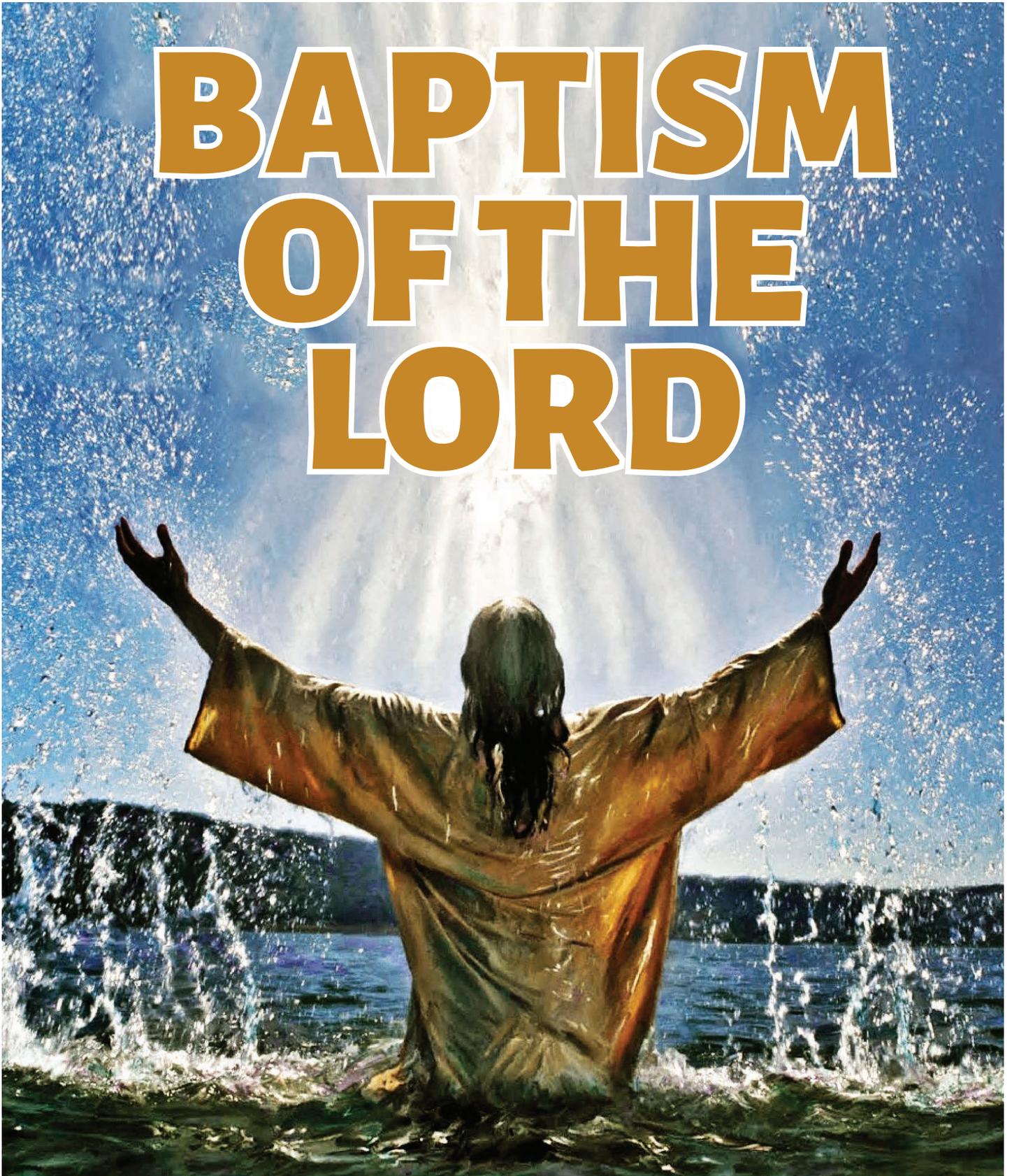


# BAPTISM OF THE LORD



SAVE THE DATE!!

# March 6, 2016: St. Anne's Parish Auction



Our parish auction will take place once again in 2016 so mark your calendars for March 6. The doors will open at 12:00 noon. If you would like to donate some auction items, please bring all donations (including Gift Cards and Gift Certificates) to the rectory and label them "Parish Auction". Volunteers are always needed and welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the rectory at 201-360-0838.

## 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.

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# The Baptism of The Lord



Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice

from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

## SECAUCUS

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EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US:

# Finding, Knowing, and Following Jesus Christ

By **DREW STUART, MA**

*She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' All of this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means God is with us. (MATTHEW 1: 22-23)*

*Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations...And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. (MATTHEW 28:19-20)*

In the four weeks prior to Christmas, the Church celebrated the season of Advent. It is a time of joyful anticipation and celebration of Jesus' first coming in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago and preparation for his Second coming at the end of the world. This being the case, Advent should have given us an opportunity for prayer and reflection, a chance to slow down and focus on Jesus' presence in our lives. However, if you're anything like me, you probably found yourself caught up in the rush of preparing for Christmas (buying gifts, sending cards, attending holiday parties, making travel plans, etc.) and therefore may not have had much time to slow down and enjoy the Advent season.

Now, however, the rush of the holiday season is over. New Year's Day has come and gone and, hopefully, our lives will begin to return to normal. As the rush ends and we find time to focus, perhaps we'll be able to reflect on Jesus' presence in our lives. After all, something as important as this shouldn't be limited to a specific time or season. In that spirit, let's take a minute to take a look at the two bible passages above. In the first passage, from the first chapter of Matthew's gospel, we are told about an angel appearing to Joseph to ease his fears and encourage him to take Mary as his wife. The angel assures Joseph that the child Mary now bears is the Son of God, the Messiah, who will save



humanity from sin. Then, Matthew asserts that all of this happened to fulfill a prophecy of salvation from the prophet Isaiah. In the prophecy, Isaiah promised Ahaz, the king of Judah, a sign to show that Jerusalem would not fall to an alliance of its enemies. As a sign of good faith, Isaiah says a young woman (or virgin) shall conceive a child and that this child shall be called Emmanuel, meaning *God is with us*. Jesus, who is the Son of God incarnate in human flesh, fulfills this prophecy by literally being God made physically present to all humanity. His words, actions, and presence perfectly revealed God's love for us.

Going even farther with this theme of God's love, we know that it was the impetus for the Jesus' Incarnation. JOHN 3:16 implies this, saying, *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life*. While humanity had turned away from God and fallen into sin ignoring the prophets and other messengers, God did not give up. Instead, God chose to go an unexpected route, revealing himself and his radical love and mercy by becoming a human being in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus' death and Resurrection convey God's mercy and ensure that we can always be forgiven. To put it simply, the all-powerful and all-knowing God loved us so much that he chose to be born as a helpless and defenseless infant that first Christmas over 2000 years ago. He did all of this as part of his plan to save us and reveal

how great his love truly is, culminating in Jesus's loving self-sacrifice on the cross.

The idea that Jesus is God with us becomes even comforting when considered in conjunction with the second passage above. Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus spoke to his disciples, telling them to go forth and make disciples of all nations. Understanding that this would not be easy, he promises that he will be with them always, even until the end of time. This promise, made to the original disciples, extends to us. Jesus, God with us, is with us everywhere, at all times. This is why we can and should reflect on his presence in our lives. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, and because he promises to be with us at all times, nothing that we or anyone else can do can fully separate from God's love and mercy.

But how does all of this affect our daily lives? First, since Jesus' is always present, we understand prayer is possible anytime and anywhere. Any relationship requires conversation or at least some kind of communication. If we wish to have a relationship with Christ, prayer is essential. Unfortunately, many of us have busy schedules that seem to make finding time for prayer difficult. This becomes a non-issue when we consider that Christ is always with us. You can use any moment, your daily commute, your workout, a coffee break, etc as an opportunity for prayer.

Second, Jesus' presence in our lives can be a source of strength and comfort

in times of trouble. Life can be challenging at times and these challenges can seem insurmountable. The loss of friends or family members, trouble at home or at work, money problems, or finding out that we or someone we love has a terminal illness, in all of these situations, we can feel like we're alone or have no one to turn to. However, Jesus promised to be with us always and if we turn to him when life's challenges seem to be dragging us down, we can experience God's love and mercy as he lifts us up. When we're feeling overly stressed, when a situation seems hopeless, and when our minds desperately try to find solutions, we can spend a few minutes in prayer, asking Christ to be our source of strength and help us find the solutions and the comfort we seek.

Finally, once we recognize Jesus love and mercy in our own lives, we should be driven to share this same love and mercy with others. The holiday season is often portrayed as a time of kindness and generosity. Now that the season is over, charitable organizations will see less giving and the warmth and joy that mark the season (in spite of the rush) will fade. While it's great to be generous during the holidays, as Christians, we should recognize Christ's presence by showing his love and mercy to others each day of our lives. Pope Francis has made sharing Christ's love and mercy a major theme of his papacy and has even declared the new church year (which started December 8) to be the year of mercy. Let us seek to positive transformation in this Extraordinary Year of Mercy and resolve ourselves to make a concerted effort to constantly bring Christ's love and mercy to others. Let's forgive and be kind those who have hurt us, give to those in need, care for those on the fringes of society, and be present to those who are lost or lonely. In this way, we can become images of Christ for others, drawing them to him so that they too can share in the joy that his presence brings.

# Five Ways to Live the Year of Mercy Spiritually

The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015. Here are some practices to integrate into your prayer time, starting now, to open your heart to the Holy Spirit and prepare to “live” mercy during the Jubilee Year.

By **JILL RAUH**  
USCCB —JUSTICE, PEACE &  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

## Pray for awareness of God in your own life

Where is God's grace present in your daily life? In the communities you are part of? Next, pray for awareness of how you are in need of God's love and mercy. Where is there brokenness in your relationship with yourself, God, other people, and creation?

**Pray with the Gospel** *Mercy*, Pope Francis says, is “the beating heart of the Gospel”



(*Misericordiae Vultus*). Prayerfully read these parables devoted to mercy: the lost sheep (Lk 15:1-7), the lost coin (Lk 15:8-10), and the lost son (Lk 15:9-32). Consider: What do these parables reveal about the Father's attitude towards those who are lost? Read the parables again, imagining yourself as the lost sheep, coin, and son. How does it feel to be found or forgiven? Read the parables a third time, imagining that the lost sheep, coin, or son is someone who is marginalized or at the periphery. How does the Father extend mercy to the one who is lost? How have you practiced mercy towards those on the periphery? Open yourself to what God may be saying to you through these passages.

**Encounter** We open ourselves to the Father's mercy, Pope Francis writes, *when we look “sincerely” into the eyes of our brothers and sisters including those “who are denied their dignity.”* Who are you called to encounter? Perhaps it is an estranged family member or neighbor, or someone of a different culture, religion, socioeconomic status, or political viewpoint. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to be open, your ears to listen, and your eyes to adopt Jesus' gaze towards the “other.” Parishes or communities desiring to

facilitate a communal experience of encounter may find this resource useful.

**Prepare to be merciful** Consider the spiritual works of mercy (counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead), and the corporal works of mercy (feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead). Which of each do you find easiest? Which do you find more difficult? Where do you need to grow?



Select one work to practice each week. During your prayer time each evening, check in about how you are doing and ask for God's help.

**We're in it together** Individual acts are important, and our collective actions and decisions help create spaces for grace—or structures of sin. As a society, and in our laws and policies, where do we practice mercy? Where do we fail to extend mercy? In our families, parishes, schools, neighborhoods, towns, nation and world, to whom do we extend mercy? From whom do we withhold it? How does this help or hurt all of us?

These exercises for prayer and reflection are only a start. Preparing our hearts for the Jubilee Year can help us live out Pope Francis's vision in *Evangelii Gaudium* of a Church, which, “guided by the Gospel of mercy and by love for mankind, hears the cry for justice” and responds to Jesus' command in Mark 6:37 by *working to eliminate the structural causes of poverty* (NO 188). We start with prayer, then reach out to encounter others. Then we learn and discern together about how we might be called to act. The Jubilee Year of Mercy is the perfect opportunity to engage this process.

**Let's get started!**

MARCH FOR LIFE 2016

## Pro-Life and Pro-Woman Go Hand in Hand



January 22, 2016 will mark the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Roe v Wade. Once again thousands of people will gather in Washington DC for the “March for Life.” The Respect Life Office has purchased new banners that will represent the Archdiocese of Newark and participants should try to remain close to the banners. If you plan on attending the March on your own, with your parish bus or through Rally Bus ([rallybus.net/newark-march](http://rallybus.net/newark-march)), the Respect Life Office asks that you meet on the NW corner of NW 15<sup>th</sup> street and Constitution Avenue at 12:00pm. We will gather, then proceed to the March. You can still bring your individual banner.

## Christmas Collection Report

Thanks to everyone for making this Christmas a very merry one! On behalf of the staff and other priests, I would like to thank you for all your thoughtful cards, filled with wonderful prayers and wishes, and all of your kind gifts (some so delicious I've gained 10 pounds in 2 weeks). Currently, Christmas donations total \$9,167. Thanks to all who give so generously to support the mission of the Church. Attendance at all 5 Christmas Masses was approximately 500 souls. Charitable giving to the poor and the vulnerable for Christmas stands at \$3,600. Outreach to the sick and the imprisoned included visits on Christmas day to Meadowview Hospital, Christ Hospital, Jersey City Medical Center, Newark University Hospital, and Hudson County Juvenile Detention Center. My apologies to those who did not receive a priestly visit for the holiday—I hope to see you in the new year.

Several families had to enter into the holiday season either mourning for, or caring for, a loved one killed or injured due to an act of violence. To you especially, I would like to extend sincerest prayers that the peace of the Christ Child, who Himself was born into a world of violence on that first Christmas, be yours throughout this new calendar year. God chose to be born in the midst of poverty and other forms of violence to assure us that He is with us especially there. May that give comfort and assurance to those who suffer this holiday season, and encouragement to the rest of us to continue the Mission throughout this new year.



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## Pastoral Team

<b>Fr. Nigel</b>	<b>Parish Priest</b>
<b>Fr. J. Ranieri</b>	<b>Weekend Assistant</b>
<b>Msgr. L.J. Miller</b>	<b>Weekend Assistant</b>
<b>Fr. D.X. Stump, S.J.</b>	<b>Weekday Assistant</b>
<b>Mrs. J. Waddleton &amp; Lt. J. Carroll</b>	<b>Trustee</b>

## Weekly Planner

### SUNDAY 1/10 • The Baptism of the Lord

10 AM	Mass; Lessons at Home <i>Church</i>
10 AM – 1 PM	H.N.S. Mass/Mtg <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>
1–3 PM	Fil–Am Mtg <i>Cent Hall</i>

### MONDAY 1/11

1–3 PM	St. Anne Seniors <i>Cent Hall</i>
3:30–4:30 PM	Legion of Mary <i>Convent</i>

### TUESDAY 1/12

12:15 PM	Bingo <i>Cent Hall</i>
3–4 PM	Holy Hour for Priests <i>Convent Chapel</i>

### WEDNESDAY 1/13

### THURSDAY 1/14

### FRIDAY 1/15

12:15 PM	Bingo <i>Cent Hall</i>
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### SATURDAY 1/16

### SUNDAY 1/17 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 AM	CCD <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>
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## 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
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<b>Monday ▶ Saturday: Mass Church</b>	9 AM
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<b>Wednesday: Mass Church</b>	7 PM
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## Holy Hour

<b>Tuesdays Convent Chapel</b>	3–4 PM
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## Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays <i>Church (Or by Appointment)</i>	5 PM
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## Schedule of Masses January 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### Monday, January 11

9 AM	† Christina Burke
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### Tuesday, January 12

9 AM	† Paolo Principe <i>Ruth Cullen</i>
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### Wednesday, January 13

9 AM	† Leo Weiner <i>Paige Aly</i>
7 PM	† Special Intention <i>OL Perpetual Help Group</i>

### Thursday, January 14

9 AM	† Alessandro Belfiore <i>Wife Toni</i>
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### Friday, January 15

9 AM	† Lorenza Dairo <i>Ruth Cullen</i>
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### Saturday, January 16

9 AM	† Eduardo Gonzelez <i>Parish Intention</i> <i>1st Anniv. in Heaven</i>
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5:30 PM	† Maureen Alice Marino <i>John &amp; Debby Faherty</i>
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7 PM	† Eduardo Gonzalez <i>Wife</i>
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## Novena – January 2016

<b>Requested for</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
† Charles Kaufman	Mary Kaufman
Gemma Silva	Mother
Lawrence Shin	Family
John Shin	Family
Angela Aversano	Family

## Sunday, January 17

8 AM	† Charles Kaufman <i>Joyce Tuzzo</i>
10 AM	† Christina Burke <i>Marie Carlson</i>
12 PM	† Lorenza Dairo <i>St. Joseph Morning Prayer Group</i>

## Sunday Readings

First Reading:	<b>Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7</b>
Psalm:	<b>Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10</b>
Second Reading:	<b>Acts 10:34-38</b>
Gospel:	<b>Luke 3:15-16, 21-22</b>

## Weekday Readings

**Monday** 1 Sm 1:1-8/ Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/ Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday** 1 Sm 1:9-20/ 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8 ABCD/ Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/ Ps 40:2 & 5, 7-8A, 8B-9, 10/ Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday** 1 Sm 4:1-11/ Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45

**Friday** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22A/ Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1/ Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17

## Sanctuary Gifts for January 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Gift	In Memory/Honor of	Requested By
<b>Altar Wine</b>	† Carmen Rizzo	Parish Intention
<b>Altar Bread</b>	† John L. Churuti III	Parish Intention
<b>Sanct. Lamp</b>	In honor of	
	Thanksgiving	Parish Intention
<b>Altar Candles</b>	† Kathleen McGuinness	Parish Intention

## Sick List

**Let us pray for the sick** (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Patricia Kucinski ● Robert Porcelli ● Dolores McNamara ● Jennifer O'Connor ● Donna Tuzzo ● Matt Bolger ● Dennis Mallon ● Marie Carlson ● Lawrence Shin ● Lupe Pena, ● Frances Kearns ● Josephine Cermak Rowan ● Steve & Rachel Mastin ● Diane Shea ● 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

## 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: [info@sahjerseycity.com](mailto:info@sahjerseycity.com)**

## January Papal Prayer Intentions

**Universal:** That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

**Evangelization:** That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

## Religious Education News

**Our Religious Ed Office is located inside St. Anne's Rectory. Office Hours: M-T-W 9 am to 5 PM, TR & F, 10 am to 5 pm.**

## Social Media

Please follow the official Twitter channels of the parish:

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	<a href="#">sah_goodnews</a>	<a href="#">Faith Formation Grade 2—3</a>
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	<a href="#">stah_nation</a>	<a href="#">General parish feed</a>

## Website & Online Services

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Parish Calendar and online

Readings of the Day: [sahjerseycity.com/calendar](http://sahjerseycity.com/calendar)

## How much should I give in the collection basket each Sunday?

We ask each person working in the household to gift one hour's wage to the parish every week. How much is one hour? Below you can find the recommended contribution based on your annual combined income:

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\$50,000	<b>\$25</b>
\$40,000	<b>\$20</b>
\$35,000	<b>\$17</b>
\$30,000	<b>\$15</b>
\$25,000	<b>\$12</b>
\$20,000	<b>\$10</b>
\$15,000	<b>\$7</b>

We are grateful for your contribution!

## Baptism Information

**Baptisms take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every Month: 2 Baptisms per Mass at 10 AM & 12 Noon (English).** Because they will be promising to help raise your child in the practice of the Faith, the church requires that at least one of your child's godparents be a 'fully initiated Roman Catholic,' i.e., one who has been Baptized and received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. At the time of registering your child for Baptism, we ask that one of your chosen godparents provide a copy of their Confirmation certificate or some documentation from their church of Baptism or Confirmation indicating the month and year of their Confirmation. GODPARENTS & PARENTS are also required to attend a "baptism instruction" session on Saturday (the day before the Baptism) @ 4:00 PM in CHURCH (English & Spanish). A donation to the church for Baptism is always appreciated: please place your offering in an envelope marked 'BAPTISM' with your child's name and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. **Contact the office with any questions. Thank You.**

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