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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	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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#### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time— November 12, 2023

### Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

WIS 6:12-16; PS 63:2-8; 1 THES 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14; MT 25:1-13

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and it is key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Our First Reading is taken from the very Book of Wisdom. It instructs, "Taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her (that is, wisdom's) sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care."

How does the seeking of wisdom — not worldly wisdom, but the wisdom that comes from the Holy Spirit — "free us from care"? It causes us to rely on God to lead and guide us. This is indeed a freeing way to approach life, removing the pressure from us to have all the answers — because the truth is, we don't. The world is too complicated and unpredictable. The Christian steward can rest in the power of the Holy Spirit to help us navigate any situation.

No situation is more complex (or painful) than death, a subject that St. Paul takes on in our Second Reading from his letter to the Thessalonians. Paul teaches us to be wise in our attitude towards death — our own and that of our loved ones. He advises that we not be "unaware... about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep."

This is both comforting and sobering. It reminds us that death does not have the final word, because Jesus has conquered even death. But it also calls to mind the inevitability of death. We are wise stewards if we live our lives with this truth in mind, setting priorities that will keep us ready to face our judgment day.

Jesus makes this point very explicitly in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of 10 virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them into the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — is the "oil" that we always keep with us. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom

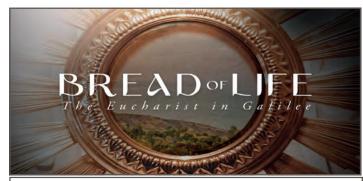
— Stewardship Reflections by <u>Catholic Stewardship Consultants</u>

# ST. ANN MONTHLY SOCIAL for SENIORS and RETIREES

Enjoy afternoon tea or coffee and a light snack. The next gathering will be on **Wednesday**, **November 15**, **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 Come to One Session or All



#### **Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee**

Christ's teaching about the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist.

Join us, with Dr. Tim Gray from the Augustine Institute, for **Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee**, an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

#### Wednesdays:

November 8, 15, 22(?), 29, December 6 7—8:15 p.m.

at Holy Trinity Church in the main meeting room.

Each week:

- There will be a brief video that focuses on one of the scripture passages where Jesus teaches about the Eucharist.
- You will given a study guide to aid with discussion and questions.

Offered freely and prayerfully for a deeper relationship with our Lord, Jesus.

#### PARISH VOCATION MINISTRY

I want to urge all parishioners to consider their place in God's plan and in the Church. I say this because I believe we all need to take more seriously our responsibility and role with helping each other respond to God's personal call for loving service.

A few weeks ago the priests of the Diocese attended our annual Priest Convocation. We had a presenter, Rhonda Gruenewald, who spoke about a Parish Vocation Ministry that she developed and has seen great results. You may find out more by going to the website: <a href="https://vocationministry.com/">https://vocationministry.com/</a>. Rhonda authored, the book, *Hundredfold*, a great resource and guide to implement a vocation ministry in the parish.

I would like our parish to develop an environment that more intentionally promotes and prays for vocations to the priesthood and vocations in general. I would like to have a few lay people assist with the process of implementation. Using the available resources to guide us, this team would serve the parish in this particular ministry. I invite those who prayerfully consider being involved in this way to contact Fr. Tom Odorizzi.

Call the parish office or email at todorizzi@stannparish.com

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# St. Ann Classical Academy is hosting its first ever Pocketbook Bingo!

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Doors open at 6pm with the first bingo game starting at 7pm. Entry fee is \$30.

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#### HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION Next Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 3:30 pm at St. Ann Church

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



#### FREE DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Even in the midst of the holiday busyness, the Church encourages us to take time to quiet our hearts and contemplate the mystery of Christ being born among us.

This Advent, consider joining a spiritual pilgrimage with My Daily Visitor. Beginning on December 3 (the First Sunday of Advent), you will receive daily reflections and videos to:

- Reflect with a selection from the daily Mass readings
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#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Holy Trinity Church hosts closed weekly A.A. meetings on Saturday mornings from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. in the church basement "TV room."

**A.A. Hotline**: If you want to stop drinking and need to speak to someone dial 1-908-687-8566 24 hours a day/7 days a week.



#### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time— November 12, 2023

#### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, November 13

Living and Deceased Members of the Knights 7:00 pm

of Columbus:

Anna and Joseph Carra by Lidia Natale and

Domenica Curello by Lena Iannetta and family

#### Tuesday, November 14

7:00 am Piera Mazzagatti by her family

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 am Rosa Rust by Nina Massa and family

Thursday, November 16

7:00 am Maria Gasparro by Angelo and Catherine

Viscariello

Fríday, November 17

Saturday, November 18

9:00 am Dominico Natale by his wife Emilia Natale 4:00 pm Marie Russin by the Sullivan Family; and

Michael D'Angelo by his wife and family

Sunday, November 19

7:30 am Maria Grazia and Domenico Todarello by

Saverio and Caterina Todarello

10:00 am The Marshall Family by Toni and Mark

12:00 pm Giovanni and Anna Falzorano by Antoinette

Falco

5:00 pm People of the Parish

#### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25

Mt 25:1-13

**Monday** Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday** 

Friday

Saturday

Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8 or, for the Optional Memorial of the Dedication,

Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;

Mt 14:22-33

#### Weekly Candle and Lamp Intentions



Altar Candle #1 for Carmela, Angela and Angelo Casola

by the Massa Family

Tabernacle Lamp for Pietro and Angela Ruggeri by their daughter and family





**Blessed Mother Lamp for** Anna and Joseph Carra by Lidia Natale and family

#### 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.

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Contributions info from the weekend of November 5:

Offertory Contributions (incl. All Ss.) **WeShare Offertory Contributions** 3,759 **Total for Parish Operation** \$ 10,896

Other DOM

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

#### Works of Mercy Campaign Collection—November 18/19

Next weekend there will be a special separate second collection for the Works of Mercy Campaign.

#### Flower Intentions

#### **Altar Flowers for a Special Intention** for Mark Marshall

by Toni and Mark Marshall



#### Pray for those in the Military

Victor Dulay, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps 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 Brock D. Laggini, U.S. Coast Guard CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr. LCpl Sean Maj, U.S. Marine Corps

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

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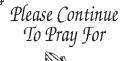


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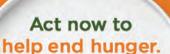
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