"A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more." MATTHEW 2:18





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Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 6/19 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FATHER'S DAY			
MONDAY 6/20			
3:30—4:30 PM	Legion of Mary Convent		
6—8 PM	Daisy/Jr Mtg Cent Hall		
TUESDAY 6/21			
12:15 PM	Bingo Cent Hall		
7—8 PM	Nelson Ave. Block Assoc. Cent Hall		
WEDNESDAY 6/2	2		
7—7:30 PM	SF Novena to OL Mother Perp		
	Church		
THURSDAY 6/23			
7—7:30 PM	Novena to OL Mother Perp Church		
FRIDAY 6/24			
12:15 PM	Bingo-Cent Hall		
7—11 PM	SF Novena to OL Mother Perp-		
	Church/Cent Hall		
7:30—9:30 PM	J&M Prayer Mtg Convent		
SATURDAY 6/25			
12—1 PM	Fortnight for Freedom Prayers		
	Church Steps		
5 PM	Confessions church		
SUNDAY 6/26			
13TH SUNDAY IN	ORDINARY TIME		
Sick List			

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Doreen Busacca, Kathleen Link, Orlando Basile, Marie Carlson, John Norton, Patricia Kucinski, Frank McNamara, Jennifer O'Connor, Donna Tuzzo, Matt Bolger, 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*

Baptism Information

Families are asked to please contact the Rectory for further information on preparing for the sacrament of Baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony

In accordance with archdiocesan policy, couples contemplating marriage are asked to begin the sacramental preparation program at least one year in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the Rectory for further information.

Mass Int	enti	ions • June 19	9 ^{th—} 2	26 th 2016
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Tues 6/21				
9 AM	+Cł	ristina Burke		
Wed 6/22				
9 AM	Ang	gela Aversano	Fam	
7 PM	Spe	cial Intention		Perpetual 9 Group
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9 AM	+Ar	nna Vispo Fiore	Dau	ghter, Toni
Fri 6/24				
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Sat 6/25				
9 AM	†Ca	therine O'Keeffe	Son	& Daughter
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7:00 PM	+Rc	osa Amboloi	Fam	ily
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Parish registration:

Website:

General parish feed :

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:

Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly donation)
\$75,000	\$38
\$50,000	\$25
\$40,000	\$20
\$30,000	\$15
\$25,000	\$12
\$20,000	\$10

Father's Day — This Sunday

All of our living and deceased Fathers will be remembered at the masses on Father's Day, if you would like to make a donation in memory of someone, please fill out a remembrance envelope and place in the collection basket at the Offertory. Thank you.

June Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: Human Solidarity — That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may findeven within the huge cities of the world–opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices — That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

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Family Faith Formation

Please contact Rectory for more information. Please follow the Twitter channels of the parish:

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🄰 @sah_goodnews	Faith Formation Grade 2-3
🎔 sah_venture	Faith Formation Grade 4—6
🎔 sah_visions	Faith Formation Grade 7—8
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADDRESSING ABUSE: The Archdiocese Addresses Victims' Concerns

Since his arrival in 2001 and his participation in the drafting of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Archbishop Myers has on many occasions either individually or with bishops in the United States, with the Holy Father, and with clergy throughout the world, acknowledged publicly the pain that sexual offenders inside the Church have inflicted on the innocent. At Chrism Masses before the entire presbyterate and parish representatives of the Archdiocese, in media interviews, in statements issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and in essays and columns, Archbishop Myers has stated that "a Church which spends the largest portion of its resources and the largest portion of its personnel in serving children, can never, and will never, condone anything which harms those children...We also extend our apology and our assurance of support and help to those who have been harmed and who are seeking healing and support." Beyond words, however, are actions. Assistance to victims, training and background checks of staff and volunteers, reporting accusations to civil authorities, removing clergy with substantiated accusations - these are clear indications that the Archbishop and the Archdiocese abhor child abuse. What's more, 20 years ago, the Archdiocese was one of the first dioceses in the country to establish a formal Review Board of experts with legal, law enforcement, clinical and investigative background to examine allegations of abuse and recommend to the Archbishop action under Church law.

Sunday Readings

First Reading:	ZEC 12:10-11; 13:1
Psalm:	PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Second Reading:	GAL 3:26-291
Gospel:	LK 9:18-24
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Mon 2 KCS 17:5-8,13-15A,18/PS 60:3,4-5,12-13/MT 7:1-5 **Tue** *Saint Aloysius Gonzaga* 2 KCS 19:9B-11,14-21,31-35A, 36/PS 48:2-3AB,3CD-4,10-11/MT 7:6,12-14

Wed 2 KGS 22:8-13; 23:1-3 / PS 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 / MT 7:15-20

Thu 2 KGS 24:8-17/PS 79:1B-2,3-5,8,9/MT 7:21-29 **Fri** *Nativity of Saint John the Baptist* IS 49:1-6/PS 139:1B-3, 13-14AB,14C-15/ACTS 13:22-26/LK1:57-66,80

Sat LAM 2:2,10-14,18-19/PS 74:1B-2,3-5,6-7,20-21/MT 8:5-17

St. Anne's Festival Digital Journal Advertisement

St. Anne's Festival 2016 is set to take place on **July 22, 23, 24, 2016**. For the last 19 years, we have held an annual 3-day indoor/outdoor Festival honoring our Patroness, Saint Anne and raising funds for the parish and community. In an effort to strengthen and revive our commitment to both parishioners and the community, we have developed a new theme for this year's Festival: "Back to the Roots." Our goal is to connect and reconnect members of our community as a whole – both past and present, old and new.

The festival will include LIVE NIGHTLY ENTER-TAINMENT, traditional festival foods, games of chance, a Grand 50/50 drawing and much, much more! Most importantly, it's an opportunity to spend a fun-filled summer weekend with family and friends of our community.

This year, the Festival Committee will be producing a digital St. Anne's Festival Souvenir Journal; (physical prints of the journal will be made only through special request); please attach your ad material to enclosed form.

The JOURNAL will highlight the different activities during the celebration and contain advertisements and well-wishes (a memoriam, living wishes, birth announcements, congratulatories on graduations, engagements, weddings, special anniversaries, etc) to and from many supporters. You may include a picture for your ad at no additional charge!

The journal pages are 8 1/2" x 11" and are available at the following rates:

Full Page	\$125.00
Half Full Page	\$75.00
Quarter Page	\$ 50.00
Special Donors	\$ 25.00

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St. Anne's Festival 2016

Gift Wheel Donations for Festival

The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group has been very successful running the **Gift Wheel** at St. Anne's Festival the past few years; we are proud to say you have helped to make this possible. Once again, we are asking for new gifts or monetary donations to help make this year's **Gift Wheel** more successful than

Soda And Water Donations

The Festival Committee 2016 will begin "Soda Sunday...and Saturday Nights too!" Each weekend beginning June 19th thru July 17th, we're asking parishioners to donate cases of soda (regular or diet) and water to help lower our costs for the festival. With summer here, you're sure to spot great discounts on cases of soda and water

The Sweet Life Booth!

Celebrate your love of Sports at this year's SWEET LIFE booth. We are asking for monetary donations that allow us to purchase the "Sweets and Treats" for this booth. Please mark the donation envelope "Festival-Sweet Life Booth" and drop it off at the rectory or give it to a festival

Meetings now on Wednesdays

St. Anne's Festival will take place July 22,23,24, 2016! Licenses are being processed; festival meetings will take place in Centennial Hall on ever. Please mark your donation envelope or gift donation "Festival-Gift Wheel" and drop your donations at the rectory or call Fran Spazian at 201-653-1318 for more information. **Thank you for your past and continued generous support.**

at your local supermarket; so when you do, please pick 1 up and drop it off in the church vestibule on your way to Mass during any of our **Soda Sundays...and Saturday Nights** and we'll keep them on ice for you until the festival! **Many thanks in advance for your continued generosity**.

committee member. Thank you in advance for your contribution. It is your generosity that makes the festival truly successful. For questions please contact Debby DeVenezia or John Faherty at 201-222-3475 or ddevenezia@hotmail.com

Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM on the following Wednesdays: June 29, July 6, 13, 20.

"Feast of Mother of Perpetual Help Triduum Mass and Novena"

(Now on it's 23rd year at St. Anne)

June 22 – 24 , 2016

(WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY) Mass every night at 7 PM at the Church Pot Luck Dinner @ the Centennial Hall after the Mass on June 24 (Friday).

For more information, please contact Celia Morales @ 201-963-5030, Ric Rivera @ 201-653-0614, Aniway Olaya @ 201-792-3759, Florencia de la Cruz @ 201-239-1060.



Lord, Bless our new home with your love. Sheila, Pedro, Baby & Mama.

Pope horrified by deadly attack in Orlando



In a June 12 statement Fr. Federico Lombardi, the Holy See press officer, said the "terrible massacre," which has left a "dreadfully high number of innocent victims, has caused in Pope Francis, and in all of us, the deepest feelings of horror and condemnation, of pain and turmoil before this new manifestation of homicidal folly and senseless hatred."

"Pope Francis joins the families of the victims and all of the injured in prayer and in compassion," the statement reads. "Sharing in their indescribable suffering he entrusts them to the Lord so they may find comfort."

"We all hope that ways may be found, as soon as possible, to effectively identify and contrast the causes of such terrible and absurd violence which so deeply upsets the desire for peace of the American people and of the whole of humanity."

At least 50 people were killed and 53 were injured in the early hours of June 12 when a gunman identified as 29-year-old Omar Mateen exchanged fire with a police officer working at Pulse nightclub, which caters to gay clientele.

Mateen, who was from Florida and was of Afghan descent, took hostages for as much as three hours, and was shot to death by Swat officers. Though the mass violence is thought to be ideologically motivated, he was not known to have links to any terrorist groups.

The death toll makes the Orlando shooting the worst in United States history.

While the US and much of the wider world continues to reel from the attack, Bishop John Noonan led an interfaith prayer "to dry the tears" of the community last Monday. To be sure, the title of the service was no accident – it was lifted from that of another vigil held last month in St Peter's, at which all "those in need of consolation" were invited to participate, with the Pope presiding. As Francis' homily then seems to fit a good deal of this moment for many, here it is again:

At times of sadness, suffering and sickness, amid the anguish of persecution and grief, everyone looks for a word of consolation. We sense a powerful need for someone to be close and feel compassion for us. We experience what it means to be disoriented, confused, more heartsick than we ever thought possible. We look around us with uncertainty, trying to see if we can find someone who really understands our pain. Our mind is full of questions but answers do not come. Reason by itself is not capable of making sense of our deepest feelings, appreciating the grief we experience and providing the answers we are looking for. At times like these, more than ever do we need the reasons of the heart, which alone can help us understand the mystery which embraces our loneliness.

How much sadness we see in so many faces all around us! How many tears are shed every second in our world; each is different but together they form, as it were, an ocean of desolation that cries out for mercy, compassion and consolation. The bitterest tears are those caused by human evil: the tears of those who have seen a loved one violently torn from them; the tears of grandparents, mothers and fathers, children: eves that keep staring at the sunset and find it hard to see the dawn of a new day. We need the mercy, the consolation that comes from the Lord. All of us need it. This is our poverty but also our grandeur: to plead for the consolation of God, who in his tenderness comes to wipe the tears from our eyes (cf. Is 25:8; Rev 7:17; 21:4).

In our pain, we are not alone. Jesus, too, knows what it means to weep for the loss of a loved one. In one of the most moving pages of the Gospel. Jesus sees Mary weeping for the death of her brother Lazarus. Nor can he hold back tears. He was deeply moved and began to weep (cf. Jn 11:33-35). The evangelist John, in describing this, wanted to show how much Jesus shared in the sadness and grief of his friends. Jesus' tears have unsettled many theologians over the centuries, but even more they have bathed so many souls and been a balm to so much hurt. Jesus also experienced in his own person the fear of suffering and death, disappointment and discouragement at the betrayal of Judas and Peter, and grief at the death of his friend Lazarus. Jesus "does not abandon



those whom he loves" (Augustine, In Joh., 49, 5). If God could weep, then I too can weep, in the knowledge that he understands me. The tears of Jesus serve as an antidote to my indifference before the suffering of my brothers and sisters. His tears teach me to make my own the pain of others, to share in the discouragement and sufferings of those experiencing painful situations. They make me realize the sadness and desperation of those who have even seen the body of a dear one taken from them, and who no longer have a place in which to find consolation. Jesus' tears cannot go without a response on the part of those who believe in him. As he consoles, so we too are called to console.

In the moment of confusion, dismay and tears, Christ's heart turned in prayer to the Father. Prayer is the true medicine for our suffering. In prayer, we too can feel God's presence. The tenderness of his gaze comforts us; the power of his word supports us and gives us hope. Jesus, standing before the tomb of Lazarus, prayed, saying: "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me" (Jn 11:41-42). We too need the certainty that the Father

hears us and comes to our aid. The love of God, poured into our hearts, allows us to say that when we love, nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from those we have loved. The apostle Paul tells us this with words of great comfort: "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness or the sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:35, 37-39). The power of love turns suffering into the certainty of Christ's victory, and our own victory in union with him, and into the hope that one day we will once more be together and will forever contemplate the face of the Trinity Blessed, the eternal wellspring of life and love. At the foot of every cross, the Mother of Jesus is always there. With her mantle, she wipes away our tears. With her outstretched hand, she helps us to rise up and she accompanies us along the path of hope.

What is the Fortnight for Freedom?

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21 to July 4. Join us on Saturday 6/25 from 12 to 1 PM for Fortnight for Freedom Prayers on the church steps.



St Maximilian Kolbe

"No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it."

The 20th century has been called the Century of Martyrs. Some historians estimate that more people died for their faith in the 20th century than the previous nineteen centuries combined. The 20th century saw a massive amount of bloodshed from people who died because of their faith. One of the most dramatic examples of these martyrs is Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan priest who offered his life in the Auschwitz death camp in exchange for the life of another man, a husband and father.

Maximilian Kolbe saw the evil of both the Nazi fascism invading Poland from the west and communism invading Poland from the east. The squeezing of the Polish people was partly a military effort, but perhaps more profoundly, it was an attempt to drain Poland of its culture, which was decidedly Catholic.

Totalitarian regimes cannot tolerate an authoritative voice other than the state. In response to the attack on the very life of the Polish faithful, Maximilian Kolbe invested his time and energy into creating a counter voice through print media and the formation of priests. The saint knew that what faced Poland and the western world was first and foremost a spiritual battle and thus needed a spiritual response. In establishing various newspapers and



houses of formation, Maximilian Kolbe heroically and courageously stood up to the secular powers of his time. His work showed that the political powers may gain control of civil institutions, but they would never and could never gain control of the human spirit.

This great priest must have known he risked his life, but it was a risk he was willing to take in order to witness to the true dignity of the human person. In the end, he did give up his life when he offered to take the place of a father and husband who was to be executed at Auschwitz. In his life and death, Fr Kolbe achieved victory over the lies of the totalitarian movements that tried to redefine God's created order. Totalitarian ideologies may appear strong temporarily, but the martyr reveals that the human spirit, strengthened by God's grace, is stronger.

St Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Dignitatis Humanae

The Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Liberty

On December 7, 1965, the Second Vatican Council approved *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Declaration on Religious Liberty.... The Declaration addresses a question that comes up in every generation: *how do we understand freedom, truth, and the relationship between church and state*?

Religious freedom includes two important aspects — freedom from and freedom for. *Freedom from* is probably familiar and what most of us think of as freedom. It means that we are to be free from coercion. The state is not an all-powerful institution that can force people to act against their consciences.

The right to be free from coercion limits the power of the state. But this freedom must be paired with a freedom for, a positive orientation to seeking and acting in accordance with the truth. People have both a right and a duty to seek religious truth. Freedom from coercion allows the space for the pursuit of religious truth. Religious freedom requires that a society both refrain from preventing people from living out their religion and help to create the conditions for religious expression to flourish. A free society, then, is one where people actively seek religious truth and fully live out that truth in public and private. As Pope Francis recently said in Cuba, the Church must have "the freedom and all the means needed to bring the proclamation of the Kingdom to the existential peripheries of society."

Human beings are social creatures. Religious freedom means that not only individuals but also families, communities, and institutions enjoy the space to live out religious convictions. Parents have a fundamental right to teach their children their faith. Companies that seek to contribute to the common good by their responsible business practices should be encouraged. Religious freedom belongs to groups as well as individuals.

This social dimension of religious freedom entails that religious freedom includes the freedom to practice our faith in public. In our culture, some tend to think that religious liberty means only that individuals can worship without interference from the government. This understanding is inadequate. Religious schools, hospitals, and charities should be able to operate in accordance with their faith. Indeed, the work of these organizations is part and parcel of their faith. They are expressions of religious mission, and religions must have the space to live out their missions.

As the title of the Declaration suggests, human dignity is central to Dignitatis Humanae. A most precious aspect of being human is the twofold capacity to exercise reason and to respond to found truth. It is natural to ask, How do I live a good life? Who created this wonderful world, and how should I respond to this Creator? Why is there suffering, and how should I alleviate it?

Religious traditions offer answers to these deeply human questions. It is imperative for the sake of human dignity that people are free to pursue these questions. The pursuit of truth involves an ability to listen, for God has made us with a capacity to hear his Word. Religious freedom is the cornerstone of a society that promotes human dignity. It is a fundamental human right, for it follows on the duty of all people to seek the truth about God.



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