

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 13, 2020 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MERCY

He seized him and started to choke him, demanding,

**'PAY BACK
WHAT YOU OWE.'**

Falling to his knees,
his fellow servant begged him,

**'BE PATIENT WITH
ME, AND I WILL
PAY YOU BACK.'**

MATTHEW 18:23-27

The following is from Fr. Dela Cruz's flock notes dated September 5, 2020:



A MESSAGE FROM FR. LEANDRO 'Lines' DELA CRUZ

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Sunday's Gospel calls for "Fraternal correction". What is it? It is the "admonishing of one's neighbor by a private individual with the purpose of reforming him, or, if possible, preventing his sinful indulgence." So, it is a private matter, usually between good friends, in which one takes the initiative in pointing out the other's incipient or ongoing problem. It's Harry or Harriet calling their close buddy aside and saying things like "You have bad halitosis", or "You've been drinking a lot lately," or "The boss is concerned that you're coming in late too much." The range is as wide as the human situation permits.

Granted, this is difficult, and we have a natural tendency to avoid it. We wonder whether, after offering our counsel, we will still have a friend. But if our friendship runs deeper than a surface kind of thing, it becomes essential.

As consolation, presumably here to those of us who accept the challenge of correcting a brother or sister, Jesus offers His promise to be present when as little as two people are gathered in His name. He knows the difficulty. He admires our courage. He makes the generous gift.

The month of September has a lot of good things to offer. God indeed is good. On the first day of the month, we, at the 8 AM daily Mass, celebrated the Annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation which, according to Pope Francis, "offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which He has entrusted to our care, and to implore His help for the protection of creation as well as His pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." This is just the beginning of the Season of Creation that will end on the feast day of St. Francis, October 4th. For more reading materials and information, please see the link: nronline.org/news/ear...

Our Religious Education and Generation of Faith (GOF) registration/enrollment is ongoing through September 20th, the first day of Online or Virtual Classes. I would like to stress once more the importance of religious education in the life of our children. It is the time and opportunity for them to learn, understand and inculcate our Catholic Faith deep into their young life. Our parents gave us that gift of good education of our faith, let us then give that same education of our faith to the young generation. As a parish and as parents, it is our common obligation to share our faith with the children. All children grades 1-8 must be enrolled in a Religious Education program, either in our parish or another parish of your choosing. If tuition payment is an issue, please give us a call, the parish will help. Please contact Gary Maccaroni, Religious Education and GOF Director at 609 882-6491 ext. 116.

Our second collection this weekend is for the Catholic University of America as designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). In addition to many priests, religious and lay graduates of CUA, currently from the Diocese of Trenton there are: 14 graduate students; 9 law school students; and 198 undergraduate students attending CUA.

Next weekend, the second collection is for the Holy Land. We normally take up collections for the Holy Land on Good Friday. Since we had no in-church liturgies during the Holy Week this year, no collection was taken. The Holy Land as many of you are aware is enduring tough times. All sacred sites are shut down and pilgrimages have been cancelled. Kindly consider giving generously.

Lihn and John, the two fellows whom I have introduced to you last weekend who will be running our campus ministry at Rider U as well as our parish youth ministry, will be speaking to us at Masses on Sept 13th. We are excited to hear from them and welcome them in person.

On the same date, the RCIA program under Deacon Frank Golazeski begins. We are happy to welcome four participants into our program. And on September 20, our RCIA Elect and Candidate, Pat and Nic, respectively, will receive the Sacraments and join us fully in our Eucharistic celebration. Congratulations and welcome Pat and Nic to the Catholic faith.

The Knights of Columbus of St. Ann, Council 7000, have been and continue to be very helpful in so many aspects in our parish life. They have assisted the parish in various important tasks especially during this pandemic period. We, as a parish, are ever thankful for these men's generosity and willingness to serve. I encourage the men in our parish to kindly consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

Last Sunday, we once again have a large number of mass attendance so much so that our Community Room was almost full. If this beautiful showing continues, a Saturday evening Mass will be considered. We can move Saturday Mass earlier at 4PM and Confessions at 3PM. Even as we welcome more parishioners, we should not let our guards down. We will continue to celebrate safely a shortened but complete version of the Mass to lessen time on indoor gatherings. I applaud and thank everyone for continuously observing our health and safety protocols. In doing so, our parish contributes greatly in curtailing the spread of the virus.

May you all enjoy this holiday weekend. Let us keep dignity in our labor which in turn labor gives dignity to humanity. While we enjoy the long weekend do not forget the Pandemic trifecta: Mask worn properly, social distance and sanitize.

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:

Deacon Frank Golazeski

E-mail: mail@deaconfrank.com

Or contact the Parish Office:

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.

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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. 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.
- 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.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



DAILY LITURGY

for the Week of September 13, 2020

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
MON., Sept. 14 8:00 AM	Octavio Andrade-Dousdebos by Martha Andrade-Dousdebos Darryl C. Foyuth by MaryAnn and Bernard Foyuth Lee Gruska (Happy Birthday) by The Gruska Family
TUES., Sept. 15 8:00 AM	Catherine Xavier by Tessy and Antony Xavier Patricia Ago (Thanksgiving for Healing) by Josephine Gagliardi
WED., Sept. 16 8:00 AM	John Stever by Judy Cook Joseph Keuder by Shirley and Don Hoffman
THURS., Sept. 17 8:00 AM	Ramsey Rosado by Carlos, Emmy, and Elsie Charles Leonard by St. Ann's Art and Environment Committee
FRI., Sept. 18 8:00 AM	Walter Shelmet by Wife Pat Anna by Tessy
SAT., Sept. 12 8:00 AM	Patricia Ago (Thanksgiving for Healing) by Josephine Gagliardi John Stever II by Greg and Monica Terranova
SUN., Sept. 19 9:00 AM	Joseph Sapphire by The Henderson Family Joanne Palmucci by Pat Ortiz and Family Eugene A. Bobko by Jean Sarafin and Family Bob Divine by Wife Rita and Divine Family People of the Parish
	11:00 AM Suzanne Murphy by Elaine Murphy Emma M. Patanella by Patanella Family Joseph and Ruth Toomey and John and Viola Bugdal by Don Bugdal
ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM	All Souls



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

Joan O'Rahilly, Helen Modzelewski,
Jeremy Steinmann, Emidio Lancellotta,
Alexander Marion, Marie Conover,
Larry Arcioni, Renato J. Ferrarin,
Elaine Murphy, Joseph B. Jusiewicz,
and all the souls of the faithful departed.

PRAY REMEMBER
the sick of our parish

Please Pray for Healing:

Erykah Preston, Mike McCullough,
Worthy FS Bruce Beattie,
Margaret Bilz, Margaret Fedorsak,
Patricia Tomko, Kathy Olson,
Mary Ravenel, Lois Powers, Greg Albi,
Ma. Luisa Mariano, Joyce Arone,
*and parishioners who are sick
and homebound*

*List will be up for four weeks only. Please call the
parish office (609 882-6491) or let Fr. Dela Cruz
know in his Flocknote Newsletter if you wish to
include new names and/or continue to be up on the
prayer list.*

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Saint Ann Sanctuary Candle

BOB DEVINE AND FAMILY

*Requested by
Devine Family*

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Saint Michael Sanctuary Candle

JOHANNA SKRZYDLINSKI

*Requested by
Susan Schwartz*

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 12, 2020 Vigil Mass

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

SUNDAY, September 13, 2020 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church of Saint Ann Sunday Masses:

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses

- **Lihn Nguyen and John Holloway from Center for Faith Justice speaking at both Masses**
- 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer
- Baptism (Novak) 12:30 PM - Church

Saint Michael Church Sunday Masses:

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

MONDAY, September 14, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer

TUESDAY, September 15, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel (*Everyone is Welcome*)

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer

Baptism Congratulations

This weekend we welcome into our church through Baptism

Mia Ann Ceballos
Brooke Alexandra Novak

THURSDAY, September 17, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel (*Everyone is Welcome*)

FRIDAY, September 18, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer

SATURDAY, September 19, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer
- **Baptisms:** (Young) 10:00 AM, (Davis) 11:00 AM, and (Gentile) 11:30 AM
- **Reconcilliation** 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Side Door of the Chapel along Lawrence Avenue

SATURDAY, September 19, 2020 Vigil Mass

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

SUNDAY, September 20, 2020 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

The Church of Saint Ann Sunday Masses:

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses

- 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer

Saint Michael Church Sunday Masses:

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

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Weekly Collection

Sunday, August 30TH, 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
September 6, 2020	
Church of Saint Ann	\$ 7,206.25
Saint Michael Church	617.00
*Electronic Funds	*0,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 7,823.25
<small>*Note: electronic contributions are received twice a month.</small>	
Month to Date Collections for September 2020 (4 Sundays in the month)	\$ 7,823.25
Total Collections for September 2019 (5 Sundays in the month)	\$76,315.00



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.*

GOSPEL

September 13, 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

REFLECTION

We gather each weekend with family, friends, and neighbors to worship God, a God of mercy, a God of healing, a God always willing to forgive. We are called to do the same. We are called to reconcile with our family member, our friend, our neighbor, just as God reconciles with us when we turn away. May the nourishment we receive at the Lord's table strengthen us as we face the challenge of forgiving each other.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

Our Parish Goal: \$100,000
Raised As of September 8, 2020: \$56,504
Percentage of Goal: 57%

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.

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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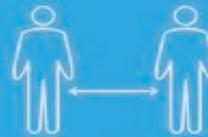
We Celebrate Catechetical Sunday September 20



This year, the Church throughout the United States celebrates Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2020. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays, by virtue of our Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is also an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith. This year's theme is *"I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you."* This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church is a special ministry and has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are so important to the Church. We are grateful for those in this community who serve in the mission of catechesis: Religious Education, GOF, Confirmation Prep, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Saint Ann School, RCIA, Baptism Preparation, Pre-Cana, Adult Confirmation, and Adult Faith Formation.

FIVE THINGS to REMEMBER about In-Church Masses ...

- 1 **Dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation** remains in effect for all Catholics of the Diocese.
- 2 **Diocesan Directives** posted to DioceseofTrenton.org/coronavirus remain in effect.
- 3 **Masks** (properly worn) are required.
- 4 **Social distancing** must be observed.
- 5 **Occupancy limits** will be enforced.



Information published by the Diocese of Trenton

2021 Mass Book is OPEN . . .

The **2021 Mass Book IS 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.

Note: There are still Masses available for this year (2020).

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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 with his or her name or drop it off at the Faith Development Center welcome desk.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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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.



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 gmacc@churchofsaintann.net

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

The Word became Flesh and Dwelled among Us: A Scriptural Catholic:

- It used to be that many of our Protestant brothers and sisters were more familiar with the scriptures than Catholics. The trend is slowly changing as a growing number of Catholics are learning how to make reading the scriptures an important part of the spiritual development.
- For the past 12 years over 30 Catholics each year enhanced their knowledge and appreciation of the scriptures by participating in weekly meetings of the St. Ann's Living Word Scripture Study Group.
- Rather than struggle with attempting to decipher the meaning of the scriptures on their own, many Catholics are learning to avoid the challenges of biblical fundamentalism by learning how to read the scriptures contextually, that is, within the context in which they were originally written.

St. Ann's Living Word Scripture Study Group meets weekly **on-line** on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 6 PM. If you are looking for a friendly, welcoming group of people with whom to learn more about our beloved scriptures, come join us.

The facilitator of the St. Ann's Living Word Scripture Study Group, Fred Vasapolli, has led the weekly scripture study sessions for the past 12 years and is passionate about scripture education. He holds master's degrees both in theology and in the coordination of religious education programming. Fred is also one of the facilitators of St. Ann's *Generations of Faith* family religious education program.

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 on Tuesdays from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM and additional committed ADORERS on Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Please call Yelka Zado 609-203-5005 if you are available. Thank you!**

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)** 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

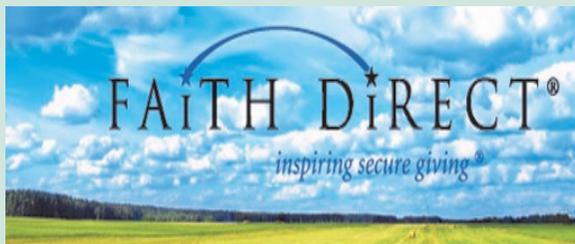
The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy 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 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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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 or email Deacon Frank at 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 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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS Located in the Faith Development Center. (Entrance behind Church/opposite Saint Ann School.)
Parish Office Hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM; Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 AM until 8:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM; and by appointment. *Call anytime in the case of an emergency.*

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

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