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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>
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Sr. Diana Yodris, MPF	<i>In residence</i>

June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension of the Lord—June 1, 2025

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

ACTS 1:1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23 or HEB 9:24-28; 10:19-23; LK 24: 46-53

On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Today's Gospel draws our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples (and to us) just before ascending to the Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

On this Feast of our "launch day," take some time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Monthly Food Drive Collection Next Weekend, June 8th

Non-perishable food items can be left in a container at the church entrance. The need is great so thank you for generously donating. If you have any questions about the Social Concerns Ministry, please contact Christine at the Parish Office at 908-725-1008 press 1, then 6.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.



NOW ENROLLING!

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Please Take Note:

This coming Friday 8am morning Mass will serve as the **Baccalaureate Mass for St. Ann Classical Academy**. The Graduation Ceremony will follow afterwards.

Next Sunday, June 8, the Solemnity of Pentecost, the 12 noon Mass will include the celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for eleven adults from the community.

*Support our graduates and students with your prayers.
Pray for our Confirmandi, that their hearts be open to however the Holy Spirit wishes to work in their lives!*

Catholic Communication Campaign Connect with Christ

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Metuchen to support local efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message.

Support the collection today!

Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.



St. Ann's Parish
Rosary Altar Society
Annual Morning of Prayer



The History of the Rosary

with guest speaker

Sister Ella Mae McDonald

Date: Saturday, June 14th
Time: 9am – 11:30am
Location: St. Ann's Church and Church Meeting Room

Schedule of Events

9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Continental Breakfast
10:30 am Sister Ella Mae
11:15 am Closing Remarks and Prayer

No fee to attend.

Donations for the Pregnancy Aide Center being accepted. Please see the fliers at the entrances of our Church or call Laura Sullivan at 908-334-9790 or sdaniel123@aol.com for more details and to RSVP.

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

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

We NEED volunteers!!!
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Sponsorships Available

Italian Festa Volunteers Meeting

Get ready to make this year's Italian Festa a success!

*****Volunteers are still needed*****

If you can help, join us for a quick, but important, meeting where we'll:

- Fill remaining openings
- Discuss event logistics
- Go over shift times and setup details

Meet other volunteers, ask questions, and learn how you can make the 116th St. Ann's Italian Festa unforgettable!

-Date: Wednesday June 4th
-Time: 7:00 PM
-Location: Saint Ann's School Cafeteria

Your help makes all the difference!
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



It's that time of year to put your aprons on and bake some cakes, brownies, cookies, pies, muffins, cupcakes or whatever is your specialty!

Make it a great prize at this year's



FESTA CAKE WHEEL

All baked goods can be brought to the cafeteria starting at noon on Thursday, June 19th.

This year the St. Ann Classical Academy HSA will be manning the booth.

*Sign-up sheets will be available beginning Sunday, June 1st at the entrances of the Church.

*Drop off your baked contribution on the days of Festa starting at noon but before 5:00 pm.

*Please label your goodies so winners are aware of nuts or other common allergy ingredients.

***PLEASE, NOTHING NEEDING REFRIGERATION.**



**June 19th-21st, 2025
5:00-10:00 PM**

Discounted Festa Food Tickets

\$42 in Food Tickets for \$40*
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Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2025 Bishop's Annual appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

View the inspiring
**2025 Bishop's
Annual Appeal** at
<https://youtu.be/YD2KH8exue4>

BAA Update Information as of 5/23/25	
St. Ann Parish Goal:	\$68,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$65,643.20
Amount Received:	\$62,931.96
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$2,356.80)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	96.53%
Percent of Goal Received:	92.55%
Average Gift Amount	\$429.04

The Ascension of the Lord—June 1, 2025

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 2

8:00 am Lelle Szikszay-Molnar by George Matyas Falvi

Tuesday, June 3

8:00 am Domenico DiBetta by Clementina Guadagno

Wednesday, June 4

8:00 am Shri K. L. Anande Gowda
by Sr. Frances Gervasio, MPF

Thursday, June 5

8:00 am Maria Rosa Gasparo & Immacolata Suriano
by Sister, Caterina Grande

Friday, June 6

8:00 am **Baccalaureate Mass, St. Ann Classical Academy**

Saturday, June 7

9:00 am Frank Mattei by Pina Mattei

Pentecost Sunday, June 8

7:30 am Vincenzo & Maria Sternadori by Grandchildren
10:30 am Katherine & Nicholas Tazzi by Teresa & Enzo
12:00 pm Natale Brothers by Niece, Elizabeth D'Angelo
5:00 pm People of the Parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday—The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23;
Lk 24:46-53

Monday
Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday
Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday
Acts 20:28-38;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday
Acts 22:30, 23:6-11;
Jn 17:20-26

First Friday
Acts 25:13b-21;
Jn 21:15-19

First Saturday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;
Jn 21:20-25

Prayers for the Ascension of the Lord

- Pray with the words of St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians: *"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory."* (Col. 3:1-4)
- Pray with the Collect Prayer for Ascension Sunday: *"Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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."*

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 25, 2025:

Mass Offertory	\$ 5,076
WeShare	\$ 1,932
Total for parish operation	\$ 7,008
DOM other	\$ 175

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WeShare Online Giving is a simple means of caring for your parish through consistent, direct, electronic contributions. You determine the terms according to your personal, prayerful stewardship. Once in place, online giving happens automatically until you decide to amend the terms. Sign-up is simple and safe through the parish website. Please contact the parish office if you need assistance.

Pray for those in the Military

Victor Dulay, Jr. , U.S. Marine Corps	TSgt Anthony J. O'Connor , U.S. Air Force
Pvt Brennan Gasway , U.S. Army	Pvt Tayla Rasmussen , U.S. Marine Corps
AIC Olivia F. Geary , U.S. Air Force	PFC Daniel J. Salvo , U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Brendan Hughes , U.S. Marine Corps	Cpl Jonathan Schultes , U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Gavin John , U.S. Marine Corps	LtCol Louis P. Simon , U.S. Marine Corps
LCpl Matthew John , U.S. Marine Corps	PFC Jerome C. Sunga , U.S. Army
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CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.	Maj Matthew Werner , U.S. Army
Maj Michael Morella , U.S. Army	Sgt Janet Wyka , U.S. Army
Sgt Dan Neville , U.S. Marine Corps	Capt Kaitlyn Zimmiti , U.S. Air Force

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Katelyn Anderson	Gladys Gonzalez	Andrea Michaels
Joseph Arena	Susan H.	Lidia Natale
Yolanda Bontempo	Bernadette Healy	Joseph Pellegrino
Joanmarie Carlone	Anthony Hughes	Edith Pena
Bruno Cirianni	Laura Karg	Dave Pietrowicz
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Ralph Cusati	Mary Grace	Danilo & Sanbeda Santos
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Maria Anastasia	Michael Lynch	Cathy Stinziano
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Rose D'Angelo	Magdamit	Luisito Tolentino
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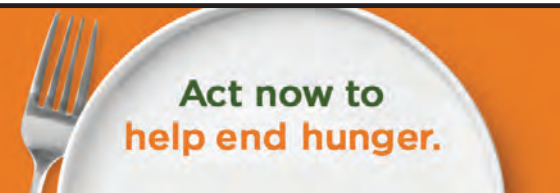


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