

St. Anne's Church

3545 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." — Luke 2:11



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Sanctuary Gifts December 25th-31st, 2011

Gift	In Memory	Requested By
Altar Wine	Anthony Fontana & Mildred Crescenzo	Carol Fontana & Diaz Family
Altar Bread	Toni Ann & James Atkins	Carol Fontana & Diaz Family
Sanctuary Lamp	Anna & William Ernst	Carol Fontana & Diaz Family
Altar Candles	Anna Fischer	Jim Fischer & Vincent

Schedule of Masses Dec. 26, 2011-Jan. 1, 2012

Day	Time	Requested for	Requested by
Mon. 12/26	7 AM	Frank Otersen	Family
	9 AM	Charles B. Gerrity	Madeline
Tues. 12/27	7 AM	Stefano & Concetta Pisciotta	Family
	9 AM	Jeremiah Sullivan	Christina Burke
Wed. 12/28	7 AM	John & Anna Ondis	William & James
	9 AM	Erico Meleo	Wife Palmiara
	7 PM	Antonio Romano	M/M Giuseppe Rizzi
Thurs. 12/29	7 AM	Catherine Gallagher	Christina Burke
	9 AM	Randy (Amanda) Lehrer	Chris & Cathy Burke
Fri. 12/30	7 AM	Catherine Gallagher	Catherine Burke
	9 AM	Erico Meleo	Wife Palmiara
Sat. 12/31	9 AM	Antonio Romano	Gaetana DiOliviera
	5:30 PM Fr. Nigel	(Liv) Sadie & Kenneth Krieger	Joy
	7 PM Fr. Fernando	Lillian Ebneith	Helen & Don Markey
Sun. 1/1	7:30 AM Fr. Nigel	For The People Of The Parish	
	9 AM Fr. Ed	Lucy & James Merritt	Loretta & Heather Dempsey
	10:30 AM Fr. John	Maria Carmela Bove	Angelo & Giovanna Tango
	12 noon Fr. Ed	Sharon Pfanner	Krieger Family

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

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



Shirley Kraatz, Karen Haughney, Warren Lewis, Joe Miranda, Rose Mary Young, Karen Scichilone, Anne Marie Williams, Bill Waddleton Sr., Dianne O'Sullivan, Carl Carlson, Ashley Jacodus, Catherine Carlson, Presley Hall, Michael Smith, Kenneth & Sadie Krieger, Vincent Vacca

Scriptural Reflections on Stewardship



God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.



Every Tuesday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the church from 3 to 4 p.m. It is an hour of prayer for the priests, religious men and women and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life of the Church. We invite you to come and spend time with the Lord for these intentions and for your personal requests. Holy Hour closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59;Ps 31:3cd-

4,6,8ab,16bc-17; Mt 10:17-22

TUESDAY: 1Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:1a,2-8

WEDNESDAY: 1Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5,7b-8;

Mt 2:13-18

THURSDAY: 1Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3,5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

FRIDAY: Sir 3:2-6; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 2:22-40

SATURDAY: 1Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2,11-13; Jn 1:1-18

NEXT SUNDAY: MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF

GOD Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8; Gal 4:4-7;

Lk 2:16-21

Religious Education News from Sister Alberta



CCD Office Hours: Sunday after 9 a.m. Mass; Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; **CLOSED THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY.** Please call before coming: Office 201-360-0838/Convent 201-963-0998.

- * **December 25th & January 1st** - NO CLASSES; classes will resume January 8th.
- * **Jan. 15th** - Martin Luther King-NO CLASS. New Confirmation Candidates Parent Meeting in Chapel Hall 12 noon.
- * **Jan. 22nd** - Extra classes 11:30-12:30 for new confirmation candidates; please have students bring snacks.
- * **Jan. 29th** - Open House; all parents/guardians are to attend. Report cards are given out; re-registration for next year with \$50.00 fee.
- * The Franciscan Sisters would like to thank everyone who participated in their yearly Raffle Drawing. We had a winner from St. Anne's Parish: Mrs. Wiggins from North Street won \$150

- * Conferences for First Reconciliation have been completed. Children will now begin their journey for 6 weeks. They will attend 9:00 Mass every Sunday and bring in each week Lessons which were done. First two pages is a Family ceremony where family send child out on the six-week journey.
- * Grade 2 Public School children will remain for an extra class from 11:30-12:30 starting this Sunday, Dec. 11th; please have them bring snacks.
- * Parents of Grade 8 have received the Calendar of Activities and Events for the year with January 2012 school calendar. Please see to it your child has given it to you. Post this calendar as a reminder.

BASKETBALL FESTIVAL

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children will hold its **9th annual High School Basketball Festival** on **Saturday January 7, 2012 and Sunday 8, 2012** at Kean University in Union. For full game schedule, times and ticket information please visit www.sfchoops.com or call (973) 497-4279. The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children provides economically challenged students in grades K-12 with partial tuition scholarships to attend Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Newark.

New Year Mass Schedule for St. Anne's Church

Peace on Earth



NEW YEAR

New Year's Eve

5:30 p.m. (antic. Mass for Holy Day)
7:00 pm (Spanish)

New Year's Day

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon

'CATHOLIC' NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Time is a most precious gift. As we see time through the eyes of faith, it becomes an opportunity to grow in grace. May the year 2012 be a true year of grace for each of us at Saint Anne's. To aid us in holding the gift of Christmas throughout the year, may I suggest the following ideas for New Year's Resolutions:

1. Attend daily Mass once or twice a month;
2. Participate in one of our novenas;
3. Set aside some time each day to read the Scriptures;
4. Do not leave Mass right after Communion – Sing the final song. Spend some time in meditation. Don't rush your prayer.
5. Join one of our Societies (*Holy Name, Rosarians, Legion of Mary, Padre Pio, St. Joseph's Morning Prayer Group, Choir, etc*) and share your faith in community;
6. Pick a ministry the parish needs and develop it with friends and family;
7. Pray for vocations in this time of need;
8. Evaluate your involvement in the parish and pledge a gift of time;
9. Say the rosary;
10. Pick a corporal work of mercy and make our faith incarnate;
11. Become a coach and help our youth have real adult role models;
12. Share a "cost of living" donation in your envelope;
13. Use our parish envelope system;
14. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by developing a confessor. Take time to grow with this very unique and very Catholic Sacrament. One of the seven precious Sacramental ways the Lord reminds us of His tender love.

Pick one, two, or three resolutions and each month renew your pledge so that it becomes a habit or second nature to your person. This will let Christmas lead to Easter.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NOTICIAS



Navidad, fiesta de la esperanza



Dios es un niño que te ama con corazón de niño y con la fuerza de un Dios.

Los que más disfrutan de la Navidad son los niños y los que tienen un alma de niño.

Hay que ser como niño para poder llevar ante el pequeño Jesús todos los pecados, preocupaciones, tristezas, todos los desalientos, las caídas y desesperanzas y para no tener pena de acercarse a ese Redentor.

Ser como niño para pedir con la fuerza de la necesidad cuando de averas se siente. Se necesita ser niño para estar seguros que ese Redentor puede curar todos nuestros males. Puede convertir nuestra tristeza en alegría porque es todopoderoso.

Cristo ha sido para millones de seres humanos, el camino, la verdad y la vida. También puede ser eso mismo para mí, para ti en esta Navidad.

Para ti, para mí hay solución. Si nos acercamos a ese Niño con fe y le decimos con los labios, con el corazón: “**Señor, si quieres, puedes curarme!**”

Brindemos por ese Dios que sigue esperando que el hombre le vuelva a decir en esta Navidad: “**te sigo amando.**”

Deseandoles a cada uno una verdadera Navidad, y que el niño Jesus, quien es la razón de esta celebración nos fortalezca y haga crecer cada día más.

Muchas felicidades, les desea ... *Sociedad Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.*



Christmas Flowers

St. Anne's Parish wishes to thank all those who so generously made donations to enhance our church this Christmas.



A special “thank you” for those who volunteered their time to *help decorate* the church for this Christmas season.

A ‘donor list’ is posted in the church vestibule for those who donated through the use of the “FLOWER” envelope and dropped it in the depository by December 21st



Make a Gift Through an IRA Charitable Rollover

The IRA Charitable Rollover has been extended through 2012. This extension allows individuals 70½ or older to make a direct distribution from their IRA to a qualified charity such as (PARISH NAME), the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, the Archdiocese of Newark, or another Archdiocesan institution. This will not increase your gross income and no charitable deduction is needed to obtain

the tax benefit. By using a standard deduction, you will receive a tax break from making a charitable deduction. For more information on how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, please contact Theresa Lynch at the Planned Giving Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. She can be reached at (973) 497-4042 or at lynchthe@rcan.org.

PRIESTHOOD VOCATION

“Do you wonder if God is calling you to a life of service? Is it possible that God might be inviting you to consider priesthood as your vocation? Join us for a weekend retreat designed to help us reflect on these questions in a spirit of faith and friendship. The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a Vocation Discernment Retreat: 'Stay with Us, Lord' to be held January 6, 7, 8 at Carmel Retreat House, Mahwah NJ. The weekend will include prayer, presentations by priests and seminarians, time for silence, and the opportunity to meet other young men asking the same questions. Please contact Fr. John Gabriel in the Vocations Office for more information and to register. This weekend might change your life? Join us!” gabriejo@rcan.org - (973)497-4365.

Visitation of the Sick

SAVE THE DATE

YOU ARE INVITED!!!

ON **MARCH 4, 2012** SAINT ANNE'S
WILL HOLD IT'S 20TH ANNUAL
"PARISH AUCTION"

AS IN THE PAST, WE ARE ASKING
OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND OUR
FAVORITE BUSINESSES TO DO-
NATE TO THIS MAJOR PARISH
FUNDRAISER. WHETHER IT BE
YOUR TIME, GIFTS OR A MONE-
TARY DONATION, ANYTHING
WILL BE GREATLY APPRECI-
ATED- THANKING YOU IN AD-
VANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

Judy Waddleton

Due to the "Privacy Act" to protect patients while being hospitalized, a priest is prohibited from seeing a patient unless requested directly from the patient or an immediate family member. While it is of grave concern for our parishioners to be visited by our parish priests, please keep the "Privacy Act" in mind. If you wish a visit from a parish priest, be sure you or an immediate family member contact the rectory or email webmaster@stannesjc.com.

From the Desk of.... the Bulletin Editor

The Church bulletin is published on our website www.stannesjc.com. The following criteria needs to be met in order for this information to be emailed to our webmaster:

- Information to be put in the bulletin needs to be at the rectory **10 days prior to publication** (Thursday morning of the week before)
- One of the following formats need to be used: **Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Publisher or Microsoft Word** (in that order of preference).
- "Flyer" notices need to be put on disc and dropped off at the rectory OR emailed to me at sarc2000@verizon.net. Only if there is space.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Georgene DeBenedetto

The Gift Shop

Located in St. Anne's Rectory

Open every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We are happy to take special gift orders. Come in and browse.

Any Occasion

Wedding
Communion

Baptism
Confirmation



Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 12/25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



TUESDAY 12/27

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall
3:00 PM-4:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests-Church
3:00 PM Legion of Mary-Rect Mtgrm
7:00 PM H.N.S. Board Mtg-Rect Mtgrm
7:00 PM-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group-Church

WEDNESDAY 12/28

7:30 PM Nelson Ave. Block assoc-Cent Hall

FRIDAY 12/30

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS

NO BINGO

7:30 PM J&M Prayer Mtg-Rect. Mtgrm

SATURDAY 12/31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

SUNDAY 1/1

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day

MONDAY 1/2

3:00 PM Legion of Mary

TUESDAY 1/3

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall
3:00 PM-4:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests-Church
7:00 PM-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group-Church

WEDNESDAY 1/4

6:00-8:00 PM Daisy/Brow/Jr Mtg-Cent Hall
8:00-9:00 PM San Lorenzo Mtg-Cent Hall

THURSDAY 1/5

6:30-8:30 PM Cub Scouts-Cent Hall

FRIDAY 1/6

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall
7:30 PM J&M Healing Mass-Church/Cent Hall

SATURDAY 1/7

4:00 PM OL Guadalupe 3 Kings Celeb-Ch/CentHa

St. Anne's Adult Choir Practice



Come one and come all; make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Come share your Time, Treasure, Talents - We are in need of cantors/leaders of song for all liturgies. Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays in St. Anne's Church at 6:30 PM. Any questions, feel free to contact Nancy McGrath at 973-473-6443.

SPANISH CHOIR

We'll be forming a Spanish Choir to sing at the 7:00 P.M. Saturday liturgy and any bi-lingual Masses. Choir rehearsal is on Wednesdays 7:30 pm in Church. Please contact Nancy at 973-473-6443.

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