

# 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

**MARCH 4, 2018 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

T H I R D

Sunday in Lent



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## MARCH 4, 2018 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### DAILY LITURGY for the Week of March 4, 2018

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE . . .

**NEW**



### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION!

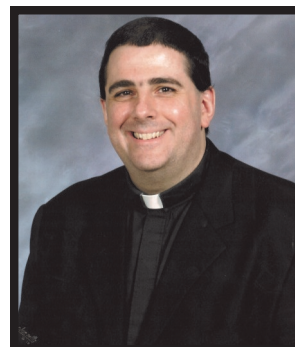
#### **Catholic Education Administration**

Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome over 16,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds.

Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 31 Catholic elementary schools and 7 high schools. Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 78,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools.

## Come to the Parish Mission

**As Part of Your Lenten Journey**  
**March 11 - 14, 2018**  
**(Evenings at 7:00 PM)**



**Father Matthew Bonk, C.Ss.R.**

**SUN., March 4**  
**7:30 AM**

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Leo Fabbro** by Lydia Fabbro Keephart and Family  
**Gaspere Bossio** by Tojie and Pasquale Colavita

**9:30 AM**

**Winfred Siber** and Family by Gertrud Siber and Family  
**Albert and Robert Bottoni** by Theresa Bottoni and Family

**11:00 AM**

#### **People of the Parish**

**Bernard Sommers** by Daughter Marilyn Sommers McCormick

**12:30 PM**

**Frank McCormick, Sr.** by Daughter-in-Law Marilyn Sommers McCormick  
**John Boyle** by Michele McCullough

**ST. MICHAEL**  
**8:45 AM**  
**10:00 AM**

**George Krisak** by Wife

**MON., March 5**  
**8:00 AM**

**Jay Communi** by Dan and Sharon DiMarco  
**Rosalie Palla** by Ken and MaryAnn Micai

**TUE., March 6**  
**8:00 AM**

**Vincenzo Lubrano** by Your Loving Family  
**Leona Izzo, Mother** by Bernadette Izzo

**WED., March 7**  
**8:00 AM**

**Madaline Swol** by Kathleen and Michael Poss  
**Rosalie Palla** by Miraculous Medal Novena Group

**THURS., March 8**  
**8:00 AM**

**Christopher Grabadian** by Kathy and Ken Peist  
**Rosalie Palla** by Chuck and Judy Brancolino

**FRI., March 9**  
**8:00 AM**

**Francis E. King** by Martha King  
**Felicia Spaloss** by Jack and Jeanette Tuminaro

**SAT., March 10**  
**8:00 AM**

**Bradford Bachalis and Bacholis Family** by Lorraine Janoski  
**John D. and Michele R. Kelly** by Marilyn Kelly Wife and Mother-In-Law

**5:00 PM**

**Mary Teresa Harkness** by Edna Deegan  
**Lois Beaston** by Sczerbowicz and Beaston Families

**SUN., March 11**  
**7:30 AM**

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Frank Zeis** by Jo-Ann Ayres  
**Annuziata Luigi Lore** by Teresa Angelineo

**9:30 AM**

**Rev. Garrett J. Fitzgerald** by Maria Zangrilli  
**Romeo and Santina Quansi** by Theresa Bottoni and Family

**11:00 AM**

**Gaspere Bossio** by Tom and Diane Niebudek  
**Vincenza DeNittis** by Carol and Margaret Benedetti

**12:30 PM**

**People of the Parish**  
**Leda G. Russo** by Arletta Ricci

**ST. MICHAEL**  
**8:45 AM**  
**10:00 AM**

# MARCH 4, 2018 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, March 4, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 9:30 AM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **RCIA Scrutiny** 9:30 AM - Church
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 10:30 AM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Religious Education Classes** 10:30 AM - Saint Ann School Classrooms
- **Centering Prayer** 7:00 PM - Spiritual Direction Room

### MONDAY, March 5, 2018

- **Miraculous Medal Novena** 1:30 PM - Chapel
- **Religious Education Classes** 6:00 PM - Saint Ann School Classrooms
- **Saint Ann School Drama Club** 6:00 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Parish Penance Service** 7:00 PM - Church
- **Adult Faith Formation, "The Christian Spiritual Journey"** 7:00 PM - Pope John Paul Community Rm.
- **Saint Vincent de Paul Society Meeting** 7:15 PM - Dorothy Day Room

### TUESDAY, March 6, 2018

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM - Chapel
- **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** 3:00 PM - Chapel
- **Saint Ann School Drama Club** 6:00 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Adult Confirmation** 7:00 PM - Chapel
- **Living the Eucharist Lenten Small Group** 7:00 PM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **CYO Basketball** 7:00 PM - Saint Ann School Gym

### WEDNESDAY, March 7, 2018

- **Team Youth Ministry Meal Prep** 5:30 PM - Saint Ann School Cafeteria
- **CYO Soccer Try Outs** 6:00 PM, 6:45 PM, and 7:30 PM - Saint Ann School Gym
- **Bible Study** 7:00 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Living the Eucharist Lenten Small Group** 7:00 PM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:30 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room

### THURSDAY, March 8, 2018

- **Junior Legion of Mary** 2:30 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** 7:00 PM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **Weekly Saint Ann Novena (Saint Michael Church)** at 7:30 PM
- **Weekly Saint Jude Novena (Saint Michael Church)** at 8:00 PM

### FRIDAY, March 9, 2018

- **Stations of the Cross** 3:00 PM - Church
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** 5:00 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Admission Degree - Knights of Columbus Council 7000** 6:00 PM - American Martyrs Room and Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Stations of the Cross** 7:30 PM - Church
- **Taizé Prayer** 8:00 PM - Chapel

### SATURDAY, March 10, 2018

- **Generations of Faith** 9:30 AM - Faith Development Center
- **Cantate Domino Rehearsal** 3:45 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Reconciliation** 4:00 PM - Church
- **Vigil Mass** 5:00 PM - Church (**Speaker: Fr. Matthew Bonk**)

### SUNDAY, March 11, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- **Speaker at all Masses: Fr. Matthew Bonk**
- **Coffee and Donuts after all Masses** - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 9:30 AM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Rite - Profession of Faith** 9:30 AM - Church
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 10:30 AM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Religious Education Classes** 10:30 AM - Saint Ann School Classrooms
- **RCIA Scrutiny** 11:00 AM - Church
- **Generations of Faith** 5:00 PM - Faith Development Center
- **Parish Mission** 7:00 PM Church

## MARCH 4, 2018 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Weekend of February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
WRAP YOUR GIFT . . . USE YOUR ENVELOPES

#### Weekly Offering for the Church of Saint Ann

Number of Registered Households	3,135
Number Using Envelopes Last Week	338

Sunday Collection	\$10,838.00
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Electronic Funds	*7,541.00
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<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$18,379.00</b>
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\*Note: electronic contributions are received twice a month.

#### Weekly Offering for Saint Michael Church

	\$805.00
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Novena	270.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,075.00</b>
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### We Pray for the Sick

Lawrence Arcioni, Marie Emma, Michael Cahill, Bob Toth,  
Ann Marie Bernhardt, Zachary Hodges, Carl Brooks,  
Gabriel Peterson, Brian Sage, Pat McLaren,  
Baby Gavin Gramlich, Margaret Haenni, Lorraine Burns,  
Beverly Lombardo, Pop-pop Joe Connell, Victoria Verrelli,  
Sr., Mary Maodeo, Allison Pyskaty, Julie Camastra,  
Richard Waskiewicz, Pia Ellen-Cattarinich, Holly Steigman,  
Sharon DeCelle, Charles Johnson, Baby Haley,  
Sally Lynch, Clara Cowell, Mary Hazen, Calvin Leish,  
Beth Cottone, Lee Gruska, Migel Trusti, 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.

### ST. RAPHAEL- HOLY ANGELS PARISH

3500 South Broad Street, Hamilton, NJ, (609) 585-7049

www.straphael-holyangels.com

An Invitation to Celebrate the

**LENTEN PARISH MISSION**

**Dates: March 19 to 21, 2018**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**Times: 8:15 AM and 7:15 PM**

(following morning/evening Mass)

**Presenter: Fr. Paul Fagan**, Passionist Priest and Minister  
(aka *Preacher on the Run*)

**Topic: The Challenge of Faith: Living with God's  
Mercy and Love**

### 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.*

### Been Away for Awhile?

No matter how long you have been away,  
and no matter what the reason,  
we invite you to consider  
renewing your relationship  
with the Church.

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please call: (609) 882-6491 ext. 116  
or email gmacc@churchofsaintann.net

## WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2018

### Saint Ann Sanctuary Candle

**MARY PENROSE**

*Requested by*

**Mary and Vito Pulito**

### Saint Ann Icon Candle

**LOIS BEASTON**

*Requested by*

**Sczerbowicz and Beaston Families**



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### Saint Ann School 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Silent Auction

Each year the SAS PTA hosts a Silent Auction Dinner Dance, which is the school's largest fundraiser of the year! This year's event will be held at **The Mercer Oaks Country Club**, 725 Village Road West, West Windsor Township, NJ, on **Saturday, March 10, 2018, 5:30 PM to 11:30 PM**. You will help us raise funds for needs such as new technology, textbooks, and essential classroom tools.

Forty (40) tickets are available for the Saint Ann School Blue and Gold Dinner and Silent Auction! The cost is \$85.00 per person. Please contact Jennifer Rice at (609) 847-7542 to reserve your tickets.

### The Olivewood Carving Event March 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at The Church of Saint Ann After all Masses

Holy Land Christian Art  
Olive-wood Handcrafted from the Holy Land

A Traditional Art and Livelihood for  
Holy Land Christians

The Olivewood carving industries has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Christians over many centuries. Many Holy Land Christians in the Bethlehem area alone rely upon income generated from this art form. Local Catholic artisans carve the items.

Many families are facing critical situations. Without income, Artisans leave their tradition art and trade and emigrate with their families to find relief from the difficult conditions of their homeland.

Christian's presence in the Holy Land has extended from the Pentecost to the present. 65 years ago, Christians represented more than 28% of the population and now represent less than 2%. The loss of the Christians in the Land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for all Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for Christian Tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

Dedicated to supporting the Christian community in the Holy land and to preserve the Christian presence.

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE . . .

### Coffee and Donuts Next Sunday March 11, 2018



Team 5 under the direction of our mother/daughter team leaders, **Rose and Adriana Pennacchi**, invite all parishioners to the Pope John Paul Community Room to enjoy some vibrant fellowship. Fr. Matthew, the Parish Mission Priest, will also join the group after all the masses.

Team 5 includes:

**Yelka Zado  
Randi Nwigwe  
Paul and Rita Brown  
Susan Gordan  
Sylvia Gomez  
Sandra Gomez  
Stephanie Gonzales  
Adelaine Harris**

We Encourage You To  
"Wrap Your Gift"

Don't Forget!

2018 Offering Envelopes  
are available for pick up  
in the Gallery of Light

### Saint Ann School Drama Club Presents



Enjoy Saint Ann's Drama Club's 2018 Spring Musical **Bye Bye Birdie**. Show times are March 17, 23, 24 at 7pm and March 18 at 2pm in the school gym. Ticket prices are \$10 adults \$5 children and under 3 years old free. Tickets available at the door or call Mary Ravenel 215-280-9309.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Religious Goods Store

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

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Please join us for our **Miraculous Medal Novena** every **Monday** afternoon at **1:30 PM** in the **Chapel**.

### Please Pray for Those Serving in the Military

*Let us pray for all of those parishioners, friends, and relatives of parishioners who are serving in the Military, including: Tyler DeJeanne and Brian Gutro.*

If you would like a loved one serving remembered in prayer, email [maryann@churchofsaintann.net](mailto:maryann@churchofsaintann.net) with his or her name or drop it off at the Faith Development Center Welcome Desk.

### 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](mailto: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.*

### St. Joseph's Day Mass/ Solennita di San Giuseppe

Please join us for Mass in Italian with celebrant, **Monsignor Thomas Gervasio**, in honor of the Feast of **St. Joseph**. Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the church.

*Light refreshments to follow in the Pope John Paul Community Room. Contributions of refreshments are always welcomed and appreciated. Please see Rachel Lavery with any questions.*

### Rice Bowls

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.

### The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)

**Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC).** Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad.

Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help **Jesus in disguise.** *As is our custom, we will take up only one collection.* Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

### 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** 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* and *third Thursday (March 15)* of each month from **10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.** We also have evening **Prayer Shawl Ministry** on the *second Thursday (March 8)* of each month at **7:00 PM.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, continued

### Many Thanks

We are grateful to the family of **Joan Maybury** who at the time of her death, requested that friends and relatives make memorial contributions in **Joan's** name to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society at the Church of Saint Ann. *We are most grateful.*

### Parish Penance Service

At the Church of Saint Ann, Monday, **March 5** at 7:00 PM

### Altar Rosary Society Meeting

The next meeting of the **Altar Rosary Society** will be held on **Monday, March 12, 2018** and will begin at **7:00 PM** in the Pope John Paul Community Room. We will start with the rosary and a short business meeting. Then at **7:45 PM** **Gabriella Furmato** from **Radio Station WFJS** will be speaking to us, *so all are welcome at that time. We hope you will join us!*

### Station Church Mass

At the Church of Saint Ann, Monday, **March 19** at 7:00 PM

### Laudato Si -- Hear & Act.

"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility..."  
*Set aside* electronic devices for one hour of family time every week.

### End of the Year

### Contribution Statements

If you would like to receive a copy of your **End of the Year Contribution Statement**, please email **Veronica Miller** at [vmiller@churchofsaintann.net](mailto:vmiller@churchofsaintann.net) or call (609) 882-6491 ext. 113.



### Religious Education

New phone number for the  
Religious Education office  
**609-882-8077 ext. 234**

### The Lenten Service Project

The Religious Education Program is joining efforts with the Knights of Columbus to collect non-perishable breakfast and lunch items that will be distributed to families from the Mercer High School who need a helping hand this Easter. We will be collecting on March 4/5, 11/12, and 18/19 during the Religious Education classes.

### Confirmation News

Rite of Commitment for 7<sup>th</sup> grade candidates is March 11<sup>th</sup> or March 18<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 AM Mass. All candidates have been given the rite to sign and submit during the Mass.

Confirmation registration forms for 8<sup>th</sup> graders are past due. Please return as soon as possible.

### First Eucharist News

The First Eucharist registration forms are past due. Please return as soon as possible.

### Generations of Faith

Invitations were sent out during the last week of February.

If you did not receive an invitation by email, please call the office.

## **Saint Ann CYO Spring Soccer Try-Outs for All**

**Saint Ann School Students and Religious Education Students as follows:**

**Varsity Girls** (Grades 5-8) - March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

**Freshman Co-Ed** (Grades 2-4) - March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM

**Varsity Boys** (Grades 5-8) - March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

**Where:** Saint Ann School Gymnasium

**Bring:** Water bottle, Soccer Ball, Indoor Soccer Shoes, Soccer Socks and Shin Guards



**The soccer season will begin in April and run to the end of the Catholic School Year.**

**For information contact [susand7777@verizon.net](mailto:susand7777@verizon.net)**

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### LENTEN SPIRITUALITY FOR THE CARE OF THE EARTH

In the weeks of Lent the Green Team Ministry will offer a series of reflections. These reflections were developed by the Passionist Center for Spirit and Earth, and they focus on how to use the traditional Lenten spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to protect God's creation, embrace Gospel justice, and nurture spiritual fulfillment.

#### WEEK THREE -- WATER: Simplicity to protect the gift of water

The oceans, rivers, lakes and streams are part of God's wondrous creation. Looking at our blue planet from space, it might appear that we have an abundance of water. But only 1% is available for human consumption. Since there are 6 billion humans -- not to mention all plants and other animals -- we must learn to use and share water wisely. As God's stewards, we are called to care for this sacred gift.

The world water crisis is one of the largest public health issues of our time. Millions of people spend hours each day walking miles to collect water. Nearly 18% of the world's population lacks access to safe drinking water. Approximately 1.6 million people die each year from unavoidably consuming polluted water.

At home we have many opportunities to reduce our water footprint. Wasting water through unrepaired plumbing leaks, long showers, letting water run while washing dishes and brushing teeth, and careless landscape watering are not only expensive, but are justice issues.

Our water consumption is measured in three ways: home, agricultural, industrial. At home the typical American uses up to 150 gallons daily in the kitchen, bathroom, laundry and yard. However, most of the water we consume is hidden in what it takes to produce our food and consumer products. For example, it takes approximately 48 gallons for a bag of potato chips and a whopping 1500 gallons to produce 1 pound of beef. Water is required for producing paper (2 gallons for 1 sheet), our clothing (400 gallons for a cotton T-shirt), our cars (32,000 gallons).

Our Lenten fast this week calls us to use water responsibly and gratefully, keeping in mind those who suffer for lack of this essential resource. Through Christian simplicity we try to make a difference by adopting a more just and sustainable lifestyle.

**ACTION SUGGESTION:** Ban the Bottle. Give up bottled water this Lent -- and beyond. The 29 billion water bottles we use annually require millions of barrels of oil and vast amounts of energy to produce. Only 23% of them are recycled, and it can take over 700 years for plastics to decompose. Instead, invest in and use a reusable aluminum water bottle.

### ADDICTIONS, CHURCH RESPONSE AND HOW YOU CAN HELP - NEW MINISTRY

As you may already know, America is experiencing an ever-increasing rate of drug overdoses resulting in death, and other forms of addiction are on the rise, an epidemic which has become a national health crisis. We all read about it, see TV ads, talk and think about it (maybe?). **Churches are responding with help and hope, providing confidential assistance in a safe environment!** Here at St. Ann, we have begun plans for a new ministry devoted to keep us informed, and provide resources and assistance to those who are affected by addictions. No one can or need fight this battle alone! It is a "WE" effort! **Please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday evening, March 15, 2018, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Pope John Paul Community Room (FDC).** Deacon Moore Hank and Theresa Hank from St. James Church in Pennington will provide an overview of **Hope**, a ministry at St. James developed to assist those whose lives are--directly or indirectly--affected by concerns involving alcohol, drug abuse, and other addictions. All are welcome to attend this opportunity to learn, ask questions, receive support in a non-judgmental manner and explore how you can help. For questions, please contact Sharon Flynn (609) 799-2927, or at [shasha257@comcast.net](mailto:shasha257@comcast.net).



The *Scrutinies* are rites of conversion and repentance. These very special rites are celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent (third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent), at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us, at the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election.

Even if these rites are not celebrated at the liturgy we attend, it can be wonderful to reflect upon the journey these Elect are making during Lent, as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our own journey. These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.



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*The Church of Saint Ann invites you to*  
**An Introduction to Centering Prayer**  
**March 17, 2018, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This workshop is an opportunity to be introduced to or to renew your prayer practice - to be with God beyond concepts, words and images, listening with *"the ear of the heart"*.

**Presented by:** Therese Saulnier and Patty Creech of **Contemplative Outreach of New Jersey**

Therese has been praying Centering Prayer for over 30 years. Patty has been praying Centering Prayer for 20 years. Contemplative Outreach is part of a world-wide network, Roman Catholic in origin, ecumenical in scope.

**When:** Saturday, March 17, 2018 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

We'll begin with registration, light refreshments and visiting at 8:30 AM; program begins at 9AM.

Pre-registration helps us to plan, but walk-ins are welcome. Pre-register with Patricia Creech at (pattyos1210@gmail.com, or 908-500-7089) or contact Mary Malley at (mary.malley@gmail.com, or 609-896-8193).

**Who:** Those who wish to learn about Centering Prayer or renew their experience of Centering Prayer

**Where:** The Church of St. Ann 1253 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

**Continuing support:** There will be six sessions after March 17, 2018 to do Centering Prayer as a group and to offer further information on the conceptual background of Centering Prayer.

**All are welcome!**

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### ***Knights of Columbus Sponsor*** **MERCER HIGH SCHOOL** **Spring/Easter Food Drive**

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

Please **drop off all food donations by March 22, 2018** (*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](mailto:jwsikorski@yahoo.com).

**Some suggested items include:** pancake mix & syrup, cereals, oatmeal, instant milk, macaroni & cheese, soup, tuna fish, canned vegetables, canned fruit, instant potatoes, chili with bean in cans, cake mixes, juice boxes, and hamburger helper.

**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**.

Mercer High School serves autistic, behaviorally disabled, cognitive severe and multiply disabled students between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one. The school provides a structured environment with a comprehensive curriculum and behavior management system to offer the maximum support to the students. Physical, occupational, speech and language therapies, and individual counseling are available to the students based upon their Individualized Educational Plans.



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### FAITH DIRECT

I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collections donations of your choosing. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://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. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!  
God Bless You, Fr. Gerard F. Lynch, O.S.S.T.

### 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.*

### 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

Saint Ann School 609-882-8077  
School Fax: 609-882-0327

Religious Education Office: 609-882-8077, ext. 234

Parish Website: [www.churchofsaintann.net](http://www.churchofsaintann.net)

School Website: [www.st-ann-school.org](http://www.st-ann-school.org)

### 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: 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and for Confirmation it is 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. Phone: (609) 882-8077, ext. 234 - Office located in the Faith Development Center.

### 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](mailto:maryann@churchofsaintann.net) is preferred. *Thank you!*