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A FEAST DAY FOR THE
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 CHURCH**



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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*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 November 9, 2025*

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Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 COR 3:9c-11, 16-17; JN 2:13-22

Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome — the cathedral church of the Pope and the mother church of all Christendom. While this feast honors a sacred building, it also reminds us of a deeper truth: we, the People of God, are the living temple of His presence.

In the first reading, Ezekiel describes life-giving water flowing from the temple, bringing renewal wherever it goes. This image calls us to be channels of God's grace in the world. St. Paul tells us, "You are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you" (1 Cor 3:16). As stewards, we are entrusted with the sacred task of caring for this temple — our own hearts and our parish community — so that God's presence may shine through us.

In the Gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple, declaring that His body is the true dwelling place of God. Through our baptism, we share in this mystery and are called to reflect God's holiness in all we do.

Today's feast is an invitation to renew our commitment to the Church — to participate actively in her mission, to serve generously, and to let our lives be signs of God's living presence in the world.

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com

St. Ann Classical Academy:

November Open House:

Welcome Wednesday Open House

Wednesday, November 12th from 10am-12pm.

If you are interested in transferring your Pre K - 8th grade student this year or simply want to get a head start on exploring the opportunities available at our school for the 2026-2027 school year, please call the school office at 908-725-7787 or email our Head of School, Mrs. Courtney Ceponis, at cceponis@stannparish.com. We look forward to welcoming you!



The dedication of the **Lateran Basilica** is a feast day, celebrated on November 9th, that commemorates the consecration of the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran in 324 AD by Pope Sylvester. As the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, it is considered the "mother and head of all churches of the city and the world" and symbolizes the unity of the Catholic Church. Built on property donated by Emperor Constantine, the basilica is the oldest in the Western world and represents both a physical structure and the "living temple" of God's people.

Social Ministry

Once again, Shop-Rite is offering their free turkey and/or ham promotion. If you are not in need of your free turkey or ham and would like to donate it, we are collecting them and will put them in our freezer. They will be distributed to our families in need.

The special second collection will be taken on November 16th for our Thanksgiving turkey meals. Please consider using the envelopes for this special collection.

The religious education and St. Ann school children were given a list for their grade level to donate a specific food item. Please return as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the rectory office at 908-725 11008 press 1, then 6.

God Bless you all, Christine Esposito

Pocketbook Bingo Tickets are Now on Sale!

St. Ann Classical Academy's 2nd annual Pocketbook Bingo will take place on **Saturday, November 15th. Doors will open at 6:00pm** with the **first game called at 7:00pm**. A small Tricky Tray and 50/50 raffle will also take place at this event. **Admission is \$30.** Payment and reservations may be submitted to the school via form with cash or check made out to "**St. Ann School**" or online at stannclassical.square.site. Don't delay! Reserve your tickets today.

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Second Collection for Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)

This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services. This is an important distinction, because the AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of those whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services, to meet its costs. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families — including those from our own parish. Please give generously.

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St. Ann's Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser

-Memorialize a tree to remember a loved one
-Dedicate a tree to someone special
-Choose a special intention or Christmas message

Forms can be found in the lobby of the church & on our website

DEDICATION & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
AFTER THE 5:00 PM MASS

CONTACT INFO:
parishoffice@stannparish.com
908-725-1008, press 1 then 4
stannparish.com/news/trees




VETERANS DAY

Honor Wall

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HONOR A VETERAN WHO CANNOT JOIN US FOR OUR VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION?

As part of our Veterans' Day Celebration, St. Ann Classical Academy students and staff wish to honor all members of our community who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces — including those who may be unable to attend because they are out of state, deployed, or deceased.

To pay tribute to these heroes, we are creating an Honor Wall featuring their photographs and names as a lasting expression of our gratitude. If your family has a loved one who cannot attend in person, we invite you to send in a printed photograph in a frame, along with the completed form below. These will be displayed together on our Honor Wall during the celebration.

(This form is specifically for those who are unable to attend in person.)

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VETERAN NAME: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____

STUDENT/PARISHIONER AFFILIATION: _____

CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please send all framed photos and forms to school by Monday, November 10th. Include this flyer with your framed photo so it can be placed on our Honor Wall. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at 908-725-7787. Press 3 to reach the school and then 1 to reach the secretary.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: A PLACE OF HEALING AND HOPE

Are you struggling from an abortion? Whether you were pressured into an abortion, were unable to prevent a family member from having one, or you were a part of the abortion decision, this retreat will help you move beyond any guilt, shame, or anger you have. Our weekend retreats are uniquely designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God in a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment. This weekend will help you find a new voice and transform the pain of the past into hope. Discover peace and healing.

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St. Joseph's Christmas Kolach Fundraiser

A kolach is a traditional Eastern European pastry that has a filling rolled within it. See filling options below.

Price: **\$18.00** per loaf. Pay Cash or Check payable to St. Joseph Church. **Orders must be in by Tuesday, December 2, 2025.** Print your contact information clearly. Please mail payment and order form or drop it off in an envelope through the mail slot in the Parish Office at 16 E. Somerset St., Raritan, NJ 08869

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Fillings (indicate number of loaves desired):

Nut _____ Poppyseed _____

Apricot _____ Lekvar (prune) _____

Raspberry _____ Pumpkin Cream Cheese _____

Pick-up Kolach on the weekend of December 20-21 (subject to change) in the St. Joseph Lower Church Hall.

Check off this box if you prefer to pick up the Kolach on Friday December 19, between 9-10am, provided that *the kolach is delivered on time,*

Questions? parishoffice@sjraritan.org, 908-725-0163.
Thank you & God bless!

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Mass Intentions

Monday, November 10

8:00 am Mark Marshall by Lena & Ralph Ciriani

Tuesday, November 11

8:00 am Dina Senatore by The Conforta Family

Wednesday, November 12

8:00 am Lidia Natale by Vincenza Greco

Thursday, November 13

8:00 am Josephine Ann Gorman by
The Critchlow Family

Friday, November 14

8:00 am Faye O. Jahr by John Kalmbach

Saturday, November 15

9:00 am Special intentions for All Saints

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 16

7:30 am Antonio & Theresa Sansone by grandchildren

10:30 am Antoniette Mingione

12:00 pm Antonietta Gianni

5:00 pm People of the Parish

(*indicates intention for the living)

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;
Jn 2:13-22

Monday

Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25

Friday

Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9;
Lk 18:1-8

Mass Intention Book 2026

The Mass book will open on Wednesday, October 29th 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.

Prayer for the Dead

In your hands, O Lord,

we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.

In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.
The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy
Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

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 November 2, 2025

Mass Offertory	\$ 7,571
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 3,355
Total for parish operation	\$10,926
DOM Other	\$ 110

Give Online 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.

Pray for those in the Military

Victor Dulay, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps	TSgt Anthony J. O'Connor, U.S. Air Force
Pvt Brennan Gasway, U.S. Army	Pvt Tayla Rasmusson, U.S. Marine Corps
A1C Olivia F. Geary, U.S. Air Force	PFC Daniel J. Salvo, U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Brendan Hughes, U.S. Marine Corps	Cpl Jonathan Schultes, U.S. Marine Corps
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	Maj Kaitlyn Zimmitti, U.S. Air Force

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Joseph Arena	Susan H.	Joseph Pellegrino
Yolanda Bontempo	Bernadette Healy	Edith Pena
Joanmarie Carlone	Anthony Hughes	Dave Pietrowicz
Bruno Cirianni	Wilhelmina	Victor Rangel
Mary Contino	Kuszelewicz	Daniel Roggenburg
Jerry Costanzo	Brianna Rose Larson	John Roglieri
Ralph Cusati	Mary Grace	Isabella Ruffa
Harold D'Alessio	LaVerghetta	Danilo & Sanbeda
Maria Anastasia	Michael Lynch	Santos
D'Amore	Stanley M. Magda	Deborah Scarpone
John D'Angelo	Antonio, Alice & Lisa	Cathy Stinziano
Rose D'Angelo	Magdamit	Jo Surace
Josephine DiPiazza	Lella Mathews	Patricia Tibaldi
John Falco	Jim McGuinness	Saverio Todarello
Frank Forte	Edward J. McNamara	Luisito Tolentino
Cindy Galvacky	Wilfredo Medina III	Jenny & Lou Troisi
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