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December 21, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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	Faith Formation — K-9
Mary Yori	Sexton

Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 12/21 • 4th Sunday of Advent

10-11 AM CCD Christmas Party *Cent Hall*
No CCD Classes
5-11 PM Fil-Am Simbang Gabi *Church/Cent Hall*

MONDAY 12/22

3:30-4:30 PM Legion of Mary *Convent*
5-11 PM Fil-Am Simbang Gabi *Church/Cent Hall*

TUESDAY 12/23

12:15 PM BINGO *Cent Hall*
3-4 PM Holy Hour for Priests *Church*
5-11 PM Fil-Am Simbang Gabi *Church/Cent Hall*

WEDNESDAY 12/24 • Christmas Eve

4 PM Mass
7 PM Mass (Bi-lingual)
12 AM Midnight Mass

THURSDAY 12/25 • Christmas Day

Rectory Office Closed
Mass offered at 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 Noon

FRIDAY 12/26

Rectory Office Closed

No Bingo

SATURDAY 12/27

SUNDAY 12/28 • Holy Family of Jesus

No CCD Classes

Liturgies

Saturday Evening Church	English 5:30 PM
(anticipating Sunday)	Misa Español 7 PM
Sunday Church	8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon
Monday ▶ Friday: Communion Service	<i>Church</i> 7 AM
Monday ▶ Saturday: Mass	<i>Church</i> 9 AM
Wednesday: Mass	<i>Church</i> 7 PM

Holy Hour

Tuesdays Church 3-4 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays *Church* (Or by Appointment) 5 PM



Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for December

General intention: Christmas, hope for humanity. That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

Missionary intention: Parents. That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

Sunday Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27-29
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Weekday Readings

Monday

1Sm 1:24-28 / 1SM 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD / Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday *St John of Kanty*

MI 3:1-4, 23-24 / PS 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 & 14 / Luke 1:57-66

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29 / Lk 1:67-79

Thursday *Nativity of the Lord*

Is 52:7-10 / He 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18

Friday *St Stephen*

Ac 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 8AB, 16BC AND 17 / Mt 10:17-22

Saturday *St John the Apostle*

1Jn 1:1-4 / PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Offertory

This bulletin is printed in advance because of Christmas. The collection for the weekend of Sunday December 14, 2014 will be printed at a later date.



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 Thursday January 22, 2015



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Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

4 PM Christmas Mass
7 PM Christmas Mass (Bi-lingual)
12 AM Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8 AM Mass
10 AM Mass
12 Noon Mass

New Years Schedule

New Year's Eve

7 PM Anticipated Mass (Bi-lingual)

New Year's Day

9 AM Mass

Santa's Prayer on Christmas Eve

By Warren D. Jennings

The sleigh was all packed, the reindeer were fed,
 But Santa still knelt by the side of the bed.

"Dear Father," he prayed "Be with me tonight.
 There's much work to do and my schedule is tight.

I must jump in my sleigh and streak through the sky,
 Knowing full well that a reindeer can't fly.

I will visit each household before the first light,
 I'll cover the world and all in one night.

With sleigh bells a-ringing, I'll land on each roof,
 Amid the soft clatter of each little hoof.

To get in the house is the difficult part,
 So I'll slide down the chimney of each child's heart.

My sack will hold toys to grant all their wishes.
 The supply will be endless like the loaves and the fishes.

I will fill all the stockings and not leave a track.



I'll eat every cookie that is left for my snack.

I can do all these things Lord, only through You,
 I just need your blessing, then it's easy to do.

All this is to honor the birth of the One,
 That was sent to redeem us, Your Most Holy Son.

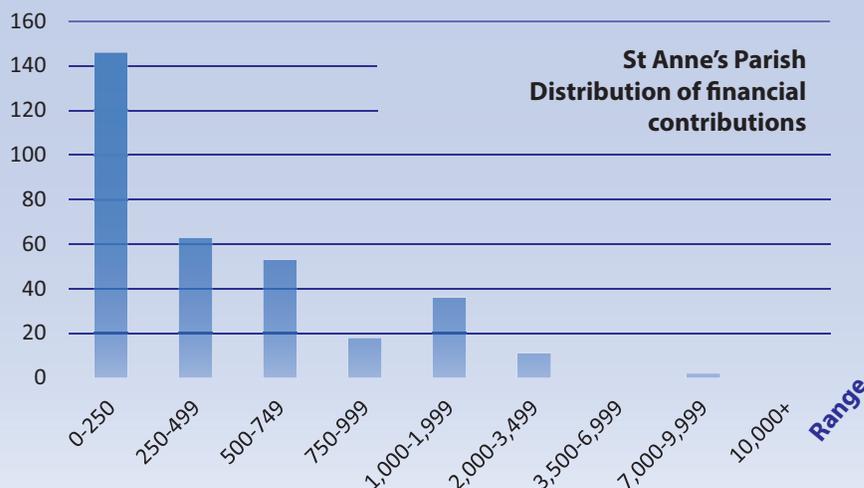
So to all of my friends, least Your glory I rob,
 "Please Lord, remind them who gave me this job."

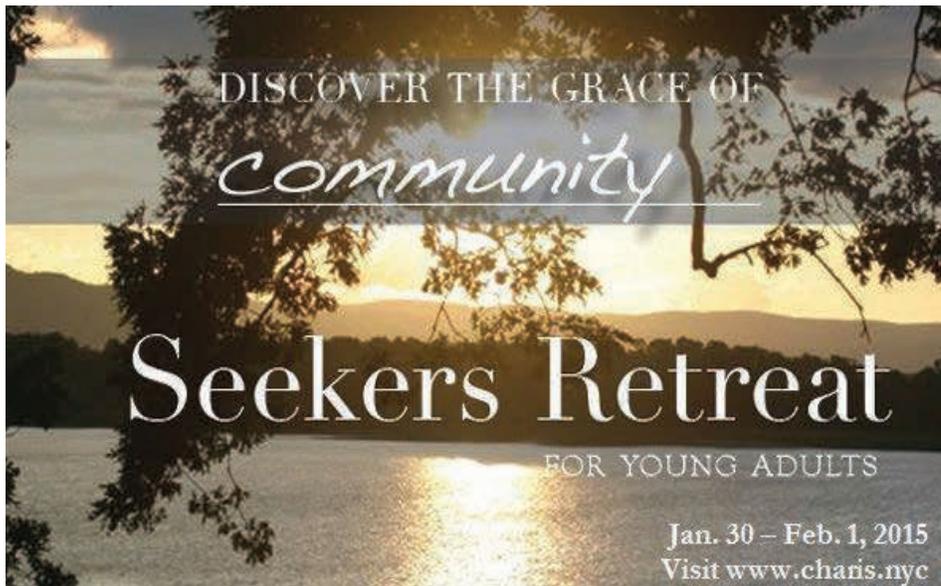
Summary of Annual Family Contributions

There are currently 1204 families registered with St Anne's Parish – ONLY 347 families of the 1204 registered use the Sunday collection envelopes.

- 146 families contribute less than \$250 for the entire year
- 63 families contribute between \$250-\$499
- 53 families contribute between \$500-\$749
- 18 families contribute between \$750-\$999
- 36 families contribute between \$1,000-\$1,999
- 11 families contribute between \$2,000-\$3,499
- 2 families contribute between \$7,000-\$9,999
- There are no families that contribute between \$3,500-\$6,999 or over \$10,000.

Number of families contributing in that range





Graduate Certificate

Enroll in "STEPS" Graduate Certificate Program-Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall. STEPS is designed for adult Catholics who wish to pursue a deeper understanding of their faith and to serve the Church, particularly their individual parishes. Upon completion of the program, students have the option of applying their credits toward an M.A. in Pastoral Ministry or an M.A. in Theology. Classes are held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood, New Jersey. *For more information, please contact the Immaculate Conception School of Theology, Institute for Christian Spirituality: (973) 761-9575 or by email, theology@shu.edu*

Catholic Cruise

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Joseph Stobba February 21 — February 28, 2015 on Holland America Westerdam out of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida – Ports of Call: Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, USVI; Half Moon Cay, Bahamas; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Prices begin at \$1869 for two passengers including all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. *For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-339-1785 / Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com*

Catholic Charities Food Drive

The Catholic Charities' Emergency Food and Nutrition Network (CCEFNN) Thirtieth Annual Harvest of Hope Food Drive provides an opportunity for schools to respond to those in need in our area. Your participation in the Harvest of Hope Drive (October 16– December 31) can make an important difference to the many families we help in the four counties of Essex, Hudson, Union and Bergen. *For more information, call (973) 266-7966*

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADDRESSING ABUSE

The Archdiocese Addresses Victims' Concerns



The Archdiocese takes very seriously the needs of victims who approach the Church seeking healing from abuse. In addition to offering counseling and other support services, in appropriate cases, the Archdiocese provides reasonable compensation to those victims seeking a financial settlement of their civil claim, even after the statute of limitations has lapsed. Settlements are not confidential unless requested by the victim, and may include funding for continued psychological counseling.



The Archdiocese's general liability insurance coverage is the sole source of funds used to pay abuse settlements. Although the Archdiocese, parishes

and schools pay premiums to purchase insurance, no parish or school assets, Archdiocesan assets or Annual Appeal or other fundraising collections are used to pay civil claims related to abuse cases.

Why Is Developing Our Spirituality So Important?

Sr Joann Marie AUMAND, SCC, MA

Why is developing our spirituality so important? Because God is asking us to!!

God is inviting us to be in a relationship with Him and saying **YES** to God and allowing Him into our lives gives us Life!! By saying **YES** to God's invitation we are saying, **YES** God, I want you in my life and **YES** I want you to feed me with your **LIFE-GIVING** Presence. How can we possibly even consider saying **NO** to God who can only give us His love, joy, and peace? How can we dare say **NO** to an invite from God??

Every day God's Spirit is calling us to be part of His holy energy; and every day we have the option to say either yes or no to God. God is always asking us if he can be part of our life and often we don't even hear Him speak to us. If we want God in our lives and we

want God in our children's lives we need to say yes to the opportunities provided us so that our spirituality can grow and develop.

Developing our spirituality is about learning to listen to God. We should want to be in close communion with God and we must teach our children that God is real, alive, and speaks to us in a language called prayer.

Personal prayer, family prayer and community prayer are all ways to be in spiritual union with God. Attending and participating in weekly Liturgy, reading scripture, giving thanks to God for our food, blessing ourselves before bed and on rising, praying for our sick family members and friends and asking God for help in time of need are all ways we can develop our spirituality and teach our children the importance of connecting with God.



As we celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas, and as we begin a New Year, may our **YES** to God's invitation be strong, bold and sincere so that we and our children grow in our spirituality with the Spirit and live lives that say **YES** God we want you in our lives!

Mass intentions

Monday, December 22, 2014

9 AM In Thanksgiving to Jesus Christ
(Ralph & Sallie Donato & Family)

Tuesday, December 23, 2014

9 AM † Sister Agnes Canavan
(Ruth Cullen)

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

9 AM † Dr. Frank C. Vanore
(Alice, Bob, & Colleen Kennedy)

7 PM For the People of the Parish

12 AM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 25, 2014

8 AM For the People of the Parish

10 AM For the People of the Parish

12 Noon For the People of the Parish

Friday, December 26, 2014

9 AM Fr. Nigel Mohammed
(Shin Family)

Saturday, December 27, 2014

9 AM Lawrence Shin
(Shin Family)

5:30 PM Roy M. Eustaquio
(Ninang Tin)

7:00 PM Jose Herrera
(Family)

Sunday, December 28, 2014

8 AM † John & Anna Ondis
(James)

10 AM † Living & Deceased Members of
the Spazian Family
(Frances Spazian)

12 PM † Thanksgiving for Paciello Family
(Mirna Paciello)

Sanctuary Gifts

For the week of December 21st— December 27th, 2014 the gifts are offered in honor of:

Altar Wine † Rose Garille
(Parish Intention)

Altar Bread † Julia P. Kruza
(Parish Intention)

Sanctuary Lamp † Rosetta LaGanga
(Parish Intention)

Altar Candles † Charles B. Gerrity
(Wife, Madeline)

Praying for the Sick

People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified:

Steve & Rachel Mastin ● Alma DeBenedetto
● Kathleen McGuinness ● Diane Shea
● Marie Portelli ● Joseph Callandrillo ●
Humberto Quintana ● Julia Annicchiario
● Al Coulter Sr. ● Javier Vega ● Jennifer
Moloughney ● Antoinette Maddi ● Carol
Jordan ● Anthony Biggio ● Sammy DeLeon
● Shane Quinn ● Alice Daly ● Sadie Krieger
● Dolores DelMonte ● Dianne O'Sullivan ●
Carl Carlson ● Larry Bello ● Miyuki Campbell
● Diane Albert ● Meghan Connaughton

SUNDAY BINGO

February 1, 2015 ● March 8, 2015

(January 4 Bingo is cancelled)

St. Anne's Church, 3545 Kennedy Blvd., JC
Starting at 1:30 PM

Centennial Hall

(Doors Open 12 PM)

Welcome to our Family

We recently received six new members into our St. Anne's Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism. As they begin their new life of grace, we ask that you remember them in your prayers.

Please welcome:

Andy Lora ● Alanis Rosse Lora ● Allyson
J. Merchan ● Gabriel Antonio Merchan ●
Jaylene Elizabeth Clark ● Mia Renee Suazo

Ministry to the Sick



We hope to give to all the sick and aged in our parish the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know can no longer get to church, and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, please call St. Anne's Rectory at 201-360-0838 or email Webmaster@stannesjc.com.

We ask that you pray for the sick in our community and for the Eucharistic Ministers—that they may worthily and gracefully share the Lord's Presence.

Religious Education News

St. Anne's Religious Education Office is located in St. Anne's Rectory (3545 Kennedy Blvd); Office Hours are (M-W) 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; please contact Georgene at 201-360-0838 for 2014-15 Registration.

Email address for St. Anne's Religious Education is st.annepray4us@gmail.com. Please add this email address to your 'Contacts'; you will be contacted via email regarding any updates/changes with Religious Education, Event Reminders and Inclement Weather affecting Sunday Classes for students.

Please call the rectory with any questions.

Children are dismissed on Nelson Avenue at the following time:

- Grades K-1 @ 11:45 am
- Grades 2-3 @ 11:50 am;
- Grades 4-5 @ 11:55 am
- Grades 6-9 @ 12:00 noon

Upcoming sessions:

- Dec. 21 – Religious Ed. Childrens' Christmas Party, **NO CCD CLASSES**
- Dec. 28 – **NO CCD CLASSES**, Christmas Holiday
- Jan. 4 – **NO CCD CLASSES**, New Year Holiday
- Jan. 11 – CCD Classes Resume!

NCR's 50th Anniversary Writing Contest

National Catholic Reporter is inviting high school juniors and seniors to participate in National Catholic Reporter's 50th anniversary writing contest! The theme of the contest is "New Faces, New Voices, New Ways of Being Church."

The essays should respond to the following prompt with original ideas and creative thought: In 300-500 words, briefly reflect on your experience of change and growth in the church and describe your hope for the church in the years ahead. In your response, please give significant attention to ideas about ways you can reach out to new faces and new voices to create a stronger, more vibrant church.

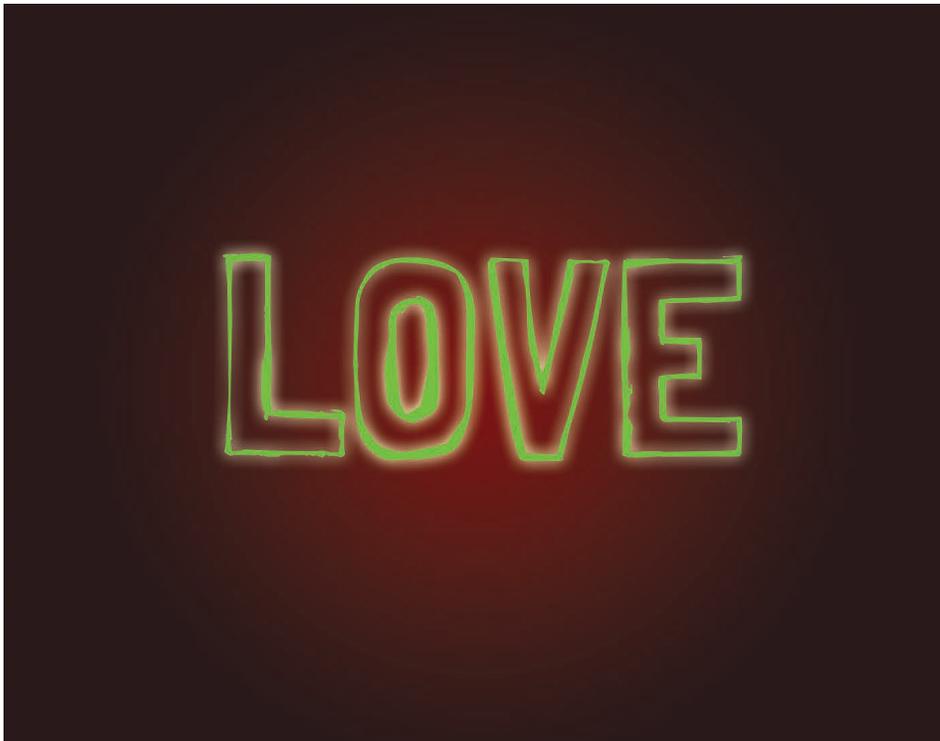
Submissions must be typed and include the student's full name, address, phone number and email address as well as the school's full name, address and phone number. The name of the school will not be published unless the school authorizes its use. Plagiarized work or work that is not written by the student will not be accepted. The first-place



winner will receive a \$1,000 award and have his or her essay published online and in the print copy of the Oct. 9, 2015, issue of NCR. The second-place winner will receive a \$500 award and the third-place winner will receive a \$250 award. Both second- and third-place winners will have their essays published online. Winners will be announced in March 2015. Please submit responses to essay@ncronline.org. Essays are due January 30, 2015.

SEASON OF LOVE

The Commitment of the Incarnation



By Linh Hoang OFM, Ph.D.

The news from all over the globe has been pretty bleak recently from the unrest in the US to protests in Hong Kong; the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East to Ukraine's turmoil; the fight against ISIS to the continual battle against terrorists, there does not seem to be a real sense of joy but rather a veil of hatred between us human beings. One may even call it an Autumn of Hatred. Being a rather positive person, I always look for some redeeming quality or silver-lining in current events and situations. So luckily for us Christians, the seasons converge: our liturgical calendar with this Autumn of Hatred are both now barreling headlong into the joys of Christmas. So let us Rejoice!

There is only one solution for hatred, and that is love. But, not just a conditional love that tries its best to be good and to love. It is divine Love with a capital "L" – meaning God, who is Love. Understanding that God is all-encompassing, omnipotent, omnipresent Love, brings increasing evidence of Love's presence in our human experience and its resulting effects of peace.

God expressed this Love ultimately through the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, who faced and conquered intense hatred, instructed: "You have heard that it has been said, you shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy. But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitiful-

ly use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:43, 44). This is a challenge because love stretches beyond our comfort. But Love walks with us in this challenge.

Love is why we don't have to be afraid. Power lies in the fullness of God, who is Love. Hatred, which abides only in a false sense of ourselves as separate from Love. It is the power of Love that destroys hate. It is God that comforts and binds up all wounds, resolves conflicts, and brings harmony to our lives.

We reflect Love as we conquer "selfish desires" subduing hatred with kindness and charity. The act of Love is to go beyond our own self to assist others who are in need. The act of Love is to do something rather than nothing in face of hatred and danger. We may not all be able to take great action but for sure all of us can lift our view of ourselves and others higher to God's reality, we can begin to see that everyone is the offspring of Love, incapable of accomplishing anything opposed to Love's being. Then we can pray for ourselves and for others. Then we can take action in Love.

This Christmas, let us subdue hatred by knowing that we have the ability to take the hand of the poor, the hated, the depressed, the lonely, the neglected, the frustrated, the atheist, the other religions, and love everyone for who they truly are, human beings who are part of God's family. Merry Christmas!

ST ANNE'S

Simbang Gabi



December 15-23, 7:00 PM

(Sat & Sun @ 5:30)

Join us for the 9 Night Mass in preparation for the Coming of Jesus! Potluck Dinner will be served each night after Mass. For more information, please call Ed Morales (201) 705-3295 or Greg Gonzales (201) 736-5844. *If interested to sponsor one night dinner, please contact above persons.*

PARISH AUCTION

It takes a Village...



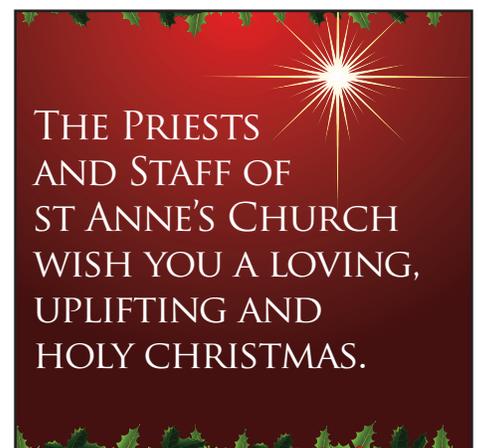
Please bring all donations (including Gift Cards and Gift Certificates) to the rectory and label them "Parish Auction". Volunteers are always needed.

SAVE THE DATE

March 1, 2015

(Doors Open at 12 Noon)

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