



The Sunday Steward

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

December 14, 2008

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NEW JERSEY'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR . . .

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.

Saint Ann's own Jeanne M. Muzi

New Jersey's Teacher of the Year for 2008 is a familiar face at The



Church of Saint Ann. Jeanne has been involved in our Religious Education Program for approximately 10 years. Presently, she serves as a 7th grade teacher and assists with our Special Education Program. In the past, she was involved with the F.A.I.T.H. Program and is always ready and willing to lend a hand whenever she is needed. Jeanne was inspired to begin her career in education when her oldest son, Benjamin, entered kindergarten. She was inspired by the care and professionalism of her son's teachers at Ben Franklin School in Lawrence. Soon after that, she left her career in graphic arts and moved toward a graduate level teaching certification program at Rider University.

Jeanne has been teaching in the Lawrence School system since 2002 and is involved in many activities; such as: the teacher mentoring program, parent-teacher organization and the gifted and talented taskforce. Although her educational activities are many and varied, Jeanne seems to always have time to lend a hand at Church or in the community.

Her philosophy of education sees teaching as four legs of a chair. The legs represent a feeling of safety and security in the classroom, encouragement for students to be actively involved in all aspects of their learning as hands on problem solvers, creative learning experiences to make education memorable, and encouragement to use technology in the classroom.

Jeanne, her husband Anthony, and their sons Ben and Chris are active members of our parish community. We are proud to have **New Jersey Teacher of the Year 2008** as a member of The Church of Saint Ann and grateful to the many gifts the Muzi family shares with this community.

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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DECEMBER 14, 2008 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DAILY LITURGY

For the Week of December 14, 2008

A LETTER FROM FATHER VINCE

SUN., Dec. 14 Third Sunday of Advent
 7:30 AM Antonio Arduini by Sebastiana Arduini
 Betty Bell by Mary Malley and John Sack
 9:30 AM Bartolino and Descoteau Families by Elizabeth B. Descoteau
 Maura Schultheis by Robyn and John McCard
 11:00 AM Catherine M. Wilson by Paul and Wilma Francis
 25th Wedding Anniversary - Yvonne and Mark Daniel by Yolanda Stanifer
 12:30 PM Carmen and Maria Dizanzo by Albert Kurkys
 Elizabeth Brodowicz by Terri Flesch Family

ST. MICHAEL
 9:00 AM Michael Saia by Wife Palmira and Daughter Mary Frances
 Alfred Vidbel by Jean and George Krisak

MON., Dec. 15
 8:00 AM Bertha Kucskar by Eugene and Margaret Elias
 Margaret J. Murray by People of the Parish

TUES., Dec. 16
 7:00 AM Annuciata and Luigi LoRe by Angelina and Teresa LoRe
 Mike Franko by Rob M. Saccani

WED., Dec. 17
 7:00 AM Carol and Ralph de Thomas by Marianna de Thomas
 Michael Franko by Mary and John Butler
 8:00 AM Michael Franko by Bette and Jack Armstrong
 John Jordan by Barbara Warner

THURS., Dec. 18
 7:00 AM Michael Franko by Mr. and Mrs. George Gagliardi
 John Kite by Lorraine Colavita

FRI., Dec. 19
 8:00 AM Jenny and Jovani Antinoro and Sons by Josephine Gagliardi
 Michael Franko by Joseph Harcar

SAT., Dec. 20
 8:00 AM Michael Franko by Mary Zeyack
 Geraldine Whalen by Downing Family
 5:00 PM Elpidia and Sebastiano Tamasi by Esterina Toto and Family
 Deceased Members of Argana and Rosato Familie by Dennis and Vicki Rosato

SUN., Dec. 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 7:30 AM Frank and Marlene DiDonato by Wife and Mother
 Jane Fallon by James and Florence Petrino
 9:30 AM Joseph N. Miale, Sr. by The Miale Family
 Alvina Morse by Jeanne and Frank Haggerty
 11:00 AM Deceased Members/Frank Colavita Family by Lorraine Colavita
 Michael Mancuso by Loving Wife Agnes and Family
 12:30 PM Joseph Carroll by Family
 Veronica Marsh by Family

St. Michael
 9:00 AM Susan Hudak by Ignas Family
 Rinaldo Rossi by Wife and Children

Dear Parishioners,

The first phase of Advent draws to a close this week. On Tuesday evening, we begin Las Posadas or the Advent Novena. Las Posadas ("The Inn") commemorates the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem and it is popular in much of Latin America and the Philippines. Usually, in each town there is a procession with prayer and song that weaves its way through the town knocking on doors and then finally being admitted to one home for a little fiesta. It is a great sign of hospitality as we prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. By practicing hospitality, we will be sure to be prepared for God's entrance into the world.

Go out of your way during this Christmas Novena to be hospitable and friendly to all you meet. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas. It might also be a good time to read the daily Gospel even if you can't make daily Mass. Find some time to be still.

Our parish Penance Service will be Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM. This is also a great way to prepare for the coming of Christ. Invite a friend or a neighbor to come with you.

Advent Peace,
 Vincent Gartland



Christmas Novena Prayer

*Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment
 at which the Son of God was born
 of a most pure Virgin
 at a stable at midnight in Bethlehem
 in the piercing cold
 at that hour vouchsafe,
 I beseech Thee,
 to hear my prayers and grant my desires*

(mention request here).

*Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.
 Amen.*

You may want to say this prayer together with family and friends or privately for the nine days before Christmas.

We regret any misspellings in the Mass intentions.

DECEMBER 14, 2008 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, December 14, 2008 - Third Sunday of Advent

- **RCIA** 9:30 AM - Church
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 9:30 AM
- **12:30 PM Mass Band Rehearsal** 1:30 PM - Church
- **Youth Choir Advent Concert, "Share the Light"** 3:30 PM - Church
- **Community Reconciliation and First Penance** 6:30 PM - Church
- **Religious Education** 6:30 PM - Saint Ann School
- **Grade 7 Confirmation Instruction** 6:30 PM - School

MONDAY, December 15, 2008

- **Miraculous Medal Novena/Benediction** 1:30 PM - Chapel
- **Praise and Worship Band Rehearsal** 3:30 PM - Church
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Ministry** (by appointment - call Eileen (609) 883-3905)
- **Community Reconciliation and First Penance** 6:30 PM - Church
- **Religious Education** 6:30 PM - Saint Ann School
- **Grade 7 Confirmation Instruction** 6:30 PM - School
- **Rosary-Altar Society** 7:00 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** 7:15 PM - Msgr. McCorristin Room

TUESDAY, December 16, 2008

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 12:00 Noon until 7:00 PM - Chapel
- **Divine Mercy of Jesus Holy Hour** 3:00 PM - Chapel
- **Holy Trinity Intergenerational Healing** 6:00 PM - American Martyrs Room
- **Community Reconciliation and First Penance** 6:30 PM - Church
- **Religious Education** 6:30 PM - Saint Ann School
- **Grade 7 Confirmation Instruction** - 6:30 PM - School
- **Adult Faith Formation** entitled, "Nativity Stories of Jesus" 7:30 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 2008

- **Praise and Worship Band Rehearsal** 2:30 PM - Church
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** 5:00 PM - Church
- **Youth Band Rehearsal** 6:00 PM - Church
- **Jesus, Prince of Peace, "Praising in the Spirit"** 6:30 PM - Pope John Paul Community Room
- **Saint Ann School Marketing Committee** 7:00 PM - Msgr. McCorristin Room
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:30 PM - Church

THURSDAY, December 18, 2008

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** 10:30 AM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **Saint Michael's Senior Citizen Meeting/Luncheon** - 11:30 AM - Leonardo's
- **Saint Ann School Christmas Pageant** 12:30 PM - Church
- **Junior Legion of Mary** 3:30 PM - American Martyrs Room
- **Pax Christi Vigil for Peace** 6:30 PM - Chapel
- **Saint Ann School Christmas Pageant** 7:00 PM - Church
- **Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting** 7:30 PM - American Martyrs 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, December 19, 2008

SATURDAY, December 20, 2008

- **Respect Life Ministry Abortion Clinic Prayer Witness** 7:30 AM until 9:30 AM - Princeton Women's Center, 29 Emmons Drive, Windsor
- **Simbang Gabi Rehearsal** 10:00 AM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Vigil Mass** 5:00 PM - Church
- **Praise and Worship Band** 6:30 PM - Church

SUNDAY, December 21, 2008 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- **RCIA** 9:30 AM - Church
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 9:30 AM
- **Baptisms** 2:00 PM - Church
- **Creating our Church Christmas Environment** 4:00 PM - Church
- **Youth Group** 5:00 PM - American Martyrs Room

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Week of December 20/21, 2008

5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
D. Hill R. Zurick M. Scozzari C. Humphreys L. Sander	M. McDaniel	A. Pigula T. Koslowske A. Koslowske J. Koslowske K. Collins	C. Costello M. Ruszczyk A. Ruszczyk H. Quirk A. Forgione	E. Lanzoni M. Lanzoni M. Lanzoni S. Barlow A. Randazzo

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 November 29/30, 2008

WRAP YOUR GIFT - USE YOUR ENVELOPES

Weekly Offering for the Church of Saint Ann	
Number of Registered Households	3,087
Number Using Envelopes Last Week	640
Envelope Contributions	\$14,418.00
Other	2,837.00
Loose Money	<u>3,358.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$20,613.00
Average Envelope Contribution	\$22.53
Weekly Offering for Saint Michael Campus	
(English) 9:00 AM Mass	\$805.00
(Slovak) 10:00 AM Mass	276.00
Weekly Novena	149.00

GOSPEL

DECEMBER 14, 2008

Third Sunday of Advent

John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

All of the people in today's readings - the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, Saint Paul, Saint John the Baptist - seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

REFLECTION QUESTION

If someone demanded to know who you were, would your answer send them looking for the Christ?



Youth Choir Advent Concert

"Share the Light"

Sunday, December 14, 2008, 3:30 PM

Come and join us for an evening of music and prayer.

Thank You



Catholics Returning Home Ministry would like to say thank you to the entire Parish for all of your prayers, and participation in the Christmas Carol Festival. *It was wonderful to gather with so many of our brothers and sisters from our church family.*

THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL WAS SO GREAT BECAUSE OF YOUR PRAYERS THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT ANSWERED.

Generations of Faith

Generations of Faith Families are reminded to pick up their copies of "Takeout" and "Maryknoll" Magazines at the **Welcome Desk** of the Faith Development Center **today**. If you did not make it to the last session, there are "take home kits" in the **Religious Education "pick-up" basket**.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2008

SAINT ANN

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary

YVONNE & MARK DANIEL

Requested by

Mother and Siblings

SAINT ANN ICON

In memory of

**CHARLES, JOHN,
A. DOROTHY MORREALE**

Requested by

Marion Deutschor

SAINT MICHAEL

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of

TIMOTHY & ELLEN LYDON

Requested by

Leo Lydon

NEW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW



Help Decorate Saint Ann's Church for Christmas

Prepare our church for Christmas on **Sunday, December 21** from **4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. We invite you to come and help us decorate the church. We need all kinds of help from people of all ages - so bring the family. (If you have an iron and ironing board that is easy to transport, please bring it.) **Come join in the fun.**



Remember a Loved One Through Christmas Decorations

There are envelopes at the doors of the Church for you to make an **offering for our parish Christmas decorations in memory of a deceased friend or loved one**. Just fill out the envelope and drop it in the collection basket next weekend or bring it to the parish office by **December 21**. Names will be published in our January bulletin.



Make an Ornament for the Parish Christmas Tree

Thanks to the Loveless family, Saint Ann's will have a fresh **15 foot tree** for our Gallery of Light. We are asking families to help decorate the tree by making a **tree ornament with you family name**, (and your first names, if you want) and bringing it to Church on **Sunday, December 21**. You can hang the ornament directly on the tree (*so bring one of those ornament hangers*) as you come into the Gallery of Light on the weekend of December 21. This can be a way of you or your family extending Christmas greetings to the whole parish community. *Your ornament can be as simple or as elaborate as you like.*

Saint Joseph the Worker Career Transitions Network

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 18, 2008** from **7:30 - 9:00 PM** in the **Dorothy Day Room** of the **Faith Development Center**. In addition to sharing mutual support and ideas, this week's discussion topic is, **"Experiencing God in the Ups and Downs of the Journey."** Please call **Kathi Morley** at **(609) 883-5680** with any questions.

Saint Ann Corner Store

Our **Religious Goods Store** will be open **next weekend, December 20/21** after all Masses. We have bibles, religious articles, CDs or religious music, religious greeting cards, some articles from the Work of Human Hands, books, and much more. Plan to spend a few extra minutes after Mass next weekend for browsing.

Buy Christmas Music, Feed the Hungry

"A Princeton Christmas: For the Children of Africa Vol. 2" is a new compilation of Christmas music by eleven Princeton choirs to feed hungry children via the **World Food Program**. The CD can be acquired from **Barnes & Noble**, the **Princeton University Store**, or **Amazon.com** (for bulk purchases, please call parishioner **Tom Meagher** at **1 (908) 907-3377**).

Christmas Season

Christmas is a season that begins on December 25, 2008 and runs until January 11, 2009. Do your best to keep the celebration going throughout the season. Keep decorations up and bright all during this season. Christmas parties should abound during this season.

Holy Family Sunday

A **Special Blessing of Families** at all Masses on **Sunday, December 28**. During this season fostering the centrality of family, this feast emphasizes the unit and love so evident in **Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**.

Saint Ann Adult Choir Christmas Concert

Sunday, January 11, 2009
3:30 PM - Church

Join our Adult Choir and keep the celebration of Christmas going.

CONTRIBUTION REMINDER



School Parents

In order to be eligible for the "contributing parishioner" rate on the school tuition scale, all families must donate at least \$500 to the normal parish collection from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

Jesus, Prince of Peace Praising in the Spirit

Wednesday, December 17, 2008
Musical Festivities begin at 7:00 PM
Pope John Paul Community Room
Fellowship and light refreshments

ALL ARE WELCOME!

(609) 882-6491, ext. 166

NEW

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Share in the Care

Religious give thanks. "As our retirement expenses seem unending and ever increasing, reminding myself of the generosity of the people who make this (assistance) possible softens my concern," writes the president of a religious community in Dubuque. **Please be generous in your support of today's appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious.** For further information, please visit www.retiredreligious.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

Parish Prayer Partners

If you are able to pray for a Confirmation Candidate, please take one of the envelopes in the front lobby of the Church. The **WHITE envelopes** indicate candidates who wish to receive correspondence from you. The **GREEN envelopes** are candidates who wish only to receive your prayers. Thank you!

As a parish community, let's all continue to pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they progress toward receiving the Sacrament.

NEW

THANK YOU

Rosary Altar "Giving Tree"

To the parishioners of Saint Ann's: **Heartfelt thanks** for your **overwhelming generosity** for helping with the "Giving Tree". Over 800 tags were given out and we received many more than 800 items! Through your generosity, we have been able to bring some sunshine to people in need at the **Martin House, Anchor House, Mount Carmel Guild, and the Haitian Center.** *May God bless you all with a wonderful Christmas!*

Philadelphia Boys Choir

Join in ushering in the new year at the Christmas Season Concert featuring the world renowned **Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale** on **Sunday, January 4, 2009 at 3:00 PM** in the Church of the Holy Cross. **Tickets** are **\$20.00** and available from the **Lawrence Council Knights of Columbus** or call **Tom Poning** at **(609) 695-5081.** *This is the perfect Christmas gift for that hard to buy someone on your list!*



Georgian Court University Scholarship

Bishop Smith's scholarship has an estimated value of **over \$92,000, over 4 years,** or approximately **\$23,000 per year** to attend **Georgian Court University** in recognition of academic excellence and service to parish and community in the Diocese of Trenton. Young women and men who are active members of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Trenton and are accepted for admission to **Georgian Court University** as a full time freshman for **Fall 2009** will be considered for this annual scholarship. The **application deadline** for this scholarship is **January 1, 2009.** Please contact **Sister Joan (609) 882-6491, ext. 105** for details or for an application.

Community Penance Service

Parish Advent Community Penance (Reconciliation) Service

We have scheduled three services for the parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sunday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.

Visiting priests will be available to hear individual confessions. We have made available, at the doors of the church, a pamphlet entitled, *The Reconciling Community: What Is the Sacrament of Penance (Answers to frequently asked questions)*. This resource is from the Paulist Fathers and is provided to assist you in celebrating the sacrament.



GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE EARLY!

**Buy gift cards while helping raise
funds for Saint Ann School**

You can pick from the extensive list of: *apparel & accessories stores, department stores, dining, discount stores, electronics & office, entertainment, gas & auto, grocery, home décor, home improvements, online & mail order, service, specialty retailers, sporting goods, travel, utility and more!*

Order forms are available at the Welcome Desk in the Faith Development Center. **The deadline for orders is Sunday, December 14, 2008.**

Orders are filled on a weekly basis. Leave your order with the FDC receptionist this week and pick it up the following week. Should you like to arrange to drop off or pick up your order, or if you have any questions, please call **Barbara Moody (609) 883-8180.**

BE AN IDENTIFIED GIVER

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



2008

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

1253 Lawrenceville Road (Route 206), Lawrenceville, NJ

December 24

Vigil Masses

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM

Midnight

(Midnight begins with Cantata at 11:00 PM)

Saint Michael Campus

1106 Brunswick Ave., Trenton

7:00 PM (Korean)

9:00 PM (English) 10:30 PM (Slovak)

December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM

Saint Michael Campus

1106 Brunswick Ave., Trenton

9:00 AM (English) 10:00 AM (Slovak)

*Your presence and that of your family and friends
will enhance our celebration of the Birth of Jesus.*

December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL

5:00 PM

January 1, 2009

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

Saint Michael Campus

9:00 AM (English)

10:00 AM (Slovak) 8:00 PM (Korean)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Simbang Gabi

or Evening Mass Celebration

Celebrating its 5th season throughout the Diocese of Trenton, the **Simbang Gabi** starts on the 15th of December, 7:00 PM, at the following churches:

2008 Schedule: (7:00 PM)

12/15 Monday.....**Our Lady of Sorrows**, Trenton, NJ
 12/16 Tuesday.....**St. Gregory the Great**, Hamilton, NJ
 12/17 Wednesday.....**Incarnation/St. James Parish**, Ewing, NJ
 12/18 Thursday.....**Blessed Sacrament**, Trenton, NJ
 12/19 Friday.....**St. Paul**, Princeton, NJ
 12/20 Saturday.....**St. Raphael**, Trenton, NJ
 12/21 Sunday.....**St. Anthony**, Hightstown, NJ
 12/22 Monday.....**St. David the King**, Princeton Jct, NJ
 12/23 Tuesday.....**Church of St. Ann**, Lawrenceville, NJ

"Simbang Gabi" a Filipino Christmas tradition, it is a series of nine (9) dawn masses, the mass starts as early as 4:00 a.m. It begins on December 16 and ends on the midnight of the 24th of December, which is the midnight mass.

This tradition was introduced by the Spanish friars to allow the farmers to hear mass before going to the fields early in the morning. Simbang Gabi is also known by its popular Spanish name as the Misa de Gallo, or "mass of the rooster."

In the olden days, the church bells start ringing as early as three o'clock waking people up so they can get ready for the four o'clock dawn mass. The Roman Catholic churches across the nation start to open their doors shortly before the break of dawn to welcome the faithful to the Simbang Gabi Mass.

The Filipino-Americans continued this tradition in the United States. Mass schedule differs depending on the location and availability of churches.

Congress Extends IRA Rollover Opportunity

As a part of the \$700 billion Financial Rescue Plan signed by President Bush on October 3, 2008, Congress extended the opportunity for donors over age 70 1/2 to make a tax free transfer from IRA accounts to qualified charitable organizations until December 31, 2009.

The most important provisions in the bill include:

- The gift must be transferred directly from the IRA manager to the charitable organization.
- The donor must be at least 70 1/2 years old.
- The contribution must be an outright gift.
- There is a \$100,000 annual limit on the IRA.
- Distributions from 401 (k) and 403 (b) accounts or other employer-sponsored retirement plans do not qualify



ROSARY ALTAR NEWS

December Monthly Meeting Cookie Exchange and Christmas Luncheon

Saint Ann's Rosary Altar December Meeting will be held on **Monday, December 15, 2008** in the **Pope John Paul Community Room**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:00 PM** followed by a business meeting. We will have our **Cookie Exchange** at this meeting. Please **bring 2 1/2 dozen cookies – 2 dozen to share for the "Cookie Exchange" and 1/2 dozen to serve as refreshments for this meeting.**



Plan on making your reservations for the **Christmas Luncheon** at this meeting. The luncheon will be held on **Sunday, January 11, 2009, 2:00 PM** at **LEONARDO'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL II**. The cost is **\$20.00 for members**. For further details call **Lorraine Colavita** at **(609) 882-7162**.

Reservations are due by Tuesday, December 30, 2008. Reservation forms are available at the **Welcome Desk of the Faith Development Center**.

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.



Book Drive

Time to clean out your bookshelves! Notre Dame High School is collecting *gently* used books to send to schools in northern Uganda. The drive is sponsored by Schools for Schools, a branch of Invisible Children, a charity that provides relief to civilians in war-torn Uganda. Drop off your books in the boxes located near the FDC Library. Please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, phonebooks, activity books (crosswords, etc.), or romance novels. For more information, please call **Anne Pigula** at **(609) 896-3319**.

Adult Faith Enrichment



Gospel Stories of the Birth of Jesus

Tuesday, December 16,
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ~ FDC

Presenter: Fred Vasapolli - *Did you know that there are actually two radically different gospel stories about the nativity of Jesus?* To explore these differences, and to discuss the rationales behind them, join parishioner and student of scripture, Fred Vasapolli, for a special Advent journey to an enhanced appreciation of the Christmas story.

A worksheet, to get the most out of this session, is available at the doors of the church.

To help us plan resources, please call the FDC Welcome Center at (609) 882-6491, press "0" and let the receptionist know that you wish to register for **Gospel Stories About the Birth of Jesus. **



Saint Michael Campus

Christmas Flowers

Members of the **Saint Michael's Senior Citizen Club** will be collecting donations for Christmas flowers, for the **Saint Michael Campus**, after Masses this weekend.

Luncheon

Saint Michael's/Saint Ann's Senior Citizens will meet at 11:30 AM on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at **Leonardo's** on Brunswick Avenue (at Graf Avenue) to enjoy a celebration, concluding 2008 on a very happy note. For reservations and details, call by **Monday, December 15, 2008:** Angie Burby (609) 844-0408; Josephine Groch (609) 393-8574; Claire Toft (609) 201-1947.

Thank You

Our **October Bake Sale** in the Saint Jude store, after the Solemn Saint Jude Novena, was successful. **We thank all who baked and everyone who bought the delicious goodies.** Proceeds were donated to the soup kitchen.

Our November 2008 meeting had us all laughing with each other, led by Marie Betheke, Certified Laugh Leader. We were so happy that the Hills sisters, from Saint Ann's joined us. **Come again, ladies, and bring some friends!**



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.



Keep Christ in Christmas

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling **nativity lawn signs** and **nativity car magnets**, after Masses, in the gallery of the FDC following all regularly scheduled Masses. **Lawn signs** will sell for \$6, or 2 for \$10. The **new car magnets** are \$4 each, 2 for \$7, or 3 for \$10. **Small nativity sets** will also be available and priced as marked.



Generations of Faith

Attention! Families of college students!
Attention! Families of those serving in the military! The **Generations of Faith** families are looking for names of college students, away from home, and those serving in the military. We would like to write letters to them and encourage them on their journey. Please contact **Christine Barranco** at cbar-ranco@comcast.net or (609) 359-9977 with the names of anyone that that might like to have a letter. **Please send in the names by January 6, 2009.**

Trenton Polish Business and Professional Men's Club

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Honoring Walter J. Kramarz

Sunday, December 28, 2008

Roman Hall, Trenton, NJ

Cocktails: 5:00 PM; Dinner: 6:00 PM

For reservations, call (609) 695-1216 by December 20

Saint Ann School Super Dollars



All parishioners are invited to support our parish school by buying grocery super dollars! Super dollars are simply grocery store certificates and you use them like cash. Any purchase you make from grocery stores can be purchased with super dollars, including prescription medications. Participating stores include: Pathmark, Shop Rite, Pennington Market, Acme, Marrazzo's, Risoldi's, Stop and Shop (Super Giant). Super dollars make great gifts. 5% of all super dollars sold are profit for Saint Ann's School . . . We earn \$1 for every \$20 sold. Super dollars can be purchased at the Faith Development Center Welcome Desk, before and after all Masses, and weekdays from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Please help Saint Ann's School by using super dollars on a regular basis!

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
		...and Many Faithful Volunteers	

Parish Office: 609-882-6491 Saint Ann School 609-882-8077 Religious Education Office: 609-882-1212
 Fax: 609-882-4366 School Fax: 609-882-0327
 Parish Website: www.churchofsaintann.net School Website: www.st-ann-school.org

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. Thank you!