

The Catholic Church of St. Ann



St. Ann, our Parish Patroness, pray for us!

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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

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| 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

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Deacon Sal Bonfiglio | <i>Business Administrator</i> |
| Sr. Lorraine Doiron, SJH | <i>Dir. of Adult Sacr. Prep, OCIA</i> |
| Mrs. Christine Esposito | <i>Social Ministry, Office Support</i> |
| Ms. Nora Martin | <i>Administrative Assistant</i> |
| Sr. Ella Mae McDonald, MPF | <i>Dir. of Religious Education</i> |
| Mr. Anthony Nardino | <i>Dir. of Liturgy & Sacred Music</i> |
| Mr. Ramon Salazar | <i>Multi-Parish Facilities Manager</i> |

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Roy Rabinowitz and Deacon Jesus Rego

Community of Religious Teachers of St. Lucy Filippini

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sr. Phyllis Vella, MPF | <i>Superior</i> |
| Sr. Ella Mae McDonald, MPF | <i>Dir. of Religious Education</i> |
| Sr. Frances Gervasio, MPF | <i>Homebound Ministry</i> |
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*May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter*



Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

ACTS 14:21-27; PS 145:8-13; REV 21:1-5A; JN 13:21-22A, 34-35

Today's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life: "love one another as I have loved you." It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

We must look at the context in which Jesus makes this statement. It is the Last Supper. Judas has just stepped out discreetly to turn Jesus over to the authorities who will have Him bound, tortured, and crucified.

Furthermore, exactly how does He call us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

No wonder we find Paul and Barnabas "strengthening" and "exhorting" the early disciples in our First Reading by saying, "it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Notice they don't say "one or two" hardships or even "the occasional hardship". They say "many" hardships. So, it should not surprise us when we encounter challenges as we embrace stewardship, as a way of life. If it's demanding, we should take heart because it means we are doing it right!

Why is this? Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid those inevitable challenging moments this kind of life entails, we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way. Consider these words from Revelation found in our Second Reading today. "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning or pain, for the old order has passed away...Behold, I make all things new."

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com

You are invited to attend two very special diaconal and priesthood ordinations taking place this month at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

Saturday, May 24, 10:30 am

Messrs. **Thomas Pluhar** and **James Prumos** will be ordained as deacons.

Saturday, May 31, 10:30 am

Deacons **Jan Magcawas** and **Jerome Ocampo** will be ordained as priests.

Bishop Checchio invites all the people of the diocese to attend and pray for these fine young men.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Sunday, May 18, 2025

3:30pm at St. Ann Church

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

All are welcome.



Mass of Thanksgiving for the Election of Pope Leo XIV

Wednesday evening, May 21

7 pm at St. Ann Church

The Raritan Oratory of St. Philip Neri Presents Easter Season Formation Series: the Acts of the Apostles



Scripture study about Easter faith lived in the early church and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday, May 14 and

Wednesday, May 28

7:00 pm

St. Joseph's Parish Hall

Church Basement

16 E. Somerset St. Raritan

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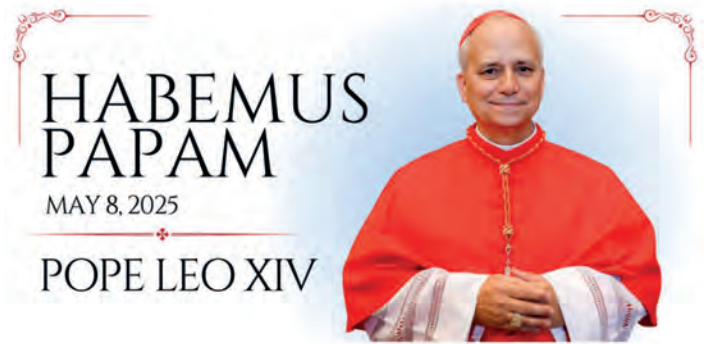
What an amazing surprise, an unexpected gift we received on the 8th of May with the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV! When he appeared on the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica for the first time as pope, he was visibly moved by the outpouring of love and support from the tens of thousands of people in the square below. He greeted the world with words of encouragement, and signaled his desires to heal divisions and foster unity within the Church, while promoting peace and proclaiming the Gospel to the world. He reminded us that Jesus' first words to His disciples, gathered on the evening of the Resurrection, were "Peace be with you." This is, the Holy Father said, "the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally."

Pope Leo's qualifications and experience are impressive: degrees in mathematics, theology, and canon law; years spent as a missionary priest and later bishop in Peru, as superior of the Augustinian Order, and most recently as a cardinal leading the Vatican office responsible for helping the pope choose and assign bishops. He speaks five languages and reads a few more. Yet, he also comes across as an unassuming, humble "everyman," an image whose truth is attested by those who know him well. A pope of the people, for the people. Like his predecessor Francis, a pope for the poor, the suffering, and the forgotten.

The challenges our Church faces as our new Holy Father begins his pontificate are many, the weight on his shoulders, tremendous. Let us draw confidence from the calm demeanor and quiet confidence he shows. They are signs of his deep faith in Jesus and his complete trust in the sufficiency of grace. And let us pray for him, that the Lord grant him the wisdom, the courage, the health and energy needed to fulfill his vocation as the successor of St. Peter.

In Christ & St. Philip,

Fr. Jeff Calia, C.O.



Heavenly Father,

You have raised Your servant, Pope Leo XIV,
to the Chair of Saint Peter.

Pour out Your abundant blessings upon him.

Through him, guide Your pilgrim Church
along the path to Heaven.

Grant him wisdom to discern Your will,

Courage to fulfill it,

And charity to shepherd Your people with the Heart of Christ.

In this time of transition,

Bring peace to troubled hearts,

Joy to those who suffer,

And hope to the despairing.

May he be a faithful successor to Saint Peter,

A humble servant of Your Word,

And a fearless herald of Your Divine Mercy and Truth.

Strengthen him with the grace of the Holy Spirit,

That he may lead the Church in unity, holiness, and fidelity.

We entrust him to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

And to the prayers of all the saints.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Thursday, May 22

5:45 - Evening Prayer Stone House at
6:00 - Wine Stirling Ridge (the Lodge)
6:30 - Dinner and Program 50 Stirling Rd., Warren

Free will offering at the event. RSVP to terryconley@me.com if you're coming



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- It is also an opportunity to take seriously our own gifts, talents, and weaknesses and begin prayerfully processing where God is leading us.
- This will be an action-packed few days with opportunities to play sports, participate in leadership and teambuilding exercises, pray, share meals, and grow in our faith together.



Please RSVP by June 30th
Scan to learn more and register at
www.diometuchen.org/quovadis

Prayer for Vocations

*God our Father, we thank you for
calling men and women
to serve in your Son's Kingdom
as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.
Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond
generously and courageously to your call.
May our community of faith support vocations
of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Senior Social

Wednesday, May 21st at 1pm til 3pm

St. Ann Church Meeting Room

Guest speaker is Fran Johnson

from the Raritan Pregnancy Aid Center.

All are welcomed to attend.

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Donation of baby products welcome: wipes, diapers, etc.
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The Catholic Church of St. Ann

**St. ANN ITALIAN FESTA
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SIGN UP TO HELP OUT
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!**



Save the Dates!!!

**Festa Returns
June 19, 20, 21**

We NEED volunteers!!!
Please email:
FestaStAnn@gmail.com

Sponsorships Available

**Many ways to volunteer to help
make the St. Ann Italian Festa a great success!**

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| Setup for Festa | Wed. 6/18, 8am-12noon |
| Clean up | Sat. 10pm-12midnight |

Each Day:

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| Kitchen Food Prep | 8am-1pm |
| Kitchen Food Prep | 5pm-10pm |
| Pizza Fritte Tent | 4:30-7:30pm; 7:30-10pm |
| American Food Tent | |

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| Food Ticket Sale Tent | 8pm-10pm |
| Dunk Tank Manager | 5-7:30pm; 7:30-10pm |
| Dunk Tank Victim! | one person per hour |
| Castle Blowup House | 5-10pm |
| Kitchen Cleanup | each night, 9-11pm |

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Go to <https://www.facebook.com/StAnnFesta/>
Sign up to volunteer on [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com), **2025 FESTA**

St. Rita of Cascia, Novena and Roses

The Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia is celebrated by the Catholic Church on May 22. **Novena prayers** seeking her intercession will be prayed after daily beginning on May 13.

Blessed Roses in celebration of St. Rita's Feast Day will be distributed by the Rosary Altar Society **after all Masses on Sunday, May 18**. A small donation for each rose would greatly be appreciated and will help the Rosarians subsidize this beautiful parish tradition.

St. Rita of Cascia (1381-1457) is a patron saint of the impossible, difficult, and hopeless causes, distinctly in the realm of marriage, abuse, fertility, parenthood, and disease. Like St. Jude, many turn to St. Rita for her intercession in times of desperation, heartbreak, and disease.



*"O God, in your infinite tenderness
you have been pleased to regard the
prayer of your servant Rita, and to grant to her supplication
that which is impossible to human foresight, skill, and effort,
as rewards for her compassionate love and firm reliance on
your promises. Have pity on us in times of adversities and
comfort us in our calamities, that even the unbelievers may
know that you are the recompense of the humble, the
defense of the helpless, and the strength of those who trust
in you. Grant this in the Name of Jesus the Lord."*

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2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal: **PILGRIMS OF HOPE:** *Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity*

While serving at the altar and preaching are their most visible roles, our permanent deacons do so much more. To name just a few ways: they are the sign of Christ the Servant among us, they are baptizing infants, presiding at wake services, teaching faith formation classes, serving meals to the poor and bringing the Eucharist to the sick. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeals helps defray tuition costs for the formation and continuing education of our permanent deacons.

BAA Update Information as of 5/9/25

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| View the inspiring 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal at https://youtu.be/YD2KH8exue4 | St. Ann Parish Goal: | \$68,000.00 |
| | Total Pledged: | \$62,358.20 |
| | Amount Received: | \$59,523.83 |
| | Over/(Under) Goal: | (\$5,641.80) |
| | Percent of Goal Pledged: | 91.70% |
| | Percent of Goal Received: | 87.54% |
| | Average Gift Amount | \$427.11 |

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 18, 2025

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 19

8:00 am Gary L Roche by Larry & Mary Ann
Dryl & family

Tuesday, May 20

8:00 am Luis Miguel Sanchez by Stephanie Cohen

Wednesday, May 21

8:00 am Carmelo Sciortino by Geraldine Sciortino

Thursday, May 22

8:00 am Anna Giampietro by Sr. Ella Mae & catechist

Friday, May 23

8:00 am Vincenzo Falco by Angelo & Caterina
Viscariello

Saturday, May 24

9:00 am Marco Cugliari by The Fusca Family

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25

7:30 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Living & deceased Members of the
Holy Name Society

12:00 pm Carmelo Sciortino by wife Angela & Family

5:00 pm Angelina Iannone by Carlo Iannone

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a;
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



Blessed Mother Lamp for Janet Graham
By Filomena & Kenneth Graham & Family

Celebrating the Easter Sacraments of Initiation

Through the OCIA process, we've had adult baptisms and full initiation of baptized adults, both Catholic and non-Catholic, at the Easter Vigil. In the past few weeks many young children received their First Holy Communion. Many families are celebrating the joy of newborn children and having them baptized.

We will conclude the Easter Season on Pentecost Sunday and with the Confirmation of Adults. Pray for those who will be Confirmed at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, June 8.

Come, Holy Spirit, be with us!

Thank you for the blessing of conversions
in our community and the gift of your mercy and love.

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 May 4, 2025:

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| Mass Offertory | \$ 6,224 |
| WeShare | \$ 2,248 |
| Total for parish operation | \$ 8,472 |
| DOM other | \$ 113 |

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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

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CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.

Maj Michael Morella, U.S. Army

Sgt Dan Neville, U.S. Marine Corps

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

Pvt Tayla Rasmusson, U.S. Marine Corps

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LtCol Louis P. Simon, U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Jerome C. Sunga, U.S. Army

Jack Vara, U.S. Marine Corps

Maj Matthew Werner, U.S. Army

Sgt Janet Wyka, U.S. Army

Capt Kaitlyn Zimmiti, U.S. Air Force

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Katelyn Anderson

Joseph Arena

Yolanda Bontempo

Joanmarie Carlone

Bruno Cirianni

Mary Contino

Jerry Costanzo

Ralph Cusati

Harold D'Alessio

Maria Anastasia

D'Amore

John D'Angelo

Rose D'Angelo

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Ronald Kozak

Brianna Rose Larson

Mary Grace

LaVerghetta

Michael Lynch

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Antonio, Alice & Lisa

Magdamit

Mark Marshall

Lella Mathews

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Andrea Michaels

Lidia Natale

Joseph Pellegrino

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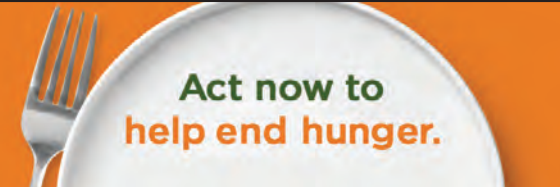


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