



# 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

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 - 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Whatever you  
bind on earth  
shall be bound  
in heaven

MATTHEW 18:18

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*The following is from Fr. Dela Cruz's flock notes dated August 22, 2020:*



## A MESSAGE FROM FR. LEANDRO 'Lines' DELA CRUZ

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In human life, triumph and tragedy, success and failure, the sublime and the ridiculous are often separated only by a hair's breadth. We taste the heady wine of success only to discover that at the bottom of the cup there is the bitter taste of some disappointments. One moment we feel we are creating something masterful before the world and the next we suspect we may be making a fool of ourselves.

This Sunday's Gospel shows us that this intertwining of triumph and failures happened even among the disciples, with Peter. On the one hand Peter declares with confidence a breakthrough in understanding Jesus: "You are the Messiah the Son of God". Jesus tells Peter: "It is not flesh and blood which have revealed this to you but my Father." Yet, flushed with the excitement of this discovery, Peter must also learn the limitations of his understanding. In almost the same breath, Jesus rebuked Peter: "Get away from me Satan!"

The harshness of Jesus' reaction is almost stunning. Peter, bearing the new and mysterious dignity that his name confers on him, now hears himself addressed as "Satan" and be dismissed as brusquely as if he were in fact the prince of darkness.

Jesus did not hold back. Truth has to be said. Honesty prevails, even if it hurts. The intent was not to hurt but to straighten and correct a loved one. Peter must have been hurt. But he has learned the truth and through that same truth, Peter became a better person. Let us allow the truth to transform us into better people.

I am very thankful to all of you for your continued support to our parish. Due to suspension of Masses for almost three months and currently with reduced number of Masses, it is the diocesan wide expectation that parishes would only recover about 20% - 40% of the Sunday Collections. However, our parish is doing about roughly 60% - 70% of our Sunday collection. Your generosity to your parish is greatly felt during these trying times.

Also, I would like to acknowledge the help we receive from those who responded positively to the Finance Council's appeal to defray the unexpected cost of a new chiller/air conditioning (HVAC) in the FDC that cost us \$150K. I appeal to those who are financially able, kindly help your parish in this unexpected project. I am ever grateful to you my dear parishioners.

Please know that our annual pastoral and financial report will be available by the second week of September if not earlier. The report will be published on our parish website where it will be posted as we are not yet allowed to distribute paper materials.

School enrollment is ongoing till the first week of September. In-person classes, virtual and hybrid are offered. We are experiencing a good number of enrollment this year. We also have a waitlist of students from Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment is still open for those who are interested. Please see at the bottom the Principal's video on how in-person classes will be handled. Health and safety of our students is highly prioritized.

John and Lihn, two fellows from the Center for Faith and Justice Fellowship program, will be running our Rider University Campus Ministry and our Parish Youth Ministry. We look forward to a good kick-off for this fiscal year especially with the youth program. We thank these two wonderful and very capable individuals for taking over these ministries.

Prayer is our stronghold. Our adoration on Tuesdays and Thursdays is ongoing. May I encourage you to come and commit yourself to prayer. Kindly call the parish office to be on regular schedule.

Please remember in your prayers our brothers and sisters in the path of hurricanes Pablo and Laura. Also, we pray for those affected by the wildfire. Lives and property are lost due to these catastrophes. Please pray for their safety, security, health in mind and body.

God Loves you!



## *A few basic reasons to join RCIA...*

- 1) You're interested in becoming Catholic.
- 2) You're considering the *possibility* of becoming Catholic, and want to learn more about the Catholic faith and teachings.
- 3) You were baptized in a Catholic church, however, you have not yet received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.
- 4) You are a fully initiated Catholic who wants to learn more about your Catholic faith at the adult level.

The early stages of RCIA are known as the 'inquiry' phase. A non-Catholic engaging in this part of the process is *not* making a commitment to become Catholic.

## **Now, let's look at *OTHER* reasons why RCIA may be right for you:**

**A friend or relative asks you to be a Catholic godparent to their child.**

Have you been Confirmed? If not, you're not eligible to be a Catholic godparent. *NOW* is the time to prepare for that possibility, so you're not in an awkward position later.

**You attend Mass with your family, yet aren't receiving Communion and you'd like to fully participate with them.**

Perhaps you find yourself in this situation because:

- 1) you're not Catholic; or,
- 2) after your Catholic baptism your family never enrolled you in preparation to complete your Sacraments of Initiation.

**Someone who loves you has encouraged you to consider becoming Catholic or complete your sacraments of Initiation.**

**COME AND SEE!**

You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

**Maybe *NONE* of these apply to *YOU*.**

**But... you *know* someone you could recommend RCIA to and encourage them by suggesting that you will attend with them.**

**For more information, please contact:**

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Phone: (609) 882-6491 ext. 111

Email: <https://churchofsaintann.net/contact-us>

Fax: (609) 882-4366

### **Goals and Purpose:**

- 1) To provide a period of structured inquiry for those adults interested in, or considering the possibility of, becoming Catholic.
- 2) To lead and accompany adults into full membership in the Roman Catholic Church:
  - a) for non-baptized persons,
  - b) those baptized in another faith;
  - c) baptized Catholics desiring First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.
- 3) To catechize those fully initiated Catholics wishing to update their knowledge of their Catholic faith.

Catholics wishing to update their knowledge of their Catholic faith.

**NB: The early stages of RCIA are known as the 'inquiry' phase. A non-Catholic engaging in this part of the process is *not* making a commitment to become Catholic.**

### **RCIA is for:**

- 1) Those who are interested in becoming Catholic
- 2) Those who are considering the *possibility* of becoming Catholic, and want to learn more about the Catholic faith and teachings
- 3) Those who are baptized Catholics, however they have not yet received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation
- 4) Those fully initiated Catholics who want to learn more about their Catholic faith

### **What to expect:**

We minister to adults, forming them in the Catholic faith. All participants seeking to receive sacraments agree to meet various requirements on this walk of faith toward becoming full members of the Catholic Church, which is customarily celebrated at an Easter Vigil



**Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults**

## **PARISHSOFT DIRECTORY UPDATE:**

Our Parish Family Directory needs some real updating as decades of years have passed and the information data have mostly remained the same and so many times are no longer correct. Please take a short time to provide us with your correct information/s. The FORM will be posted on our Parish website. Please print and send to the parish office or drop in our mail boxes or offertory boxes as you come to church. We appreciate your help on this.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT NUMBER (Home):** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Cell Phone):** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW FAMILY MEMBER/S:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HAVE MOVED OUT OF THE PARISH?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES?**

Pick up (Preferred) \_\_\_\_\_ Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Online Giving \_\_\_\_\_ Not Interested \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE REMOVE ME/US FROM THE PARISH CENSUS** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Bishop Invites Faithful to Pray Daily Rosary for the Needs of the Nation**

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I invite all Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton to consider making this powerful devotion part of your daily life of prayer. Please join with me in praying Our Lady's Rosary every day between now and October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, for the many intentions and needs of our nation today, especially:

- For a true respect for life in all its stages from conception to natural death;
- For the strengthening of family life;
- For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and for all those impacted by it;
- For a lasting resolution to the racial tensions and injustices that have too long afflicted our country;
- For an end to the violence and death in our cities, especially among the young;
- For the victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking;
- For the poor, the unemployed and those who face economic hardship, and
- For so many of the other intentions and needs that we face in our country and world.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.**  
**Bishop of Trenton**



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## UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners of the Church of Saint Ann,

Greetings of Peace!

As public celebration of Mass and the sacraments resumed, the Finance Council and I wish to share with you that during the closure of our church, it was necessary to contract for major work on our HVAC system in the Church.

On February 24, 2020 the original HVAC unit installed at the time of the FDC construction broke down beyond repair. The old unit lasted 16 years and more than exceeded its working life. With summer time approaching and a lead time to contend with, we ordered a new high efficiency HVAC unit which was installed on June 25, 2020. The cost of replacement was nearly \$150,000.

Our HVAC has continually caused us significant annual repairs. This new unit will continue to offer a comfortable place of worship and prayer throughout the year. While no official capital campaign is presently planned, I am most grateful to anyone able to help in defraying these unexpected expenses.

I acknowledge your generosity during this most difficult time, but if possible asking those you can to consider making a one-time donation to offset this unforeseen replacement cost.

To donate, please copy and paste the link: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NJ709/19936>

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely,

Fr. Dela Cruz & the Finance Council

## 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/>

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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. As of July 30, 2020, the dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day Mass obligation remains in effect "UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE".
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.
5. 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.

## CATHOLIC FUNERALS IN CHURCH

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 exit door of the chapel along Lawrence Avenue every Saturday.

2. There are seats provided outside for those in line.

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



Your invited to the Catholic Charities inaugural Guardian Angel Benefit of Hope virtual event on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. This fun and entertaining virtual fund raiser, hosted by comedian Joe Piscopo, will feature entertainment, a silent auction, basket raffles, giveaways and a Super 50/50 raffle. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton, inspired by our Catholic faith, provides trauma – focused specialized counseling, addiction treatment, domestic violence services and help meeting basic needs for over 100,000 people each year, regardless of their religion. The celebration is an opportunity to hear stories of the transforming impact Catholic Charities makes on our community. There is no charge to attend the event but, we ask that you register at [www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/GABOH2020](http://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/GABOH2020). Hope you can tune in.



## Directives for Sunday 9:00 AM Outdoor/In Car Mass

### 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 on it. Or, simply go to our parish Website and click on "Mass Livestream".

#### Please follow these guidelines:

- Only the front of FDC (right side of Solar Panel facing FDC) will be reserved for the In Car Mass.
- Parking attendants will be available to assist cars and direct traffic flow when coming in and going out of the parking area. Please DO NOT park 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 exit by Rossa Avenue. 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 the Mass. Dispensation from the Sunday obligation is extended by the Bishop "UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE".

**Enrolling now!**

**The Church of Saint Ann**

*Join Us...*

## For our enriching fall *Faith* **FORMATION** Programs 2020

**RE/GOF/CONFIRMATION PREP/  
SACRAMENTAL PREP (RECONCILIATION)**

### **SIX HELPFUL COMPONENTS**

- 1 SUNDAY MASS:** the heart of our program. Attend as often as possible as a family, either in-person or virtually.
- 2 FAITH AT HOME:** The Diocese of Trenton provides a weekly electronic resource for a variety of faith and family centered activities. Choose what you find helpful. Go to [dioceseoftrenton.org/faithathome](https://dioceseoftrenton.org/faithathome).
- 3 CATECHIST CONNECTION:** Your child's catechist will check in with you periodically to see how things are going and offer any assistance. This is a check in not a check up.
- 4 FLOCK NOTES/BULLETIN:** Keep abreast to what is happening in the parish through Fr. Dela Cruz's weekly FLOCK NOTES and the parish bulletin. These can be found on the parish website.
- 5 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** we recommend that once a month (or more often if you choose) to select a religious movie and watch it together as a family. Take some time to talk with one another about the movie.
- 6 VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION:** an on line program directed at your child's specific age group and parish program—RE/GOF/Confirmation Prep/Sacramental Prep (First Reconciliation). **SEE DETAILS ON THE PARISH WEBSITE!**

## Religious Education Update

*We hope you and your loved ones are doing well during these challenging times.*

**Registration for the 2020-2021 RE (Religious Education), GOF (Generations of Faith) year is ongoing through September 20 (Catechetical Sunday).** If you were enrolled last year, we are sending you (via your email address) registration materials. You can also find a parish religious education registration form and a registration cover letter on the parish website.

### What will our Religious Education/Generations of Faith Programs look like this year?

In light of the restrictions placed on schools and parishes (and for the safety of all), we are beginning with 100% virtual faith formation/instruction for all grades and all faith formation programs — beginning September 20 (Catechetical Sunday) through December and will re-evaluate at the end of Thanksgiving.

Electronic resources will be made available to all those who register and a monthly thematic guide/detailed grade level program will be posted on the parish website—for all programs, that is RE/ GOF /Confirmation Prep/ Sacramental Prep (Reconciliation). We know that families will be extra busy and concerned with school work and family life at this time so we will keep things simple and flexible. Please know the parish is ready to help in any way we possibly can.

### When will we celebrate First Eucharist and Confirmation?

**First Communion:** We have scheduled three Masses so that we can safely accommodate those who were in the program last spring, and did not yet receive this sacrament. First Communion celebrations are scheduled for Saturday, October 3 at 9:30 am and 11:30 am, and Sunday, October 4 at 3:00 pm. Please mark your calendars. More information will be provided for you to sign up for one of these celebrations.

**Confirmation:** We have scheduled four services so that we can safely accommodate those who were in the program last spring, and did not yet receive this sacrament. Confirmation celebrations are scheduled for Saturday, October 17 at 9:30 am and 11:30 am, Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 pm. Please mark your calendars. More information will be provided for you to sign up for one of these celebrations.

Please contact us if you have more questions about registration or our programs, by phone at 609-882-6491, ext. 116 or by email at [gmacc@churchofsaintann.net](mailto:gmacc@churchofsaintann.net).

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### DAILY LITURGY

for the Week of September 6, 2020

SUN., Sept. 6 9:00 AM	People of the Parish Joann Scofield (Happy Wedding Anniversary) by Russ Scofield and Family Sebastiana Arduini by Theresa Cavalli and family Antonio Rossi and Gina Mucci by Angelo and Concetta Mastroianni Paul Russo by Ralph Veltri
	11:00 AM Frances Simone by The Simone Family Richard Sommers by Marilyn Sommers McCormick Kathleen Coyne by Margaret Haenni and Family Lottie Wszolek by Wszolek and Stern Family Maria DiSanzo by Family
ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM	All Souls
MON., Sept. 7 9:00 AM	<b>LABOR DAY</b> Joselito Gregorio by Gregorio and Manila Families Julia Ragolia by Lorraine Colavita Betsy Rossi by Chip Rossi and Family
TUES., Sept. 8 8:00 AM	Stella Colavita by Lorraine Colavita Catherine Xavier by Gertrud Siber
WED., Sept. 9 8:00 AM	Mary and John Butler by Pat Shelmet Elisabetta Iaione by Julie LoStocco Carmine Gagliardi by Wife (Happy Wedding Anniversary)
THURS., Sept. 10 8:00 AM	Clarence Brown, Jr. by Wife Victoria and Children Patricia Ago (Thanksgiving for Healing) by Josephine Gagliardi
FRI., Sept. 11 8:00 AM	John Donlon by The Melody Family Patricia Ago (Thanksgiving for Healing) by Josephine Gagliardi
SAT., Sept. 12 8:00 AM	Sebastiana Arduini by Gina Ambrosetti and Antoinette Verrelli John Stever by Maria Dziuda
SUN., Sept. 13 9:00 AM	Victoria Rosato by Husband Dennis Isolina Toto by Mario, Lena, Vincenzo Pirone and Family People of the Parish Ada P. Ciccone by Jean DiMarco Barbara Ann Czepiga by Jean DiMarco
	11:00 AM Joyce Pluta by Robert Pluta Sean Vogel by Hewitt Family Harry Haenni by Haenni Family Joseph and Ruth Toomey and John and Viola Bugdal by Donald Bugdal Annuziata and Luigi Lore by Teresa Angelina Lore
ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM	John and Elizabeth Vidbel by Jean Krisak



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

Emidio Lancellotta, Alexander Marion,  
Marie Conover, Larry Arcioni,  
Renato J. Ferrarin, Elaine Murphy,  
Joseph B. Jusiewicz, Dolores Nolan,  
Charles Leonard, Stanley Haines,  
John Stever, Bruce Henry Van Havere,  
Alfred Muskewitz, Albert Frascella,  
Bice Carnevale  
*and all the souls of the faithful departed.*



### Please Pray for Healing:

Margaret Fedorsak, Patricia Tomko,  
Kathy Olson, Mary Ravenel, Lois Powers,  
Greg Albi, Ma. Luisa Mariano,  
Joyce Arone, Timothy McFarnan,  
Paul Rush, Jr., Helen Modzelewski,  
William J. Keephart, Baby Doll Zurbrugg,  
*and parishioners who are sick  
and homebound*

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 Saint Michael Sanctuary Candle PALMINA SAIA

*Requested by*  
Daughter Mary Frances

### 2021 Mass Book IS NOW OPEN . . .

The **2021 Mass Book** **IS NOW OPEN** to receive intentions for Masses and Candles. The scheduling form is on our parish website at **www.churchofsaintann.net**.

**Please print and complete the form and return to the parish office with your payment.**



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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, September 5, 2020**  
**Vigil Mass**

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

**SUNDAY, September 6, 2020**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**MONDAY, September 7, 2020**  
**LABOR DAY**



- FDC is CLOSED
- Mass 9:00 AM - Church

**TUESDAY, September 8, 2020**

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel and Church are Open for Private Prayer
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel (*Everyone is Welcome*)

**WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2020**

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

### Baptism Congratulations

*This week we welcome into our church through Baptism*  
**Lukasz Bielsko**  
*at Saint Michael Church*

**THURSDAY, September 10, 2020**

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel and Church are Open for Private Prayer
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel (*Everyone is Welcome*)

**FRIDAY, September 11, 2020**

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

**SATURDAY, September 12, 2020**

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Chapel and Church are Open for Private Prayer
- Baptism (Cebellos) 1:00 PM - Church
- Reconciliation 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Side Door of the Chapel along Lawrence Avenue

**SATURDAY, September 12, 2020**  
**Vigil Mass**

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

**SUNDAY, September 13, 2020**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Church of Saint Ann Sunday Masses:**  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses

- Baptism (Novak) 12:30 PM - Church

**Saint Michael Church Sunday Masses:**  
8:30 AM - English, 10:00 AM - Slovak,  
Korean - 12:00 PM

# SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 - 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Weekly Collection

Sunday, August 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

**WRAP YOUR GIFT . . . USE YOUR ENVELOPES**

### Offerings for the Church of Saint Ann

Number of Registered Households	3,150
Number of People Using Faith Direct	229

### August 30, 2020

Church of Saint Ann	\$ 7,486.50
Saint Michael Church	656.00
*Electronic Funds	*10,763.08

**Total Contributions \$18,905.58**

\*Note: electronic contributions are received twice a month.

<b>Month to Date Collections for August 2020</b> (5 Sundays in the month)	<b>\$62,133.43</b>
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<b>Total Collections for August 2019</b> (4 Sundays in the month)	<b>\$64,454.00</b>
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**Thank You**  
*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.



**Our Parish Goal: \$100,000**  
**Raised As of August 31, 2020: \$54,504**  
**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.*

## GOSPEL

**September 6, 2020**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

## REFLECTION

*Each of us is our brother's (and sister's) keeper. Today we hear God calling us to be responsible for each other. No one should be left on their own to fail; we are called to pick each other up, to help each other out. This Labor Day weekend, when we honor all those who work to do the things that contribute to society, whether in a factory, on a farm, in an office, at home, or wherever it may be, let us resolve to work together in building the kingdom of God.*

## *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.
2. **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.”***

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

### Please Remember Those Who Lost Their Lives on September 11, 2001

On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which triggered major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism.

*If you know of someone who lost their life on September 11, 2001, please let us know and we will pray for them. Contact the parish office (609) 882-6491, ext. 111 or email [maryann@churchofsaintann.net](mailto:maryann@churchofsaintann.net) with their name.*

### Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for directions and for our other offerings!



#### PRACTICE PATIENCE

Tuesday, September 29

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

With the demands of everyday life, our many responsibilities and tendency to be overwhelmed by stress, we can find ourselves short on patience. If you would like to become a more patient person, (or if others would like you to be) please come and enjoy this morning retreat. Donation: \$25, includes lunch.

#### RECOGNIZING GOD'S PRESENCE RE-IMAGINING THE IGNATIAN EXAMEN

Tuesday, September 29

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Discernment is a key to interior freedom and intimacy with God. It is a grace to be asked for and an exercise to practice. This evening retreat will be a jump start to a prayerful path of daily discernment called Examen. We all long to recognize God's Presence and action in our life. Our time together will help fulfill that desire. Donation: \$15, includes materials.



### 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 ¼ hours per week (plus preparation) for the weekly model, 1 ¼ 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 [gmac@churchofsaintann.net](mailto:gmac@churchofsaintann.net)



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## AN INVITATION TO ATTEND St. Ann's Living Word Scripture Study Group

### Going Deeper into the Meaning of the Scriptures

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Letters of Paul the Apostle predate all the gospels by about 30 to 90 years. The gospel concepts regarding the Resurrection, the Eucharist, Baptism, the Holy Spirit, and the very meaning of our faith come to us were taken directly from the writings of St. Paul, the architect of the Christian faith.

There several specific words in the gospels that seem to come directly from Jesus Nazareth. Scripture scholars have concluded that the Aramaic words that appear in the gospels which were all written in Greek are most likely from the historical Jesus who spoke Aramaic. 1) It seems that Jesus' own word for God was the Aramaic word **Abba**, which means father, and more appropriately, Pop or Daddy. 2) The very word that we use today to conclude our prayers, **Amen**, is an Aramaic word and emphatic word used for emphatic acclamation, like contemporary affirmations like "Right On!", or "Word Up!" When we read about Jesus saying, "Amen, Amen, I say to you", we may be coming close to the way that Jesus addressed the people of his time.

In the Gospel According the John (Chapter 21, verses 15-17) the gospel writer uses two separate Greek verbs to describe Jesus' three-fold question to Peter: Peter, Do you love me more than these (the other disciples)? When Jesus asks the question, the Greek verb used **agapo** is "Do you love me in a selfless, virtuous kind of way?" When Peter responds, the Greek verb used is **phileo** "I love you like family." Reading this gospel dialog in English we rely on the interpreter of the gospel to capture the nuance connected to Jesus' original question.

St. Ann's Living Word Scripture Study Group meets weekly **on-line** on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 6 PM. We gather to learn more about the language and messages that the scripture writers used to communicate their messages of faith to the ancient people to whom they wrote. Our primary goal is to enhance the quality of our discipleship to Jesus by going deeper in our understand of the Word of God. All who are seeking to learn more about the buried treasure lying beneath the surface of our scripture readings are welcome to come and grow in our faith

**For more information contact Fred Vasapolli at 609-273-6647 or Peggy Sterns at 609-882-2649.**



### 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).

### HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE - HELP NEEDED

Our Parish has **ADORATION** to the **BLESSED SACRAMENT** every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Chapel. **All are welcome!** We are currently in need of **committed ADORERS** every other Thursday from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM effective September 10, 2020.

For all of our **committed ADORERS**, should you encounter a conflict in your selected schedule please inform **Yelka Zado, Coordinator (609-203-5005/[frankzado@me.com](mailto:frankzado@me.com))** or **Gertrud Siber, Vice-Coordinator (609-882-5605)** at least one day before, in order that they will see to it that the **EXPOSED Blessed Sacrament** is NOT unattended. *Thank you for your service and cooperation.*

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## 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: **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.*

## 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](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!*

### 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

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Religious Education Office: 609-882-8077, ext. 234  
[religiouseducation@churchofsaintann.net](mailto: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 or email Deacon Frank at [mail.deaconfrank.com](mailto:mail.deaconfrank.com)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and for Confirmation it is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. Please email with any questions to [religiouseducation@churchofsaintann.net](mailto:religiouseducation@churchofsaintann.net).

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**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!*

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