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the narrow gate."**



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

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*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025*

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 24, 2025

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

IS 66:18-21; PS 117: 1-2; HEB 12:5-7, 11-13; LK 13:22-30

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com

Nationwide Invitation to Prayer Announcement

by Archbishop Timothy Broglio President, USCCB,
Bishop Daniel Thomas Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Americans should not be forced to pay for the killing of preborn children or fund the clinics that kill them. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life, with this prayer:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home.

As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

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We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion. St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

Religious Education Enrollment for 2025-2026

Register in person at the parish office from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Thursday.

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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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INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION




SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2025



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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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 24, 2025

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 25

8:00 am John Mostoller by John & Monica Murphy

Tuesday, August 26

8:00 am Primo Mongiello by wife & family

Wednesday, August 27

8:00 am Mary Rina by sisters Mary & Rose

Thursday, August 28

8:00 am Edward LoCasio by Debbie Myers

Friday, August 29

8:00 am Rose Wyka by Ron & Cathy Wyka

Saturday, August 30

9:00 am Sr. Dolores Toscana by Maria Incontrera

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 31

7:30 am Maria Rosa & Antonio Greco
by Caterina & Saverio Todarello
10:30 am Marie Matteis - Fidacaro by daughter
12:00 pm Michael D'Angelo by Rose D'Angelo
5:00 pm People of the Parish

(*indicates intention for the living)

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 August 17, 2025

Mass Offertory	\$ 4,012
Assumption	\$ 940
WeShare	\$ 2,412
Total for parish operation	\$ 7,364
Filippini Sisters	\$ 1,072

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with WeShare

Online Giving is a simple means of caring for your parish through direct, online contributions. You determine the terms according to your personal and 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. Contact the office if you need assistance.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Is 66:18-21;
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

With four weeks to go until the
Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage
to the **National Shrine in Washington DC**
on **Saturday, September 20**,
make a point of registering now!
The link to our diocesan Jubilee page has parishes with
space open on their buses.
<https://diometuchen.org/jubilee-2025>

Pray for those in the Military

Victor Dulay, Jr. , U.S. Marine Corps	TSgt Anthony J. O'Connor , U.S. Air Force
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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
Brock D. Laggini , U.S. Coast Guard	Jack Vara , U.S. Marine Corps
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

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Rose D'Angelo	Antonio, Alice & Lisa	Jo Surace
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John Falco	Mark Marshall	Saverio Todarello
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Gambino Family	Edward J. McNamara	Emanuel Valentin
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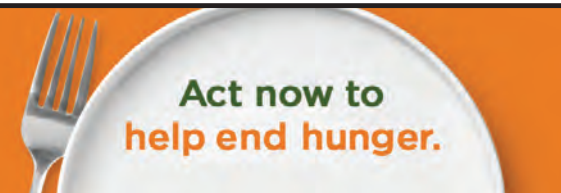


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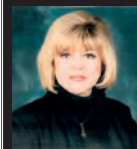
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