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SERVICES BACK IN CHURCH

These initial schedules are <u>temporary</u>. Adjustments will be made in keeping with state and diocesan guidelines and with respect to particular needs. Therefore, consult your parish website every week for updates and changes. The various places and times are listed for your convenience and planning options.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

The Lord's Day Masses

Sat.: 4 pm St. Joseph Church

5 pm Holy Trinity (LS), Communion available in

parking lot after this Mass only.

Sun.: 8 am St. Ann Church 9 am St. Joseph Church

10 am Shrine of the Bl. Sacrament (LS, Latin EF)

11 am Holy Trinity

12 pm Shrine (LS, Spanish) 5 pm St. Ann Church

LS = *Livestreamed on YouTube & Facebook by the Raritan Oratory.*

Daily Masses NOTE: Daily Mass will no longer be livestreamed

Mon. 8 am St. Joseph	12:15 pm Shrine	7 pm St. Ann
Tue. 7 am St. Ann	12:15 pm Shrine	7 pm Holy Trinity
Wed. 7 am St. Ann	12:15 pm Shrine	
Thu. 7 am St. Ann	12:15 pm Shrine	
Fri. 8 am St. Joseph	12:15 pm Shrine	7 pm Holy Trinity
-	(First Fridays only	: 7 pm St. Ann)

Sat. 9 am St. Ann

Note: All scheduled Mass intentions will be honored, at the same church location and as closely to the original scheduled time as possible, unless instructed otherwise.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday,	after the 9am Mass,	St. Ann
Saturday,	3-3:30pm,	St. Joseph
Wednesday,	11-12noon,	Holy Trinity
Wednesday,	7 - 8pm,	St. Ånn

-or by appointment-

The Parish Office

Please call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment if you need to meet with any particular person. Not everyone is working from the office every day. Messages are being monitored and responded to as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Some Reminders

- Please remember to bring a mask to wear while attending services. Observe all instructions regarding social distancing.
- The side door of the church will remain open for access by those seeking time for personal prayer during the week. Typically, the church will be locked at 4pm.
- The parish office remains closed until further notice. You should only come to the office if you have called ahead and made an appointment.

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 5, 2020

REHOLD I

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ZEC 9:9-10; PS 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; ROM 8:9, 11-13; MT 11:25-30

The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we too, must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

Our first reading from Zechariah foretells the unexpected way in which the Lord, the Savior of the world, will arrive. "See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek and riding on an ass... and he shall proclaim peace to the nations." It is almost unfathomable that our almighty, all-powerful God would humble Himself to live among us as one of our own, let alone to contemplate the unassuming way in which He arrived — born as a helpless baby, growing up under the care of human parents and finally making his entrance as savior on a lowly colt. Christ has given us a clear and compelling model of humility. We dare not pursue any other path for ourselves if we wish to follow after Him.

But this kind of humility goes against our natural, worldly bent which says we must insist on having our own way, assert our rights at all costs, and put ourselves first so as to get ahead. How can we live the radical way Christ is calling us to live?

As St. Paul tells us in the letter to the Romans, our second reading today, "Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit." Because of the gifts of our Baptism and Confirmation, we have a "super power" right within us — the Holy Spirit — Who gives us every spiritual gift and all the strength we need to follow Christ. We must awaken to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, leaning into Him to increase virtue in us, especially this key virtue of humility. Paul reminds us that this is for our own good after all — "For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus Himself speaks to the Father of the privileged role that humble souls play in God's plan of salvation. "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."

What does it mean to be a "little one"? It means that we acknowledge we don't have it all figured out, but that we are very much in need of a savior. It means we recognize that all we are and all we have been given is a gift from God. It means we embrace the stewardship way of life.



The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order.

We strongly urge all parishioners to register, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but seeks to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We do not authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property.

Civilize It: Dignity beyond the Debate

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of putting our faith in action through engagement in the political process. Don't allow the vitriolic rhetoric you hear to turn you and others off from engaging in the public square. Join *Civilize It*, a Catholic call for all people to honor each other's dignity by engaging in respectful dialogue. Take the pledge and find resources at <u>CivilizeIt.org</u> to bring civility to your home, school, workplace, and community.

Civilize It is about making room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. We are called to recognize that each person is a beloved child of God and should be treated with respect because of our inherent human dignity. Civilize It is a Catholic, non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to compassion and civility. Take the pledge and find helpful resources at Civilizelt.org.

It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus offers these warm and encouraging words to entice us to embrace it. "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

— Stewardship Reflections by <u>Catholic Stewardship Consultants</u>

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UPDATES AND NOTICES

New Exterior Door for the Church Elevator New outdoor elevator doors have been installed. Let us be grateful to those who generously contributed so that we could have secure, functioning exterior doors for the church elevator.

School Water Main Pipe

A significant water leak at the school building was discovered when we received an unusually high water bill. There was no flooding. An investigation has concluded that the leak is in the main pipe that runs beneath the school building, making a repair much more difficult and expensive. No new info since last week. We are awaiting a scope of work and a quote.

Mass Schedule

There have been no changes to the daily and weekend Mass schedule for this next week. As more people become comfortable returning to church for Mass and we approach our capacity limits, we will consider adding additional Masses. It is possible that we will add another Mass on Sundays starting July 12. Check the parish website for any updates. We have Confessions at St. Ann's on Wednesdays now at 7pm, not on Friday, and on Saturday mornings following the 9am Mass.



Parishioner Financial Support

THANK YOU to all who are mailing or dropping off your envelopes or check contributions in support of the op-

eration of St. Ann parish. To join the 30+ people who have signed up for WeShare since the mid-March shutdown, simply go to the parish website and click on this icon to sign up and set up your personal account.

Give Online with WeShare

Total Contributions to the Parish last week:

Envelopes/Checks \$4,540 WeShare Online Giving \$2,071

\$6,611 total to parish

Diocesan Collections \$91

Grateful for your faithfulness and generosity!

THE JOURNEY AND THE DESTINATION

Learning about our faith is part of the journey, but our ultimate destination is knowing God *personally*.

That personal acquaintance starts with building your relationship here, right now, with prayer.

Friends, be confident in Christ's mercy and love.

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https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspectedabuse

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Mass Intentions

Monday, July 6

7:00 pm Charles DePrimo by Mom and Dad

Tuesday, July 7

7:00 am

Wednesday, July 8

7:00 am Raymond Ferrera by Anna and Joseph and family

Thursday, July 9

7:00 am

Friday, July 10

No Mass at St. Ann's

Saturday, July 11

9:00 am Ottorino Sturino by Maria and Frank Incontrera

Sunday, July 12 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am and 5:00 pm

Russo and Spera Families by son Joseph

People of the Parish

The Marshall and Stunis Families by Mark and Toni

Edwardo Opida by the Opida Family

Anna DiBetta by Francesca and Vincenza Viscariello

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

SundayWednesdayZec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12;Mt 11:25-30Mt 10:1-7

Monday Thursday
Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9;
Mt 10 7 15

Mt 9:18-26 Mt 10:7-15

Tuesday Friday
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23

Mt 9:32-38 **Saturday** Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33

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May God protect all those serving in our Nation's Armed Forces.

May God strengthen, guide and protect all doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals and research scientists as they serve the sick and dying victims of the coronavirus, and seek a quick and effective remedy.



St. Thomas Aquinas High School Summer Academy

The Summer Aquinas Academy is open to 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who are looking for unique enrichment opportunities in their specific areas of interest. The only cost is a \$150 non-refundable registration fee. Please make checks payable to: "St. Thomas Aquinas High School."

Camp dates:

Theater Extravaganza: Mon, July 13 - Fri, July 17 STEM & Forensics: Mon, August 10 - Fri, August 14

Camp hours: 8:00a.m. to 2:30p.m.

Camp Location: St. Thomas Aquinas High School (732) 549-1108 xt. 700

Please note: Parents are responsible for their child's transportation to and from St. Thomas Aquinas High School. To reserve a seat, fill out and return this application with payment by Friday, July 10. Your registration will be confirmed by phone or mail; we reserve the right to cancel workshops due to insufficient response. Class sizes are limited so we encourage you to register as soon as possible.

STA Summer Aquinas Academy 1 Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ 08820

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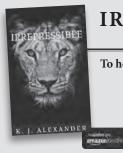




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