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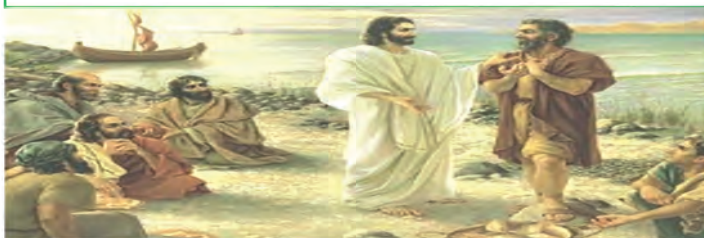
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Saturday Vigil:

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>
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*May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter*

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

ACTS 5: 27-32, 40B-41; PS 30; REV 5:11-14; JN 21:1-19

Our readings on this Third Sunday of Easter continue with lessons of hope for abundant new life in the Risen Lord. In fact, when we look at the Gospel Reading from John and compare it to the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we get a glimpse of the “before Easter Disciples” and the “after Easter Disciples” that offer inspiration for positive change in all of us.

In the Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, “I’m going fishing.” Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. We make a positive resolution — for instance to develop more patience or more discipline in our prayer lives — only to find our temper flaring in traffic or our hand hitting the snooze button instead of getting out of bed to pray. It makes us just want to forget it, to stop trying and go back to our old ways. Those very feelings of discouragement and lost hope make it even harder to try yet again.

But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their “backslide.” He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them with such tenderness, gently asking, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” Then he gives them some fishing pointers which lead to such a miraculous catch of fish that they finally recognize Him as the risen Lord. Wanting them to be at ease with Him, Jesus then feeds them breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves “out at sea” — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering “do-overs” if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Good stewards are not necessarily those who have mastered some perfect formula for the giving of time, talent, and treasure. They are those who continue to get back up after each fall, who are willing to continually reevaluate their goals and priorities as they aim for Heaven. Good stewards simply have more confidence in the goodness of the Lord than fear of their own failure.

And little by little, good stewards find themselves becoming like the “after Easter Disciples”, we find in today’s first reading, who were proud to be called before the Sanhedrin for “filling Jerusalem” with the Good News of Jesus.

Let’s allow ourselves to be renewed with Easter hope on our stewardship journey, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is walking alongside us each step of the way.

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com

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)

Next Sunday, May 11, we welcome a visit from

Bishop James Checchio.

Our Bishop will celebrate the 12 noon Mass with us.

First Holy Communion

- Sunday, April 27 at the 10:30am Mass
- Sunday, May 4 at the 10:30am and 12:00pm Masses



Congratulations to all the children who received First Holy Communion. Please keep our young children in your prayers, that their faith and trust in Jesus deepens. May they experience the gift of Jesus’ love and peace as He comes to them in the Blessed Sacrament.

NEXT SUNDAY

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Mother's Day Comedy Brunch

Saint Ann Parish, Raritan

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Doors Open at 1:00 PM

Saint Ann School Cafeteria

Brunch & Show, 50/50 Raffle
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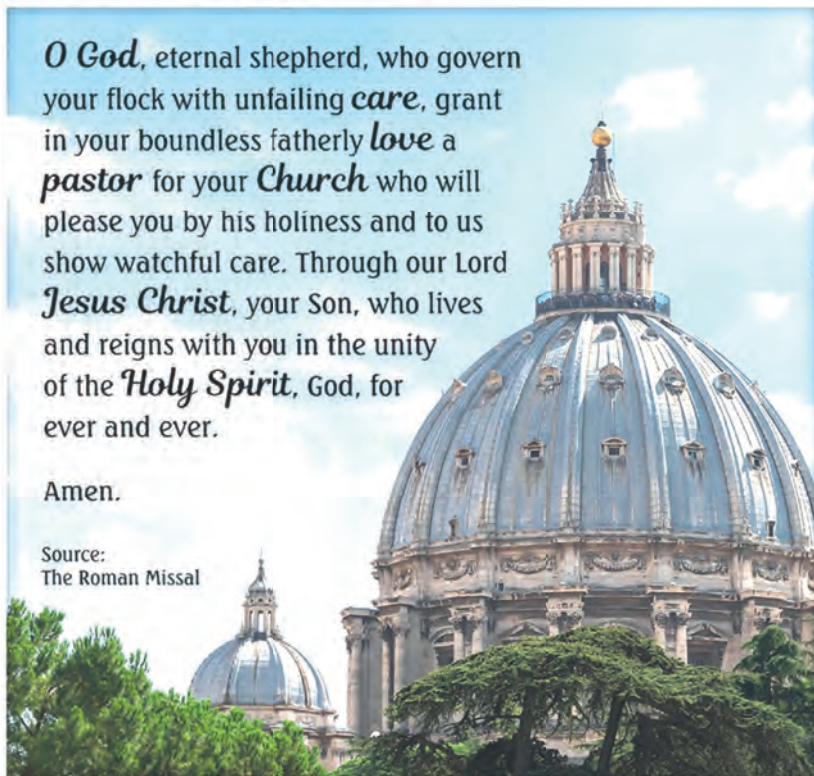
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Prayer for Papal Conclave, begins Wednesday, May 7.

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing *care*, grant in your boundless fatherly *love* a *pastor* for your *Church* who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord *Jesus Christ*, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the *Holy Spirit*, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Source:
The Roman Missal



Requiem Aeternam ("Eternal Rest")

V. Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord.

R. And let the perpetual light shine upon him.

And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

Taken from the Order of Christian Funerals

O God,
from whom the just receive an unfailing reward,
grant that your servant Francis, our Pope,
whom you made vicar of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
may rejoice forever in the vision of your glory,
for he was a faithful steward here on earth
of the mysteries of your forgiveness and grace.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Men's Freedom in Christ Conference

"We are not fighting with flesh and
blood but against spiritual
principalities and powers"
(Ephesians 6:12)

The Men of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Three Bridges) are hosting a Men's Freedom in Christ Conference this **May 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** This conference is open to all men in the Diocese and will be held at the parish (105 Summer Road). Fr. Giuseppe Sinischalchi of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be the principal speaker. Come discover the path to freedom in Christ this May.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact Tom Dwyer at 908-884-9947 or thomasdwyer@sprintmail.com.



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IVF Destroys Human Life, Bishops Urge Ethical Alternatives

WASHINGTON – “As pastors, we see the suffering of so many couples experiencing infertility and know their deep desire to have children is both good and admirable; yet the Administration’s push for IVF, which ends countless human lives and treats persons like property, cannot be the answer,” reflected Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Bishop Robert E. Barron, chairman of the Committee for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, in response to President Donald Trump’s executive order calling for policies to make in vitro fertilization (IVF) less costly and more available.

“The IVF industry treats human beings like products and freezes or kills millions of children who are not selected for transfer to a womb or do not survive. Tuesday’s executive order promoting IVF is thus fatally flawed and stands in regrettable contrast to the promising pro-life actions of the Administration last month.

“Every human person is a precious gift with infinite dignity and worth, no matter how that person was conceived. People born as a result of IVF have no less dignity than anyone else. It is our moral responsibility to uphold the dignity of their brothers and sisters who are never given the chance to be born.

“For the sake of couples trying to bring precious new life into the world, we look forward to working with the Administration to expand support for restorative reproductive medicine that can help ethically treat often-overlooked root causes of infertility. However, we will strongly oppose any policy that expands destruction of human life, or forces others to subsidize the cost.”

For more on assisted reproductive technology, including in vitro fertilization, please see: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/reproductive-technology>. And for more on infertility, including ethical restorative reproductive medicine and research, please see: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/infertility>.

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BAA Update Information as of 4/28/25

St. Ann Parish Goal:	\$68,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$49,618.20
Amount Received:	\$46,266.95
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$18,381.80)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	72.97%
Percent of Goal Received:	68.04%
Average Gift Amount	\$351.90

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Third Sunday of Easter—May 4, 2025

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 5

8:00 am Frank Krachun Jr (10th Anniversary)
by The Family

Tuesday, May 6

8:00 am Paquale Suriano by children and
grandchildren

Wednesday, May 7

8:00 am Special intentions for San Gregorio & San
Biagio by Caterina & Saverio Todarello

Thursday, May 8

8:00 am Otto Gsell (25th Anniversary)
by Jennifer Gsell

Friday, May 9

8:00 am Eugene Niles by Terry, Nick & Chad Niles

Saturday, May 10

9:00 am Antonio Natale by his children & Family

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11

7:30 am Marie Forte by Frank Forte Jr

10:30 am Special Intention for the Ronca Family
by daughter

12:00 pm People of the Parish

5:00 pm All mother's for whom requests have been
made

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41;
Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Parishioner Financial Support

The principal means of support for the Catholic Church of St. Ann is your weekly generosity. What is normally donated online and your sacrificial offering at Mass makes up the **"ordinary income"** that is supposed to balance the expense of **ordinary parish operation**, made up of salaries and benefits for the employees of the parish who serve you; all utilities and supplies; ministries and formation programs; resources needed for quality liturgies; snowplowing and landscaping, maintenance and custodial services to the buildings and properties—church, convent, rectory/office and school building. Please keep this in mind when assessing your regular level of financial support to the parish.

Whether by envelope, by mail or by online giving, your contributions are essential and appreciated. THANK YOU to all who help support the operation and ministry of St. Ann parish.

Contributions for the weekend of April 27, 2025:

Mass Offertory	\$ 9,606
WeShare	\$ 1,852
Total for parish operation	\$11,458
DOM Other	\$ 1,052

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Jenny & Lou Troisi

Emanuel Valentin

Ron Wyka

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A ten-week series of sessions will begin at **Holy Trinity Church on Monday, May 5th from 6:30-8:00pm.**

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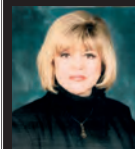
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