

The Catholic Church of St. Ann



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The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:

4:00 pm St. Joseph Church
5:00 pm Holy Trinity

Sunday:

7:30 am **St. Ann Church**
7:30 am St. Joseph Church (Spanish)
9:00 am St. Joseph Church (English)
10:30 am **St. Ann Church**
10:30 am Holy Trinity Church
10:30 am Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (Latin)
12:00 pm **St. Ann Church**
12:00 pm St. Joseph Church (Spanish)
5:00 pm **St. Ann Church**

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday

8:00 am **St. Ann Church**
12:15 pm Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (English)

Fridays

7:00 pm Holy Trinity Church

Saturdays

9:00 am **St. Ann Church**

First Saturdays

9:00 am Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (Latin)

Holy Day Mass Schedule

7:00 pm Vigil St. Joseph Church (English)
8:00 am **St. Ann Church**
12:15 pm Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (English)
12:15 pm Holy Trinity Church
7:00 pm **St. Ann Church**
7:00 pm Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (Latin)
7:00 pm St. Joseph Church (Spanish)

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		

Parish Office Staff

Deacon Sal Bonfiglio,	<i>Business Administrator</i>
Mrs. Christine Esposito,	<i>Social Ministry, Office Support</i>
Mr. Lou Falconeri,	<i>Plant Manager</i>
Sr. Ella Mae McDonald, MPF	<i>Dir. of Religious Education</i>
Mr. Anthony Nardino	<i>Dir. of Liturgy & Sacred Music</i>
Ms. Barbara Russell,	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Roy Rabinowitz

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Sr. Phyllis Vella, MPF	<i>Superior</i>
Sr. Ella Mae McDonald, MPF	<i>Dir. of Religious Education</i>

*Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024*

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PLEASE NOTE: FOR THE THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SUNDAYS OF LENT WE WILL BE USING THE "YEAR A" READINGS AT MASS.

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

EZ 37:12-14; PS 130:1-8; ROM 8:8-11; JN 11:1-45

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much. What's more, these readings give us wonderful guidance on just how to make this grateful response.

In our first reading, from Ezekiel, the prophet speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants only good for us. He wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it.

But only if we allow Him. He will not force His way into our lives. That would not be loving and God is Love itself. We must invite Him in. We must make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we please God by putting Him first? Our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, gives us good instruction. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you." To be "in the flesh" means that we allow our own selves — our whims, our pleasure, our comfort-seeking — to determine our daily decisions. To be "in the flesh" is to spend our time, talent, and material gifts primarily on ourselves. When we are in the flesh, we leave no room for the Spirit of God to fill our thoughts, our hearts, and our souls.

The disciplines of Lent and the disciplines of a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make in a particular way during this holy season, and every day when we truly embrace a stewardship way of life, are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary — they are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God. In fact, the more we allow God to take over every aspect of our lives, the freer and more joyful we become.

And our loving God is always ready to renew His Spirit within us whenever we find ourselves led astray by the temptation to selfishness. Today's Gospel passage from John recounts Jesus' raising of His friend, Lazarus, from the dead. In Jesus' poignant reaction to the death of Lazarus and the grief of his sisters, we see once again how closely our God identifies with us and all of our sufferings and burdens. His tenderness and compassion teach us that we can safely surrender our lives to Him knowing that He will care for us. His raising of Lazarus from the dead demonstrates His power over all things, even death itself, reminding us that it would be foolish not to surrender to such an awesome God!

As we journey ever closer to the powerful days of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life. Let us invite the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

— Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

This Sunday, March 17, 2024

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, March 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

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

We are in need of **Easter Hams**. If you earn enough at ShopRite to receive a free ham and do not need it, we will gladly accept your donation. If you prefer to buy a ham that is acceptable too. Please contact Christine for further information.

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Raritan Oratory Holy Week Schedule 2024

March 24 - Palm Sunday: Regular Sunday schedule

March 25 & 26 – Monday & Tuesday of Holy Week:
Regular Mass Schedule

March 27 – Wednesday of Holy Week:

Regular Mass Schedule

11 AM-12 noon Confessions	Holy Trinity Church
(last scheduled Confessions before Easter)	
12 noon Stations of the Cross,	St. Joseph Church
8 PM The Service of Tenebrae	St. Ann Church

March 28 - Holy Thursday:

9 AM Sung Morning Prayer	St. Ann Church
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	
7 PM English	Holy Trinity Church
7 PM Latin (EF)	Bl. Sacrament Shrine
7:30 PM Spanish	St. Joseph Church
10 PM Sung Compline (Night Prayer)	Holy Trinity

March 29 - Good Friday:

9 AM Sung Morning Prayer	St. Ann Church
12 PM Stations of the Cross	St. Ann Church
Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
3 PM English	St. Joseph Church
3 PM Latin (EF)	Bl. Sacrament Shrine
7:30 PM Spanish	St. Joseph Church
7 PM Stations of the Cross	Holy Trinity Church

March 30 - Holy Saturday:

9 AM Sung Morning Prayer	St. Ann Church
11AM Blessing of Easter Food	St. Joseph Church
The Great Easter Vigil	
8 PM English	St. Ann Church
8 PM Latin (EF)	Bl. Sacrament Shrine
8 PM Spanish	St. Joseph Church

March 31 - Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday Mass schedule
EXCEPT: NO 7:30 AM Spanish Mass, St. Joseph Church;
NO 5:00 PM Mass at St. Ann Church

April 1 - Easter Monday:

Only one Mass at 9 AM at St. Ann Church.

Note: There are no scheduled times for Confession on
Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

**Next Weekend:
Separate Second Collection for
Retirement Collection for Diocesan Clergy**



Wednesday, March 20
7:00 pm
HOLY TRINITY
CHURCH

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 4:00 PM
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream,
visit <https://diometuchen.org/chrism-mass>

Soup & Stations

Every Friday
during LENT

Penten Soup Supper: 5-7pm
in St. Ann church basement

Stations of the Cross: 7pm
in St. Ann church

Living Stations of the Cross

All are welcome to come and pray with our Faith Formation Classes on Monday, March 18 at 6:30pm at St. Ann's Church.

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)



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Synod on Synodality's Interim Stage Virtual Listening Session, March 20, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Join us as we answer the Holy Father's call to participate in our synodal journey by participating in the Synod on Synodality's Interim Stage. The Diocese of Metuchen will host a virtual listening session for all those willing to participate. We encourage all those interested to register for the virtual listening session. All those registered for the listening session will receive a link via email to attend the virtual listening session. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Ruggiero, Secretary, Secretariat for Family and Pastoral Life, at jruggiero@diometuchen.org

Link: www.diometuchen.org/synod2024



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FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024
DROP-OFF: 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

ST. ANN CLASSICAL PARKING LOT

GPS: 55 ANDERSON STREET, RARITAN, NJ

USED CLOTHING DRIVE

Time for Spring Cleaning!
Start this school year a little lighter!

Nothing shredded! We receive a donation
for the total poundage collected.

We are collecting usable:

- 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 for more
information and a complete list of
donatable items.

Volunteers needed to help make this a
success! Contact Kaitlin at
kaitlin.tann@gmail.com.



St. Ann's Italian Festa
June 20 - June 22, 2024
(Thursday-Saturday)

It is time to step forward and get involved to make the Festa a great success! The recent Restart the Festa dinner raised \$10,000, which was needed to repair critical pieces of kitchen equipment. However, in the last few years, we have lost some volunteers that were integral. Volunteers are needed each morning in the kitchen as well as during the evening hours. The games and food service areas need staffing. No prior experience is necessary, just your enthusiasm. Planning meetings and fundraising are underway, and now is the time to participate to make Festa 2024 happen.

Contact Jim Wilson at jwi3304440@aol.com with your name and email address if you are interested and able. We will add you to the contact list for upcoming meetings.

The Catholic Church of St. Ann



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St. Lucy Filippini *St. Philip Mori* *St. Ann*
MARCH 25, 2024 | MAY 26, 2024 | JULY 26, 2024

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The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for St. Ann Classical Academy to provide an education rich in Catholic identity, grounded in the classics and liberal arts, and aligned with the pedagogy of classical education. Community support enables us to fulfill our commitment to empower our students to think critically, live courageously, and be faithful.

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GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

St. Ann Classical Academy is now enrolling Pre K through 8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year, and we have room for your family! Give us a call at 908-725-7787 or visit us online at stannclassical.org/open-house to book a tour or enroll today! We look forward to welcoming you!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by **no later than March 31, 2024**.

Applications are available in English and Spanish. Contact the school office if you need guidance to complete the application.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

It has come to our attention that, once again, there have been incidents of scam attempts claiming that Fr. Tom needs you to purchase gift cards for an emergency situation. Do not respond.

- Be suspicious of any messages that request money or gift cards over the phone, text or by email.
- Examine the originating email address and verify if it is the correct address of the person from whom the message claims.
- Sometimes the syntax is awkward or incorrect within the message of a scammer (use of tenses, grammar, punctuation...)
- There may be a story that sets up an unusual need that is false.

These are clues that you ought not to respond. Hit delete!

Please be careful when responding to emails.

Report scams: <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#crnt>

and, if involving a gmail account, via:

<https://support.google.com/mail/contact/abuse>

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

STAY WITH US, LORD:

Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here at St. Ann's. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Fr. Tom, encouraging your participation. If you

have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>.

BAA Summary Information	as of 3/8
Goal:	\$68,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$26,514.25
Amount Received:	-\$23,319.75
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$41,485.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	38.99%
Percent of Goal Received:	34.29%
Average Gift Amount:	\$282.07

Fifth Sunday of Lent — March 17, 2024

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 18

8:00 am Joseph Castellitto by Nancy Tortorelli and Tina Lisa

Tuesday, March 19 – Solemnity of Saint Joseph

8:00 am Nicola DiBetta by Carmen and Robert Maak

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 am Rose Jacobs by Mary and Dennis Stack

Thursday, March 21

8:00 am Yolanda Gallagher by her nieces and nephews

Friday, March 22

8:00 am Maria Perez by the Staff at St. Ann's

Saturday, March 23

9:00 am Elsie Stankowitz by her daughter Gail, Glenn and family

Sunday, March 24

7:30 am Wayne Adams by Sr. Ella Mae and Catechists

10:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

12:00 pm Pasquale and Immacolata Suriano by their children and grandchildren

5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

EZ 37:12-14; PS 130:1-8; Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
ROM 8:8-11; JN 11:1-45 Jn 8:31-42

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-
62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

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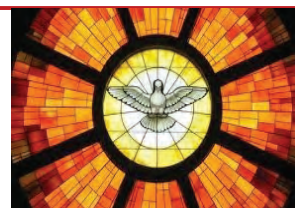
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Contribution information for weekend of March 10:

Offertory Contributions	\$ 5,922
WeShare Offertory Contributions	\$ 2,543
Total for Parish Operation	\$ 8,465
DOM other	\$ 45

**Let us pray
for those receiving the
Sacrament of Confirmation
this Thursday, March 21.**



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 Hughes, 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

Maj Michael Morella, U.S. Army

Sgt Dan Neville, U.S. Marine Corps

TSgt Anthony John O'Connor, U.S. Air Force

Zack Drecchio, U.S. Navy

Pvt Tayla Rasmussen, U.S. Marine Corps

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Jack Vara, U.S. Marine Corps

Cpl Daniel Viscariello, U.S. Marine Corps

Sgt Janet Wyka, U.S. Army

Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti, U.S. Air Force

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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Vitangelo Bavaro
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Bruno Cirianni
Mary Contino
Jerry Costanzo
Ralph Cusati
Maria Anastasia
D'Amore
Roseann Danna
Josephine DiPiazza
John Falco
Frank Forte
Bob Gada
Cindy Galvacky
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Edith Pena
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Danilo & Sanbeda
Santos
Deborah Scarpone
Cathy Stinziano
Patricia Tibaldi
Saverio Todarello
Luisito Tolentino
Jenny Troisi
Lou Troisi
Emanuel Valentin
Ron Wyka

March 19

Saint Joseph Feast Day

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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unborn children, fathers, workers,
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Prayer:

Saint Joseph,
patron of the universal Church,
watch over the Church as carefully as
you watched over Jesus,
help protect it and guide it as you did
with your adopted son.
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