

# 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 25, 2019 - CHRISTMAS DAY**



## A Christmas message from our pastor

*Do you enjoy gifts? Most people do. This is one reason why Christmas is so popular. Our Advent season of waiting and watching gives way to the joy and holiness of Christmas Day and all it brings: the tearing of wrapping paper, the precious time with friends and family, Christmas Mass and an extra good meal!*

*Reflecting upon this past year, we have received many blessings as a parish: a new solar panel system, a new preschool playground, plenty of much-needed repairs and improvements in our school, church and St. Michael's church and rectory buildings, a lot of boiler repairs and improvements in all the three mentioned areas, also new friendships and relationships across the parish. Our parish transformation process has given birth to spiritual growth opportunities. We can look forward to this continuing in 2020 with more events and resources, including a special parish retreat which will be offered next Lent, a reflection during our novena and feast day in July with an invited speaker and many more events that will be formally detailed in early 2020.*

*The positive movement of the Spirit in our parish will continue to encourage the best from each of us as we increase our awareness of and responsibility to share the mission of Jesus Christ. Truly, the Lord provides through the dedication, prayers and generosity of our parishioners. That positive Spirit is so often manifested in the many parishioners who volunteer their time, talent and treasures in parish and school functions and we are all so very grateful for the life-giving presence they offer to our parish and school community.*

*The heart of Christmas is the gift of Jesus Christ who saves us. He is the gift who overwhelms us with his love and peace, and guides our hearts. May I ask that you prayerfully consider your Christmas gift to St. Ann this year? I really need your kind and generous support. With our school enrollment declining as well as church collection, our budget is particularly tight and our obligations will reduce our available savings. I am very grateful for your assistance in support of our parish and school.*

*This Christmas, may we be overwhelmed again by the sheer enormity of God's gifts to us. May your heart be full of praise and gratitude and may 2020 be full of the Lord's graces and blessings upon you and your family.*

*Merry Christmas!  
Fr. Leandro Dela Cruz*



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# CHRISTMAS

## 2019 SCHEDULE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

### Tuesday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM - youth choir  
*(Join us for carols beginning at 3:15 PM)*

6:00 PM - Mass

10:00 PM - adult choir  
*(Join us for carols beginning at 9:30 PM)*

### Saint Michael Church: CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00 PM (Korean) 10:00 PM (Slovak)

### Wednesday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM - Mass

10:00 AM - Mass

12:00 PM - Mass

### Saint Michael Church:

8:45 AM (English) 10:00 AM (Slovak)  
12:30 PM (Korean)

### Tuesday, December 31 5:00 PM - Mass

### Wednesday, January 1, 2020

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

*Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God  
(holy day of obligation)*

9:00 AM Mass

### Saint Michael Church:

8:45 AM (English) 10:00 AM (Slovak)  
12:30 PM (Korean)

## ALL ARE WELCOME!



#### Joy to the World

Joy to the World! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns;  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove,  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

#### The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say, was to certain poor  
shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel!

#### O Holy Night

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining.  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees, O, hear the angel voices!  
O, night divine, O, night, when Christ was born  
O, night divine, O night, O night divine.