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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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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time— November 19, 2023

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; PS 128; 1 THES 5:1-6; MT 25:14-30

Today's readings challenge us to live not for the "here and now," but rather with eternity in mind. We are reminded that we will be called one day to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself. We must examine our lives to determine whether we are making the best use of our gifts with the time we have been given to use them.

St. Paul gives us a wonderful lens through which to do this type of self-examination, in our Second Reading from 1 Thessalonians. He reminds us of our true identity as disciples of Christ. "All of you are... children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." We are to live in a way that is counter to the prevailing wisdom, living not for ourselves and for the pleasure of immediate gratification, but rather to advance the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus illustrates this Kingdom-oriented way of living in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey. Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to "entrust his possessions to them." This should sound familiar. As Christian stewards, we know that all the gifts we have been given are, in truth, the possessions of our Heavenly Father, who has entrusted them to us for our good and His glory.

The master in our parable gives to the care of each servant a portion of his money ("talent") commensurate with that servant's abilities. He then goes off and we learn what those three servants do with the talents they have been given. The first two prove to be good and faithful servants — they "immediately" put the talents to use, doubling what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear. He did not make an effort to use the talent entrusted him. In fact, he did the opposite — he hid the master's talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out.

What a tragic response!

This servant did not understand his master at all. He failed to see what a privilege he had been given, what an opportunity he had squandered. The master wanted to give all his servants the joy and satisfaction of helping him grow his kingdom. This is what our Heavenly Father wants for us, too — the incredible privilege of helping to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talent, and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."

— *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*



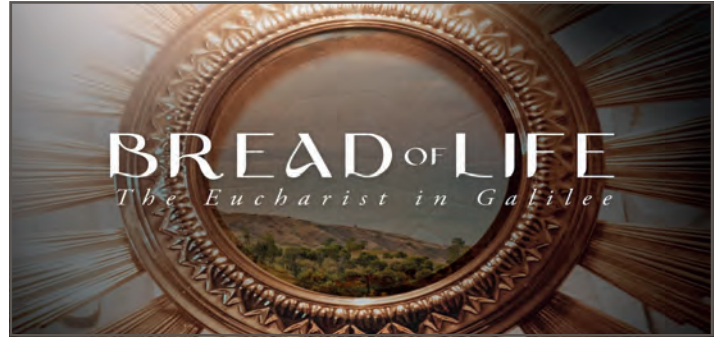
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Masses on this Thursday and Friday
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These will be the only Masses among the Raritan Oratory
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Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee

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**Wednesdays: November 8, 15, 22(?), 29, December 6
7—8:15 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church in the main meeting
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***The dedication and tree lighting ceremony will be on
Saturday, December 9 after the 4:00pm Mass.***



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time— November 19, 2023

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 20

7:00 pm Frank Cirianni by Liliana DeLuca Parico;
Maria R. Gasparro by Antonette Falco;
Maria Confalone by Bob and Pat Ronca
Health and Prayers for A.J. Papavero by the
Rosary Altar Society

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 am Paul Mahajan by Rob and Laura Condo

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 am Javier Eduardo Jimenez by Critchlow Family

Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00am Mass at Holy Trinity

Friday, November 24

9:00am Mass at Holy Trinity

Saturday, November 25

9:00 am Nellie Greco by John Bacchino
4:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Salemi by Rosemary & Pina

Sunday, November 26

7:30 am Rose Sansone by her children
10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Holy
Name Society
12:00 pm Sara Maltese by the Maltese Family
5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57,
62-63; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
Or any readings from the
Mass "In Thanksgiving to
God"

Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59;
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

Parishioner Financial Support

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Contributions info from the weekend of November 12:

Offertory Contributions	\$ 5,790
WeShare Offertory Contributions	\$ 2,257
Total for Parish Operation	\$ 8,047

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

There will be a special separate second collection for the **Works of Mercy Campaign**.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

**This 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.



Pray for those in the Military

Victor Dulay, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps

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SPC4 Joshua Sena, U.S. Army

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Frank Forte

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