

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

JANUARY 24, 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**THE
KINGDOM
OF GOD IS
HERE AND
NOW**

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The following is from Fr. Dela Cruz's flock notes dated January 15, 2021:



A MESSAGE FROM FR. LEANDRO 'Lines' DELA CRUZ

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Magnetism. On one level, it is that physical phenomenon in which a bar of iron or steel can attract another iron. It can grab on to almost any metallic object from a coin to a car and everything in between. We often use it to attach that reminder note or nice pictures on the refrigerator door.

On another level, the word refers to those features of a person that make him or her attractive. In the case of Our Lord Jesus, we have not only our attraction or magnetism toward Him but also the fact that He "magnetized" together both the human and the divine.

The magnetic attraction of Jesus usually involves a change in the other's life. I believe it follows that we have an opportunity in our lives to reflect on our own calling from the Lord. While each of us is unique, we also have a common call as Catholic Christians to "introduce" others, so to speak, to Jesus. A sad fact is that the largest group of people in our country in terms of religious affiliation are the "nones." People with no connection to any religion. I believe we have a call to introduce them to Jesus. And we can do that more by our actions of our Christian lifestyle, which has a built-in magnetism of its own.

As a people who have been magnetically attracted by Jesus, and been saved, secured and loved by Him, we should want to point out to others the God-Man who has rescued us from the consequences of our sins. Spread Him out!

And the biggest challenge for us too is to become magnets ourselves unto others. May we attract others, families and friends, to get closer to God and our church. May non-believers and non-Catholics be attracted also to our faith. And I give my special thanks to Deacon Frank Golazeski and his RCIA team, Francesca and Lex Donowa, Abram Harris, John Holloway and Brian Hill, who prepare, educate and develop our three 'magnetized' catechumens, Aaron Dindinger, Susan Mastroianni and Scott Behot, through the whole process of their conversion. May our tribe increase.

We will not be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC to join the "March for Life" this year. Our diocese has also announced not sending a delegation to this yearly event. Barring hurdles due to the pandemic, our youth group will be spearheading an activity on January 24, Sunday, to promote the Gospel of life- from conception to natural death. Kindly support our young ones in their endeavor. Peruse on the box below to know all our parish activities encompassing our call to end abortion and the promotion of the Gospel of life from conception to natural death.

January 18 is Martin Luther King Day, let us include in all our Mass intentions our continued call for peace, equality and justice. May the ugly divide, hatred, prejudice and racism end. And let the end start from you, us- our parish!

I continue to urge our dear parishioners to stay safe. The virus is invisible and we never know from where it will come to infect us. Vigilance is a must for all of us. Our Sunday obligation continues to be suspended. If you are among the vulnerable group, kindly consider staying home and follow our liturgies through our live-streaming services.

The pandemic trifecta has been proven to help curtail the spread of the virus: Wear a mask properly, sanitize constantly and follow social distancing. And please be charitable, stay away from others if you think you may have been exposed to the virus.

God Loves You!

Moral Guidance Regarding Vaccines and COVID-19

With the prospect of the FDA approving one (or more) COVID-19 vaccines within the next few weeks, many questions have been raised regarding the ethical status of these vaccines (particularly questioning whether embryonic stem cells or tissue from aborted fetuses were used in their creation, and whether Catholics can morally receive such vaccines). The following is a brief moral analysis to help provide you some guidance when these questions arise. *Be mindful that this analysis is dependent on current information, and therefore could change once more information is released.* It has only been within the last few days that the findings of some of the vaccines have been submitted to the FDA for approval, so more information will be forthcoming in the upcoming weeks as the government and independent researchers have access to data.

Moral Guidance Regarding Vaccines and COVID-19 (23 Nov 2020) Rev. Joseph M. Koopman, STD Associate Professor of Moral Theology St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology

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At this point, it appears as if the vaccine created by Pfizer/Biontech, along with the vaccine created by Moderna have not been created using material of illicit origin (i.e., embryonic stem cells and/or the tissue of aborted children.) For Catholics, this is great news. Theologically speaking, there are no moral or religious grounds that would restrict the consciences of Catholics from receiving these vaccines.

There have been articles and press releases that affirm that, while these above vaccines were not created with material of illicit origin, there is good reason to believe that these vaccines may have been tested (post production) utilizing the tissue of aborted fetuses. These articles and statements, therefore, conclude that it is immoral to use them. This sweeping conclusion is **inconsistent with Catholic moral teaching.**

A critical question is: "Are Catholics always forbidden to perform an action if it touches upon evil, or cooperates, somehow, with the evil action of another?" The answer is 'no'. There certainly are instances when Catholics must refrain from immoral cooperation. However, Catholic teaching on moral cooperation makes critical distinctions (mediate/immediate, proximate/remote, etc.) to determine the degree or level to which one cooperates in evil. In some cases, some forms of cooperation, while unfortunate, can be allowed in certain circumstances.

Unfortunately, we live in a fallen world. Dig deep enough, and one finds that many of our actions somehow touch upon evil and the evil actions of others. While the Church draws a firm line in delineating certain acts of cooperation as immoral, it does not condemn all actions of cooperation as such. It challenges us to be aware of evil around us, to always choose the option that involves less evil (or no evil), and to speak and challenge others to desist from evil. It is for this reason that the Church, in the early months of vaccine development for COVID 19, boldly challenged (and continues to challenge) researchers and the medical industry to seek moral means of vaccine production (and to reject the use of material of illicit origin that involved the destruction of unborn life).

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Regarding the previous statement regarding the immorality of taking the vaccine because of immoral post-production testing, or even statements from some bishops that have forbidden vaccines derived from material of illicit origin, the following paragraph from Dignitas Personae, issued from the CDF under Pope Benedict XVI, offers critical (and perhaps surprising) conclusions. In speaking of the use of embryonic stem cell lines or the tissue of aborted children, the document states in no. 35: "Grave reasons may be morally proportionate to justify the use of such 'biological material'. Thus, for example, danger to the health of children could permit parents to use a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available." While the statement uses the example of the danger to the health of children, the dangers of COVID-19 particularly to our vulnerable elderly or those with compromised health could reasonably be presumed as grave reason for vaccination. While the Church unequivocally condemns researchers and the medical industry for the creation, production, and distribution of vaccines produced from embryonic stem cells and from the tissue of aborted children, the receiving of these vaccines is in another moral category.

In conclusion, at this point there appears to be no moral issues to prohibit a Catholic from receiving vaccines produced by Pfizer or Moderna. If other vaccines are released which do have recourse to material of illicit origin, Catholic moral teaching would direct Catholics to utilize the option that is least morally problematic (i.e., the vaccines that were not created via such immoral means). Providentially, these two listed vaccines satisfy that criteria.

As more vaccines are produced, we recommend that you visit the following website, which provides a fairly complete list of all vaccines, and how they were produced and tested: **Update: COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates and Abortion-Derived Cell Lines | Charlotte Lozier Institute**

JANUARY

A month of prayer to end abortion

"As a Diocese, as parishes, let us pray for an end to abortion, for the legal protection of the unborn and in thanksgiving to God for the gift of human life." Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE . . . JAN. 29

In lieu of attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Bishop O'Connell invites the faithful to participate in a videotaped Mass available on [youtube.com/trentondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/trentondiocese) beginning at 11 a.m.

For updates and multimedia content, visit:
[DioceaseofTrenton.org](https://www.DioceaseofTrenton.org) and [TrentonMonitor.com](https://www.TrentonMonitor.com)

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NOTES FROM USCCB (Doctrine and Pro-Life Committees) RE VACCINES FGOR COVID-19 November 23, 2020

There appears to be some confusion in the media regarding the moral permissibility of using the vaccines for COVID-19 developed by Pfizer Inc. and Moderna. We would like to offer some clarifications.

Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production.¹ They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote.

Some are asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines then it is immoral to be vaccinated with them. This is an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching.

There are three documents from the Holy See that treat the question of tainted vaccines: 1) the 2005 study by the Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Fetuses"; 2) paragraphs nos. 34-35 in the 2008 Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions (Dignitatis Personae) by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; 3) the 2017 Note on Italian Vaccine Issue, by the Pontifical Academy for Life.

These documents all point to the immorality of using tissue taken from an aborted child for creating cell lines. They also make distinctions in terms of the moral responsibility of the various actors involved, from those involved in designing and producing a vaccine to those receiving the vaccine. Most importantly, they all make it clear that, at the level of the recipient, it is morally permissible to accept vaccination when there are no alternatives and there is a serious risk to health.

The Pontifical Academy for Life gives as an example the case of rubella (German measles): "We find, in such a case, a proportional reason, in order to accept the use of these vaccines in the presence of the danger of favoring the spread of the pathological agent, due to the lack of vaccination of children. This is particularly true in the case of vaccination against German measles."²

The Pontifical Academy does call for appropriate expressions of protest against the origins of these vaccines as well as for vigorous efforts to promote the creation of alternatives. "There remains a moral duty to continue to fight and to employ every lawful means in order to make life difficult for the pharmaceutical industries which act unscrupulously and unethically." The Pontifical Academy adds, however, that public health must not be sacrificed. "The burden of this important battle cannot and must not fall on innocent children and on the health situation of the population." ¹ See the chart provided by the Charles Lozier Institute: COVID-19-Vaccine-Candidates-and-Abortion-Derived-CellLines.pdfn(pcdn.co). ² Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines," (9 June 2005) in National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly 6:3 (2006): 541-49, especially n.16.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

DAILY LITURGY for the Week of January 24, 2021

SAT., Jan. 23 4:00 PM	People of the Parish John Maier by Ron and Maryann Cefalone
SUN., Jan. 24 9:00 AM	Eugene Chrzanowski by Joan and Jim Vito Candela by Cracchiolo/DeCrescenzo/DiMaggio/ Caruso Families Robert Sopko by The Sopko Family Helen Stein by Lauren Murphy
10:30 AM	Daniel, Josephine and Donna Lynn DiDonato by Dwayne DiDonato Patricia Schiskie by Bubbles Gaceta
12:00 PM	Ron Petrillo by Ralph Veltri and Marianne Castagna Eva Procaccini by The Children, Frank and Angie
ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Robert Extor by Regina Murphy All Souls
MON., Jan. 25 8:00 AM	Joseph Bielamowicz by Mary Ann and Bernard Foyuth
TUES., Jan. 26 8:00 AM	Nelson A. Piedrahita by Mary and Karen Piedrahita
WED., Jan. 27 8:00 AM	All Souls
THU., Jan. 28 8:00 AM	Alice McGovern by Christine Regan Elaine Elenewski by Walter and Pat Wenczel
FRI., Jan. 29 8:00 AM	Kathy Tom by Gertrud Siber and Family Patrice Hennessy by Patricia Shelmet
SAT., Jan. 30 8:00 AM	Gene Rumsey by Chappy Elsie Moore
SAT., Jan. 30 4:00 PM	Gene Rumsey
SUN., Jan. 31 9:00 AM	People of the Parish Walter and Jean Shelmet by Patricia Shelmet Josephine DiDonato by Dwayne DiDonato
10:30 AM	Intentions of Joseph Leone and Family by Josephine Gagliardi Vito Candela by Cracchiolo/DeCrescenzo/DiMaggio/ Caruso Families
12:00 PM	Christopher Rule by Ralph Veltri Raymond J. Place by Ada Armenti and Family
ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM 10:00 AM	All Souls All Souls



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

Concetta Boccanfuso Esposito Di Marc Antonio,
Francis Richard (Frank) McDonald, Deanna Zoog,
Col. Edwin Crowell, Sr. Maria Gertrude DiCiaccio
(Aunt of Saint Ann School Principal),
Helen Mangione, John Maier, Ann Kuzma,
John Hutchinson, Jr., Jeanette Perrine,
Wilfredo "Willie" Melendez, Thomas Mack,
Christina Swol, Joseph Gorczynski, Keith Pinto,
Emily Karwoski, Mary Griswald, Mark Nebbia,
and Ronald Petrillo, Susan Payne,
and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Please Pray for Healing:

Kathleen Olson, Pasqua Pulito (Mother of Vito),
Bob Toth, The Mauro Family, Paul Rush, Jr.,
Lucy Gargione, Gaudy Albano, Elaine Kusek,
Bonnie DeVictoria, Victoria Brown,
Josephine O'Neill, Mike Tamayo and Family,
Tom Hargraves, Jeff Frantz,
Bianca Maria Garcia Davila,
Joeal Gabriel Garcia, Elena Maria Garcia,
Lorraine Colavita, Maryanne Eleuteri,
Erykah Preston (Saint Ann School Student)
*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 Flock Note
Newsletter if you wish to include new names and/or continue
to be up on the prayer list.*

Polish Arts Club of Trenton SCHOLARSHIPS

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton announces the
availability of \$1,500 scholarships to qualified high
school seniors of Polish descent to assist in their
pursuit of a college education.

For details and an application, visit their website at
www.trentonpolisharts.org. **Applications must be
submitted by February 20, 2021.**

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 23, 2021 VIGIL MASSES

The Church of Saint Ann:

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- Reconciliation 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM - Inside the Chapel (enter by side door of the chapel along Lawrence Avenue)
- Vigil Mass 4:00 PM - Church (live-streamed)
(If you plan to participate in the in-car parking lot Mass, please park in the designated area.)

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

SUNDAY, January 24, 2021 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church of Saint Ann Sunday Masses:

- 9:00 AM (live-streamed) & 10:30 AM (live-streamed) and 12:00 Noon (live-streamed)
(If you plan to participate in the in-car parking lot Mass, please park in the designated area.)

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

MONDAY, January 25, 2021

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

TUESDAY, January 26, 2021

- 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 (All are welcome)

WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2021

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer
- Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room

THURSDAY, January 28, 2021

- 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 (All are welcome)

FRIDAY, January 29, 2021

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

SATURDAY, January 30, 2021 VIGIL MASSES

The Church of Saint Ann:

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- Reconciliation 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM - Inside the Chapel (enter by side door of the chapel along Lawrence Avenue)
- Vigil Mass 4:00 PM - Church (live-streamed)
(If you plan to participate in the in-car parking lot Mass, please park in the designated area.)

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

SUNDAY, January 31, 2021 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church of Saint Ann Sunday Masses:

- 9:00 AM (live-streamed) & 10:30 AM (live-streamed) and 12:00 Noon (live-streamed)
(If you plan to participate in the in-car parking lot Mass, please park in the designated area.)

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

2020 TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST FORM

Dear Parishioners:

The tax season has arrived and to facilitate the receipt of Donor Acknowledgement Letters, The Church of Saint Ann would appreciate that you submit a written request to receive your annual statement.

Please provide the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope No: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone No: _____

We would prefer to send the statement to you via e-mail to limit the postage expense; however, you may drop your request off at the Welcome Center.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2021
We Encourage You To “Wrap Your Gift”

**Offering
Envelopes**



Offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the Gallery of Light in the Faith Development Center.

Envelopes will be in numerical order, so please make a mental note of your number. If you have forgotten your number, please look it up on the sheets hanging on the opposite wall.

Parishioners who are enrolled in Faith Direct, or do Electronic Giving, or did not pick-up their 2020 envelopes last year, have no envelopes. Parishioners who use their envelopes on a regular basis will find their envelopes on the table. *Over 200 boxes of envelopes, not picked up in 2020, were discarded.*

If you wish to receive envelopes, please complete your information on one of the clipboards provided. Your envelopes will then be available the following Sunday. Look for the sign, “**REQUESTED ENVELOPES**”.

*For those parishioners who regularly attend Mass at **Saint Michael’s** - your envelopes will be available at that location.*

GOSPEL

January 24, 2021

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

REFLECTION

On the Sea of Galilee, Simon and Andrew were fishing for fish when Jesus walked past saying, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men," changing their lives forever. We hear stories of calls in the readings today: calls to follow, calls of conversion, calls to repentance, calls to discipleship. Let us take this opportunity today to listen closely and discern whether we can hear Jesus calling us to something more.

Pastoral Patterns

GPA Publications, Inc.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CALL VOLUNTEERS

to say Hello and Outreach to
OUR PARISHIONERS
THIS LENT

We want to make sure each member of the Parish
is **CONNECTED**, FEELS WELCOME,
and that we have their
MOST CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION.

Want to Help?

Email Mike (mccormicknj@aol.com) or Marion (mariondoh10@hotmail.com)
or visit the Parish Website for more information.



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.**

**Social distancing must be observed and occupancy limits
will be enforced.**

This is for the health and safety of everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation



**For directives on attending mass & COVID-19 guidelines from the Diocese of Trenton
Visit the Parish website www.churchofsaintann.net**



**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

**For information, please contact:
Deacon Frank Golazeski
E-mail: mail@deaconfrank.com**

**Or contact the Parish Office:
Phone: (609) 882.6491 ext. 111
Email: www.churchofsaintann.net
Fax: (609) 882.4366**

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Finance Council is Seeking New Members

The Church of Saint Ann Finance Council is seeking new members. Parishioners with finance/accounting or special competence in financial matters background are encouraged to submit a resume and short letter to Fr. Dela Cruz at ldelacruz@churchofsaintann.net and Vito Pulito at vitolpulito@comcast.net. The Parish Finance Council is a consultative body which advises the pastor to act justly and prudently in the administration of the parish's temporal goods. **(Deadline for submission is February 15, 2021.)**

The way by which it fulfills its shared responsibility are the spiritual enrichment and growth of the members; formation of the financial policies, including the devising and regular monitoring of a parish budget; formation of policies for the proper maintenance of the buildings and grounds of the parish; long-range financial planning; preparation of an annual financial report; and attention to civil law pertaining to the administration of the temporal goods of the parish.

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND

Saint Ann's Living Word Scripture Study Group

St. Ann's Living Word Scripture Study Group meets weekly online on **Wednesdays from 7 PM to 8:30 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.

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PARISH OFFICE DIRECTORY UPDATE

**HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE
2020 UPDATE FOR OUR PARISH DIRECTORY?**

Our Parish Directory is in need of updating, and our goal is to have the most current contact information for ALL of our parishioners by Advent.

Even if your information has not changed recently, one member from every household is asked to respond in one of two ways:

1) [Fill it out online](#)

OR

2) Print it out from [our website](#) and Mail/Deliver to the Parish Front Desk, or drop it in the weekly collection basket

Thank you for your participation and helping us stay connected as a Parish!

**Make the faith come alive
for your family on Sundays
by preparing all week.**



**DIOCESE of
TRENTON**

Visit

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home>

FAITH AT HOME

Making Faith Come Alive for Your Family



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IN-CHURCH GUIDELINES FIVE THINGS TO REMEMBER:

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

*For detailed updated guidelines dated September 11, please check our parish website.

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Information published by the Diocese of Trenton

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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**JOIN US NOW FOR OUR ENRICHING
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS 2020**

R.E. - GOF - CONFIRMATION PREP -
SACRAMENTAL PREP (RECONCILIATION)

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 families with weekly electronic resources to engage all members at home. Visit <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home>
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 it's happening in the parish through Fr. Dela Cruz's weekly Flock Note and the parish bulletin. These can be found on the parish website/
5. **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT"** We recommend that once a month you and you select a religious movie and watch it together as a family. Take some time after the movie to discuss it with one another.
6. **VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION:** Visit our online program directed at your child's specific agegroup and parish program. See details on the parish website.

CONTACT US FOR DETAILS:

609-882-6491 ext. 116
www.churchofsaintann.net
religiouseducation@churchofsaintann.net

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THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
REGISTRATION
REMINDER**

Please remember to register your children for our parish Religious Education Program (2020). Please note that ALL those who are expecting/intending to receive the Sacrament of First Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2021, **MUST** be registered in our parish Religious Education Program! Registration forms and a registration letter are on the parish website under "Faith Formation".

If you have questions, contact us at religiouseducation@churchofsaintann.net

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

During this time of Covid-19 and parish restrictions, we are providing a resource for families with children between the ages 4 and 8 years to assist families in celebrating the Sunday liturgy, Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW).

On the parish website, check under Faith Formation (do NOT click on CLOW yet), then click on Children's Education and scroll down on left side and click on **"CLOW Third Sunday in Ordinary Time"** for a short prayer service (parent led) and an activity for your child. (Please see **pages 16 and 17** of this bulletin or click on the link below)

<https://churchofsaintann.net/documents/2020/9/CLOW%20Twenty%20Seventh%20Sunday%20of%20the%20Year.pdf>

Third Sunday of the Year

Focus

A candle with a model or toy boat, some 'fishing' net, and some shells scattered around them.

Introduction

Some people have charisma, a special quality about them that inspires others and fills them with joyful enthusiasm. Jesus had so much charisma that he was able simply to invite his first disciples to follow him and they did so without a second thought or sign of hesitation.

Gloria

Gospel Acclamation

Light the Gospel candle and sing Acclamation 2.

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of St Mark (1:14-20)

After John the Baptist had been arrested by Herod, Jesus began to preach to the crowds and proclaim the Good News. One day, while walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets to catch fish. Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of people.' The brothers left their nets and followed him.

Further along the shore Jesus saw James and his brother John, who were mending nets with their father Zebedee. Jesus called them too, and at once they left their father and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Imagine that you were Simon and Andrew fishing on the Sea of Galilee. Would you have dropped your nets and followed a complete stranger?

It seems amazing to us to think that these men were ready to leave what they were busy doing and follow Jesus. Perhaps they had heard about his preaching and they were curious to find out more about him. Who knows, perhaps the fishing that day was very poor and they had nothing to lose by leaving their nets to follow Jesus!

Jesus called another two disciples that day. Can you remember what they were called?

James and John were also fishing on the lake that day. Just like Simon and Andrew they did not hesitate to leave their father and nets, and follow Jesus simply because he had called them.

Did Jesus choose educated people to be his first followers? He chose simple fishermen to hear and understand his message, rather than well-educated and knowledgeable Jews. Jesus read people's hearts; he knew whether they had the outlook and attitude to want to serve God with undivided hearts and minds. Jesus taught us that greatness is reflected in lowliness and service. He was looking for people with hearts full of love who would be willing and able to serve God.

Why do you think the first disciples chose to follow Jesus that day?

Jesus saw them as disciples, and called them to 'come, follow me.' This first encounter or meeting with Jesus was so powerfully life changing and transforming that these simple fishermen were ready to leave their work and boats and follow him. Something about the presence of Jesus, something about him that was so special, convinced these brothers to follow him without hesitation.

What did Jesus mean when he said that he wanted to make them 'fishers of people'?

Jesus knew that he couldn't succeed in his mission without some help. He needed disciples to share his work and to continue his mission to share the Good News with the whole world after he had returned to his Father in heaven. Just as a fisherman gathers fish into his nets from all over the sea, so the disciples would gather people from far and wide to become followers of Jesus.

Activity

As a reminder of today's Gospel story, make paper fish from paper plates or circles of card folded in half. Draw or stick eyes on and glue pieces of silver foil or coloured tissue paper on to the bodies to make scales. Other pieces of card or paper can be added to make fins and tails of various shapes and sizes.

Intercessions

As brothers and sisters in one loving family, together let us pray to our heavenly Father:

We pray for the Church and her leaders as they guide and help people to follow Christ today.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are called to follow and serve Christ as priests and sisters.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the dying as they prepare to follow Christ into the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for people who are looking to find and follow Christ's path in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening, in the silence of our hearts let us share our own unspoken prayers with him.

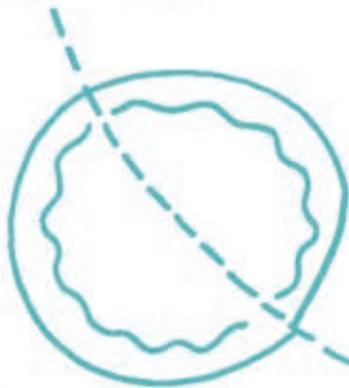
Silence

Loving Father, give us the courage to follow when we hear you call. Guide us back to the path that leads to your kingdom if we should lose our way.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

MAKE PAPER FISH



Fold a paper plate or circle of card in half.



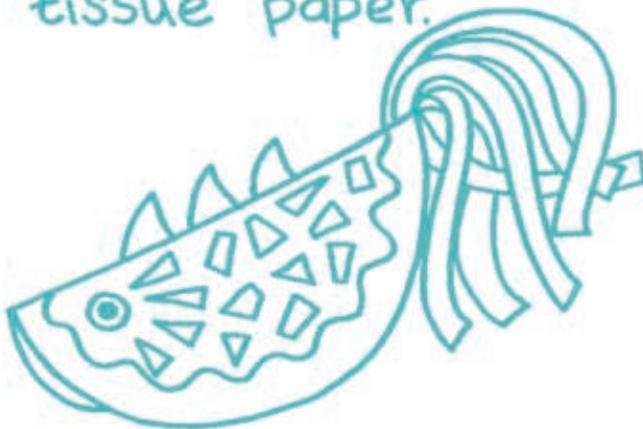
cut out paper fins and aluminium foil scales and stick them on.

Add eyes.



cut strips of tissue paper.

tape them together and stick on as a tail.





FAITH AT HOME

Making Faith Come Alive for Your Family

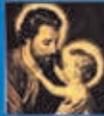


Make the faith come alive for your family on Sundays by preparing all week.

- Pray an [Our Father](#) each day.
- Have you returned to Mass during COVID-19? If not, consider watching this [Story of Hope](#) to hear the experiences of those around the diocese.
- Your family can make a [spiritual communion](#) when attending a virtual Mass.
- [What is Ordinary Time?](#) Why is it called [Ordinary?](#)
- Use the [Liturgical Calendar](#) to understand the Church seasons.

The Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis has declared "The Year of St. Joseph" 12/8/20 – 12/8/21. We invite you and your family to recite the [Prayer to St. Joseph](#) as often as you can.



Ordinary Time
January 17 – February 14, 2021

Mass Readings

[January 17, 2021](#)

[January 24, 2021](#)

[January 31, 2021](#)

[February 7, 2021](#)

[February 14, 2021](#)

To prepare for Mass each week: Read the Gospel for the week prior to attending Mass (either virtual or in-person). **Discuss these points:** When you attend Mass, what are you looking to find there? Have you found it? How, or why not?

The readings of the day can be found on the [United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Website](#)



Tips of the season

As we encounter God in scripture, we are being called to listen to the message God has for us. In the Scriptures we are told to:

"Come, and you will see." (John 1:39)

We have just celebrated Christmas; now we devote ourselves to listening to the mystery of Christ in many ways as we seek God's truth. Here are ways you can help others see Jesus.

- As a family make a list of people who need Jesus' help. Perhaps, write their names on an index card and place them in a basket. As a family, pray for these people who are in need, through the power of Jesus' name and word. List other ways your family can take action and bring the healing power of Jesus to others.
- Jesus' words have authority and power. Place your Bible in a special place in the home where people can see it and where family members can read it. Each day have a family member read a passage from the Bible. Use the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday.

Activities for Families

[Sunday Gospel Activities; Catholic Mom](#)

[Monthly Kids Calendar – Jan. Feb.](#)

[Participate in a day of prayer for the legal protection for unborn babies on 1/22.](#)

[Attend the Diocesan Youth Conf \(DYC\) – 2/6](#)

[Celebrate World Day of Marriage – 2/14](#)

The Diocese of Trenton is here to support you and your family.

Links provided are from trusted Catholic sites. Additional information can be found on our webpage: dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home.



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JANUARY 24, 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Collection



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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.*

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Number of People Using Faith Direct 229

January 17, 2021

Church of Saint Ann \$ 6,094.00
Saint Michael Church 2,107.00
*Electronic Funds *15,449.71

Total Contributions \$23,650.71

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

Month to Date Collections for January 2021 \$46,930.21
(5 Sundays in the month)

Total Collections for January 2020 \$63,605.00
(4 Sundays in the month)

Parish Mission Statement

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and respect the dignity of human life.*

*We live the Gospel and seek Christ
in all people.*



USHERS and SANITIZING CREW NEEDED

We still need ushers and sanitizing crew
at all weekend Masses (4PM, 9am, 10:30am and 12pm)
to guide parishioners to their assigned seats and
to sanitize the church after all Masses.
If you are interested, please approach an usher at Mass.

Thank you!

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 also additional committed **ADORERS** on **Thursdays** from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. 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.

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.

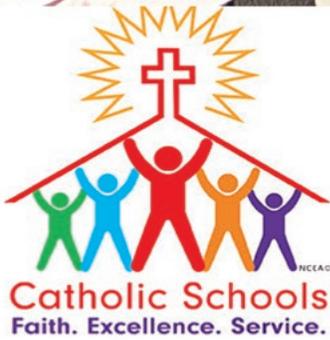
Talk to your lawyer or financial counselor today about the best way for you.

“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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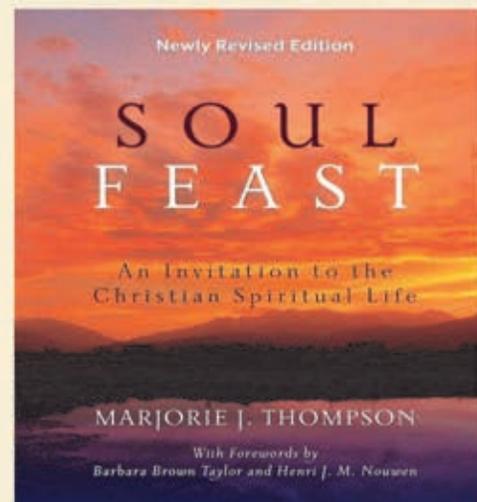
*“Just by the very nature of our birth, we are
on the spiritual journey.”*

—Fr. Thomas Keating, O.C.S.O

Please register by emailing the program leader Gary Maccaroni at gmacc@churchofsaintann.net. Upon completion of the program, you will receive a certificate of participation.



All are welcome!



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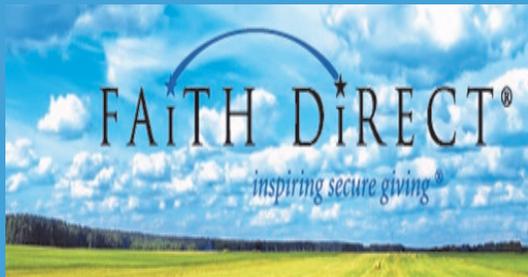
2021 Mass Book is OPEN . . .

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**.

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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.

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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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