



# SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH

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December 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent



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<b>Greg Gonzales</b>	Festival
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<b>Judith Waddleton</b>	Trustee
	Faith Formation — K-9
<b>Mary Yori</b>	Sexton

## Weekly Planner

### SUNDAY 12/14 • 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>

### MONDAY 12/15

3:30-4:30 PM	Legion of Mary <i>Convent</i>
5-11PM	Fil-Am Simbang Gabi <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>

### TUESDAY 12/16

12:15 PM	BINGO <i>Cent Hall</i>
3-4 PM	Holy Hour for Priests <i>Church</i>
5-11PM	Fil-Am Simbang Gabi <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>

### WEDNESDAY 12/17

5-11PM	Fil-Am Simbang Gabi <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>
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### THURSDAY 12/18

5-11PM	Fil-Am Simbang Gabi <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>
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### FRIDAY 12/19

12:15 PM	Bingo <i>Cent Hall</i>
5-11PM	Fil-Am Simbang Gabi <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>

### SATURDAY 12/20

5-11PM	Fil-Am Simbang Gabi <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>
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### SUNDAY 12/21 • 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

10-11 AM	CCD Christmas Party <i>Cent Hall</i>
	<b>No CCD Classes</b>
5-11PM	Fil-Am Simbang Gabi <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>

## Liturgies

<b>Saturday Evening Church</b>	English 5:30 PM
<i>(anticipating Sunday)</i>	Misa Español 7 PM
<b>Sunday Church</b>	8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon

<b>Monday ▶ Friday:</b> Communion Service <i>Church</i>	7 AM
<b>Monday ▶ Saturday:</b> Mass <i>Church</i>	9 AM
<b>Wednesday:</b> Mass <i>Church</i>	7 PM

## Holy Hour

<b>Tuesdays Church</b>	3-4 PM
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## Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays <i>Church (Or by Appointment)</i>	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 61:1-2a, 10-11**  
 Psalm: **LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54**  
 Second Reading: **1 Thess 5:16-24**  
 Gospel: **John 1:6-8, 19-28**

### Weekday Readings

#### Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a / PS 25:4-5AB, 6&7BC, 8-9 / Mt 21:23-27

#### Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23 / Mt 21:28-32

#### Wednesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10 / PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17 / Mt 1:1-17

#### Thursday

Jer 23:5-8 / PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 / Mt 1:18-25

#### Friday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17 / Lk 1:5-25

#### Saturday

Is 7:10-14 / PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6 / Lk 1:26-38

# Come, Celebrate Reconciliation

St. Nicholas Church (122 Ferry St., Jersey City) presents "Lump" - a short film about the forgiveness of God. Come and grow in your faith and learn to appreciate and understand the great gift of God's Sacrament of Forgiveness:

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM**

■ **Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

*Each session in the church includes a viewing of the film, brief discussion, prayer, and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*



## Novena of Masses – December 2014

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

## Offertory

*Below is the breakdown and total collection for the weekend of Sunday December 7, 2014:*

### Saturday, December 6, 2014:

5:30 PM	\$767.70
7 PM	\$144.90

### Sunday, December 7, 2014:

8 AM	\$540.36
10AM	\$1,504.63
12 PM	\$1,232.89
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$4,190.48</b>

## Christmas Schedule

### Christmas Eve

**7 PM** Christmas Vigil (Bi-lingual)  
**12 AM** Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

**8 AM** Mass  
**10 AM** Mass  
**12 Noon** Mass

## New Years Schedule

### New Year's Eve

**7 PM** (Antic.) Mass for Holy Hour

### New Year's Day

**9 AM** Mass



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.*

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADDRESSING ABUSE**



# The Archdiocese Reports All Allegations of Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action and provide support to the victim.

Although the Archdiocese immediately reports all abuse allegations to the appropriate County Prosecutor, it also encourages victims to independently report such matters to the Prosecutor.

Individuals who want to report an allegation of sexual misconduct to the Archdiocese may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.



The phone numbers for the County Prosecutors within the Archdiocese are:

- **Bergen - (201) 226-5689**
- **Essex - (973) 753-1121**
- **Hudson - (201) 795-6400**
- **Union - (908) 965-3879**

## Candlelight Carol Sing

The 44<sup>th</sup> annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com)*

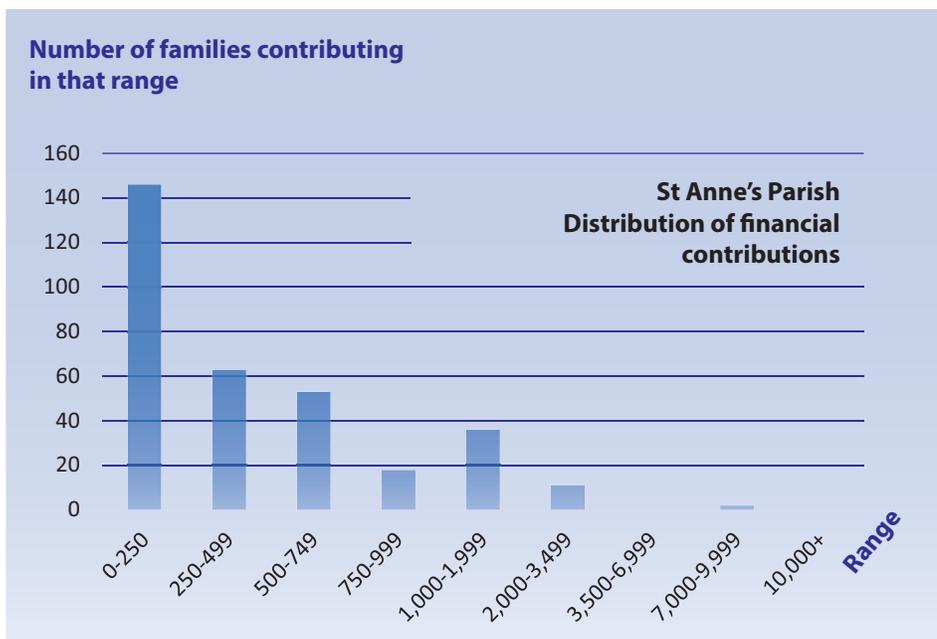
## Catholic Charities Food Drive

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*

# Summary of Annual Family Contributions

**There are currently 1204 families registered with St Anne's Parish – ONLY 347 families of the 1204 registered use the Sunday collection envelopes.**

- 146 families contribute less than \$250 for the entire year
- 63 families contribute between \$250-\$499
- 53 families contribute between \$500-\$749
- 18 families contribute between \$750-\$999
- 36 families contribute between \$1,000-\$1,999
- 11 families contribute between \$2,000-\$3,499
- 2 families contribute between \$7,000-\$9,999
- There are no families that contribute between \$3,500-\$6,999 or over \$10,000.



## Mass intentions

### Monday, December 15, 2014

9 AM Lawrence Shin  
(Shin Family)

### Tuesday, December 16, 2014

9 AM Angela Aversano Family  
(Shin Family)

### Wednesday, December 17, 2014

9 AM † Mary Cohn  
(John Nadolny)  
7 PM Special Intention  
(Our Lady of Perpetual Help Group)

### Thursday, December 18, 2014

9 AM John Shin  
(Shin Family)

### Friday, December 19, 2014

9 AM † Joseph Piezzo  
(Nana Madeline)

### Saturday, December 20, 2014

9 AM † Rosemary Pelle  
1st Anniversary in Heaven  
(Parish Intention)  
5:30 PM † Rosalina & Giuseppe Leone  
(Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Tango)  
7:00 PM † Juan Marroquin  
(Daughter & Family)

### Sunday, December 21, 2014

8 AM † Eleanor Pignata  
(Stracquatano Family)  
10 AM † Helene Clifford  
(Marie Carlson)  
12 PM † Ronnie Palmares  
(Dulce Coronado)

## Sanctuary Gifts

For the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>— December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the gifts are offered in honor of:

Altar Wine † Steve Krawczeniak  
(Bernice Corallo)  
Altar Bread † Mae Baker  
(Bernice Corallo)  
Sanctuary Lamp † Simplicio Samson  
(Parish Intention)  
Altar Candles † Emilie Jaworowski  
(Judy Waddleton)

## Praying for the Sick

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

Steve & Rachel Mastin ● 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

February 1, 2015 ● March 8, 2015  
(January 4 BINGO is cancelled)

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!

Please drop off all gifts  
for the Giving Tree by  
**December 15<sup>th</sup>** in church  
and place under tree!  
Please do not bring to  
rectory. 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.annepray4us@gmail.com](mailto:st.annepray4us@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](mailto: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. 14 – CCD in session
- Dec. 21 – Religious Ed. Children's Christmas Party, **NO CCD CLASSES**
- Dec. 28 – **NO CCD CLASSES**, Christmas Holiday
- Jan. 4 – **NO CCD CLASSES**, New Year Holiday
- Jan. 4 – CCD Classes Resume!

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stannesjc.org)*

## AN ADVENT REFLECTION

# Poor People

Fr Linh Hoang OFM, PhD

What does it mean to be poor? Some people would answer there are many ways of being poor: materially, emotionally, intellectually, or spiritually. But that does not address exactly the experience of being poor. This underscores William T Vollman's book *Poor People* (2007). I read the book after being asked to write an article on migration and poverty. The book is not a scholarly scientific study. It is, rather, a collection of interviews with poor people across the globe from the United States to Thailand; from Russia to Columbia; from Afghanistan to Japan. Vollman crisscrossed the globe to ask people the same question: why are you poor? The answers varied—from bad circumstances, karma, fate, disabilities, to addiction. Most of the people were not sure how to define "poor." They only had their singular lived experience as authority. Their experiences testify to the fact that poor people are not all alike nor does poverty identify their fundamental character—rather it is being human.

The United Nations measures poverty as people living on less than 725 US dollars a year. Considering this statistic, Vollman wants, however, to hear directly from people because people are not just numbers. As he states further, "for me, poverty is not mere deprivation; for people may possess fewer things than I and be richer; poverty is wretchedness. It must then be an experience more than an economic state. It therefore remains somewhat immeasurable."

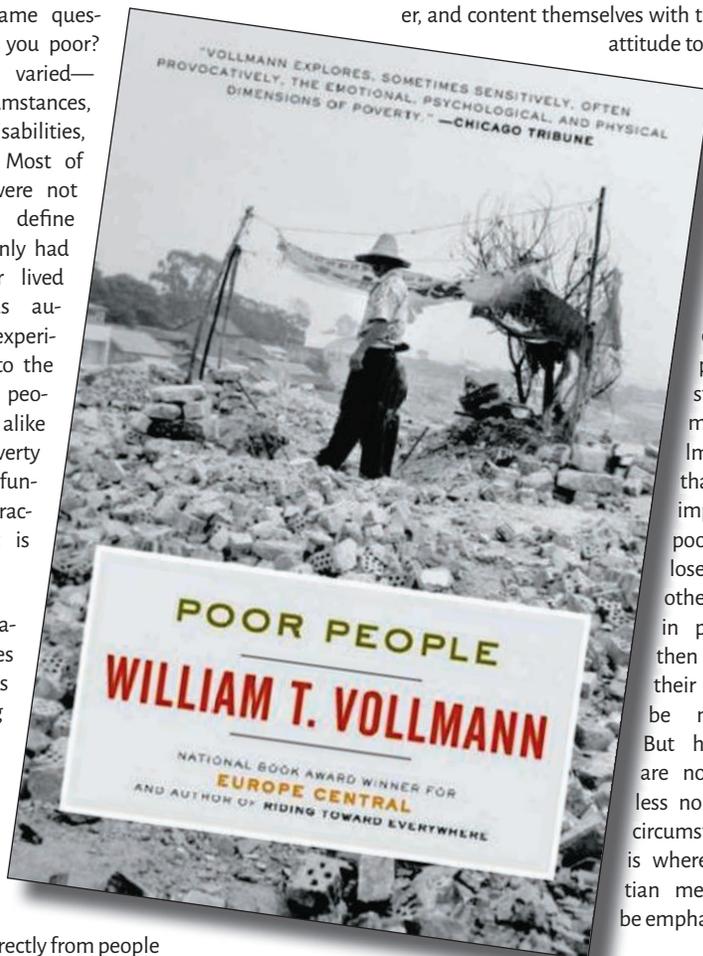
A striking feature of the book is the accompaniment with each individual story a photograph of them. We not only read about their lives but see how poverty has etched strained marks on their faces. Vollman estimates that poverty makes a person look ten years older than their actual age. The photos provide another angle to lives in poverty. The stories

are disturbing and frustratingly difficult to hear. But that is expected. The thread running through these stories is that poverty veil lives in a wretchedness that is difficult to lift sometimes continuing for several generations. This is a devastating reality when there are means to lift people out of abject poverty.

After encountering these poor people, I was left with many questions, frustration, and sympathy. A lasting impression that continues to bother stems from a quote in the book by Louis-Ferdinand Céline (20th century French physician and novelist) "Poor people never, or hardly ever, ask for an explanation of all they have to put up with. They hate one another, and content themselves with that." A bleak

attitude to what poverty does to people. But also shows an outsider's impression of the hopelessness foisted on poor people in their struggle for meaning. Vollman stresses that hope is important. If poor people lose hope and others lose hope in poor people then definitely their lives would be meaningless. But human lives are not meaningless no matter the circumstances. This is where the Christian message must be emphasized.

Hope stands as a powerful part of the Advent season. A time of anticipation for God becoming part of humanity. It is the hope of God dwelling among us that motivates Christians to continue to gather, to worship, and to give praise to God. But also this hope should encourage each and every Christian to help others, especially those who live in poverty. Jesus asks each person to help the poor among them. The Gospel makes that the heart of Jesus' message. As we continue our Advent preparation towards the birth of Christ, let us take time to pray, to give, to encounter, and to help poor people in our community, our country, and in the world.



## ST ANNE'S

# Simbang Gabi



December 15-23, 7:00 PM  
(Sat & Sun @ 5:30)

Join us for the 9 Night Mass in preparation for the Coming of Jesus! Potluck Dinner will be served each night after Mass. For more information, please call Ed Morales (201) 705-3295 or Greg Gonzales (201) 736-5844. **If interested to sponsor one night dinner, please contact above persons.**

## SAVE THE DATE

# Parish Auction



Please bring all donations (including Gift Cards and Gift Certificates) to the rectory and label them "Parish Auction". Volunteers are always needed.

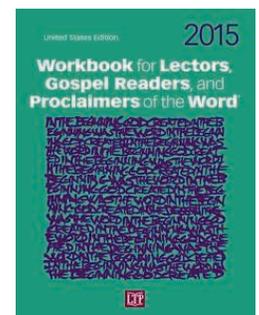
March 1, 2015  
(Doors Open at Noon)

**If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Judy Waddleton at 201-659-4641.**

## ATTENTION!

# Lectors

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