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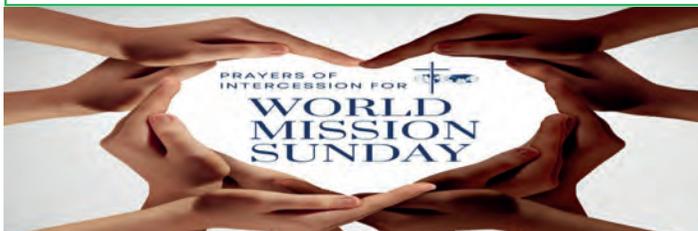
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## The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

### 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

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*Twenty-ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
October 19, 2025*

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 19, 2025

### Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

EX 17:8-13; PS 121:1-8; 1-4; 2 TM 3:14-4:2; LK 18:1-8

The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.

Our Lord Himself calls us to prayer — and persistence in prayer — in the Gospel passage from Luke. Jesus tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he “neither feared God nor respected any human.” Yet even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow's persistence.

Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more (infinitely more) eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him.

If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response from the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us.

Our job then, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, [www.CatholicSteward.com](http://www.CatholicSteward.com)

### World Mission Sunday Collection- Oct. 19

Today is World Mission Sunday! Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme—“Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples”—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity.



## Mass of Farewell

Come and pray with Bishop Checchio as he prepares to depart for his new assignment in New Orleans.



**Saturday, November 1, 2025**  
11:00 a.m.

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# The Catholic Church of St. Ann

## Men's Conference 2025 "Renewal of Hope"

Strengthen your life, family and community

**November 15, 2025**



**Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi,  
548 Main St. Metuchen, NJ**

**FEATURED SPEAKERS:**



**Dr. Ray Guarendi**  
*Catholic clinical psychologist, author and host of "The Dr. is in" on Sirius XM and "Living Right With Dr. Ray" on EWTN*



**Kevin Wells**  
*Acclaimed Catholic speaker, best-selling author, and former award-winning sports reporter with the Tampa Tribune*



**Fr. Kevin Kelly**  
*A visual artist and musician. Administrator of St. Joseph, Raritan. Serves several weeks each of the past 15 years in the Diocese of San Miguel, El Salvador*

Doors open 8:30am  
Conference 9:15am – 3:00pm  
Breakfast and Lunch provided

**Register Early:**  
\$55 through October 15  
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Register at [www.stfranciscathedral.org](http://www.stfranciscathedral.org)

### Men's Conference - Renewal in Hope!

The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi will be hosting a Men's Conference this November 15, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year's conference, which is open to all men, will feature several speakers, including Dr. Ray Guarendi, Kevin Wells, and Fr. Kevin Kelly. To register for this conference, please scan the QR Code on the flyer. Register early (through October 15) for an early-bird discount. If you want to strengthen your life, your family, and your community, please join us at the Cathedral this fall. Questions? Please call 732-548-0100.

### Young Adult Retreat - October 25

**Location:** St. Joseph Church, Hillsborough, NJ  
**Time:** 9:00am - 1:00pm  
**Admission Fee:** \$20

Join other young adults for a half-day retreat, where popular YouTube creator 'GabiAfterHours' will give talks on Mary and the Rosary. The day will start with Mass and be followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided!

### Join us for a two-part series on End of Life Issues





**Dignity of Life**  
**Thursday, October 23, 7pm**  
Hosted by Monsignor John Fell

*"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end." (CCC2258)*

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### Bioethics: End of Life Issues

**Saturday, October 25, 10 am**

Hosted by Father Tad of the **National Catholic Bioethics Center** who will guide us through End of Life concerns. This presentation will also include time for open discussion.

Dignity of Life is a prerequisite for Bioethics. Registration is required through our website or contact the Faith Formation Office at 908-725-0552x825



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### A Pilgrimage Walk for the Jubilee Year

Join us in a timeless act of Faith and Devotion!



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 – 1:15PM**

A short walking pilgrimage  
from St. Joseph Church to The Shrine of the Bl. Sacrament

The Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Raritan has been designated as an official pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year. On this short walking pilgrimage we will sing Psalms and Hymns, as pilgrims have for countless centuries. Arriving at the Shrine Chapel there will be the recitation of Prayers for the Jubilee Year and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**A "Step" to a Jubilee Indulgence**

Within about 20 days before or after performing a Jubilee Year specific act, (such as this Walking Pilgrimage!), and under the usual conditions, a Catholic may receive a plenary indulgence.

The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence include: 1. Be detached from sin. 2. Receive Sacramental Confession 3. Receive Holy Communion. 4. Pray for the Pope's intentions.



### Coats for Kids Drive Collection THIS WEEKEND

**No** child should be cold this **Winter** please help share the warmth one coat at a time with our neighboring families.



We will be collecting **New** children's coats, Boys and Girls sizes 2 to young adult.

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 19, 2025

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, October 20

8:00 am Gabriele DiNella by Maria & children

#### Tuesday, October 21

8:00 am Mark Marshall by Caterina & Nicola Grande

#### Wednesday, October 22

8:00 am Andres Arribas by Barbara Arribas

#### Thursday, October 23

8:00 am Domenico DiBetta  
by Catherine & Angelo Viscariello

#### Friday, October 24

8:00 am Joseph Conforte by Sr. Mary Rose Conforte

#### Saturday, October 25

9:00 am Antonio & Maria Rosa Greco  
by Saverio & Caterina Toderillo

#### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 26

7:30 am Domenica & Nicola Greco  
by Caterina & Saverio Todarello

10:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the  
Holy Name Society

12:00 pm Richard J. Timinski  
by The Guida & Timinski Families

5:00 pm People of the Parish

(\*indicates intention for the living)

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

#### Sunday

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2;  
Lk 18:1-8

#### Monday

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

#### Tuesday

Rom 5:12,15b,17-19, 20b-21;  
Lk 12:35-38

#### Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

#### Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

#### Friday

Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

#### Saturday

Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

### Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions

**Altar Flowers for Patrick Bliss**  
by wife Patty & Family



### Mass Book 2026

**The Mass book will open on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
from 8:00am to noon with appointment.**

In the following weeks opportunities will be on  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8am to 12 noon.

Please call Christine at 908-725-1008 press 1 then 6 to  
make an appointment.

Join thousands of Catholics praying a **Respect Life Month  
Novena Wednesday, October 22 - Thursday, October 30.**  
Get daily prayers, reflections, and more.  
Sign up at [respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)

### 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 October 12, 2025

Mass Offertory	\$ 5,087
WeShare Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,869</u>
<b>Total for parish operation</b>	<b>\$ 6,956</b>

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### Pray for those in the Military

<b>Victor Dulay, Jr.</b> , U.S. Marine Corps	<b>TSgt Anthony J. O'Connor</b> , U.S. Air Force
<b>Pvt Brennan Gasway</b> , U.S. Army	<b>Pvt Tayla Rasmusson</b> , U.S. Marine Corps
<b>AIC Olivia F. Geary</b> , U.S. Air Force	<b>PFC Daniel J. Salvo</b> , U.S. Marine Corps
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<b>PFC Gavin John</b> , U.S. Marine Corps	<b>LtCol Louis P. Simon</b> , U.S. Marine Corps
<b>LCpl Matthew John</b> , U.S. Marine Corps	<b>PFC Jerome C. Sunga</b> , U.S. Army
<b>Brock D. Laggini</b> , U.S. Coast Guard	<b>Jack Vara</b> , U.S. Marine Corps
<b>CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.</b>	<b>Maj Matthew Werner</b> , U.S. Army
<b>Maj Michael Morella</b> , U.S. Army	<b>Sgt Janet Wyka</b> , U.S. Army
<b>Sgt Dan Neville</b> , U.S. Marine Corps	<b>Maj Kaitlyn Zimmitti</b> , U.S. Air Force

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

Katelyn Anderson	Gladys Gonzalez	Andrea Michaels
Joseph Arena	Susan H.	Salvatore Navatto
Pasquale Barbieri	Bernadette Healy	Joseph Pellegrino
Yolanda Bontempo	Anthony Hughes	Edith Pena
Joanmarie Carlone	Ronald Kozak	Dave Pietrowicz
Bruno Cirianni	Wilhelmina	Victor Rangel
Mary Contino	Kuszelewicz	John Roglieri
Jerry Costanzo	Brianna Rose Larson	Isabella Ruffa
Ralph Cusati	Mary Grace	Danilo & Sanbeda
Harold D'Alessio	LaVerghetta	Santos
MariaAnastasia D'Amore	Michael Lynch	Deborah Scarpone
John D'Angelo	Stanley M. Magda	Cathy Stinziano
Rose D'Angelo	Antonio, Alice & Lisa	Jo Surace
Josephine DiPiazza	Magdamit	Patricia Tibaldi
John Falco	Lella Mathews	Saverio Todarello
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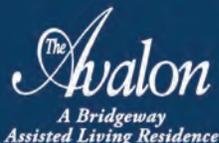


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