

The Catholic Church of St. Ann



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

St. Ann Church

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

Saints Peter & Paul
June 29, 2025

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

During June, we have celebrated key moments in the life of the Church — Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi — culminating today with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Though very different men, they are united in faith, mission, and martyrdom, and the Church has honored them together since the third century.

St. Peter, the first Pope, was chosen by Christ as the rock on which the Church would be built. The Catechism tells us that because of the faith he professed, Peter remains the “unshakeable rock of the Church.” Despite his human weaknesses, Peter's loyalty, repentance, and leadership make him a powerful model of stewardship.

St. Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, became one of the Church's greatest evangelists. In today's second reading, Paul reflects on his mission, saying, “I have finished the race... the crown of righteousness awaits me.” The Greek word he used for “crown” — *stephanos* — refers to a victor's crown, not a royal one, showing his view of faith as a race well-run for the sake of Christ.

Though they were martyred separately, tradition holds that Peter and Paul were in Rome at the same time, and their shared witness and sacrifice tie them closely together in Church history. They embody two vital aspects of stewardship — Peter in his faith and leadership, and Paul in his zeal and wisdom.

As stewards, we are called to follow their example — to build the Church through our commitment, to overcome our failures through God's mercy, and to proclaim the Gospel with courage. Like Peter and Paul, we are invited to give all we have for the sake of Christ and His Church.

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com



Independence Day is not a holy day of obligation. Nevertheless, many Catholics go to Mass on the Fourth of July, mainly in thanks and praise for the religious freedoms the United States allows.

Nowadays, Catholics have pretty much been assimilated into American culture, though prejudice and misunderstandings still arise over positions strongly held by Catholics, for example life issues such as abortion, capital punishment, and euthanasia. Nevertheless, the democratic government of the United States affords its citizens a chance to dissent, express opinion, protest, and participate in national issues—great graces for which all should offer thanks. The fathers of the Second Vatican Council wrote: “One must pay tribute to those nations whose systems permit the largest possible number of citizens to take part in public life in a climate of general freedom.” Certainly the United States of America offers its citizens that chance.

July 4 offers a great opportunity to celebrate life with family and friends. Cookouts, parades, camping, ball games, and fireworks are a part of the festivities: a real foretaste of the kingdom that Jesus ushered in at his coming. Enjoy the day. Remember to thank God for all of your blessings and the blessings of this nation.

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or to apply today.

We look forward to welcoming you!

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Monthly Food Drive Collection Next Sunday, July 6th

Place non-perishable food items in container at church entrance.

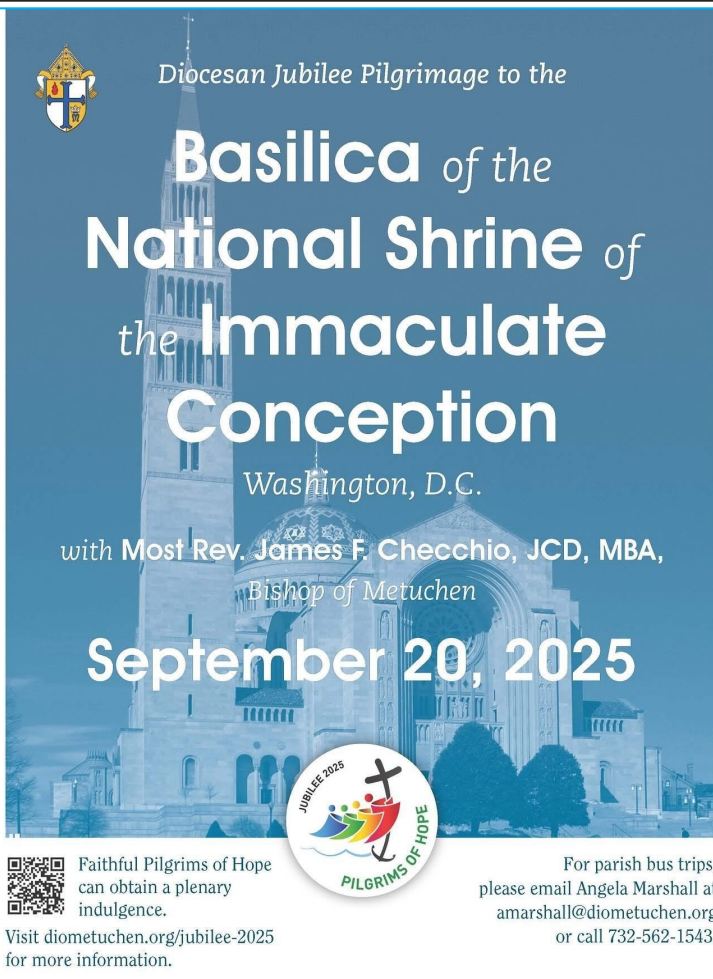
The need is great so thank you for generously donating. If you have any questions, please contact Christine at the Parish Office at 908-725-1008 press1, then 6.

The Catholic Church of St. Ann


Summer Choir Camp

The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen is hosting their 3rd annual Summer Choir Camp for all rising 3rd to 8th grade students. Students will get to spend a week practicing their singing in a choir, learn from amazing music teachers, outdoor activities, play games, and other exciting opportunities (even play the Cathedral's Pipe Organ!). The camp will take place from **August 11th to 15th** at the Cathedral with one more opportunity to sing for the 12 Noon Mass on the 17th. For those interested in registering, please see the flyer/registration form or speak to Anthony Nardino, St. Ann's Director of Sacred Music.

For additional information, please contact Christopher M.C. Deibert, Director of the Cathedral's Sacred Music Ministry at music@stfranciscathedral.org.



Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the
**Basilica of the
National Shrine of
the Immaculate
Conception**
Washington, D.C.
with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,
Bishop of Metuchen
September 20, 2025

 Faithful Pilgrims of Hope can obtain a plenary indulgence.
Visit diometuchen.org/jubilee-2025 for more information.

For parish bus trips, please email Angela Marshall at amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Courage Ministry

"Courage" is a support group for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and who have the intention to strive to live chastely. They are inspired by the Gospel call to holiness and the Catholic Church's beautiful teachings about the goodness and inherent purpose of human sexuality. Through this Apostolate people who experience same-sex attraction receive pastoral support in the form of spiritual guidance, community prayer support and fellowship.

If you experience unwanted same-sex attraction and are tired of struggling alone, contact us to learn more about the fellowship and support that is available. All correspondence is treated confidentially.

Contact us at couragecnj@gmail.com or 732-562-2476

Additional helpful information about Courage and Encourage Ministries may be found at the website: www.couragerc.org



The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Vocations
invites young men ages 14-17 to attend

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JULY 29th - 31st, 2025
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Camp Shiloh
753 Burnt Meadow Road, Hewitt, NJ 07421




- This is an opportunity to have fun, grow in your faith, and begin to think and pray about where God may be calling you in life.
- 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.
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2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal: PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal, enabling us to reach our goal. The parish will receive a 50% rebate of the amount donated that exceeds our goal. 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
or go to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA> to give online.

| BAA Update Information as of 6/20/25 | |
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| St. Ann Parish Goal: | \$68,000.00 |
| Total Pledged: | \$69,787.20 |
| Amount Received: | \$67,068.34 |
| Over/(Under) Goal: | \$1,787.20 |
| Percent of Goal Pledged: | 102.63% |
| Percent of Goal Received: | 98.63% |
| Average Gift Amount | \$422.95 |

Saints Peter & Paul - June 29, 2025

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 30

8:00 am Rose Wyka by Ron & Cathy Wyka

Tuesday, July 1

8:00 am Anna Falzarano by Antonietta Falco

Wednesday, July 2

8:00 am John Bolton by Fr. Steven Bolton, C.O.

Thursday, July 3

8:00 am Edward LoCascio by a friend

Friday, July 4

8:00 am Charles DePrimo by Mom, Dad & Sister

Saturday, July 5

9:00 am Maria Rosa Gasparro
by Daughter, Sabrina Ruffa & Family

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 6

7:30 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the
Rosary Altar Society

12:00 pm Yvonne LeBlanc by Anne Marie Calderone

5:00 pm Joseph DeLucia by JoAnn & Gary Pieretti

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Acts 12:1-11;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
Mt 16:13-19

Monday

Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday

Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

First Friday

Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13

First Saturday

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29;
Mt 9:14-17

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 June 22, 2025:

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| Mass Offertory | \$ 5,529 |
| WeShare | <u>\$ 1,834</u> |
| Total for parish operation | \$ 7,363 |

Give Online
with WeShare

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

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.

Maj Michael Morella, U.S. Army

Sgt Dan Neville, U.S. Marine Corps

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

Pvt Tayla Rasmussen, U.S. Marine Corps

PFC Daniel J. Salvo, U.S. Marine Corps

Cpl Jonathan Schultes, U.S. Marine Corps

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 Zimmitti, 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

Josephine DiPiazza

John Falco

Frank Forte

Cindy Galvacky

Gambino Family

Angie Glenn

Gladys Gonzalez

Susan H.

Bernadette Healy

Anthony Hughes

Laura Karg

Ronald Kozak

Brianna Rose Larson

Mary Grace

LaVerghetta

Michael Lynch

Stanley M. Magda

Antonio, Alice & Lisa

Magdamit

Mark Marshall

Lella Mathews

Jim McGuinness

Edward J. McNamara

Wilfredo Medina III

Joyce Melitsky

Andrea Michaels

Lidia Natale

Salvatore Navatto

Joseph Pellegrino

Edith Pena

Dave Pietrowicz

Victor Rangel

John Roglieri

Daniilo & Sanbeda

Santos

Deborah Scarpone

Cathy Stinziano

Patricia Tibaldi

Saverio Todarello

Luisito Tolentino

Jenny & Lou Troisi

Emanuel Valentin

Ron Wyka



Altar Flowers for Charles DePrimo
by Mom, Dad & Sister

Congratulations to all GRADUATES of
St. Ann parish families.

Welcome to all college students who are
back home during the summer.

Peace and prayers for safety and vacation blessings
upon all summer travelers.



Happy Independence Day, July 4

8:00 am Mass at St. Ann Church only

The Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament
will be closed