

The Catholic Church of St. Ann



St. Ann, our Parish Patroness, pray for us!

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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.
	—or by appointment	

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Sunday Haiku

25th Sunday of Year A

FIRST READING

His thoughts are not ours
His ways higher than the earth
Seek Him while He's near

GOSPEL

The landowner's love
Equal for all, rich or poor
God's grace knows no bounds

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time— September 24, 2023

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Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings IS 55:6-9; PS 145; PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A; MT 20:1-16A

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic and priorities often differ from worldly logic and priorities. What does this mean for us who call ourselves His disciples and stewards? It means that our way of life should look decidedly different from a "worldly" way of life.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, starts with a bang. "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near." As stewards, we know that all things, including time, are gifts from the Lord. The time to know, love, and serve God is now! We must not waste any of the precious moments that He has gifted to us. This means that the way we prioritize our time will often be at odds with the world's priorities. Worldly thinking says we must focus on things like "getting ahead," "looking out for number one" and the idea that "time is money."

We are reminded clearly in this passage, however, that God thinks bigger than this. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." As His followers, we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind.

St. Paul describes this radical kind of thinking in our second reading, from the Letter to the Philippians. He says, "Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain." For Paul, life is not about Paul. It's about Christ. This should be our mindset as Christ's disciples, too.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard.

The landowner goes out early in the morning and finds a group of laborers who agree to work for the usual daily wage. Later in the morning the landowner goes out again and notices another group "standing idle" in the marketplace. He invites them to work in his vineyard, too. The landowner repeats this exercise at noon and finally late in the day, as he comes to a last group of folks still waiting for work. At the end of the day, the landowner pays all the workers a full day's pay, whether they had labored from the early hours of the morning or whether they had begun late in the day. This angered the laborers who had worked longest and they grumbled against the landowner. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger! We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. The more time we are given to do this work, the greater the gift!

Living the stewardship way of life — making Christ our life — brings us meaning, depth and purpose. Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life.

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants

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)

Come Encounter Jesus

*A time for discernment and prayer
for young women ages 16-30*

Place: Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ

Date: **October 14th at 10 a.m.,
concluding on October 15th at 1:30 p.m.**

Contact: Sr. Helen Sanchez at
hsanchez444@hotmail.com
Please register by September 30, 2023.

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

St. Ann's Church Meeting RSVP to:

908-725-100

Room 8 Ext # 6 (Christine)

Join the Choir!

Now is a great time to join the choir! Members of the choirs of all the communities served by the Oratory meet together to rehearse weekly. Choir members sing at their particular church on Sunday and then one Sunday a month, the full group sings together.

Singing in your parish's choir is a great way to...

- Engage more deeply in the Mass
- Connect with a faithful community within your parish
- Be a part of a team that strives to create beauty
- Serve your fellow parishioners

If you are interested in joining the choir, and for more information, speak to any of the musicians after Mass or contact the Director of Music and Liturgy, Mr. Anthony R. Nardino, whose information is on the cover of the bulletin.

Religious Education Faith Formation

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.

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

radical solidarity

to be courageously pro-woman,
promoting a choice that truly protects,
accompanies, and supports
women and their children



RESPECT LIFE 

The Catholic Church
in the US
Observes October
Respect Life Month.

The first Sunday
of October is
designated as
**Respect Life
Sunday.**

A wreath and prayers
will be offered at the
Pro-Life Memorial near
the steps to the parish
office after the 12pm
Mass on
Sunday, October 1st.



LIFE CHAIN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

2:00 – 3:30 PM (RAIN OR SHINE)

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Locally, Somerville

Somerset Street & Mountain Avenue

Contact: Kevin Dugan (908) 788-7736

Also, [Somerset St. & Rt 202, near Walgreens](#)

Feminine Genius Brunch

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Come join us for a beautiful morning set aside to marvel at the mystery of God and His plan for each of us!

This event includes a presentation and book signing by Shannon Whitmore, author of the new book, *"See Yourself as God Does: Understanding Holy Body Image through Catholic Scripture"* (Ascension).

The morning will include prayer and reflection, brunch, and a review of some service ideas for women to get more involved in ministry.

This event is for women of all ages and will be **held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. For more information and/or to register please visit: www.diometuchen.org/familylife or call 732-562-1543.**

Candidate for Permanent Diaconate, Jesus Rego, Instituted Acolyte

Jesus Rego, a member of St. Ann parish, has been preparing for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. He is now in his final year of theological studies and formation.

Last Saturday, September 16, Jesus and the other men in his class from throughout the Diocese, were instituted into the ministry of Acolyte in the presence of Bishop James Checchio.

The instituted acolyte is appointed to assist the deacon and serve the priest in the celebration of the liturgy. He is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion serving when sufficient ordinary ministers are not available. Instituted acolytes, as necessary, may also assist with the formation of other ministers who assist at the altar. Because these ministers are dedicated to service at the altar, they should strive to learn all they can about public divine worship and strive to grasp its inner spiritual meaning. A primary responsibility is to assist with the purification of vessels used in the distribution of Holy Communion.

Congratulations, Jesus, in taking this next step in preparation for the ministry of service. Let us support, encourage and pray for Jesus, his wife Patricia, and all his family.



2nd Annual Coats for Kids Drive Raritan and Somerville Knights

No child should be cold this **Winter** please help share the warmth one coat at a time with our neighboring families.



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Boys and Girls sizes 2 to young adult . Collections

will be on Saturday 10-14-23

and Sunday 10-15-23.

Before each Mass at St Ann's Church, Holy Trinity

Church, St Joseph's Church, Mary Mother of God,

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(Containers Will be in the Lobby)

Both Councils will combine to match donations up to 50 coats / \$1000 in total!

The Knights are an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 2.5 million members in 23000 local councils

Praying for the Church's Synod on Synodality

A "synod" is a journey of discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit. In the Synod on Synodality, the entire Church has been called to discern how the Spirit is moving through and with the Body of Christ — inside and outside the Church — so that we may continue to fulfill our mission to evangelize in the world.

On October 4, Pope Francis will open the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops "For a Synodal Church". The Holy See has asked (and Bp. Checchio is requesting) that parishes include prayers for the Synod in their Universal Prayers at Mass at Sunday Masses on September 24 and October 1, and at Weekday Masses in between.

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 berereavement@holyltrinitynj.org.

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.

Anyone interested in signing up should visit <https://blessedsacramentshrine.com/>.

Senior Event: Health Care Considerations for Aging Catholics

Please save-the-date for our next event for Seniors **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM** at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. This event includes Continental breakfast, guest speaker **Msgr. John Fell, STD**, Episcopal Vicar For Health Care Apostolate who will speak on “**Health Care Considerations for Aging Catholics**”, and Holy Mass. Cost is \$10 per person. Call or email Angela Marshall to register 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org

Our Lady of Fatima Candlelight Procession

All are invited to attend this annual event on **Sunday, October 8, 2023**, gathering at the **Our Lady of Fatima Church**, located at 501 New Market Road in **Piscataway, NJ** at **7:00pm**.

Our presider this year will be the Most Reverend Gerardo J. Colacicco, Auxiliary Bishop of New York (National Eucharistic Revival Board Member.) The procession begins at 7:30pm. The Rosary will be recited in the church for those unable to walk in the procession. Rosaries, candles and handkerchiefs are available for a small donation. Please join us.

For information call Roberta at 732-245-9124.

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.



Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM
at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi,
548 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey.

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.

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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Visit us at: www.wvme.org for more information.

Pastoral Ministry for SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

If you are struggling with unwanted same-sex attraction and seek **confidential**, Catholic pastoral care, call **Courage: 732-562-2476**, or e-mail couragecnj@gmail.com.

For family members who seek support, call **EnCourage: 732-248-9460**. See the website at Couragerc.org

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September 14, 2023

My dear parishoners,

How can I ever thank you for the love, prayers, and goodness showered upon me at my Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, August 27? You overwhelmed me with words and gestures of affection. I shall never forget the celebration!

It has been my honor, privilege and joy to minister in this parish these 23 years. You may think that *I* gave to *you*, but I assure you that in so many ways, large and small, *you* ministered to *me*. Our Lord worked through you and I praise Him for the opportunity to continue the mission of St. Lucy Filippini in Raritan and the surrounding area. I praise God for His goodness and mercy.

Let us continue to pray for one another. Regardless of distance, we are always united in the Eucharist. May Our Lady, St. Ann, and St. Lucy Filippini protect and intercede for you, now and in the future.

God bless you,

Sister Dolores Toscano, M.P.F.

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May God grant us
fortitude and
resolve in our
efforts to protect
all human life



EthicsPoint

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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

MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN NOVENA

October 10-18

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development has announced a **National Catholic Mental Health Campaign Novena**. The novena will begin on October 10 (World Mental Health Day) and conclude on October 18 (the Feast of St. Luke, patron of physicians). It comes as no surprise that we've seen a spike in mental health issues, particularly following the Covid lockdowns. Bishop Checchio thought parishioners, those struggling with their mental health as well as those with a friend or family member struggling, might find comfort in praying the Novena. To receive the Novena from the USCCB, go to

<https://usccb.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=75c0c9953e20885f1295adc0f&id=df7bb0eb5e>

Fill out the form to receive the **National Catholic Mental Health Campaign Novena** daily emails.



Department of Justice, Peace
and Human Development

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Mass Intentions

Monday, September 25

7:00 pm Stephen W. Forktus by Pat and Bob Ronca;
Joe Iannetta by Lena Iannetta and family;
Maria Rosa Gasparro by Lucy Parisi

Tuesday, September 26

7:00 am Francesco Fusca by the Fusca Family

Wednesday, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

7:00 am Michael Adams by Sisters of St. Ann Convent

Friday, September 29

Saturday, September 30

9:00 am Orazio and Caterina Gudagno by Clementina
Guadagno
4:00 pm Steven Sr. and Agnus Forktus by their sons &
grandsons

Sunday, October 1

7:30 am Gregorio Greco by Saverio and Caterina
Todarello
10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary
Altar Society
12:00 pm Stephen McDonald by Sr. Ella Mae
5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Thursday
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a	Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Monday	Friday
Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18	Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday	Saturday
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Wednesday	
Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6	



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4)
we will have the blessing of animals on
next Sunday, October 1 at 3pm in the open
space behind the church and rectory.

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 17:

Offertory Contributions	\$ 4,835
WeShare Offertory Contributions	\$ 2,881
Total for Parish Operation	\$ 7,716

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



**St. Joseph Lamp for Living and Deceased
Members of the Cammarata Family**
by Lena Cammarata

**Altar Flowers with gratitude
and respect for our men and
women serving in the U.S. Military**
by the Carovillano Family



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
A1C Olivia F. Geary ; U.S. Air Force	PFC Daniel J. Salvo ; U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Brendan Hughs ; U.S. Marine Corps	Cpl Jonathan Schultes ; U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Gavin John ; U.S. Marine Corps	SPEC4 Joshua Sena ; U.S. Army
LCpl Matthew John ; U.S. Marine Corps	LtCol Louis P. Simon ; U.S. Marine Corps
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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	Genoveffa Mirra
Vitangelo Bavaro	Anthony Hughes	Lidia Natale
Joanmarie Carlone	Laura Karg	A.J. Papavero
Bruno Cirianni	Brianna Rose Larson	Victor Rangel
Mary Contino	Michael Lynch	Danilo & Sanbeda Santos
Jerry Costanzo	Antonio, Alice & Lisa Magdamit	Nancy Scafuto
Ralph Cusati	Mark Marshall	Deborah Scarpone
Maria Anastasia D'Amore	Giovanna Martini	Cathy Stinziano
Michael D'Angelo	Lella Mathews	Patricia Tibaldi
Roseann Danna	Susan Maurice	Saverio Todarello
Josephine DiPiazza	Jim McGuinness	Luisito Tolentino
John Falco	Edward J. McNamara	Jenny Troisi
Frank Forte	Wilfredo Medina III	Lou Troisi
Cindy Galvacky	Joyce Melitsky	Emanuel Valentin
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Susan H.	John Michaels	

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