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

APRIL 4, 2021 - EASTER SUNDAY



The following is from Fr. Dela Cruz's flock notes dated March 26, 2021:



MESSAGE FROM FR. LEANDRO 'Lines' DELA CRUZ

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Parish Family of Saint Ann,

The Eastern Orthodox Church has an interesting Easter custom. At the end of their liturgical celebration, eggs are blessed and distributed to everyone present to show that all share in the blessings of this great feast. People greet one another and grab the eggs together. When the egg cracks, the owner cries, "Christ is risen." The other answers, "Truly, He is risen." The cracking of the egg represents *Christ's breaking out of the grave into a new life*.

We are happy this Easter day because Jesus rose from the dead and because it promised that we will also rise from the dead one day and be with Him. But our happiness will be greater, however, when we realize that we, too, can rise from the grave - **TODAY**.

In the Gospel, we read the stone was taken away. By God's power, Christ's grave has been opened. By God's power the stone that holds you buried can be taken away.

What are these stones that weigh you down and continue to keep you buried in your old selves? Let us ask the help of the risen Christ to take away and throw off all of those stones that weigh us down and Easter will be more meaningful and more significant event for us. *This is the reason for our JOY - Jesus is risen and He promised that we who have lived and suffered with Him will also rise with Him.* Believe as the disciple, John, 'after seeing the empty tomb', believed.

Happy Easter to one and all!!!





DAILY LITURGY for the Week of April 4, 2021

SAT., April 3 12:00 PM 8:00 PM	HOLY SATURDAY Blessing of First Easter Meal EASTER VIGIL
SUN., April 4 7:30 AM	EASTER SUNDAY +Antonio and Gina Rossi by Anna Rossi Lubrano +Vincenzo and Giacinta Lubrano by Nick Lubrano
9:00 AM	+Palmina and Michael Saia by Daughter Mary Frances +John, Stella and Elaine Elenewski by Walter and Pat Wenczel
10:30 AM	+Karl Tom by Gertrud Siber and Family +Darryl Foyuth by Mary Ann Foyuth +Carmela Armenti by Ada Armenti and Grandchildren
12:00 PM	People of the Parish +Agnes and Michael Mancuso by Your Loving Family +Carmen Gagliardi by Wife Josephine +Joann Scofield by Family
ST. MI- CHAEL 8:30 AM 10:00 AM	+Matthew DiBella by Mary Beth Wood +Susan & Michael Hudak by Ignas Family
MON., April 5 8:00 AM	+Andrew Czepiga Sr. by Walter Czepiga + Carmen Gagliardi by wife Josephine Gagliardi + Giuseppina Amendola by Antoinette & Lidia Verrelli
TUES., April 6 8:00 AM	+Anne & Joseph Bielamowicz by Mary Ann Foyuth +Giuseppe Amendola by Angelo & Helen Longo +Martin Paulsson by Pulaski family & Mary Russo
WED., April 7 8:00 AM	+Harry F. Jammer by Cristina DiMeglio +Giuseppina Amendola by Frances Varone
THU., April 8 8:00 AM	+Johan & Anna Holzli by Gertrud Siber & family +Joan Schulte by Carolyn Mackey
FRI., April 9 8:00 AM	+Giuseppe Amendola by Nicholas & Brittany Longo +John Kurkjy by Odette Robinson
SAT., April 10 8:00 AM 4:00 PM	+Castnense & Bambina Toto by Nick Lubrano +People of the Parish
SUN., April 11 9:00 AM	+Connie Cifelli by Anna & Nick Lubrano +Mary Doris deBlois by Carol Mislan
10:30 AM	+Muriel Hulsbus by Patricia Karali
12:00 PM	+Angelina Crudele by daughter Irene & family +James Curran by Laura Nawrocik
ST. MI- CHAEL 8:30 AM 10:00 AM	+Ada Ciccone by Susan Scozzari +All Souls



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

Mary Doris deBlois, Prudencio Ubaldo,
Michael McElroy, Maureen Esposito, Ann A. Johnson,
James Curran, Evelina Gargione, Edward Sabisky,
Patrick Ramsey, Richard Schweizer, Delores Andrese,
James C. Cisney, Virginia Skwara, Michael Moscarello,
Benny Genovesi, Vinnie Tavormina,
and all the souls of the faithful departed.



Please Pray for Healing:

Jose Casiano, Fr. Rod Salazar, Jun Almanzor,
Viviana Trapani and her Baby,
Carol Perrine, James Snow, Noah Rybak,
Lucy Johnston, Theresa Williams, Michael Fetter,
Chris Clawson, Sr., Joe Bendas, Bob Brennan,
Susan Sikorski, Kathleen Olson, Pasqua Pulito,
Bob Toth, Mauro Family, Paul Rush, Jr.,
Mary Ravenel, Bonnie DeVictoria,
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.



April 11th 2021 Divine Mercy Sunday

We will **celebrate** the **Feast of Divine Mercy** on **Sunday, April 11, 2021** at **The Church of Saint Ann** beginning with the Chaplet

of Divine Mercy at **3:00 PM**, followed by the Holy Rosary and Celebration of the Mass.

The main **Celebrant** will be **Fr. Leandro Dela Cruz.** Let us come together and thank Jesus for His Infinite Mercy, and ask Him to teach us to Trust in Him and to be Merciful to others. *Especially in this difficult time of pandemic, we need His mercy more than ever.* **All are welcome!**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 3, 2021 HOLY SATURDAY

The Church of Saint Ann:

- 12:00 PM Blessing of First Easter Meal Rear Parking Lot
- Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 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, April 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY

The Church of Saint Ann Sunday Masses: EASTER SUNDAY MASSES The Church of St. Ann Easter Masses:

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM (all live-streamed)

(If you plan to participate in the in-car parking lot Mass, please park in the designated area.)

Saint Michael Church Easter Sunday Masses:

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

MONDAY, April 5, 2021

- Parish Office CLOSED
- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM CHURCH is Open for Private Prayer
- 6:00 PM Confirmation Prep In-person Instruction FDC

TUESDAY, April 6, 2021

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM CHURCH is Open for Private Prayer
- 1:00 PM 5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel (All are welcome)

WEEK OF April 4, 2021 Saint Ann Sanctuary Candle

+Carmen Gagliardi
Happy Birthday on the 22nd

Requested by Wife

Saint Ann Icon Candle

+James Russo

Requested by Mary Russo & family

WEDNESDAY, April 7, 2021

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

THURSDAY, April 8, 2021

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM CHURCH is Open for Private Prayer
- 1:00 PM 5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel (All are welcome)

FRIDAY, April 9, 2021

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer

SATURDAY, April 10, 2021

The Church of Saint Ann:

- Mass 8:00 AM Church
- Memorial Mass for Ada Ciccone 10:30 AM Church
- Reconciliation 3:00 PM Chapel (Enter by the side door of the chapel along Lawrence Ave.)
- Easter 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 along the shed.)

Saint Michael Church Vigil Mass:

Slovak - 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, April 11, 2021 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Church of Saint Ann Sunday Masses:

9:00 AM,10:30 AM and 12:00 PM

(all live-streamed)

(If you plan to participate in the in-car parking lot Mass, please park in the designated area.)

 Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by the Holy Rosary and Celebration of Mass 3:00 PM - Church (live-streamed)

Saint Michael Church Sunday Masses:

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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We welcome

Brianna & Mauro Gadaleta & Family

Ashley & Todd Cabrera & Family

As new members of our parish family

2020 TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST FORM

Dear Parishioners:

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
- 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.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2021

We Encourage You To "Wrap Your Gift"

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

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".



Saint Ann's parishioner looking to rent apartment/room in private home Non-smoker.

> For more information, please call Mary at (609) 896-0168.

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GOSPEL (EASTER SUNDAY ~ THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD)

April 4, 2021 - John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week,

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,

while it was still dark,

and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter

and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,

and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter

and arrived at the tomb first;

he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him.

he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,

and the cloth that had covered his head,

not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in,

the one who had arrived at the tomb first,

and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture

that he had to rise from the dead.

REFLECTION

Alleluia! Our Lord has risen from the tomb. He has conquered death. He has redeemed us from our sins. Nearly two thousand years later, we celebrate it as if it is happening today. For it *is* happening today. Jesus Christ *is* risen, death *is* defeated, redemption *is* here. Let us give thanks to Jesus for his supreme sacrifice, let us praise God for the promise of eternal life, let us sing out in joy, for our Lord is risen today.

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www.aWeekendForYourMarriage.org

Marriage Encounter

Now that Spring is around the corner, why not shake off those winter blues and pump some new life into your marriage. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight evening sessions, 7 – 9:30 PM, presented on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from April 11 – May 4. Phone Tom & Ruth DeFalco 1-732-904-9636 for application and information. Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

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





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

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

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.

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 the form 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!

Journey to Confirmation Optional In-Person Instruction (8th Grade)

In order to help our candidates prepare for the celebration of Confirmation and connect with catechists and the church, we are offering (optional) in-person instruction for 8th grade confirmation candidates on the following Mondays, from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm in the church and FDC: April 5, April 19, and May 3

Parents please walk your teen into the FDC hospitality area and sign in. Catechists will then walk with teens into the main church. At the end of the session, parents will sign out their teen in the FDC hospitality area. Masks are required for all teens participating. We will meet in the church and move to two separate areas in the FDC—social distancing will be observed.





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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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ERS 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!

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.

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



Our Parish Goal: \$100,000
Raised As of March 22, 2021: \$39,375
Percentage of Goal: 39%

FIVE THINGS to REMEMBER

about In-Church Masses ...

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





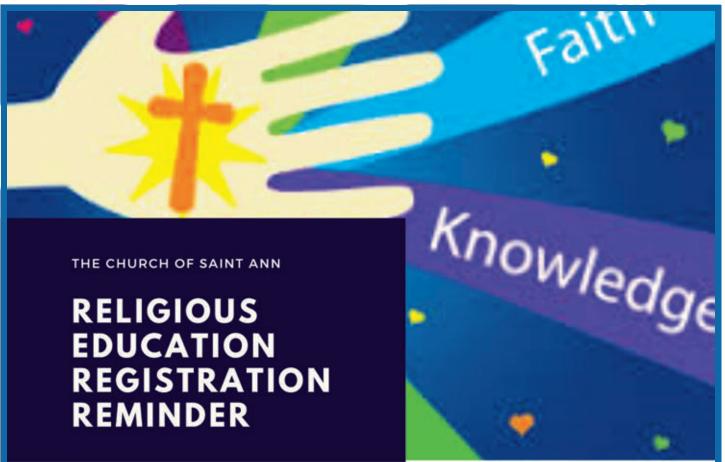
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CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION" for a short prayer service (parent led) and an activity for your child. (Please see **next two pages** of this bulletin or click on the link below)

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



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

Easter Day (Years A, B and C)

Focus

A crucifix or cross with a hardboiled egg at its base, surrounded by fresh flowers.

Introduction

As Christians we believe that Jesus rose from the dead to new life at Easter. We also believe the promise he made to his followers, that whoever believes in Christ and lives in friendship with God will be forgiven for their mistakes in life, and even though their bodies will die, their spirits will enjoy new life with God. Easter is the greatest feast of the Church's year, and it is appropriate for the whole community to worship and celebrate together. A suitably adapted reading and Gospel are provided, together with some reflection ideas to help children gain a greater understanding of the meaning and importance of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

Gloria

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34, 37-43) (See page 369.)

Gospel Acclamation

Light the Gospel candle and sing Acclamation 8 (or a suitable alternative for the whole congregation).

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of St John (20:1-9) (See page 369.)

Reflection

One of the great Easter traditions is to give and receive Easter eggs. Often these are made from chocolate and frequently have surprises hidden inside them; they can also be real eggs which have been hard-boiled or blown (emptied of their yolk and white) before being painted or decorated in bright colours. (Ask the children about the size and variety of eggs they have been given for Easter.)

So why do people give each other eggs at Easter?

An egg can look and feel as dead and lifeless as a stone. It is hard and cold; it makes no sound and shows no obvious signs of life. In many ways it is just like the stone tomb where the lifeless body of Jesus was laid by his followers on Good Friday. Both have cold, hard 'shells' that seem to cover a dark, lifeless space inside them. And yet something amazing happens which takes us by surprise. New life breaks free from the egg just as Jesus broke free from death and rose to life from his tomb.

What is left behind when a new chick hatches?

An empty eggshell is all that remains. In springtime we often find all kinds of eggshells scattered on the ground. They are a sign that somewhere a baby bird has hatched; they are a symbol of new life.

What was left behind after Jesus rose from the dead? An empty tomb with its entrance stone rolled away. Jesus had died and risen once and for all. He was filled with new life which was unending; he would never die again. The empty tomb was a sign to his followers that he had risen from the dead.

How do you think the disciples felt when they found the empty tomb?

They were taken by surprise – despite everything Jesus had told them about rising again after three days, they had not dared to believe that something so extraordinary and wonderful could happen. Soon their amazement and wonder turned to great joy and celebration. Christians today share that sense of joy and celebration and wonder. That new life is Christ's gift to his followers and everyone who believes in him. He will raise us up after death to live for ever in his love.

Do we celebrate Christ's resurrection only at Easter?
Christ rose to new life and is always with us, which is reason for daily celebration in itself, but as Christians we recall and celebrate his joyous resurrection every Sunday when we gather to relive the surprise and joy of that first Easter morning.

Activity

You will need empty eggshells (washed and dried) that have already been painted inside and outside with brightly coloured poster paint. Decorate, and tape lengths of coloured paper, ribbon or thread to the inside. Tuck some shredded tissue paper inside and complete with a small fresh flower or mini egg placed on top. Display as a mobile or hang from the branch of a tree.

Intercessions

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

For the Church and all her people, as together we celebrate the joy of this Easter morning.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For peace in our world and our lives, as we forgive one another's mistakes.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For people who have lost hope and faith, as we share the Good News with the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who have died,

as they enjoy everlasting life with the risen Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

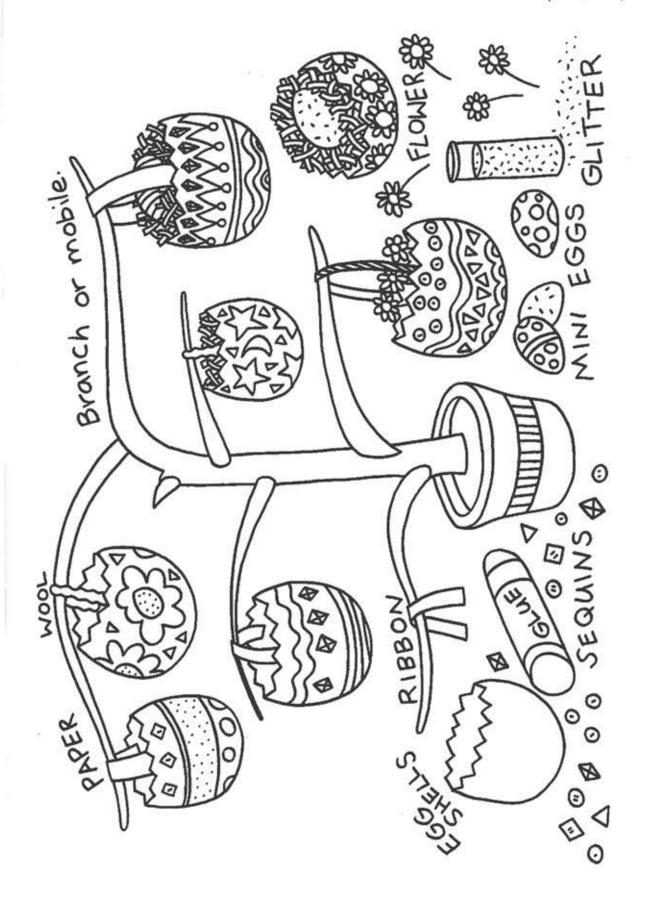
Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening, in the silence of our hearts

let us share our own unspoken prayers with him.

Silence

Loving Father,

let the joy of Easter and the life we share help us to believe in you and follow you faithfully. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.



Catholic Liturgy & Our Participation in the Paschal Mystery



This weekend is the <u>seventh</u> of seven bulletin inserts (please see next page) 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: Please check bulletin issues: Introduction and Overview of the Mass (February 14); Introductory Rite (February 21); Liturgy of the Word (February 28); Liturgy of the Eucharist Part I (March 7); Liturgy of the Eucharist Part II (March 14); Communion Rite (March 21); Concluding Rite (March 28)

"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."

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

- 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.

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 Saint 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.



Membership Recruitment Drive

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH AND SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH

Please contact: Lex Donawa - for information at <u>lexitron@Hotmail.com</u> or (609) 356-8890

The nearly 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus form the largest Catholic fraternal group in existence. As Knights, we serve our local parish and community while working each day to create a better world through charity.

Knights and their families have the opportunity to become involved in the council's charitable, faith-based and social programs, becoming part of our Knights of Columbus family.

If you are looking to live out your faith in the spirit of charity by helping others, the Knights of Columbus welcomes you to join us.

Please contact: Lex Donawa – for information at: lexitron@Hotmail.com or (609) 356-8890

Free Membership Promotion Extended through June 30

Interested in joining the K of C? We are offering one year of FREE online membership to men who join before the fraternal year's end. Just use the code MCGIVNEY2020 when signing up at kofc.org/join. Act now — this offer expires June 30, 2021.



We need your talents, time & expertise to help us with some upgrades on our Church & FDC Building.

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP, CONTACT FR. DELA CRUZ AT:

Idelacruzechurchofsaintann.net

AND/OR VITO PULITO AT: vitopulito@comcast.net

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2021

Catholic, but not confirmed? We can help.

Not to be confused with the R.C.I.A. process (designed to bring people into full communion with the Catholic Church), this process is designed for Catholics (16 years of age and older) seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, who are baptized Catholic, and have had some instruction in the Catholic Faith. There are many reasons that a number of Catholics never had the opportunity to confirm their faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation—a move, a change of parish, or just lost touch with my faith. Whatever the reason, we can help. The parish usually confirms adults who have completed their preparation on the Feast of Pentecost at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

For more information, or if you are an adult baptized Catholic interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call (609) 882-6491, extension 165



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Every year at this time, I reach out to the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton to ask for your help and support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. But as we all know, this not just "another year." I am mindful that I am coming to you during a time that has been and remains very challenging.

At times of need, I often think of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who committed her whole life to serving the most dire needs of the poor, the homeless, the sick she found in the streets. She was known to have said: "I can do things you cannot; you can do things I cannot; but together we can

do great things."

Throughout the pandemic, the Diocese and our parishes have remained steadfast in serving our communities in spite of the challenges, perhaps even more so. All this work requires resources. None of it can happen without you and your support. However, as St. Teresa reminds us: "Together we can do great things."

And so, I come to you again and ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal so we, together, may continue the work of strengthening parish and family life, evangelizing our community and our world, and reaching out to those in need with love and compassion. Please give what you can.

I am profoundly grateful for your past generosity and for whatever support you can provide for the significant work that lies ahead.

Yours in Christ,

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

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OPEN SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS!

Saint Ann School is currently looking to fill open school board positions. The school board creates and reviews the implementation of a strategic plan, each member is assigned a subcommittee based on their qualifications. Attendance at monthly meetings typically held the last Thursday evening of each month, is required.

Current Sub-Committee Open Positions

- 1. Building and GroundsFunctions include:
- Review facility and create needs assessment, with cost analysis, in conjunction with school Principal and Pastor
- 3. Plan and review long-term capital plan annually
- Assess facility requirements to ensure the safety of students and faculty and the time frame for implementation.

SecurityFunctions include:

- Review security needs of a school in conjunction with the school Principal and Pastor
- Collaborate with local and state law enforcement agencies to review and revise the school security plan
 Determine a needs assessment and cost
- Determine a needs assessment and cost alignmentOther School Board subcommittees include strategic planning, marketing, and technology.

If you believe you have the background and qualifications for a position on the school board kindly forward your resume to Salvatore Chiaravalloti (schiaravalloti@st-ann-school.org), Principal, and Fr. Leandro Dela Cruz (Idelacruz@churchofsaintann.net), Pastor. If you have any questions about the role of the Saint Ann School Board please reach out to the school Principal.



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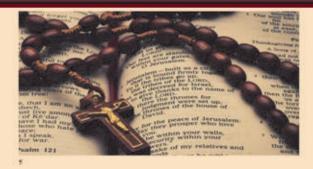
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The following are the recipients of the 2021-2022 Saint Ann Education Endowment Fund Scholarship. This is a merit-based scholarship based on academic performance at St Ann School and community service:

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 Jillian Yao
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 *Caleb Rowlands
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 *Jessiah Stephenson
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*There was only one application for 7th Grade. The EEF Committee voted to award \$500 to the next two highest scoring applicants, Caleb Rowlands and Jessiah Stephenson.

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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/

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<u>PARISH BULLETIN</u> 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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