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The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Sat.: 4 pm St. Ann Church
4 pm St. Joseph Church
5 pm Holy Trinity

Sun.: 7:30 am St. Ann Church
8:00 am St. Joseph Church (Spanish)
8:30 am Holy Trinity
10 am St. Joseph Church

10 am St. Ann Church
10am Shrine of Bl. Sacrament (Latin EF)
10:30am Holy Trinity

12 pm St. Ann Church
12 pm St. Joseph Church (Spanish)

5 pm St. Ann Church

Daily Masses

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		7pm St. Ann
Sat. 9 am St. Ann		

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—		

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: MASS ATTENDANCE

The General Obligation to attend Mass was reinstated the week-end of June 5/6. The NJ Bishops Statement that lifted the dispensation in place during most of the COVID pandemic can be found on the parish and diocesan websites. Please read carefully and see that the usual exceptions to the obligation apply.

We no longer have mandatory capacity limitations or distancing and mask wearing requirements. However, we want everyone to return to the celebration of the Eucharist and remain comfortable and safe. Without prejudice, anyone may still wear a mask or maintain distance to the extent possible within our church. One side of the church will maintain seating in every other pew; the other half will be opened completely. It is up to each individual to decide where they sit and whether or not they wear a mask, vaccinated or not. We ought to respect each other's decision and charitably welcome each other.

Happy
4th
of
July



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 4, 2021

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Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings, July 4, 2021

[EZ 2:2-5](#); [PS 123:1-2, 3-4](#); [2 COR 12:7-10](#); [MK 6:1-6](#)

Our readings today portray three figures that experienced challenges — Ezekiel, St. Paul and Jesus. It is a reminder for us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan.

Our first figure, the prophet Ezekiel, reminds us of the challenges we encounter in our day-to-day lives. He is sent to the Israelites who are in need of truth as they are rebels who have rebelled against God. Essentially, he is sent on a challenging mission to encounter tough people.

Sometimes within our own mission fields, we are faced with challenges. It might be finishing a rough week at work, parenting a rebellious child, sharing your faith with reluctant family members, or being extremely kind to the rude cashier. In the face of the challenge, we oftentimes feel like we have been sent to the toughest of tough places. We ask ourselves, "Will I make it out?"

God prepares Ezekiel for this mission by essentially telling Ezekiel to remain close to Him as the Lord says, "You shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist — for they are a rebellious house — they shall know that a prophet has been among them."

We might feel like we have been thrown into these challenges completely unprepared. Yet, the reality is, if we face the challenge with God, we will make it out and we will be a witness to our faith in the process.

Our second figure, St. Paul, reminds us of the crosses that the Lord presents to us throughout life. St. Paul describes a "thorn" that had been given to him. He believed this thorn to be the thing that kept him grounded as he said, "to beat me, to keep me from being too elated."

At first, he asked the Lord to remove this cross, but the Lord replied, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Through this explanation, St. Paul resolved to believe, "I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

We all bear crosses in this life, whether they seem to be little thorns or sharp daggers. The easiest thing to do, as St. Paul did, is to pray for the cross to be taken. It would be great if all of our struggles just magically faded away! But listen to the Lord's words, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Stop and reflect on your cross. Instead of wishing it to go away, look at it as an opportunity to grow and to allow God to work in your life. God permitted this cross in your life for a reason. Do not let the opportunity for Christ to work on your heart pass you by.

Our last figure is Jesus Himself. He reminds us of the times that we are not accepted by others in this life. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the sabbath and those who heard Him were taken back by His teaching ability. They questioned where He received His knowledge and power, especially if He was raised from a carpenter.

It says, "they took offense at him... He was amazed at their lack of faith."

Please Note This Change in Mass Schedule

The working world observes the 4th of July holiday this year with a day off on Monday, July 5th.

The only Mass on this Monday will be at 9am at St. Ann's. The Parish Office is closed Monday.

Religious Education Catechists Needed

We need volunteer teachers for St. Ann's Faith Formation Program on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6-7:30pm. Catechists are needed for each grade on Thursdays and grades 1 and 3 for Monday evenings.

PLEASE HAVE AN OPEN HEART AND PRAY ABOUT SERVING OUR CHILDREN IN THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY.

Please call Director of Religious Education, Sister Ella Mae McDonald at 908-725-1008, press 1 and then 5.



A Prayer for Independence Day

Guide us as we work together to build a society in which everyone has the opportunity to live with dignity and hope. Help us to be witnesses of Christ's love by practicing charity and promoting justice and peace throughout the world. Strengthen us with fortitude to choose the values of our faith as we exercise Our responsibility as citizens. Inspire us to build a world of greater respect for human life and dignity. Restore us when our spirit grows weary, and bless us in our journey home to You.

As Christian stewards, we are not always accepted. It might be because of what we believe in, the principles we stand for, how we spend our time and money, what we choose to participate in or not, or even how we raise our families. And sometimes our toughest critics are those we are closest to, which can leave us in amazement.

Jesus was supposed to be rejected so that He could suffer, die and rise for us. It was all part of God's plan. So too, is our rejection. It is all part of God's plan. Maybe it is to strengthen us, to grow our own faith, to be a witness to someone else or to just get a glimpse of how Christ was rejected.

Regardless of the reason, let us pray for the strength to not shy away in rejection and to not become like those who rejected Christ. Rather, let us cling to Christ in that moment and let us remember that God has a plan.

Today, as we hear about these three figures in the Scriptures, let us reflect on our lives. Recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life's challenges, our weaknesses and moments of feeling unwanted with confidence in Christ.

— Stewardship Reflections by *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

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Singing this Summer with St. Ann's Choir



After a long hiatus, the St. Ann's Choir is able to return to the Sunday 10am Mass.

This "Summer Session" of the choir requires less commitment, and offers flexibility.

No prior musical experience is needed.

Consider joining the choir this summer!

Rehearsals are Thursdays:

July 8, July 15, August 5 and August 12 at 7:30pm in the choir loft in St. Ann's Church.

Sing at the 10am Mass most Sundays throughout the Summer

For more details e-mail our Director of Liturgy and Music, Mr. Anthony R. Nardino at: ARNardino@raritanoratory.org

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Transformed by Christ Body and Blood – Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

There has been \$24,075 in corporate matching funds applied toward St. Ann's goal. Therefore, total pledged is \$84,878.41; total paid is \$83,388.41 from 202 parishioners. This represents 113.2% of St. Ann's parish goal of \$75,000.

St. Ann's will receive 50% of the amount that exceeds our goal. Thank you for your generosity. More info about the Bishop's Annual Appeal may be found on the diocesan website, <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>

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Annual Missionary Cooperative Plan, July 10-11 Welcome Missionaries of St. Francis DeSales

On the weekend of July 10-11 we will have the Annual Mission Appeal in our parish. This year the Holy Mass and homily will be celebrated by a priest from the Missionaries of St. Francis, otherwise known as the Fransalians. Although their congregation was founded in Annecy, France in 1837, as missionaries, their major presence is now in Asia and Africa along with new missions in South America.

They are now globally present in 29 countries with 12 provinces, one region and four delegations with total membership of more than 1500 confreres. Their main missionary charism is the pioneering evangelization in the non-evangelized countries and the education of the less privileged youth through children's homes and orphanages. More than 3500 economically poor, semi orphan or orphan children are cared for and educated in their 93 children's homes both in India and Africa. The Fransalians are also active in the Philippines, Ecuador, Indonesia and Brazil where they promote and train missionary vocations to prepare individuals for both pioneering evangelization and the renewal of Christian life in different countries and are actively engaged in the empowerment of women and the marginalized.

Let us welcome our missionary, Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil, MSFS

(Note: use the envelope for Mission Co-op that is dated July 25 in the envelope packet)

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

Bishop Checchio invites all parishioners to join our diocesan response to this nationwide effort by the USCCB, set for the first week of June. The primary goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on NoTaxPayerAbortion.com.

Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion.
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Rosary for Life

Conference Call

Every Friday at 4PM

Please join LIFENET as we pray 15 decades of the rosary for the "Protection of the Babies in the Womb."



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"But this kind (of demon) does not go out except by prayer and fasting."
- Matthew 17:21



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Mass Intentions

Monday, July 5 -Independence Day Observed
9:00 am Carmelo Sciortino by Frank and Maria D'Angelo

Tuesday, July 6
7:00 am Anna Pia Pascale by Angelo and Catherine Viscariello

Wednesday, July 7
7:00 am Carmelo Sciortino by Cynthia and Fred Neufeld

Thursday, July 8
7:00 am Robert Parico by Isabella and Ralph Cirianni

Friday, July 9

Saturday, July 10
9:00 am Domenico Natale and Juliette Mastronardi by Emilia Natale
4:00 pm Michael Lopez by Rosa Leon

Sunday, July 11
7:30 am Raymond Ferrera by Anna, Joe and Family
10:00 am Katherine and Nicholas Tozzi by Theresa and Enzo Padovani
12:00 pm Dodie Hogan by Pattianne McNamara-Tomaio
5:00 pm People of the Parish

Pray for those in the Military

LtCol Michael A. De Cicco; U.S. Army	Zack Orecchio; U.S. Navy
Victor Dulay, Jr; U.S. Marine Corps	Pvt Tayla Rasmusson; U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Brendan Hughs; U.S. Marine Corps	PFC Daniel J. Salvo; U.S. Marine Corps
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CW4 Michael Lopez, Jr.	PFC Jerome C. Sunga; U.S. Army
LCpl Sean Maj; U.S. Marine Corps	Jack Vara; U.S. Marine Corps
Maj Michael Morella; U.S. Army	Cpl Daniel Viscariello; U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt Dan Neville; U.S. Marine Corps	Sgt Janet Wyka; U.S. Army
AIC Anthony John O'Connor; U.S. Air Force	Capt Kaitlyn Zimmitti; U.S. Air Force

Pray for those who are Sick in our Community

Joseph Arena	Stephen Forktus III	Jim McGuinness
Karen B.	Frank Forte	Edward J. McNamara
Joanmarie Carlone	Cindy Galvacky	Wilfredo Medina III
Anna Carra	Gambino Family	Andrea Michaels
John Carrick	Maria Rosa Gasparro	Lidia Natale
Katie Cassling-Fishman	Gloria Guide	Ann Navatto
Bruno Cirianni	Susan H.	James Palumbo
Frank Cirianni	Bernadette Healy	Victor Rangel
Mary Contino	Brianna Rose Larson	Marie Richardson
Jerry Costanzo	Michael Lynch	Deborah Scarpone
Maria Anastasia D'Amore	Antonio, Alice & Lisa Magdamit	Cathy Stinziano
Michael D'Angelo	Mark Marshall	Saverio Todarello
Mary Felice	Giovanna Martini	Emanuel Valentin
	Susan Maurice	Ron Wyka

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

<p>Sunday Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a</p> <p>Monday Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26</p> <p>Tuesday Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38</p> <p>Wednesday Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7</p>	<p>Thursday Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15</p> <p>Friday Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23</p> <p>Saturday Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33</p>
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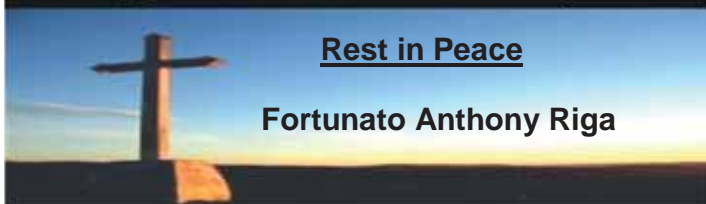
Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:1)

Weekly Candle, Lamp and Flower Intentions

Altar Flowers for Charles DePrimo
by Mom and Dad



Pray for Those We Have Recently Lost



Rest in Peace

Fortunato Anthony Riga

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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Contributions from June 27

Offertory Contributions	\$ 5,384.26
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