

ASCENSION OF THE *Lord Jesus Christ*

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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

MAY 16, 2021 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The following is from Fr. Dela Cruz's flock notes dated May 8, 2021:



MESSAGE FROM FR. LEANDRO 'Lines' DELA CRUZ

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Over the course of history, our beloved Church has been the subject of cartoons, most of them sarcastic, because Christianity itself is often the opposition to popular opinion. So the Church may appear as a promoter of guilt or a stickler for rules. Outside observers cannot be blamed for their conclusions if that is all they know. Only a contact with an authentic believer can erase their misconceptions.

The Mass Readings for this weekend present a truly positive picture. The Gospel displays this truth as we read how Jesus Himself, our "Founder," pours out His heart, it is a "Sacred Heart". As Jesus speaks to His intimates, He not only details His love, but also teaches how future followers like us can best respond to it.

Most of us know from lived-experiences how much suffering is involved when the loved one does not respond in kind, but instead offers nothing more than a cold response. It stings. It stabs our hearts more roughly than a spear.

Jesus knew from His entry into our nature that this happens, because it happened to Him. Yet He was able to muster from His depths the piercing cry from His cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." In this section of Scripture, note how Jesus says to His disciples, and to us, that He has chosen us. No other qualifications given for the choice, the least of which would be our worthiness. He made it clear: "It is not you who chose Me. It was I who chose you." What a privilege to be chosen!

Next Saturday, May 15, our brother, GENE LANZONI, has been specially chosen by our Lord to be His PERMANENT DEACON to serve His flock. His ordination will be held at the Cathedral of St. Mary's in Trenton. Much as we would like to invite everyone to attend, Covid does not allow us to. But please do join him in your prayers. He and his family would greatly appreciate that. And to know a bit more of our brother, below is a short biography of his life.

This weekend, we are specially privileged too by our Lord to have chosen women to be our mothers ... mothers of our own families, of adopted children, of godchildren, of others in need, and for some who even become mothers to our church and to our country. God bless you, moms, for selflessly loving us all and sharing your blessed life. You make the world wonderful and beautiful for us. We are very proud of you. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

If we are and have been very proud of our mothers, we are all the more proud of the Blessed Virgin Mary who had been especially chosen by God to be the Mother of all mankind. Thus, in her honor, we ask the younger parishioners of our church, our First Communicants, assisted by their moms, to crown her and to offer flowers to her during their chosen Mass time. Members of the Altar Rosary Society who are present are very much encouraged to follow after them and offer your own flowers too.

For our moms who are deceased but never forgotten, we will offer all Masses for their eternal repose the whole month of May until Father's Day. If you haven't already submitted your memorial envelopes, kindly drop them in the basket that is on the altar. We have also placed some empty envelopes and spiritual bouquets at the foyer for your use just in case. Also, after each Mass this weekend, Msgr Casey and I will be distributing a surprise gift to all our moms. We are grateful to all of you for a job well done at home, in church and in everywhere you go. Kudos to all our mothers.

Please know that the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred from Thursday, May 13, 2021 to Sunday, May 16, 2021, replacing the 7th Sunday of Easter. This change is only for the present year and will be evaluated later on by the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey.

St. Anthony of Padua in Hightstown has announced a Free Vaccination day on May 16, Sunday, starting at 11 am. 18 years old and older are eligible. They need not be parishioners. Kindly call their parish office to register. The more people get vaccinated the safer it would be for us and the closer we get to the end of the pandemic.

I am in contact myself with the nurse-in-charge of vaccination clinic of Penn Med of Princeton Health and she would like to know if we can host a vaccine site here in our parish in the next week or so. This will surely be a great service to our fellow parishioners who need not travel far. Did you know that I had to travel to Atlantic City just to get vaccinated? So, could you please let me know if you're interested in having them here to receive the vaccine? 18 years old and older are the ones they are servicing at this time. Please call our parish office at 609.882.6491 ext. 101 or 111, or email us on our parish website and click on the button "**Contact Us**". Anyone, parishioners or not, are eligible.

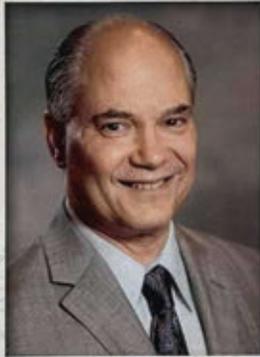
During this pandemic, healthcare workers work tirelessly to care for our sick and to keep us healthy. We are ever grateful to these great heroes. In a special way we give thanks to our nurses as they celebrate Nurse's Week. We have many nurses who are members of our parish. Dear nurse parishioners, please know that along with our gratitude, we continue to pray for you. We take pride in having you as fellow parishioners.

Lastly, please know that we have added on our website a new webpage for ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH on the occasion of their Centennial Foundation Day this December 2021. Bishop David M. O'Connell will be the main Mass celebrant for this exciting and momentous event. Please visit the webpage and see if you can be of help, most especially in recalling wonderful memories about this, our church.

God Loves you.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to
Deacon Gene Lanzoni
on his
Ordination to the Diaconate.



FROM The Church of Saint Ann,
Fr. Dela Cruz, Msgr. Casey,
Deacons Jim and Frank,
and the parish staff.

LAWRENCEVILLE

GENE LANZONI



MINISTERING PARISH: St. Ann, Lawrenceville

PLACE/ YEAR OF BIRTH: Trenton; 1960

FAMILY: wife, Elizabeth; son Eugene, 29, daughter Marisa, 27, son Michael, 25; parents Mary and Gene (both deceased)

EMPLOYMENT: 2nd vice president – corporate marketing, Guardian Life Insurance Company, New York City

EDUCATION: Incarnation School, Ewing (1965-1974); Notre Dame High School, Lawrenceville (1974-1978); The College of New Jersey, Ewing (1978-1980, 1984-1985), B.A., communications/marketing; Georgian Court University, Lakewood (2016-2019), M.A., theology

MINISTRIES: all St. Ann Parish: sacristan, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, lector, altar server coordinator, Loaves & Fishes volunteer, school marketing committee, Faith in Our Future Cohort representative

WHY THE DIACONATE? I've been drawn to the Church and to a life of faith and charity from a young age. Serving at the altar, serving God's people and proclaiming the Word brings me so much joy and [brings me] closer to Christ. I feel most alive when doing good works for the Lord. As my wife says, "Church is my happy place!"

VESTING PRIEST: Father Leandro Dela Cruz, pastor of St. Ann Parish

GOSPEL

May 16, 2021 - MARK 16:15-20

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

REFLECTION

Today we celebrate a special day in the history of the Church. On the day Jesus ascended to heaven to remain with his Father, he commanded his disciples to carry on his ministry, proclaiming the good news to the whole world. Now we are that whole world. Now we are those disciples. May Christ, whom we encounter as we gather together and receive in the Eucharist on this hold day, strengthen our resolve to spread the good news in our world today.

Pastoral Patterns

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DAILY LITURGY

Week of May 16, 2021

SAT., May 15 4:00 PM	People of the Parish Kyle Manila Thanksgiving for Graduation by Frances and Dennis Manila
SUN., May 16 9:00 AM	ASCENSION OF THE LORD + Mary Butler by Daughter Janet +Joann Scofield by Family John Gladwell Birthday by Mother + Dr. Robert Sopko by Wife Barbara and Family
10:30 AM	+Peter Yacyk by Mary Ann Conroy +Miriam Curtis by Robert Curtis + Francisco Gregorio (Anniversary) by Frances Manila
12:00 PM	Mother's Day Novena
ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM	+ Richard Siegmann by Doolan Family
10:00 AM	+All Souls
MON., May 17 8:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
TUES., May 18 8:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
WED., May 19 8:00 AM	+Luigi and Annunziata Lo Re by Teresa Lo Re and Angelina Martorana +Evelina Toto by The Children
THU., May 20 8:00 AM	+Isolina Toto by The Family +Joel Alvarez by Joy Lansang
FRI., May 21 8:00 AM	+ Rosemary Pantoni by Amedio Pantoni +Joan Castagna by Thomas Castagna
SAT., May 22 8:00 AM	+Louis DeFeo III by Durling Family + Jamie Colling by Maryann LaVee
SAT., May 22 4:00 PM	+Josephine and Charles D'Amico by Granddaughter Mary Frances +Thomas J. Smires by Christina Smires and Family
SUN., May 23 9:00 AM	PENTECOST SUNDAY People of the Parish
10:30 AM	+Joan Scofield by Family +Patrick Michael Ramsey by Catherine Kildea + Anthony Tataranowicz by Walter Czepiga
12:00 PM	+Bernard Mannix by Susan Mannix +Elvira Neumann by Michael and Lauren +John and Vivian Farrell by Evelyn Federico +John David (Jack) Pricken by Toni and Scott
ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM	+Marie Clawges by Marie and Dick Clawges
10:00 AM	+All Souls



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

Kathleen Beecher (Mother of Saint Ann School Teacher, Kathleen Ritchey), **Anne Egan**, **Arthur O'Connell** (Bishop O'Connell's brother), **Cheri Wenczel**, **James Carroll, Jr.**, **Lorraine Everett**, **Lorraine Knobl**, **Loreto Fernandez**, **Marcos Vinicios Borges Miranda**, **Michael O'Donnell**, **Mary Doris deBlois**, **Prudencio Ubaldo**, **Michael McElroy**, **Maureen Esposito**, **Ann Johnson**, **Evelina Gargione**, **James Curran**, **Patrick Michael Ramsey**, **Edward Sabisky**, **Richard Schweizer**, **Delores Andrese**, **James Cinsney**, **Virginia Skwara**, **Michael Moscarello**, **Benny Genovesi**, **Vinnie Tavormina**,
and all the souls of the faithful departed.



Please Pray for Healing:

Nancy Olszewski, Ralph Veltri,
Estelita Gregorio, Atanacia and Vivencio Albano,
Roger Acoba, Brian House,
Cecilia Soberano, Jeannie Haggerty,
Elaine Kaminski, Jose Casiano, Jun Almanzor,
Viviana Trapani and her Baby, Carol Perrine,
James Snow, Noah Rybak, Delores Andrese,
Lucy Johnston, Theresa Williams, Michael Fetter,
Chris Clawson Sr, Joe Bendas, Bob Brennan,
Pasqua Pulito, Mauro Family, Bob Toth,
Paul Rush, Jr., 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.

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal 2021

Our Parish Goal: **\$100,000**
Raised As of **May 3, 2021: \$43,645**
Percentage of Goal: **44%**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, May 15, 2021

The Church of Saint Ann:

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- Gene Lanzoni's Ordination Mass 10:00 AM - Saint Mary's Cathedral
- Reconciliation 3:00 PM - Chapel (Enter by the side door of the chapel along Lawrence Ave.)
- 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, May 16, 2021 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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.)

Saint Michael Church Sunday Masses:

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

MONDAY, May 17, 2021

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

TUESDAY, May 18, 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)

WEEK OF May 16, 2021
Saint Ann Icon Candle
Devine Family
Requested by
Devine Family

New Parishioners

We warmly welcome

Roger & Nancy Dmello and Daughter, Kathryn
who recently joined the Church of Saint Ann.
Welcome!

WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2021

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

THURSDAY, May 20, 2021

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

FRIDAY, May 21, 2021

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer
- Celebration of Confirmation 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM in the Church

SATURDAY, May 22, 2021

The Church of Saint Ann:

- Mass 8:00 AM - Church
- Reconciliation 3:00 PM - Chapel (Enter by the side door of the chapel along Lawrence Ave.)
- 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, May 23, 2021 PENTECOST 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.)

Saint Michael Church Sunday Masses:

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

Care-giver for Mom in Lawrence

Seeking experienced professional female care-giver for 91-year-old lady with Parkinson's, help with ADLs, ROM & other exercises, keep log. Must be kind & reliable, own transportation, no long nails/perfume. Hours needed: 4-9pm, M-F, Saturdays (could be different person). Pay: Employee (w2) with some benefits, \$19-24/hr. Contact: 858-209-5027 (daughter).

Weekly Collection

Sunday, May 9, 2021

WRAP YOUR GIFT . . . USE YOUR ENVELOPES

Offerings for the Church of Saint Ann

Number of Registered Households 3,150
Number of People Using Faith Direct 229

May 9, 2021

Church of Saint Ann \$7,653.00
Saint Michael Church 1,276.00
*Electronic Funds *0,000.00

Total Contributions \$8,929.00

*Note: electronic contributions are received twice a month.

Month to Date Collections for May 2021 \$20,527.00
(5 Sundays in the month)

Total Collections for May 2020 \$59,224.00
(5 Sundays in the month)

Month to Date Easter Collection 2021 \$38,895.00
Easter Collection 2020 \$21,004.00



Thank You for your continued generosity!

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



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.

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

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!

“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 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.*

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.

SAINT ANN SCHOOL IS READY FOR YOU!

WE'RE OPEN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING

We are moving forward with your child's education. Nourish your child's mind and soul in a safe and progressive environment. Come explore the possibilities!

2021/2122 Registration Open
Grades PREK-8G

Personal tours available by appointment only
To register visit
www.saintannschoo.org

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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 and COVID-19 guidelines from the Diocese of Trenton, visit the Parish website at:
www.churchofsaintann.net

NEXT level

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS TO...

DISCOVER THEIR UNIQUE GIFTS AND IDENTIFY CONCRETE WAYS TO UTILIZE THEM



GAIN VALUABLE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING & MARKETING SKILLS WHILE IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OTHERS

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A PASSION PROJECT THAT ENGAGES THEIR PARISH COMMUNITY



CREATE COMMUNITY IN THEIR PARISH WHILE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

EXPLORE THEIR FAITH AND PUT IT INTO ACTION



PARTICIPATE IN A WEEK-LONG SERVICE EXPERIENCE WITH PEERS IN OUR STATE'S CAPITOL

LEARN FROM A PARISH MENTOR



Learn more at faithjustice.org or contact Linh Nguyen at lnguyen@faithjustice.org

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



Congratulations to our young parishioners on their First Eucharist!

Please continue to keep in your prayers the young parishioners who journey to Confirmation

Confirmation
Friday, May 21
4:00 PM & 6:00 PM



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Remain in me, as I remain in you.”

Adoration is a devotional practice of adoring and praying in the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It involves “the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us.” Jesus invites us to a personal relationship. Through this “friendship” we are inspired to take on life’s challenges with a new perspective, knowing that he is always with us.

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I AM THERE?

1. Be patient. It takes time to be still and pray. Start with smaller time periods and slowly increase your time.
2. Bring scripture or other spiritual reading to help you meditate.
3. Pray the Rosary.
4. Listen to spiritual music (with your earphones!) to help you still yourself and turn your thoughts to God.
5. Be okay with silence. Allow yourself to just be. Stick to it—eventually you will be filled with insurmountable peace.

**EVERY Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
in the Daily Chapel. COME AND SEE!**

THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN PRAYS FOR AND SUPPORTS...



I will use the teachings of Jesus to treat others with respect. He taught me to live with mercy, love and caring for all.

I would like to be confirmed to create a closer relationship with God.

I have prepared for Confirmation by always helping others who are in need.

I enjoyed doing service knowing that someone in need was helped.

I want to receive Confirmation because I want to get closer to God and receive the Holy Spirit.

As I prepare to make my confirmation, I have spent a lot of time learning, serving and helping others. I have enjoyed doing all of these things...

I am very excited to get confirmed because I know it will further my faith and relationship with God.

I learned a lot about helping others during my preparation for Confirmation. I plan to continue to do what I can to share my gifts with others.

Through the Confirmation retreat I am more prepared to receive the Holy Spirit.

I plan to live my life by showing people that I believe in Christ and let God guide my future.

One thing I learned in practicing the Works of Mercy is that happiness can be found in doing them.

A service project I enjoyed was making Easter baskets for people in the Philippines.

My journey to Confirmation has helped me become more responsible and has really shown me how to grow as a caring human being.

I want to continue to grow within the Church of Saint Ann.

For my confirmation (saint) name, I chose St. Teresa of Avila.

I have prepared for Confirmation by doing various Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

One of my favorite service projects was donating a gift for a child at Christmas.

I will try to stay on the path that God has chosen for me....

I want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation because I know that Jesus loves me.

I helped prepare meals for the homeless, and created care packages for men and women in the service.

My class wrote letters to healthcare workers and first responders...

...OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES.

THESE ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE "LETTERS TO THE PRESIDER" WRITTEN BY OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



WEDNESDAYS at 1:30-3:00pm
4 Sessions beginning May 26th
Church of Saint Ann
Faith Development Center

For more information, email or call Gary:
gmacc@churchofsaintann.net
(609) 882-6491 x116

Sessions include fellowship, guided group discussion,
***Changed Forever* video, and sharing.**

Facilitators Gary Maccaroni, Pastoral Associate, and parishioner Nina Laubach have lead multiple discussion based small groups and have completed the Pastoral Care and Bereavement Training with the diocese. Nina has training in pregnancy loss and contemplative dialogue and is currently pursuing her training in hospital chaplaincy.



Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

2:00-7:00 PM

FDC - The Church of St. Ann

Sponsored by

Knights of Columbus

Lawrence Council #7000

Appointments are preferred

visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)

or call 1-800-733-2767

**CELEBRATING
A CENTURY OF FAITH,
A FUTURE OF HOPE**



*"No one comes to St. Michael's as
a stranger and leaves us that way."*

- Rev. L.W. Kralovich

Join Us in Prayer

Gracious Father, we, your children humbly ask your blessing upon us as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the consecration of St. Michael's Church.

You have shaped us into a community where one can feel at home and worship you with joy and peace.

As your faithful, we gather and are nourished by your Word and the Sacraments so that we may bring your love and healing to others.

Rooted in your Holy Spirit, may we face our future with the same faith, hope, and vision of those who have preceded us, and may we commit ourselves to a new century of service. We make this prayer through the intercession of the patron of our church, Saint Michael, the Archangel, Our Blessed Mother, Mary, her husband, Saint Joseph, and in the name of the One who is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever - Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

MAY 16, 2021 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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.**

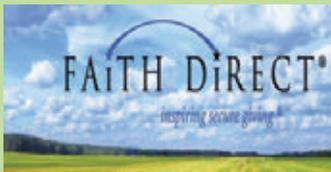
Below also is listed an article of interest reminding us that we are called to live in communion. There is no Us and Them, but one family of God.

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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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) RCIA is the process by which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church. This includes receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for information or email Deacon Frank at mail.deaconfrank.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM Our Parish Religious Education Program meets during the school year for Children K-8: Sundays 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM or Mondays 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM. Family Generations of Faith meets once a month. Sacrament Preparation for First Holy Communion is 2nd Grade and for Confirmation it is for 7th and 8th Grades. Please email with any questions to religionseducation@churchofsaintann.net.

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

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