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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

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*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16, 2025*

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Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

MAL 3:19-20A; PS 98:5-9; 2 THES 3:7-12; LK 21:5-19

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a sober reminder that this life is not our aim and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order, putting God above all else as his faithful stewards.

Our Lord brings home the urgency of right priorities in our Gospel passage from Luke, reminding the people around him who were looking at the temple nearby, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Our Lord reminds us that all in this world is passing. We must keep our focus on eternity.

Yet before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name."

Sounds scary. But if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place. All you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents, and through your use of treasure. This way of life is not easy. But Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."

Onward, Christian stewards, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!

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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

The Community of Religious Teachers of St. Lucy Filippini invites you...

*Come and spend time
with the Lord this Advent,
discovering where the Lord
may be calling you...*



and to discover who we are!!!

Who: young women ages 17-25

When: December 5-7, 2025

**Where: Villa Walsh, 455 Western Ave.,
Morristown, NJ**

Contact: Sr. Helen Sanchez, MPF

Email: hsanchez444@hotmail.com

Prayer for Vocations

*God our Father, we thank you for calling
men and women to serve in your
Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons,
and consecrated persons.*

*Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond
generously and courageously to your call.
May our community of faith support vocations
of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, December 7, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Location: St. Ann's Classical Academy Cafeteria

Guests will enjoy a full hot breakfast, holiday crafts for the kids, and plenty of Christmas cheer for the whole family!

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
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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)

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,
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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 16, 2025

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 17

8:00 am Lidia Natale by Greg & Domenica Grande

Tuesday, November 18

8:00 am Pasquale Ruffa by daughter & son-in-law Ritorto

Wednesday, November 19

8:00 am Peter Wyka, Jr. by Ron & Cathy Wika

Thursday, November 20

8:00 am Marco & Elizabeth Fusco by Catherina Fusco

Friday, November 21

8:00 am Salvatore Ritorto by Nora Martin

Saturday, November 22

9:00 am Mark Marshall by Knights of Columbus
Sgt. John Basilone Council

Sunday, November 23 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

7:30 am Rose Sansone by children

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

12:00 pm Angelo, Carmela & Angela Casola
by the Massa Family

5:00 pm People of the parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12;
Lk 21:5-19

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-
63; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59;
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

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 9, 2025

Mass Offertory	\$ 5,158
WeShare Online Giving	<u>\$ 2,099</u>
Total for parish operation	\$ 7,257
National Archdiocese Military Services	\$ 2,167

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

<p>Victor Dulay, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps Pvt Brennan Gasway, U.S. Army A1C Olivia F. Geary, U.S. Air Force PFC Brendan Hughes, 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 Sgt Dan Neville, U.S. Marine Corps</p>	<p>TSgt Anthony J. O'Connor, U.S. Air Force Pvt Tayla Rasmusson, U.S. Marine Corps PFC Daniel J. Salvo, U.S. Marine Corps Cpl Jonathan Schultes, U.S. Marine Corps LtCol Louis P. Simon, U.S. Marine Corps PFC Jerome C. Sunga, U.S. Army Jack Vara, U.S. Marine Corps Maj Matthew Werner, U.S. Army Sgt Janet Wyka, U.S. Army Maj Kaitlyn Zimmitti, U.S. Air Force</p>
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Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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