



CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE
Applying the teachings of Jesus Christ for the betterment of rural America

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio
Bishop of Metuchen

will celebrate a

Catholic Rural Life Mass

for those engaged in farming and
agricultural related businesses

Sunday, August 27, 2017 · 5 p.m.

Saint Ann Parish

32 Main Street, Hampton NJ 08827-0405

Individuals and families are welcome.

Fellowship and light refreshments to follow Mass.

Please register online by August 20, 2017.

<http://diometuchen.org/RuralLifeMass>

**Sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen's
Catholic Rural Life Ministry**

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About Catholic Rural Life Ministry

Each day standing at the Altar during the Offertory of the Mass priests pray, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation..." The offering of the gifts of bread and wine during each Mass reminds us that they are the fruit of the earth and of the vine and that through the work of human hands they become our spiritual gifts. These gifts are the result of God's goodness and the farmer who first planted, tended and harvested them for our use in worship.

Here in the Diocese of Metuchen, the newly established Catholic Rural Life Ministry will address and strengthen the faith and the needs of our brothers and sisters who have a vocation to the care of God's creation through farming – particularly in the western part of our four-county diocese.

This unique ministry is intended not only to aid those engaged in agriculture in our rural areas, but also to foster the spiritual formation of all the faithful of the diocese to understand the unique role those engaged in farming have in cooperating with God as they bring forth the fruits of the earth for our benefit and nourishment.

If you are part of this agricultural community, or share their interests, I hope you and your families will consider joining us for our first Catholic Rural Life Mass to be held August 27, 2017 at Saint Ann in Hampton, NJ, where I serve as pastor.

With every prayerful best wish and kindness, I remain.

Rev. Michael C. Saharic

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