



# The Sunday Steward

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

**January 18, 2009 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## A GIFT FROM SLOVAKIA TO TRENTON

### **Parish Mission Statement**

*The Church of Saint Ann in Lawrenceville is a Roman Catholic family of faith, built on the inspiration of past generations, to serve the community by loving God and our neighbor.*

*We strengthen faith, celebrate the sacraments, provide for the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.*

*Educate across the life span, heal the spiritually broken, and respect the dignity of human life.*

*We live the Gospel and seek Christ in all people.*



### **Fr. Vladimir Chripko**

Fr. Vladimir Chripko serves both the Slovak and English speaking communities at our Saint Michael Campus. He was born in Poprad-Spisaska Sobota on October 9, 1969, the oldest of four children. He discerned a call to the priesthood during his days in high school, but since under communism, the number of seminarians for each Diocese was severely limited; the seminary was not an option for him. He became an engineer for the railroad and then eventually served his two years of compulsory service in the military. With the fall of communism in 1989, he was able to freely enter the seminary and was ordained for the Diocese of Kosice in 1995.

After ordination, he served for a short time in a parish and then was placed in charge of the new diocesan seminary, a position he held for seven years. He visited his sister in the United States and eventually asked his Bishop for permission to serve the Slovak community in the United States. That permission was given in 2000 and he began his work with Fr. George in Sparkhill N.Y. Upon the request of Monsignor James G. Innocenzi he came to Saint Michael's in 2002 to serve the Slovak Community; and when Saint Michael's merged with the Church of Saint Ann in 2005, he began his service to the English speaking community as well. Fr. Vladimir's enthusiasm for being a priest, and his love for people, endeared him quickly to the English speaking community. His skills at organization has helped the young and growing Slovak community whose average age is 33, become a strong presence in the area.

In 2007, along with four other priests from Slovakia, he formed the New York Oratory of Saint Philip Neri to serve the Slovak community in the New York-New Jersey Area.

Fr. Vladimir enjoys skiing, traveling, and writing; and most recently, was the design and layout editor for a recently published book on the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri. During the week he serves at the New York State Psychiatric Hospital in Tappan and also to the Dominican Sisters at Dominican College in Sparkhill as well as Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in Tappan where the New York Oratory is located.

We are grateful for his presence among us. His efforts have gone a long way to keep the Saint Michael Campus a vibrant place to worship.

*Our parish is blessed with hundreds of parishioners who voluntarily give of their time and talent to help us fulfill our mission statement. This story is only one of them.*

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**JANUARY 18, 2009 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**DAILY LITURGY**

For the Week of January 18, 2009

**A LETTER FROM FATHER VINCE**

**SUN., Jan. 18**

**7:30 AM** Arthur Karrenberg *by Mary and Al Greczylo*  
 Mike Franko *by Betty and Bill Wnek*  
**9:30 AM** James Murphy (Birthday) *by Eileen Murphy and Family*  
 Lucy Giordano *by Betty and Bill Wnek*  
**11:00 AM** Alexandria Jusiewicz *by Jenifer, Kevin, Kyle, Emme Dugal*  
 Dennis Casole *by His father Joe, Alicia, Andrew, Ben Smith*  
**12:30 PM** Dave and Patty Schorr *by Boczkowski Family*  
 Enrico Cifelli *by Ada and Biagio Armenti*

**ST. MICHAEL**

**9:00 AM** Mary Kadera *by Trudy and Frank Kuzniacki*  
 Edward Burns, Sr. *by Daughter Joyce and Family*

**MON., Jan. 19**

**8:00 AM** John A. Kite *by Josephine Gagliardi*  
 David Kerlin *by Romy and Mona Buerano*

**TUES., Jan. 20**

**7:00 AM** Sister Vincent *by Sister Margaret*  
 John Kite *by John and Irene Cottone*

**WED., Jan. 21**

**7:00 AM** Frank and Marlene DiDonato *by Wife and Mother*  
 Dennis Casale *by Dan and Michelle Sheridan*  
**8:00 AM** Geraldine Whalen *by Saint Ann's PTA*  
 Donald Colavita *by People of the Parish*

**THURS., Jan. 22**

**7:00 AM** Sumana Bhoraj *by Saint Ann's PTA*  
 Michael Franko *by Cliff and Ann Marie Dickens*

**FRI., Jan. 23**

**8:00 AM** Charles E. Connell, Sr. (Anniversary Mass) *by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Butler*  
 Caryn Wilson *by Carmen, Curt, and Carissa Wilson*

**SAT., Jan. 24**

**8:00 AM** Teresa Krawiec *by People of the Parish*  
 Edward Roqacki *by Aggie*  
**5:00 PM** John A. Kite *by Paul and Charlene Strycharz*  
 Bobbie E. Gates *by Charles and Stan*

**SUN., Jan. 25**

**7:30 AM** John Slavkovsky (First Anniversary) *by Family*  
 Alexandria Jusiewicz *by Joe and Lois*  
**9:30 AM** Joseph Nadler *by Peg Nadler and Family*  
 Petrina Serge *by Dina and George Alexandridis*  
**11:00 AM** Agnes McCartney *by Dina and George Alexandridis*  
 John Hobgood *by Carol Southard*  
**12:30 PM** Leonard and Concetta PanTano *by Daughter Adeline*  
 John Slavkovsky *by People of the Parish*

**St. Michael**

**9:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Lydon Family *by Leo Lydon*  
 Ann Conrey *by Sister Nina and Brother-In-Law Paul*

Dear Parishioners,

The next six weeks of Ordinary Time find our church relatively unadorned. This provides an opportunity for us to appreciate the beauty and simplicity of the architecture and art that are permanent parts of our beauty and grace of our building.

The local point is the altar of sacrifice, crafted of marble, with the symbol of the pelican at its base. This ancient Christian symbol is a reminder that just as a mother pelican will pierce her own heart to feed her children, Christ gave His life for each of us.

The open sanctuary, without frames or boundaries, invites the participation of all in the liturgy and encourages personal involvement.

The pew layout brings the people not only closer to the altar, but to each other as a community. The fan shape of the pews creates a feeling of unity; and the position of the choir places them among the worshipping assembly.

Above the altar, against the fieldstone wall, is a wooden cross and an image of the resurrected Christ. "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again."

The second focus is the ambo, the matching marble lectern for the proclamation of the Word. The symbols in the base of the ambo are those of the four evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, authors of our scripture.

The tabernacle stands in a small chapel, in view of the community, accessible for taking communion to the sick and for private devotion to the Eucharist; but never a distraction from the action of the Eucharistic celebration. The symbols at the base of its stand are wheat and grapes, the fruit of the earth that give us bread and wine for the Eucharist. The tabernacle itself is designed to show the sun radiating in all directions; the tabernacle light reminds us of the abiding presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The baptismal area is to the right of the tabernacle. The strong banner of the Baptism of Jesus reminds us of the purpose of that space. The paschal candle, the ambry - container for the holy oils - and the baptismal font located close to an entrance remind us that it is through the sacrament of baptism that we enter this community.

The holy water container, refurbished from the old Saint Ann Church, keeps a supply of holy water readily available to parishioners for their private use; holy water fonts saved from our original church building are at the other two entrances.

On the opposite side of the church we have our new icon of Saints Ann, Joachim, and Mary, reminding us of the patron of our church and her important role in the history of our salvation.

Twelve smaller stained glass windows on the sides of the church recall, on the right, events from the life of the Blessed Mother and, on the left, from the life of Christ. The circular symbols are from the rose window of the old church; they carefully blend into the new windows.

Two large windows draw attention to the American saints and the Church as the people of God. A window over the main door is of the holy family and the sacraments of initiation.

In the back corners of church, at eye level as if part of our community, are carved statues of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph. They rest on small pedestals that reflect the church's angles. Wooden beams set at strong angles direct our gaze upward, helping us raise our minds and hearts to God in prayer.

**What are some other aspects of our church that draw your attention? Let us know and we can comment on them in future bulletins.**

Peace,  
 Father Vince

*We regret any misspellings in the Mass intentions.*

**JANUARY 18, 2009 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY, January 18, 2009**

- **RCIA** 12:30 PM - Church
- **12:30 Mass Band Rehearsal** 1:30 PM - Church
- **Baptism** 2:00 PM - Church
- **Generations of Faith** 5:00 PM - Faith Development Center

**MONDAY, January 19, 2009**

- **Saint Ann School - NO SCHOOL**
- **Miraculous Medal Novena/Benediction** 1:30 PM - Chapel
- **Catechist Level I Certification Training** 7:00 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Saint Vincent de Paul** 7:150 PM - Msgr. McCorristin Room

**TUESDAY, January 20, 2009**

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 12:00 Noon until 7:00 PM - Chapel
- **Divine Mercy of Jesus Holy Hour** 3:00 PM - Chapel
- **Catholics Returning Home** 7:30 PM Dorothy Day Room

**WEDNESDAY, January 21, 2009**

- **Adventures in Parenting** 9:30 AM - American Martyrs Room
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** 5:00 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Youth Band Rehearsal** 6:00 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Jesus, Prince of Peace, Praising in the Spirit** 6:30 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:30 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room



**2008 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Contribution statements for 2008 contributions made to The Church of Saint Ann and Saint Michael Campus will be mailed by the end of January, 2009.

**THURSDAY, January 22, 2009**

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** 10:30 AM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **Junior Legion of Mary** 3:30 PM - American Martyrs Room
- **Pax Christi Witness for Peace** 6:30 PM - Chapel
- **Saint Ann School Marketing Committee** 7:00 PM - Msgr. McCorristin Room
- **Saint Joseph the Worker Career Transitions Network** 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 23, 2009**

**SATURDAY, January 24, 2009**

- **Respect Life Ministry Abortion Clinic Prayer Witness** 7:30 AM until 9:30 AM - Princeton Women's Center, 29 Emmons Drive, Windsor
- **Catechist Level I Certification Training** 10:00 AM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Vigil Mass** 5:00 PM - Church

**SUNDAY, January 25, 2009 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

- **Catholic Schools Week - Coffee and Donuts** - Gallery of Light
- **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive** (all Masses) - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 9:30 AM
- **RCIA** 12:30 PM - Church
- **Youth Group** 5:00 PM - American Martyrs Room
- **Grade 8 Confirmation Preparation** 6:30 PM - Dorothy Day Room
- **Adult Faith Formation, "Concern for a Struggling Community"** 7:00 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Centering Prayer** 7:00 PM - Chapel

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.

# SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Weekend of January 3/4, 2009

WRAP YOUR GIFT - USE YOUR ENVELOPES

## GOSPEL

JANUARY 18, 2009

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1:35 - 42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

## REFLECTION QUESTION

*So what is it I am looking for in my life?*

<b>Weekly Offering for the Church of Saint Ann</b>	
Number of Registered Households	3,087
Number Using Envelopes Last Week	564
Envelope Contributions	
Other	\$13,445.00
Loose Money	3,828.00
	<u>2,429.00</u>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$19,702.00</b>
Average Envelope Contribution	\$24.57
<b>Weekly Offering for Saint Michael Campus</b>	
(English) 9:00 AM Mass	\$920.00
(Slovak) 10:00 AM Mass	336.00

*In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."*



## Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey is offering a new educational workshop on bereavement; **The Bereavement Journey: Making Sense of the Grief Process.** This workshop was developed in response to feedback from many caregivers who were surprised at the mixed emotions they experienced.

This workshop will be presented at the **Mercer County Library - Lawrence Headquarters** in Lawrenceville, NJ on **Wednesday, January 28, 2009** from **6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.**



## Church in Latin America Collection

Next weekend is the Collection for the **Church in Latin America.** Your gift helps fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit, but lacking in material resources, to participate more fully in the life of the Church. *Collection proceeds support training for seminarians and religious men and women; pastoral care of the sick; formation for lay leaders; family and youth ministries; and religious education for all age groups.* For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/latinamerica](http://www.usccb.org/latinamerica).

*Please contribute generously.*

## Bishop's Annual Appeal Set

The **Bishop's Annual Appeal** will take place on the weekend of **February 7-8, 2009.** The theme of the appeal is "**Hope Guiding the Way**". The Diocese is directly mailing information about the appeal during the month of January. For more information about the appeal and to make a contribution on line, go to: [www.bishopsannualappeal.com](http://www.bishopsannualappeal.com).

## WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2009

### SAINT ANN SANCTUARY CANDLE

*In memory of*  
**JACK BITTNER**  
*Requested by*  
**Concetta Gutierrez**

### SAINT ANN ICON

*In memory of*  
**HELEN McKEEVER**  
*Requested by*  
**Dick McKeever and Family**

### SAINT MICHAEL SANCTUARY CANDLE

*For the speedy recovery of*  
**MARY SCHLEHER**  
*Requested by*  
**Charles and Nancy Grzenda**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## BOOK DRIVE

**Last chance to clean out your bookshelves!** Notre Dame High School's book drive for schools in war-torn Uganda is almost over. Drop off your books in the boxes located in the **FDC library** by **Sunday, January 25**. Please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, phonebooks, activity books (crosswords, etc), or romance novels. For more information, please call **Anne Pigula** at **(609) 896-3319**. *Thanks for the many books we've received already!*

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## Miraculous Medal Association and Novena

***It's that time of year again . . .***

For the small offering of 25 cents a year, or \$10 a year for a perpetual enrollment, you may enroll yourself and your loved ones, living or deceased, in the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal.

Please put the names and 25 cents for each person and/or \$10 in an **envelope** marked "**Miraculous Medal**", by **January 31, 2009**, and leave it at the **Welcome Desk** in the Faith Development Center, **Attention: Jean Bittner, Miraculous Medal**.

Our Miraculous Medal Novena is held each Monday, in the Chapel, at 1:30 PM, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Father Edward Dougherty is the Moderator. Please join us each Monday.

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES We Encourage You To "Wrap Your Gift"

Offertory envelopes will be available for pick up **beginning the weekend of January 24/25, 2009** 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.*

## 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 Maccaroni** at the parish office, **(609) 359-9966**. We will begin meeting and preparing for the sacrament on Sunday, February 1, 2009, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Faith Development Center. Information about expectations and a schedule of meeting dates and times will be given at that time. The Sacrament of Confirmation for adults is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Trenton.

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## Altar Server Recognition/Installation and CANDLEMASS

On **Monday evening, February 2, 2009 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.**

**NEW**

## CUSTODIAN OF THE CRECHES NEEDED

You may have noticed we have a number of **nativity scenes** throughout the **Faith Development Center**. They have even grown during the Christmas season. *We want to make these crèches a part of our annual Christmas decorations.*

We are looking for someone who would accept the responsibility of wrapping them for storage sometime during the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have some time that week and would like to wrap and label the crèches please contact **Sr. Joan** at (609) 882-6491 ext. 105.



## Saint Ann School

**Where Faith and Knowledge Meet.**

*Educating Your Child's Mind, Heart and Soul.*

Come join us for a tour of our school and discover the quality, faith-based education available in your community.

**Open House: January 28, 2009**

Presentation in The Faith Development Center at  
**9:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

*Tours to follow.*

**Accepting enrollment for grades Pre-K—8.**

*Before and after school care available.*

For additional information call **(609) 882-8077**  
or visit **www.st-ann-school.org**.

## Remembrance in Your Will

*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.*

**NEW**

## Youth Brigade to Route One Making Lunches for the Homeless

*This is a great community service opportunity for Confirmation or Saint Ann School. Help prepare and deliver lunches for homeless families. Bag lunches will be made at the Goepfert residence at 21 Hopkins Drive, Lawrenceville on Saturday, January 31, 2009. Please meet there at 11:00 AM. After making the lunches, we will deliver them to homeless families in local motels. Deliveries will be completed by 12:30 PM.*

Please call **Nancy Goepfert** at (609) 896-2048, *by Wednesday, January 28*, with your name and phone number so we can confirm your participation and give you more information. **Each participant will be asked to donate some part of the lunch.**

## Music and Arts Series 2008 - 2009

**Sister Celeste Mokrzycki, SSJ,  
Watercolor Artist:  
Painting with "The Divine Artist"**

**An experience of using  
watercolor to open ourselves to  
God's Grace!**

Sunday, February 8, 2009, 3:30 PM

**Free admission. All are welcome!**

For further information, please contact **Teresa Lim**,  
**Director of Music Ministries** at (609) 882-6491,  
ext. 118.



## MARCH FOR LIFE

**January 22 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** 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.* Bus **departs** Saint Ann's parking lot at **8:00 AM** and **returns** at approximately **9:30 PM**. *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, call **Mike Meagher** at (609) 883-8619.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Attention . . .

### Generations of Faith Families

The newest issues of "Take Out" and "MARYKNOLL" Magazines have arrived and are available at the FDC Welcome Desk. Please stop by and pick up a copy of each for your family. **What do you know about Catholic Social Teaching?** Learn about Jesus and your neighbors while sharing a meal and meeting your neighbors. **All ages are welcome.** Come join us on **January 17, 2009 at 9:00 AM or 6:00 PM** and **January 18, 2009 at 5:00 PM** for the next **Generations of Faith** program. **Child care provided. Registration is required.** Sign up forms can be found in the FDC welcome area.

### Catechist Needed

A **fifth grade catechist (or catechist team)** is needed for **Sunday evenings – 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.** – from **February 22, 2009 through May 3, 2009.** Please consider this important ministry.

*"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them..." - Romans 12:6*

### Knights of Columbus Atlantic City Bus Trip

Lawrence Council, No. 7000, Knights of Columbus, is sponsoring its first winter **2009 Atlantic City bus trip** on **Sunday afternoon, January 25, 2009,** to the **Showboat Hotel and Casino.** The bus will leave **11:00 a.m.** from the parking lot behind the Burlington Coat Factory located in the Lawrence Shopping Center, and it will return at approximately **9:00 p.m.**

The **cost** for the trip will be **\$25.00,** BUT each attendee will **receive back \$25.00 in cash.** For reservations and further details please call Pat Adesso at **(609) 882-6721.** Proceeds from these trips are used to help fund many of the charitable activities of the Lawrence Knights of Columbus. **Early reservations are suggested as these trips usually sell out.**

## BE AN IDENTIFIED GIVER

Use your envelopes . . . or . . .  
Automatic withdrawal.

## Adult Faith Enrichment

### CONCERN FOR A STRUGGLING COMMUNITY

Sunday, January 25, 2009

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Faith Development Center

*Celebrating the Year of Saint Paul*

**FRED VASAPOLLI** ~ A struggling community founded by Paul receives a letter of encouragement from him, calling them to the obedience of Christ. Using the *Letters to the Philippians* and the *Second Letter to the Corinthians* as guides, we will reflect on a view of Christ that has formed the Church's understanding of Jesus.

*Paul Called By God Series (Bring Your Bible)*

### THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Thursday, January 29

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

**SISTER BETH DEMPSEY, RSM** ~ On January 25, the Church begins to read from the *Gospel of Mark*, this being Ordinary Time of the Church Year. This session will give an introduction to who Mark was and the community Mark was writing to. We will take time to look at some of the stories from this gospel that we proclaim during this year.

### LIVING WITH LOSS

Thursday, February 5

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

*This session is for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one or for those who minister to the bereaved!*

**MS. MARILYN SCHIPP** ~ The word "loss" may have multiple meanings, but for most people who suffer loss in their lives, the word resonates within the deepest recesses of the heart. How we initially react, how we cope through the misfortune and finally resolve to move are key elements in the grief process. As our focus, we will discuss these topics in light of the Paschal Mystery, ever present in our lives.

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Week of January 24/25, 2009

5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
J. McQuarrie	M. Marino	A. Pigula	C. Costello	E. Lanzoni
J. McQuarrie		J. Ivins	J. Gordon	M. Lanzoni
M. McQuarrie		T. Koslowske	M. Gordon	M. Lanzoni
R. Zurick		A. Koslowske	M. Piamonte	M. Meagher
H. Quirk		J. Koslowske	A. Forgione	F. Meagher

## Knights of Columbus

### Supports Blood Drive



The Lawrence Knights of Columbus - Council 7000, along with the local Community Blood Council of New Jersey, will be holding its annual blood drive on **January 25, 2009** from **8:30 AM to 3:00 PM** in the **Community Room** of the **Church of Saint Ann's Faith Development Center**.

*January is National Blood Donor Month and blood donors are in high demand as blood shortages are not uncommon during the winter months.*

For registration and other information, please contact **Jeff Bourne** at (609) 771-0095.



## Please Note . . .

### MELKITE ARCHBISHOP TO SPEAK AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

Melkite Archbishop Raphael Cheenoth of Onisse, India will be visiting Saint Ann on **Monday, January 25, 2009 7:00 PM**, in the **Pope John Paul Community Room**. He will speak about the situation of the Church in India. You may have read about the strong persecution of the Catholic Church in India with the destruction of Churches and the killing and mistreatment of priests and nuns. The situation is quite severe and we encourage all to learn more about the problems of our sisters and brothers in India.

The Melkites, or Byzantine Rite Catholics of Middle Eastern origin, are the descendants of the early Christians of Antioch (Syria). Christianity was established in this area of the Middle East. In the 5<sup>th</sup> century, there arose some teachers who said that Christ was not truly God and truly human as well. They would not accept the teaching of the Catholic Church as defined by the Council of Chalcedon (451A.D.) Those in the Middle East who did accept the decision of Chalcedon followed the lead of the Byzantine emperor and were dubbed Melkites or King's Men from the Aramaic word "melek" meaning King. So Melkites are present day Catholics who follow the Byzantine worship, theology, and spirituality whose tradition is the Middle East. The Melkites are not members of the Orthodox Church. Since the formal declaration of Roman/Melkite union in 1724, the Melkite Catholics have worked steady to be a "voice for the East within the Western Church." Melkites serve as a witness to the Roman Catholic Church, however, they have maintained such practices as a married clergy, and the election of bishops by the Church as a whole.



## CYO NEWS

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) of Mercer County is seeking interested individuals to serve on their Board of Trustees;

currently, there is a single Board vacancy to fill. The CYO is particularly interested in candidates with a background in the field of Education. (*Early Childhood Education would be ideal.*) Also, candidates with experience in the Human Services field are desirable as well. The Board is charged with the task of setting policy and overseeing the organization, which serves thousands of youth and families each year at the Community Center in Trenton, their 23-acre Yardville Branch, and their newest location at the Hollowbrook Community Center in Ewing. The CYO has been serving Mercer County youth since 1952.

Anyone interested in being considered should send a letter of interest, a brief "bio", and/or resume to the following address: **CYO of Mercer County, 920 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08611, Attn: Thomas G. Mladenetz.** FAX: (609) 392-8419. For further information call the CYO Executive Director, **Tom Mladenetz** at (609) 396-8383, ext. 15, or email him at [Tom@CYOMercer.org](mailto:Tom@CYOMercer.org).



## Blessing of Our Catechumen, Zach Allen

Zach Allen has been learning about the Catholic Church for over a year. He is involved in the RCIA process during this time. Next Sunday we will bless and anoint Zach with the Oil of Catechumen. Blessings are sacramentals which are sacred signs that dispose us for the grace of the sacraments. Blessings call attention to God's presence and God's actions in our world. They are a reminder to Zach and all of us of God's love and the church's care and concern. The anointing with the Oil of Catechumens symbolizes Zach's need, as he looks forward to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, for God's help and strength.

## SELF-ACCEPTANCE

*Have patience with all things, but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You're perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist, and no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that. Unconditional self-acceptance is the core of a peaceful mind.*

## Catholics Returning Home

### Do you know an inactive Catholic?

Reach out and trust that the Holy Spirit will work powerfully through your efforts. **Catholics Returning Home Ministry** (609) 882-6491 ext. 165 is here to assist and support your efforts.



## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME An Invitation

*Would you like to feel at home again in the Catholic Church?*

Please join us for our program designed to reach out to non-practicing/inactive/questioning Catholics.

Come –

**Dialogue:** *Your questions, issues, experiences, hopes, expectations.*

**Explore Catholic:** *Practices, traditions, changes, foundations of faith, and the Mass/reconciliation.*

**Celebrate:** *The wonder of God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, walking with God embracing His love.*

**7:30 PM**

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Thursday, February 5, 2009

For further information call:

Catholics Returning Home

(609) 882-6491 ext. 165

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**



## Saint Michael Campus KOREAN MARTYR MASS

Effective next Sunday, January 25, 2009, the Korean Martyr Mass, held at the Saint Michael Campus, will be celebrated at 12:00 noon rather than 3:00 PM each Sunday.

## POSTCARD SIGNING DAY!

Next week our parish will join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress: Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event. (Please see insert in this bulletin.)

# AREA NEWS

## Trenton Catholic Academy OPEN HOUSE

Trenton Catholic Academy Upper School will be hosting an **Open House** on **Thursday, January 27, 2009** from **8:30 AM to 10:00 AM**. Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend. *Tour will be available. Financial aid available.*

For additional information, please call **(609) 586-3705**.

## Mount Carmel Guild

**Mount Carmel Guild** recently launched a development campaign titled "**Providing Hope, Preserving Dignity.**" Through the use of a short video and written material, the campaign is designed to explain our mission, introduce our clients and demonstrate the impact our programs have on the community. But we need people like you to become what we are calling **Mount Carmel Guild Ambassadors**. As an Ambassador you will be provided with training and materials to help you speak about Mount Carmel Guild to groups of friends, civic organizations or church groups that you may belong to.

Please consider becoming a Mount Carmel Guild Ambassador. Interested individuals can contact **Russ Hansel** at **(609) 392-5159** for more information.

## CONTACT of Mercer

Learn to be a better listener!

**Supportive Listening Training Course**

**Ten Tuesdays, Starting February 3, 2009**

**(February 3, 2009 – April 14, 2009)**

**Morning and evening classes available in Ewing**

**Mornings: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Evenings: 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM**

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

**(across from TCNJ)**

**Please call (609) 883-2880**

**Website: [www.contactofmercer.org](http://www.contactofmercer.org)**

**CONTACT of Mercer County** is offering training for persons interested in improving their listening skills and learning about community resources. This course will prepare attendees to volunteer for **CONTACT'S HOTLINE** as well as help friends and family who are depressed, lonely, addicted, having personal difficulty and suicidal. **The course is FREE of charge for those who volunteer 100 hours at CONTACT by January, 2010.** *For those not able to volunteer, the course fee is \$150.* The course is open to anyone 18 years or older. **All are welcome!**

**CONTACT of Mercer County** is a non-profit agency serving since 1976.

JANUARY 18, 2009 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## JESUS, PRINCE OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP . . .

will have their next charismatic prayer meeting

“Praying in the Spirit”

Wednesday, January 21, 2009 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

All are welcome . . .

to join us for songs of praise, scripture readings, sharing, and prayer.

## Handy Parish Information

Rev. R. Vincent Gartland, Parish Priest	882-6491 ext 112	Mrs. Chris Peterson, Rel. Education Coordinator	882-1212
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Rosie, Weekend Assistant		Mrs. Kim Smith, Technology Director	882-6491 ext 215
Rev. Vladimir Chripko, Weekend Assistant		Ms. Teresa Lim, Music Director, Youth Choir,	882-6491 ext 118
Sr. Beth Dempsey, RSM, Pastoral Associate	882-6491 ext 115	12:30 Band	
Mr. Gary Maccaroni, Pastoral Associate	359-9966	Ms. Rosemary Hadland, Director, Adult Choir	
Mrs. Christine Barranco, CLEM, Pastoral Associate	359-9977	Mr. Michael McCormick, Organist, Adult Choir	
Rev. Edward J. Dougherty, Weekday Assistant		Mr. John McKenna, Principal, Saint Ann School	882-8077
Mr. Thomas Everist, Mr. Edward Hoag, and Mr. James Scott, Deacons		Mr. & Mrs. George Krisak, Sextons (St. Michael)	
Mrs. Maryann Tsougas, Parish Secretary	882-6491 ext 111	Mr. Bob Seaman, Maintenance Supervisor	882-6491 ext 109
Mrs. Rita Reven, Finance Manager	882-6491 ext 113	Mr. Bruce Bennett, FDC Caretaker	882-6491 ext 121
Sr. Margaret Cronley, MSC, Sacramental Secretary	882-6491 ext 114	Ms. Charlotte Grodzki, LCSW, Counselor	426-0321
Sr. Joan Carter, RSM, Administrative Assistant	882-6491 ext 105	Sr. Rita Woehlcke, SSJ, Spiritual Direction	882-6491 ext 127
Mrs. Margaret Marino, Business Secretary	882-6491 ext 106	Parish Health Ministry	882-6491 ext 117
Mrs. Gail Leedom, Rel. Education Secretary	882-1212	Helping Hands Ministry	882-6491 ext 120
Mrs. Donna Maccaroni, Confirmation Prep.	882-1212	Catholics Returning Home	882-6491 ext 165
		Prayer Groups	882-6491 ext 166
		Prayer Shawl Ministry	882-6491 ext 167
		Adventures in Parenting	882-6491 ext 175
		...and Many Faithful Volunteers	

Parish Office: 609-882-6491

Fax: 609-882-4366

Parish Website: [www.churchofsaintann.net](http://www.churchofsaintann.net)

Saint Ann School 609-882-8077

School Fax: 609-882-0327

School Website: [www.st-ann-school.org](http://www.st-ann-school.org)

Religious Education Office: 609-882-1212

### THE SACRAMENTS

**Sunday Eucharist:** Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM **Saint Michael Campus:** 9:00 AM and (Slovak) 10:00 AM

**Daily Mass:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00 AM; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 AM

**Holy Days:** As listed in the bulletin.

**Liturgy of the Hours and Communion Service:** Monday and Friday at 7:00 AM.

**Baptisms:** First and third Sundays at 2:00 PM and at Baptism Sundays scheduled throughout the year. **Baptism Preparation:** Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the FDC. Parents are encouraged to attend this session early in the pregnancy. Baptisms are scheduled after participating in the session.

**Marriage:** Ideally, couples planning to marry at Saint Ann should contact the Parish Office one year in advance so that they may complete the necessary marriage preparation process. Please set date with Church before making other plans.

**Penance/Reconciliation:** Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 PM in the Daily Chapel or anytime by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick/Communion to the Homebound:** Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs or when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended period. Arrangements can be made to bring communion to those unable to get to church. In an emergency, call the Parish Office anytime. **Nighttime emergency phone number is (609) 882-6491 (press 1).**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** RCIA is the process by which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church. This includes receiving the sacraments of **Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.** Please call the parish office for information.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM** Parish Religious Education Program for children (CCD) meets Sundays (**kindergarten and special education**) from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon and Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:45 PM **Phone (609) 882-1212. Religious Education Office:** Located on the second floor of Saint Ann School. **Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

**SAINT ANN SCHOOL, 34 Rossa Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648:** Saint Ann School has provided quality elementary school education for **over forty years.** It also sponsors extended day and afterschool programs. The preschool program serves children aged three to four years. **Phone (609) 882-8077**  
**Fax (609) 882-0327**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** Located in the **Faith Development Center.** (Entrance behind Church/opposite Saint Ann School.) **Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM; Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon; Sunday 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM; and by appointment. Call anytime in the case of an emergency.

**PARISH BULLETIN** Information for the bulletin needs to be received at the Parish Office by 3:00 PM **on Friday of the preceding week.**

Save time by e-mailing items for consideration to [maryann@churchofsaintann.net](mailto:maryann@churchofsaintann.net). Thank you!