





# SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH

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### **Weekly Planner**

SUNDAY 6/7 

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

12 PM Rosary Society Induction Church/Cent Hall

**MONDAY 6/8** 

1-4 PM St. Anne Seniors Cent Hall 3-4 PM Legion of Mary Convent Cadette Trp 2828 Mtg Cent Hall 6-8 PM

**TUESDAY 6/9** 

12:15 PM 3-4 PM BINGO Cent Hall

Holy Hour for Priests Convent Chapel 7 PM

Festival Meeting Cent Hall

WEDNESDAY 6/10

Daisy/Jr Mtg Cent Hall 6-8 PM OL Guadalupe Mtg Convent 7-8 PM

#### **THURSDAY 6/11**

FRIDAY 6/12 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

BINGO Cent 7:30-9:30 PM J&M Prayer Mtg Convent

SATURDAY 6/13 St Anthony of Padua 7-9 PM OLG Social Cent Hal

SUNDAY 6/14 ● 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time ● Flag Day 10 AM-1 PM H.N.S. Mass/Mtg Church/Cent Hall Fil-am Mtg Cent Hall

1-3 PM

### 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 Church 7 AM Monday ► Saturday: Mass Church 9 AM Wednesday: Mass Church 7 PM

### **Holy Hour**

**Tuesdays** Church 3-4 PM

### **Sacrament of Penance**

Saturdays Church (Or by Appointment) 5 PM

### **Communion Service**

As of March 20, 2015, the Daily 7:00 AM Communion Service has been DISCONTINUED.

### **Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father** for June 2015

General intention: That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Missionary intention: That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

### **Sunday Readings**

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8 Psalm: Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15 Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

**Weekday Readings** 

2 Cor 1:1-7 / Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday

2 Cor 1:18–22 / Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 / Mt 5:13-16

### Wednesday

2 Cor 3:4-11 / Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday St Barnabas

Ac 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 / Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4, 5-6 / Mt 5:20-26

#### **Friday** Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Ho 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 / Ep 3:8-12, 14-19 / Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 /Jn 19:31-37

### Saturday

2 Cor 5:14-21 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 / Mt 5:33-37

### Sanctuary Gifts for June 7th—June 13th

Gift In Memory/honor of Requested By AltarWine † Emily Infante Salvatore & Janet Valvano Altar Bread + Emily Infante Bernice Corallo Sanct. Lamp + Emily Infante Karen & Claudia Altar Candles + Emily Infante Bernice Corallo Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Marie Foley • Josephine Cermak Rowan • Baby Jayden O'Connor • Steve & Rachel Mastin • Diane Shea • Joseph Callandrillo • Humberto Quintana • Julia Annicchiarico • 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 Marie Portelli
 Vicky Aguillon

### Schedule of Masses June 8th – June 14th, 2015

Monday, June 8 9AM Novena Tuesday, June 9 9 AM Novena Wednesday, June 10

9 AM John Shin 7 PM **Special Intention** OL Perpetual Help Group

Thursday, June 11

9 AM + Harold Crowe Parish Intention 1st Anniv. in Heaven

### Friday, June 12

9 AM + Maria DiSalvo Manzo Family Saturday, June 13

9 AM + Peter Pisciotta **Gonzales Family** 5:30 PM † Jose Mallari 7 PM + Pablo Velazquez Mirna Paciello

## Sunday, June 14

8 AM Honor of St Anthony Assunta Fusco Sister-in-law, Toni 10 AM + Franco Belfiore 12 PM + Charles B. Gerrity Madeline

#### Weekend Breakdown

The following is the breakdown and total for Sunday, May 30/31, 2015:

April 9	5:30 PM	\$742
	7 PM	\$110
April 10	8 AM	\$743
	10 AM	\$924
	12 PM	\$1,173

### **Total Giving**

\$3,692

Requested by

Mary Shin

Angelo &

Assunta Fusco

Rosa Mastrogiovanni

Wife, Francesca Salati

Tommasina Tango

St Joe's Prayer Grp

Carolyn Rakoski

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Frances Spazian Padre Pio Prayer Grp

St Joe's Prayer Grp

Genoeffa Vacca

Mrs Lypen

### Novena of Masses – June 2015

### Requested for

- † Honor of St Vito Lawrence Shin
- † Long Ly
- Eugene Salati +
- † Adelmo Simeone

Mary Shin **Loretta Dempsey** Blanco Proano **Genevieve Reilly** Aniceta Delgado

- Gloria Engelhardt
- Tom Rakoski
- Dee Rakoski + Carolyn Rakoski
- Marie Maillie
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- † Michelina Napoleon Vicky Aguillon

# **JUNE 21**

# Happy Father's Day



All Masses on Father's Day have been set aside and are offered as a Novena of Thanksgiving for our living and deceased Fathers.

In Celebration of Father's Day, flowers will be added to Saint Joseph's altar.

Please be sure to fill out your Father's Day Remembrance Envelopes. These will be placed on the altar on Father's Day.

# St. Anne's Festival 2015



Festival Committee Members have been meeting once a month since February – obtaining needed licenses, getting 50/50 raffle tickets printed, contracting entertainment, etc.; a lot of work is involved in planning this annual event, in Honor of our Patroness, St. Anne.

The Festival Committee has planned pre-fundraiser activities to help with the expenses for the Festival, such as the "A Nite at the Races" and an Atlantic City bus trip to Caesar's Casino.

Many volunteers are needed to help with the Festival, especially the weekend of this event - July 24,25,26, 2015! Without the volunteers, it's not possible to have the numerous games that are available for both children and adults. In this week's bulletin, there is a Festival Volunteer Sheet for you to see the different time slots available to work; no one person is expected to work the entire day or the entire weekend. Any time that you can 'help out' would really be helpful and appreciated; don't be surprised if you really enjoy yourself while working!

To find out more, please join us at one of our Festival Meetings. Our Festival Meetings are held on the following Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in Centennial Hall:

May 12, June 9, June 23, July 7,14, 21

# Gift Wheel Donations for Festival

The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group has been very successful running the Gift Wheel at St. Anne's Festival the past few years; we are proud to say you have helped to make this possible.

Once again, we are asking for new gifts or monetary donations to help make this year's Gift Wheel more successful than ever. Please mark your donation envelope or gift donation

"Festival-Gift Wheel" and drop your donations at the rectory or call Fran Spazian at 201-653-1318 for more information. Thank you for your past and continued generous support.

## Festival Journal Advertisement

St. Anne's Festival 2015 is set to take place on July 24, 25, 26, 2015. Eighteen years ago, our Parish began a 3-day indoor/ outdoor Festival in Honor of our Patroness, St. Anne. The response to this new tradition has been a wonderful combination of social and liturgical activities in an effort to strengthen and build our sense of community! In fact, it has become the most anticipated event of the year. In keeping with our tradition, we will once again be producing a commemorative journal for St. Anne's Festival 2015!

The JOURNAL will highlight the different activities during the

celebration and contain advertisements and well-wishes (a memoriam, living wishes, birth announcements, congratulatories on graduations, engagements, weddings, special anniversaries, etc) to and from many supporters. You may include a picture for your ad at no additional charge!

# Journal pages are 8 1/2" x 11" & are available at the following rates:

- Full Page \$125.00
- Half Full Page \$ 75.00
- Quarter Page \$ 50.00
- Special Donors \$ 25.00

Contact rectory for forms and further details

# Soda & Water Donations

The Festival Committee 2015 will begin "Soda Sunday...and Saturday Nights too!" Each weekend beginning June 20th thru July 19th, we're asking parishioners to donate cases of soda (regular or diet) and water to help lower our costs for the festival. With summer here, you're sure to spot great discounts on cases of soda and water at your local supermarket; so when you do, please pick 1 up and drop it off in the church vestibule on your way to Mass during any of our Soda Sundays...and Saturday Nights and we'll keep them on ice for you until the festival!

Many thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

# Safeguarding Children & Addressing Abuse

The Catholic Church Is Battling Sexual Abuse



While most media focus over the past ten or more years has been on the incidents of sexual abuse within the Church, little has been said about the many positive steps that the Catholic Church has taken to address the is-

sue. Dioceses across the country, and especially the Archdiocese of Newark, have instituted compassionate outreach to victims and support services, training and background checks for staff and volunteers, training for children and youth, codes of conduct, reporting requirements to civil authorities, independent Review Boards to investigate allegations and recommend actions under Canon law for offenders, as well as other initiatives.

To date, the Catholic Church is the only youthserving organization in the country – private or public -- to undertake such a comprehensive program to create and promulgate safe environments for children and young people.

Independent auditors from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have found the Archdiocese of Newark to be fully compliant with the requirements of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in every year since audits began in 2003.

# 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

# **OUR ARCHDIOCESE**

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# St Scholastica Priory Monastic Experience

Do you wonder if God is calling you to a deeper encounter with himself? Wonder what it is like to be completely given to God as a nun? Come and See as St Scholastica Priory invites you to a Monastic Experience Weekend, June 19-21, October 9-11, 2015. Single Catholic Women aged 18-40 years are invited to experience life in a house of contemplative Benedictine nuns. Pray, eat and work with them. Listen to conferences on monastic life and prayer, learn discernment tools. Hear the nuns' stories of their own journey into the monastery. For more information, please contact Sr Mary Frances, swfynn@aol.com, 271 N Main St, Petersham, MA 01366, 973.724.3213

# NJ 2-1-1 For Local Resources and More

211 is New Jersey's local database for finding businesses and services that provide for New Jersey's many communities. Fielding over 200,000 calls per year, New Jersey 2-1-1 most frequently helps callers find resources for Affordable Housing, Food, Disaster Recovery, Drug or Alcohol Treatment, Emergency Preparedness, Homelessness Prevention, Insurance, Mental Health, Mortgage and Rental Assistance, Special Needs Registry, Support Groups, Unemployment, Utility Assistance and much more.

After Hurricane Sandy, 2-1-1 worked to establish a disaster care management team in conjunction with Catholic Charities to help the many affected by the storm. If you were affected by Superstorm Sandy and have not yet fully recovered, help is still available! Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.nj211.com to see if you are eligible for the assistance that is available through the Hudson County Long Term Recovery Committee. Deadline to call has been extended to June 30, 2015.

# Body and Blood, the Fullness of His Life

BY JANEL ESKER

I'm a proud regular blood donor. No, I don't particularly enjoy needles or the sight of blood. But my mother trained me at a young age that donating blood is one of the most important things you can do to help people. For less than an hour of your time, a momentary prick, and sugar-laden goodies afterward, you can provide a gift that is unequaled in significance—the life-giving force of blood.

Truly, donating blood is one of the most pro-life actions you can take.

Today we take time to particularly recognize the gift of life we receive each week at the eucharistic table. Jesus is, in a way, the ultimate blood donor. He gives us all of himself—Body and Blood, the

fullness of his life—in our eucharistic meal. Just as blood donations can sustain life for the human family, Jesus' gift of his Body and Blood is our sustaining spiritual life force, a symbol of the covenant between God and humanity that is given to us freely and has no equal.

Though I do give blood regularly, I'm able to remember to do so only because my blood center is kind enough to nudge me to sign up again after the eight-week waiting period. We come to the eucharistic table each week, but each time we step forward do we remember how significant this gift is? As we receive, are we aware of Jesus' power within us?

This solemnity gives us that reminder to stay attentive to and grateful for God's gift of the Eucharist.

# Catechized Through Signs of God's Presence

BY MARY BIRMINGHAM

A sleeping giant has awakened. The Spirit of God that hovered over the waters of creation is recreating God's people in a renaissance of faith and spirituality. Adult Catholics yearn to know more about their faith. They go to Mass and commit to daily prayer and service, but formal religious training ended for many of them at eighth-grade graduation. The Church, however, teaches that catechesis is a lifelong journey; it's so insistent about the importance of adult faith formation that it has set forth criteria by which to judge what constitutes complete catechesis. These criteria are a barometer we can use to discern the extent of our personal adult faith formation.

We are formed in faith (catechized) through signs of God's presence, the primary sign being the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. The Church insists that all catechesis must relate to this subject (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 8). Fully catechized people participate in the paschal mystery of Christ—his life, death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of his Holy Spirit—and understand how to link joy and sorrow to the cross. They are in intimate communion with the risen Lord and aware that they are participating in the ongoing redemption of the world. No suffering is without meaning; it's all a gift. It is possible to know all the doctrines of the Church and not be the least bit catechized; if conversions of heart and intimate union with God aren't at the center of a person's spiritual life, then that person is not catechized. The General Directory for Catechesis, a compilation of the principles set forth in all catechetical documents, dictates that thorough adult catechesis must foster and teach

Knowledge of the faith that includes forma-

tion in Scripture and salvation history.

- Knowledge of the faith that includes formation in dogma as well as the life and history of God's people, the Church.
- Liturgical education with explanation of the sacramental and liturgical rites, especially the eucharistic liturgy.
- Moral formation that includes a comprehensive introduction to leading a moral life rooted in the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments.
- Formation in prayer that includes a thorough introduction into the ways of prayer and spirituality and the necessity of an active prayer life.
- Formation in the life of the community that includes promoting participation in the life of Christ within the lived experience of the community.
- Formation in the missionary life that instills a mandate to use what we have to evangelize, brings others to Christ, and serves those in need.

How can these criteria help us discern what it means to be a fully catechized Catholic? By asking ourselves some of the following questions: To what extent am I aware that living the paschal mystery is a primary theme of Christian life? In what way have I incorporated the cycle of death and resurrection into my Christian life? Have I laid sin to death, taken up my cross, and linked my joys and sorrows to Christ's cross? To what extent have I offered up my life for others who suffer?

THE EUCHARIST

# The Source and Summit of Our Spiritual Lives

BY **DREW STUART, MA FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR** 

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How often have you heard the words The Body of Christ, and The Blood of Christ? When going to communion, it is far too easy of respond Amen without really thinking about what we saying. The word amen is an affirmation which means so be it or I do believe; while the Eucharist may still look and taste like bread and wine, but when we say amen we acknowledge that we are really receiving Jesus' Body and Blood. He comes to dwell within us, allowing us to share in His eternal life. This is why the Eucharistic celebration (aka the Mass) is at the heart of our faith as Catholics.

Lumen Gentium, one of the most important Church documents to be promulgated during the Second Vatican Council, reaffirms this when it calls the Eucharist the fount and apex or source and summit of Christian life. Essentially, this means that, while all seven sacraments are essential, because we receive the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, the Eucharist alone can be considered the source and high point of our spiritual lives.

But having said this, you may be wondering what all of this theological language really means and why the Second Vatican laid so much emphasis on the Eucharist. In Sermon 227, a sermon to newly baptized catechumens, Saint Augustine explains what happens when we receive the Eucharist. Affirming that the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ, he says, If you receive them well, you are yourselves what you receive. You see, the apostle says, We, being many, are one loaf, one body (1 COR 10:17). That's how he explained the sacrament of the Lord's table; one loaf, one body, is what we all are, many though we be. In this statement, Augustine asserts that, by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we become what we receive: we become Jesus and therefore



share in his life. If we become Jesus, our lives should be radically transformed and this change should naturally be reflected in our words and actions. Hence, one of the options for dismissal at Mass is *Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.* We are changed by the Eucharist and should show this change by glorifying the Triune God by living as Jesus did: putting love for God and love other people before love of self.

In the same passage, Saint Augustine also asserts the Eucharist that is a sacrament of unity. You've most likely heard the Church referred to as the Body of Christ, referring to the union of all baptized Catholics (or even all baptized Christians). Augustine affirms that it is the Eucharist that makes this a reality. If each of us

is united to Christ when receiving the Eucharist, we are also united to each other, through Him, becoming the Body of Christ here on earth. The Eucharistic transformation mentioned above should therefore unite us into a loving community of Christians who live to serve God, one another, the Church, and the world. Considering this, you could actually go so far as to say that the Eucharist, being Jesus Christ Himself, unifies and even constitutes the Church. In fact, the Second Vatican Council affirmed that only the Orthodox Church, of all the various Christian groups outside of the Catholic Church, can be called a Church because it has apostolic succession and, therefore, a valid Eucharist. All other Christian groups are acknowledged as being our brothers and sisters as well, but because they lack apostolic succession and the Eucharist, they are only referred to as *ecclesial communities*. Essentially, all of this points to the fact that, without the Eucharist, there would be no Church.

We've seen that the Eucharist is the fount and apex of Christian life. It transforms us individually into images of Christ by allowing us to share his life and it unites all of us, though many, into one Body of Christ, the Church. These are the main reasons the Eucharist is considered the greatest of the sacraments. This being said, of all the Sacraments, the Eucharist is also unique because, through it, we experience the entire history of God's saving action, from the beginning of sin through our redemptive death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops writes, The Eucharist constitutes 'the Church's entire spiritual wealth, that is, Christ Himself, our Passover and living bread.' It is the 'Sacrament of Sacraments.' Through it 'the work of our redemption is accomplished.' How can we say that our redemption is accomplished through the Eucharist? Wasn't it Christ's death and Resurrection that redeemed us? In reality, we experience Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday every time we go to Mass (The words of all four Eucharistic prayers used at Mass are meant to convey this. Search for Eucharistic Prayers I, II, III, and IV online and see for yourself). Through the Eucharist, we experience Jesus just as his Apostles and disciples did two thousand years ago. He is present to us just as He was to them.

Overall, the Eucharist is truly fount of our spiritual lives as Catholics. Through this sacrament, Christ is truly present. By receiving the Eucharist, we become image of Christ and share in His life. We are also untied to one another and transformed into the Body of Christ. May we live out these changes by bringing his love and life to world through our words and actions. In doing this, we glorify God by our lives.

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