

# The Church of Saint Ann

1253 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

*The entire parish community extends a warm welcome to all visitors and to all new parishioners. We're glad you're here!*

## November 30, 2003



# First Sunday of Advent

### Served by:

Rev. R. Vincent Gartland, Parish Priest	882-6491, ext. 12	Mrs. Eleanor Kiel, Director, Music Ministry	882-6491, ext. 18
Rev. Joseph Rosie, Weekend Assistant		Ms. Rosemary Hobgood Iossa, Director, Adult Choir	
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Mrs. Rita Reven, Finance Manager	882-6491, ext. 13	Ms. Eleanor Tyler, Marriage/Family Counselor	747-9515
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		...and Many Faithful Volunteers	

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School Fax: 609-882-0327  
School Website: [www.st-ann-school.org](http://www.st-ann-school.org)

Religious Education Office: 609-882-1212  
Church Website: [www.churchofsaintann.net](http://www.churchofsaintann.net)

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All baptized Catholics living in Lawrenceville are considered members of Saint Ann parish and are entitled to its services. Registration assists the staff in knowing parishioners, providing for their needs, informing them of parish programs and activities, and utilizing their gifts and talents in service to the Church and to one another. **PLEASE REGISTER** by using the forms at the church entrance or at the Parish Office. Envelopes will be made available once you are registered. We encourage you to use envelopes for your weekly contributions.

### THE SACRAMENTS

**Sunday Eucharist:** Saturday Vigil: 5:00 P.M.; Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.

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

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

**Liturgy of the Hours and Communion Service:** Monday and Friday at 7 A.M.

**Baptisms:** First and third Sundays at 2:00 P.M. and at Baptism Sundays scheduled throughout the year. *Baptism Preparation:* Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the chapel. 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 a year in advance so that they may complete the necessary marriage preparation process.

**Penance/Reconciliation:** Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M. 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 882-3173.**

**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 only**) from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon and Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:45 P.M. **Phone 882-1212. Religious Education Office:** Located on the second floor of Saint Ann School. **Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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

**PARISH OFFICE** Located on Lawrence Road next to McGrath Pharmacy. **Parish Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. 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 P.M. **on Friday of the preceding week.** Save time by e-mailing items for consideration to [lynneshoe2@comcast.net](mailto:lynneshoe2@comcast.net). Thank you!

**DAILY LITURGY FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2003**

<b>MONDAY, December 1</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b> Dolores Worsky (Ann'y), by Jo Spencer Dr. Vincent Pica, by family
<b>TUESDAY, December 2</b> 7:00 A.M.	<b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b> Alice Yuncza, by family Ethel Bradley Kucker, by People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY, December 3</b> 7:00 A.M.	<b>SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST</b> Rose Conboy, by Mary Ann Conboy Winifred Goodwin, by Sheila Drugan Colavita
8:00 A.M.	Harriet Lyding, by Dr. Drew Procaccino Philippe Prévost, by Bill and Eunice Webb
<b>THURSDAY, December 4</b> 7:00 A.M.	<b>SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS, PRIEST, DOCTOR</b> Marie Jose and Johnnie Jose Cesdedes, by Mary T. Kondash Irene Kovacs, by Maggie and Jim Smith
<b>FRIDAY, December 5</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b> Msgr. Michael P. McCorristin (former pastor), by a grateful parish Donna Lynn DiDonato, by parents
<b>SATURDAY, December 6</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP</b> Novena for the Deceased
5:00 P.M.	Marie Russell, by Royal family Marie Russell, by People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY, December 7</b> 7:30 A.M.	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Philippe Prévost, by Edward and Madeline Woodrow Rosemarie Lane, by Carl and Bernice Tattory
9:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
11:00 A.M.	Ernesto Carnevale, by DiEugenio family Ernesto Carnevale, by People of the Parish
12:30 P.M.	Lillian Toleno, by Ida Bucci and family Joseph A. Mink, by Bob and Karen Dorio and family

We regret any misspellings in the Mass intentions.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE  
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2003**

In Memory of  
**BERTHA LEONARD**  
*Requested by Charles and Stan*

**ADVENT CANDLES AND READING MATERIALS**

In the main foyer of the church, you will find our Advent table with **Advent candles, Advent wreaths, and Advent reading material** for adults as well as children. These items might help you to celebrate Advent in your home.

**Stewardship**

We will publish the weekly offering for November 22/23 and November 29/30 in the December 7 bulletin.  
*Thanks for using the envelope system!*

**A Letter from Father Vince**

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! Welcome to Advent 2003. We begin our new Church Year with the First Sunday of Advent, a season of quiet preparation for the Feast of Christmas. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year #39*) It is our hope that our celebration of Advent here at The Church of Saint Ann will enhance our lives and strengthen our faith as we wait together for the celebration of Christ's birth. We plan to do this by being a little quieter during Advent. Perhaps you as a family can cut out one or two activities so that you have a little time to pray together around the Advent Wreath, to tell a few stories of your family and of our family of faith. It is sometimes very difficult to remember that Christmas does not come until December 25. **If we allow Advent to be Advent, then Christmas will have a better chance to be Christmas.**

The insert in today's bulletin should help you understand the season better and plan some ways in which you can make this season of preparation a very special one.

Peace,  
Father Vince

**NOVENA FOR THE DECEASED**

This coming **Saturday, December 6**, is the first Saturday of the month. At the 8:00 A.M. Mass we remember those newly enrolled in our Novena for the Deceased.

Inscribed during November were:

- MILDRED MACKEY** (by Carolyn, Tyler, and Miranda Mackey)
- MICHAEL FEDORSAK** (by Mr. and Mrs. Vinnie Jordan - Dunkin Donuts)
- IDA LIVECCHI** (by Dennis and Vicki Rosato)
- JOSEPHINE PETITO** (by Mary-Kate and Adrian Heffern)
- JOSEPHINE PETITO** (by Saint Ann Adult Choir)
- JOSEPH H. COLAVITA, JR.** (by Saint Ann Adult Choir)
- SCOTT NABINGER** (by Betty and Bill Wnek)

Please remember in your prayers these people as well as all the faithful departed of The Church of Saint Ann.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE  
December 6/7, 2003**

5:00 P.M.	7:30 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.	12:30 P.M.
T. Camastra		G. Kemmerer	M. Marencik	A. Daniel
C. McChesney		P. Moore	S. Marencik	R. Reali
T. Mastropieri		E. Masterson	S. Witkowski	M. Hvasta

## Calendar of Events for the Week of November 30, 2003

<b>SUNDAY, November 30</b> <i>1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosary-Altar Society Giving Tree Select Tags after All Masses - Church Foyer</li> <li>• Religious Education Kindergarten Classes - 11:00 A.M. - Saint Ann School</li> <li>• Religious Education Classes - 6:30 P.M. - Saint Ann School</li> <li>• Centering Prayer - 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. - Daily Chapel</li> </ul>
<b>MONDAY, December 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miraculous Medal Novena and Benediction - 1:30 P.M. - Daily Chapel</li> <li>• Junior Legion of Mary - 2:30 P.M. - Daily Chapel</li> <li>• Little Angels Choir Practice - 4:00 P.M. - Daily Chapel</li> <li>• Holy Hour and Confessions - 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. - Daily Chapel</li> <li>• Religious Education Classes - 6:30 P.M. - Saint Ann School</li> <li>• H.O.P.E. - 7:00 P.M. - Parish House Sunroom</li> <li>• School Advisory Council - 7:30 P.M. - Parish House Dining Room</li> </ul>
<b>TUESDAY, December 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament All Day - Daily Chapel</li> <li>• Adventures in Parenting - 10:00 A.M. - Parish House Community Room</li> <li>• Divine Mercy of Jesus Holy Hour - 3:00 P.M. - Daily Chapel</li> <li>• Religious Education Classes - 6:30 P.M. - Saint Ann School</li> <li>• Parish Health Ministers - 7:30 P.M. - Parish House Sunroom</li> <li>• Young Adult Bible Study - 7:30 P.M. - Daily Chapel</li> </ul>
<b>WEDNESDAY, December 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legion of Mary - 6:00 P.M. - Daily Chapel</li> <li>• Cantor Rehearsals - 6:15 to 7:15 P.M. - Church</li> <li>• Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. - Church</li> <li>• Prayer Group - 7:30 P.M. - Parish House Dining Room</li> </ul>
<b>THURSDAY, December 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Faith Formation: <i>Life and Work of Thomas Merton</i> - 7:30 P.M. - Daily Chapel</li> <li>• Youth Group - 7:30 P.M. - Parish House Community Room and Sunroom</li> </ul>
<b>FRIDAY, December 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Choir Rehearsal - 5:00 P.M. - Church</li> <li>• Advent Evening Prayer - 7:30 P.M. - Church</li> </ul>
<b>SATURDAY, December 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTA Advent Day of Giving - 3:00 P.M. - School Cafeteria (Pasta Dinner at 6:00 P.M. - School Cafeteria)</li> <li>• Religious Education Reconciliation Retreat - 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. - Church and School</li> <li>• Return Rosary-Altar Society Giving Tree Gifts This Weekend - Church Foyer</li> <li>• Diaper Collection Weekend</li> </ul>
<b>SUNDAY, December 7</b> <i>2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diaper Collection Weekend</li> <li>• Return Rosary-Altar Society Giving Tree Gifts This Weekend - Church Foyer</li> <li>• Religious Education Kindergarten Classes - 11:00 A.M. - Saint Ann School</li> <li>• Professions of Faith (3) - 12:30 P.M. Mass - Church</li> <li>• Baptisms - 2:00 P.M. - Church</li> <li>• Tandem Nursing Home Mass - 2:00 P.M.</li> <li>• Religious Education Classes - 6:30 P.M. - Saint Ann School</li> <li>• Confirmation Sunday Group Session - 7:00 P.M. - Saint Ann School</li> <li>• Advent Evening Prayer Chant - 7:00 P.M. - Church</li> <li>• Centering Prayer - 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. - Daily Chapel</li> </ul>

### Advent Reconciliation Day at Saint Mary Cathedral

**Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

Whether it has been just a few weeks or a few years, take some time this Advent season to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests will be available all day for confessions or consultation. No appointment is necessary, just come!

### ORGAN/TISSUE DONATIONS

Organ/tissue donations cards are available in the clear plastic rack in the church lobby for the month of December in case you did not get one last Sunday. Give the gift of a lifetime!

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

This Christmas there is a slight change in our schedule for Masses on Christmas Eve. We will begin at **4:00 P.M.** with Mass with our Youth Choir. At 6:00 P.M., we will celebrate a Mass with Christmas Carols.

#### Christmas Eve December 24, 2003

**4:00 P.M.**

Mass with Youth Choir

**6:00 and 9:00 P.M.**  
Mass with Carols

Mass at Midnight  
Adult Choir  
(Christmas Carol Prelude will start at 11:15 P.M.)

#### Christmas Day December 25

**7:30 A.M.**

Mass with Carols

**9:30 A.M.**  
Mass with Adult Choir

**11:00 A.M.**  
Mass with Carols

**12:30 P.M.**  
Mass with Contemporary Music Group

Church will be open all day (until 9:00 P.M.). Stop in for quiet prayer or a visit to the crib.

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Monday, December 8,** is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, patronal feast of the United States of America. This day is a Holy Day in all the dioceses of the United States.

Masses for the Holy Day will be at **7:00 and 8:00 A.M. and at 12:15 and 7:30 P.M.**

## ALTAR SERVER MEETING / RECRUITMENT

We're asking all parish Altar Servers to attend the Altar Server meeting on **Saturday, December 6**, from **10:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon**. Lunch will be included. This will be an opportunity for us to gather, pray, review our procedures, welcome new members, and share our comments and questions on how we can better serve the community.

### *Would You Like to Serve the Parish as an Altar Server?*

We are looking for a few more servers to round out our strong and solid group of dedicated high school students who serve this parish community through the ministry of Altar server. You should be a Confirmed Christian (or in the process of being Confirmed, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade). Servers are asked to minister at the Altar twice a month on a regular schedule. Training is provided. This is a great opportunity for our parishioners of high school age. Flyers (on gold-colored paper) pertaining to the ministry of Altar Server can be obtained in the church lobby or you may see Father Vince or call the parish office (882-6491). **Plan to attend our December 6 meeting from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon.**

## November 30, 2003

### First Sunday of Advent

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

### FOR REFLECTION

*How can I exercise the virtue of love this Advent?  
What is one simple act of love that I can do today?*

## ADOPT A FAMILY

Once again it is time to ADOPT A FAMILY for Christmas. Now more than ever, we need your help to bring the spirit of Christmas to many of our neighbors in need. The Lawrenceville Township Neighborhood Service Center is once again asking you to open your hearts and share your good fortune with those less fortunate. This year it is more important than ever to come together as a Christian community to show our love and support to our neighbors. Please contact Sue and Tony Petruzzi at 895-1096 to request a family. We thank you for your support.

## ADVENT DAY OF GIVING/PASTA DINNER

On **Saturday, December 6**, the St. Ann PTA and school community will participate in a variety of service projects for the inaugural Advent Day of Giving. Following the day of community service projects, we will come together to celebrate at the 5:00 P.M. Mass. Please join us immediately after Mass, at 6:00 P.M., as we get together for a holiday pasta dinner in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Checks should be made out to "St. Ann PTA." Please place your ticket orders in the Mass collection basket or purchase tickets at the Super Dollars booth in the church lobby.

## REACHING OUT TO HELP OTHERS

### ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY GIVING TREE

**Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30:**

Please select Giving Tree tags.

**Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7:**

Please return Giving Tree gifts *unwrapped*.

Giving Tree items will be distributed to Haitians-Toys for Christmas. The remaining items will be distributed to Martin House, Mount Carmel Guild, and Anchor House.

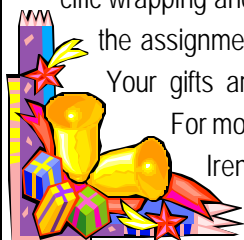
### ADOPT-A FAMILY-OR-CHILD PROGRAM

Saint Ann parish will again participate in the Martin House *Adopt-a-Family-or-Child* Program. Martin House is looking for parishioners willing to buy special gifts for families or individuals who would otherwise have very little for Christmas. You can make Christmas special by providing a toy, article of clothing, or some other needed item. To participate, please sign up on the sheets available at all the church entrances. You will be contacted with names, ages, and clothing sizes for those whom you have adopted. Specific wrapping and labeling instructions will accompany the assignment of your adopted family/individuals.

Your gifts are both appreciated and necessary.

For more information, please contact

Irene Cottone at 882-8566.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in reaching out to make a difference in someone's life? **Martin House Learning Center** is seeking volunteers to teach, or assist in teaching, English and Reading to adult immigrants.

Teaching is done in small groups and, when appropriate, on a one-to-one basis. Participants are very eager to learn as they seem to be aware of the importance of language skills in their new life. Volunteers do not need to speak a foreign language but they need to have patience and the desire to help people. Classes meet **Monday to Thursday from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M.**

We are also in need of clerical assistants to perform small jobs during these same hours.

If you are available to be involved in this ministry one or more days a week, please call Mr. Donaldson at (609) 989-8143.

**McCorristin Catholic High School  
Varsity Softball Coach**  
To apply, send letter of interest  
and résumé no later than  
December 10, 2003 to:  
Athletic Director  
McCorristin Catholic High School  
175 Leonard Avenue  
Hamilton, NJ 08610

## ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

Join others from neighboring parishes for an introductory presentation of **Just Faith**, given by Jack Jezreel. Jack is a popular national speaker and Christian justice educator. He holds a masters degree from Notre Dame University and spent six years living and serving in a Catholic Worker community. Since 1994, he has worked with Catholic Charities USA. Jack Jezreel has a passion for the Gospel and his inspirational style continues to motivate people through his inspiring journey of faith that calls us to become better disciples. People continue to seek out his wisdom and energy—as one pastor put it, “I would call [Just Faith] a new Pentecost, it's a new life: it's energy...” This is a great opportunity!

This day is for anyone who is interested, those who serve in a parish

ministry, or anyone who may want a good day to reflect on their faith journey, especially during the Advent Season. During the day Jack will lead participants through a reflection of the ministries of Moses and Jesus and our response, and tell the **Just Faith** story.

**Just Faith** will take place on **Saturday, December 6**, at Saint Raphael School in Hamilton. Saint Raphael's is located on Gropp Avenue between Arena Drive and South Broad Street. The day begins at 9:00 A.M. and ends at 4:00 P.M. Registration starts at 8:30 A.M. For more information or to register (\$15.00 fee includes lunch), call Mary Ellen Blackwell at 394-5181, ext. 162, or e-mail: mblackwell@trenton.org. The day is sponsored by Catholic Charities USA.

## PRESENTATION ON THE LIFE AND WORK OF THOMAS MERTON

Thomas Merton (1915-1968) was an American writer and Trappist monk at Our Lady of Gethsemane Abbey in Trappist, Kentucky. He was one of the most prolific Catholic writers on Christian spirituality during the 1950s and 1960s. His writings include such classics as *The Seven Storey Mountain*, which remains in print after more than fifty years, *New Seeds of Contemplation*, and *Zen and the Birds of Appetite*. Merton is the author of more than seventy books that include poetry, personal journals, collections of letters, social criticism and writings on peace, social justice and ecumenism.

Sister Elizabeth O'Hare, a Sister of Mercy and scholar with a strong interest in Merton and his legacy, will be with us to share her interest and her scholarly work on Merton, the man and the monk. Please join us on **Thursday, December 4, at 7:30 P.M.** in the Daily Chapel for a presentation on the life and work of Thomas Merton. For more information, call Gary Maccaroni at 882-6491, ext. 16.

## ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Lawrence Council, No. 7000, Knights of Columbus, is sponsoring the second in its new series of Atlantic City bus trips on **Sunday afternoon, November 30**, to the Sands Hotel and Casino. **The bus will leave the Saint Ann parking lot at 2:00 P.M.** and will return at approximately 10:30 P.M.

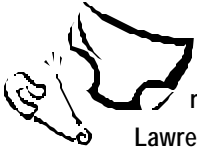
Cost of the trip is \$16, BUT each attendee will receive back \$14 in coins upon arrival. For reservations or more details, please call Ed Wells at (609) 392-4280.

Trip proceeds are used to help fund many of the charitable activities of the Lawrence Knights of Columbus. Early reservations are suggested as these trips frequently sell out quickly.

## May We Be Helpful? *"There's nothing to do here. When kids have a weekend free, there's nothing to do but drink and do drugs."*

— A West Windsor teenager, explaining to the township council why he's against a new ordinance banning underage drinking on private property.

As a service to that young person and other students who might feel the same way, we offer a few alternative suggestions for filling those empty weekend hours: - **Read a book** - **Rake the leaves** - **Tutor a child** - **Memorize a poem** - **Take part in a sports activity** - **Bike or hike the towpath** - **Practice playing a musical instrument** - **Adopt a pet (and commit yourself to its care)** - **Put in a couple of hours' work in a soup kitchen** - **Straighten up your room** - **Write or e-mail a distant friend or relative** - **Enlist in a Habitat for Humanity project** - **Cultivate a hobby** - **Accompany a group visiting a nursing home** - **Volunteer to help in the campaign of a candidate you admire.** Additional parishioner suggestions are invited. We're sure they'll be welcome!



### DIAPERS APPRECIATED!

Thanks to all who donate diapers for mothers at the Alpha Pregnancy Center in Lawrence (now known as Choice One). Please consider buying a pack of disposable infant diapers and bringing them to church on the first weekend of the month (next weekend). Help us help mothers in need!

### YEAR-END GIVING

A gift to The Church of Saint Ann 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 insurance policies no longer needed may also offer tax deductions while helping the parish. For information, call the parish office.

### SUPPORT ST. ANN SCHOOL

A *free* program allows the St. Ann School PTA to raise thousands of dollars for our school every year. This money is used to provide needed materials and services. Please help us "make ends meet"...with SUPERDOLLARS. Drop by our cart in the foyer. Buy supermarket gift certificates from the PTA and use them when you shop. The sponsoring stores give us a 5% profit for every SUPERDOLLAR we sell.

Try MARRAZZO'S, Pathmark, PENNINGTON MARKET, Shop Rite, SUPER G/GIANT or Acme. They are good at all store locations. \$20 denominations are at the cart in the foyer (\$25 for Acme). Other amounts can be special ordered.

**NEW!** Your favorite **RETAIL STORES, RESTAURANTS, and SERVICES** gift certificates are here! Some are available at the cart: BARNES & NOBLE, Baskin Robbins, BATH & BODY WORKS, Borders, OLD NAVY, J.C. Penney, KOHL'S, Macy's, OLIVE GARDEN, Sam Goody, STARBUCKS, Sears, and TOYS-R-US. For *lots* of other choices, please pick up an order form at the cart. Choose the ones you want, prepay with check or cash, and the next week you can pick up your order. Great for your own shopping and for gifts. It's holiday shopping made easy!

For more information, please pick up a green flyer at the cart in the church foyer or call Margaret Marino at 882-0719.

### BULLETIN ADVERTISER THANK YOU

Please support businesses that advertise in our bulletin. Today we thank  
**BARRETT FUEL OIL**

### TANDEM NURSING HOME MASS

There is a Mass at Tandem Nursing Home at 2:00 P.M. on the first Sunday of every month. The next Mass at Tandem will be on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6.**

### HELP NEEDED

**Saint Ann School Cafeteria.**  
**Convenient hours, competitive wages.**  
**Please call (609) 771-1801 and**  
**ask for Angela if interested.**

### ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY "MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS" TRIP

The Rosary-Altar Society is sponsoring a trip to see "Miracle of Christmas" at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Strasburg, Pennsylvania, on **Thursday, December 18.** Cost is \$75 and includes transportation, lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord, and the show. A \$10 per-ticket deposit will hold your ticket. Deposits may be sent to or dropped off at the parish office. For more information, contact Josephine Gagliardi at 882-6864.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament, located at 716 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton, is looking for a maintenance person. Full- or part-time help will be considered. Knowledge of plumbing, electric, or carpentry a plus. Please call the parish office at (609) 396-9231 for an appointment.

**Parish Scholarships** to attend **The Catholic University of America:** If you are considering college studies, Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., reminds you that you qualify for its \$3,000 annually renewable Parish Scholarship. Funded by Catholic University, it is available to **every high school senior** recommended by our parish as a first-time freshman or transfer student. **Deadlines:** Form must be submitted by Dec. 1 for Early Decision or Feb. 15 for Regular Decision. Form is located in Catholic University's Application for Admission. Call 1-800-673-2772 or download from [admissions.cua.edu](http://admissions.cua.edu). Bring to parish office for our signature.

### Diocesan Training for Evangelization

Evangelization is the responsibility of the whole Church. Each of us who is a part of The Church of Saint Ann has a responsibility to reach out and share our faith and our story with others and to then invite them to join us for worship. The Diocese of Trenton is providing a great opportunity for all to become involved through a Diocesan Evangelization Training Program to be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (right down the street) one Saturday a month, from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., **starting January 17, 2004, and ending November 6** We'd be happy to sponsor any parishioners interested in making this commitment with the hope that attendance would enhance parish evangelization efforts. Registration deadline is December 15, 2003. Please contact Father Vince if you are interested.