

**Saint Anne's Church**  
*3545 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City*



We Invite You To Join Us In The Celebration Of The Eucharist

**Saturday Evening:** (anticipating Sunday) **5:30 PM (English) 7:00 PM (Misa Dominical) in Church**  
**Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM; and 12:00 Noon in Church**

**Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM Mass; Saturday 9:00 AM Mass; Wednesday 7:00 PM Mass-**  
**All Weekday Masses are held in SAINT ANNE'S CONVENT CHAPEL located at 246 Congress Street!**

**Sacrament of Penance:** by Appointment or **Saturdays 1:00-1:30 PM in Church**

**Parish Membership:** *Our Parish Family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the Parish is requested to register at the Rectory. Please notify the Rectory of any address change.*

### Sacrament of Baptism

**Infant Baptism** take place on the **4th Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM in church. *Prior arrangements are necessary; please contact the rectory.***

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults who have not been Baptized or have been Baptized in another Christian Community and wish to enter into full communion and adults who have not received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, please contact the Rectory for further information.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples who are contemplating sharing the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the Parish Priest one year in advance to insure adequate preparation for this lifelong commitment.

### Religious Education

The education of our youth and the sharing of our heritage is a priority in our parish.

Religion classes are not only for the Sacraments but are to help children grow in their faith; religious instruction is continuous. Sacramental Classes (First Eucharist/Confirmation) are a two-year preparation.

**Children attend Sunday 9:00 AM Mass with their families; class begins immediately following Mass until 11:30 AM.**

For more information on St. Anne's Religious Education Program, please contact Sister Alberta Manzo, our Parish Catechetical Leader.

### Ministry to the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing is available for anyone seriously ill or of advanced age. In an emergency, call the Rectory at any time. Those who are homebound are still a very important part of our parish and the Eucharist will be brought to the home. **Please contact the Rectory so arrangements can be made.**

### ***Our Parish is Served by:***

Very Rev. Nigel R. Mohammed, VF - Pastor  
Rev. John Ranieri - Pastoral Associate  
Sr. Alberta Manzo - Parish Catechetical Leader  
Ms. Begonia Jensen - Adult Education (RCIA)  
Mrs. Cristina Pardo - Adult Education (RICA Spanish)  
Mrs. Georgene DeBenedetto - Administrative Assistant

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Website: [www.stannesjc.com](http://www.stannesjc.com)

### **TRUSTEES:**

Lt. James Carroll  
Mrs. Judith Waddleton

Novena of Masses

**FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2013**

<i>Requested for</i>	<i>Requested by</i>
Theresa Lattanzi	Frances & Angela
Pantaleon Sandal	Sandal Family
Patria Sandal	Sandal Family
Roberto Sandal	Sandal Family
Eduardo Aguilar	Blanca Proano
Gloria Tiangco	Blanca Proano
Isayas Tiangco	Blanca Proano

**Sanctuary Gifts February 3rd-9th, 2013**

<i>Gift</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Requested By</i>
<b>Altar Wine</b>	James Goldsworthy	Anthony & Tina Makofka
<b>Altar Bread</b>	James Goldsworthy	Angelo & Jennifer Tango
<b>Sanctuary Lamp</b>	James Goldsworthy	Tammy Thomas & Family
<b>Altar Candles</b>	Anna Fischer	Jim & Vincent

**Parish Support**

**E-GIVING**  
(Electronic Donations)

Make your donation to St. Anne's Church through **E-GIVING**; visit our website at [www.stannesjc.com](http://www.stannesjc.com)

- E-GIVING Online is a secure site
- View *your* online transactions
- *You exclusively* control your activity
- No interaction with another party
- "E-GIVING Envelope" (easily printable) that displays your electronic contribution for the collection basket



**Scriptural Reflections on Stewardship**

"No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown." Thus did Jeremiah, and later, Jesus, encounter opposition and lack of faith; thus did both place their hope in the Lord. Paul speaks eloquently of the greatest of all gifts: Love.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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



Madeline Gerrity, Miyuki Campbell, Ernest Wicklund, Marie Carlson, Emilie Jaworowski, Dolores DelMonte, Warren Lewis, Charles Kaufman, Bill Waddleton Sr., Dianne O'Sullivan, Sadie Krieger, Carl Carlson, Helen Ferris, Carol Jordan

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

**TUESDAY:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26-28,30-32; Mk 5:21-43

**WEDNESDAY:** Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18; Mk 6:1-6

**THURSDAY:** Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Ps 48:2-4,9-11; Mk 6:7-13

**FRIDAY:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9; Mk 6:14-29

**SATURDAY:** Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

**NEXT SUNDAY: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME** Is 6:1-2a,3-8; Ps 138:1-5,7-8; 1Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11



### St. Anne's Adult Choir



Saint Anne's Masses in English are in need of a song leader. If you're interested in being our "Leader of Song" for our Masses in English, please contact the rectory.

Choir rehearsal in Spanish takes place in the Church every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. If you'd like to join our Parish Spanish Choir, please attend the rehearsal. Thank you.

### Schedule of Masses February 4th-10th, 2013

Day	Time	Requested for	Requested by
<b>Mon</b> <b>2/4</b>	7 AM	Novena	
	9 AM	Joseph Cuiazzo	Daughter
<b>Tues</b> <b>2/5</b>	7 AM	Guillermo Gonzales	Lucila Samson
	9 AM	Novena	
<b>Wed</b> <b>2/6</b>	7 AM	Purificacion Gonzales	Family
	9 AM	Novena	
	7 PM	Special Intention	OL Perpetual Help Group
<b>Thurs</b> <b>2/7</b>	7 AM	Pacita Llamas	Family
	9 AM	Novena	
<b>Fri</b> <b>2/8</b>	7 AM	Novena	
	9 AM	Michael Maffei	Nora & Family
<b>Sat</b> <b>2/9</b>	9 AM	Novena	
	5:30 PM	Kenneth Krieger	Frank & Gemma Infante
	7 PM	Raul Lopez	Galindo Family
<b>Sun</b> <b>2/10</b>	7:30 AM	Thomas Dolan	Nora Browne & Family
	9 AM	Grazia Voza	Virginia Sarni
	10:30 AM	Deceased Members of Lang & McAlinden Families	Lang Family
	12 noon	(Liv) Joan Sheehan	Nora Browne

## FISH & CHIPS DINNER



**ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>**

St. Anne's Centennial Hall

**Takeout: 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM \* Eat In: 7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM**

**TICKETS NEED TO BE PURCHASED FROM**  
**ST. ANNE'S RECTORY - 3545 Kennedy Blvd.**

**ADULTS - \$8.00 in advance/\$10.00 at the door**

**CHILDREN - \$5.00 in advance/\$7.00 at the door**

**ALL ADVANCE TICKETS NEED TO BE PURCHASED**  
**BY FEBRUARY 10TH**

# Pastor's Blog

It seems as if Christmas only just ended and already we're preparing for Lent, 2013 (Ash Wednesday is February 13th)! An excellent tool for keeping track of the Church year or Liturgical calendar, when different seasons and holy days are observed, is the 2013 Parish Calendar. The calendar outlines the various seasons, e.g., Lent, Easter and Advent; holy days of obligation, when we are expected to come together to worship as a community; days of abstinence and fasting, and the colors of the seasons and celebrations. This year, in addition to longtime calendar sponsor, Houghton's Funeral Home, we also had an anonymous donor who bequeathed money to the parish specifically for the calendars, because of her fondness for Saint Anne Church, and her support of the missionary work done by Catholic Extensions, the organization that publishes the calendars (Read the back piece of the calendars for a description of their mission). As a result, there are still plenty of calendars available, if you haven't gotten yours as yet, or if you have a family member or neighbor who might not have received one, please feel free to take one home this weekend - The New Year is still young!

Speaking of donors, the Christmas collection is almost completed (members of the community who did not celebrate Christmas at Saint Anne have been sending in their gifts as they have returned to Jersey City), as of now the collection is close to \$25,000., nearly what it was last Christmas, which was itself an increase of approximately \$10,000. over the previous Christmas. In this time of long-term unemployment and financial hardship, giving to not-for-profit ventures like the Church does not come easy for any of us, even when we know that mission is right and good. Thanks to all our cheerful givers who, through their deep financial support, help to keep the doors of Saint Anne, the doors of Christ, open wide to a love-starved world. More to come on the Christmas Collection once the final figures are in.

Finally, on a sad note, this past week I was informed that Sister Alberta Manzo, with the blessing and support of her community, the Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, will be retiring. Sister will stay on until the end of the current Religious Education program and then retire to the community's Mother House. After thirty years of service to Saint Anne, this decision was not made lightly nor did it come easily. Much pain and sadness has accompanied it.

There will be a farewell celebration (to be announced) for Sister Alberta, and Sister Dominic, who will be starting a new chapter in her life as well.

Through the tears and heartache of saying goodbye, may we take comfort in the knowledge that both of them will be surrounded by people who care about them as much as we do, and, knowing their mettle, may we take comfort in the knowledge that they will continue to live out their vocation to the consecrated life wherever they may be, faithfully serving God and the Church. May God bless us with peace in this time of transitions.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**The RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE has been moved; new location is located in St. Anne's Convent, 246 Congress Street.**

**Office Hours are: Monday thru Wednesday 10:00 am to 2 pm, Sunday 10:00 am-12 noon; Please call before coming: 201-963-0998.**

**Attn Parents: Please pick up Sunday bulletin on weekly basis for updates and current Religious Education News!!**

- \* Feb. 3rd - Open House (report cards issued)
- \* Feb. 10th - Parents' Mtg. for New Confirmation Candidates
- \* Feb. 13th - Ash Wednesday Fish Fry 5:00-8:30 PM-Cent Hall; return form, tickets at rectory
- \* Feb. 17th - NO CLASS; President's Day weekend
- \* Feb. 24th - New Confirmation Candidates' Classes begin
- Parents' Last Reconciliation Mtg 1:00 PM Convent

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

February 2013

## One Minute Meditations

### February's saint

The Year of Faith saint for February is St. Rose Philippine Duchesne.

Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Visitation nuns at age 19 but suffered when convents were closed during the French Revolution. At its end, she became a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to the Louisiana Territory as a missionary in 1818. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

### Advice from Brother Lawrence

Have you ever wondered if your desires were in harmony with God's will? Brother Lawrence said to be sure they are, simply develop an attitude of faith, hope, and love. Then you won't want anything else. (*Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence)

### The Cross

*"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his Cross daily and follow me"* (Luke 9:23).



## Lent leads us back to God

*"For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment"* (Joel 2:12). Lent may be a penitential season, but it is also a wonderful reminder that no matter how we let sin interfere in our relationship with God, he always wants us back. Gracious and merciful is he.

*"Return to me with your whole heart."* Throughout the year, sin creeps into our daily lives almost without our noticing. A bad habit such as becoming preoccupied with material goods or gossiping can keep us from loving God fully. Lent is a time to examine our lives and sweep aside whatever keeps us from giving God our whole heart.

*"Render your hearts, not your*

*garments."* God doesn't just want outward acts of repentance because they can be performed without real

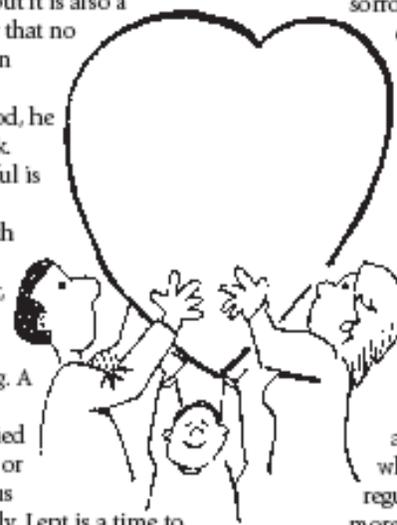
sorrow. Our Father wants a change of heart. Start with Confession and then determine to practice virtues such as prudence, temperance, and fortitude.

*"Gather the people, notify the congregation."*

Help spread God's love to his people.

Make a point of inviting someone to attend Mass with you who may not attend regularly or become

more active in your parish to build it up. Lent is also the time to attend Mass more often than just once a week and join in the prayers of Christ's Church.



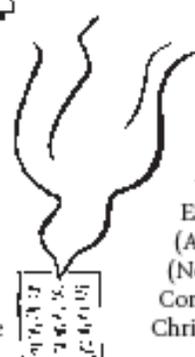
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Holy days of obligation "complete the Sunday observance by participation in the principal liturgical feasts which honor the mysteries of the Lord, the Virgin Mary, and the saints." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2043)

Different countries can have

## What are Holy Days of Obligation?

different holy days. In the United States we have six: the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1), the Ascension (40 days after Easter), the Assumption (August 15), All Saints (November 1), the Immaculate Conception (December 8), and Christmas (December 25).



## The keys to holiness

To many of us, prayer means using a Bible or a Rosary and committing exclusive time to God. Yet St. Paul exhorts us to *"pray without ceasing"* (1 Thessalonians 5:17). How can we do that and still function during the day?

Do God's will. It can be tempting to reserve God only for prayer time or Mass time and go it alone the rest of the time. However, if we also determine to do God's will throughout the day, all that we do becomes a prayer and we "pray without ceasing."



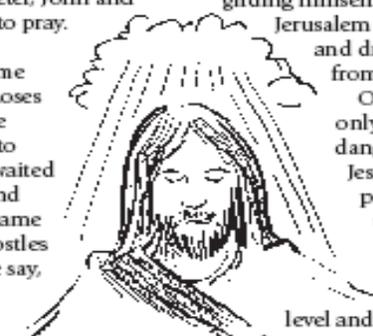
Think Godly thoughts. God is always with us. We can speak directly to him whenever we want, especially when we need help or advice, or just want to talk. Of course, this continuous conversation should include praising and thanking him and saying, "I love you." But this means rejecting thoughts that won't lead to God - resentments, grudges, or sinful thoughts. Eventually we will find that we are praying without ceasing and our prayers will be fruitful beyond our imaginings.

### from Scripture

#### Luke 9:28-36, Transfiguration of the Lord

The Transfiguration of the Lord is one of the most spectacular events in Scripture. Jesus took Peter, John and James up a mountain to pray. While there, Jesus was transformed and became dazzling. Elijah and Moses appeared and the three discussed Jesus' travel to Jerusalem and what awaited him there: his death and resurrection. A cloud came over them and the Apostles heard a heavenly voice say, *"This is my chosen Son, listen to him."*

This Gospel shows that Jesus was a man of prayer. In fact,



one interpretation is that this was a glimpse into Jesus' prayer. He was girding himself for the final trip to Jerusalem and what awaited him and drew prayerful comfort from the great prophets. Often we turn to prayer only in times of trouble or danger but, by example, Jesus showed us that prayer is something for us to learn and to do regularly. When we do so, our prayer reaches a higher level and a greater meaning. By listening, we learn to hear God's voice in us.

### Q & A How do we know Mary was conceived without sin?

This is called the Immaculate Conception. Contrary to what many think, it refers to the conception of Mary, not of Jesus (that's the Annunciation).

When the archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary at the Annunciation, he greeted her with, *"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you"* (Luke 1:28). "Full of grace" is the key to the Immaculate Conception.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they committed the first (Original) sin and their descendants (us) were all born with the stain of Original Sin. We also have personal sins we commit. We are not full of grace until we are baptized. Of course after baptism we still commit sin. At that point we need the Sacrament of Penance to get back to a state of grace.

For Gabriel to say Mary was full of grace means that she was without sin, even Original Sin. God granted Mary this gift since she was to be the mother of the Savior. She was a pure vessel for carrying Christ in her womb.

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### Feasts & Celebrations

Lent begins this month, and it is devoted to the Passion of Our Lord. One form of observance is to pray before the Stations of the Cross in church and meditate on Jesus' walk to Calvary.

February 10 - St. Scholastica (543?). Twin sister to St. Benedict, St. Scholastica established a community of religious women about five miles south of her brother's monastery.

February 13 - Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed

on the forehead as a sign of penance. Lent is our chance to amend our ways and become "new" at Easter.

February 23 - St. Polycarp (156). Bishop of Smyrna, Asia-Minor, Polycarp was a disciple of the apostle St. John and a friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch. Before being martyred, he faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to his religion.



## 2013 AAA

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, all parishes within the Archdiocese of Newark will be giving parishioners the opportunity to change the lives of so many people in need in our community by donating to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Thousands of people in the four counties served by the Archdiocese of Newark are assisted each year through various programs and ministries funded by the Appeal. Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal. Every gift makes a difference - we want 100 percent participation.

## Weekly Planner

### **SUNDAY 2/3**

#### **4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

St. Blaise

General Blessing of Throats at all Masses

1:30 PM Sunday Bingo-Cent Hall

### **MONDAY 2/4**

3:00 PM Legion of Mary-Rectory

6:00-8:00 PM Cadette Trp 2828 Mtg-Cent Hall

### **TUESDAY 2/5**

12:15 Bingo-Cent Hall

3:00-4:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests-Convent

### **WEDNESDAY 2/6**

7:30 PM Adult Choir Pract (Span)-Church

### **THURSDAY 2/7**

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

### **FRIDAY 2/8**

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

8:00 PM J&M Prayer Mtg-Annex

### **SATURDAY 2/9**

2:00-4:00 PM Padre Pio Mtg.-Cent Hall



## **LENTEN FISH FRI**

**SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH**

**Fridays during Lent at 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. in Centennial Hall**

**February 22nd, March 1, 8, 15, 22nd**

**Price \$7.00 in advance; \$8.00 at the door**

### **MENU**

**Fish, Fries, Cole Slaw, Tartar Sauce & Drink**

**Dine-in or Take-out**

**We look forward to enjoying the company of our fellow parishioners and neighbors during this most holy season.**

**If you are attending the Stations of the Cross, please notify the kitchen staff BEFORE ATTENDING STATIONS.**

**Thank you.**

**Tickets are on sale at the rectory.**

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