

# The Sunday Steward

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

## December 20, 2009 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### 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!

**DECEMBER 20, 2009 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DAILY LITURGY**

For the Week of December 20, 2009

**FROM FATHER VINCE**

**SUN., Dec. 20** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**7:30 AM** Veronica Krawczun by People of the Parish  
 Patricia Schwing by Maureen and Joseph  
 Fritzsky  
**9:30 AM** Anthony A. Adessa by Mr. and Mrs. Gabriele  
 D'Amico  
 Rosalie McDonough by The Rowcotsky Family  
**11:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Frank Colavita  
 Family by Lorraine Colavita  
 Elpidia and Sebastiano Tamassi by Estrina  
 Toto & Family  
**12:30 PM** Joseph Carroll by Carroll Family  
 Mary Elizabeth Haas by Rossano Family

**ST. MICHAEL**  
**9:00 AM** Michael Saia by wife Palmina and daughter  
 Mary Frances  
 Dominick Battista Piantoni, Sr. by Susan  
 Cirullo  
**10:00 AM** John Hudak by Ignas Family

**MON., Dec. 21**  
**8:00 AM** Frank and Marlene DiDonato by wife & mother  
 Joseph Carroll by wife Helen  
 Wilbur Jackson by Jack and Mary Butler

**TUES., Dec. 22**  
**7:00 AM** Vito and Carmela Tamasi by Ida and Vincenzo  
 Ciccone  
 Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Leva by Carmela Cifelli  
 Vincent Ragolia by Stanley Family

**WED., Dec. 23**  
**7:00 AM** Maria and Sebastiano Toto by Estrina Toto &  
 Family  
 Margaret M. Zoog by Bob Sowienski  
 Mary Butler by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loveless &  
 Family  
**8:00 AM** Ann Dillon by daughter Dolores Ignas  
 Anthony Adessa by Irene Mando  
 Frank Schunane by Tony and Ellen Genovesi

**THURS., Dec. 24** **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**7:00 AM** Angiolina D'Amico by Gabriele, Irene, & Family  
 Frank Rotunda by Alicia and Jo Smith & Family  
**4:00 PM** Frank and Mark Swol by Family  
 Francis and Brian Trainor by Dolores Trainor  
**6:00 PM** Katherine Trigg Schmidt by Bob and Pat Trigg  
**8:00 PM** Michael Fedorsak by wife Margaret & children  
 John Russo by wife  
**Midnight** Robert Jordan by Family  
 Charles and Katherine Ramsay by Family

**FRI., Dec. 25** **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**7:30 AM** Deceased Parents by Mr. and Mrs. John Butler  
 Cassie Vaccaro by Mommy, Pop Pop & Mom  
 Mom  
**9:30 AM** William Metzger by Patricia and children  
 Joseph Martillotti by Wife and Family  
**11:00 AM** John and Stella Elenewski by Family  
 James Russo by Mary and children  
**12:30 PM** Joseph Palmere by sister Phyllis Spych  
 Mike Schuster by Devin Rose Tsougas

**ST. MICHAEL**  
**9:00 AM** Joseph and Julia Krisak by George and Jean  
 Krisak  
 Grzenda and Nauert Families by Charles and  
 Nancy Grzenda

Thanks to all who brought their Infants from their Nativity Set to be blessed last Sunday. We are grateful to all who brought their baby Jesus to Church last week for the traditional blessing on the "Bambinelle" that we do on the third Sunday of Advent.

Pope Benedict made the following comments as he Blessed the Baby Jesus:

"It is a source of joy for me", said the Holy Father, "to know that your families still conserve the custom of making Nativity Scenes. Yet it is not enough to repeat the traditional gesture, however important it may be. We must seek to live what the Nativity Scene represents in the reality of our everyday lives: that is, the love of Christ, His humility and His poverty".

"The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' - as they are called in Rome - reminds us that the nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy. This does not consist in possessing many things but in feeling ourselves to be loved by the Lord, in making ourselves a gift for others, and in loving one another. Let us consider the Nativity Scene: the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph do not appear to be a very privileged family; they had their first child amidst great hardship, yet they are full of intimate joy because they love one another, they help one another and, above all, they are certain that God is at work in their story".

"And the shepherds", the Pope asked, "what reason do they have to be happy? That newborn infant will certainly not alter their poverty and marginalisation. Yet faith helps them to recognize in the 'child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger', the 'sign' of the fulfilment of God's promises for all the men and women 'whom He favours', even for them!"

For this reason, Benedict XVI explained, true joy consists in "feeling that our individual and community lives are touched by and filled with a great mystery, the mystery of the love of God. In order to be joyful we need ... love and truth, we need a God Who is near, Who warms our hearts and responds to our most profound expectations".

**BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR HOME NATIVITY SET  
 IN A PROMINENT PLACE.**

**SAT., Dec. 26**  
**8:00 AM** Anthony Adessa by Lawrence Council 7000 Knights of  
 Columbus  
 Michael Ignas by Parents  
 John and Jennie Antinoro and Sons by daughter  
 Josephine Gagliardi  
**5:00 PM** Deceased Members of Argana and Rosato Families  
 Judy and John Slavkovsky by Family

**SUN., Dec. 27**  
**7:30 AM** Patricia Schwing by Pat and Pete Devlin  
 Rose Bartolino by Bette Bartolino-Descoteau  
**9:30 AM** Giovanni Cifelli by Antonietta Cifelli  
 Rosarie McDonough by Saint Ann PTA  
**11:00 AM** Michael Mancuso in loving memory by wife Agnes  
 Mancuso & Family  
 Teresa A. Oslovich by Helen C. Oslovich  
**12:30 PM** Anthony Adessa by Diane and Donald Sward  
 Helen A. Robbins by Family

**ST. MICHAEL**  
**9:00 AM** Walter Schleher by wife Mary and daughter Barbara  
 Jean Restuccio by Palmina and Mary Frances Saia

*We regret any misspellings in the Mass intentions.*

## DECEMBER 20, 2009 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SUNDAY, December 20, 2009 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

- **Religious Education - Kindergarten** 11:00 AM - Art Room
- **Religious Education - Special Education** 11:00 AM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **Baptism:** 2:00 PM
- **Religious Education Classes** 6:30 PM - Saint Ann School
- **Confirmation Preparation - Grade 7** 6:30 PM - Pope John XXIII Room/Dorothy Day Room

### MONDAY, December 21, 2009

- **Miraculous Medal Novena/Benediction** 1:30 PM - Chapel
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** 5:00 PM - Sister Thea Bowman Music Room
- **Religious Education Classes** 6:30 PM - Saint Ann School
- **Confirmation Preparation - Grade 7** 6:30 PM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **Religious Coordinator Co-Learner Meeting** 7:00 PM - American Martyrs Room
- **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** 7:15 PM - Msgr. McCorristin Room
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:30 PM - Church

### TUESDAY, December 22, 2009

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 12:00 Noon until 7:00 PM - Chapel
- **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** 3:00 PM - Chapel
- **Creating our Environment** 6:00 PM - Church
- **Religious Education Classes** 6:30 PM - Saint Ann School
- **Confirmation Preparation - Grade 7** 6:30 PM - Pope John XXIII Room
- **RCIA** 7:00 PM - American Martyrs Room

### WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2009

- **Saint Ann School - HALF DAY**
- **Simbang Gabi Mass** 7:00 PM - Church
- **Saint Ann Novena** 7:30 PM - (Saint Michael Campus)
- **Saint Jude Novena** 8:00 PM - (Saint Michael Campus)

## OUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Our Christmas collection goes a long way towards supporting many of the parish ministries. The generosity of our parishioners and visitors at Christmas has been a great help in supplementing our regular Sunday collection. During these challenging times, we especially appreciate your sacrificial giving. It helps to add fuel to our fire and keep our parish warm and bright. **Please be as generous as you can.**

### THURSDAY, December 24, 2009 - Christmas Eve

- **Saint Ann School - NO SCHOOL**
- **Saint Ann Parish Office - CLOSED**
- **Christmas Vigil Masses:** 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, Midnight (begins with Carols at 11:15 PM)
- **Saint Michael Campus:** 7:30 PM (Korean), 9:00 PM (English), 10:00 PM (Slovak)

### FRIDAY, December 25, 2009 - Christmas Day

- **Saint Ann School - NO SCHOOL**
- **Saint Ann Parish Office - CLOSED**
- **Christmas Day Masses:** 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
- **Saint Michael Campus:** 9:00 AM (English), 10:00 AM (Slovak), 2:00 PM (Korean)

### SATURDAY, December 26, 2009

- **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
- **Vigil Mass** 5:00 PM - Church

### SUNDAY, December 27, 2009 - Feast of the Holy Family

- **Masses:** 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
- **Saint Michael Campus:** 9:00 AM (English), 10:00 AM (Slovak), 12:00 PM (Korean)
- **Baptisms:** 2:00 PM

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

**Lydia Claire COOK**  
**Courtney Ann FOSINA**

## Save The Date

We will have Evening Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

## SAINT MICHAEL'S HALL

*Beginning in the New Year, 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.*

*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

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2009  
Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

### REFLECTION QUESTION

*Am I looking forward with faith, hope, and love to the coming of Jesus in a new way into my life this Christmas?*

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>** 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.** 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**.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Weekend of December 5/6, 2009

### WRAP YOUR GIFT - USE YOUR ENVELOPES

<b>Weekly Offering for the Church of Saint Ann</b>	
Number of Registered Households	3,159
Number Using Envelopes Last Week	581
Envelope Contributions	\$15,142.00
Other	2,891.00
Loose Money	<u>2,132.00</u>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$20,165.00</b>
Average Envelope Contribution	\$26.00
<b>Weekly Offering for Saint Michael Campus</b>	
Masses	\$1,338.00
Novena	210.00

## Christmas

### Attention. . . Liturgical Ministers Readers, Ushers, Altar Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers

We have eight (8) **Masses** scheduled for the **Feast of Christmas**. We are in need of your help at those Masses. **Sign up sheets are in the front sacristy and also in the ushers room. Please sign up.**

### 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.*

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Help Decorate Saint Ann's Church for Christmas

Prepare our church for Christmas on **Tuesday, December 22 at 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, as well as **included in your box of weekly offering envelopes**, 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. Names will be published in our January bulletin.

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## YOUTH CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

### COME JOIN US!

### "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



## 2009 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

1253 Lawrenceville Road (Route 206), Lawrenceville, NJ

### December 24

#### Vigil Masses

4:00 PM - Mass with Carols

6:00 PM - Youth Choir

8:00 PM - Mass with Carols

Midnight - Adult Choir and Brass Quartet  
*(Midnight Mass begins with Carols at 11:15 PM)*

#### Saint Michael Campus

1106 Brunswick Ave., Trenton

7:30 PM (Korean)

9:00 PM (English)

10:00 PM (Slovak)

### December 25

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 AM - Sunrise Choir with Carols

9:30 AM - Mass with Carols

11:00 AM - Adult Choir and Brass Quartet

12:30 PM - Mass Band with Carols

#### Saint Michael Campus

1106 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton

9:00 AM (English)

10:00 AM (Slovak)

2:00 PM (Korean)

*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 MASS

5:00 PM

### January 1, 2010

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY

*Feast of Mary, Mother of God*

9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

*Ringing in the New Year after each Mass*

#### Saint Michael Campus

9:00 AM (English)

10:00 AM (Slovak)

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

# CHRISTMAS

## Christmas Season

*Christmas is a season that begins on December 25, 2009 and runs until January 10, 2010. 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.*



## The Christmas Crib

### SHOULD FIND A PLACE OF HONOR IN OUR HOMES AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Nativity scenes, large or small, simple or elaborate, are a familiar representation of Christmas. It is a part of our culture and art but, above all, it is a sign of faith in God, who is Bethlehem come to live in our midst.

These days more than ever, Christians need to make sure that the Christmas Crib is prominent in their homes and in their Christmas decorations. If we are not careful, fancy snowmen and reindeer and candy canes, beautiful as they might be, can draw us from the true meaning of Christmas. The Christmas Crib brings this true meaning into focus. It is never too late to add to or enhance your Christmas Crib.

## Make an Ornament for the Parish Christmas Tree

We are asking families to help decorate our parish tree by **making a tree ornament** with family name (including first names, *if you like*), and **bringing it to church during the week**. You can hang the ornament directly on the tree (so *bring an ornament hanger*). This is a way in which you and your family can extend Christmas greetings to the whole parish community. *Your ornament can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose*. Our tree will be in the gallery of light, directly off the main lobby.

## Hosts Needed for Christmas Day

Once again this year, we would like to have our **Church open all day on Christmas** so that *people may stop by to visit the Crib with their family and friends*. To do this, we need to have volunteers in the Church during this time. If you can volunteer a half hour (1/2) on Christmas Day to sit in church and greet visitors, please contact **Sister Joan** at (609) 882-6491, ext. 105. We need help every 1/2 hour from 1:30 PM to 8:00PM.



## Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree and all its trimmings do not have to distract us from the spiritual side of the holiday. By using the following blessing, you can create a situation where the tree is a reminder of the holiness of the season as its lights and scent fill your home.

## Christmas Tree Blessing

*Let our Christmas tree be our blessing to You, good and gentle loving Lord, God.*

*We searched for it and chose it even as You looked for a people and chose Mary to bear Your Son.*

*The evergreen recalls Your constant faithfulness, O Lord, and the garland the encircling embrace of your caring arms.*

*These lights remind us of our Advent waiting for a new king whose star shone more brightly and radiantly than did David's or Solomon's in all their power.*

*We pray that our lives can make others celebrate as happily as these cheerful ornaments now make us feel.*

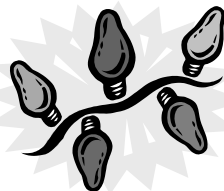
*Let us glisten in reflecting your love as excitedly as tinsel catches the light and makes it dance. In all this we love you, Lord.*

*We will think of You every time we water this tree.*

*We thank Your Spirit for the refreshing waters of Baptism.*

*We rejoice to be with Your Son's family, now and forever.*

*Amen.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **DONATING RESOURCES TO THE ADULT SECTION OF THE PARISH LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER**

If you are interested in donating resources to the adult faith section of the parish library/media center, please contact **Gary Maccaroni, (609) 882-6491, ext 116**. Please **DO NOT** drop off boxes of books/resources at the Faith Development Center. Note that the Lawrence Township Library accepts donations between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. We want to thank those who have made contributions in the past.

## **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE**

*Congratulations to our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society, a recipient of the Diocesan Gaudium et Spes Award.* The Diocese of Trenton holds this annual *Gaudium et Spes* celebration to highlight individuals, groups or parish organizations that work through the year to implement the values and principles of Catholic Social Teaching. The vast pastoral outreach inspired by Catholic Social Teaching was given renewed vigor and prominence by the Second Vatican Council in its landmark Pastoral Constitution "Gaudium et Spes" (*The Church in the Modern World*).

Thus, all in the Church who give of themselves in service are recognized for their advancing the mission of Jesus, such as, community food pantries, outreach to the poor and homeless, those involved in hospitals and nursing homes, those who work on behalf of persons with disabilities, or mental health issues, and those who speak out on behalf of the marginalized and voiceless members of our society.

## **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.



## **Children's Educational Lifeline (CEL)**

Established in January 2009, the Children's Educational Lifeline (CEL) Fund assists families who are temporarily unable to meet the cost of education at Saint Ann School. This program is a way for capable members of the Saint Ann community to reach out to families in financial crisis and aid them in securing a quality, faith-based education for their children.

Donations may be dropped in the Sunday collection basket in an envelope marked "Children's Educational Lifeline" or may be mailed to Saint Ann School, 34 Rossa Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ, 08648.

*All Contributions are tax deductible.*

## **National Honor Society Notre Dame High School**

The following students, Saint Ann School/Saint Ann Parishioners, made the National Honor Society at Notre Dame High School this year:

**Jonathan Babcock**  
**Ryan Babcock**  
**Thomas Bannon**  
**Louis Battaglia**  
**Laura Biesiadecki**  
**Samantha Csik**  
**Alexandra Brereton**  
**Catherine Gray**  
**Alexis Johnson**  
**Fiona Meagher**  
**Alessandra Randazzo**  
**Jaclyn Scozzari**

## **Counseling Services**

Our Parish Counselor, **Charlotte Grodzki**, is available to work with individuals, couples and families at the Faith Development Center. A New Jersey Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Ms. Grodzki is a credentialed in-network provider for **Aetna, Value Options, Magellan, United Behavioral Health, Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Medicare**. Charlotte can be reached at **(609) 426-0321**.



**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, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

*Your Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council 7000 is once again selling Christmas lawn signs and "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets after all weekend Masses. Supplies are limited, so do not delay or risk waiting for the next Christmas season. All items will be available in the Faith Development Center Gallery of Light.*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

**ADULT CATHOLICS  
RETURNING TO THE CHURCH**  
*Attention Catholics Who Have  
Been Away From the Church*

An adult Catholic who, *for whatever reason*, has been away from the Church and would like to come back (or if you have questions and concerns that you would like to discuss) is asked to call **Gary Maccaroni** at the parish office, **(609) 359-9966**. This can be a renewing experience for anyone seeking to reunite with the Church of one's Baptism.

**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.

**Simbang Gabi**

"Simbang Gabi", a Filipino Christmas tradition, 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 schedules differ depending on the location and availability of churches.

12/19/2009	7:00 p.m.	Saturday	Saint Raphael, Hamilton	Rev. Leandro Dela Cruz
12/20/2009	7:00 p.m.	Sunday	Saint Anthony de Padua	Rev. Leon Buni
12/21/2009	7:00 p.m.	Monday	Saint David the King	Rev. Jude Michael
12/22/2009	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday	Saint Vincent De Paul	Rev. Henry Militante
12/23/2009	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday	Saint Ann, Lawrenceville	Rev. Vincent Gartland

## THE BEST POSSIBLE CHRISTMAS

Dear Parishioners,

Suppose you heard on the radio that one of the Santas at the Mall had the key to you having the best Christmas ever. All you needed to do would be ask. You would probably hurry over to the Mall, get in line and ask the man for the big secret. Santa would then lean close and whisper in your ear, "If you want a great Christmas, get out of here as fast as you can. Go home, set up the tree, put on some hot chocolate, gather your loved ones around you and sing." That is really the message of Advent. Know that the Lord is near. Everything else will fall into place. Don't let your Christmas spirit depend too much on external circumstances; getting or giving the correct gifts, having all the right food prepared, the best decorations on the block, the cleanest house in the neighborhood, how others are thinking of us or treating us. Gather with those you love and rest in the blessing that God is in our midst. In spite of the burnt cookies, the strand of lights that isn't working, the little squabbles that are part of family living, the tree that has fallen twice already; count your blessings and be a blessing for one another and for all you meet during this Christmas season. Do not fear, God is near. God is good. God loves you.

Peace, Vincent Gartland

## AREA NEWS

### H.O.P.E.

*Helping Other People Evolve*

H.O.P.E., a 10-week structured, non-sectarian, education and support program for recently widowed men and women of all ages, is now accepting registrations for the WINTER session which will begin the first full week of JANUARY 2010. Mercer County Sessions are held in Hamilton Square on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM and begin January 4, 2010. To receive details, please visit the web site [www.hopesnj.org](http://www.hopesnj.org), or you can call the H.O.P.E. office at 1 (856) 234-2200, or toll free at 1-888-920-2201.

### "The Living Nativity"

#### Fallsington United Methodist Church

Come and see all of the live stable animals, including a camel, at the Fallsington United Methodist Church, Yardley Avenue and LaCross Street, Fallsington, PA presents, "The Living Nativity" on December 21, 22, and 23, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Week of December 26/27, 2009

5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
R. Zurick	M. McDaniel	C. Springer	J. Babcock	E. Lanzoni
A. Piasecki		G. Springer	R. Babcock	M. Lanzoni
J. McQuarrie		D. Exume	J. Gordon	M. Lanzoni
M. McQuarrie		J. Ivins	M. Gordon	F. Meagher
L. Fitzpatrick		L. Stivala	M. Piamonte	M. Meagher
		C. Humphreys	A. Ruszczuk	E. Bilancio

## 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. Another way you can update your information is to go to the parish website [www.churchofsaintann.net](http://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!**



### TRI COMMUNITY WELCOME FOR FR. PETER A GREAT EVENT

On Gaudete Sunday the three communities that make up our Saint Michael Campus gathered to celebrate one Mass to welcome Fr. Peter, the new Pastor of The Church of the Korean Martyrs. Many thanks to all from each community who worked to make this tri-community gathering a great success. Special thanks to Fr. Vladimir, the coordinator; to George and Jean Krisak, and to members of the Korean Choir. When many people work together, God does many wonderful things. It was a wonderful Day. Welcome Fr. Peter.



### Rosary-Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society thanks all of the parishioners who gave so generously to the Giving Tree Project. Your gifts will provide food and basic necessities to the Mount Carmel Guild, Anchor House, and Martin House. *The children at the Haitian Center will enjoy the toys they receive at their Christmas party. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.*

## WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2009

#### SAINT ANN SANCTUARY CANDLE

*In memory of*

**JOSEPH NICHOLAS MIALE**

*Requested by*

**His Family**

#### SAINT ANN ICON

*In memory of*

**JOSEPH COLAVITA, JR.**

*Requested by*

**Wife and Children**

#### SAINT MICHAEL SANCTUARY CANDLE

*Have a*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*From*

**The Grzenda Family**

# MAKE IT SIMPLE . . .

## 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???*

Join the growing number of parishioners who have their weekly offering dedicated from their bank account. This is a very simple process. Please call **Rita Reven, Finance Manager** at (609) 882-6491, ext. 113 for the necessary information. You can determine the amount and adjust it at anytime.

**TRY IT. WE BET YOU'LL LIKE IT.**



## Bring a Star to Mass for the Epiphany

On Sunday, January 4, 2010,

we will celebrate the

Feast of the Epiphany with a procession of stars at every Mass.

Bring a star to church—or, better yet, a star on a stick—and join in the opening procession.

This is a great way to celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world.



## STARS AT THE CRIB

**O**n the stars surrounding our Christmas crib are the names of all the children who have been baptized in our church since last Christmas. When you visit the crib, please remember these children and pray that the world in which they live will become a place of peace where they can grow in God's love.

**On Sunday, January 10, families are invited to take home their child's star.**



## Holy Family Sunday

A Special Blessing of Families at all Masses on Sunday, December 27. During this season fostering the centrality of family, this feast emphasizes the unit and love so evident in *Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*.



## Generations of Faith

The next Generations of Faith Program will focus on the Creed and what it tells others about us as Catholics.

**Everyone is invited to attend.** Presentations are **January 9, 2010 at 9:00 am or 6:00 pm** and **January 10, 2010 at 5:00 PM.** Each program begins with a meal and includes Adult Faith Formation, teen and children sessions and child care. To register, call Kelly at (609) 882-1212 or ask for a form at the Welcome Desk.

## YEAR END GIVING

*Have you remembered The Church of Saint Ann as the year 2009 comes to a close?*

A gift before December 31 can support the work of the parish and provide a tax deduction. Appreciated securities qualify for a Federal Income Tax deduction and may help you avoid capital gains tax. Charitable gift annuities, bequests through wills and paid up, no-longer-needed insurance policies may also offer tax deductions while helping the parish. For information, call the parish office (609) 882-6491.

## TYPES OF GIFTS TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

**A Gift of Cash**, most often in the form of a personal check, payable to The Church of Saint Ann.

**A Gift of Stock** may be transferred to The Church of Saint Ann, avoiding any capital gains tax.

**A Gift of Life Insurance:** When The Church of Saint Ann is named as the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy, the policy premiums become eligible as a tax deductible gift.

**A Charitable Remainder Trust:** If you are interested in exploring gift opportunities, please contact The Church of Saint Ann parish office.

**A Bequest to The Church of Saint Ann:** This is how you might include The Church of Saint Ann in your will:

*"I give, devise, and bequeath to The Church of Saint Ann in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my estate) to be used by its trustees in carrying out its corporate objectives and purposes."*