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November 30, 2014

First Sunday of Advent



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Judith Waddleton	Trustee
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Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 11/30 • 1st Sunday of Advent

No CCD Classes

1-3 PM Fil-Am Choir Practice *Cent Hall*

MONDAY 12/1

10 AM H.N.S. Christmas Décor *Cent Hall*

3:30-4:30 PM Legion of Mary *Convent*

6-8 PM Cadette Trp 2828 Mtg *Cent Hall*

TUESDAY 12/2

12:15 PM BINGO *Cent Hall*

3-4 PM Holy Hour for Priests *Church*

WEDNESDAY 12/3

6-8 PM Daisy/Jr Mtg *Cent Hall*

7-9 PM OLG Novena *Convent*

THURSDAY 12/4

7-9 PM OLG Novena *Convent*

FRIDAY 12/5

10 AM H.N.S. Board Mtg *Cent Hall*

12:15 PM Bingo *Cent Hall*

7-9 PM OLG Novena *Convent*

7:30-11:30 PM J&M Healing Mass *Chur/Cent Hall*

SATURDAY 12/6

11 AM **Confirmation Day** *Chur/Cent Hall*

3 PM (Setup) Ros. Christmas Brunch *Cent Hall*

4 PM Baptism Class *Church*

7 PM Baptism (Spanish)

7-9 PM OLG Novena *Convent*

SUNDAY 12/7

 • 2nd Sunday of Advent

10 AM-12 PM CCD in Session

10 AM Rosary Christmas Brunch *Cent Hall*

10 AM/12 PM Baptism *Church*

5 PM OLG Novena *Convent*

5-7 PM Fil-Am Choir Practice *Cent Hall*

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

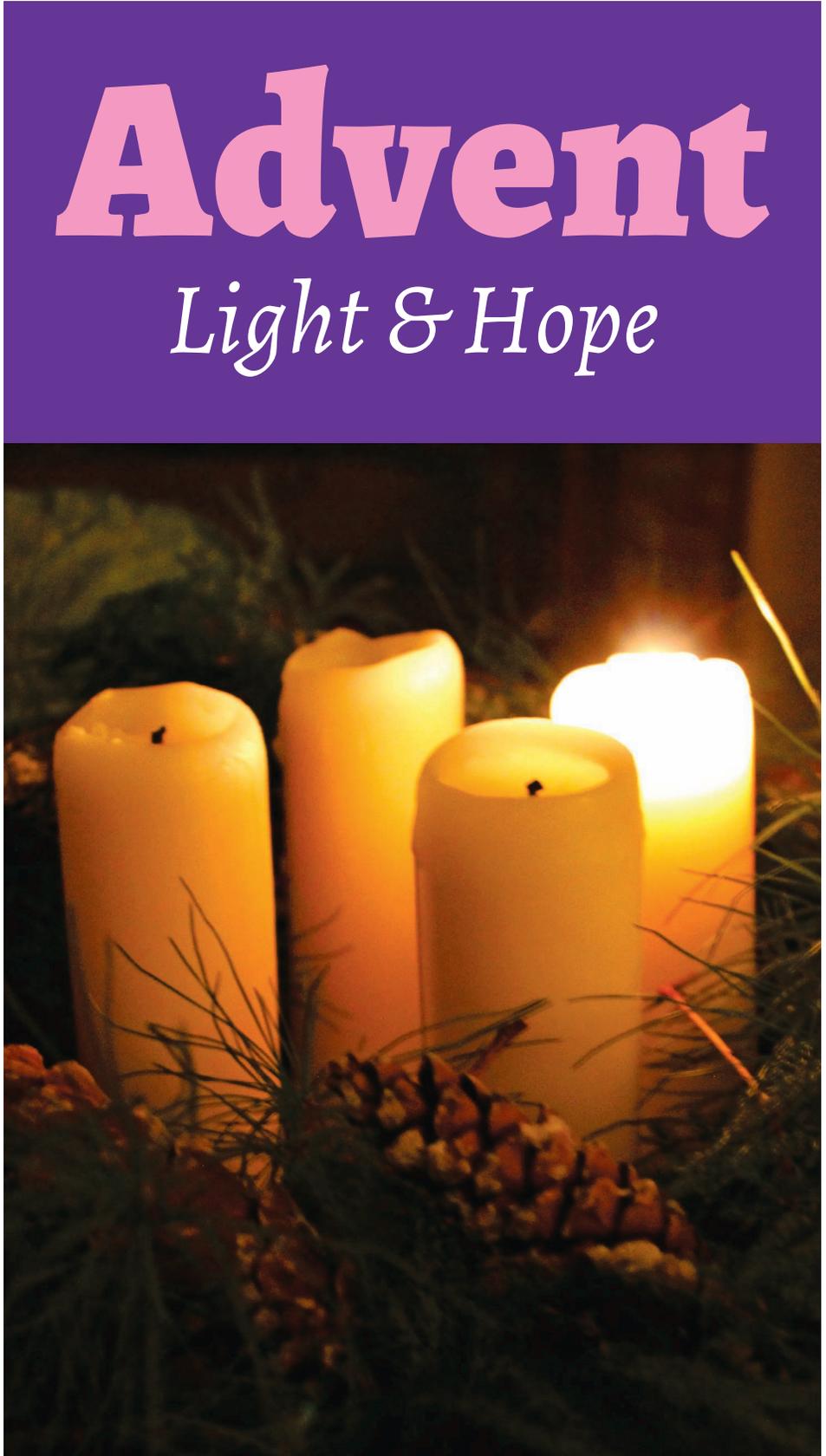
Wednesday: Mass *Church* 7 PM

Holy Hour

Tuesdays Church 3-4 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays *Church (Or by Appointment)* 5 PM



Advent

Light & Hope

Mass intentions

Monday, December 1, 2014

9 AM Novena

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

9 AM Novena

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

9 AM Novena

7 PM Special Intention

(Our Lady of Perpetual Help Group)

Thursday, December 4, 2014

9 AM Novena

Friday, December 5, 2014

9 AM Novena

Saturday, December 6, 2014

9 AM Novena

5:30 PM † Teresa Creazzo

(Daughter)

7:00 PM † Olimpia C. Molina

(Family)

Sunday, December 7, 2014

8 AM Novena

10 AM † Anna & Charles Columbo

(Marie Carlson)

12 PM † Dolores Becker

(Husband)

Sanctuary Gifts

For the week of November 30th— December 6th, 2014 the gifts are offered in honor of:

Altar Wine † **Patricia Santana**
(Parish Intention)

Altar Bread † **Thomas Mulkeen**
(Parish Intention)

Sanctuary Lamp † **Nicholas Zabala**
(Parish Intention)

Altar Candles † **Joseph Clemente**
(Parish Intention)

Praying for the Sick

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

Alma DeBenedetto ● Kathleen McGuinness ● Diane Shea ● Marie Portelli ● Joseph Callandrillo ● Humberto Quintana ● Julia Annicchiarico ● Al Coulter Sr. ● Loretta Dempsey ● Javier Vega ● Jennifer Moloughney ● Antoinette Maddi ● Carol Jordan ● Anthony Biggio ● Sammy DeLeon ● Shane Quinn ● Alice Daly ● Sadie Krieger ● Emilie Jaworowski ● Dolores DelMonte ● Dianne O'Sullivan ● Carl Carlson ● Larry Bello ● Miyuki Campbell ● Diane Albert ● Meghan Connaughton

PRAYING WITH YOUR KIDS

Teaching your children how pray is an integral part of Faith Formation. For some good tips, check out this Youtube video.



Safeguarding Children and Addressing Abuse

The Archdiocese Acts to Protect Youth and Children



Archbishop Myers has stated categorically that the primary responsibilities of the Archdiocese are to protect children and young people, and to promote the healing of, and provide compassion to, victims of abuse.

The Archdiocese of Newark requires all staff and volunteers working with children and youth to undergo background checks and receive sexual abuse awareness training. More than 20,000 Clergy, Religious and Lay people have received this training and undergone criminal background checks.

Nearly 95,000 children annually receive safe environment training through our Catholic schools and through opportunities offered to public school students in our religious education programs.

The Archdiocese utilizes the services of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker as the first contact for individuals who allege that they were abused so



that counseling and other support services can be offered immediately if appropriate – sometimes even before a determination is made regarding the credibility of an allegation.

A full-time Office of Child and Youth Protection dedicated to protecting children works with parishes and schools to ensure that safe environments are in place throughout the Archdiocese.

Novena of Masses – December 2014

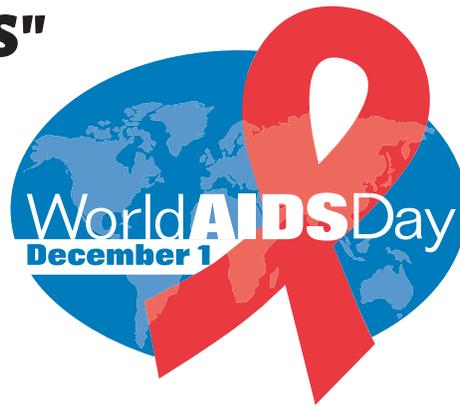
Requested for	Requested by	1 st Anniversary in Heaven
† Purificacion Gonzales	Gonzales Family	† Claire Weir Parish Intention
† Jose Mallari	Connie Jalandoni	1 st Anniversary in Heaven
† Pastor & Purificacion Gonzales	Connie Jalandoni	† John Delgado Wife
† Deceased Members of the Pignata Family	Stracquatanio Family	† Carole Martello Roda & Esposito Family
Lawrence Shin	Shin Family	Joe Stella Roda & Esposito Family
† Albert Koska	Parish Intention	Debbie Stella Roda & Esposito Family

"Don't Forget AIDS"

A number of weeks ago, the *New York Times* ran an op-ed, penned by recording artist Elton John with the above title. In it, he spoke of same-sex couples, Matthew Shepherd, and human rights. The point of the article, however, was to remind the reader that now the disease is more than 30 years old, but HIV/AIDS still poses great challenges for our society.

On December 1, we will again pause for WORLD AIDS DAY and people from all countries will re-commit their care and support to help those affected by and infected with HIV/AIDS. Despite the many differences, the statements of countries on this day all seem to be voices singing in unison.

Despite some strong misperceptions, more than 1/4 of the people affected by HIV/AIDS have been cared for by a facility operated under the auspices of the Catholic Church. In fact, following the election of Pope Francis in 2013, UNAIDS wrote that the Church "provides support to millions of people living with HIV around the world" and that this treatment,



care, and support are provided at more than 5,000 hospitals, 18,000 dispensaries, and 9,000 orphanages in every corner of the world.

As Church, let us pray on this day, and every day, that each of us does what we can, in our own circumstances to continue to participate in the healing mission of Jesus — one person at a time in the way we love, care for and support those in our midst still struggling and suffering from this dreadful disease.

The Parish of Saint Anne's is sponsoring a Giving Tree

Sharing The Christmas Message Of His Love!



The Giving Tree will be placed in the Church vestibule on the **First Sunday of Advent – December 1st**. Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift, **attach tag to gift and drop off at the Rectory!** All gifts are requested to be gift-wrapped WITH the original tag attached.

Gifts with yellow tags must be dropped off by Wednesday, December 11th – (In time for children's party). All other gifts must be dropped off by December 15th. Thank you for participating.

HIV/AIDS Statistics in the US

- More than 1.1 million people in the United States are living with HIV infection, and almost 1 in 6 (15.8%) are unaware of their infection.
- Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM), particularly young black/African American MSM, are most seriously affected by HIV.
- By race, blacks/African Americans face the most severe burden of HIV.

Religious Education News

Faith Formation (CCD) for children in grades K through 9 takes place on Sunday mornings, beginning with the 10 AM Mass followed by 45 minute to 1 hour class sessions. Parents and Guardians are required to accompany their children to Mass, as a family, and are encouraged to get involved in the spiritual and faith formation of their kids, 'You are the first teachers of your children in the ways of Faith.' (Rite of Baptism)

Please call the rectory with any questions or concerns.

Children are dismissed on Nelson Avenue at the following time:

- Grades K-1 @ 11:45 am
- Grades 2-3 @ 11:50 am;
- Grades 4-5 @ 11:55 am
- Grades 6-9 @ 12:00 noon

Upcoming sessions:

- Nov. 30 – NO CCD; THANKSGIVING RECESS
- Dec. 7 – CCD in session
- Dec. 14 – CCD in session

Pro-Life Poster/Essay/Video Contest



The Respect Life office of the Archdiocese of Newark is organizing a contest open to all Grammar School, High School and CCD Students on the theme "Each of us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation." Use your imagination to write an essay, create a poster or record a video to convey to others that we are all a Masterpiece of God's Creation.

The submission deadline is December 19, 2014. For more information, please contact parishoffice@stannesjc.org

SUNDAY BINGO

January 4, 2015 ● February 1, 2015
● March 8, 2015

St. Anne's Church, 3545 Kennedy Blvd., JC
Starting at 1:30 PM

Centennial Hall
(Doors Open 12 PM)

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.

We ask that you pray for the sick in our community and for the Eucharistic Ministers – that they may worthily and gracefully share the Lord's Presence.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for December

General intention: Christmas, hope for humanity. That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

Missionary intention: Parents. That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

Sunday Readings

First Reading: **Isaiah 63:16–17, 19; 64:2–7**
Psalm: **PS 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19**
Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:3–9**
Gospel: **Matthew 13:33–37**

Weekday Readings

Monday

Isaiah 2:1–5 / PS 122:1–2, 3–4B, 4CD–5, 6–7, 8–9 / Matthew 8:5–11

Tuesday

Isaiah 11:1–10 / PS 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17 / Luke 10:21–24

Wednesday *St Francis Xavier*

Isaiah 25:6–10 / PS 23:1–3A, 3B–4, 5, 6 / Matthew 15:29–37

Thursday *St John Damascene*

Isaiah 26:1–6 / PS 118:1 AND 8–9, 19–21, 25–27A / Matthew 7:21, 24–27

Friday

Isaiah 29:17–24 / PS 27:1, 4, 13–14 / Matthew 9:27–31

Saturday *St Nicholas*

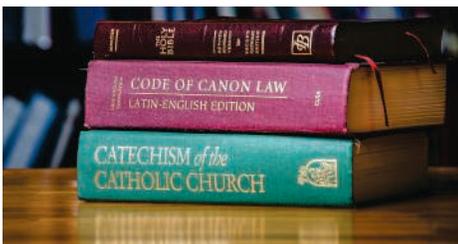
Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26 / PS 147:1–2, 3–4, 5–6 / Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5–8

Offertory

The collection figures for November 23 will be posted in a future bulletin

Annulment Information Evening

Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 7:30 PM-Saint John the Apostle Church, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden, NJ.



A staff member of the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark will provide basic information about annulments; the requirements for annulments and how to begin the process of petitioning for an annulment. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the session. *Pre-registration is not necessary, but for directions, please call the parish at 908-486-6363.*

DEATH WITH DIGNITY

The Church's Perspective

By Drew Stuart, MA

Imagine this: You are diagnosed with a terminal illness and told that you only have a year to live. For the next six months, you endure debilitation and suffering beyond anything you could have imagined. In the process, you begin to lose your autonomy and are increasingly forced to rely on others for help. You begin to fear that your quality of life will degrade to the point that you will become a burden on your family and friends. Finally, you lose hope as you realize that you will never return to full health. Now imagine that the law permitted you to ask your physician to help you die. What would you do?

Whether you know it or not, this scenario has been played out numerous times, right here in the United States. Oregon, Vermont, and New Mexico have all passed so-called “death with dignity” laws. Under these laws, anyone who is 18 or older and has a life expectancy of 6 months or less can ask their physician to prescribe lethal drugs to hasten death. Patients are required to make the request three times at least two weeks apart, twice orally and once in writing. After the third request, the physician prescribes a lethal cocktail of pills. The patient is then free to take this prescription at the time of his or her choosing.

“Death with dignity” advocates insist that this process cannot be considered physician-assisted suicide. Instead, they believe these laws allow people, who would rather live if it were not for their illness, to maintain their dignity by giving them control over their death. At first glance, this seems compassionate; after all, no one likes to see another person suffer. However, despite such staunch denials, “death with dignity” laws do legalize physician-assisted suicide. The CDC defines suicide as “death caused by self-directed injurious behavior with any intent to die as a result of the behavior.” Knowingly taking a lethal prescription is clearly a “self-directed injurious behavior” that is intended to cause one’s own death. Physicians who prescribe these lethal drugs are therefore helping people commit suicide. While we may sympathize with those who feel the need to take advantage of these laws, sympathy does not change the reality of the situation: doctors are helping these people kill themselves.

While American society may one day accept physician-assisted suicide, Catholic teaching unequivocally opposes it. The Church asserts that physician-assisted suicide takes an innocent life, thereby violating human dignity. Opponents of this position claim that it condemns people to a life of suffering and pain without hope of recovery. However, over 80% of the people who request physician-assisted suicide do so because of a loss of autonomy and control, not for reasons of unbearable pain. Modern medicine is fully capable of addressing the pain and depression associated with terminal illnesses through palliative care, a holistic treatment approach that makes use of pain medication, psychological and spiritual

counseling, antidepressants etc. This refutes the common claim that “death with dignity” laws are primarily a way to acknowledge human dignity by allowing the terminally ill to end their pain.

This being said, when a debilitating illness takes away a person’s autonomy, making even the most basic tasks, such as eating, walking, and bathing, by oneself impossible, a person may feel that life has lost all value. This can be compounded if he or she also feels like a burden on friends and family. Some believe this lends support to advocates of physician-assisted suicide. However, Scripture and the Church’s teaching tell us that all life is sacred. Human dignity comes from being made in God’s image and likeness, not from having autonomy and independence. This dignity can never be lost or compromised. At the same time, from a Christian standpoint, suffering has a value and purpose. Pope John Paul II asserted that our suffering is added to all that Jesus suffered during



his Passion. In this way, human suffering becomes redemptive as it shares in the saving power of Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross. John Paul II personally bore witness to this during the last ten years of his life. Parkinson’s disease and other illnesses slowly deprived him of his autonomy, causing his mind and body to fail. Despite this he endured, practicing what he preached by showing us how to bear suffering with dignity and courage.

Truly acknowledging the dignity of those who are terminally ill therefore consists of standing in solidarity with them, not in helping them end their lives once autonomy begins to fade. Compassion should motivate us to help them bear their suffering with courage; it should not motivate us to hasten their deaths. While the Church asserts that modern medicine should never be used to end a life, it supports the use of palliative care, such as pain medication, and psychological counseling, to ease the process of dying. Essentially, Church teaching calls us to show the terminally ill that their lives still have value; that we see them as human beings made in God’s image and likeness, not as burdens. This is the only way to truly recognize their inviolable human dignity.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Global Climate Change and Catholic Social Teaching

By Drew STUART, MA

In 2001, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released "Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good," which, as the title states, is a pastoral statement

environment and of other people, especially the poor and vulnerable. Individuals can make a major contribution to addressing climate change by rejecting excessive consumerism and adopting a sense of sacrifice and restraint. Any approach to climate change must be driven by a concern for pro-



on global climate change. In this statement, the bishops stress that creation is a gift given to us by God. This being the case, global climate change is, at its core, about the protecting the future of God's creation including both the human and the natural environments.

The bishops assert the needs of the poor and vulnerable must be included in dialogues about climate change, as their plights are related to the current environmental crisis. At the same time, because scientific evidence shows our present actions risk jeopardizing the future of our environment and the well-being of humanity, the bishops call on everyone to take preventative or mitigating action to address the crisis.

The US bishops go on to emphasize that any response to climate change must reflect the interdependence and common responsibility of all humanity. They call for economic freedom, creativity, and initiative to help our nation find ways to effectively deal with climate changes. However, the bishops stress that we must not allow a desire to possess more material goods to overwhelm concern that we should have for the basic needs of the

protecting human life, caring for the environment, and respect for the culture and religious faith of others.

Finally, the bishops claim equity must be considered when addressing climate change. They point out the hypocrisy of affluent nations, which often refuse to acknowledge the negative impact of their "voracious consumerism" while calling for population and emission control in poor nations. This shows inequity in climate change solutions.

To promote equity, developed nations must use their technology and experience of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to help developing countries as their economies industrialize.

According to the bishops, developed nations can show concern for those most affected by and least able to bear the burden of climate change by helping poorer nations implement sustainable economic development.

Overall, the US bishops assert that developed and developing countries must work together equitably to address global climate change. This can be done by adopting an attitude of mutual sacrifice and self-restraint.

First Friday Healing Mass

Everyone is invited to a Healing Mass here at St. Anne's Church on First Friday, December 5, 2014. It starts at 7:00 PM with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Holy Mass and Healing Service. The Rev Donato Cabaldo (Parochial Vicar of St. Paul of the Cross, Jersey City) is guest Celebrant and Healing Minister. Fellowship reception follows. **Contact: the rectory or Tina (201) 232-6750.**

Graduate Certificate

Enroll in "STEPS" Graduate Certificate Program-Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall. STEPS is designed for adult Catholics who wish to pursue a deeper understanding of their faith and to serve the Church, particularly their individual parishes. Upon completion of the program, students have the option of applying their credits toward an M.A. in Pastoral Ministry or an M.A. in Theology. Classes are held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood, New Jersey. **For more information, please contact the Immaculate Conception School of Theology, Institute for Christian Spirituality: (973) 761-9575 or by email, theology@shu.edu**

God in the Present Moment Retreat

A meditative approach along with periods of silence, reflection and discussion will be used to help us deepen our awareness of God's presence. Men and women are invited to a retreat day "God in the Present Moment" **December 20, 9 AM - 3 PM at Benedictine Center, Elizabeth NJ . \$35 lunch included.** The retreat is open to women for the weekend December 19-21. (\$135 weekend - women only) Registration required. **Call 908-353-3028 or email maritaosb@aol.com.**

SFIC Annual Christmas Breakfast

The Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children invites all parishioners to join them for their Annual Christmas Breakfast on Thursday, December 4, 2014 from 9:00am to 10:30am at Saint Michael's School, 27 Crittenden Street, Newark. The Annual Christmas Breakfast will give our guests a first hand view of one of our vibrant schools in action... take a tour, meet some students, enjoy the surroundings and the spirit of a school that changes lives forever. **To R.S.V.P. or for more information call (973) 497-4279 or e-mail [Barbara Cortes at cortesba@rcan.org](mailto:Barbara.Cortes@rcan.org).**

Catholic Charities Food Drive

The Catholic Charities' Emergency Food and Nutrition Network (CCEFNN) Thirtieth Annual Harvest of Hope Food Drive provides an opportunity for schools to respond to those in need in our area. Your participation in the Harvest of Hope Drive (October 16– December 31) can make an important difference to the many families we help in the four counties of Essex, Hudson, Union and Bergen. **For more information, call (973) 266-7966**

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