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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. Phyllis Vella, MPF	<i>Superior</i>
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**Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025**

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Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

WIS 9:13-18B; PS 90:3-6,12-14, 17; PHMN 9-10, 12-17; LK 14:25-33

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way of life allows us to count the cost, and then run after Him with all our might.

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com

Parish organizations and activities are starting up again after the summer. Consider becoming more involved in our parish life. Contact any of the following to explore further:

Rosary Altar Society	Contact Laura Sullivan, sdaniel123@aol.com
Columbiettes	Contact Karen Soriano, karen.columbiettes@gmail.com
Choir	Contact Anthony Nardino, arnardino@raritanoratory.org
Knights of Columbus	Contact Alejandro Andino, bdp138@yahoo.com
Italian Festa	Contact Joe Cirillo jpcirillo@gmail.com

Hispanic Heritage Festival

St. Joseph Catholic Church

16 East Somerset Street, Raritan

Sunday, September 7, 2025, 1:00 pm -7:00 pm

8:30-10:30 AM BUFFET BREAKFAST (School Auditorium)

1:00 PM Festival begins with a Eucharistic Procession

Featuring: Food from more than 10 different countries of Latin America, games for children, face paint, raffles and folkloric dance groups, D.J. Chazy, live music

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St. Joseph Church



Invitation to Grow Within the Family of the Catholic Church

This is a personal invitation to any who desire to develop their relationship with Jesus and become Catholic or those who are in need of any sacraments of initiation. The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions are beginning on **Tuesday, September 16th at 7pm** in St. Ann's church hall. You are invited to join us.

Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis, two young Italian Catholics to be canonized together on this Sunday, September 7. Frassati, an early 20th-century social activist and mountaineer known for his devotion to the poor, died from polio at the age of 24. Acutis, a 21st-century tech-savvy teen who used the internet to evangelize about Eucharistic miracles, died from leukemia at the age of 15. Both are seen as modern examples of holiness, inspiring young people through their faith, charity, and commitment to the Eucharist.

The canonization of these two young men together highlights different paths to holiness—one through hands-on charity and outdoor adventure, and the other through digital evangelization and technology.

Their stories are intended to inspire current and future generations to live out their Catholic faith fully and joyfully



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Bereavement Ministry strives to bring consolation and peer support to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Informal small group gatherings are facilitated by caring parishioners. Sharing thoughts, feelings, and emotions in the atmosphere of our faith with others who are also going through a personal loss can often bring some peace and acceptance, when understanding that these experiences are normal. A ten-week session will begin at **Holy Trinity Church on Monday, October 6th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm**. No fee, but registration is required. Contact Deacon John Phalen at (908) 526-2394 or bereavement@holyltrinitynj.org.

Volunteer Care for St. Ann's Church Property

There is a plan to replace about 350 square feet of concrete sidewalk in front of the church in a few weeks. The cost of this work will be over \$8,000. Besides this, the township has cited various sidewalk code violations around the church, convent, school and parking lots. The parish must eventually remediate the cited cracked and uneven sidewalk. If you have experience with this kind of fill and patch work, the church would greatly appreciate your assistance. Please contact Fr. Tom for more information regarding the scattered spots cited in need of remediation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Sponsored

Casino Bus Trip to Windcreek, Bethlehem, PA

October 11, 2025 \$45 per person

Includes transportation, \$25 casino credit, light bus snack

Departing at 10am; Returning to St. Ann's approx. 6pm

Purchase tickets by September 29th.

Questions or to purchase, email bdp138@yahoo.com

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Rosary Altar Society Collecting Rosaries

Do you have a collection of extra Rosary Beads from missionary mailings and other gifts? The Rosary Altar Society is collecting rosary beads. Please donate rosaries by placing them in the box on the table at the back of the Church. They will be put to good use on Corporate Communion Sundays when children and families will participate in praying the Rosary. Many thanks.



The Catholic Parent

Parents are invited to a new group which will meet two Fridays a month at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom beginning on September 26th. Meetings will include watching a brief video on a topic particular to Catholic parenting and discussing as a group. Topics will include desiring holiness for your child, child temperaments, family culture, strong marriage, and being an effective witness, among others. The group is intended for those with children in the home and new parents are particularly welcome as developmental stages will be discussed! If interested, **please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org**

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2025



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025
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908-725-7787.

Please put donated items in TALL KITCHEN GARBAGE BAGS.

Visit clothingdrive.net for more information and a complete list of donatable items.

Volunteers needed to help make this a success!

Questions? Contact us at hsa@stannparish.com



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NATIONAL BLUE ARMY SHRINE
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Saturday, Sept. 13th

108th Anniversary of the Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

Schedule:

10:30am Confessions

12pm NOON Rosary Procession with the
Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

12:30pm Speaker – Kevin Matthews

1:15pm – Holy Mass with Most Rev. James F. Checchio

Followed by Exposition, Eucharistic Procession, Benediction,
the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Blessing of Religious Articles,
Fatima Farewell and Enrollment in the Brown Scapular.

Support Our Lady's mission and help us
continue running events like our 13th days!

Can't be with us in-person?

Join our daily livestream in celebration of our Fatima Apparition event
beginning at 11:30am with the Holy Rosary!

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Mass Intentions

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 7

7:30 am Bob Gada by Rose Gada & family
 10:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the
 Rosary Altar Society
 12:00 pm Giovanna Martini by children & grandchildren
 5:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday, September 8

8:00 am Antonio & Rosa Greco by Vincenza Greco

Tuesday, September 9

8:00 am Clarita del Rosario
 by DeVera & Palanca Families

Wednesday, September 10

8:00 am James & Joan Williams by Stephen Williams

Thursday, September 11

8:00 am All souls in Purgatory by Stephen Williams

Friday, September 12

8:00 am Domenico & Antonia Natale
 by Paul & Toni Stevens

Saturday, September 13

9:00 am Clarita del Rosario
 by DeVera & Palanca Families

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14

7:30 am Maria Graziella & Domenico Todarello
 by Caterina & Saverio Todarello
 10:30 am Dina, Pietro & Anna Padorani
 by Enzo & Theresa Padorani
 12:00 pm Concetta Palazzolo
 by Angela & Salvatore Ruggeri
 5:00 pm People of the Parish

(*indicates intention for the living)

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b;
 Phlm 9-10, 12-17;
 Lk 14:25-33

Monday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14;
 Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions



Altar Candle 1 & 2 for Bob Gada
 by Rose Gada & Family

Blessed Mother Lamp
 in thanksgiving for her continued
 protection, by anonymous



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 31, 2025

Mass Offertory	\$ 5,924
WeShare	<u>\$ 2,631</u>
Total for parish operation	\$ 8,555

Mass Intentions are available

September through December weekdays
Flower & candle intentions are also available

Stop by the Parish Office to submit your requests and donation. For your convenience a PDF order form is also available on our parish website for you to fill out in advance.
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Pray for those in the Military

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Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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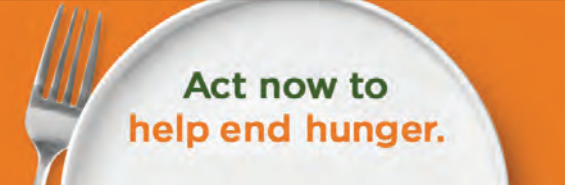


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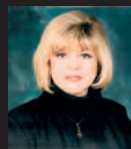
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