

# The Bulletin

St Anne's in the Heights • Jersey City, NJ

June 14, 2015  
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Weekly Planner

### SUNDAY 6/14 • 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Flag Day

10 AM-1 PM H.N.S. Mass/Mtg Church/Cent Hall  
1-3 PM Fil-am Mtg Cent Hall

### MONDAY 6/15

3-4 PM Legion of Mary *Convent*

### TUESDAY 6/16

12:15 PM BINGO *Cent Hall*  
3-4 PM Holy Hour for Priests *Convent Chapel*

### WEDNESDAY 6/17

### THURSDAY 6/18

### FRIDAY 6/19

12:15 PM BINGO *Cent Hall*  
7-8 PM OLG Folkloric Dance Class *Cent Hall*

### SATURDAY 6/20

### SUNDAY 6/21 • 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Happy Father's Day!*

## Liturgies

**Saturday Evening Church** English 5:30 PM

*(anticipating Sunday)* Misa Español 7 PM

**Sunday Church** 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon

**Monday ▶ Friday:** Communion Service *Church* 7 AM

**Monday ▶ Saturday:** Mass *Church* 9 AM

**Wednesday:** Mass *Church* 7 PM

## Holy Hour

**Tuesdays Church** 3-4 PM

## Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays *Church (Or by Appointment)* 5 PM

## Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for June 2015

**General intention:** That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

**Missionary intention:** That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

## Sunday Readings

First Reading: **Ez 17:22-24**  
Psalm: **Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16**  
Second Reading: **2 Cor 5:6-10**  
Gospel: **Mk 4:26-34**

## Weekday Readings

### Monday

2 Cor 6:1-10 / Ps 98:1, 2B, 3AB, 3CD-4 / Mt 5:38-42

### Tuesday

2 Cor 8:1-9 / Ps 146:2, 5-6AB, 6C-7, 8-9A / Mt 5:43-48

### Wednesday

2 Cor 9:6-11 / Ps 112:1BC-2, 3-4, 9 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

2 Cor 11:1-11 / Ps 111:1B-2, 3-4, 7-8 / Mt 6:7-15

### Friday

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 / Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Mt 6:19-23

### Saturday

2 Cor 12:1-10 / Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 / Mt 6:24-34

## Sanctuary Gifts for June 14<sup>th</sup>—June 20<sup>th</sup>

| Gift          | In Memory/honor of    | Requested By     |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Altar Wine    | † Jill Fasani         | Catherine Burke  |
| Altar Bread   | † Jill Fasani         | Frances Spazian  |
| Sanct. Lamp   | † John L. Churuti III | Parish Intention |
| Altar Candles | † Kathleen McGuinness | Parish Intention |

## Sick List

**Let us pray for the sick** (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Marie Foley • Josephine Cermak Rowan • Baby Jayden O'Connor • Steve & Rachel Mastin • Diane Shea • Joseph Callandrillo • Humberto Quintana • Julia Annicchiarico • Javier Vega • Jennifer Moloughney • Antoinette Maddi • Carol Jordan • Anthony Biggio • Sammy DeLeon • Shane Quinn • Alice Daly • Sadie Krieger • Dolores DelMonte • Dianne O'Sullivan • Carl Carlson • Larry Bello • Miyuki Campbell • Diane Albert • Meghan Connaughton • Marie Portelli

## Schedule of Masses June 15<sup>th</sup>– 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

### Monday, June 15

9 AM Lawrence Shin *Family*

### Tuesday, June 16

9 AM †Vincenzo Nicastro *Caterina Russo*

### Wednesday, June 17

9 AM †Gerardo Chiara *Teresa Fusco*

7 PM Special Intention *OL Perpetual Help Group*

### Thursday, June 18

9 AM † Robert Edelmann *Family*

### Friday, June 19

9 AM Thanksgiving *Family*

### Saturday, June 20

9 AM † Roy Maglori *Clare & Family*

5:30 PM All Fathers of the Parish

7 PM All Fathers of the Parish

### Sunday, June 21

8 AM All Fathers of the Parish

10 AM All Fathers of the Parish

12 PM All Fathers of the Parish

## Weekend Breakdown

The following is the breakdown and total for Saturday & Sunday, June 6/7, 2015:

|                     |         |                |
|---------------------|---------|----------------|
| June 6              | 5:30 PM | \$683          |
|                     | 7 PM    | \$83           |
| June 7              | 8 AM    | \$655          |
|                     | 10 AM   | \$816          |
|                     | 12 PM   | \$1,305        |
| <b>Total Giving</b> |         | <b>\$3,542</b> |

JUNE 21

## Happy Father's Day



All Masses on Father's Day have been set aside and are offered as a Novena of Thanksgiving for our living and deceased Fathers.

In Celebration of Father's Day, flowers will be added to Saint Joseph's altar.

**Please be sure to fill out your Father's Day Remembrance Envelopes. These will be placed on the altar on Father's Day.**

## Ministry to the Sick



We hope to give to all the sick and aged in our parish the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know can no longer get to church, and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, **please call St. Anne's Rectory at 201-360-0838 or email:**

**Webmaster@stannesjc.com**

# St. Anne's Festival 2015



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Journal pages are 8 1/2" x 11" & are available at the following rates:

- Full Page – \$125.00
- Half Full Page – \$ 75.00
- Quarter Page – \$ 50.00
- Special Donors – \$ 25.00

Contact rectory for forms and further details

## Soda & Water Donations

The Festival Committee 2015 will begin "Soda Sunday...and Saturday Nights too!" Each weekend beginning June 20th thru July 19th, we're asking parishioners to donate cases of soda (regular or diet) and water to help lower our costs for the festival.

With summer here, you're sure to spot great discounts on cases of soda and water at your local supermarket; so when you do, please pick 1 up and drop it off in the church vestibule on your way to Mass during any of our Soda Sundays...and Saturday Nights and we'll keep them on ice for you until the festival!

Many thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

## The Sweet Life Booth!

Celebrate "the Movies" at this year's SWEET LIFE booth. Your monetary donations would be greatly appreciated, they allow us to purchase the "Sweets and Treats" for this booth. Please mark the donation envelope "Festival Sweet Life Booth" and drop it off at the rectory or give it to a festival committee member.

For questions please contact **Debby DeVenezia** or **John Faherty** at 201-222-3475 [ddevenezia@hotmail.com](mailto:ddevenezia@hotmail.com) Thank you in advance for your contribution. It is your generosity that makes the festival truly successful.

Festival Committee Members have been meeting once a month since February – obtaining needed licenses, getting 50/50 raffle tickets printed, contracting entertainment, etc.; a lot of work is involved in planning this annual event, in Honor of our Patroness, St. Anne.

The Festival Committee has planned pre-fundraiser activities to help with the expenses for the Festival, such as the "A Nite at the Races" and an Atlantic City bus trip to Caesar's Casino.

Many volunteers are needed to help with the Festival, especially the weekend of this event - July 24,25,26, 2015! Without the volunteers, it's not possible to have the numerous games that are available for both children and adults. In this week's bulletin, there is a Festival Volunteer Sheet for you to see the different time slots available to work; no one person is expected to work the entire day or the entire weekend. Any time that you can 'help out' would really be helpful and appreciated; don't be surprised if you really enjoy yourself while working!

To find out more, please join us at one of our Festival Meetings. Our Festival Meetings are held on the following Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in Centennial Hall:

June 23, July 7,14, 21

## Gift Wheel Donations for Festival

The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group has been very successful running the Gift Wheel at St. Anne's Festival the past few years; we are proud to say you have helped to make this possible.

Once again, we are asking for new gifts or monetary donations to help make this year's Gift Wheel more successful than ever. Please mark your donation envelope or gift donation

"Festival-Gift Wheel" and drop your donations at

the rectory or call Fran Spazian at 201-653-1318 for more information. Thank you for your past and continued generous support.

## Festival Journal Advertisement

St. Anne's Festival 2015 is set to take place on July 24, 25, 26, 2015. Eighteen years ago, our Parish began a 3-day indoor/outdoor Festival in Honor of our Patroness, St. Anne. The response to this new tradition has been a wonderful combination of social and liturgical activities in an effort to strengthen and build our sense of community! In fact, it has become the most anticipated event of the year. In keeping with our tradition, we will once again be producing a commemorative journal for St. Anne's Festival 2015!

The JOURNAL will highlight the different activities during the celebration and contain advertisements and well-wishes (a memorial, living wishes, birth announcements, congratulatory on graduations, engagements, weddings, special anniversaries, etc) to and from many supporters. You may include a picture for your ad at no additional charge!



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## NJ 2-1-1 For Local Resources and More

211 is New Jersey's local database for finding businesses and services that provide for New Jersey's many communities. Fielding over 200,000 calls per year, New Jersey 2-1-1 most frequently helps callers find resources for Affordable Housing, Food, Disaster Recovery, Drug or Alcohol Treatment, Emergency Preparedness, Homelessness Prevention, Insurance, Mental Health, Mortgage and Rental Assistance, Special Needs Registry, Support Groups, Unemployment, Utility Assistance and much more.

After Hurricane Sandy, 2-1-1 worked to establish a disaster care management team in conjunction with Catholic Charities to help the many affected by the storm. If you were affected by Superstorm Sandy and have not yet fully recovered, help is still available! Dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.nj211.com](http://www.nj211.com) to see if you are eligible for the assistance that is available through the Hudson County Long Term Recovery Committee. Deadline to call has been extended to June 30, 2015.



# My Children Are Better Christians Than I Am

By **KATHLEEN M BASI**

One ordinary afternoon, I pulled up to a stoplight—an ordinary mom driving an ordinary minivan with three small children chattering unintelligibly in the back. Beside our minivan stood a man in a camouflage jacket holding a cardboard sign that read, HOMELESS—HUNGRY—ANYTHING HELPS.

At moments like these, the wisdom of the world wrestles with the wisdom of Christ. You're not supposed to give beggars money, because they might use it to buy drugs; instead, you're supposed to support the shelters that care for them. Still, I can't escape the conviction that when Christ said, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine" (Matthew 25:40), he didn't intend for us to just scatter our largesse from a safe distance. He meant for us to take a risk and look into his face, person to person.

Yet we hardly ever do. We stare straight ahead and pretend we

don't even see them, because eye contact with a beggar is a signal that we're ready to open our wallets.

As I gripped the steering wheel in an agony of indecision, I realized the noise in the back seat had shifted. My children were waving enthusiastically at the homeless man while they laughed and shouted, "Hi! Hi! Hi!"

In that moment, Jesus' words about becoming like children rang in my mind: "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). It was in this moment that those words made sense for the first time. My children are better Christians than I am, I thought.

Obviously it's easier for kids than for us. We're the ones who have money to give. We know, or at least we think we know, the whole story—the mental illness, the addictions, and the bad choices that land people in such a place. Kids don't get caught up in all that, so

they simply acknowledge the face of Christ. Maybe that's why Jesus urged us to be childlike. Often, adults see a problem and without realizing it, throw a roadblock in the way of solutions. Perhaps our mission as a Church is to stop focusing on the obstacles and strip every question down to the essentials: How do I acknowledge the face of Christ? After all, the face of poverty is the face of Christ. And regardless of where I give money, I still have a responsibility to acknowledge his presence.

These days I keep a few singles in my wallet, and I roll down my window when I see a person begging at a stoplight. Maybe that person will use the money wisely, maybe not. I'm certainly not giving enough to help much. But at least it gives me the reason to be a little more childlike—and make eye contact with Jesus.

## Small Seeds Start Social Action

Our attention is largely drawn to those "larger-than-life" figures and actors in our society because they do great things. Martin Luther King, Jr marches on Washington, Pope Francis brings the US and Cuba to reconciliation, and the presidents, saints and heroes that we all read about have done great works. Yet in the Gospel we are reminded that growth to become holy and fulfilled happens slowly, and unknowingly to ourselves.

How can we grow to really shift our perspective to see the Reign of God around us? It starts with entering into small experiences that place in potential situations to do small actions with love. What is your way and what are the small steps that you can walk with God to get there?

*It is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. —MARK 4:26-27*

## Growing From Seed to Plan Is a Mystery

By **JANEL ESKER**

Throughout my pregnancy, friends shared books describing the week-by-week growth of a fetus. One week the eyelashes are developing, another week the fingernails are fully grown, another week thumb-sucking has begun.

It's fascinating to envision what's occurring within your growing belly. Of course, these books are careful to note that every baby's development is different. Some babies kick harder, some develop faster. As much as we know about fetal development, each child's growth in the womb is still a mysterious, unique process.

Jesus speaks about this kind of mysterious growth in the Gospel today when he compares the growth of the reign of God to agricultural growth. Obviously a farmer scatters seed, cares for it, and harvests it, but how it grows from seed to plant is a mystery the

farmer cannot see. It happens underground, known only to God. The mustard seed is a similar mystery—it's a very tiny seed, but it grows into a very large plant. We know it happens and we know how to help it grow, but the actual growing process is mysterious and hidden.

The reign of God in our hearts follows the same pattern. It's a unique collaboration between our efforts and the slow, mysterious work of God. We have to practice patterns of prayer, openness to the Spirit, and gentleness of heart. And then God does the mysterious work of growth—drawing us close and nurturing us with love. As with each unique fetus, the growth is different—we can't look at someone else and berate ourselves for not being as holy as she or as spiritually developed as he.

God takes us where we are and grows us at a pace that is ours alone.

# Finding the Person Behind the Pennies

By **NICK LEEPER, BA**

In recent years, after the Great Recession's drama and the Occupy Wall Street movement, income inequality has become a pressing issue in American politics. The issue continues to rouse the media to attack the infamous 1% to defend the massive bulk of the 99% by suggesting redistribution, higher taxes on the wealthy and more government intervention, yet without an acknowledgement of the human nature of this divisive issue. Economic inequality is real, it is harmful and it does call for a balanced solution between state and individual action. The issue calls for transcendence to be viewed through the lens of human dignity and for a solution that does not mindlessly redistribute wealth so that all may continue to be indentured unto it, but for a solution that delivers access to individual fulfillment beyond money metrics.

Income inequality is not over-exaggerated and it is a real issue in this country. The bottom 50% of the population reported zero or negative net worth while the top 5% reported a doubling of net worth. The median wealth for families in the bottom 95% fell significantly while the wealth of families in the top 5% remained relatively stable. The average real income of the bottom 95% has grown 10% while the average real income for the top 5% has grown 38%. The issue is a reality in this country and it is not an issue because people are envious to have more money. It is an issue because it strips away the dignity of those who are poor, unemployed and vulnerable to unequal economic systems.

These statistics underscore the real human suffering that poverty causes, and our ignorance of it, because it removes a person's dignity and thereby deteriorates that person's fundamental relationships with self, others, the world and God. Pope Francis states, *some homeless people die of cold on the streets is not news. In contrast, a ten point drop on the stock markets of some cities, is a tragedy... Thus people are disposed of, as if they were trash* (6/5/13). Pope Francis is talking about our city and he is calling us to change our view towards those in need.

The Pope urges you and I to change our view of the situation from macroeconomics, where most things are impersonal, to a personal identification with persons as persons. He quotes Pope Benedict XVI that this issue of economic inequality needs, *a transcendent vision of the person* because, *without the perspective of eternal life, human progress in this world is denied breathing-space* (**CARITAS IN VERITATE, 11**). Human progress and economic progress mean nothing without an underlying focus on service to people and this fundamental misconception deserves a solution.



Most people in various articles and news pieces argue that the government should do more with the assumption that it alone will solve everything; however, a proper distribution of responsibility needs to be balanced across the range of various societal stakeholders. St John Chrysostom asks,

*Should we look to kings and princes to put right the inequalities between rich and poor? Should we require soldiers to come and seize the rich person's gold and distribute it among his destitute neighbors? Should we beg the emperor to impose a tax on the rich so great that it reduces them to the level of the poor and then to share the proceeds of that among everyone? Equality imposed by force would achieve nothing, and do much harm* (**ON LIVING SIMPLY, SERMON XLIII**).

Economic justice needs to stem from the goodwill of individuals and people and not imposed by force because doing so imposes on one's God-given freedom to choose to do good.

Although everyone ought to exercise their freedom on a personal level to do good, there is still a need for balance concerning subsidiarity with organized governments. Pope Francis states that income inequality, *Calls for decisions, mechanisms and processes directed to a better distribution of wealth, the creation of sources of employment and an integral promotion of the poor which goes beyond a simple welfare mentality* (1/17/14). The state and individuals must work simultaneously towards recognizing the personhood of every member of society and to work for their common good.

Some may think that this issue, income inequality, is

about redistributing wealth so that all may be commonly poor or so that all may be able to afford the luxuries that the wealthier can afford; however, in Christ you and I are called to work for the common good not equality necessarily. The common good, as put forth by Saint Pope John XXIII is, *The sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily* (**PACEM IN TERRIS, 55**). The aim of any solution then is not to simply redistribute wealth, but it is to ensure that all have access to positive relationships with self, others, creation and God. This issue deserves an answer that, *goes beyond a simple welfare mentality* and that also brings you and I to a real recognition of Christ within every human being who needs access to a fulfilling life here on earth. Income inequality, despite its notoriety or popularity, is a real issue that deserves discernment not only in the public square but in your heart and my heart. How do you see men beyond mammon?

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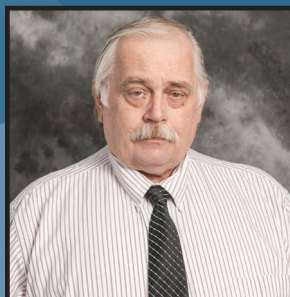
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