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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

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| 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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| Sr. Lorraine Doiron, SJH | <i>Dir. of Adult Sacr. Prep, OCIA</i> |
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| Mr. Anthony Nardino | <i>Dir. of Liturgy & Sacred Music</i> |
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*The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026*

The Baptism of the Lord — January 11, 2026

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

IS 42:1-4, 6-7; PS 29: 1-4, 9-10; ACTS 10:34-38; MT 3:13-17

Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord. Today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism.

At the moment of our Baptism, we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

In our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter gives us a glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. "He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples.

And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased."

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Sunday, January 18, 2026

3:30pm at St. Ann Church

This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction.

All are welcome.



The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

We will be offering an **Adult Confirmation class** beginning on Sunday March 1st. If you have not received your Confirmation and are interested in finding out more about this class, please contact Sr. Lorraine at slorraine@raritanoratory.org.

Santo Nino Novena and Sinulog Festival

All are welcome to participate in the 9 day Novena for Santo Niño starting at **7pm on January 8 to January 16 in St. Ann Church**. The customary Filipino Novena concludes with the **Holy Mass for the Sinulog Festival at 5:30pm** in St. Ann Church on Saturday, January 17. The Sinulog Festival Fellowship will follow the Mass in the School Cafeteria.

Foundation for Catholic Education

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 25. There will be a special second collection on that Sunday for the Foundation for Catholic Education. Support the mission of the church to educate and form our young people intellectually and spiritually.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Financial Aid Management at

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2026**. A **signed Parish Verification Form** is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at

<https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.

Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

Note that consideration for Tuition Angels assistance at St. Ann Classical Academy is dependent on first applying for assistance through FACTS.

Save the Date: Catholic Schools Week

Open House—Sunday, January 25

Begin the morning with 10:30 AM Mass at the Catholic Church of St. Ann, then visit St. Ann Classical Academy for school tours from 11:30 AM 2:00 PM. We welcome families considering Pre-K through 8th Grade for the 2026–2027 school year and look forward to welcoming you.



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Mass: The Catholic Church of St. Ann 10:30am-11:30am

School Tours/Meet & Greet: 11:30am-2:00pm



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The Catholic Church of St. Ann

Diocesan Youth Day is on Saturday, January 31st, 2026, at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison. This is a great opportunity for the youths in grades 8-12 to experience a *retreat day* filled with the Sacraments, Holy Mass, community, music, and fun.

The sign-up link for this event is:
<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/Br1Q0Q?vid=1ni9zd>



Knight of Columbus 2026 March for Life

The Knights of Columbus will be having a bus going on **Friday, January 23rd** to Washington, D.C.

The bus will leave from Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale at 7:00 AM with another pick up in Flemington at 7:30 AM in the Harbor Freight RT 206 parking lot.

The cost will be \$75 per adult which will include dinner at the Golden Corral restaurant on the way home.

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The Baptism of the Lord—January 11, 2026

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 12

8:00 am Mike Salzer by John & Kathy Galella

Tuesday, January 13

8:00 am Anna & Filipo DiBetta
by Angelo & Caterina Viscariello

Wednesday, January 14

8:00 am Salvatore Ritorto by Teresa Ciuleo

Thursday, January 15

8:00 am Giovanna Figliano by Antonietta Barbieri

Friday, January 16

8:00 am Vincenzo Mazzagatti by Family;
*For the Benefactors of the Raritan Oratory

Saturday, January 17

9:00 am Salvatore Ritorto by Angelo & Caterina
Viscariello

Sunday, January 18, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Special intention, In thanksgiving for the
intercession of St. Alphonso

10:30 am Gabriele DiNella by Maria & children

12:00 pm Antonio Ruffa by Sabrina & Gregorio
Ruffa & Family

5:00 pm People of the parish

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1;
Mk 2:13-17

Thank you for all your support and care for the church during the Christmas season. God bless all the liturgical ministers, choir members, those who helped clean and decorate, the Rosary Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, the Social Concerns ministry for all its charitable work, the children and their families from Religious Education and the School, parish and school staff. May the blessings and graces of the Christmas season continue to bear fruit in our parish throughout the New Year.

The 2025 Contribution Statements from St. Ann's

for tax purposes will be available upon request at the end of January. To request your statement please use the QR to fill out a form online or contact Nora at the Parish Office parishoffice@stannparish.com 908-725-1008, press 1 then 4.



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 January 4, 2026

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| Weekend Mass Offertory | \$ 5,981 |
| Christmas additional | \$ 2,540 |
| Mary, Mother of God | \$ 1,185 |
| WeShare Online Giving | <u>\$ 3,422</u> |
| Total for parish operation | \$13,128 |
| Together in Charity | \$ 1,429 |
| DOM other | \$ 45 |

*God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners
Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)*

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| Maj Michael Morella , U.S. Army | Maj Kaitlyn Zimmitti , U.S. Air Force |
| Sgt Dan Neville , U.S. Marine Corps | |

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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