

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*Time for Fall Cleaning!  
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- clothes, hats, gloves, scarves, ties
- shoes, belts, etc.
- handbags, briefcases, backpacks
- linens, pillows, towels, drapery, small rugs
- stuffed animals



*Alternative drop-off times?*

*Call the school or parish office to make arrangements: 908-725-7787.*

***Please put donated items in TALL KITCHEN GARBAGE BAGS.***

*Visit [clothingdrive.net](http://clothingdrive.net) for more information and a complete list of donatable items.*

*Volunteers needed to help make this a success! Contact Bill at [billhelms@verizon.net](mailto:billhelms@verizon.net).*



## The Catholic Church of St. Ann

### 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.**



**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.

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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@holyltrinitynj.org](mailto:bereavement@holyltrinitynj.org).

### 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  
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### Lectio Divina

**For Engaged, Married Couples & Families**

*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](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org) for details

The Office of Family Life is sponsoring a virtual Lectio Divina group for engaged and married couples and their families to study the Scriptures. Meetings will be held on Zoom twice per month on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina is a meditative reading of a short passage of Scripture. All are welcome to attend regardless of prior experience and no preparation is necessary for meetings other than bringing a Bible! For details, please contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins at [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.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.



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### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, September 11

7:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus;  
Joseph Iannetta by his wife and children;  
Maria Gasparro by the White Family

#### Tuesday, September 12

7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Cammarata Family by Lena Cammarata

#### Wednesday, September 13

7:00 am Alba Logan by Shirley Mazzarella

#### Thursday, September 14

7:00 am Carmela Rocciolo by Maria and Biagio Laurito

#### Friday, September 15

#### Saturday, September 16

9:00 am Nancy Gianni by the Massa Family  
4:00 pm Donna Connolly by her sister

#### Sunday, September 17

7:30 am People of the Parish  
10:00 am Ann R. Schaub by her sons  
12:00 pm Barbara Sena by Jim and Nancy Sena  
5:00 pm Maria R. Gasparro by Angie Glenn

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Thursday
Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20	Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Monday	Friday
Col 1:22-2:3; Lk 6:6-11	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday	Saturday
Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19	1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
Wednesday	
Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26	

### Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



Tabernacle Lamp for  
**Rudolph Ribar Jr.**  
by Rose and Augie Caruso

Blessed Mother Lamp for the  
**Living and Deceased Members of  
the Cammarata Family**  
by Lena Cammarata



Altar Flowers In Memory of  
**Fr. Blaise R. Baran**  
**Pastor of St. Ann's 1991-1999**  
by Harold and Jacqueline D'Alessio

#### 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.

### 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.

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#### Contributions info from the weekend of September 3:

Offertory Contributions	\$ 5,852
WeShare Offertory Contributions	\$ 3,271
<b>Total for Parish Operation</b>	<b>\$ 9,123</b>

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

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)



The month of October each year is  
dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.  
If you would like to stipend Altar  
Flowers for a week during the month  
of October for a special intention  
please contact the parish office.

The stipend for altar flowers is \$100.

### Pray for those in the Military

<b>Victor Dulay, Jr.</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>Zack Drecchio</b> ; U.S. Navy
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<b>LCpl Sean Maj</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps	<b>Jack Vara</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
<b>Maj Michael Morella</b> ; U.S. Army	<b>Cpl Daniel Viscariello</b> ; U.S. Marine Corps
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<b>TSgt Anthony John O'Connor</b> ; U.S. Air Force	<b>Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti</b> ; U.S. Air Force

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

Joseph Arena	Susan H.	John Michaels
Vitangelo Bavaro	Bernadette Healy	Genoveffa Mirra
Joanmarie Carlone	Anthony Hughes	Lidia Natale
Bruno Cirianni	Laura Karg	A.J. Papavero
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D'Amore	Mark Marshall	Deborah Scarpone
Michael D'Angelo	Giovanna Martini	Cathy Stinziano
Roseann Danna	Lella Mathews	Patricia Tibaldi
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Frank Forte	Edward J. McNamara	Jenny Troisi
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