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December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent



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Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 12/7 • 2nd Sunday of Advent

10 AM-12PM	CCD in Session
10 AM	Rosary Christmas Brunch <i>Cent Hall</i>
10 AM/12 PM	Baptism <i>Church</i>
5 PM	OLG Novena <i>Convent</i>
5-7 PM	Fil-Am Choir Practice <i>Cent Hall</i>

MONDAY 12/8 • Immaculate Conception — see below

1-4 PM	St. Anne Seniors <i>Cent Hall</i>
6-8 PM	Cadette Trp 2828 Mtg <i>Cent Hall</i>
7-9 PM	OLG Novena <i>Convent</i>

TUESDAY 12/9

12:15 PM	BINGO <i>Cent Hall</i>
3-4 PM	Holy Hour for Priests <i>Church</i>
3:30-4:30 PM	Legion of Mary <i>Convent</i>
7-9 PM	OLG Novena <i>Convent</i>

WEDNESDAY 12/10

6-8 PM	Daisy/Jr Mtg <i>Cent Hall</i>
7-9 PM	OLG Novena <i>Convent</i>

THURSDAY 12/11 • Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

7-9 PM	OLG Novena <i>Convent</i>
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FRIDAY 12/12

12:15 PM	Bingo <i>Cent Hall</i>
5 PM	(Setup) OLG Feast Celebration <i>Cent Hall</i>
7-11 PM	OLG Feast Celebration <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>
7-9 PM	OLG Novena <i>Convent</i>
7:30-11:30 PM	J&M Prayer Meeting <i>Convent</i>

SATURDAY 12/13

2-4 PM	St. Padre Pio Christmas Party <i>Cent Hall</i>
7-9 PM	OLG Social <i>Cent Hall</i>

SUNDAY 12/14 • 3rd Sunday of Advent

10 AM-12PM	CCD in Session
10 AM-1 PM	H.N.S. Mass/Meeting <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>
1-3 PM	Fil-Am Mtg/Choir Practice <i>Cent Hall</i>

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday December 7 th (Vigil)	5:30 PM
Monday, December 8 th	7 AM and 9 AM

On that day only 7 AM will be a Holy Mass, not a Communion Service. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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 <i>Church</i>	7 AM
Monday ▶ Saturday: Mass <i>Church</i>	9 AM
Wednesday: Mass <i>Church</i>	7 PM

Holy Hour

Tuesdays Church	3-4 PM
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Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays <i>Church</i> (Or by Appointment)	5 PM
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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 40:1-5, 9-11**
 Psalm: **PS 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14**
 Second Reading: **2 Peter 3:8-14**
 Gospel: **Mark 1:1-8**

Weekday Readings

Monday Immaculate Conception

Gen 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 / Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday St. Juan Diego

Is 40:1-11 / PS 96:1-2, 3 AND 10AC, 11-12, 13 / Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31 / PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 AND 10 / Mt 11:28-30

Thursday St. Damasus I

Is 41:13-20 / PS 145:1 AND 9, 10-11, 12-13AB / Mt 11:11-15

Friday Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / JDT 13:18 BCDE, 19 / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday St. Lucy

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / PS 80:2AC AND 3B, 15-16, 18-19 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Offertory

Below is the breakdown and total collection for the weekends of Sunday November 23 & 30, 2014:

Saturday, November 22, 2014:

5:30 PM	\$856
7 PM	\$161

Sunday, November 23, 2014:

8 AM	\$446.25
10AM	\$1,050.09
12 PM	\$815.76
Total Giving	\$3,312.10

Saturday, November 29, 2014:

5:30 PM	\$916.52
7 PM	\$181

Sunday, November 30, 2014:

8 AM	\$663.81
10AM	\$924.94
12 PM	\$811
Total Giving	\$3,497.27

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.**

The Immaculate Conception

In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of 8 December, 1854, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin."

The immunity from original sin was given to Mary by a singular exemption from a universal law through the same merits of Christ, by which other men are cleansed from sin by baptism. Mary needed the redeeming Saviour to obtain this exemption, and to be delivered from the universal necessity and debt of being subject to original sin. The person of Mary, in consequence of her origin from Adam, should have been subject to sin, but, being the new Eve who was to be the mother of the new Adam, she was, by the eternal counsel of God and by the merits of Christ, withdrawn from the general law of original sin. Her redemption was the very masterpiece of Christ's redeeming wisdom. He is a greater redeemer who pays the debt that it may not be incurred than he who pays after it has fallen on the debtor.



The Miraculous Medal shown in cover, also known as the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, is a medal, the design of which was originated by Saint Catherine Labouré following her vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1830. Above: Chapel of the Miraculous Medal in Paris.



Be on the alert for symptoms of inner HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world. Some signs and symptoms of the Advent Virus:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please share this warning with all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.

THE SYMBOLS OF ADVENT

The Advent Wreath



Advent is a time of preparation in anticipation of the coming of Christ. It is first a commemoration of Christ's birth 2,000 years ago and second, though no less important, an acknowledgment

that we are still waiting for Christ's second coming at the end of time. One of the most visible symbols of Advent is the Advent Wreath. While there is debate about when the Advent Wreath began to be used, it finds its origin in the pre-Christian German practice of making a wreath of evergreens and, during the cold winter nights, lighting candles on the wreath in anticipation of the coming spring. Today, the Advent Wreath is a visible sign of our waiting for Jesus Christ. Traditionally, there are three purple candles and one rose or pink candle on the wreath. These candles represent the light of Christ, which came

into the world on that first Christmas 2000 years ago and still remains with us today. During the first, second, and fourth weeks of Advent, we light the purple candles, which symbolize the penitential nature of the season (traditionally Advent was a time of fasting and prayer just as Lent is today). The rose candle, which symbolizes joy and is meant to signal joyful anticipation of the coming of Christ, is lit during the third Sunday of Advent. The vestments that the priest or bishop wears each Sunday of Advent will correspond to the color of the candle that is being lit. Finally, some Advent wreaths have a white candle in the middle, which represent the purity of Christ. This candle is lit on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day as a sign that Christ has come into the world.

The Advent wreath itself is symbolic as well. First, it is circular, representing the eternity of the Triune God, who has no beginning and will have no end. Next, the wreath is made of evergreen branches. These branches represent the eternal life of Christ which we hope to share after our lives on earth end.

Safeguarding Children and Addressing Abuse

The Archdiocese Responds to all Allegations Quickly and Appropriately



In line with Archbishop Myers' personal directive and a Memorandum of Understanding with County Prosecutors, the Archdiocese reports all allegations of sexual abuse of minors to the local County Prosecutor, and cooperates with law enforcement investigations.

Those accused of abuse are temporarily removed from ministry or assignment while investigations are ongoing. If the allegation is substantiated, the removal is permanent.

Since his arrival in 2001, Archbishop Myers has removed permanently from ministry 19 priests against whom allegations were substantiated and who faced penalties under Church law. Only



two Archdiocesan priests have been convicted or pleaded guilty to criminal charges involving minors during this same time, and both have resigned or been dismissed from the priesthood. No Archdiocesan priest has been charged with a crime involving minors since 2004.

Candlelight Carol Sing

The 44th annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday, December 17th and Thursday, December 18th, at 8 pm (two performances). Doors open at 7 pm both nights. Christmas music will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assembly and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. **For more info call 973-484-2400, or visit: www.cathedralbasilica.org**

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 - 3PM 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.**

Catholic Cruise

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Joseph Stobba February 21 — February 28, 2015 on Holland America Westerdam out of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida — Ports of Call: Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, USVI; Half Moon Cay, Bahamas; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Prices begin at \$1869 for two passengers including all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. **For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-339-1785 / Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com**

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**

Novena of Masses – December 2014

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

Mass intentions

Monday, December 8, 2014

9 AM Novena

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

9 AM Novena

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

9 AM † Purificacion Gonzales
(Samson Family)

7 PM Special Intention
(Our Lady of Perpetual Help Group)

Thursday, December 11, 2014

9 AM † Vito & Giovanna Manzi
(Mr. & Mrs. Gerardo Manzi)

Friday, December 12, 2014

9 AM John Jalandoni
(Mom)

Saturday, December 13, 2014

9 AM In Honor of St. Lucy
(Frank & Gemma Infante)

5:30 PM † Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Burke Sr.
(Christina & Catherine)

7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe
(Marquez Family)

Sunday, December 14, 2014

8 AM In Honor of St. Lucy
(Gerardo Fusco)

10 AM McAlinden & Lang Families
(Lang Family)

12 PM Carol Jordan

Sanctuary Gifts

For the week of December 7th—December 13th, 2014 the gifts are offered in honor of:

Altar Wine † Daniel Meleos
(Parish Intention)

Altar Bread † Aura Ordonez
(Parish Intention)

Sanctuary Lamp † Emilie Jaworowski
(Parish Intention)

Altar Candles † Aura Ordonez
(Georgene DeBenedetto)

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. ● 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

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)

Saint Anne's Giving Tree Sharing the Christmas Message of His Love!

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.

*Please drop off all gifts
for the Giving Tree in
church and place under
tree! Thank you for
your participation.*

Religious Education News

St. Anne's Religious Education Office is located in St. Anne's Rectory (3545 Kennedy Blvd); Office Hours are (M-W) 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; please contact Georgene at 201-360-0838 for 2014-15 Registration.

Email address for St. Anne's Religious Education is st.anneppray4us@gmail.com. Please add this email address to your 'Contacts'; you will be contacted via email regarding any updates/changes with Religious Education, Event Reminders and Inclement Weather affecting Sunday Classes for students.

Please call the rectory with any questions.

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.

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:

- Dec. 7 – CCD in session
- Dec. 14 – CCD in session
- Dec. 21 – Religious Ed. Childrens' Christmas Party, **NO CCD CLASSES**
- Dec. 28 – **NO CCD CLASSES**, Christmas Holiday

Pro-Life Poster/Essay/Video Contest



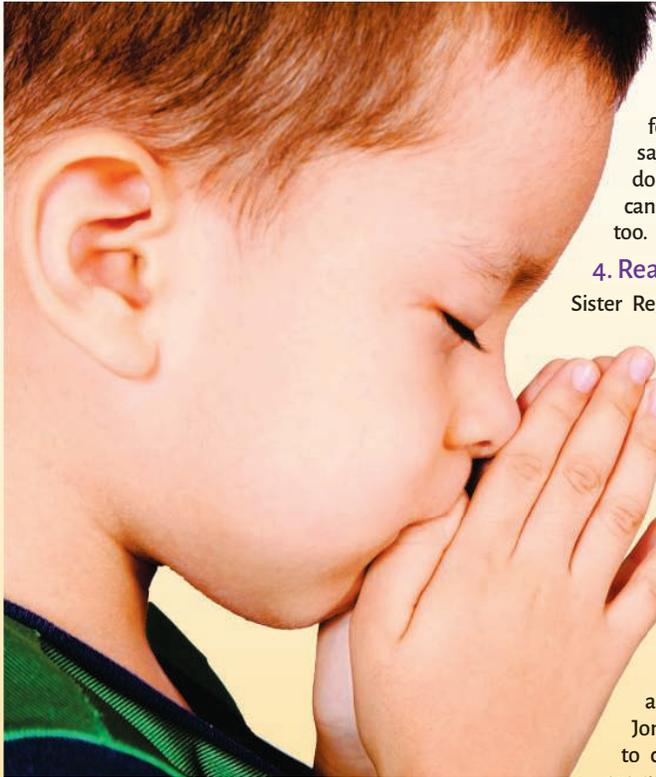
The Respect Life office of the Archdiocese of Newark is organizing a contest open to all Grammar School, High School and CCD Students on the theme "Each of us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation." **Use your imagination to write an essay, create a poster or record a video to convey to others that we are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

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

15 Ways

to Teach Children to Pray

By, Nancy FLANDERS
Creative Catechist Magazine



The single most powerful thing Catholic parents can do for their children is teach them to pray. As catechists, we can also teach children how to have a close relationship with God. There are a variety of ways to teach your students to pray. No matter what age your learners are, it's never too late. Here are some ideas to use in the classroom, as well as ideas for the students to practice at home:

1. Introduce Common Prayers

Start with a simple prayer like the Our Father and focus on just that one prayer for a couple of weeks. This prayer specifically teaches us how to show respect, request our daily needs, and ask for forgiveness and protection.

2. Teach Gratitude

Jared Dees, catechetical minister, says, "At dinnertime, have parents ask kids to share one thing they are thankful for to help them develop a spirit of gratitude."

3. Teach your children to listen

Teach children how to be still and recognize God's answers to their prayers. This involves follow-up. If a child prays for something, make sure you talk about whether or not she gets what she prayed for. If she does, teach her to say a prayer of thanks. If she doesn't, talk about how that can be an answer to her prayer, too.

4. Read the Bible together

Sister Regina Cochran, F.S.E., says, "Reading the Bible is important, and not just a children's Bible." (She reminds us that there are, of course, certain sections, especially in the Old Testament, that are not story-time material.) She says, "Read from God's inspired Word—especially the stories we all grew up with, such as Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jonah, etc. These are exciting to children. Children's Bibles are good for children to read on their own. However, reading pure Scripture to children can make a deeper impact."

5. Encourage children to keep a prayer journal

In it, your students can write down their favorite prayers, draw pictures of themselves talking to God, or illustrate the gifts God has given them for which they are thankful.

6. Teach obedience

Teach children to pray not only for what they want God to do for them, but what God wants them to do. This mentality will stay with them through life as they pray for guidance during tough times and when making big decisions.

7. Teach the five-finger method

This approach to prayer may help your students become comfortable with praying. It includes five steps: give praise, give thanks, make a request for another person, ask for forgiveness, and make a request for yourself.

8. Read

Keep a variety of Catholic books in the classroom and read them together, or just allow your students to explore the books on their own.

9. Sing

Teach prayer through song. Dees advises parents and catechists to use music with hand motions. Younger children love this, and older kids will come out of their shells. "Praying with praise," he explains, "will get children more involved and using their voices and bodies for the purpose of praising God."

10. Teach the Sign of the Cross

Be sure to incorporate the Sign of the Cross into each prayer you say together, and take the time to teach it correctly. Father Michael Schmitz, chaplain for the University of Minnesota-Duluth Catholic Campus Ministry, says the Sign of the Cross is vital even for young children. He has observed that when many Catholics die, the last gesture they make is to cross themselves. Their very last act on earth is to make the Sign of the Cross, because, according to Father Mike, it has been such a part of their lives as far back as they can remember, beginning with their parents.

11. Pray the Rosary

Dees believes it is important to teach the Rosary even to very young children. It may not be possible to pray the entire Rosary in class, but even just a decade can help your students make praying the Rosary a habit.

12. Create a class prayer

Let your children compose the words to a daily prayer you can say together. This will help them to see that prayers can be in traditional forms (The Lord's Prayer) or in one's own words.

13. Teach your children that nothing is impossible with God

Let your students know that, even when a dream or a goal seems impossible to reach, with God it isn't. Tell your children stories about miracles that have occurred—even in today's world—because of prayer.

14. Read about the saints

Sister Regina says that discussing the saints with your students and reading stories about them can help your children desire a closeness with God while learning about the power of prayer through real-life examples of remarkable lives.

15. Encourage families to pray together

Father Patrick Peyton always taught, "The family that prays together, stays together"—and this is not a cliché. Sister Regina says, "If a child sees their mother and father on their knees, it will take only seconds and he or she will be there with them." **Prayer is a daily part of our lives and should be for our students, as well. Dees' last piece of advice is, "Don't get stuck with the basics. Once you know which methods of prayer will work best, stick with them."**

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