



St. Anne's Church

3545 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City

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We Invite You To Join Us In The Celebration Of The Eucharist

Saturday Evening: (anticipating Sunday) 5:30 PM (English) 7:00 PM (Misa Dominical)

Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM; and 12:00 Noon

Monday through Friday 7:00 & 9:00 AM; Saturday 9:00 AM; Wednesdays 7:00 PM; Holy Days as Announced

Sacrament of Penance: by Appointment or Saturdays 1:00-1:30 PM & 5:00-5:30 PM

Parish Membership: Our Parish Family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the Parish is requested to register at the Rectory. Please notify the Rectory of any address changes.



Third Sunday

of

LENT





Schedule of Masses March 12th-18th, 2012			
Day	Time	Requested for	Requested by
Mon. 3/12	7 AM	Quinn Sisters	Mildred Bombich
	9 AM	Maria Eid	Family
Tues. 3/13	7 AM	Dominick Tornabe	Anthony & Family
	9 AM	Sr. Dolores Alfone	Dolly Sanvicente
Wed. 3/14	7 AM	Sr. Paula Rodriquez	Sr. Dominic
	9 AM	Lillian Koska	Albert Koska
	7 PM	Francis Broidy	Carroll Family
Thurs. 3/15	7 AM	Giuseppina DiGeronimo	Virginia Sarni
	9 AM	Luisa Fusco	Teresa Fusco
Fri. 3/16	7 AM	Mary D. Ford	Agnes & Kathleen
	9 AM	Sr. Paula Rodrigo	Sr. Thelma
Sat. 3/17	9 AM	Peter Federico	Daughter, Anita Petrucci
	5:30 PM Fr. John	Janice Fiorese	Catherine & Christina Burke
	7 PM Fr. Nigel	Selva Jimenez	Monsanto Family
Sun. 3/18	7:30 AM Fr. Titus	Josephine & Laureta Sonaco	Violeta Meneses
	9 AM Fr. Titus	Salvatore Giallonbardo	M/M Gerardo Manzi
	10:30 AM Fr. Nigel	Dolores Becker	Rosary Society
	12 noon Fr. Ed	Enrico Meleo	Toni Belfiore

Sanctuary Gifts March 4th-10th, 2012		
Gift	In Memory	Requested By
Altar Wine	Helen & Louis Angarola	
Altar Bread	Ebersan Garcia	Romano Family
Sanctuary Lamp	Special Intention	
Altar Candles	Special Intention	
Sanctuary Gifts March 11th-17th, 2012		
Gift	In Honor of	Requested By
Altar Wine	(Liv) Vincenzo Vacca	Marie & Bob Kenny
Altar Bread	Special Intention	
Sanctuary Lamp	Special Intention	
Altar Candles	Special Intention	

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK



People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified:

Bill Waddleton Sr., Dianne O'Sullivan, Kenneth and Sadie Krieger, Carl Carlson, Catherine Carlson, Anne Marie Williams, Vincenza Vacca, Karen Haughney, Paul Grundling

Scriptural Reflections on Stewardship



The law liberates and leads us to freedom. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by his being raised up. He is the sign of the power and wisdom of God.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour will now take place in St. Anne's Convent Chapel every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is an hour of prayer for the priests, religious men and women and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life of the Church. All are invited to come and spend time with the Lord for these intentions and for any personal requests.

Mass Change

Effective immediately, Wednesdays 7:00 PM Novena/Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be in St. Anne's Convent Chapel.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 2Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30

TUESDAY: Dn 3:25,34-43; Ps 25:4bc-5ab,6-7bc,8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY: Dt 4:1,5-9; Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Lk 11:14-23

FRIDAY: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17;

Mk 12:28-34

SATURDAY: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4,18-21b; Lk 18:9-14

NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2Chr 36:14-16,19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10;

Jn 3:14-21

Religious Education News



from Sister Alberta

CCD Office Hours: Sunday after 9 a.m. Mass; Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; CLOSED THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY. Please call before coming: Office 201-360-0838/Convent 201-963-0998.

- * **March 17th** - Irish Soda Bread Sale
- * **March 18th** - 9:00 am Mass Confirmation Enrollment Ceremony (new candidates);
10:15 am Sponsor/Parent Mtg in Chapel Hall
- * **March 19th,20th,21st** - 3:30-4:30 pm Last Supper Practice in Chapel Hall
- * **March 22nd** - 7:30 pm Last Supper Presentation in Chapel Hall

St. Anne's Adult Choir English & Spanish Rehearsals



All Choir rehearsals take place in the Church of St. Anne.

Choir rehearsal (English Liturgies) is held on **Thursdays at 6:30 PM.**

Choir rehearsal (Spanish Liturgies) is held on **Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.**

If you'd like to join either Choir, please attend choir rehearsal or feel free to contact Nancy McGrath at 973-473-6443.

St. Anne's Gift Shop

The Gift Shop has recently obtained **prayer cards** and medals of **Saint Pauline**, the patron saint of diabetes.

Pauline, herself suffering from this disease, was a Brazilian nun of Italian decent. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1991.

Peter's Pence Collection

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The **Peter's Pence Collection** is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please give generously.

Parish Lenten Retreat

Jesus & Mary Prayer Group is sponsoring a *Parish Lenten Retreat* on **Saturday, March 17th** in Centennial Hall from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Guest Retreat Master will be Rev. Bernard Schinn, OSB of Holy Face Monastery in Clifton. Inviting all parishioners and organizations of the parish. Free Admission and Lunch; donations gladly accepted. For questions, contact: Linda (201)-993-0547; Tina (201)-653-4785.

Saint Joseph's Feast Day Celebration

March 19th



7:00 p.m. Prayer Service in Church

Donation: \$3/person

Social to follow in St. Anne's Centennial Hall

(Cakes or Monetary Donations for refreshments would be appreciated)

The Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group will sponsor this affair. We ask that those who come, please bring two (2) cans of chicken soup. Both cans will be blessed – one will go to a local soup kitchen for the needy; the other you take home to share with your family along with bread that will be blessed by our priest for this special occasion.

For tickets, please contact Fran Spazian at 201-653-1318 or the rectory. In order to assist in food ordering, please purchase tickets **IN ADVANCE**. Thank you.

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March 2012

One Minute Meditations

Forgive you

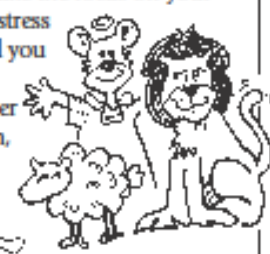
It is an unfortunate aspect of our human condition that we make mistakes, commit errors of judgment, break rules, and violate commandments. In order to get back on the right path, we need to seek God's forgiveness, but we have to forgive ourselves, too. Coming to terms with our failures is key to overcoming them.

Essence of happiness

It has been said that the essence of happiness is thankfulness or gratitude for what we have. Unhappiness often comes with yearning for what we do not or cannot have. Being content with our blessings, and thanking God regularly for his gifts, helps us on the road to happiness.

Reduce stress

One way to reduce your own stress, at least for a while, is to listen to another person's troubles. Actually, providing a sympathetic ear produces a double benefit. By listening, you take the focus off your own stress – and you help another person, too.



The new you

Lent is our chance to leave our old ways behind and adopt a new way of life. When Easter comes, what will the new you be like?

Be a more positive thinker.

This is the keystone habit that will help you form the other important habits. Squash negative thinking and trust that God will work with you to accomplish goals you set that are in harmony with his will.

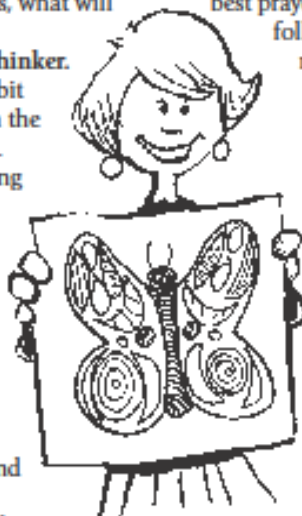
Focus on what's important. First, identify what is most important to you – family, friends, faith, and so on. Then eliminate everything else. Not only will you be free to focus on what is most important, this habit will spill over into other areas of your life, such

as tasks, projects, and communication.

Find a powerful prayer routine. The best prayer routines are the ones we follow every day. A firm, daily routine helps you focus on what's important, not just what comes up. Make sure to concentrate on Scripture and add time to listen, too.

Add kindness.

Kindness is genuinely caring for others, wanting the best for them, and taking action to demonstrate that caring. Each day, make a decision to add an act of kindness to your day. Let someone go ahead of you in line, give a sincere compliment to a stranger, praise a coworker's effort, greet a passerby.



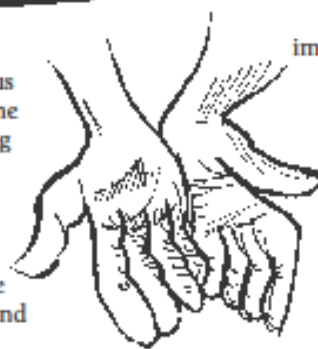
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we practice almsgiving?

Christ said that the poor would be with us always and stressed the importance of helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. He said that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and

imprisoned, we do it for him.

Our bishops have said that we need to care for the poor. For example, to fulfill Christ's words, the Church recommends that we donate 5% of our income to the Church and 5% to charity. That's almsgiving.



Three ways to make a difference

One in five people in the United States is Catholic. Imagine if we all worked together to make a difference. We can start by thinking differently.

Walk in someone else's shoes. Ask a friend whose culture or tradition is different from your own to teach you about it. Try cooking native dishes or learning some of the language. When you explore cultures different from your own, you become more sensitive to others' perspectives. That helps you to be truly catholic (universal).

Build up the Church. The Church is under attack



and needs all of her members to come together in prayer and communion. Attending Mass more often is how we can strengthen our Church and grow in holiness as people and as a Church. Become an instrument of healing. People are hurting all around us and we can learn to notice others' pain and to do something about it, just as Jesus asked. By modeling the healing qualities of Jesus – gentleness, forgiveness, sensitivity – we can learn to become healers, too.

from Scripture

John 12:20-33, Obedience yields new life

Jesus tried to warn his disciples about his death and prepare them for it. A grain of wheat dies in order to produce new life, and Jesus had to die to pay for our sins and bring us new life. With his resurrection, he proved he has eternal life and can offer it to us.

Then he said that we must "hate" our lives and be willing to lose them so we can live. He meant that we have to be ready to lay aside our attachment to goods, worldly security, and pleasure to serve God freely. Serving God



brings eternal life.

Jesus knew that his crucifixion lay ahead and being human, he dreaded it. He also knew that God sent him into the world to die for our sins in our place. So, Jesus said "no" to his human desires in order to obey his Father.

Although we will never have to face such a difficult task, we are still called to obedience. Whatever the father asks we should be willing to do and bring glory to his name.

Q & A

What are the three pillars of Christianity?

The three pillars, or foundations, of Christianity are: prayer, penance, and almsgiving. Prayer comes first. That is how we communicate with God. It is difficult to have a relationship with anyone without strong communication. In the family, if we are silent with each other or speak only when absolutely necessary, and then in one syllable words, we drift apart. The same is true in our relationship with God. To develop closeness with him requires speaking with him.

Next is penance. Sin damages or destroys our relationship with God. Sin means turning our backs on God. Penance repairs that relationship. It expresses our sorrow at what we've done to him. When we go to confession because of repentance, God forgives us our sins and returns us to a state of grace.

As for almsgiving, Christ did say the poor would be with us always. But he stressed the importance of helping those less fortunate. He said that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, we do it for him. Fulfilling Christ's words means being generous with what we have.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 17 – St. Patrick (493). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the Church there.

March 19 – St. Joseph (1st century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 23 – St. Turibius de Mogrovejo (1606). A brilliant scholar, he was serving as professor of law at

the University of Salamanca when he was chosen to lead the archdiocese of Lima in Peru. He was ordained priest and bishop and worked with intense fervor to strengthen his diocese.

March 25 – The Annunciation. The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God's grace and trusted in his wisdom.



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Parish Auction Donations

Elyse Buonomo, Diane & Ray Weber Family, Teachers of Saint Anne's School, A.J. Barrington's Flower & Baskets, De JaVu, Jesus & Mary Prayer Group, Ultimate Nail, Barbara Jaconski, James Francis Waddleton, Steve Fulop, Rita & Joe's Restaurant, Gino's Pizzeria, Peterson Family, Mary & Charles Kaufman, Sean Connors, Susan Heller, Catherine & Christina Burke, Jimmy & Marie Stanton, Dottie Mlynarski, Fil-Am Association, Danny & Elaine Kerrigan, Aida Fiorina, Consumer Carpets, Goldsworthy Family, Jim Carroll, Bond Drugs, Phyllis & Kent Clause, Maryann Kohrherr, Judy Waddleton.

On behalf of St. Anne's Parish, the Parish Auction Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved with this auction - from the Committee, families, Faculty and those in attendance. Without all of you, we would not have been able to carry out this great day! Thanks again.

Judy Waddleton & Committee

❖ Festival Pre-Fundraiser ❖

A Night At The Races



We're off and running....



St. Anne's Parish

3545 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City

Being touted as a sure-fire bet for fast-paced entertainment!! It's an odds-on favorite!!

Saturday, March 24th

Centennial Hall (Congress Street Entrance)

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Ticket price of \$10 Includes: Sandwiches, Salad, Soda, Dessert, Coffee/Tea
Feel free to B.Y.O.B. and while you're at it...bring your friends and neighbors, too!

Tickets will be sold after all the Masses on March 10, 11, 17 and 18

No one under 21 years of age admitted

Come join the fun!

Anointing Mass



Saturday, March 31st

St. Anne's Church-Centennial Hall

2 p.m. Mass and Anointing of the Sick



Palms will be Blessed and distributed after Mass

This is a special time to bring your physical, mental and spiritual troubles to the Lord.

- Refreshments after Mass; Compliments of the Holy Name Society
- Please contact rectory at 201-360-0838, if transportation is needed.

Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 3/11

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Daylight Savings Begins-set ahead 1 hr.

Irish Soda Bread Sale after all Masses

10:30 AM H.N.S. Mass/Mtg-Church/Cent Hall

1:00 PM-3:00 PM Fil-Am Mtg-Cent Hall

MONDAY 3/12

1:00 PM-4:00 PM St. Anne Seniors-Cent Hall

3:00 PM Legion of Mary

TUESDAY 3/13

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

3:00 PM-4:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests-Convent

7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group-Church

WEDNESDAY 3/14

6:00 PM-8:00 PM Daisy/Brow/Jr Mtg-Cent Hall

7:00 PM OL Guadalupe Mtg-CCD Conference Rm

7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice (Sp)-Church

THURSDAY 3/15

6:30 PM HSA Mtg-Cent Hall

6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice (Eng)-Church

FRIDAY 3/16

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

1:00 PM & 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross-Church

5:00 PM-8:00 PM H.N.S. Lent Fish Fri-Cent Hall

7:30 PM J&M Prayer Mtg-Church/Cent Hall

SATURDAY 3/17

St. Patrick's Day

11:00 AM-3:30 PM J&M Lenten Retreat-CentHall

Irish Soda Bread Sale after all Masses

FLEA MARKET

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FOOD WILL BE SOLD!
HOT DOGS,
SANDWICHES, ETC.



Sunday ONLY

March 25th - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Held in ST. ANNE'S Centennial Hall
3545 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City

(Congress Street entrance)

VENDORS ARRIVE AT 7:30 AM



**CONTACT SISTER ALBERTA AT (201) 963-0998 or
cell phone 201-388-7250**

☞ St. Anne's 3rd Annual Lent Fish Fry ☞

sponsored by

☞ The Holy Name Society ☞

Fridays during Lent @ 5pm

March 16th, 23rd, 30th

Price \$7 in advance & \$8 at the door

St. Anne's Church

Centennial Hall

The Holy Name Society of St. Anne's will be sponsoring a Fish Fry to be held on Fridays during the season of Lent. Dinners will be available for Dine In or Take Home.

Menu

Fish

French Fries

Cole Slaw

Tarter Sauce

Soda or Water

We hope everyone will be able to dine with us on these Fridays and especially look forward to many dining in and enjoying the company of their fellow parishioners. You are welcome to bring along a bottle of wine to share with your neighbor while dining. As an added incentive each week, for dine in only, there will be something special added to the menu. There will be tickets on sale after all the masses starting February 18th.

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