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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

The Lord's Day Masses

Sat.:	4 pm	St. Joseph Church
	5 pm	Holy Trinity (LS)
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—

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
	7pm St. Ann, for First Friday		
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.

NOTA BENE

This coming Friday, August 7, is the **First Friday** of the month. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and **Adoration from 5pm to 7pm**. There will be a **7pm Mass** at St. Ann Church.

The live-streaming of Sunday Masses (English, Spanish and Latin) will end after the August 16 weekend.

Update for Religious Education Program

“Lord, for your faithful, life has changed not ended.”

It has been a privilege and an honor to have journeyed with the young people and their families as well as the parishioners of St. Ann Church. Know that you will be in my prayers and I ask that you hold a place for me in your prayers, too. Peace be with you...Sr. Phyllis Vella

With gratitude for the Religious Teachers Filippini Community presence and witness in the Church and the Diocese of Metuchen, please continue to pray for them and for vocations to their community.

Sr. Ella Mae McDonald, MPF, has been assigned to St. Ann Church as Director of Religious Education.

Sr. Phyllis Vella, MPF, has been assigned as Parish Catechetical Leader at St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church in Flemington, NJ.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 2, 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.

Informed voting is virtuous: register to vote.

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world" (no. 14).

In New Jersey, the voter registration deadline is 21 days before an election. You can pick up a mail-in voter registration form from your Municipal Clerk, DMV Office and other State agency offices or online at <https://nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

Parish Staff Changes

Sr. Patricia Pompa, Provincial Superior of the Filippini Sisters, informed me last week of the following changes in assignment:

Sr. Phyllis Vella will remain in residence at the convent and serve as its new local Superior. She will be serving the Catholic community in Flemington at St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church as their Director of Religious Education.

Sr. Ella Mae McDonald will be moving into the convent here at St. Ann's. She will serve as our Director of Religious Education.

Sr. Dolores Toscano remains in residence in the Raritan convent.

Sr. Margaret Mary Hanlon is being reassigned and will be moving to a different residence.

We pray that their transitions be peaceful and that all experience the presence and power of the Spirit in their futures.

In addition, we thank Mr. Gregorio Grande for his part-time service assisting with plant maintenance. We wish him well at his new home and new job.

Anthony Nardino, our new Director of Sacred Music and Liturgy, will sometimes be assisted by Mrs. Alicia Matyasfalvi or Mr. Ryan Gorman.

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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.

Thank you to those who have made specific contributions toward the expense of this project. God bless you.

• 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.

How to Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours). For more information on how to report abuse, please visit our diocesan website:

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

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world."**



St. Ann's K-8 Classical School is preparing for in-person classes starting in the Fall. Fr. Peter Cebulka, Head of School, is working with a Task Force and is developing plans for a safe return to St. Ann School.

Many other schools, because of the large number of students and limited classroom space, will have different arrangements — partial day or partial week attendance, remote learning only or hybrid 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 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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Total Contributions to the Parish last week:

Envelopes/Checks \$4,822

WeShare Online Giving \$2,066

Total for Parish Operation \$6,888

Gifts: Water Pipe Repair \$1,600

Diocesan Collections \$407

Grateful for your faithfulness and generosity!

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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 3

7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 4

7:00 am Joseph Nowakowski, by the Berry Family

Wednesday, August 5

7:00 am

Thursday, August 6

7:00 am

Friday, August 7 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00 pm

Saturday, August 8

9:00 am

Sunday, August 9- Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pasquale Suriano, by his children and grandchildren

Brian Conklin, by John and Noelle Cagnassola

People of the Parish



Join other Catholics and people of good will as we approach the solemn occasion of the **75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945** with prayers and solidarity. Find resources like a prayer card and background information to share with your community at uscgb.org/nuclear. Let us pray and act for peace in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world, but especially in Japan.

The 75th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki



In solidarity with the Church in Japan, let us pray with the words that Pope St. John Paul II shared at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima on February 25, 1981.

To the Creator of nature and man, of truth and beauty I pray:

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations;

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war;

Hear my voice when I beg you to instill into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice and the joy of fellowship;

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace;

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world your everlasting peace.

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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)

Weekly Lamp and Flower Intentions

Tabernacle Lamp for Ottorino Sturino
by Rose and Michael D'Angelo and Family

Blessed Mother Lamp for Louise Salerno
by Mattaliano Family

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sunday

Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 14:13-21

Monday

Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

First Friday

Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Hb 1:12-2:4; Mt 17:14-20



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

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

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