

The Many Ways to
Live Lent



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Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 3/8 • 3rd Sunday of Lent

Daylight Savings Begins—set clocks ahead 1 hour

10 AM–12 Noon CCD in Session

10 AM–1 PM H.N.S. Mass/Meeting *Church/Cent Hall*

1:30 PM **Sunday Bingo** *Cent Hall*

MONDAY 3/9

1–4 PM St. Anne Seniors *Cent Hall*

3–4 PM Legion of Mary *Convent*

TUESDAY 3/10

12:15 PM BINGO *Cent Hall*

3–4 PM Holy Hour for Priests *Church*

4 PM Rosary Society Meeting *Cent Hall*

7 PM Festival Meeting *Cent Hall*

WEDNESDAY 3/11

THURSDAY 3/12

FRIDAY 3/13

12:15 PM Bingo *Cent Hall*

1 PM Stations of the Cross *Church*

5–8 PM H.N.S. Fish Fri *Cent Hall*

7 PM Stations of the Cross *Church*

7:30–9:30 PM J&M Prayer Meeting *Convent*

SATURDAY 3/14

10 AM–1 PM (Setup) Scout Dance *Cent Hall*

2–4 PM St. Padre Pio Prayers Meeting *Cent Hall*

6–10 PM Scout Dance *Cent Hall*

SUNDAY 3/15 • 4th Sunday of Lent

10 AM–12 Noon CCD in Session

1–3 PM Fil-Am Meeting *Cent Hall*

8 PM "The Way of the Cross" *Church*

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 March 2015

General intention: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Missionary intention: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

Sunday Readings

First Reading: **Exodus 20:1–17**

Psalm: **Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:22–25**

Gospel: **John 2:13–25**

Weekday Readings

Monday *St Frances of Rome*

2 Ki 5:1–15 / Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 / Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34–43 / Ps 25:4-5AB, 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

Je 7:23–28 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Lk 11:14–23

Friday

Ho 14:2–10 / Ps 81:6-8A, 8BC-9, 10-11AB, 14 & 17 / Mk 12:28–34

Saturday

Ho 6:1–6 / Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21AB / Lk 18:9–14

Sanctuary Gifts for March 8th–14th, 2015

Gift In Memory/honor of Requested By

Altar Wine † **Carmen Rizzo** Parish Intention

Altar Bread † **John L. Churuti III** Parish Intention

Sanct. Lamp † **Simplicio Samson** Parish Intention

Altar Candles † **Mary Prestimnico** Parish Intention

Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified):

Josephine Cermak Rowan • Baby Jayden O'Connor • Steve & Rachel Mastin • Alma DeBenedetto • Diane Shea

• Marie Portelli • 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

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Safeguarding Children & Addressing Abuse



The Archdiocese Acts to Protect Youth & 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.

Sunday Collection

The following are collection totals for Saturday/Sunday, February 28/March 1, 2015:

February 28	5:30 PM	\$1,084
	7 PM	\$260
March 1	8 AM	\$857
	10 AM	\$930
	12 PM	\$1,161
Total Giving		\$4,292

Weekend Breakdown

Donations

Since the snow didn't come down until after the 12PM mass this weekend, many people, who were unable to come to church for several Sundays because of the weather, were able to do so. Because many of the returnees are regular donors to the parish, and because they included donations for Sundays when they were not in attendance, the collection shows an increase over the last few weeks.

In addition, several parishioners opt to give monthly, rather than a weekly, donation to the parish, sometimes at month's end, usually at the beginning of each month, which also increases donation figures for the last or first Sunday of the month.

Attendance

Due to improved weather conditions, mass attendance was the largest it has been for sometime. Total attendance hovered around 400 for all 5 weekend masses, averaging out to about 80 people per mass. 12 noon and 10AM were the most well attended, followed by 5:30PM, 7AM and 7PM.

Breakdown

Keep in mind that some donations were larger than the following figure because they were meant to cover several Sundays, either missed/anticipated.

- Largest Single Donation: **\$150 (One family each)**
- Smallest Single Donation: **\$1 (One family each)**
- Total Number of Mass Attendees: **400**
- Average Donation per person: **\$10.73**

The Auction

...was moderately attended. Snow started soon after 12PM. Of the 85 families registered with the

Religious Education Program, the main beneficiary of this fundraiser, less than 20 were in attendance. Even so, the end profit for this fundraiser stands right now at approximately \$4,000.

Thank you to Ms. Waddleton, whose son, Jaimie, recommended we rename Centennial Hall the 'Judith Anne Waddleton-Bald Hall' for the amount of time, talent and treasure she has given and continues to give, to not just this fundraiser, but to the entire life of the parish community, for roughly sixty years.

Thank you, Auction Elves, many of whom do not directly benefit from the funds raised through this event, but who always strive and rise to answer the call to be Christian by seeking to serve those in need, especially the children of the Saint Anne Community. Thank you to the families who gave of their time, talent and treasure to support the auction. God knows it's not easy managing time and resources for entire families. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Saint Anne Community; thank you for sharing the love you have for your own children with the many other children we minister to through the Religious Education Program.

Everyone's hard work this year has ensured that we are able to continue ministering to the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community cost-free.

Finally, a word or two to those who did not support the auction this year, especially those whose families benefit directly from its proceeds: **GET INVOLVED!**

Sunday Bingo

March 8, 2015
1:30 PM

St Anne's Church 3435 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City
Centennial Hall (Doors Open 12 Noon)



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).

Saint Joseph's Feast Day Celebration

March 19th, 7 PM Mass in Church
\$5 Donation

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.

Social to follow in St. Anne's Centennial Hall **(Cakes or Monetary Donations for refreshments would be appreciated)**

Anointing Mass

Saturday, March 28th



Mass and Anointing of the sick will be held at 2 pm at St Anne's Church, Centennial Hall. 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.

Novena of Masses – March 2015

Requested for	Requested by
† Helen & Louis Angarola	Marie & Bob Kenny
† Vincenzo Vacca	Wife & Children
† Luisa Fusco	Teresa Fusco
† Pastor Gonzales, Sr.	Family
† Pastor Gonzales, Sr.	Gonzales Family
† William Mango	Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Tango
† Patricia Backiel	Claire Seborowski
Lawrence Shin	Mary Shin
† Long Ly	Rosa Mastrogiovanni
† Mary Garguilo	Lorraine & Steve Zadroga & Family
† Patrick & Elizabeth Canny	Family
† Pat, Rose & Agnes	Family
† Edward Castle	Family
† Deceased Members of Castle Family	Family
† Terry Carbone	Kathleen Castle
† Gloria Engelhardt	Kathleen Castle
† Loretta Dempsey	Kathleen Castle

OUR PARISH

Stations of the Cross

Parishioner Needed

We are in need of a parishioner to lead the "Stations of the Cross" every Friday at 1 PM and 7 PM. To Volunteer, please call the rectory. **All volunteers need to be in compliance with "Protecting God's Children."**



Bible Study

Fr. David Stump is currently conducting a Bible Study on Friday mornings in St. Anne's Convent from **10:00 am to 12:00 noon.**



Religious Education News

St. Anne's **religious education office** is located in St. Anne's Rectory (3545 Kennedy Blvd); Office Hours are Monday thru Wednesday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; **any questions, please contact Georgene at 201-360-0838.**

Email address for St. Anne's Religious Education is st.annepray4us@gmail.com. Please check your emails periodically for any Religious Education updates/changes, Parish Events; especially during Inclement Weather affecting Sunday Classes for students. 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.

Why is it so dark in here?

Oh, I gave up light bulbs for Lent - I feel so much better...



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Saturday,
March 14, 2015



MAIN CELEBRANT
Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark



GUEST SPEAKER
Mr. Tom Peterson
President & Founder:
Catholics Came Home.org &
VirtueMedia.



GUEST SPEAKER
Mr. Damon Owens
Executive Director of the
Theology of the Body Institute



GUEST SPEAKER
Mr. Tim Staples

WANTED:

A Few Good *Young Adult Men*, married or single between the ages of 18-35. There will be a special session which will include dynamic presentations, discussion groups, lunch, testimonies & prayer just for young adults. Scan here for more info:



A *Catholic Men's Conference* on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ). Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8:00 AM and ends around 4:00 PM. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Myers along with our local Bishops and Priests con-celebrating. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled for this day!

Ticket price is \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens, and \$15 for college students if they provide a Student ID. Priests & religious are free. Registrations include breakfast and lunch. **For registration please visit our website at www.rcanmenscommission.org or contact your Parish Conference Leader. Tel. 973-497-4545 E-mail: CatholicMen@rcan.org**

Lenten Fish Fry 2015

March 13, 20, 27

St. Anne's Church will be sponsoring a Lenten Fish Fri on "Fridays" during Lent 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in Centennial Hall.

MENU

Fish, Fries, Cole Slaw, Tartar Sauce & Soda/Water
Dine-in or Take-out

TICKETS

(Only Sold in Rectory) **\$7.00** in advance
(Door Price) **\$8.00**

Rectory Hours:

MTW: 9 am-5 pm, TR-F: 10 am-5 pm

SAT: 10 am-3 pm

We look forward to enjoying the company of our fellow parishioners and neighbors during this most holy season. If you are attending the Stations of the Cross, please notify the kitchen staff **BEFORE** attending stations. Thank You!

The Way of the Cross

On Sunday, March 15th at 8:00 PM in St. Anne's Church, the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of "The Way of the Cross". Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, the mystery play is not a 'play' in the common sense, but in fact, a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and an inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion and how it relates to their life today.

The group is comprised of teens and adult advisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Adults and teens are encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience. *We suggest you arrive 15 minutes early.*

FACT OF FAITH

Lenten Fasting

By **REV LARRY RICE, CSP**
VOCATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE PAULIST FATHERS

Part of the Church's Lenten discipline is the practice of fasting and abstinence. Abstinence, in this case, is refraining from eating meat. We used to abstain from meat on every Friday, now it's only binding on the Fridays of Lent.* Any Catholic above the age of 14 is required to abstain during Lent. And since this is intended as a penitential practice, having a two-pound lobster instead kind of misses the point.



“My parents are giving up desserts for Lent, so I’m balancing the family diet by giving up vegetables.”

Fasting has a long history as a penitential practice. The ideal of giving up some food for the sake of one's spiritual life has been part of our tradition for centuries. Jesus himself went into the desert to fast and pray. Today's Lenten fast is pretty easy by comparison. The Lenten fast days are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On those days, Catholics between 18 and 59 years of age are expected to eat only one substantial meal and may eat two smaller meals if necessary. No snacking between meals is permitted.

Obviously, the very young, the elderly, and anyone in poor health are exempt from these requirements. But don't be too quick to let yourself off the hook. If you can't fast and give up meat, perhaps there's something similar you could be doing as a sign of repentance. One of my hypoglycemic friends, who has to eat every four hours or so, is giving up the television and the computer on fast days. For him, that's probably harder than not eating would be. The point of these practices is to express sorrow for our sins and to help us live in solidarity with those whose hunger is never satisfied. To live for a few hours with a feeling of hunger is a reminder that we are constantly dependent on God for all that sustains us. That would be an appropriate dedication for all our fasting and abstinence this Lent.

The Many Ways to Live Lent

Lent is a collective journey for the Church and an individual experience for each Catholic, which means people may approach Lent in various ways. Some choose to give up something they'll miss, others choose to give more. It's never too late to start again. Below are some ideas on how to live your Lent.

Lent in Your Email Inbox

Read the free daily Lent reflections from Father Robert Barron from Word on Fire Catholic Ministries: Anything that comes from Word on Fire is always rife with spiritual wisdom. lentreflections.com

“Best Lent Ever” from Dynamic Catholic: Each week, participants in this free email program will receive short videos from Matthew Kelly that unpack “the genius of Catholicism” and inspire them to becoming the best version of themselves. dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/

Lent for Families, Teens and Kids

Catholic Icing's Lent activities for children: From Lenten calendars and an instructional for making a homemade crown of thorns to a DIY candle Stations of the Cross and almsgiving boxes, there are crafty and creative ideas for helping your kids engage more fully in Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, the Stations of the Cross, Palm Sunday and Holy Week. catholicicing.com/lenten-activities-for-children

LifeTeen.com's “102 Things You Should Really Give Up for Lent”: Every year, the Life Teen staff (this 2015 list is from Christina Mead) comes up with a refreshing list of out-of-the-box ideas of things that teens — or anyone — should consider giving up for Lent. Give-this-up idea No. 69 — not going to confession because it's scary — is only one of the many short but powerful suggestions. lifeteen.com/102-things-really-give-lent/

Lent for Social Media and Smartphone Users

The #ShareJesus project: This Lenten social-media challenge from Life Teen encourages people to stay on Twitter and Facebook for Lent and seize the opportunity to share a short video each day about Jesus by top Catholic presenters. lifeteen.com/sharejesus-social-media-challenge-lent/



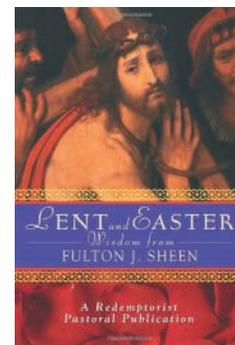
“Lentsanity” app: The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (Focus) brings you the Lentsanity app and other social-media resources with reminders not to eat meat on Fridays, illustrated guides for

Lenten observances, “Meat Police-approved” recipes and more.

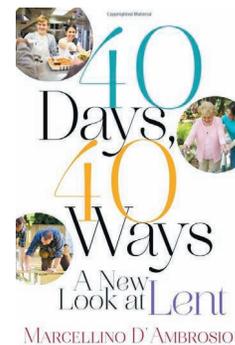
Catholics Come Home's “Movie” and “Heavy Burdens” evangomercials: The media apostolate is en-

couraging Catholics to share these powerful commercials with messages of Christ's healing mercy and the power of the sacrament of reconciliation with others through social media and over email, in conjunction with the ads airing on national TV this Lent. Inviting fallen-away souls home to the Church is certainly a worthy Lenten activity.

Lent for the Bookworm

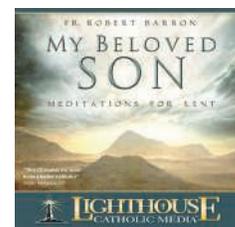


Lent and Easter wisdom from Archbishop Fulton J Sheen: Timeless words from the works of Archbishop Sheen will inspire the heart and imagination. Each day's reflection, from Ash Wednesday through the First Week of Easter, is followed by a related Scripture passage and prayer, ending with a suggested Lenten action.



40 Days, 40 Ways: A New Look at Lent by Marcellino D'Ambrosio: This book will transform your Lenten experience for years to come.

Lent on Audio and Video



My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent, distributed by Lighthouse Catholic Media, offers Father Barron's thoughts on spiritual discipline.

Excerpted from **The 2015 ultimate Lenten resource Guide** by The National Catholic Register. for more information go to ncregister.com/daily-news/the-2015-ultimate-lenten-resource-guide/

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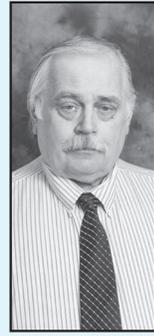
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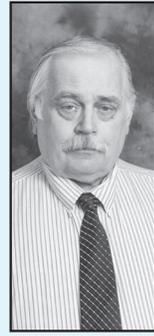


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