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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

Deacon Sal Bonfiglio	<i>Business Administrator</i>
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*Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord
March 29, 2026*



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Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. It's more sacred than Christmas! This is because Holy Week commemorates the final week of Our Lord's life, the very purpose for which Christmas happened.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (when Jesus made his final entrance into Jerusalem) and culminates with Easter Sunday. As Holy Week progresses to its final days, the solemnity heightens.

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the Easter Triduum, also known as the Sacred Triduum, or Paschal Triduum. The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word triduum, which comes from tris ("three") + dies ("day").

Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins.

It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed—that same night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper—where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb—and Calvary, where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the Holy Eucharist, we consume the victim that died for our sins.

The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ. It is one marvelous event stretched out over three days.

Try your best to allow yourself to be led this week by the Church's most sacred liturgies into a deep encounter with the Lord, Jesus.

Chrism Mass

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

On **Tuesday, March 31 at 4:00pm**, Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop Emeritus of Metuchen, will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit <https://diometuchen.org/chrism-mass>

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Your support to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Holy Land Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.

Schedule for Holy Week

March 29 Palm Sunday: Regular Sunday Schedule

March 30 Monday of Holy Week: Regular Schedule

7 PM – 8:30 PM **Confession** St. Joseph Church

March 31 Tuesday of Holy Week: Regular Schedule

4:00 PM **Chrism Mass** St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen

April 1 Wednesday of Holy Week: Regular Schedule

11 AM – 12 PM **Confession** Holy Trinity Church

(Last scheduled Confessions before Easter)*

12 PM **Stations of the Cross** St. Joseph Church

8 PM **The Service of Tenebrae** St. Ann Church

April 2 Holy Thursday: (parish office closed)

9 AM **Sung Morning Prayer** St. Ann Church

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7 PM English Holy Trinity Church

7 PM Latin (EF) Blessed Sacrament Shrine

7:30 PM Spanish St. Joseph Church

10 PM **Sung Compline (Night Prayer)** Holy Trinity Ch.

April 3 Good Friday: (parish office closed)

9 AM **Sung Morning Prayer** St. Ann Church

12 PM **Stations of the Cross** St. Ann Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3 PM English St. Joseph Church

3 PM Latin (EF) Blessed Sacrament Shrine

7:30 PM Spanish St. Joseph Church

7 PM **Stations of the Cross** Holy Trinity Church

April 4 - Holy Saturday:

9 AM **Sung Morning Prayer** St. Ann Church

11AM **Blessing of Easter Food** St. Joseph Church

The Great Easter Vigil

8 PM English St. Ann Church

8 PM Latin (EF) Blessed Sacrament Shrine

8 PM Spanish St. Joseph Church

April 5 Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday Schedule

(except NO 5 PM Mass at St. Ann Church)

April 6 Easter Monday: (parish office closed)

8 AM **Mass** at St. Ann Church;

Shrine Chapel & Parish Offices Closed

***Note:** There are no scheduled times for Confession on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

Tenebrae Service

Wednesday, April 1, 8 PM at St. Ann's Church

What is it?

Tenebrae, occurring in the middle of Holy Week, is a service of chanted prayer and meditation before the major celebrations of the Sacred Triduum. Tenebrae is the Latin word for "shadows" or "darkness." The service begins in candlelight, but as it progresses, candles are extinguished one by one until the church is in a prayerful darkness, which offers the faithful a powerful opportunity to meditate on Christ's death and burial. Come experience this service of light, darkness, and prayer.

The Parish Office will be closed from Holy Thursday through Easter Monday. We will reopen Tuesday, April 7.

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Rachel's Vineyard: Healing Weekend Retreats

Are you struggling from an abortion? This retreat will help you move beyond any guilt, shame, or anger you have. Experience God's mercy and compassion in a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment.

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10th Annual Divine Mercy Family Healing Retreat Sat, Apr 18 @ 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Our Lady of Fatima Church Auditorium 501 New Market Road, Piscataway

Suggested donation \$45 in advance
(children under 10-free)
\$50 for registration at the door

Light breakfast, lunch, and refreshments included.

Guest Speakers

- Bishop Efen Esmilla
- Fr. Timothy Christy
- Kathleen McCarthy
- Fr. Ignatius Mary Okoroji, SDV

Retreat Agenda

- On going Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament
- Praise & Worship Eucharistic healing prayers
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina
- Consecration of the family to the Divine Mercy
- Blessing of religious items, salt, and water

Registration Deadline: March 30th
Form on website: www.olfparish.org/forms

Surviving Divorce

For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce.

Meetings will be held on **Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM** beginning **April 15 – June 3, 2026** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center**, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.

For more information or to register contact Rachele Hanna at rachele.hanna@gmail.com.

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From Isolation to Belonging: Mental Health and the Catholic Church

A statewide gathering to strengthen understanding, compassion, and pastoral support for those facing mental health struggles.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Most Reverend Bishop John P. Dolan, Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix is well known for his leadership in mental health initiatives, his commitment to education and advocacy, and his efforts to integrate mental health support into the fabric of the Catholic Church on a local and global scale.



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—March 29, 2026

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 30

8:00 am Rosa, Rose & Paul Fusca by Anna Cugliari

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 am Paqualino DeLuca by wife, Grace

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 am Frank Cirianni by wife, Mary Lou

8:00 pm *Service of Tenebrae*

Holy Thursday, April 2

9:00 am *Sung Morning Prayer*

7pm at Holy Trinity Church, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3

9:00 am *Sung Morning Prayer*

12:00 pm *Stations of the Cross*

3pm at St. Joseph Church, The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 4

9:00 am *Sung Morning Prayer*

8:00 pm **Easter Vigil at St. Ann's**

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30 am Jason Przybylski by family

10:30 am Living & Deceased Members
of the Rosary Altar Society

12:00 pm People of the parish

NO 5PM MASS

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Palm Sunday

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12;
Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil:
Gn 1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18;
Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14;
Is 55:1-11;
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4;
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;
Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal *ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve*

Jesus gave us a perfect example to follow, constantly demonstrating love and care for those around Him. Much of the work that is done through our Church to advocate for respect for life, consoling those who are in hospital or prisons, and providing for the poor and vulnerable depends on the sharing of our financial resources through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

Our parish goal is \$68,000. As of March 20, 52.5% of that goal has been pledged or donated. Thank you to all who have already contributed.

Parishioner Financial Support

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 **March 22, 2026**

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 5,464
WeShare Online Giving	<u>\$ 2,177</u>
Total for parish operation	\$ 7,641

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MASS INTENTIONS

The second half of the Mass book is open, you may contact the Parish Office to request Mass intentions.

In Memory of Mark Marshall

The new Paschal Candle to be blessed at the Easter Vigil and a new outdoor lamp for the Unborn has been donated by Toni Marshall in memory of her beloved deceased husband, Mark.

Pray for those in the Military

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PFC Jamie Mallinson , U.S. Marine Corps	Sgt Janet Wyka , U.S. Army
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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Rafaela Bavaro	Ken Heaphy	Daniel Roggenburg
Yolanda Bontempo	Bernadette Healy	John Roglieri
Joanmarie Carlone	Anthony Hughes	Isabella Ruffa
Bruno Cirianni	Wilhelmina	Steven Sabo
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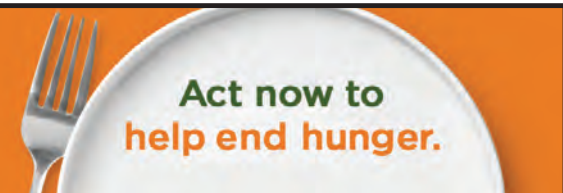


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