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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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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time— October 15, 2023

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings
IS 25:6-10A; PS 23; PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20; MT 21:1-14 or 22:1-10

How easy it is, especially in these times, to be consumed by the cares and distractions of the “here and now,” forgetting about what matters most — living for the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the virtuous use of our Time, Talent and Treasure, allows us to embrace daily life and all its demands — with eternity in mind.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah paints a beautiful and compelling picture of what we can hope for in Heaven. “The LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.” And not only that, our loving Father will personally heal us of each and every suffering we endured during our lives. “The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face.”

How can we say “no” to such an enticing invitation? Yet, so often we are tempted to do just that. We ignore our relationship with God, neglect our prayer and sacramental life, and the call to put others ahead of ourselves. We prioritize the “immediate” over the “eternal.”

How do we keep focused on the Kingdom of Heaven? St. Paul shares his secret for an eternity-driven life. In our Second Reading from his Letter to the Philippians, Paul says, “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.” In other words, Paul has learned to live the stewardship way of life.

What is the secret? It is this: “I can do all things in him who strengthens me.” How? Through this: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” It is so simple! But it is not easy. It takes both courage and humility to live this way. God will supply these to us if we ask.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we return to the image of a feast. To describe the Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus shares the parable of a wedding feast that a king gives for his son. The king sends several groups of servants to call the invited guests to come and join the feast. By virtue of our Baptism, we are the “invited guests” that Jesus is describing. How do the invited guests respond? The first group of guests refuses to come. Among the second group of guests, “some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business.” Is this how we respond?

Our Heavenly Father is continuously inviting us (reminding us, prodding us) to come and join Him in the Kingdom of Heaven. Not in a far-off future, but right here and right now. If we will put Him first, partake of the sacraments He gives us (especially the gift of His own Son in the Eucharist) we can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven right now. And our example can lead others to join us.

So let us embrace the stewardship way of life today! Let us put God first with our Time, our Talents and our Treasure, knowing that we can do all of this through Christ Who gives us strength. God is calling to us today to live with eternity in mind. If we do this, we will be feasting now and forever!

— Stewardship Reflections by 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)**

World Mission Sunday

“Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move”

Second Collection Next Weekend, October 21-22

Please see Bishop Checchio’s message on the next page.
Prepare to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

This Sunday, October 15, 2023

at 3:30 pm at St. Ann Church

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



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

Enjoy afternoon tea or coffee and a light snack.

The next gathering will be on

Wednesday, October 18, from 1pm to 3pm,
in the church basement Meeting Room.



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**Saint Ann Church
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Interested in sharing your devotion to the
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- We gather the first Sunday of each month for our Corporate Communion. We recite the Rosary at 9:30am and attend the 10am Mass.
- We have a general monthly meeting (Sept thru June).
- Some of our special works include:
 - Tending to the Altar (Dressing the Altar)
 - Distribution of St. Rita Roses in May
 - Special prayer requests
 - Building community with hosting receptions and bake sales

We are actively seeking new members.

For more information, please contact:

Laura Sullivan: (908) 334-9790

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.

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.



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October 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On October 22, as we observe World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with the Missions of the Church in this annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration.

Pope Francis reflected on this year's theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." The Holy Father invites us to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts and to actively share this warmth with the world around us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and bring the Good News to all corners of the world.

Founded by French laywoman Blessed Pauline Jaricot in 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is an essential source of aid for the Church's missionary work. In the United States, we benefited from these donations: up until 1908, we received close to 7 million dollars, the equivalent of over 250 million today. Those dioceses in our country, considered mission territories, continued to receive subsidies. Fairbanks, Alaska, was the last of those dioceses and received its final subsidy payment this year!

The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy Father meet his Petrine obligation to build up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and/or too poor to sustain themselves. Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages and enables missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas, and to meet essential works to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

Embodying this year's theme, I urge you to keep your hearts aflame and your feet moving this World Mission Sunday. Your prayers are invaluable, and your financial support provides life-giving aid to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.

Gratefully in the Lord,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

For additional resources about World Mission Sunday, please visit onefamilyinmission.org/resources.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT
LIVING RADICAL SOLIDARITY
October 2023

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Since 1973, the year the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide in *Roe v. Wade*, the month of October has been set aside by the U.S. bishops as a time to focus on protecting God's precious gift of human life. While we thank God that the terrible reign of *Roe* has ended, we also recognize that abortion still continues in most states and is aggressively promoted at the federal level. A great many prayers, sacrifices, and good works are still desperately needed to transform a culture of death into a culture of life. Our public witness, our marching, and our advocacy must continue, yet laws alone will not end the tragedy of abortion.

While ending legalized abortion remains our preeminent priority, the most immediate way to save babies and mothers from abortion is to thoroughly surround mothers in need with life-giving support and personal accompaniment. This is radical solidarity.

St. John Paul II first defined "radical solidarity" in this way: "*In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone.*"

Being in radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances means putting our love for them into action and putting their needs before our own. Pope Francis reminds us that solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*," a transformation within our own hearts.

This new mindset requires that we come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It means addressing the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her.

This includes collective efforts within our dioceses, parishes, schools and local communities, engagement in the public square, and pursuit of policies that help support both women and their preborn babies. It all the more so requires our individual, personal commitment to helping mothers in our own communities secure material, emotional, and spiritual support for embracing the gift of life. Radical solidarity means moving beyond the status quo and out of our comfort zones.

Our parish-based and nationwide initiative, *Walking with Moms in Need*, for example, provides easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions to help transform our parishes into places of welcome, support, and assistance for pregnant and parenting mothers facing difficulties. Melissa, a [North Carolina mom](#) with young children and a busy job, attended a parish informational session for *Walking with Moms in Need*, thinking she might help out here and there. But she felt the Lord's call and "by the end of the session she had volunteered to be the ministry's coordinator." Her parish now holds "Hand Up Days" once a month during which families can "shop" free of charge for baby and toddler items they need that have been donated by parishioners.

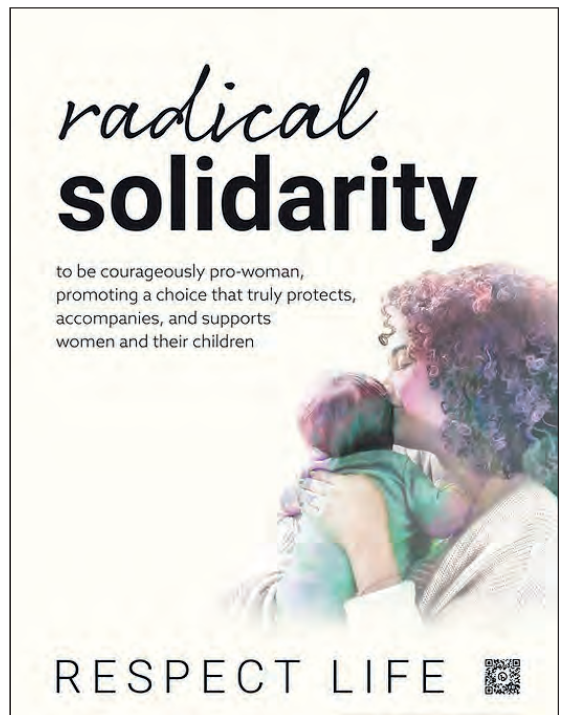
Melissa shared some powerful words of encouragement: "I think for too long we have been comfortable leaving the work of accompanying women in crisis situations – pregnant or parenting – to others in the nonprofit and government sectors. It is very clear in the Gospel that this is our job — all of us! A woman in a pregnancy center once told me that most women considering abortion are wrestling with a financial matter less than \$250 and that has really stuck with me. If we can lighten the burden just a little, what a difference we can make — it is literally life or death."

God has given each of us particular gifts, and with those gifts He entrusts us with a role and duty within the Body of Christ. Embracing an attitude of radical solidarity calls us to honestly reflect on some challenging questions and to consider specific actions we can take to foster an authentic culture of life. Some questions we might ask ourselves could include: *Do I know what efforts are happening in my area to help women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? What are the needs? What are my gifts and talents? How can I adjust my schedule or budget to assist efforts to help moms in need and their children?* Radical solidarity can be lived out in countless ways, including volunteering at your local pregnancy center; helping an expectant mother find stable housing; babysitting so a mom can work or take classes; providing encouragement and a listening ear to a mom without a support system; or speaking to your pastor about beginning *Walking with Moms in Need* at your parish.

In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.

And so, this October, I invite all Catholics to think about building a culture of life in terms of radical solidarity. We are the Church. Our prayers, witness, sacrifices, advocacy, and good works are needed now, more than ever. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world today and we each have a personal responsibility to care for one another.

For more information on how to celebrate Respect Life Month and stand in radical solidarity with moms in need, please visit respect-life.org/celebrate.



The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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Let us come together in faith and offer prayer for all those impacted by the tension and violence in Gaza and Israel.



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suffering from these events.**

- Pope Francis



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Mass Intentions

Monday, October 16

7:00 pm Charlotte Falco by Nina Mass and Family;
Marie Rosa Gasparro by Salvatore and Angela Scavo;
Margarita Dublin by Roy Dublin

Tuesday, October 17

7:00 am Rosa Cugliari by the Fusca Family

Wednesday, October 18

7:00 am Frank Cirianni by Grace DeLuca

Thursday, October 19

7:00 am Peter Wyka by Ron and Cathy Wyka

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21

9:00 am Dominico Natale and Juliette Mastronardi by Emilia Natale
4:00 pm Lucy and Dominick Simonetti by son-in-law and grandsons

Sunday, October 22

7:30 am People of the Parish
10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
12:00 pm Michael Adams by John Paul
5:00 pm Maria Rosa Gasparro by Teresa Cirianni Figliano

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Thursday

Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

Monday

Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Friday

Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Saturday

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

Wednesday

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9



Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



Altar Candle #1 for Living and Deceased Members of the Cammarata family
by Lena Cammarata

St. Joseph Lamp for Peter Wyka
by Ron and Cathy Wyka



Altar Flowers for peace on Earth
by Enzo and Theresa Padovani

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Contributions info from the weekend of October 8:

Offertory Contributions	\$ 6,719
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Total for Parish Operation	\$ 9,331

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

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/>.

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