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

JULY 26, 2020 - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

heaven is a pearl

"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls."

MATTHEW 13:45

The following is from Fr. Dela Cruz's flock notes dated July 18, 2020:



A MESSAGE FROM FR. LEANDRO 'Lines' DELA CRUZ

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Yet again in our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of God in reference to farming or sowing seeds. The emphasis is on, no matter how small the planted seeds, once cared for, those seeds will grow into a beautiful plant or an enormous tree.

Much like the seed of faith, it has to be planted and cared for, allowing the seed of faith to grow and be nurtured. In time, that seed of faith will grow into something so beautiful and magnificent in our lives. Evangelization, catechesis, sacramental celebrations, scripture reading and study, recollections and retreats, communal and private prayers are some of the many ways to nurture our faith and let it grow and bear fruits.

Today, July 18th, Saturday, begins our NOVENA to our Parish Patroness and Intercessor, SAINT ANN, the mother of Blessed Mary. This is an opportune time for St. Ann's parishioners and devotees to gather around the Table of the Lord in the Eucharist to pray and reflect on the goodness of God that is shown in the life of our Patroness who intercedes for us to help us grow profoundly in the love of God that empowers us to selflessly serve others.

In this year's 2020 Novena, our general theme for reflection is "Faithfulness Abounds" (Proverbs 28:20). While still in the midst of pandemic that causes lots of uncertainties and different emotions, the theme timely reminds us of God's abundance of grace. There is always the assurance of God to hope and hold on to faith, to endure, persist and prepare. God does not forsake His beloved. He sent us the Savior through Mary who was prepared in great faith by her parents, Ann and Joachim. The Lord is in control. So, have faith.

The different sub-themes/topics are beautiful virtues we will reflect upon throughout the novena. Thanks to the daily sharers who will help us go deeper into each topic - Deacon Jim Scott who did the first day this morning, Msgr. Casey Ladzinski, Deacon Frank Golazeski, Sr. Pat McGinley, Gene Lanzoni (our deacon candidate), Gary Maccaroni and myself. Our daily novena of Masses is celebrated at 8:00 am except on Sundays where we follow the new normal schedule. All of the novena days are live-streamed (except for today since no camera and operator is available - our apologies) and will be posted on our parish website so that those who are not able to join us physically at Mass can still watch and celebrate it. Thanks to Mike Diao for the live-streaming services.

Next month, August 17th, Monday, the 2021 Mass Book will be open to accept Mass intentions. For everyone's safety, we will receive your Mass intentions remotely. Your intentions will be processed in the same manner we did in the past. But this time, however, we will do it without human contact to limit exposure. Therefore, there will be no 'waiting line' in person. There is no need to come to the FDC to submit your request. We ask you to please **mail**, **email or call in** your request for Mass intention/s. You may include your donation at time of your request and we will confirm your request by phone or let you know if there should be any problem.

Please continue to observe the safety protocols for the health and well-being of each of us. When restrictions are eased all the more that we should be vigilant. We could never stress this enough, please follow the pandemic trifecta: Wear Masks properly, Social Distancing and Sanitizing.

We also pray for peace in our trouble society.

God Loves you!

Here at St. Ann's, we shall observe the following Guidelines for safe resumption of limited "in church" Sacramental Celebrations:

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

- **1.** The dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day Mass obligation remains in effect until Monday, September 7 (unless otherwise announced).
- **2.** The celebration of limited "in church" public weekend Masses, with no more than 25% occupancy following social distancing guidelines, began on Sunday, June 14, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ.
- 3. Weekday "in church" public Masses --- with no more than 25 persons attending --- began on Monday, June 8, 2020.
- **4.** Those who are hesitant or fearful because of COVID 19 concerns as well as those with a COVID 19 diagnosis or symptoms, those who may be asymptomatic carriers, those not feeling well, those with underlying health conditions or those in a high-risk category should stay home and avoid any public gathering.
- Temporary Mass schedules at this time: Sundays: 9:00 am & 11:00 am. Masses will be added as needed and will be announced.
- **6.** For everyone's safety: Mask is a must and it should be worn at all times. Please use hand sanitizers when coming in and going out of the church. Hand sanitizers are located at entrances.
- **7.** A single entrance to the church should be utilized to monitor the number of people attending. All doors can be used for exiting church. For an orderly exit, dismissal will be directed by our ushers, pew by pew.
- **8.** Live-streaming of 9:00 am Mass (not the 11:00 am) shall continue. Thanks to Michael Diao for his time, talent and lending us his gadget.
- **9.** Group devotional observances, including Children's Liturgy of the Word and parish social gatherings are suspended until further notice.
- **10.** No public gatherings or greetings before or after Masses, at church entrances/exits or on parish property are permitted.
- 11. All missals, hymnals, printed materials, pamphlets, etc., will not be used. They have all been removed.
- **12.** Sanitation of church before and after each Mass, using approved methods is mandatory. If you are using your own wipes, please dispose of them properly (not in the Missalette pockets, please).
- 13. Holy Water fonts or receptacles are to remain empty.
- **14.** Restrooms are provided; they are sanitized regularly.
- **15.** A cantor may sing behind a clear screen when in front of the assembly. Choirs are not to be used. Congregational singing is discouraged to prevent any possible spread of COVID 19.
- **16.** The usual presentation of offertory gifts and physical contact of any kind at the sign of peace is suspended.
- 17. Communion is restricted to the Sacred Host only and no chalice may be offered or shared. Communion in the hand is strongly preferred. Communion ministers must wear mask. Sanitizing spray must be available next to the minister.
- 18. There will be no communion line. Ministers will bring communion to you, passing in between pews.
- 19. Priests will not receive or gather the faithful after the Mass.
- 20. Those uncomfortable attending the Mass indoors may follow the live-streamed Mass in their cars at the parking lot.
- **21.** In case of overflow and not everyone may be seated, the community room and the chapel will be available for streaming.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- 1. The celebration of Baptism within Mass is suspended.
- 2. Baptisms outside of Mass are to be celebrated one family at a time.
- 3. Baptisms will be scheduled any day except Sunday.
- **4.** The number attending should adhere to social distance guidelines with a maximum of 50 persons.
- 5. Masks are to be worn by all present.
- **6.** Only parents or godparents may hold the infant during the ceremonies.
- 7. Sanitizer should be used when there is any physical contact before, during or after Baptism.
- **8.** Fresh baptismal water is to be blessed, used and disposed of after each celebration. An implement should be utilized to pour the water in the act of baptizing. Pouring the water by hands alone is prohibited.
- **9.** The signing of the cross and anointings should be done with a cotton ball or "Q-tip which should be burned or buried afterward.
- **10.** Group photographs in church after the Baptism is limited.
- **11.** The celebrant will not receive or make physical contact with the faithful after the baptism; families should exit church immediately after Baptism in an orderly manner.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

- 1. Only the marriage ceremony (not Mass) may be celebrated in church until further notice.
- 2. Number of persons in church should be limited to 50; live-streamed ceremonies may also be offered.
- 3. All present must wear masks (except bride and groom).
- **4.** Social distancing is to be observed throughout the celebration.
- 5. Worship aids or other booklets, hymnals, papers and programs are not to be distributed/used in church.
- **6.** Greeting at the doors is prohibited.
- 7. Celebrant will stand at least six feet from the couple, e.g. on the other side of altar.
- 8. Wedding rings should be held by the groom only.
- 9. The sign of peace and any physical contact between participants, except the bride and groom, is prohibited.
- **10.** The inclusion of particular or ethnic customs that might jeopardize social distancing should be discouraged but may be determined by the celebrant.
- **11.** Any receiving line is prohibited; participants should exit the church immediately after the ceremony.
- 12. Group photographs in church after the ceremony are limited.

<u>CATHOLIC FUNERALS IN CHURCH</u>

- **1.** All directives for the celebration of the public "in Church" Masses are to be observed. Social distancing is to be maintained at all times and masks are to be worn.
- 2. Number of persons present should follow directives for public "in Church" Masses, preferably 50.
- **3.** The use of the pall is suspended.
- **4.** Live-streaming of the Mass is permitted.
- **5.** Eulogy is omitted.
- **6.** For the committal, the number of persons in attendance should follow NJ State regulations for cemeteries and physical contact with those in attendance is prohibited.
- 7. Memorial Masses may now be scheduled for those who lost family members during the quarantine.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- 1. Confession/Reconciliation is from 4pm-5pm at the inside garden that is located outside of the chapel on Saturdays.
- 2. Only one person is allowed inside the garden. Next penitent has to wait outside or in car until after the person gets out of the garden.

There is so much to remember in these new guidelines. So, let us all be patient and practice kindness and charity.

Coronavirus Prayer

Let us pray....

Lord Jesus, at your command, the sick were made well! Come to our aid now, in the midst of the Global spread of the Corona Virus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the Virus. May they regain their strength. Heal us from our fear, which prevents us from working together and with one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty, sorrow and fear. Be with those who died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry or grieve, defend them from illness and despair.

Be with the medical professionals who seek to heal and put themselves at risk in the process. Be with the leaders of all nations, give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the wellbeing of everyone.

Lord, Stay with us as some of us mourn, as many of us try to endure, persist, struggle and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, Heal us and protect us. Amen

Reminder

Please remember that masks are required at all times while on the church premises.

This is for the health and safety of everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation





Catholic Charities News

During the Covid 19 pandemic, drug addiction, already a crisis, has substantially increased. Catholic Charities offers an intensive addiction recovery program including individual, group and family therapy, case management and medication.

For assistance call 1-800-360-7711.

Directives for Outdoor/In Car Masses

PLEASE TAKE NOTE . . .

*Car gatherings will be subject to the restrictions in the Order (NJ Executive Order 142). PLEASE DO NOT FORGET to bring your own device (phone/tablet, etc.) when you come as Mass will ONLY be live-streamed. To access the mass from your personal device, go to YOUTUBE, place the words "Church of Saint Ann" in the search bar. You will see our logo which is the red cross in a window with our name, 'Church of Saint Ann' underneath the red cross. Click onto this. An outdoor speaker system will also project the Mass so that, when you open your car window, you will be able to hear from your car even without a device.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Parking attendants will be available to assist cars and direct traffic flow when coming in and going out of the parking areas. Please park in one of the designated parking spaces around the church—NO parking in spaces with red cones.
- Attendees must remain in their same car throughout the gathering, unless 1) an occupant needs to get out of the vehicle for their health or safety;
- The vehicle must remain closed at all times unless 1) people are wearing
 masks and there is one parking space between your vehicle and the next; 2) an
 officer, or public official requires the vehicle to open. There is a further exception allowing the opening of the vehicle if necessary for health or safety;
- At the end of the Mass, as cars are exiting, EMHC's (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) will distribute communion at parking lot exits. Health and safety guidelines are being followed. We have four designated areas. Parking attendants will assist the flow of traffic. Communicants are to remove their masks immediately before receiving and replace afterwards.
- A collection basket will be offered for those who would like to make a sacrificial offering—with stewardships envelopes—to the church.
- Masks should be worn; IF YOU ARE NOT WELL, PLEASE DO NOT attend this Mass.

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DAILY LITURGY for the Week of July 26, 2020 SAINT ANN NOVENA DAY 9 (FEAST DAY) SUN., July 26

9:00 AM

Victoria Rosato by Husband Dennis Domenic Varone by Michael and Frances Varone Nelson Piedrahita by Mary and Karen Piedrahita Ana Fabecic by Daughter Yelka and Loving Family Frank Parah by Diane Portello

Charles Brennen (Dad) by Marguerite and Calvin Leish and Kathleen Smith

11:00 AM

Frank McCormick, Jr. by Marilyn Sommers **McCormick**

Francisca Iroh Donawa (Happy Birthday) People of the Parish

ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM

Living and Deceased Members of Grzenda and Nauert Families by Charles and Nancy Grzenda

MON., July 27 8:00 AM

Antonio Rossi and Gina Mucci by Maria and Sandi

Marion, Zigmund, and Robert Dominczyk by Sister Victoria Brown

TUES., July 28 8:00 AM

Alexander Ponting by Daisy and Tom Ponting Santiago Cardenas by Stephen and Lynn Larkin

WED., July 29 8:00 AM

Mary and Joseph Geraghty by The Ahearn Family Dina Shiarappa Dinatale by Phyllis Favata Nannie Strange by Marrow, Strange, Fleming, Shabazz, Jordan and Azoroh Families

THURS., July 30 8:00 AM

Ray Zado - Happy Birthday by Loving Family Michael Varone by Lidia Zomparelli

FRI., July 31 8:00 AM

Seabastiana Arduini by Lidia Silvestri Alfred Muskewitz by Maggie and Jim Smith

SAT., Aug. 1 8:00 AM

NOVENA FOR THE DECEASED (see page 11)

SUN., Aug. 2 9:00 AM

People of the Parish

Robert Morris by Frank McKittrick

Patrice Lynn Hennessy by Rita Divine and Divine

The Deceased Members of the Simon Family by Paul Simon

Robert Sopko by Barbara Sopko

11:00 AM

Frank McCormick by Marilyn Sommers McCormick Betsy Ann Dirk by The Babcock Family Angiolina D'Amico by Son Gabriel and Family Maria DiSanzo by Family John Smith by Willie and Eileen Shields and Bob and

Meg Smith

ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM

John and Dorothy Clancy by Clancy Family



Let Us Pray for the **Eternal Repose of** the Souls of:

Bruce Henry Van Havere, Catherine Xavier, Alfred Muskewitz, Albert Frascella, Bice Carnevale, Benjamin Vianzon, Stella Iorio, Gary M. Gladwell, Jr., Paul Russo, Jeanette Ferrara, Michael Varone, Bernice Camisa, Dorothy Mir, and **Barbara Costello**

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Please Pray for Healing:

Ma. Luisa Mariano, Joyce Arone, Timothy McFernan, Paul Rush, Jr., Helen Modzelewski, William J. Keephart, Baby Doll Zurbrugg, Catherine (a neighbor), Thomas Garruba, Margaret Fedorsak, Clarence Albano, Araceli Pilar, Lito Fernandez, and parishioners who are sick and homebound

> **CANDLES** Week of July 26, 2020

Saint Ann **Sanctuary Candle** TO HONOR SAINT JOSEPH

> Requested by Josephine Gagliardi

Saint Michael **Sanctuary Candle JOHANN SKRZYDLINSKI**

> Requested by Susan Schwartz

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 25, 2020 Vigil Mass

Saint Michael Church Vigil Mass:Korean - 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, July 26, 2020
Saint Ann Novena Day 9
SAINT ANN FEAST DAY



The Church of Saint Ann Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses (Including Novena Prayers)

Saint Michael Church Sunday Masses:

8:30 AM - English, 10:00 AM - Slovak, Korean - 12:00 PM

MONDAY, July 27, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel and Church are Open for Private Prayer

TUESDAY, July 28, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel and Church are Open for Private Prayer

WEDNESDAY, July 29, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel and Church are Open for Private Prayer

THURSDAY, July 30, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel and Church are Open for Private Prayer

FRIDAY, July 31, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel and Church are Open for Private Prayer

SATURDAY, August 1, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Chapel and Church are Open for Private Prayer
- Baptisms 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM Church
- Reconcilliation 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Chapel and Garden

SATURDAY, August 1, 2020 Vigil Mass

Saint Michael Church Vigil Mass:

Korean - 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, August 2, 2020 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church of Saint Ann Sunday Masses:

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses

Saint Michael Church Sunday Masses:

8:30 AM - English, 10:00 AM - Slovak, Korean - 12:00 PM

New Parishioners

Please welcome the following new members to our Church family:

Michael and Alyson O'Donnell

Sunday, July 19th, 2020 WRAP YOUR GIFT ... USE YOUR ENVELOPES

Offerings for the Church of Saint Ann

Number of Registered Households Number of People Using Faith Direct

July 19, 2020 Church of Saint Ann Saint Michael Church *Electronic Funds

Total Contributions

*Note: electronic contributions are received twice a month.

Month to Date Collections for July 2020 (4 Sundays in the month)

> Total Collections for July 2019 (4 Sundays in the month)

3.150 229

\$2.887.00 1,348.00 *0,000.00

\$37,714.91

\$4,235.00

\$70,605.00



Our Parish Goal: \$100,000 Raised As of July 20, 2020: \$53,666 Percentage of Goal: 54%

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.



Thank You Offering for your continued generosity!

During this unusual time with Masses suspended, to those who are able, we beg that you continue to generously support your parish church financially by mailing in your weekly envelopes, dropping them off at the mailbox in front of the FDC entrance or by donating online at:

(https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/NJ709). We rely on your donations to provide uninterrupted parish functions to our parishioners. We cannot do it without your help.

GOSPEL

July 26, 2020 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

REFLECTION

Today we hear a young Solomon meekly asking God for wisdom and understanding so that he might properly distinguish right from wrong and judge with kindness and compassion. We often find ourselves misleading ourselves about right and wrong or judging others hastily and unfairly. Let us take this opportunity today to pray that we may emulate Solomon and welcome God's wisdom and mercy into our lives so that we can be guided in using right judgment.

Four Ways to Leave A Legacy

Did you know there are four easy ways for you to remember your parish in your will?

- 1. A Specific Bequest You can designate a certain amount of cash or specific assets to the parish.
- A Residual Bequest You can plan for the parish to receive all or a portion of your estate after other specific bequests have been distributed.
- 3. A Percentage Bequest You can designate a certain percentage of the estate to go to the parish.
- 4. **A Contingent Bequest** You can make the parish the recipient of a bequest if others named in your will are not living at the time of your death.

No matter how you decide to remember your parish, a gift from your will accomplishes several key benefits.

- It sends a strong message to your heirs that the Church played an important role in your life.
- It guarantees that your generosity to the Church will be continued even after you are gone.
- It provides important assistance to our parish.

It may even provide tax benefits for your heirs.

Talk to your lawyer or financial counselor today about the best way for you.

"New Stimulus Package Approved by Congress"

Section 2204. Allowance of partial above the line deduction for charitable contributions. The provision encourages Americans to contribute to churches and charitable organizations in 2020 by permitting them to deduct up to \$300 of cash contributions, whether they itemize their deductions or not.

Section 2205. Modification of limitations on charitable contributions during 2020. The provision increases the limitations on deductions for charitable contributions by individuals who itemize, as well as corporations. For individuals, the 50 percent of adjusted gross income limitation is suspended for 2020. For corporations, the 10 percent limitation is increased to 25 percent of taxable income. This provision also increases the limitation on deductions for contributions of food inventory from 15 percent to 25 percent.

A young man was surprised to find his sick and elderly grandfather planting a small peach tree in his backyard. When the young man asked his grandfather why he was planting the tree, the old man replied, "Son, all my life I have eaten the fruit from trees that other people have planted. I figure I have an obligation to make sure there is some fruit around for others to enjoy."

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our parish school is currently enrolling for the upcoming school year and has personal tours available. Please reach out to our school principal, Salvatore Chiaravalloti to schedule a tour by phone 609-882-8077 ext. 5 or email <u>principal@st-ann-school.org</u>

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 the following number: **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.

Novena for the Deceased

This Saturday, August 1, 2020 at the 8:00 AM Mass, we remember those newly enrolled in our Novena for the Deceased

Alice Winter

by Romy and Mona Buerano

Buena Endoso Alegre by Gaudy Terry Albano

Miguel V. Alegre by Gaudy Terry Albano



CATECHIST WANTED!

CATECHISTS AND CO-CATECHISTS (WORK AS A TEAM) NEEDED

A catechist is one who hands on faith and the teachings of the Church. We are looking for women, men, and young adults who are willing to share their faith, engage in discussion with our young parishioners in a friendly setting using the resources provided by the parish. It's not about how much you know, but about how you live your faith in daily life and desire to accompany others on their faith journey. Catechists are provided with initial and ongoing formation.

We have three programs in need, (1) a weekly model for grades 1-6, (2) a bi-monthly confirmation prep model for grades 7 & 8, and (3) a once a month family–centered model which includes all grades 1-8. The time commitment is 1 ½ hours per week (plus preparation) for the weekly model, 1 ½ hours (plus preparation) twice per month for confirmation prep, and 1 ¼ hours per month (plus preparation) for our family-centered program. We begin in September and finish in early May. Co-catechists assist the catechist in the learning activity; and if needed, leads the session in the absence of the catechist.

If you are interested in becoming a catechist or if you have questions please contact **Gary Maccaroni** at **609-882-6491, ext. 116** or at **gmacc@churchofsaintann.net**





On behalf of the Loaves an Fishes, I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation for all the good help and positive response you have shared in order to help us help the poor and the hungry. Thank you so much.

My personal thanks goes also to our parish representatives in the Loaves and Fishes who, even during this pandemic, brave to continually support and help this wonderful ministry for many, many years now. Thank you **Claire Becerra, Annamarie Abelowitz** and **Frank Pecht.**

To all of you, God bless!!!

Sacramental Updates

We are still holding tight as we slowly reopen our churches. We have begun to celebrate Eucharist on Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM with restrictions in place and I have seen a few of you coming to worship with your families.

Regarding the celebrations of First Eucharist and Confirmation, please know that when the guidelines change and we are safe to gather in large celebrations for public worship without the current restrictions, we will give you advance notice as we reschedule, allowing you time to make plans for this wonderful sacramental event.

Let us continue to pray for one another throughout the days ahead.

God's Peace, Gary Maccaroni
Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education
609.882.6492 ext. 116, gmacc@churchofsaintann.net

Catholic Principles of Migration

Immigration remains a critical issue in the United States. Aware of the high polarization around the immigration debate, it is good for us as Catholics to stay educated and in focus on this issue. As a reminder, we list below, the Catholic Principles of Migration, rooted in the Gospel, and found scripted in the pastoral letter concerning migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States: *Strangers No Longer; Together on the Journey of Hope.*

- Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland.
- Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves in their families.
- Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders.
- Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection.
- The human dignity and human right of undocumented migrants should be respected.

Below also is listed an article of interest reminding us that we are called to live in communion. There is no Us and Them, but one family of God.

Please view the following link for additional information:

https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2020/06/asylum-at-the-border-is-effectively-over-el-paso-bishop-says/



IXP IS HIRING!

911 Telecommunicators
Communication Training Officers
Supervisors

IXP is pursuing qualified, driven individuals to process and dispatch emergency calls in a fast-paced, 24-hour Emergency Communications Center. All candidates must have a HS Diploma/GED, excellent communication skills and be able to successfully pass a criminal background check and drug screen.

Send your resume and cover letter to ixphr@ixpcorp.com



Healing After Abortion

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "**Day of Prayer and Healing**" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion.

For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866) 575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sisters....

Help Wanted - Immediate

Seeking Companionship/Assistance for Parishioner

80+ Female, active parishioner in need of light in-home assistance and companionship **Located in Lawrence Township**

Please contact (609) 577-8617 for details and desired fee We are motivated to secure a compassionate individual!

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.



We are thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but 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. Please 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. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Leandro Dela Cruz, Pastor (609) 882-6491, ext. 112 Rev. Msgr. Casimir Ladzinski, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Peter Bujdos, Weekend Assistant - Saint Michael Church

Deacon Frank Golazeski Deacon James Scott

Sr. Pat McGinley, SSJ, Pastoral Associate (609) 882-6491, ext. 115 Mr. Gary Maccaroni, Pastoral Associate and Acting Director of Religious Education (609) 882-6491, ext. 116

Parish Office: 609-882-6491 Saint Ann School 609-882-8077

Fax: 609-882-4366 School Fax: 609-882-0327

Parish Website: www.churchofsaintann.net School Website: www.saintannschool.org

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

religiouseducation@churchofsaintann.net

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 Our Parish Religious Education Program meets during the school year for Children K-8: Sundays 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM or Mondays 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM. Family Generations of Faith meets once a month. Sacrament Preparation for First Holy Communion is 2nd Grade and for Confirmation it is for 7th and 8th Grades. Please email with any questions to religiouseducation@churchofsaintann.net.

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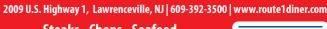
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