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

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The following is from Fr. Dela Cruz's flock notes dated February 5, 2021:



A MESSAGE FROM FR. LEANDRO 'Lines' DELA CRUZ

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We have just survived two days of a long and freezing storm. While the grounds and all around shows the beauty of white, the sky reminds us of the gloom of gray. It is bitterly cold outside, yet warm and toasty inside. Winter is here, that we cannot deny. And just as anything in life, we face what this season has to offer, and we make good out of it.

During a gloomy winter, people tend to get saddled with certain sadness. We find so many downers around us. And these downers could range from the ridiculous to the serious, - it could be the weather, or the sports team losing; it could be the low dip in the stock market, or the high price tags in the supermarket. There are just so many we can find. But should we actually look for them? These downers could truly crush our spirits and weaken our bodies. We certainly do not need those.

Along comes the timeless "Good News" in today's Gospel passage. It can lift us up from any "downer" we may experience during this winter season. The Holy Word offers not just a palliative care but a cure. That's because it highlights how a certain Jesus of Nazareth, the same we met as a mere babe two short months ago comes to us with the very reason for our optimism. We re-learn that He is the cure for all our ills.

Lent starts in less than two weeks. As we approach this holy season of Lent, I give thanks to God for you. I am thankful for the ways in which you serve our community marked by faith, compassion, and joy, and I am proud to serve beside you. We have been faced with so many challenges this past year but we were able to get through them all because we have such great spirit of volunteerism in this parish. No challenge or task too big that you, our volunteers, could not help us with. So, to all of you, wonderful volunteers of St. Ann's parish, we, your fellow parishioners, THANK YOU. We are grateful we belong to God and each other.

As Catholic Christians, we do not make the Lenten journey alone. We journey together as a community, a family of faith, and people of hope. That is why we come together to pray and worship, to learn and grow in faith and to serve a common mission. With that in mind, we have put together a variety of events and resources on our Lenten menu so that we can connect, share faith, and be light to all those we encounter. We hope that they would interest you and that you will take advantage of these opportunities.

I invite you to partake in one or more of the many opportunities available—whether virtual or in-person. These activities are ways we grow deeper in our faith as they seek to reinforce that we are all in this together as a parish family rooted in faith. I look forward to making this Lenten journey with you as I keep you in my prayers.

Let's begin our Lenten journey this Ash Wednesday, February 17. Schedule for imposition of ashes are as follows: 8am Mass; 9.30am and 12pm Service only; and 5.30pm Mass. Please note that Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Also receiving ashes are not obligatory. For this year, blessed ashes will be available for pickup at the exits. A head of the family may impose ashes on the forehead of family members, reciting prayers: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return".

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Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penance. We are asked to fast and abstain on that day. Fasting means: all Catholics ages 18-59, should only eat one full meal that day. Abstinence is to refrain from eating meat. These practices are not simply for prohibition but done as a form of penance for the sins we may have committed. Kindly check the box below on Lenten Regulations 2021.

We will not schedule a communal penance service this Lenten season. Please note that confessions will be heard daily after the 8am Mass starting February 18. Regular schedule of confession every Saturday from 3pm to 3:45pm remains.

There are a number of "World days of..." this February: **World Day of the Sick**, February 11, 2021. **National Marriage Week** Feb. 7-14 and **World Marriage Day**, February 14, 2021.

Please do not tire of my reminders regarding being cautious and staying healthy for each other. The virus has claimed so many lives already and continues to. Those attending our Masses, kindly constantly check yourself if your mask is properly worn. If you are feeling sick, experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to someone infected, please stay home. Be charitable and do not expose yourself to others. The pandemic trifecta works: Wear a mask properly, sanitize constantly and follow social distancing norms.

God Loves You.

CONGRATULATIONS On Making the Honor Roll!

We congratulate these Notre Dame High School Students, who previously attended Saint Ann School, for making the Honor Roll during the 1st Marking Period.

Honor Roll of Distinction (HRD) is determined by grades at or above a 93 for each subject in a grading period. Honor Roll (HR) is determined by grades at or above an 88 for each subject in a grading period. The Grade Point Average (GPA) factor (+3 for Honors, +5 for AP) will be used to determine eligibility for Honor Roll of Distinction and Honor Roll.

First Name	Last Name	HR/HRD
George	Drago	HRD
Maeve	Evanovich	HRD
Cristina	Fallon	HR
Cara	Nally	HR
Jakob	Ramos	HR
Adrienne	Allison	HRD
Russell	Dorio	HR
Sean	Geherty	HR
Joseph	Lansang	HRD
Kirsten	Steege	HRD
Thomas	Weaverling	HRD
Samantha	Davis	HR
Christian	Pawar	HR
Jared	Rice	HRD
Alessandro	Scarlata	HRD
Ryan	Shockley	HRD
Elizabeth	Socha	HR



Invitation to All Parishioners

Because we live in a virtual world during the pandemic, this amazing conference can come to you. Normally about 40,000 people attend in person. Several of Saint Ann's parishioners have attended in the past and will be participating from their homes in Lawrenceville. The cost is \$35.00. A highlight this year is that Pope Francis will be addressing the Congress participants. This a the perfect way to start a Lenten Journey for 2021.

Register at https://recongress.org ("RE Congress - Anaheim, CA"."RE Congress - Anaheim, CA"



OFFICE OF THE BISHO!

February 6-7, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead — from *Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 until Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021* — the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for "these forty days" was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert — alone, fasting and in intense prayer — beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

- The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. The pastor of a parish has the authority to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish. The Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.
- Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included n the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure

to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the First Sunday of Lent, April 20-21, 2021 to Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those conscious of serious sin, to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Sand In Comell, C.m.

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



DON'T KNOW YOUR NUMBER?

Refer to the sheet posted on the wall by the tables with all parishioners' names in alphabetical order.

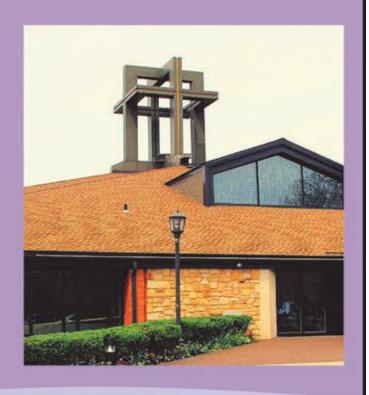
DON'T FORGET YOUR ENVELOPES!

Stewardship Envelopes are available in the Gallery of Light. Stop by at any time!



FORTY DAYS TOGETHER: OUR CALL TO BE PEOPLE OF HOPE THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

2021 LENTEN PROGRAM



MASS SCHEDULE

ALL SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON & LIVE-STREAMED

ASH WEDNESDAY - 2/17/2021 MASS - 8:00 AM & 5:30 PM SERVICE - 9:30 AM & 12:15 PM

PALM SUNDAY - 3/28/2021 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY - 4/1/2021 5:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - 4/2/2021 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY - 4/3/2021 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY - 4/4/2021 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

RECONCILIATION WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY WEEKDAY AT 8:30 AM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 8 AM DAILY MASS.

ASHES AND PALMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME & WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE WHILE EXITING AT THE END OF THE MASS OR SERVICE.



PRAY, REFLECT, CONNECT: ALL ARE WELCOME

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Every Friday at 7:00 PM

Journey through the Passion with new voices from the Parish each week. In-person and Livestream

TAIZE PRAYER

Wednesdays: 2/24, 3/10, 3/24 at 7:30 PM via ZOOM
Join the St. Ann's Adult Choir in music and prayer with The Taize Spirit: Comfort,
Simplicity, and Reconciliation.

ROSARY

Wednesdays: 3/3, 3/17, 3/31 at 7:30 PM via ZOOM
Join in this powerful form of meditative prayer, hosted by the Youth Ministry.

ADULT LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Join a Lenten Circle to reflect and pray weekly.

MON 3-4 PM in-Person TUE 7-8 PM via Zoom SUN after 10:30am Mass in-Person SAT 9:30-10:30 AM via Zoom SAT 7-8 PM via Zoom

CONNECT @ HOME

"Passion of the Christ": A
prayerful guided service through
the Stations of the Cross
St. Ann's YouTube Channel

"The Christian Spiritual
Journey": An adult Faith
Enrichment e-course available
online. Nine self-paced guided
sessions.

SPECIAL EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH

LENTEN RETREAT: A MORNING OF REFLECTION & RENEWAL With Fr. Gary Koch // 9:00-10:30 AM Hosted by the K of C In-person at the Church of Saint Ann & Live-streamed

THURSDAY, MARCH 18th IT'S ALL ABOUT JOSEPH: A CELEBRATION OF HOPE With Sister Pat McGInley 7:00PM // Virtual event

SUNDAY, MARCH 28th
"OUT OF THE SHADOWS"
A Tenebrae Service with the
Music Ministry on Palm Sunday
7:00 PM // Virtual event

OUR CALL TO BE PEOPLE OF HOPE



Pray for HOLINESS

Lord, may we strengthen our purpose and clarify our vision – to live in a new way, leading to a right relationship with God, the earth, and all people.

Pray for OTHERS

Lord, turn our attention to God and make us more aware of the needs and suffering of others, especially during these challenging times. Let us find joy in almsgiving and fasting, to remind us to detach from worldly things and turn our hearts to the abundance of your love.

PREPARE
Lord, let this season be a time of preparation to be filled with God's gifts through prayer and reflection. We know you are with us when we set aside time daily to be still, whether alone or when we gather with others.

The Hope of EASTER

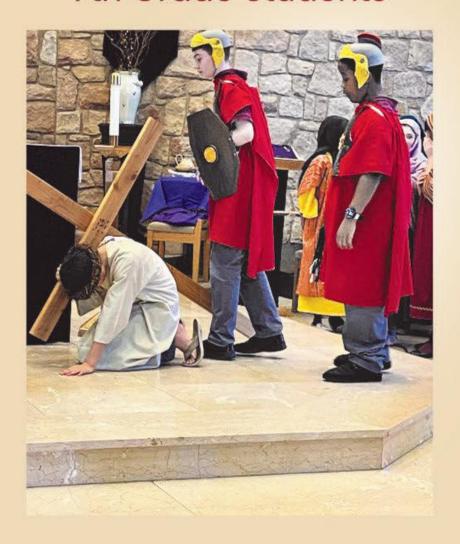
Lord, we pray for our RCIA candidates as they are on a wonderful pilgrimage towards you, to be celebrated at Easter! With great joy, we turn our hearts towards Your Easter promise of Hope and Renewal with the Risen Christ!

How will you keep HOPE alive in your heart this Lent?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Every Friday at 7:00 PM
Journey through the Passion with new voices from the
Parish each week. In-person and Livestream
Starting:

Friday, Feb. 19 ~ 7 PM

Hosted by the Saint Ann School
7th Grade Students



January 2021

Answers to Key Ethical Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines

The development of vaccines to combat the COVID-19 pandemic has received much public attention and raised several ethical questions related to their development and use. This document is intended to provide concise answers to some of those ethical questions as well as links to more in-depth resources.

Is it true that there is a connection between some vaccines and abortion?

Yes. Several decades ago, tissue harvested from the bodies of aborted babies was used to create certain cell lines for research purposes. The cells in these lines are, in effect, the descendants of those cells that were originally harvested. They have been made to replicate themselves and some cell lines can be reproduced indefinitely. These abortion-derived cell lines are used as a "factory" to manufacture certain vaccines (e.g. rubella, chickenpox, some of the COVID-19 vaccines, etc.). The cells themselves, however, are not present in the vaccines that patients receive.

What does the Church say about abortion-derived cell lines and their connection to vaccines?

The Holy See, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy for Life, has provided guidance on this topic on four occasions. This guidance has made it clear that it is wrong to create abortion-derived cell lines and for pharmaceutical companies to utilize them, that the use of vaccines produced with such cell lines should be avoided if comparable alternatives with no connection to abortion are available, that grave reasons (e.g., serious health risks) may justify the use of vaccines produced with these cell lines when there are no such alternatives, and that everyone concerned for the sanctity of life should protest the use of these cell lines and advocate for the development of vaccines with no connection to abortion.

Do COVID-19 vaccines use abortion-derived cell lines?

As of the date of this writing, hundreds of vaccines for COVID-19 are in development worldwide, and more than a dozen are in the final stages of testing. Some don't use abortion-derived cell lines at all, some have used such cell lines to test the vaccine's efficacy, and some are using such cell lines in the development and/or the production phases. There are currently two vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) being distributed for use in the United States, and there are others that are likely to be made available in the coming months (e.g., AstraZeneca, Janssen, etc.). Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used an abortion-derived cell line in the development or production of the vaccine. However, such a cell line was used to test the efficacy of both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any use of abortion-derived cell lines, in these two cases the use is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion. The AstraZeneca and Janssen vaccines raise additional moral concerns because an abortion-derived cell line is used not only for testing, but also in development and production.

Is it morally acceptable to receive a COVID-19 vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines?

Given that the COVID-19 virus can involve serious health risks, it can be morally acceptable to receive a vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines if there are no other available vaccines comparable in safety and efficacy with no connection to abortion. If it is possible to choose among a number of equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. If a vaccine with no connection to abortion-derived cell lines is not readily available, vaccines that used such cell lines only for testing would be preferable to those that use such cell lines for ongoing

production. Such choices may not be possible, however, especially in the early stages of vaccine distribution. In that case, one may receive any of the clinically recommended vaccines in good conscience with the assurance that reception of such vaccines does not involve immoral cooperation in abortion.

Is there a moral obligation to receive a COVID-19 vaccination?

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has noted recently that "vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary. In any case, from the ethical point of view, the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health but also on the duty to pursue the common good." And it said that "in the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic" vaccination may promote the common good, "especially to protect the weakest and most exposed." For a vaccine to be effective in protecting society, most people need to be vaccinated in order to break the chain of disease transmission from person to person throughout the community. The Congregation also said that those who refuse to get vaccinated must do their utmost, by taking all the necessary precautions, to avoid "becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent. In particular, they must avoid any risk to the health of those who cannot be vaccinated for medical or other reasons, and who are the most vulnerable."

What can those who uphold the sanctity of life do to protest against the use of abortion-derived cell lines and advocate for ethical vaccines?

First, inform yourself and others about how some vaccines are connected to abortion through the use of abortion-derived cell lines, and about which vaccines use such cell lines. Second, inform your doctor about this connection and ask him or her to provide ethical vaccines, when possible. Third, urge pharmaceutical companies and medical researchers to discontinue using abortion-derived cell lines, and thank them when they do. vii

Are the COVID-19 vaccines safe and effective?

The bishops are not and do not claim to be authorities on the safety and efficacy of vaccines. People should rely on information from authoritative sources in the field of medicine and public health, such as the Food and Drug Administration and qualified health care professionals. The FDA affirms that the vaccines authorized for emergency use in the U.S. have met all the safety and efficacy standards required for such authorization.

Where can I find more information on this topic?

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research)
National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org)
Charlotte Lozier Institute (www.lozierinstitute.org/category/genetics)

See Charlotte Lozier Institute at www.lozierinstitute.org/category/genetics.

[&]quot;Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions (*Dignitas Personae*) (2008), nos. 35-36 and "Note on the morality of using some anti-COVID-19 vaccines" (21 December 2020).

Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses", (9 June 2005); and Note on Italian Vaccine Issue (31 July 2017).

iii https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/explaining-operation-warp-speed/index.html; https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Operation-Warp-Speed/.

^{1v} As of the date of this document, there are no available COVID vaccine options that are completely free from a connection to abortion-derived cell lines. But there are some COVID vaccines in development that may end up free of such connection.
^v Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "Note on the morality of using some anti-COVID-19 vaccines" (21 December 2020), no. 3.

vi CDF Note no. 5.

vii The USCCB Pro Life Office helps with such advocacy through the USCCB Action Center. To receive action alerts, sign up at www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

DAILY LITURGY

for the Week of February 7, 2021			
SAT., Feb. 13 4:00 PM	Palmina and Michael Saia by Daughter Mary Frances		
SUN., Feb. 14 9:00 AM	Margaret Preneta by Mary Ann Foyuth Vito Candela by Cracchiolo/DeCrescenzo/DiMaggio/ Caruso Families		
10:30 AM	People of the Parish Walter C. Shelmet, Sr. by Patricia Shelmet		
12:00 PM	Thomas Cahill by Kathleen O'Brien Christina Swol by Debra and Bill Seabridge Mark Swol by Debra and Bill Seabridge		
ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM 10:00 AM	All Souls All Souls		
MON., Feb. 15 8:00 AM	Catherine Xavier by Tessy and Antony Anne Bielamowicz by Mary Ann Foyuth		
TUES., Feb. 16 8:00 AM	Giacinta Lubrano by Nick Lubrano Ann Kuzma (Birthday) by Erin, Neil, Santino, Paloma Nicastro and Sean Duffy		
WED., Feb. 17 8:00 AM 5:30 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY Maria Bernarda Ortiz by Susan DeBonis Harry F. Jammer by Cristina DiMeglio		
THU., Feb. 18 8:00 AM	Antonella Alessi by Mario Peluso and Family Joanie Haljako (Happy Birthday) by Josephine Gagliardi		
FRI., Feb. 19 8:00 AM	Rose Mary Matyi by Susan DeBonis		
SAT., Feb. 20 8:00 AM	Isolina Toto by The Family Lourdes Manahan (Gift of Life) by Mario and Marissa		
SAT., Feb. 20 4:00 PM	Catherine and Charles DiRaimondo by Niece Mary Frances		
SUN., Feb. 21 9:00 AM	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Lois E. Dolan by Kildea Family		
10:30 AM	People of the Parish		
12:00 PM	Gary Gladwell, Sr. (Birthday) by Mother Vito Candela by Cracchiolo/DeCrescenzo/DiMaggio/ Caruso Families		
ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM	All Souls		

10:00 AM

All Souls



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

Benny Genovesi, Vinnie Tavormina, Jean Sabo,
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:

Theresa Williams, Michael Fetter,
Chris Clawson, Sr., Joe Bendas, Bob Brennan,
Susan Sikorski, Daniel Gowaty,
Kathleen Olson, Pasqua Pulito (Mother of Vito),
Bob Toth, The Mauro Family, Paul Rush, Jr.,
Mary Ravenel, Gaudy Albano, Elaine Kusek,
Bonnie DeVictoria, Victoria Brown,
Josephine O'Neill, Mike Tamayo and Family,
Tom Hargraves, Jeff Frantz,
Biancca 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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 13, 2021 VIGIL MASSES

The Church of Saint Ann:

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- Baptism (Cameron Potts) 11:00 AM Church
- Regular & First Reconcilliation 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, February 14, 2021 WORLD MARRIAGE DAY HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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.)

• Baptism (Leah Figueroa) 1:15 AM - Church

Saint Michael Church Sunday Masses:

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

MONDAY, February 15, 2021 PRESIDENT'S DAY

- Parish Office CLOSED
- Mass 8:00 AM Church

TUESDAY, February 16, 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)
- First Eucharist Parent Meeting 6:00 PM Church

Baptism Congratulations

This weekend, we welcome into our church through Baptism:

Cameron Potts Leah Figueroa

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2021 ASH WEDNESDAY: FAST AND ABSTINENCE

THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN:

Masses: 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM Services: 9:30 AM and 12:15 PM Saint Ann School Service: 9:15 AM

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH:

5:30 PM - English, 7:00 PM - Slovak and 8:30 PM - Korean

- Reconciliation 8:30 AM Lenten Season Church
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer

THURSDAY, February 18, 2021

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- Reconciliation 8:30 AM Lenten Season 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, February 19, 2021

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- Reconciliation 8:30 AM Lenten Season Church
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer
- Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Church (Live-Streamed)

SATURDAY, February 20, 2021 VIGIL MASSES

The Church of Saint Ann:

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- Reconcilliation 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, February 21, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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:

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The tax season has arrived and to facilitate the receipt of Contribution Statements, 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.

FOUR WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST FORM:

- 1. Please email to: annualcontributionrequest@churchofsaintann.net
- 2. Or mail to: The Church of Saint Ann, 1253 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
- 3. Or submit via the on-line form on the parish website: www.churchofsaintann.net
- 4. Or bring your request to the Parish Welcome Center Desk or place in the drop-off boxes.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2021

We Encourage You To "Wrap Your Gift"

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

Envelopes will be in <u>numerical order</u>, 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. Parish-

ioners 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

February 14, 2021

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

REFLECTION

We gather together today, as we do each Sunday, as the body of Christ. Jesus called us to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This Valentine's Day, we commit ourselves to nurturing that love for God and love for our neighbor. Let the Body and Blood of Christ we receive in the Eucharist bring us the strength and courage to truly become the body of Christ in the world today.

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.

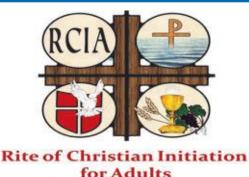
This is for the health and safety of everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation



For directives on attending mass & COVID-19 guidelines from the Diocese of Trenton

Visit the Parish website www.cgurchofsaintann.net



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

LAST CALL

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 vitopulito@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.

Weekly Collection

Sunday, February 7, 2021

WRAP YOUR GIFT ... USE YOUR ENVELOPES

Offerings for the Church of Saint Ann

Number of Registered Households Number of People Using Faith Direct

February 7, 2021

Church of Saint Ann Saint Michael Church *Electronic Funds

Total Contributions

*Note: electronic contributions are received twice a month.

Month to Date Collections for February 2021
(4 Sundays in the month)

Total Collections for February 2020 (4 Sundays in the month) 3,150 229

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Thank You for your continued generosity!

During this unusual time with Masses suspended, to those who are able, we beg that you continue to generously support your parish church financially by mailing in your weekly envelopes, dropping them off at the mailbox in front of the FDC entrance or by donating online at: (https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/NJ709). We rely on your donations to provide uninterrupted parish functions to our parishioners. We cannot do it without your help.

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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.

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!

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.

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 <u>our website</u> 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.



Visit

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



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 January 10, 2021 please check our parish website.

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Catholic Principles of Migration

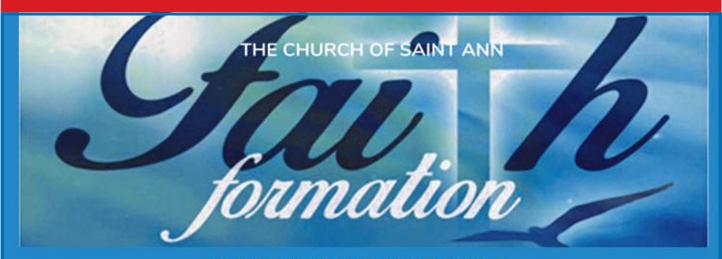
Immigration remains a critical issue in the United States. Aware of the high polarization around the immigration debate, it is good for us as Catholics to stay educated and in focus on this issue. As a reminder, we list below, the Catholic Principles of Migration, rooted in the Gospel, and found scripted 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/



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



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)

SIXTH 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time" for a short prayer service (parent led) and an activity for your child. (Please see pages 24 and 25 of this bulletin or click on the link below)

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

Sixth Sunday of the Year

Focus

A candle, together with a piece of bandage and a bell.

Introduction

Leprosy is a contagious (infectious) disease that causes terrible disfigurement, and was common at the time of Jesus. Anyone suffering from leprosy (known as a leper) was treated as an outcast, and forced to live outside the town and avoid any contact with other people by ringing a warning bell if someone approached them. They were feared and unloved, and lived lonely and sad lives. In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus changed the life of one leper for ever.

Gloria

Gospel Acclamation

Light the Gospel candle and sing Acclamation 5.

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of St Mark (1:40-45)

One day a man suffering from an infectious skin disease came to Jesus, and, falling on his knees, he pleaded with Jesus, 'If you really wanted to, you could help me by curing my disease.'

Jesus was filled with compassion and, reaching out to touch him, he said, 'Of course I want to help you!'

At that moment the disease disappeared and the man was cured. Jesus sent him away, commanding him not to tell anyone else about what had happened but instead to show himself to the priest and make an offering of thanks. But the man was so overjoyed he told everyone he met, and soon crowds of people followed Jesus wherever he travelled, and he could not go into a town without being mobbed.

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

Reflection

When the man suffering from the skin disease came to Jesus, what did he do?

Having searched Jesus out, the man fell to his knees and humbly asked Jesus to heal him.

What did Jesus do when he heard his plea?

Jesus never ignored a cry for help. He was deeply moved by the man's desperate cry for help and the strength of his faith. Filled with tenderness and mercy, he reached out and touched him, and at once the man was cured.

Why did Jesus' touch mean so much to the diseased man? Jesus' loving touch not only healed the man, but that simple gesture said more than any words. With a simple touch, Jesus made him feel loved and accepted instead of someone to avoid and fear; one touch and the man's life was transformed for ever! What did Jesus tell him to do?

Jesus told the man to create no fuss but simply make an offering of thanks to God, before showing himself to the priest to confirm that he was indeed cured. In this way he would be accepted back to live in the community.

What did the man actually do?

Can we begin to imagine how overjoyed the man must have felt? How could be possibly keep what had happened to himself? If something wonderful happened to you, would you be able to keep it secret?

In spite of what Jesus had said, the man simply could not help sharing what had happened with everyone he met. News soon spread, and Jesus was followed by huge crowds of people wherever he went.

Activity

Photocopy the sheet. Staple or glue picture A on top of picture B. Show the children how to place a pencil at the bottom of the top sheet and roll it up tightly. Move the pencil up and down quickly to see the leper being cured!

Intercessions

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

We pray for friendship in the Church and between different faiths.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for greater friendship to be shown to the poor, the homeless and those who are treated as outcasts.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for friendship between the nations and religions of the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

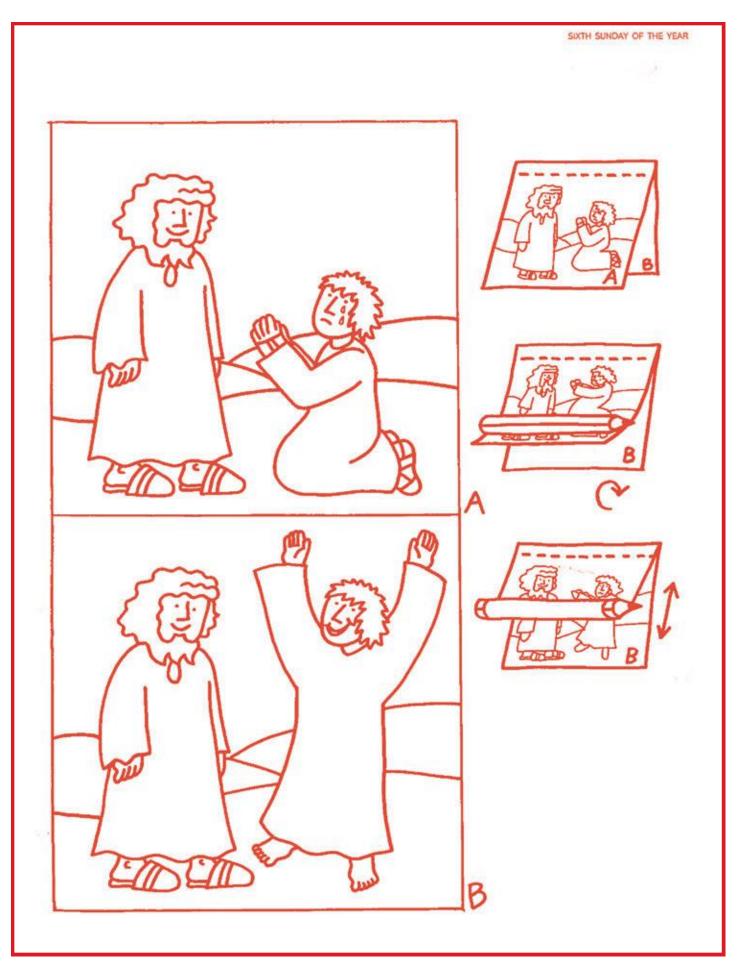
We pray for friendship and peace in our own homes and families.

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,
by knowing and loving you
may we know and love our neighbour,
and touch their lives with love and friendship.
Grant this through Christ your Son.
Amen.



Catholic Liturgy & Our Participation in the Paschal Mystery



Starting on February 14, 2021, we will begin with our first of seven bulletin inserts to guide our understanding and deepen our participation of our Catholic Liturgy and ways we can apply the Liturgy to our daily lives. The guides are adapted from the "Four Minute Teachings on the Mass" by Bishop Ken Untener, late Bishop of Saginaw.

Contents:

Introduction and Overview of the Mass (Please see next page.)

Introductory Rite

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist Part I and II

Communion Rite

Concluding Rite



World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week 2021

Special announcement for Catholic Married Couples! In observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 14, 2021) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2021), the Diocese of Trenton has

launched an exciting new web resource for Catholic married couples to enhance their marriage in three important ways: 1) Reconnect with Your Spouse, 2) Make Your Marriage Even Better, and 3) Serve Others in Your Marriage. Find all this and more at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples - what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary! (Part of the BuildingStrongMarriages.org initiative of the Diocese of Trenton)

Our Promise to Protect

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline by calling: **1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at the following web address: **abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.**

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



FOUR MINUTE TEACHINGS ON THE MASS (1 of 7)

Catholic Mass and Worship

Ideas from Bishop Ken Untener, late Bishop of Saginaw Adapted for The Church of Saint Ann

Introduction and Overview of the Parts of the Mass

We'll begin today a series of "Four Minute Teachings" on the Mass, taking a good look at its structure, and what each part means. The purpose is not to acquire information for its own sake. It is solely to help us participate more prayerfully and fully in the Mass.

How would you explain the Mass as basically as possible to someone who knew nothing about it? That can be a helpful exercise because sometimes we get lost in the details. Here is one way of doing it.

A Four-Part Dynamic Prayer

Picture the Mass as a prayer with four "movements." The first movement is called the Introductory Rite. We do what people at a restaurant do when they see others they know. They pull some tables together to make one large table. Then if some other friends come in they get some more tables. In the first part of the Mass, people who come from all directions enter the church, say hello to one another and begin joining together around the altar table.

The second movement is from God to us, the Liturgy of the Word. God's Word comes upon us like the gentle rain or the bright sun. We believe that God is present and speaking to us through the words of scripture. It is always "live." These are graced words, and they have an effect on us, like the rain or the sun.

The third movement is in the opposite direction: us toward God, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. You can actually see this flow when the money, bread, and wine are brought to the altar (which represents Christ). We symbolically place ourselves on the altar and then in the Eucharistic prayer we are transported across time to join with Christ on the cross as he gives himself totally

to the Father and passes from death to life.

The fourth movement is outward, back home, the **Concluding Rite**. We are blessed and sent out into our own parts of this world to live the truths we have just celebrated.

When we look at the Mass this way, instead of seeing one long mix of prayers, hymns, readings, gestures, blessings, rituals, we begin to see four simple and understandable movements with a flow that we can enter into. The first is the movement of all of us coming In the next teaching, we'll begin taking a closer look at each of these four movements.

The Four Movements of Catholic Mass:

Introductory Rite
We Gather In Christ

Liturgy of the Word
God to Us

Liturgy of the Eucharist
Us to God

Concluding Rite
Sent Into the World

Applying Sunday Mass to Daily Living:

- Keep holy the Sabbath by making Sunday Mass the center of your week (virtual or in person).
- Recognize the Presence of Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, our families, and in those we meet throughout our day. Be kind.
- Gather together your family for a meal and share yourself, and your day.
- Give thanks to God for your life and all of Creation—stars, animals, water, etc..

Four Ways to Leave A Legacy

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

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

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

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

It may even provide tax benefits for your heirs.

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

"New Stimulus Package Approved by Congress"

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

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

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



Holy Rosary for our Priests

Join us on Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 AM on Zoom

Contact Mary Morey at lifeisgood18@optonline.net or Rosemary Lyon at MarianServantsHolyFamily@gmail.com to receive Zoom link.

During this rosary, prayers will be offered in particular for the holiness of bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians as they strive to build Christ's Church in these challenging times. The Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ is inseparable from the Eucharist and absolutely vital to the life of the Church. Each and every priest needs the love and support of each and every member of the faithful. Let us turn, then, to Mary, Queen of the Clergy, and join with her in praying for her priest sons, the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Hosted by the MARIAN SERVANTS of the Holy Family (MSHF)



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 <u>Story of Hope</u> to hear the experiences of those around the diocese.
- Your family can make a <u>spiritual communion</u> when attending a virtual Mass.
- What is Ordinary Time? Why is it called Ordinary?
- Use the <u>Liturgical Calendar</u> 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



Diocese of Trenton

www.dioceseoftrenton.org



DROP-OFF FOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 27TH & 28TH 2021

Saturday February 27th Before the 4PM Mass and Sunday February 28th
Before the 9:00AM, 10:30AM & 12 Noon Mass
at St. Ann's Benefits the local Food Banks Catholic Charities, Mt. Carmel Guild,
Home Front and New Beginnings Food Pantry.
St. Ann's Faith Development Center Parking Lot
1253 Lawrenceville Road Lawrenceville NJ 08648.

There is no need to exit your car Knights will collect your donation from your trunk.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Cereal
Canned Fruits
Cake Mixes
Canned Soups
Canned Vegetables

Rice
Macaroni & Cheese
Jelly
Tomato Sauce
Instant Potatoes

Tuna Spaghetti Snacks Pasta Juices

Monetary donations will gladly be accepted. Checks should be made out to the charity listed above.

Coordinated with Knights of Columbus Council #7000 Contact John Sikorski with questions. jwsikorski@yahoo.com 609-712-4439

A Lenten Retreat

A Morning of Refreshment and Renewal with Fr. Garry Koch

Theme for the Retreat comes from 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5

"Finally, brothers, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you, and that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people, for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you [both] are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."

A Morning of Refreshment and Renewal with Fr. Garry Koch
Pastor of Saint Benedict, Holmdel, NJ

Saturday, March 13, 2021 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Saint Ann's Church

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Mass at Saint Ann's before the Retreat is celebrated at 8:00 AM.





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For questions or to register, please contact **John Sikorski** at **609-883-2509** or by e-mail at **jwsikorski@yahoo.com**.

This event is open to the public. A goodwill offering may be made to the Church of Saint Ann. The event will be held *in person* at the Church of Saint Ann and will also be *Live Streamed* from Saint Ann's website at https://www.churchofsaintann.net/.

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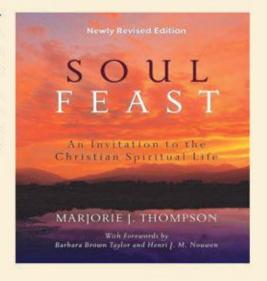
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After a successful adoration and fellowship gathering in January, the Young Adult Group will meet again on Thursday, 2/25 at 6 pm for Holy Hour of Adoration, followed by an adventure at the Escape Room! Check the parish website for more information on this event!

Ready to journey with us during Lent?

We will meet weekly for our Lenten small group on Sundays after the 10:30 am Mass. We will be doing a 33-day preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph starting on Feb. 15th and ending on Mar. 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph. All are welcome to join us for this. and last but not least, we will meet during Holy Week for a special evening of prayer and fellowship on Holy Thursday, and for a viewing of the Passion of the Christ film on Good Friday. More information will be available soon on the parish website and bulletin.

JOIN US!

Visit our page on the parish website

https://www.churchofsaintann.net/young-adult-ministry
and follow us on Instagram: @saintannyoungadults

Have questions? Email us at saintanntoungadults@gmail.com

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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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