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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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*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 23, 2025*

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Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

2 SM 5:1-3; PS 122:1-5; COL 1:12-20; LK 23:35-43

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking, sneering, and reviling him. They tauntingly urge him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end his suffering with a great show of power. "if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of his greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings.

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE



Wednesday, November 26

Vigil Mass, St. Joseph

Time: 7:00 (Spanish)

Thursday, November 27

9 AM St. Joseph (English)

Friday, November 28

9 AM St. Joseph (English)

7 pm -Blessed Sacrament Shrine (Latin)

Wishing you and your family
an abundance of happiness,
good health, and blessings.

HAPPY
thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Holiday Break

The Parish Office and School are closed
on this Thursday and Friday.

We will reopen on Monday, December 1st.

NOTICE REGARDING THE OFFICE OF BISHOP

In New Orleans, after the Mass of Welcome on November 18, Bishop James Checchio became the new Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans. The Diocese of Metuchen is now a "Vacant See." Following church law, the Diocese's College of Consultors will elect a priest to be administrator until such time that the Holy Father names a new Bishop for our Diocese.

Until such time, the Eucharistic Prayer will no longer include a name for a Bishop during Masses celebrated in our Diocese. Images of Bishop Checchio will likewise be removed from Catholic church institutions. We pray until the Pope appoints a new Bishop of Metuchen:

O God, eternal shepherd,

who govern your flock with unfailing care,

grant in your boundless fatherly love

a pastor for your Church who will please you

by his holiness and to us show watchful care.

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for
ever and ever. Amen.*

*God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners
Christ died for us.*

(Romans 5:8)

Christmas Gift Giving Tree

Please take one or more tags from the Giving Tree in the church entranceway. Your generosity enables our social ministry to help many families with financial hardship.

The tags and gifts may be returned on December 13/14 in the church basement meeting room. We are grateful to your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Christine in the parish office.

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

The Catholic Church of St. Ann

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

-  **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!

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal: PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity

The Catholic Church of St. Ann exceeded its parish goal of \$68,000 for the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Diocese received an additional \$13,196, for a total of \$81,196, from the people of St. Ann's parish. We received a rebate check from the Diocese for \$6,598, or half of what exceeded our goal.

Thank you to all who faithfully supported the ministries and services of our Diocese of Metuchen. Your generosity has generated a greatly needed 50% rebate that helps support the services and ministry of our parish of St. Ann.

For more information about the Bishop's Annual Appeal, go online to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

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. (Rm 12:1)



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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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!



**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
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—November 23, 2025

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 24

8:00 am Frank Cirianni by MaryLou Cirianni

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 am Michael D'Angelo by Rose D'Angelo

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 am *The Ecko Family



Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving Day

(9:00 am MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, RARITAN)

Friday, November 28,

(9:00 am MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, RARITAN)

Saturday, November 29

9:00 am Sal & Jean Calabro by loving daughters

Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Domenica & Nicola Greca by Isabella Ruffa

10:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Salami by Pina Mattei

12:00 pm Deceased Marshall Families by Toni & Mark Marshall

5:00 pm People of the parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43

Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
or readings from the Mass
"In Thanksgiving to God"

Friday

Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

Sister Dolores Toscano, MPF, died on Sunday, November 16. Funeral services were on Thursday, November 20. The St. Ann parish community was blessed by Sister Dolores's friendship, ministry and faith for 23 of her 99 years. We could learn from her example of trust in God and perseverance in service. Sr. Dolores didn't often rest in life; too busy dying to herself, being gift for others and living for the eternal rest she knew lies ahead. Pray that the Lord grant it without delay!



For all the Souls of
the faithful departed



Grant to them
Eternal Rest,
O Lord,
and let light perpetual
shine on them!

May they Rest in Peace,
& Rise in Glory.

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: wel-
come 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 16, 2025

Mass Offertory	\$ 5,679
WeShare Online Giving	<u>\$ 2,452</u>
Total for parish operation	\$ 8,131
Parish Social Concerns Ministry	\$ 1,328
DOM Other	\$ 210

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

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| Victor Dulay, Jr. , U.S. Marine Corps | TSgt Anthony J. O'Connor , U.S. Air Force |
| Pvt Brennan Gasway , U.S. Army | Pvt Tayla Rasmussen , U.S. Marine Corps |
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| 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

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| Joseph Arena | Susan H. | Edith Pena |
| Pasquale Barbieri | Bernadette Healy | Dave Pietrowicz |
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| Rose D'Angelo | Lella Mathews | Saverio Todarello |
| Josephine DiPiazza | Jim McGuinness | Luisito Tolentino |
| John Falco | Edward J. McNamara | Jenny & Lou Troisi |
| Frank Forte | Wilfredo Medina III | Emanuel Valentin |
| Cindy Galvacky | Joyce Melitsky | Patrick Viola |
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