



The Sunday Steward

The weekly parish bulletin for The Church of Saint Ann, Lawrenceville, NJ
and the Saint Michael Campus, Trenton, NJ

January 10, 2010 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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The Christmas Season does not end until we celebrate the Baptism of The Lord this weekend. So continue to enjoy the festivities surrounding the Incarnation of Jesus. When we come to church this weekend, we are reminded that Jesus begins his saving work among us as He is baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Our calling as disciples of Jesus comes at Baptism. We are claimed in the name of Jesus and enter into newness of life. We ask for eyes to see the Lord, and hearts to receive the Lord in our service to our neighbor. Just as the Spirit hovered over Jesus at His Baptism and declared, "You are my beloved Son; with whom I am pleased", those same words echo over our baptismal font every time a new person is baptized.

*We recognize the following who were baptized in our church during the past year
and who are the beloved in God's eyes:*

Bernadette Clare Maccaroni
Gian Michael Gatpo Diaz
Ana Sofia Ramirez
Kaylani Isabel Tam
Tyler James Duncan
Gianna D'Souza
Aidan Ryan D'Souza
John Salvatore Forman
Thomas Jackson Franklin
William Wallace Carey
Sofia Hannah Garmise
Deacon Joseph Moore
Mia Elizabeth Laudien
Sophie Paro
Christopher Mark Harmon
Molly Anne Harmon
Julia Alena Osina
Sara Maria Alusik
Sabina Tony Jerabek
Nicholas Michael Cigas
Avery Celeste Rick
Kelson Alexander Brunner
Chloe Lynn Brunner
Alexa Wynn Kownatsky
Jacob Michael Vasil
Alexis Molloy Corigliano
Christian David Dopf
Milan Michael Zavoda
Nathan Robert Tepper
Liam Pascal Hocquaux
Addison Grace Koveloski
Skylar Rebecca Hewitt
Joaquin Aramis Gutierrez
Chase Michael Longo
Alexandra Bondra
Ivan Bondra

Madison Christine Sullivan
Joseph Walter McGowan
Isabelle Jolie Spencer
Serenah Uma Dillon
Charlotte Rose McGlynn
Karlie Nicole Mullen
Christian Michael Lukas
Mira Elizabeth Lukas
Ian Anthony Lukas
Marc Daniel Tarriela
Jaslin Maritza Garcia
Alexander Ross Signatovich
Brody Frost Gill
Aubrey Hope Sagar
Anna Maria Jarolim
Ashley Elisabeth Badida
Luke Walter Poltrino
Ava Marie Warner
Natalie Kay LaMagra
Antonio Pirone
Le Roy Richard Fennimor
Kiersten Grace Allesee
Colton Kenneth Weber
Lily May Stratton
Damien Anthony Celestin
Luke Robert Daniel-Mills
Erik Pilisek
Nicholas Donato Sferra
Jacob Alexander Cohen
Jacob Thomas Mac Kinnon
Sophie Ann Rogacki
Thomas Richard Vitella
Sarah Kate Sienicki
Ryan Anthony Nitti
Alexandria Grace Cifelli
Ethan Harrison Garber

Carly Shay Villegas
David Wayne Cook
Brendan Lowe Rooney
Quinn Peter Cahill
Carter Marie Hewitson
Jamon Joseph Hewitson
Nicolle Pavla Holubcik
Maxwell James Schroehner
Cameron Jean Aksman
Christian Lawrence Van Havere
Brendan Scott Van Havere
Ava Catherine Donnelly
Gavin Alexander Bolt
Jacob Liam Taylor
Sean Francis Adams
Dylan Scott Kawalek
Thomas Joseph Nettle
Jaden Willy Castor
Reid Edward Kirin
John Thomas Mullen
Stella Mae DeJesus
Charles Joseph Mott
Margaret Elizabeth Mott
Lily Ann Orn
Annabell Ada Hoffman
Lydia Claire Cook
Courtney Ann Fosina
David Oluwole Soboyejo
Emmanuel Ayodeji Soboyejo



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DAILY LITURGY

For the Week of January 10, 2010

A LETTER FROM FATHER VINCE

Thank You

Dear Parishioners,

We are indeed grateful for a wonderful Christmas season that will come to an end today at our Youth Choir Christmas Concert at 2:30 pm in the Church. I hope that you and your family will attend. In addition to hearing some wonderful music and beautiful voices, you will add your support to our Youth Choir who work so hard to accompany our sung prayer throughout the year. They have worked hard in preparing for this concert. Please bring your relatives, friends and neighbors. You will be glad you did.

It is also time to say thanks so much to so many who have gone out of their way to make this Christmas season such a great experience for so many. Our Ushers, Cantors, Musicians, Choir Members, Altar Servers, Decorators, Flower Caretakers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Welcome Desk Volunteers, and the Parish Staff. *Your generous sharing of your time and talent go a long way to making our parish the wonderful place that it is.*

Although today is the formal close of the Christmas season, many people keep the celebration going until February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. This extension of the Christmas season was very popular in the past. We will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation with a great celebration of the blessing of Candles and a Candlemass. You may want to mark that on your calendar for this year.

In the past two years, our Knights of Columbus have distributed over 1200 Nativity yard posters. The many blue and white Nativity posters that appear around our town are very edifying. This is a very strong and subtle form of evangelization. We are grateful to the Knights for organizing and seeing this project through. I've decided to keep my sign on my lawn until February 2nd trying to extend the Christmas season as long as possible.

During the Christmas season our church was filled with many visitors and parishioners who have come home for the holidays; hopefully, they will continue to grace us with their presence. Many thanks to all who made an attempt to reach out and invite someone to Church during this season.

Many thanks to one and all.
Vincent Gartland, Pastor



SUN., Jan. 10	BAPTISM OF THE LORD 7:30 AM Robert Kontorowicz <i>by wife</i> Joseph Vito Franceschini <i>by Carmelo Leonardi</i> 9:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 11:00 AM Maria and Sebastino Toto <i>by Esterina Toto and Family</i> Mary and Joseph Fox <i>by Patricia Osowick</i> 12:30 PM Castrenio Toto <i>by Evelina and children</i> Jane Thompson <i>by Robert and Lorraine Menkle</i>
ST. MICHAEL	9:00 AM Josephine Lavinaro <i>by Divo and Ronnie Brun and Family</i> Frank J. Rasimowicz <i>by Joyce Bielamowicz</i>
MON., Jan. 11	8:00 AM Dawn Reinke <i>by Family</i> Vincent Ragolia <i>by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Klim</i>
TUES., Jan. 12	7:00 AM Elizabeth Gray <i>by People of the Parish</i> Joseph Vito Franceschini <i>by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Pasela</i>
WED., Jan. 13	7:00 AM Eileen Meagher <i>by People of the Parish</i> Bernadine Kaminski <i>by The Marencik Family</i> 8:00 AM Helen C. Waskovich <i>by Lorraine Colavita</i> Madeline McIntosh <i>by Brennan Family</i>
THURS., Jan. 14	7:00 AM Gilbert Rossi <i>by McDermott Family</i> Joseph Vito Franceschini <i>by Mary Lou and Ed Holland</i>
FRI., Jan. 15	8:00 AM Theodore Roth <i>by People of the Parish</i> Helen Lewandowski <i>by Haggerty Family</i>
SAT., Jan. 16	8:00 AM Frank Colavita <i>by Lorraine Colavita</i> Raffaella Delli Gotti <i>by wife Raffala</i> 5:00 PM Clement Patrick <i>by Daisy and Tom Ponting</i> John Armstrong <i>by Joe and Sandi Yuchinski</i>
SUN., Jan. 17	7:30 AM Stephen Plumeri <i>by People of the Parish</i> Mary Butler <i>by Ann Carman</i> 9:30 AM James E. Murphy, Sr. <i>by Wife and Family</i> James Sassman <i>by Alicia Sassman</i> 11:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 PM Ann and Joseph Bielamowicz <i>by Bernard Foyuth</i> Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Frain <i>by A Grateful Parish</i>
ST. MICHAEL	9:00 AM Vincent and Veronica Krisak <i>by Divo and Ronnie Brun and Family</i> Frank J. Rasimowicz <i>by Dolores and Joseph Fenelli</i>

We regret any misspellings in the Mass intentions.

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SUNDAY, January 10, 2010 - The Baptism of the Lord

- **Food Collection Sunday (All Masses)**
- **Baptisms** 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM - Church
- **Youth Choir Concert** 2:30 PM - Church
- **Generations of Faith** 5:00 PM - Faith Development Center
- **Confirmation Preparation - Grade 8** - 6:30 PM Pope John XXIII Room/Dorothy Day Room



MONDAY, January 11, 2010

- **Miraculous Medal Novena/Benediction** 1:30 PM -Chapel
- **Confirmation Preparation - Grade 8** - 6:30 PM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **Parish Listening Session** 7:00 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room

TUESDAY, January 12, 2010

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 12:00 Noon until 7:00 PM - Chapel
- **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** 3:00 PM - Chapel
- **Holy Trinity Intergenerational Healing** 6:00 PM - Msgr. McCorristin Room
- **Confirmation Preparation - Grade 8** - 6:30 PM Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **RCIA** 7:00 PM - American Martyrs Room
- **Baptism Preparation Class** 7:30 PM - Dorothy Day Room
- **Bereavement Support Session, "I Got Through the Holidays, What About the Rest of the Winter?"** 7:30 PM - Pope John XXIII Room

WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2010

- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** 5:00 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Cantor and Musician Training** 6:30 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:30 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room



THANK YOU

Thank you to Richard Clawges for repairing the damaged tables at the Saint Michael Church Hall.

THURSDAY, January 14, 2010

- **Junior Legion of Mary** 3:00 PM - Bishop Fulton Sheen Library
- **Praise and Worship Band** 3:00 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Directory Committee** 7:00 PM - Dorothy Day Room
- **Healing Mass** 7:00 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Adult Faith Formation, "Journeys of Faith: Jesus and the Kingdom of God"** 7:30 PM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **Saint Ann Novena** 7:30 PM - (Saint Michael Campus)
- **Saint Jude Novena** 8:00 PM - (Saint Michael Campus)

FRIDAY, January 15, 2010

- **Saint Ann School - CLOSED**
- **Saint Ann School Staff Orientation/Development** 8:00 AM - Saint Ann School

SATURDAY, January 16, 2010

- **Respect Life Ministry & Knights of Columbus Abortion Clinic Prayer Witness** 7:30 AM until 9:30 AM - Princeton Women's Center, 29 Emmons Drive, Windsor
- **Knights of Columbus Free Throw** 9:00 AM - Saint Ann School Gym
- **Simbang Gabi Meeting** 9:00 AM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Altar Server Day of Reflection** 10:00 AM - American Martyrs Room
- **Vigil Mass** 5:00 PM - Church

SUNDAY, January 17, 2010

- **Adult Confirmation Instruction** 9:45 AM - American Martyrs Room
- **Baptisms** 2:00 PM - Church
- **Evening Prayer for Christian Unity** - 7:00 PM Church

The Church of Saint Ann offers an accessible worship space with power assisted doors at the entrance to the Church and Faith Development Center, handicapped parking, accessible seating, and restrooms. Hearing assisted system is available for Masses. Just ask an usher.

We encourage all parish groups and committees to read and reflect the Sunday Gospel aloud before beginning a meeting, connecting your meeting to our Sunday Worship.

GOSPEL

The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2010
Luke 3:15 - 16, 21 - 22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

REFLECTION QUESTION

How does a sense of God's intimate relationship with Jesus affect my own relationship with the Lord?

MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 22, 2010 will mark the anniversary of the tragic U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States.

To mark this event, Lawrence Council 7000 of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC on that date. The trip is funded by parishioner donations to last October's Rose Sale, so there is no charge other than any meals or personal expenses.

Please give serious thought to joining us as we work to turn the tide in our favor and build a culture of life. To reserve a seat on the bus, or get more information, please call Mike Meagher at (609) 883-8619.



Proclaim the Good News TO ALL THE WORLD A Morning of Reflection For All Catechetical Ministers

A catechist is one called to "echo" God's Word. Catechists facilitate the process of faith formation. This is done first by echoing the Word of God in one's own life, and second by helping others to do the same. This morning of reflection will give catechists the opportunity to reflect on their relationship with God's Word, and explore the relationship between the way Jesus evangelized and the way today's catechists evangelize. It will also help catechists discern how they can deepen their relationship with God's Word, and be more effective in their ministry.

Please join us on **Saturday, January 30th** for a **morning of reflection**. All catechists who register by January 15 will get a free copy of ***THE CATECHIST'S TOOLBOX: How To Thrive As A Religious Education Teacher***, by Joe Paprocki, c.2007. This book is filled with practical ideas for instruction and insights for the catechist. The program, facilitated by **Gary Maccaroni**, will begin at **9:00 a.m.** (and finish at 12:00 Noon with lunch) in the Faith Development Center. Morning Mass, fellowship, and coffee with bagels will be available from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. The content of the morning is for both catechists of children and adult catechists who minister in RCIA, Generations of Faith, etc. Please register for this event by calling **Sister Joan** at the Faith Development Center, (609) 882-6491, ext. 105.

LED BY THE SPIRIT

Last Chance Listening Session

Monday, January 11, 2010

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Just in case you were not able to participate in the **Parish Listening Sessions** held during Advent, we will schedule one additional session on **Monday, January 11, 2010** from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Faith Development Center.

*The purpose of the Listening Session is to provide your thoughts and ideas as to how we might go about becoming the best possible parish we can be as we work to follow the challenge of LED BY THE SPIRIT, our Diocesan Plan for Pastoral Planning at the parish level. The Pastoral Priorities that we will focus on are: **Sunday Mass, Living as Disciples, Growing in Faith, Leadership, Charity and Justice, Youth and Young Adult, Ethnic Diversity.** Come out and share your thoughts and ideas.*

Census Fest

We are still updating our information. There are **bright "pink" sheets** at the doors of the church. If you didn't stop by when we were in the community room, if you didn't respond to an email that we sent last month, **please, please, please**, take the time to fill out this pink sheet.

Why not update your information by visiting the parish website www.churchofsaintann.net which will bring you to the home page. Then you can follow the directions from there. **Very easy! Takes less than five minutes! Thank you in advance!**

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Weekend of December 26/27, 2009

WRAP YOUR GIFT . . .

USE YOUR ENVELOPES

Weekly Offering for the Church of Saint Ann	
Number of Registered Households	3,073
Number Using Envelopes Last Week	565
Envelope Contributions	\$14,481.00
Other	8,081.00
Loose Money	3,444.00
Total Contributions	\$26,006.00
Average Envelope Contribution	\$29.11
Weekly Offering for Saint Michael Campus	
Masses	\$1,882.00
Novena	198.00

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Week of January 16/17, 2010

5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
R. Zurick	M. McDaniel	E. Lanzoni	J. Babcock	J. Scott
K. Dziminski		M. Lanzoni	R. Babcock	M. Scott
M. Scozzari		M. Lanzoni	C. Costello	Z. Scott
D. Scozzari		C. Meagher	A. Ruszczyk	A. Abelowitz
A. Piasecki		D. Meagher	D. Exume	R. Abelowitz
		K. Collins	L. Sander	E. Bilancio

WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2010

SAINT ANN SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of

ALBERT BOTTONI

Requested by

Wife Theresa and Family

SAINT ANN ICON

In memory of

ANNA LAMANTIA

Requested by

Henry and Fran Jones

SAINT MICHAEL SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of

RINALDO ROSSI

Requested by

Wife and Children

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

A SHORT HISTORY OF COUNCILS

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- or -

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

FR. VINCE ~ This session looks briefly at Church councils. What are they? Why are they called? What are some of the contributions to our Catholic Faith that come from these councils, especially Vatican II?

Celebrating Vatican II Series

JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Thursday, January 14, 2010

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

FRED VASAPOLLI ~ This journey will bring us face-to-face with the central teaching of Jesus in the Gospels, the Kingdom of God. After searching for the roots of this teaching in the Jewish tradition, and examining the Christian scriptures wherein Jesus highlights their meaning, we will reflect on the significance of the Kingdom of God for a contemporary Christian spirituality.

Journeys of Faith Series

(Bring Your Bible!)

THE PARABLES OF FORGIVENESS

Thursday, January 28, 2010

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

FRED VASAPOLLI ~ This journey will look at the importance of forgiveness in living today as a Christian. After examining guidelines for a Christian spirituality in Luke's Gospel, we will focus on a special section devoted to God's mercy and forgiveness - the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, the prodigal son.

Journeys of Faith Series

(Bring Your Bible!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT
COME JOIN US!

TODAY



“ A FAMILY CHRISTMAS ”
Performed by
Saint Ann’s Youth Choir.

Date: Sunday, January 10, 2010

Time: 2.30 pm

Place: Church of Saint Ann

ALL ARE WELCOME!.....from age 1 to 99



Any inquiries, please contact:
Teresa Lim, Music Director
Telephone: (609) 882-6491 ext.118

Monthly **HEALING MASS**

Thursday,
January 14, 2010

FR. JOHN CAMPOLI, Celebrant

7:00 pm –MASS

Father will pray

with each person individually

The Church of Saint Ann

Lawrenceville, NJ

ALL ARE WELCOME !

(609) 882-6491, ext. 166

Light Refreshments will be served!

Please note that the time of the Mass
has been changed to 7:00 pm.

Sponsored by

Jesus, Prince of Peace Prayer Group

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION **FOR ADULTS**

Attention Baptized
But Not Confirmed!

Any Baptized adult Catholic (16 years of age and older) who, for whatever reason, has **not** yet received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and would like to do so is asked to call **Gary Macaroni** at the parish office **(609) 359-9966**. We will begin meeting and preparing on Sunday, January 17, 2010 from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM in the Faith Development Center. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! Information about preparing for the sacrament, a full schedule of meeting dates and time will, and the actual date of confirmation for adults will be given at that time.

COME CHRISTIANS,
JOIN TOGETHER

Evening Prayer for **Christian Unity**

Sunday, January 17 - 7:00 pm

At The Church of Saint Ann

Including a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King

Reflection by Rev. Jeffrey Vamos,
Pastor of Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church

Refreshments to follow

For additional information, please call (609) 882-6491.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Why Do We Pray For Christian Unity?

Basically ,we pray for Christian Unity because Jesus, on the night before he died for us, prayed ***“that they may all be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.”*** Christians praying together are reminded that we are truly sisters and brothers in one Baptism.

As Christians gather, we speak to God together through Christ in the power of the same Holy Spirit. For Christians, the call to prayer supersedes division. If you think about it, we were united for 1500 years and have been divided for only 500 years.

Why not invite your non-Catholic
neighbors or friends to pray with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, cont.

Bereavement Committee

Bereavement Committee is hosting a gathering entitled "I Got Through the Holidays, What About the Rest of the Winter?" The session will take place on **Tuesday, January 12, 2010** in the Faith Development Center at **7:30 pm**. This session might be helpful if you have lost a loved one through death. *Sometimes sharing or listening to others' experiences can be a way of helping ourselves.*

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship



On **Saturday, January 16, 2010**, all **boys and girls** ages **10 to 14** are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the **2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**, sponsored locally by **The Lawrence Council, No. 7000**. This free event will take place in the Saint Ann's School gymnasium.

The competition will **begin at 9:00 AM** and is open to **all boys and girls who are 10 to 14 years of age as of January 1, 2010**. All registrants will compete in their respective age divisions.

All participants are required to bring proof of age with them. The **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship** is sponsored annually, with winners of the local competition progressing through the district, regional and state finals. A few years ago, our local competition produced one of the state finalists. Please contact **Gary Rossi** at **(609) 802-6996** for more information.

Communion in Your Pew

We again would like to remind parishioners who, for one reason or another, find it difficult to come down the aisle for communion, that one of our ministers would be more than happy to bring the Eucharist to you.

Just ask someone who is going to communion to let the minister know there is someone who wants to receive in the pew and then signal the minister when they come toward you. Thank you.

2009

Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2009 contributions made to The Church of Saint Ann and Saint Michael Campus will be mailed by the end of January 2010.

Saint Michael's Hall

Beginning this New Year (2010), we will not be able to rent Saint Michael's Hall for private parties. This was not an easy decision to make, but one we feel necessary due to the challenges of cleaning, supervision, scheduling and insurance costs.

Banquet Facility Open House

The **Hamilton Council 6213 Knights of Columbus** are having an **open house** on **Sunday, January 24, 2010** from **1:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at their hall located at **1451 Klockner Road** in **Hamilton Township, NJ**.

Representatives from Caterers, Bakeries, DJ's, etc. will be there to meet with you. This facility can accommodate **Weddings, Birthday, Retirement, Class Reunion** and many other types of parties. For additional information, please call **(609) 890-6213**.

Parish Prayer Partner Program

All parishioners are welcome to become a Parish Prayer Partner to a Confirmation Candidate.

This program, designed to connect the candidates to the larger Parish Community, will enable parishioners to pray for a particular candidate. Candidates have filled out forms that are available for pick up in the Gallery of Light. Some candidates have requested correspondence while others ask only for your prayers.

Take an envelope and begin praying for your Candidate as he/she continues the journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend, we welcome into our church, through Baptism:

Luna Piper VECCHIO-LASINSKI
River Lucas VECCHIO-LASINSKI
Joseph Santiago
Ava Suzanne FERDETTA

Children's Letters to God



Parishioner and Saint Ann School graduate **Matthew Blazejewski** is performing in **Children's Letters to God**, a family-oriented musical production based on the best-selling book. The show runs at **Kelsey Theatre**, Mercer County Community College, during the weekends of **January 8-10** and **15-17 2010**. For tickets call the **Kelsey Theatre Box Office** at **(609) 570-3333** or visit the Kelsey website at www.kelseyatmccc.org.

Generations of Faith



Please refer to the insert in this bulletin announcing retreats for **women (February 6, 2010)** and **men (February 13, 2010)** sponsored by *Generations of Faith*. For additional information, please contact **Christine Barranco** at **(609) 359-9977**.

STARS AT THE CRIB

On the stars that surrounded our Christmas crib were the names of all the children who were baptized in our church since last Christmas.

Families are invited to take home their child's star. Stars are located in a basket in the Baptismal area (left corner of the Church).



THANK YOU

"Interfaith Caregivers Trenton/Faith in Action" would like to thank **Father Vincent Gartland**, Group Leaders: **Marilyn Sommers, Joan Maybury, Linda McDermott** and all the volunteers from **The Church of Saint Ann** for their service to the elderly.

We are most grateful for your support and dedication to the homebound and people with disabilities in the Greater Trenton area. All contributions of time and money will be used to continue to grow our ministry which supplied close to 11,000 hours of free services to seniors in our community. God bless you in the year ahead and please keep us in your prayers!"

Sincerely, MaryAnn Isaacs, Executive Director



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Altar Server Recognition/Installation and CANDLEMASS

On **Tuesday evening, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM**, we will celebrate a **CANDLEMASS**. The Mass will consist of the blessing of candles from the Church, and from your homes, to be used in prayer this year.

We will also use this occasion to recognize our altar servers for their outstanding service to the parish and we will celebrate the Installation of new servers. *All parishioners are invited to participate in this parish celebration.*

CANDLEMASS is celebrated on the **Feast of The Presentation of the Lord, forty days after Christmas**. It will begin in the Gallery of Light with the blessing of candles. **If you have devotional candles at home that you wish blessed, you may bring them to the celebration.**

Following the procession of light into the Church, we will install new altar servers and celebrate the Mass of the Presentation of the Lord.

Please mark this celebration on your calendar and plan to bring the entire family. *Refreshments will follow the Mass.*

This is a great way to keep alive, and pass on our Catholic Tradition.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES We Encourage You To "Wrap Your Gift"

Offertory envelopes will be available for pick up *beginning the weekend of January 23/24, 2010* in the **Gallery of Light** in the **Faith Development Center**.

Envelopes will be in numerical order, so please make a mental note of your number.

For those parishioners who regularly attend Mass at Saint Michael's - your envelopes will be available at that location.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE, cont.



Parish Library/Media Center Donations for Adult Faith Formation

Some parishioners have dropped off books or have asked about making book donations to the adult faith section of the parish library. *We are very grateful to those who have made contributions.* Please be aware that due to the limited scope (*its mission*) and the small size of the collection, we must be selective as to what is in the adult faith section of the library. Thus not all donations will make it into the library, or remain there. If you have books for the adult faith section of the library, **please do not drop them at the Faith Development Center.** Please call Gary Maccaroni at (609) 359-9966. Thank you!

The mission of the Adult Faith Section of the parish library/media center is:

....to provide the community with access to materials that will increase their knowledge and understanding of Catholic teaching and Tradition, and provide practical aids to those who lead ministries within the parish. The collection provides resources that reflects the history, persons, events, and theologies that have formed the Roman Catholic Church over the last two millennium, with particular focus on Catholic thought and life that have developed since the Second Vatican Council.

We hope that you would stop by and browse (*we also have a reading/sitting section with over 35 periodicals*), or take materials home for reading, listening, or viewing.

Inclement Weather Conditions

Although we have professional services to see that we're ready to go on with our weekend schedule of Masses, please use prudence and common sense in making a decision to come to church in severe weather conditions. The Lord certainly does not want us to jeopardize our lives or health by taking unnecessary chances. Obligation to attend weekly Mass is not binding when serious weather conditions suggest we stay home. This might be a good opportunity for families or individuals to say prayers together and do some scripture reading and reflections.

Ways You Can Cultivate Peace by Protecting Creation

- Learn more about how climate change is related to global poverty at the Catholics Confront Global Poverty Web site: www.usccb.org/globalpoverty or www.crs.org/globalpoverty.
- Take the Saint Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor at the **Catholic Climate Covenant** Web site: <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>.
- Take action to ensure that climate change policies protect poor and vulnerable people, and sign up to receive the most recent legislative updates/action alerts at www.usccb.org/sdwp/takeaction.shtml.
- Please join with family, friends, or fellow parishioners to pray for solutions that care for creation and care for the poor! Access USCCB prayer resources at www.usccb.org/sdwp/ejp/climate/.

SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL

*Would you want one less thing to worry about
on Sunday morning?*

- . . .were is the envelope??

- . . .where is the check book???

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KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Day of Service

Monday, January 18, 2010

Sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton, *Office of Black Apostolate*, there will be a **Martin Luther King, Jr. "Day of Service"** on **Monday, January 18, 2010**. For more information, please call (609) 406-7400, ext. 5518 or email: eancru@dicoeseoftrenton.org.

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A remembrance for your parish in your will is a wonderful way to provide for the future well-being of your parish community. Thank you for considering this very special way of sharing with your parish family.

