

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!

March 20, 2005



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Served by:

Rev. R. Vincent Gartland, Parish Priest 882-6491, ext. 12
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Mrs. Eleanor Kiel, Music Director, Youth Choir, 12:30 Band 882-6491, ext. 18*
Ms. Rosemary Hobgood Iossa, Director, Adult Choir
Mr. Michael McCormick, Organist, Adult Choir
Mr. John McKenna, Principal, Saint Ann School 882-8077
Sister Carol Heffner, SSJ, Director, Religious Education 882-1212
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Mr. Bob Seaman, Maintenance Supervisor 882-6237
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...and Many Faithful Volunteers

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* Youth Choir Attendance/

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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. Thank you!

Daily Liturgy for the Week of March 20, 2005

MONDAY, March 21 **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
 8:00 A.M. Clarence Spencer, anniversary, by Jo Spencer
 Berardino M. Toto, by Mary Manfredo and son

TUESDAY, March 22 **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
 7:00 A.M. Mario Tamasi, by Maria and Sandy Procaccini
 Pirone Giuseppe, by Antonio Assunta Nini
 7:30 P.M. Charles Kessler, by Joan and John Enright
 Mildred Nielsen, by Catherine Kato

WEDNESDAY, March 23 **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
 7:00 A.M. Special Intension, by Lorraine Colavita
 Dora Cifelli, by Sciabbarrasi family
 8:00 A.M. John Fleisch, by People of the Parish
 Mr. Romano, by Kaiser family

THURSDAY, March 24 **HOLY THURSDAY**
 8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
 7:30 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper
 11:00 P.M. Night Prayer

FRIDAY, March 25 **GOOD FRIDAY**
 8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
 3:00 P.M. Good Friday Service
 ▪ Reading of the Passion
 ▪ Veneration of the Cross
 ▪ Communion
 7:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross
 8:15 P.M. Taizé Prayer

SATURDAY, March 26 **HOLY SATURDAY**
 8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
 8:30 A.M. Church Decorating
 12:00 NOON Blessing of Easter Food
 8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, March 27 **EASTER SUNDAY - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
 6:30 A.M. Dora Cifelli, by Sciabbarrasi family
 Stella and John Eleneski, by family
 7:30 A.M. Deceased Parents, by Mr. and Mrs. John Butler
 Bill Bernhardt and Walt Haupt, by Ruth, Joanne, and Anne
 8:30 A.M. Robert Jordan, by family
 Katherine and Charles Ramsay, by daughter, Pat Jordan
 9:30 A.M. James Russo, by Mary Russo
 Michael Bosilovich, by wife, Ida
 11:00 A.M. People of the Parish
 12:30 P.M. Claire Thompson, by Saint Ann School PTA
 Jessie Wenczel, by Valeria Bielawski and family

We regret any misspellings in the Mass intentions.

Stewardship

Weekly Offering for March 13, 2005

Number of Registered Households	2,600
Number Using Envelopes Last Week	699
Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$14,410
Loose Money Last Week	\$2,540
Other Weekly Money Collected	\$397
Total Contributions Last Week	\$17,347
Average Envelope Contribution	\$20.62

A Letter from Father Vince

Dear Parishioners,

THIS IS THE WEEK WE LIVE FOR!

Just as Sunday should be the high point of our week, Holy Week should be the high point of our year. Make a real attempt to make this week special. Set aside time now to participate in the Liturgy of Holy Week. We begin the week with the solemn entering into Holy Week 2005 at all five Masses on Palm Sunday.

On Monday evening in our Cathedral (you are invited) at 7:30 P.M., our Bishop, John Smith, will gather with all the priests of the diocese to celebrate the Chrism Mass. During this Mass, Bishop Smith blesses all the holy oils used in our churches during the year. Oil of the Sick, which brings comfort and healing to those who are ill; Oil of Catechumens, which helps prepare people for Baptism; and Oil of Chrism, with which we anoint newly baptized, those Confirmed, those ordained to priesthood. We also use Sacred Chrism to anoint altars at the time of their dedication.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week make up the Sacred Triduum. These are central to our entire year. They are our High Holy Days, when we celebrate most fully our identity as followers of Christ. The insert in today's bulletin gives a further explanation of these days. Even more than in the forty days of Lent, this time must not allow for business as usual. We should work hard to abstain from normal activity on these days. Make them a kind of retreat. During these Three Days we gather frequently in church for prayer and refectio. The Triduum (Thursday evening to Sunday evening) is a unified observance that extends over three days. It stands between Lent and Easter as the hinge, not only of this major festival, but of the whole year. The Three Days are marked by a variety of liturgical services, but the Triduum is more than its liturgies.

The Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday). Throughout this period, the church is asked to pray, fast, and keep vigil. We begin on Thursday and don't conclude until after Evening Prayer of Easter Sunday. Come to Church on Easter prepared to renew your Baptismal promises and get sprinkled with the New Blessed Holy water.

Peace,
 Vincent Gartland, Pastor

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
March 26/27, 2005

5:00 P.M.	7:30 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.	12:30 P.M.
T. Camastra	M. Competelli	J. McQuarrie	G. Irizarry	R. Reali
M. Camastra	K. Slowikowski	M. Hedden	M. Marencik	D. Becerra
E. Masterson	K. Cooper	A. Pigula	R. Ruszczyk	J. Narducci
N. Hvasta		J. Vari	M. Ruszczyk	
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LITTLE WHITE BOOKS CAN HELP KEEP THE EASTER CELEBRATION GO- ING

If you are finding the *Little Black Book* helpful to your Lenten prayer, you will probably also find the *Little White Book* to be a great source of inspiration for your prayer during the Easter season. The *Little White Book*, which follows the same format, will take you through the fifty days of Easter; scripture reflections take readers through the Resurrection Narratives of Luke and into the first part of the Acts of the Apostles. *Little White Books* can be found in a basket below the lobby bulletin board for \$1.00 per book. Get yours early and be prepared for Easter—but don't open until Easter!

*An Invitation to All Rosarians of
The Church of Saint Ann*

Rosary Altar Society Regional Network FIRST ANNUAL MASS AND BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2005 - 9:00 A.M.
Blessed Sacrament Church
716 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton

Hospitality Goes a Long Way

Please remember that many people who join us for our Easter services do not join us regularly for worship. Make them feel very much at home. Let them see the love and support and enthusiasm they are missing by not being with us each week. Reach out and meet and greet our visitors this Easter season!

Lenten Cause Bracelets

On Ash Wednesday we gave out purple Cause Bracelets to help you remember your Lenten observance. Some are asking, "What do we do when Lent is over?" Beginning on Holy Thursday, a basket will be available in the lobby of the church in which you can deposit your bracelets. Lent ends on Holy Thursday when we begin the Great Triduum.

Rice Bowl Collection

The rice bowls that we've been using for our Lenten Almsgiving should be brought to church on Holy Thursday or on Palm Sunday for the Holy Thursday collection. They may also be dropped off at the parish office during business hours.

We encourage all parish groups and committees to read the Sunday Gospel aloud before beginning a meeting, thus placing your ministry in the context of the mission of the Church.

Gospel for March 20, 2005

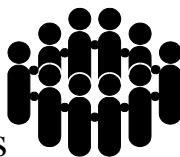
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - Mt. 21:1-11

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How does the word, phrase, or image that struck you from this week's scriptures speak to your life, the life of your parish, your family, or our world these days?
2. What fears take up the room in my life that should be reserved for joy?



Children's Friendship
Project for Northern Ireland, Inc.
"Promoting Understanding Through Interaction"

HOST FAMILIES URGENTLY NEEDED FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

Credo Pax Christi encourages Saint Ann parishioners to please consider hosting a pair of Northern Ireland teens, one Roman Catholic and one Protestant, for four weeks this summer from Thursday, June 30, to Thursday, July 28, as part of the Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland (CFPNI).

CFPNI is a national, all-volunteer, grassroots, peace program aimed at building trust, understanding, and friendships among the next generation of leaders in Northern Ireland. To be eligible, hosts need to provide a neutral setting for the teens to develop their friendship, a single bedroom for them to share, and daylong adult supervision.

Help make "a dream come true" for some teens. Please open your hearts and homes. Volunteer to be an American host and have a "brilliant" summer experience. For more information contact Beverly Cassel at 215-493-8511 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Congratulations! We congratulate Sister Dorothy Payne, SSJ, who has accepted Bishop Smith's appointment as President of Trenton Catholic Academy. Our prayers are with Sister Dorothy as she begins this new ministry.

Community Service for Confirmation and School *All Are Welcome!* Help prepare and deliver lunches for homeless families. This is a great community service project for Confirmation or school, or just a fun activity for the family. We meet in Lawrence from **11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Saturday, March 26**. Please contact Anne Catena at 882-1498 **no later than March 22** to confirm or to obtain more information.

Terri Schindler Schiavo has been the center of national media attention and the focus of a debate that touches all three branches of government. **Mrs. Schiavo is not "brain dead" or comatose.** She has lived in a nursing home for years, presently a hospice facility, generally needing only nursing care and assistance in receiving nourishment. Some experts say she is in a "persistent vegetative state;" others say she is not. Her estranged husband wants to remove her feeding tube, insisting Terri expressed this would be her wish; her parents and siblings vigorously disagree, and have offered to care for her as long as she lives. Questions about her prognosis and wishes persist, raising doubt as to what she would truly want. No longer able to speak on her own behalf, Mrs. Schiavo is a defenseless human being with inherent dignity, deserving of our respect, care and concern. Her plight dramatizes one of the most critical questions we face: To be a truly human society, how should we care for those we may not be able to cure?

The Bishops of the Florida Catholic Conference have made it clear that there should be a presumption in favor of providing nutrition and hydration even by artificial means as long

as it is of sufficient benefit to outweigh the burdens involved to the patient. They have made a plea that Mrs. Schiavo continue to receive all treatments and care that will be of benefit to her.

The Florida Supreme Court struck down *Terri's Law* and the U.S. Supreme Court recently refused to hear any appeal. The court can once again order Terri to be starved. We must not let this happen!

The Christian community has a duty to protect the weak and defenseless. We cannot sit by and do nothing while an innocent woman is starved to death. **Terri's parents beg you to do two things to help save her life: Today:** Contact Florida Governor Jeb Bush at (850) 488-4441 or jeb.bush@myflorida.com; Senate President Tom Lee at (850) 487-5072 or lee.tom.web@fsenate.gov, and Speaker Alan G. Bense at (850) 488-1450 or speaker@myfloridahouse.gov. Politely insist that they intervene and write a new law to save Terri's life. Visit www.trueandjust.com for action items, updates, press releases, hotels. Visit www.terrisfight.org for a full history of Terri's struggle for life.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME 2005

Notre Dame High School's Hall of Fame Dinner will be held on **Friday, April 15, 2005**, at the Nottingham Ballroom in Hamilton, New Jersey. This year's honorees are Margot Rick '61, George Toth '64, Lynn Sutton Root '74, Chappy Moore, James Lynch '85, and Bridget Corrado '85 (in memoriam). For ticket information, please contact Marion Doherty at (609) 882-7900, extension 165, or at Doherty@ndnj.org.

SAINT ANN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

34 Rossa Avenue, Lawrenceville www.st-ann-school.org
Wednesday, April 13, 2005 - 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Saint Ann School Is Celebrating Forty Years of Academic Excellence

Come join us for a tour of our school and discover the quality, faith-based education available in your community. Accepting enrollment for September, 2005. Grades Pre-K through 8. Accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. Please call (609) 882-8077 for more information.

SAINT ANN SCHOOL—Where Faith and Knowledge Meet ...



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church and Saint James Roman Catholic Church of Pennington are looking for volunteers to assist their efforts on behalf of IHN of Mercer County. Homeless families are housed at Saint Matthew's every six to eight weeks for seven days. Volunteers supply meals, stay with the families for a brief time in the evening, and stay overnight with the families. Please contact Jennifer Eory (844-1247) for more information.

SIXTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN BLUE MASS

The 6th Annual Diocesan Celebration of Law Enforcement will be held **Tuesday, April 5, at 10:30 A.M.** at the **Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption**, Warren Street, Trenton. All law enforcement and their family members, along with all of the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton, are invited to attend. A luncheon will be held following the Mass, with a donation of \$10 per ticket. For information or luncheon tickets, please contact the Office of Public Relations at 406-7400, extension 5569, or email amille@dioceseoftrenton.org. You can also visit www.bluemass.net. Please join us in honoring the brave men and women who protect and serve our communities on a daily basis and keep our families safe.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Trenton Catholic Golden Wave Club is seeking applicants for the **Reverend Father Clarence O'Shea Memorial Scholarship**, which is open to any senior student who will be attending college next year. *The only criteria is that the applicant must be related to a graduate of Trenton Catholic Boys' High School or to someone in attendance at the school when it closed in 1962.* Each of last year's five recipients received \$2,000 to further their education. The committee hopes to have at least as much funding available for this year. **Interested students should complete an application by April 1, 2005.** Applications are available at local high school guidance departments.

Please contact scholarship committee chairperson Dana Hice DePugh at (609) 882-1031 or at dana22116@aol.com with any questions.

Just a reminder,
if you have not already done so, to return your BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL contribution. Many thanks to all those who have contributed!

Would you like to know more about our parish or our school? Check out the following websites.
Saint Ann Parish: www.churchofsaintann.net
Saint Ann School: www.st-ann-school.org
The parish bulletin is also available on the parish website.



Come help decorate the church for Easter! Holy Saturday, March 26, 2005 - 8:30 A.M.



A THANK YOU FROM CREDO PAX CHRISTI

Thank you to all who participated in and made **Credo Pax Christi's** "Inner Peace Workshop" on February 27 a wonderful experience. Many Saint Ann parishioners and parishioners of neighboring churches enjoyed an afternoon of cultivating and enriching personal inner peace in order to facilitate peace and justice in our world. A special "thank you" to our presenters, Dr. Hugh Smith III, a spiritual director in Trenton, and Ruth Workman, M.A., Ed.M., a pastoral care associate in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, who made the event a fascinating journey to peace by using self-discovery and various meditative techniques.

To learn more about programs offered by Credo Pax Christi, please join us during our meetings held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish House dining room.

The monthly meeting of CREDO PAX CHRISTI will be held in the dining room of the Parish House on Thursday, April 7, at 7:30 P.M. A discussion on Israeli-Palestinian relations and related Catholic documents will be the topic. All are welcome.