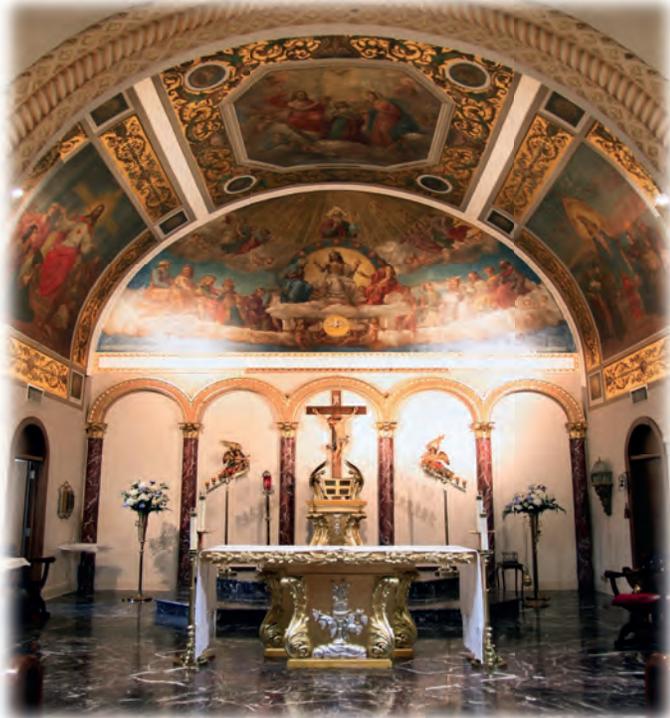


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Daily Masses

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
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.

Saints Ann and Joachim

Tradition has it that Saint Ann and Saint Joachim were married for 20 years, but didn't have any children. They prayed to God for a child and promised that if He granted their wish, they would dedicate this child to God.

According to age old traditions, while Saint Joachim was living with shepherds, an angel came to him and promised, "Your wife will bear a daughter and you will call her Mary. She will be filled with the Holy Spirit from her mother's womb." An angel also appeared to Saint Ann at the same time and related the same happy news to her.

Good Saint Ann is the mother of Virgin Mary, who became the mother of Jesus and of the whole church. Saint Ann and Saint Joachim lived their lives with great trust in God. After the death of Saint Joachim, Saint Ann was a source of love and strength for her daughter, Mary, and her beloved grandson, Jesus — our Lord and Savior.

Saint Ann and Saint Joachim's trust in God gave them the strength and perseverance necessary to be model parents and grandparents. Their lives are an example for all of us.

The feast day of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim is July 26. It has been traditionally held that Saint Ann is the patron saint of pregnant women, mothers, and housewives; and Saint Joachim is the patron saint of fathers and grandfathers.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

The Lord's Day Masses

Sat.:	4 pm	St. Joseph Church
	5 pm	Holy Trinity (LS), <i>Communion available in parking lot after this Mass only.</i>
Sun.:	8 am	St. Ann Church
	9 am	St. Joseph Church
	10 am	St. Ann 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.

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. Ann

—or by appointment—

Feast of St. Ann / 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 KGS 3:5, 7-12; PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; ROM 8:28-30; MT 13:44-52

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. Today's readings show us the critical importance of recognizing the kingdom of heaven in our midst and prioritizing our lives in order to obtain it.

In our First Reading, from the First Book of Kings, God appears to Solomon in a dream and invites Solomon to ask Him for something he desires. Rather than asking for riches or power, Solomon asks for the gift of "an understanding heart... to distinguish right from wrong." In other words, he asks God to help him discern what is true and therefore what really matters in life. It is no surprise that God is pleased to give him this gift and that Solomon has been known since then as the wisest of kings. God will give the same gift to us if we ask Him sincerely. And in fact, we must have a wise and understanding heart if we are to live the stewardship way of life, to guide our priorities and decision making in matters big and small.



When we pursue Godly — rather than worldly — priorities, we can do so with great peace because, as St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading, from Romans, "all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." All things — not just the major, life-altering decisions, but the countless tiny ones we make on a daily basis as we strive to serve the Lord and advance the kingdom of heaven.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, we arrive at the conclusion of three weeks of Jesus' teaching on the kingdom of heaven. In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. We need wisdom to recognize it. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

— *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*



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.

Put your faith into action: Practice civil dialogue.

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics that we are called to engage in charitable, respectful and civil dialogue during election season. In a culture that is dominated by "partisan attacks, sound bites and media hype," the Church calls for "a different kind of political engagement" (no. 14). Join our Catholic witness for civil dialogue by learning more and taking the pledge for civility at CivilizeIt.org. You can take the pledge individually or as a group and invite others to take the pledge too. Visit FaithfulCitizenship.org to access resources on civil dialogue and on how our faith calls us to engage during election season and beyond.

Missionary Cooperative Plan Sunday, August 2

Next Sunday St Ann's will participate in the annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. Missionary Fr. Angelo of the Piarist Fathers will be coming to speak at each Mass about the mission work of his community.

If you already submitted an envelope for Mission Cooperative, that contribution will still be given for that purpose. Thank you for your concern for those in mission lands who are in need.



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UPDATES AND NOTICES

• Priest Ordinations

God willing, **Deacon Br. Fredy, C.O. will be ordained a priest on the morning of Saturday, August 22**, when Bishop James Checchio will ordain four other men for the Diocese of Metuchen. Please keep these men in your prayers and pray for vocations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

• **Please note that St. Ann's will NOT have the 9am Mass and morning Confessions on Saturday, August 22.** This cancelation is so that the Raritan Congregation of the Oratory can all attend Br. Fredy's ordination.

• Leak in Water Main Pipe

As I shared with you before, we found out that there was a significant water leak from the main water line that runs beneath the school building. The building cannot be used until it has a functioning water system, so this is an emergency situation. This work will be done as soon as possible. The recent good news is that we received an additional estimate that is significantly less than the first estimates. Nevertheless, the repair will still cost us \$16,000.

• 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.

• Church Access and Restrictions

Please remember to bring a mask to wear while attending services in the church.

The pieces of blue tape on the back of the pews are two feet apart. Please try to maintain a 6 foot distance between you and anyone outside of your household.

The Sunday Mass schedule is currently 8am, 10am and 5pm. Our permitted church capacity limit is about 75 people. The number of Masses will adjust based on attendance.

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.

*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)*

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Many other schools, because of the number of students and limited classroom space, will have different arrangements — partial day or partial week attendance, remote learning only or hybrid online-video learning.

St. Ann's School has the capacity for more students to attend. Our school may be an attractive option to parents who want their child to have a regular full day, in school experience.

Contact St. Ann School for information about enrollment in our K-8 classical school. Help us also get word out to other parents you may know who are not familiar with our school.

Parishioner Financial Support

THANK YOU to all who are mailing or dropping off your envelopes or check contributions in support of the operation of St. Ann parish. During these unusual times many more parishioners have found that WeShare Online Giving has been a convenient and effective way for them to support the parish. It is an easy process to sign up for WeShare. Simply go to the parish website and click on this icon and set up your personal account.

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Envelopes/Checks \$4,473

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\$8,149 total to parish

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Grateful for your faithfulness and generosity!

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Mass Intentions

Monday, July 27

7:00 pm Benjamin and Lynn Wiecenski by brother and sister-in-law Jim and Filomena Wiecenski

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 am Jennifer Tozzi by her mom and dad

Wednesday, July 29

7:00 am

Thursday, July 30

7:00 am

Friday, July 31

No Mass at St. Ann's

Saturday, August 1

9:00 am

Sunday, August 2- Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am, 10 am and 5:00 pm

Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

Ottorino Sturino by Rose and Michael D'Angelo
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Weekly Lamp and Flower Intentions

Tabernacle Lamp for Pat and Tony Impellizeri

by Frances Phillips and Eleanor Sian

Altar Flowers for The Coccia Family

by Mary Beth Tarantino

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12;
Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Monday

Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday

Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

Friday

Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday

Jer 26:11-16, 24;
Mt 14:1-12



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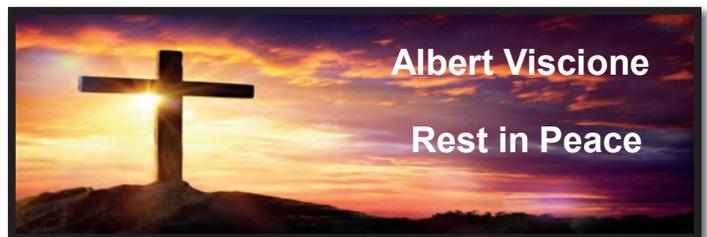
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