



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 20, 2020 - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The following is from Fr. Dela Cruz's flock notes dated September 12, 2020:



A MESSAGE FROM FR. LEANDRO 'Lines' DELA CRUZ

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

You have likely heard the expression “the third rail” as denoting some sensitive topic. What does it mean? Technically, the term derives from an additional rail placed alongside regular track that supplies electric current to trains in some systems. At 600 volts, and always being “live”, this rail is obviously something to avoid touching.

Informally, “the third rail” is used to denote an issue considered by politicians to be too controversial for them to discuss. An “untouchable” one that may cause some politicians to suffer politically.

In the spiritual realm, one might say that forgiveness of others is a “third rail” topic for a lot of Christians. We all know that Jesus called for it to be an essential part of following Him. We realize that we should practice it toward anyone who has offended us in the myriad ways that people can. We admit that such a thing is easier said than done. It is tough to forgive those who betray us, how are we to forgive those who hurt us to the core, our enemies, the murderers, the rapists, the terrorists, the racists, those who sow enmity, rage and hatred? So, a homily on the topic might lead us to think: “Talk about something else, Father, and thank you very much.” But preach on it he must. God’s message is for us to learn to forgive.

Today marks the 19th year of the infamous 9/11 terrorist attack on our country. Lives were lost, properties damaged, we were shaken and the whole world shocked! Nineteen years later, we are still strong and resilient. God is on our side and holds us in his love. Let us remember and pray for all the victims of the terrorist attack.

Lest we forget, any form of violence and hatred must never have a place in our hearts. In all relationships, what must be sown is love and forgiveness.

As promised, our 2019-2020 Annual Report is now up on our parish website. Please check and review. The Finance Council has provided us with two user-friendly versions for our preference. And also added a financial report online Feedback Form to hear your thoughts and feelings about it. Here are the following links:

[2019-2020 Church of Saint Ann Pastoral and Financial Report \(Online Version\)](#)

[2019-2020 Church of Saint Ann Pastoral and Financial Report \(Printable Version\)](#)

[Financial Report Online Feedback Form](#)

This Sunday, our 2021 RCIA Program begins. Welcome to our new candidates. Deacon Frank together with his team, Lex & Francisca Donowa and Abram Harris will meet with them. If there are some of you who would be willing to help out, please contact Deacon Frank. The more, the better.

On Sunday, September 20, we also will receive Patrick and Nic into full communion at the 9AM Mass. On that same day, at 11AM, in celebration of the Catechetical Sunday, we invite all our catechists and volunteers with the Religious Education (RE), Generation of Faith (GOF), RCIA and Weekly Scripture Study to Mass. The parish would like to celebrate and acknowledge your admirable contribution in sharing our faith to the children/candidates. Please call the Religious Ed or RCIA offices to express your intent in attending. Thank you!

Registration for the Religious Education/GOF program is extended through September 20. Please know that all children from grades 1-8 must be registered. We owe it to the children to teach them and allow them to practice our faith. Those who need tuition assistance please inform the Religious Ed office, the parish will help.

Our second collection this weekend is for the Holy Land. Let us help to keep and maintain the shrines in the Holy Land. They are dear and close to our hearts and have contributed in the building of our faith.

To all the students and their families, know that your parish family is in support of your pursuit for education. Learn that you are studying not for grades but for life!

This Sunday is Grandparents Day! To our beloved grandparents, thank you for the wonderful love and affection you showed us through the years. You are a blessing to us. May God bless you always!

Please do not forget to fill in your Census forms and be counted!

Let us continue to pray for the end of the pandemic, hatred, racism, and injustice. Pandemic health and safety trifecta: wear mask properly, sanitize and social distance.

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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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.

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**



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/>

Diocese of Trenton

UPDATED AND APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Liturgical-Pastoral Directives in a Time of Pandemic
Limited Public Celebration of the Mass and Sacraments in Church

Public “in Church” weekend Masses permitted since
Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Christ, June 13-14, 2020

Public “in Church” weekday Masses permitted since
Monday, June 8, 2020

Introductory Remarks

COVID 19 is still a virulent contagious virus communicated between people. Everyone should remain conscious and alert that risks to either contract or spread the disease remain possible at any gathering of people, indoors or outdoors. The risk is considered by public health experts to be especially significant indoors at prolonged, sedentary gatherings where coughing, sneezing and even talking/singing could easily communicate the coronavirus.

Those who are frightened, 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 avoid public gatherings of any kind whether indoors or outdoors.

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I have been entrusted by the Church with the responsibility to exercise care for the spiritual needs of the faithful. I cannot do that effectively if I ignore their physical health and well-being or put that health and the common good at risk. For that reason, heeding the advice of public health officials and other scientific data, I directed the clergy and faithful of the Diocese to follow the courses of action we have pursued for the past several months.

The Catholic faithful, however, need the Eucharist for their spiritual health and well-being. It is an essential part of Catholic life and we cannot continue to do without the Eucharist and other sacraments indefinitely. The COVID 19 pandemic introduced temporary yet necessary sacrifices into our lives as Catholics. The faithful have carried the accompanying spiritual burdens heroically. Our clergy and I have shared those burdens, too, deprived as we have been of the opportunity to exercise many of the pastoral and liturgical ministries for which we have been ordained as bishop, priests and deacons. It has been our common goal during this pandemic to minister as best we could in the hope that the gradual restoration of full Catholic life would occur as soon as possible.

A dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day obligation has been granted so that the faithful could “stay home” in good conscience. Masses and pastoral messages have been live-streamed by our priests to keep our Catholic faith consistent and strong. Churches have been re-opened for private prayer. Outdoor, “in car” Masses have been provided wherever safely and worthily possible, giving the faithful who were/are able the opportunity to be nourished again by Christ’s Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Balancing the physical, public health precautions deemed necessary with the spiritual good of the faithful, I have decided to resume limited opportunities for the faithful to return to their parish churches, while maintaining the necessary, required public health precautions present in the CDC Guidelines, as the Diocese gradually and safely moves toward the full restoration of Catholic spiritual and sacramental life. The Post-Pandemic Parish Task Force of Pastors (P4) that I established on May 3, 2020, under the leadership of Monsignor Thomas Gervasio, vicar general, has developed the following “Directives” that I am mandating to be observed for participation at “in Church” public Masses and sacramental administrations throughout the Diocese of Trenton. I have maintained contact with the Governor and his chief counsel regarding these directives.

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Common Directives to be Observed by All Parishes Until Further Notice

The dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day Mass obligation remains in effect until further notice. The fulfillment of the Easter Duty may be accomplished before the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020 if possible.

The teachings of the Church regarding 'Easter Duty', as reflected in both the Catechism and the Code of Canon Law, indicate that there is an obligation to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist --- preceded by sacramental confession, if conscious of grave sin ---at least once a year, usually during the Easter season, unless there is a "just reason" that requires its fulfillment at another time of the year. In the Diocese of Trenton, it has been impossible to fulfill these obligations until the sacraments are readily available again.

Parish churches were permitted to begin the celebration of limited "in church" public weekend Masses since the weekend of June 13-14 observing all requirements listed below. Weekday "in church" public Masses were permitted since June 8, 2020, observing the same requirements.

Provided wearing masks, proper social distancing and sanitation protocols can be followed, the attendance permitted for ALL Masses is one-third of the church's capacity.

Pastors will determine the most fair and effective ways to ensure proper observance of those numbers.

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.

Mass schedules in church are to be determined by pastors and an alternate location may be selected in accordance with parish needs and local guidelines. If not on church property, all necessary permits and insurance coverage should be obtained.

A single entrance to the church should be utilized to monitor the number of people attending. All doors can be used for exiting church. Pastors and their staffs should devise a plan for an orderly exit from the church, e.g., dismissal pew by pew.

Unless there is a safer way to take up the collection during Mass without hand-to-hand passing of baskets, receptacles for parish offerings/collections should be placed at the entrance and all exits. Parishioners should be made aware and reminded of the presence of these receptacles and of on-line opportunities to support their parish in this time of special need.

The maximum percentage of seating mentioned above will determine the number of Masses necessary to accommodate the corresponding number of parishioners, keeping in mind the amount of time necessary to sanitize the church between Masses.

In parishes where seating is too small to accommodate a sufficient number of parishioners, outdoor Masses may be offered, observing all public health precautions listed in these Directives. Pastors should first consider as OPTIONS parish halls or auditoriums, etc., for overflow or provide both indoor and outdoor Masses.

Live-streaming of Masses shall continue, as determined by pastors.

Group devotions in church are permitted provided they are limited to one third capacity, masks are worn, social distancing is observed and sanitation protocols are followed.

Parish Meetings held in a location other than church are permitted provided they are limited to 25 percent capacity, masks are worn, social distancing is observed and sanitation protocols are followed. Refreshments may not be served. Attendance at meetings should be taken in the event tracing is necessary.

No public gatherings or greetings before or after Masses, at church entrances/exits or on parish property are permitted.

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Distribution of flyers, the selling of raffle tickets, signing of petitions, and sale of religious articles inside or outside of church is prohibited until further notice.

All missals, hymnals, printed materials, pamphlets, etc., must be removed from churches.

Sanitation of church before and after each Mass, using approved methods is mandatory. Consult online resources for recommended cleaning: e.g. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

Holy Water fonts or receptacles are to remain empty.

Pastors may leave public restrooms open provided they are sanitized regularly.

A cantor may sing from the choir loft, or behind a clear screen when in front of the assembly. Congregational singing is discouraged to prevent any possible spread of COVID 19. Choirs are not to be used. The Diocese eagerly awaits the day music can return to the Mass. However, we are not there at this moment.

All directives should be posted in online parish bulletins, websites, social media, and church entrances.

Masks must be worn at all indoor/outdoor public Masses; regular hand washing with soap/water or alcohol-based sanitizer brought from home should take place; social distancing (6 feet) between groups of people from the same household and any other groups/individuals and between single individuals must be maintained at all indoor/outdoor Masses. Marking off pews is recommended.

The usual presentation of offertory gifts and physical contact of any kind at the sign of peace is prohibited.

Communion is restricted to the Sacred Host only and no chalice may be offered or shared. Communion in the hand is strongly preferred. A dispensation is granted for Communion in the hand for Masses in the Extraordinary Form. Where Communion is given on the tongue, the priest must sanitize hands between communicants.

The following methods for distribution of Holy Communion by the priest, deacon or, as necessary, extraordinary minister are suggested:

- Usual Communion line with social distancing (6 feet) between communicants in line
- Passing in between pews, as for anointing at Masses of Anointing of the Sick

Priests will not receive or gather the faithful after the Mass.

Directives for Limited Public Celebration of the Sacraments In Church Until Further Notice

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, confession continues to be available as needed.

Confessionals should not be used.

Outdoor confessions are permitted, even encouraged.

For indoor confessions, a well-ventilated area should be used that would allow for social distancing.

All arrangements for confessions must safeguard the health of both priest and penitent, respecting the dignity and confidentiality of the Sacrament.

Penitents are to observe social distancing if waiting in line.

Masks must be worn by priest and penitent.

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In order to decrease the potential spread of COVID-19, penitents may choose to stand or kneel. If a chair or kneeler is provided, it must be sanitized after each use.

Electronic devices of any kind are prohibited.

“Drive-up” confessions are permitted provided they are arranged to facilitate an orderly and proper administration of the Sacrament, observing the norms for social distancing and protecting the confidentiality of the Sacrament.

The confessor may choose to be seated in his own vehicle to which the penitent approaches so that the penitent’s vehicle door comes alongside the confessor’s door.

The Sacrament may only be celebrated with one person in the vehicle.

General absolution is not permitted in the Diocese of Trenton, unless explicitly permitted by the Bishop according to the norms of Canon Law.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The celebration of Baptism within Mass is suspended.

Baptisms outside of Mass are to be celebrated one family at a time.

Consider scheduling baptisms on other days in addition to Sunday.

The number attending should adhere to social distance guidelines with a maximum of **150**.

Masks are to be worn by all present.

Only parents or godparents may hold the infant during the ceremonies.

Sanitizer should be used when there is any physical contact before, during or after Baptism

Fresh baptismal water is to be blessed, used and disposed of after each celebration. A “shell” or other implement should be utilized to pour the water in the act of baptizing. **Pouring the water by hands alone is prohibited.**

The signing of the cross and anointings should be done with a cotton ball or “Q-tip which should be burned or buried afterward.

The anointing with Oil of Catechumens and “**Ephpheta**” may be omitted at the celebrant’s discretion, but touching during “**Ephpheta**” is prohibited

Clothing with baptismal garment options:

- Present garment (in its plastic wrap) it to the parents/godparents who clothe infant while celebrant says, “*N...you have become a new creation...*”
- If celebrant refers to the garment the infant is already wearing, he does not present the garment and says “*N...you have become a new creation...*”

Group photographs in church after the Baptism are not permitted.

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.

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THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

In addition to Nuptial ceremonies, Nuptial Masses and may now be celebrated in church, as determined by the pastor in light of the particular parish's circumstances.

Number of persons in attendance should be limited to one-third of the church's capacity, as with all other Masses.

Celebrants are strongly encouraged to keep the liturgies and homilies brief.

All present must wear masks (except bride and groom).

Social distancing is to be observed throughout the celebration.

Worship aids or other booklets, hymnals, papers and programs are not to be distributed/used in church.

Greeting at the doors is prohibited.

Celebrant will stand at least six feet from the couple, e.g. on the other side of altar.

Wedding rings should be held by the groom only.

The sign of peace and any physical contact between participants, except the bride and groom, is prohibited.

The inclusion of particular or ethnic customs that might jeopardize social distancing should be discouraged but may be determined by the celebrant.

Any receiving line is prohibited; participants should exit the church immediately after the ceremony.

The celebrant should devise a plan for an orderly exit from church, e.g. pew by pew, perhaps using the same plan as at public "in Church" Sunday Masses.

Group photographs in church after the ceremony are prohibited.

Live-streaming of the ceremony is permitted and encouraged.

CATHOLIC FUNERALS IN CHURCH

[MASS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE BODY]

All directives for the celebration of public "in Church" Masses are to be observed

Masks are to be worn and social distancing maintained

No physical contact is permitted in church

The texts for the "Masses for the Dead" are to be used rather than those of the Mass of Christian Burial

[FUNERAL RITES IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BODY]

Vigil for the Deceased

Visitation and vigils in church are prohibited and should be conducted in the funeral home or other appropriate, dignified place

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The casket must be closed before the minister begins

Minister and all present must wear a mask and observe social distancing

Holy water may be blessed before or during Mass and used for the sprinkling of the body. It should not be left out afterwards in any publicly accessible containers or fonts.

Mass of Christian Burial

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.

Number of persons present should not exceed one third capacity.

Physical contact with those attending is prohibited

The use of the pall is suspended

Holy water and incense may be used.

Live-streaming of the Mass is permitted.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

At any health care facility: priests are to follow the health precautions required by the institution for medical staff; priests should sanitize themselves immediately after visit

At the home of the sick: sanitize hands prior to entering house and immediately after visit

Mask must be worn

Whether in health care facility or at the home, a cotton swab or “Q-tip” is to be used for anointing and must be burned or buried after use

These revised directives are temporary and remain in effect until rescinded by the Bishop.

Approved by:

**Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M., J.C.D.,
Bishop of Trenton
September 11, 2020**

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

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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 will be ongoing (we have extended this past September 20). Once you register please access the parish website for details regarding your specific program. Please note that once registrations are in and organized into “classes” we will send you a confirmation that your registration has been received and give you an update. 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.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



DAILY LITURGY

for the Week of September 20, 2020

SUN., Sept. 20 9:00 AM	Joseph Saphire 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	Sylvia Morreale by Marie and Dick Clawges George Krisak by Jean Krisak
MON., Sept. 21 8:00 AM	Patricia Ago (Thanksgiving for Healing) by Josephine Gagliardi Phylliss Del Tufo by James and Judith Springer
TUES., Sept. 22 8:00 AM	Sebastiano Tamasi by Esterina Toto and Family John Michel by John and Carole Drury
WED., Sept. 23 8:00 AM	Isolina Toto by Mario, Lena, Vincenzo Pirone and Family Leonard Augello by John and Carole Drury
THURS., Sept. 24 8:00 AM	Jennifer Burns - Birthday Blessings (Living) by Family Joseph Jusiewicz by Judy Cook
FRI., Sept. 25 8:00 AM	Michael Heinlein by Laurence Brereton Ron Bejma by Theresa Lucash
SAT., Sept. 26 8:00 AM	Nelson Piedrahita by Mary and Karen Piedrahita James C. Peoples by Jean DiMarco Jose Victor Coronel by Mario and Marissa DeGuzman
SUN., Sept. 27 9:00 AM	Henry Jones by Christine Crane Estelle Hann by TPH Nutritionists Sebastiana Arduini by Theresa Cavalli and Family Domenic Varone by Sandee Moore Nicola and Antonia Lubrano by Nick Lubrano Hailey Bannister by 'Family Friend' Vito J. Tripi by His Daughter Tina Cobb and Family
11:00 AM	People of the Parish John Smith by Adrienne and Nick Lopez and Children Sebastiana Arduini by Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Zangrilli Jose Abella by Dinah Abella-Leyba
ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM	All Souls



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

Paul Kochis, Margaret Fedorsak,
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 (SAS 5th Grader in coma),
Mike McCullough,
Worthy FS Bruce Beattie,
Margaret Bilz, 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 20, 2020

Saint Ann Sanctuary Candle

MARIE McCUE

Requested by
Nancy R. Mangine

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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
- RCIA: Reception and Profession - 9:00 AM Mass

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

MONDAY, September 21, 2020

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

TUESDAY, September 22, 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 23, 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

Camila Simone Young
Santino Lee Davis
Macy Eloise Gentile

THURSDAY, September 24, 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 25, 2020

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

SATURDAY, September 26, 2020

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer
- Reconciliation 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Side Door of the Chapel along Lawrence Avenue

SATURDAY, September 26, 2020 Vigil Mass

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

SUNDAY, September 28, 2020 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Collection

Sunday, September 13TH, 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
<u>September 13, 2020</u>	
Church of Saint Ann	\$ 7,283.00
Saint Michael Church	835.00
*Electronic Funds	*13,232.75
Total Contributions	\$ 21,350.75
<small>*Note: electronic contributions are received twice a month.</small>	
Month to Date Collections for September 2020 (4 Sundays in the month)	\$ 29,174.00
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 20, 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 20:1-16A

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

REFLECTION

"Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near," Isaiah counsels us in the first words from today's first reading. We come together today to seek the Lord in word and sacrament, knowing that he can be found in scripture, in the Eucharist, and in each other. We call to him now, lifting our voices in song and prayer, aware of his closeness as we are gathered two or more in his name.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

Our Parish Goal: \$100,000
Raised As of September 14, 2020: \$56,829
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.”***

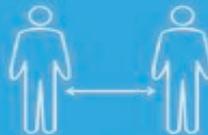
We Celebrate Catechetical Sunday September 20



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

Undie Sunday™ Underwear for Kids Saint Vincent de Paul Society THANK YOU!

This past August 23rd and the week before, undershirts, underpants and socks were collected at Saint Ann's in original packaging for children. These went to needy children in their school back packs and given to Home Front for distribution. 148 packages were collected, which was somewhat less than last year, but understandable under the virus circumstances. Over the past 11 years, a total of 1,763 packages have been collected. Saint Vincent de Paul Society is grateful for your support of the needy members of our community.

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Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center, 84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net.
www.FHOP.org for directions and for our other offerings!



FINDING PEACE AND PROMISE IN THE FACE OF CANCER

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

A presentation on coping with the diagnosis and treatment process of cancer, through increased awareness of emotions, prayer, and finding strength in God and each other. This morning retreat promotes spiritual as well as overall well-being for cancer patients and the persons who assist them during their treatment. Donation: \$25, includes lunch and materials.

DISCERNMENT & DECISION-MAKING

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

6:30 – 8:00 PM

This evening will focus on the difference between discerning God's will and simply making decisions from our own point of view. Using the discernment process of St. Ignatius, we will become acquainted with seven steps that help us pray through important decisions to include God and discover God's will for the furthering of God's Kingdom, not our own. Do you have a big decision ahead of you? Donation: \$15, includes materials

OPEN HOUSE

2 Sundays: October 4 & 11, 2020

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Explore this holy place and make it your home, and a new meeting place for God and you. Just look around, visit our chapel, and see the beautiful grounds surrounding our new Francis House of Prayer! All are welcome!

To register, call 609-877-0509. Please check www.FHOP.org for our other offerings!



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

St. Ann's Living Word Scripture Study Group meets weekly online 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.

TOPICS FOR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS: (virtual)

I - September and continuing through the first week of Advent, our sessions will focus on the Letters of St. Paul.

II -- From the first week of Advent through the first week of the New Year, our focus will be on Advent and Scripture literature in both the Jewish and Christian scriptures.

III - In 2021, we will study the Gospel According to Mark.

To receive the "Google Meet Invite" and for more information, please 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.*



FAITH
IN PUBLIC LIFE

Let's make sure
everyone
is counted in the
2020 Census!

**"God created humankind in God's own image,
in the image of God he created them." – Genesis 1:27**

We believe that all people, regardless of race, religion, or immigration status, are made in God's Image. Our divinely granted dignity demands equal recognition. When we participate in the Census, we claim our God-given dignity and declare that we are here.

The Census only happens once a decade and it is our opportunity to declare that **we are here.** Unfortunately, too many of us are not counted which results in less funding for our local schools and hospitals. \$800 billion of federal funds are distributed based on who is counted in the Census, so there's a lot at stake!

Our political representation is determined by how many people in our community are counted in the Census. When our neighbors are not counted it weakens our collective voice to make change.

Each and every one of us is part of "We The People" and we refuse to be excluded.

Stand up and be counted:

- Make a commitment now to participate in the 2020 Census.
- Educate your friends and family on why it's so important to be counted.
- Get involved by emailing Faith in Public Life at Census2020@faithinpubliclife.org

You can help your community be fully counted!
To learn more visit www.FaithinPublicLife.org/census

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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.

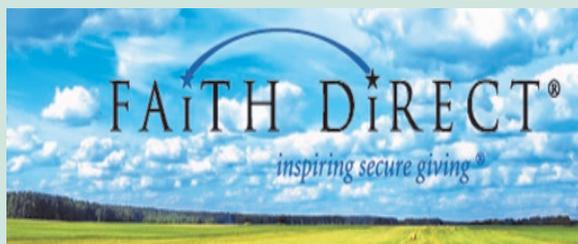
Please print and complete the form and return to the parish office with your payment.

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

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

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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

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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.

SAINT ANN SCHOOL 34 Rossa Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Saint Ann School has provided quality elementary school education for *over forty years*. It also sponsors extended day and afterschool programs. The preschool program serves children aged three to four years. Arrange for a tour by calling 609-882-8077 or visit saintannschool.org.

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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