

The Sunday Steward

The weekly parish bulletin for The Church of Saint Ann
1253 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
and the Saint Michael Church, Trenton, NJ

DECEMBER 3, 2017 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*“May he not come suddenly and find you
sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”*

MARK 13:36-37



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DAILY LITURGY for the Week of December 3, 2017		ADVENT 2017
SUN., Dec. 3 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	People of the Parish Jessica Masterson by Edward and Cindy Masterson and Edward, Jr.	Advent Season Family Participation The First Sunday of Advent is TODAY, December 3rd. Once again, we ask that you considerer being part of the entrance procession by carrying the Advent candles to the wreath. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the Church.
	Emilie Crosby by Elaine Murphy In Memory of Polly Swiatkowski on the 10 th Anniversary of Her Death by Jeff, Ed and Paula Swiatkowski Julie Cahill by Tom Cahill Nicola Ciccone by Wife, Ada Ciccone and Family Antonio Rossi by Anna Lubrano and Family and Domenico Rossi and Family Evelina Toto by Ada Armenti and Family Joan Szabo by Divo and Veronica Brun	
	ST. MICHAEL 8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Sacrament of Penance PARISH Penance SERVICE Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM
	George Krisak by Wife John Clancy, Jr. by Clancy Family	
MON., Dec. 4 8:00 AM	Berardino Toto by Wife Gilda and Children Dorothy Franko by Mary Malley and John Sack	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Patroness of the USA Friday, December 8, 2017 Holy Day of Obligation Masses: 7:00 AM, 12:15 PM, and 7:00 PM
TUE., Dec. 5 8:00 AM	Vincenzo Ciccone by Jennifer and Michael Bukowski Vincenzo Ciccone by Ennio and Gina Lieggi & Family	
WED., Dec. 6 8:00 AM	George Argust by Debbie, Dave, Kenny and Kylie Rousseau Vincenzo Ciccone by Carol Ann Willie	Cohort Corner What is Faith in Our Future? The Faith in Our Future program identifies and evaluates the needs and challenges facing parishes in the diocese, proposes recommendations, and a plan to implement them in accordance with Bishop David O'Connell's vision. He stated, "Our ancient faith always remains beautiful, true and eternal although times and circumstances have changed and require us to develop 'new ways' to foster, promote, and witness to our faith in order to address and re-engage an ever-changing environment."
THURS., Dec. 7 8:00 AM	Vincenzo Ciccone by Lauren and Chris Carey Dolores Roth by Alan Crane Family	
FRI., Dec. 8 7:00 AM 12:15 PM 7:00 PM	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Special Intention by Lorraine Colavita Helen D'arcy by Jennie Krisak Bottoni and Quansi Families by Theresa Bottoni and Family Nicholas and Johanna Bartolino by Elizabeth B. Descoteau Robert A. Devine by Jean DiMarco Eileen F. Slavkovsky by Brenda, Jeff and Kyle West	Cohort Advent Penance Services: St. Ann - Sunday, December 3 rd 7 – 9 PM St. Hedwig - Tuesday, December 12 th 7 – 9 PM St. Anthony of Padua - Monday, December 18 th 7 – 9 PM St. Paul - Wednesday, December 20 th 7 – 9 PM Cohort 7 Parish Members: The Church of St. Ann (www.churchofsaintann.net) is happy to be a member of Cohort 7 along with: St. Anthony of Padua (www.stanthony-hightstown.net) St. David the King (www.stdavidtheking.com) St. Hedwig (www.sainthedwigparish.com) St. Paul (www.stpaulsprinceton.org).
	SAT., Dec. 9 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	
	Special Intentions by Diane M. Fair Vincenzo Ciccone by Antonio Nini Mr. and Mrs. M. Janoski, Sr by Janoski Family Michele R. Kelly by Marilyn, Tim, Samantha Kelly and Joan Durborow	
SUN., Dec. 10 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Vincenzo Ciccone by Mr. and Mrs. Gabriele D'Amico Agues Cifelli by Ada Armenti and Family People of the Parish John F. Crosby by Elaine Murphy Lois Beaston by Sczerbowicz and Beaston Families Winfred Siber by Gertrude Siber Evelina Toto by Maurizio Armenti and Family Dolores C. DiFoggio by Rakowski Family	
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, December 3, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- **Rosary Altar Society Giving Tree - Drop Off Gifts** (Before All Masses)
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 9:30 AM Mass - Church
- **Altar Server Commissioning** 9:30 AM Mass - Church
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 10:30 AM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Religious Education Classes** 10:30 AM - Saint Ann School Classrooms
- **RCIA** 11:00 AM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **Baptisms** 2:00 PM - Church
- **Centering Prayer** 4:30 PM - Spiritual Direction Room
- **Parish Penance Service** 7:00 PM - Church

MONDAY, December 4, 2017

- **Rosary Altar Society Giving Tree - Sort Gifts** 8:30 AM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Miraculous Medal Novena** 1:30 PM - Chapel
- **Wedding** 4:00 PM - Church
- **Religious Education Classes** 6:00 PM - Saint Ann School Classrooms
- **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** 7:15 PM - Msgr. McCorristin Room

TUESDAY, December 5, 2017

- **Saint Ann School Reconciliation** 10:00 AM - Church
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM - Chapel
- **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** 3:00 PM - Chapel

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2017

- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 6:30 PM - Dorothy Day Room
- **Bible Study** 7:00 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:30 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room

Advent is Here

We have **advent candles, advent wreaths, advent calendars, and advent reading materials**, that are available for purchase in the Gallery of Light. **Little Blue Books** for Advent are available at the doors of the Church and at the Welcome Desk for \$1.

THURSDAY, December 7, 2017

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** 10:30 AM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **Junior Legion of Mary** 2:30 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Knights of Columbus Council 7000 Meeting** 7:00 PM - American Martyrs Room and Dorothy Day Room
- **Weekly Saint Ann Novena (Saint Michael Church)** at 7:30 PM
- **Weekly Saint Jude Novena (Saint Michael Church)** at 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, December 8, 2017 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- **Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses:** 7:00 AM, 12:15 PM and 7:00 PM
- **Saint Ann School and Parish Office - CLOSED**
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** 5:00 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room

SATURDAY, December 9, 2017

- **Generations of Faith** 9:30 AM - Faith Development Center
- **Simbang Gabi Practice** 10:00 AM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Reconciliation** 4:00 PM - Church
- **Vigil Mass** 5:00 PM - Church
- **Confirmation Rite 8th Grade** 5:00 PM Mass - Church

SUNDAY, December 10, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- **Confirmation Rite 8th Grade** 9:30 AM Mass - Church
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 9:30 AM Mass - Church
- **RCIA** 9:30 AM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 10:30 AM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Religious Education Classes** 10:30 AM - Saint Ann School Classrooms
- **Generations of Faith** 5:00 PM - Faith Development Center

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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Weekend of November 18th and 19th, 2017
WRAP YOUR GIFT . . . USE YOUR ENVELOPES

Weekly Offering for the Church of Saint Ann	
Number of Registered Households	3,130
Number Using Envelopes Last Week	398
Sunday Collection	\$14,950.00
Electronic Funds	*7,767.00
Total Contributions	\$22,717.00
<small>*Note: electronic contributions are received twice a month.</small>	
Weekly Offering for Saint Michael Church	
Novena	\$907.00
	235.00
Total	\$1,142.00



We Pray for the Sick

Pop-pop Joe Connell, Victoria Verrelli, Sr. Mary Maodeo,
Allison Pyskaty, Julie Camastra, Richard Waskiewicz,
Joan Hedden, Pia Ellen-Cattarinich, Holly Steigman,
Sharon DeCelle, Charles Johnson, Anne Lambdin Hunter,
Baby Haley, Sally Lynch, Clara Cowell, Mary Hazen,
Calvin Leish, Beth Cottone, Lee Gruska, Migel Trusti,
Mary Schiavone, Rosalia Palla, Patricia Moran,
Gertrude Belotti, Margaret Mary Riether,
Jonathan Philip Cino, John E. Clancy III

and all parishioners who are sick and homebound.

Note: If you would like a family member or friend prayed for, please call Sister Pat.

Reflections on Fatima

an evening dark and starless
bejeweled with shimmering lights
a slow wave of candles
illuminates the night

Italians, Germans, Spaniards
Americans, Irish, Dutch
pilgrims on a journey
processing step by step

as candles burn and flicker
like tiny fireflies
the gentle breaths of Ave Marie
fill the empty spaces of the soul

with wheelchairs, crutches
and infirmities unseen
unflinching in their trust
drawing nearer to their God

a solemn soulful journey
pollinated by strong faith
inspired by its spirit
It touched my very soul

By Barbara Johnston Sopko

Parish Mission Statement

*The Church of Saint Ann
in Lawrenceville is a
Roman Catholic family of faith,
built on the inspiration of
past generations,
to serve the community
by loving God and our neighbor.*

*We strengthen faith,
celebrate the sacraments,
provide for the spiritual and
corporal works of mercy,
educate across the
lifespan, heal the spiritually broken,
and respect the dignity of human life.*

*We live the Gospel and seek Christ
in all people.*

Baptism Congratulations

*This weekend, we welcome into our church
through Baptism:*

Matthew Thomas MORVANT

WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2017

**Saint Ann
Sanctuary Candle**
BOTTONI AND QUANSI FAMILIES
Requested by
Theresa Bottoni and Family

**Saint Ann
Icon Candle**
LOIS BEASTON
Requested by
Sczerbowicz and Beaston Families

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Rosary Altar Society News

The next **Rosary Altar Society Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the **Pope John Paul Community Room**. This will be our Christmas meeting. We will be having a cookie exchange (*optional*). If you would like to join in, bring a plate with 2 dozen cookies and you can go home with 2 dozen different cookies! (*There will be a separate plate for GF cookies.*) Also, we will be having a devotional swap! Bring LIKE NEW devotionals, nonfiction religious books, statues, rosaries, etc. that you no longer need or want and maybe another Rosarian will think it is perfect for her, and you will find something "new" that suits you. There will be our usual dessert table for those just wishing to come and listen to music and visit with friends. We hope you will join us! Questions to **Nicky (609) 406-0450**.

GIVING TREE . . . Parishioners return unwrapped gifts before all Masses on December 2 and 3, 2017. Rosarians will sort gifts on December 4 at 8:30 AM in the Pope John Paul Community Room. Items will be picked up by organizations at approximately 10:00 AM.

CYO/SPORTS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer (or volunteers/team) to coordinate/oversee our parish/school youth sports program (CYO, Catholic Youth Organization). The purpose of the CYO/Sports Program is to provide an enjoyable, instructive, and positive sporting environment where participants can learn the fundamentals of a sport, teamwork, and other life skills consistent with our Christian faith. CYO plays a competitive schedule against other Catholic parishes in Mercer County. The parish provides the support and resources for the smooth running of the program. We are hoping to get a person (or persons) in place as soon as possible to plan for the Spring Season, which includes soccer and track. Without a coordinator, the parish cannot participate in CYO sports. Those interested should contact Gary Maccaroni at (609) 882-6491, or at gmacc@churchofsaintann.net.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD Matthew 5:9

An invitation to an inquiry meeting about peace.
Are you interested in learning more about peace and justice in the Catholic Social Teaching tradition? There will be an informational meeting with discussion sponsored by the Mercer Chapter of Peace: Catholic Social Teaching (Pax Christi USA) group, members of the national Catholic peace movement, on **Tuesday evening, December 12 at 7:30 PM** in the Faith Development Center. If you are interested and are unable to attend, please contact **Martha Andrade-Dousdebbs** at shungointi@gmail.com or call to 1 (917) 703-1177 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SCHEDULE

DECEMBER:

December 3, 2017

10:30 AM Class Instruction

December 4, 2017

6:00 PM Class Instruction

December 9, 2017

9:30 AM Generations of Faith

December 10, 2017

5:00 PM Generations of Faith

December 10, 2017

10:30 AM Class Instruction

December 11, 2017

6:00 PM Class Instruction

December 17, 2017

10:30 AM Class Instruction

December 18, 2017

6:00 PM Class Instruction

December 24 and 25, 2017

No Instruction Celebration of Christmas

December 31, 2017 and January 1, 2018

No Instruction Celebration of Christmas and New Year



About RCIA Dismissal...

On Sundays after the Rite of Acceptance, you will see our catechumens and candidate being called forward for a blessing as they are dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word. Those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation are sent away from the assembly so that they may focus more intently on the Word of God that they have just heard, listening deeply to God's call to them. This is an essential part of their training in the Christian life. We look forward to the day when we can welcome them to the Eucharistic table.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Religious Goods Store

The Religious Goods Store will be open next weekend after all Masses. Please stop by and take a look around.

Religious Education News

Welcome - We are happy to announce that Janet Fiatoa will begin on December 4 as our new parish Religious Education Coordinator. Janet comes to us from Saint Michael the Archangel Church in Levittown, PA where she has served as Religious Education Coordinator since 2010.

Thank You - Thank you to Kelly Wolf for her many years of dedication and service as Religious Education Coordinator here at Saint Ann. Kelly now serves as Principal of Our Lady of Grace Academy in Brooklyn, NY.

Monthly Food Collection

Just a reminder that the second Sunday of every month is "Food Drive Sunday." In an effort to increase the supply of food we donate locally, we are encouraging all of our parishioners to bring in a bag of groceries on the second Sunday of every month.

Items needed are: cereal, cranberry juice, deodorant, detergent, canned vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, shampoo, soap, toilet tissue, rice, napkins, soups, stuffing, tuna, and jelly.

If you forget, don't worry, we'll take them on any Sunday. You can leave your bag of non-perishable food items in the lobby of the church. At present, we send this food to **Mt. Carmel Guild, the Lawrence Community Center (HomeFront), and Better Community Housing.** *Thanks for your support.*

Our Promise to Protect

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline by calling: **1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at the following web address: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. *Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.*

Altar of Remembrance

Please bring home the photographs of your loved ones from the Altar of Remembrance after Mass today.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Hand-crafted shawls, lap robes, baby blankets, chemo caps, and rosaries made by members of the Saint Ann and Saint Michael Prayer Shawl Ministry are available to parishioners in nursing homes, hospitals, the homebound, or someone needing prayers and a kind word or gesture. Please call the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** at **(609) 882-6491 ext. 167** and leave a message if you or anyone you know could use one and we will get back to you. Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Pope John XXIII Room of the Faith Development Center. We meet on the **first Thursday (December 7)** and **third Thursday (December 21)** of each month from **10:00 AM until 12:00 noon**. We also have **evening Prayer Shawl Ministry** on the **second Thursday (December 14)** of each month at **7:00 PM**.

Centering Prayer

All are welcome to this silent prayer practice in which we experience God's presence within us. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship....a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Christ. **Join us at any time, on any date you can.**

MORNING Centering Prayer: This group meets monthly, *usually* on the 2nd Monday at 10 AM in the Spiritual Direction Room. The next meeting is: December 18, 2017 (3rd Monday).

Any questions, please call Mary Malley (609) 896-8193 or email mary.malley@gmail.com

EVENING Centering Prayer: This group meets twice a month, *usually* the 2nd and the 4th Sundays at 7 PM on the second floor in the room to the left of the stairs, in the Spiritual Direction Room. The next meetings are: December 3 (**4:30 PM**) and 17 (7:00 PM). Any questions, call Patty Creech at 1 (908) 500-7089 or email at: pattyos1210@gmail.com.

Contribution Reminder *School Parents . . .*

In order to be eligible for the "contributing parishioner" rate on the school tuition scale, the annual recommended contributions from January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017 should total at least \$500.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, continued

NEW



Join Parish Action On Climate Change

Reducing greenhouse gasses requires honesty, courage and responsibility above all on the part of countries which are more powerful and pollute the most. - Pope Francis, Laudato Si

On Creation Sunday many in the parish signed a petition asking our State legislators to work closely with the new Governor in passing legislation that protects the environment. When the Trump Administration recently moved to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement and to repeal the Clean Power Plan, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement that these decisions are a "troubling approach in addressing climate change and place at risk many people, including the poor who can least bear the consequences of our inaction."

If you did not have the chance to sign the Creation Sunday petition, the Green Team Ministry encourages you to contact our State representatives and ask them to support the following:

- 1) New Jersey's reentry into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, as a way to cap carbon emissions and reduce global warming.
- 2) New Jersey joining other states in the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan group committed to meeting goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. A recent study has shown that the United States can keep on track to meet its climate targets if enough states adopt ambitious climate and clean energy policies.

To join with other parishioners in expressing your concerns, call or email:

Senator Shirley Turner
(609) 323-7239
senturner@njleg.org

Representative Reed Gusciora
(609) 571-9638
asmgusciora@njleg.org



Congratulations to the 12 New Altar Servers at Saint Ann's

Daniel Bartsevich
Joseph Lansing
Connor Byrnes
Elizabeth Socha
Alexa Castiello
Alexandra Williams
Noelle Go
Abigail Castro
Noah Laubach
Patrick Powichrowski
Grace Buffa
Gabriela Mitchell

Saint Ann Community looks forward to
your service around the altar.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime. As is our custom, we will take up only one collection. Envelopes are at the doors of the Church. *Please be generous.*

Employment Opportunity

The Church of Saint Ann is looking to hire a **part-time secretary** for our **Religious Education Office**, approximately 10 hours a week. Must have good computer skills, and good communication skills. The secretary provides routine secretarial and administrative assistance, including regular correspondence with parents and catechists, copying, preparing reports, assisting with maintaining calendar and records, answering telephone calls/email messages, etc.

If interested, contact **Gary Maccaroni** at (609) 882-6491, ext. 116 or at gmacca@churchofsaintann.net.

Remembrance in Your Will

*A remembrance for your parish in your will
is a wonderful way to provide for the future
well-being of your parish community.
Thank you for considering this very special way
of sharing with your parish family.*

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CHRISTMAS 2017

Knights of Columbus Sponsor MERCER HIGH SCHOOL Christmas Pasta Dinner Food Drive



The **Knights of Columbus Council 7000** is sponsoring a **Christmas Pasta Dinner Food Drive** for the **Mercer High School**. They are collecting **non-perishable food items** that will be distributed to needy families from the school during the Christmas Holiday. *(Last school year, the Knights of Columbus and The Church of Saint Ann helped approximately 55 families during their Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter breaks.)*

Please **drop off all food donations by December 14, 2017** *(place them on the shelves in the Church foyer)* and **mark Mercer High School on the donations**. If you have any questions, please call John Sikorski at (609) 883-2509 or e-mail him at jwsikorski@yahoo.com.

Some suggested items include: pasta, pasta sauce (plastic containers), oatmeal, breakfast cereals, rice or rice mixes, cans of vegetables, cans of fruit, cake or brownie mixes, cookies, juice, coffee or tea.

Donations will also be acceptable. Please make **checks payable** to the **Knights of Columbus Council 7000** and put Mercer High School on the memo line. Mail checks to: **John Sikorski, 40 Lawrence Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.**

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

We have **early deadlines**, *from our publisher*, for printing our Christmas and New Year's bulletins; and we need to pass these early deadlines on to you. Because of the holiday closings for the printer, and our offices, we need to receive all announcements for consideration, **at least TWO WEEKS prior to the issue date**. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

Christmas Carol Festival

A **Christmas Carol Festival**, will be held on **Thursday, December 14, 2017** from **7:00 – 9:00 PM** at the **Church of St. David the King**, 1 New Village Road, in **Princeton Junction**. Sing traditional Christmas carols, and enjoy a wide array of delicious homemade cookies and tempting desserts, Wassail, coffee, or juice.

Step back from the hectic pace of the holiday season, and invite a friend to share this special evening with you. *All are welcome and there is no cost.* Call (609) 275-7111 for further information.

NEW

Lawrence Community Concert Band HOLIDAY CONCERT

Honoring former Mayor and band founder

GLORIA TETI

Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Lawrence Senior Center, 30 Darrah Lane, Lawrenceville, NJ

FREE ADMISSION - Light Refreshments

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Knights of Columbus Supports 2017 U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Program

Your local Knights of Columbus, Lawrence Council, No. 7000, is pleased and honored to work with Captain Paul's Firehouse Dogs in collecting new and unwrapped toys for the annual U.S. Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" Program. *This annual program provides toys that will be distributed to needy children so that they, too, can have a Merry Christmas.*

This weekend, December 3, 2017, "Toys for Tots" boxes are available at the Church of St. Ann's rear and front main entrances. Toys may also be dropped off at Captain Paul's Firehouse Dogs during its operating hours from now until December 16, 2017. They are located at 2230 Princeton Pike, and may be reached at (609) 323-7253 with any questions.

On Saturday, December 16, 2017 members of the U.S. Marine Corp, the Knights of Columbus, and Santa Claus will be at Captain Paul's from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM. *All are welcome and please bring your cameras!* Captain Paul's and the Knights of Columbus would like to thank you in advance for your donations and support of this wonderful program.

Tips from the Saint Ann Green Team for a Sustainable Holiday Season:

Not all gifts have to be store bought:

Show thoughtfulness with a personal and unique handmade gift: <https://www.pinterest.com/lovellhomes/sustainable-christmas-ideas/>

Look for gifts made locally - visit craft fairs and boutiques.

Choose gifts made from recycled sources.

Go battery free in gift selection.

For each gift of clothing plan to recycle one.

Hand design wrapping paper using brown grocery bags or fabric. Avoid using foil wrapping which is difficult to recycle.

Give back to nature:

Plant a tree to replace the one taken for decoration or use a living tree to replant.

Decorate an outside tree for the birds using seed bells, pine cones with peanut butter icing.

Do a family clean up day in a public area near your home.

Prepare a compost site to use for holiday cooking, feasting and year round.

Sign up for the Lawrence Township organic compost program.

Power conservation:

Save electricity using LED lighting and/or mini lights.

Less is more. Fewer lights on the outside tastefully placed can still be very festive.

Put lights on a timer to save energy.

Decorate your tree with recycled items, i.e. old computer discs.

Youth Choir

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 17, 2017

The Youth Choir will present their *annual Christmas Concert* on **Sunday, December 17th** beginning at **3:00 PM** in the Church. Please mark your calendar for a great way to celebrate the coming of the birth of Baby Jesus, **and have an enjoyable afternoon with our WONDERFUL Youth Choir.** You are in for a **"GREAT TREAT"!**

Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets

Knights of Columbus, Lawrence Council 7000 will be selling **"Keep Christ in Christmas" Magnets** for **\$5.00** after all Masses during Advent in the Gallery of Light. The Christmas Magnets will be sold starting this weekend, **December 2 and 3, 2017.**

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**Open Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year
has now begun at Saint Ann School.
Call Jill Lisi at (609) 882-8077 ext. 220
to schedule your personal tour.
Come be a part of this special community!**

FAITH DIRECT

With the Season of Advent here, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to Saint Ann are received even while you are traveling for the holidays. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ709**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available at the welcome desk in the parish office, or by calling Vito Pulito at (609) 882-6491, ext. 119 who will personally assist you in signing up. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You, Fr. Gerard F. Lynch, O.S.S.T.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Gerard F. Lynch, O.S.S.T., Pastor (609) 882-6491, ext. 112
Rev. Msgr. Casimir Ladzinski, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Peter Bujdos, Weekend Assistant

Mr. Gary Maccaroni, Pastoral Associate (609) 882-6491, ext. 116
Sr. Pat McGinley, SSJ, Pastoral Associate (609) 882-6491, ext. 115
Mr. James Scott, Deacon

Parish Office: 609-882-6491

Fax: 609-882-4366

Parish Website: www.churchofsaintann.net

Saint Ann School 609-882-8077

School Fax: 609-882-0327

School Website: www.st-ann-school.org

Religious Education Office: 609-882-1212

MASS TIMES

Sunday Eucharist:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

Saint Michael Church: 8:45 AM (English); 10:00 AM (Slovak); 12:30 PM (Korean)

Daily Mass:

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 AM; Morning Prayer/Communion Service: Monday and Friday at 7:00 AM

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA is the process by which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church. This includes receiving the sacraments of **Baptism**, **Confirmation** and **Eucharist**. Please call the parish office for information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Parish Religious Education Program meets during the school year for Children K-8: Sundays 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM or Mondays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Family Generations of Faith meets once a month. Sacrament Preparation for **First Holy Communion** is 2nd Grade and for **Confirmation** it is 7th and 8th Grades. Phone: (609) 882-1212 - Office located on the second floor of Saint Ann School.

SAINT ANN SCHOOL 34 Rossa Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Saint Ann School has provided quality elementary school education for **over forty years**. It also sponsors extended day and afterschool programs. The preschool program serves children aged three to four years. **Phone (609) 882-8077 Fax (609) 882-0327**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Located in the **Faith Development Center**. (Entrance behind Church/opposite Saint Ann School.) **Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM; Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 AM until 8:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM; and by appointment. *Call anytime in the case of an emergency.*

PARISH BULLETIN

Information for the bulletin needs to be received at the Parish Office by 3:00 PM **on Friday of the preceding week**. E-mailing items for consideration to maryann@churchofsaintann.net is preferred. *Thank you!*