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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 0.00 am

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 **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**

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2025

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## Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings AM 8:4-7; PS 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 TM 2:1-8; LK 16:1-13

After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God's.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote is to imitate Christ, "who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead," Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to be fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com

Blessing of Animals the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, Saturday, October 4, at 10am

Monthly Food Bank Collection Sunday, October 5

Religious Education Faith Formation Sessions Begin Monday, September 22, 6:00-7:15pm

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

- Saint Padre Pio



Anyone seeking **Sacraments or Full Initiation** into the Catholic Church? The Oratorian Parishes offer an OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) process for TEENS AND ADULTS. Anyone who would like more information please email Sr. Lorraine at **srlorraine@raritanoratory.org**. God Bless!

Sr. Lorraine, OCIA Director, Oratorian Parishes, Raritan

#### HEALING MASS St. Joseph Church, Raritan Saturday, September 27 at 10:00am

The celebrant of the Mass will be Fr. Jeivi Hercules,
Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Moutainside, NJ.
Fr. Hercules dedicates much of his ministry for people's healing
and the deepening of our faith. Along with Eucharistic Adoration,
there will be a prayer team to pray with those who are sick
or distressed, anxious or struggling.
Everyone is very encouraged to attend.

#### 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@holytrinitynj.org.

#### Annual Fatima Candlelight Procession Our Lady of Fatima Parish

501 New Market Road in Piscataway Sunday, October 12, 2025

Gathering of the faithful will begin at 7:00 PM in front of the church. The procession is scheduled to begin at 7:30pm on Van Winkle Place and will include the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary, other prayers and the singing of the Fatima Ave.

For those unable to walk the procession, the Rosary will be recited in the church. Following the procession there will be a program in the church which will include a homily by our guest presider, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and the traditional Fatima farewell. Members of the Our Lady of Fatima Choir will sing and we will be joined by two members of the Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea.

Come, bring your family and friends. Join us in prayer for peace for our families and the world. For additional information or directions please call Roberta Maurer at 732-245-9124 or email her at rebaspec@comcast.net.

#### Fall Vendor & Craft Fair November 8

Somerville Columbiettes hosting over 25 vendors from 10a.m. to 2p.m. at St. Ann Classical Academy Cafeteria, 47 Anderson Street, Raritan. Fair will feature a variety of local artisans, unique handmade goods, and seasonal treats. Bring friends and family to support small businesses and help the Columbiettes continue their charity work in your local communities.

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#### **FALL POCKET BOOK BINGO**

St. Ann Classical Academy will be holding Pocket Book Bingo in November featuring 10 Games of Bingo, 50/50 and a Basket Raffle with the chance to win one of several designer purses. Thank you to all the parishioners and school families who have already donated purses!

We are seeking just a few more new designer purses/bags from well-known brands such as Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, Dooney & Bourke, Gucci, Vera Bradley and more, as well as other new items to raffle off as part of our Basket Raffle. Take advantage of deep end-of-summer sales and help make our Pocket Book Bingo a success!

Formal Save the Date to follow. Questions?

Contact fundraising@stannparish.com. Thank you!



#### 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

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,

**Columbiettes** 

Italian Festa

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Choir

sdaniel123@aol.com Contact Karen Soriano.

karen.columbiettes@gmail.com

Contact Anthony Nardino,

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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

#### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 21, 2025

#### Mass Intentions

Monday, September 22

8:00 am Natale & Greco Families by Toni Stevens

Tuesday, September 23

8:00 am Maria rosa & Antonia Gasparro by Sabrina Ruffa & Family

Wednesday, September 24

\*Sage Ecko by parents 8:00 am

Thursday, September 25

Helen Danna by Esposito Family 8:00 am

Friday, September 26

8:00 am \*Sage, Alex & Ella Ecko by parents

Saturday, September 27

Henrietta Leitner by Pina Mattei 9:00 am

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 28

People of the Parish 7:30 am

10:30 am Living & Deceased Members of

the Holy Name Society

12:00 pm Anita & Nicola De Bellis

by Mary Ann & Larry Dryl

5:00 pm Domenica & Salvatore Passalacqua

by Angela & Salvatore Ruggeri

(\*indicates intention for the living)

#### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday **Thursday** 

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9 Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8;

Lk 16:1-13

**Monday** Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,14-20; Lk

8:19-21

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

#### Saturday

Friday

#### Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a;

### Lk 9:43b-45

#### Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions

#### **Blessed Mother Lamp for Mary Stein**

by Jeff & Domenica Stein



#### Volunteer Care for St. Ann's Church Property

At a cost of over \$8,000 a large portion of the sidewalk in front of the church was replaced. We have various other small areas of sidewalk that need repair also (fill in cracks and holes, patch and level). It would be a great savings to the parish if anyone familiar with working with concrete can volunteer to help fix these areas. The church would greatly appreciate the assistance. Please contact Fr. Tom for more information about the spots in need of repair.

#### 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

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 September 14, 2025

Mass Offertory	\$ 5,552
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 1,864
Total for parish operation	\$ 7,416



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.

#### 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 Hughs, 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 Sqt Dan Neville, U.S. Marine Corps

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#### Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

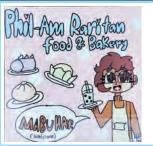
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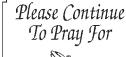


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