



# St. Anne's Church

3545 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City

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The parishes of Jersey City North (Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Saint Aedan, Saint Ann, Saint Anne, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Joseph, Saint Nicholas and Saint Paul of the Cross) are proud to sponsor and support quality Catholic elementary education at the Middle States accredited schools: Saint Anne School, Saint Joseph School (201-653-0392) and Saint Nicholas School (201-659-5354).

We Invite You To Join Us In The Celebration Of The Eucharist

**Saturday Evening:** (anticipating Sunday) **5:30 PM (English) 7:00 PM (Misa Dominical)**

**Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM; and 12:00 Noon**

**Monday through Friday 7:00 & 9:00 AM; Saturday 9:00 AM; Wednesdays 7:00 PM; Holy Days as Announced**

**Sacrament of Penance: by Appointment or Saturdays 1:00-1:30 PM & 5:00-5:30 PM**

**Parish Membership: Our Parish Family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the Parish is requested to register at the Rectory. Please notify the Rectory of any address change.**

#### Los Sacramentos:

Llame a la oficina para registrarse y pedir

#### Sacrament of Baptism

**Infant Baptisms** take place on the **4th Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm**. Prior arrangements are necessary. A **pre-baptismal program** will take place on the **3rd Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm for parents and godparents** in the preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. **Please make arrangements with the rectory for an appointment.**

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults who have not been Baptized or have been Baptized in another Christian Community and wish to enter into full communion and adults who have not received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, please contact the Rectory for further information.

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples who are contemplating sharing the Sacrament of Marriage should contact one of the priests one year in advance to insure adequate preparation for this lifelong commitment.

#### Religious Education

The education of our youth and the sharing of our heritage is a priority in our parish. We have two Schools to aid our parents in

their mission as primary educators of the faith. We invite all members of our parish to become actively involved with the school of their choice. For information on St. Anne's Parochial School, please contact our principal, Mrs. Gina Iacona. For information on St. Anne's Religious Education Program, please contact Sister Alberta Manzo, our D.R.E. Classes are held on Sundays after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

#### Ministry to the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing is available for anyone seriously ill or of advanced age. In an emergency, call the Rectory at any time. Those who are homebound are still a very important part of our parish and the Eucharist will be brought to the home.

**Please contact the Rectory so arrangements can be made.**

#### Parish Organizations

**Cub Scouts:** 973-368-7627

**Girl Scouts:** 973-429-7499

**Rosary Society:** Monthly meeting is the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in Centennial Hall. All women of the Parish are invited to join.

**Holy Name Society:** Monthly Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM. Meeting follows in Centennial Hall. All men of the Parish are invited to join.

**Legion of Mary:** Meets every Monday at 3:00 PM in the Rectory. All are invited to join.

**St. Anne's Seniors:** Meets 2nd & 4th Monday of every month at 1 PM in Centennial Hall. All are invited to join.

**Fil-Am Association:** General meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month in Centennial Hall.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Society:** General meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in Centennial Hall.

#### Parish Prayer Groups

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** Meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month for prayer in church at 2 PM. Monthly meeting follows in Centennial Hall.

**Jesus & Mary Prayer Group:** Meets every Friday at 7:30 P.M. in rectory basement - First Friday Healing Mass in Church 7:30 p.m. followed by Holy Hour.

#### Novena & Holy Hours

**St. Anne, St. Jude and St. Anthony:** Tuesday after daily Mass

**Sacred Heart:** First Friday of month after daily Mass

**Mass Our Lady of Fatima:** First Saturday of the month after daily Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Every Wednesday 7:00 PM

**San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila:** Last Wednesday every month 7:00 PM

**Holy Hour for Priests:** Tuesday afternoons 3 PM to 4 PM in Church, **except June, July, August.**

**Our St. Joseph's Morning Prayer Group invites you to join them as they pray the Rosary publicly after Mass.**



**Sanctuary Gifts February 12th-18th, 2012**

<i>Gift</i>	<i>In Memory</i>	<i>Requested By</i>
<b>Altar Wine</b>	James Dewan	Lorraine
<b>Altar Bread</b>	James Dewan	Lorraine
<b>Sanctuary Lamp</b>	James Dewan	Lorraine
<b>Altar Candles</b>	James Dewan	Lorraine

**Schedule of Masses February 13th-19th, 2012**

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Requested for</i>	<i>Requested by</i>
<b>Mon. 2/13</b>	7 AM	Pat Pambid	Dennis Marvin
	9 AM	Agripina Cruz	Conchita Cruz
<b>Tues. 2/14</b>	7 AM	Marie Della Rosa	Monique Amabile
	9 AM	Capparelli Family	Roseann
<b>Wed. 2/15</b>	7 AM	Janice Fiorese	St. Anne Festival Committee
	9 AM	Pacita Llamas	Gonzales Family
	7 PM	Antonio Romano	Marianna Viscardi
<b>Thurs. 2/16</b>	7 AM	William Rivas	Dennis O'Sullivan
	9 AM	Janice Fiorese	St. Anne Rosary Society
<b>Fri. 2/17</b>	7 AM	Elaine Kellart	Joseph Cooke
	9 AM	John Zazakos	Jackie
<b>Sat. 2/18</b>	9 AM	James Bombich	Mildred
	5:30 PM Fr. Ed	Nancy Donnelly	Joy Krieger
	7 PM Fr. Nigel	Juan Ortiz	Liliana Ortiz
<b>Sun. 2/19</b>	7:30 AM Fr. John	Alex Belfiore	Wife Toni
	9 AM Fr. Ed	(Liv) Joseph V. Ferrara	Mother
	10:30 AM Fr. Titus	Giuseppe & Rosalina Leone	Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Tango
	12 noon Fr. Nigel	For The People Of The Parish	

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK**



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

*Bill Waddleton Sr., Dianne O'Sullivan, Kenneth and Sadie Krieger, Carl Carlson, Catherine Carlson, Anne Marie Williams, Vincenza Vacca, Helene Clifford, Warren Lewis, Ernest Wicklund*

**Scriptural Reflections on Stewardship**



Jesus manifests the powerful, healing love of God by curing the leper who was forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation. He turned to Jesus in his need and was filled with joy. We are called to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus.



Every Tuesday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the church from 3 to 4 p.m. It is an hour of prayer for the priests, religious men and women and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life of the Church. We invite you to come and spend time with the Lord for these intentions and for your personal requests. Holy Hour closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76;  
Mk 8:11-13

**TUESDAY:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-15,18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**WEDNESDAY:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-5; Mk 8:22-26

**THURSDAY:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

**FRIDAY:** Jas 2:14-24,26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34-9:1

**SATURDAY:** Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-5,7-8; Mk 9:2-13

**NEXT SUNDAY: 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME** Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25; Ps 41:2-5,13-14;  
2Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

### **Religious Education News**

*from Sister Alberta*



CCD Office Hours: Sunday after 9 a.m. Mass; Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; CLOSED THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY. Please call before coming: Office 201-360-0838/ Convent 201-963-0998.

- \* Feb. 12th - CCD Teachers' Meeting
- \* Feb. 13th,15th,24th - Practice in Church for Reconciliation
- \* Feb. 19th - NO CLASS; weekend of President's Day
- \* Feb. 22nd - Fish Fry Centennial Hall
- \* Feb. 25th - Reconciliation Day 11:00 am Church

\* Feb. 26th - CCD Children's Auction Day-Chapel Hall

### **St. Anne's Adult Choir** **English & Spanish Rehearsals**



All Choir rehearsals take place in the Church of St. Anne.

Choir rehearsal (English Liturgies) is held on **Thursdays at 6:30 PM.**

Choir rehearsal (Spanish Liturgies) is held on **Wednesdays at 8:00 pm.**

If you'd like to join either Choir, please attend choir rehearsal or feel free to contact Nancy McGrath at 973-473-6443.

## **St. Anne's 3rd Annual Lent Fish Fry**

sponsored by

**The Holy Name Society**

*Fridays during Lent @ 5pm  
March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th  
Price \$7 in advance & \$8 at the door  
St. Anne's Church  
Centennial Hall*

*The Holy Name Society of St. Anne's will be sponsoring a Fish Fry to be held on Fridays during the season of Lent. Dinners will be available for Dine In or Take Home.*

### **Menu**

**Fish**

**French Fries**

**Cole Slaw**

**Tarter Sauce**

**Soda or Water**

*We hope everyone will be able to dine with us on these Fridays and especially look forward to many dining in and enjoying the company of their fellow parishioners. You are welcome to bring along a bottle of wine to share with your neighbor while dining. As an added incentive each week, for dine in only, there will be something special added to the menu. There will be tickets on sale after all the masses starting February 18th.*

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February 2012

## One Minute Meditations

### Lenten Obligations

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) and Good Friday (April 6th). In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. The U. S. bishops define fasting as eating one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted as necessary to maintain strength.

### "And with your spirit" explained

When a man is ordained a priest, the Holy Spirit comes upon him, enabling him to perform the sacred rites of the Mass and consecrate the Eucharist. When we respond, "And with your spirit," we acknowledge that since God works through the priest offering the Mass, it is actually Jesus Christ who is the head of the community gathered together, and it is his Spirit who is leading the Liturgy, regardless of who the particular priest may be.



## Convert your heart during Lent

When we were young Catholics, Lent meant giving something up and welcoming it back at Easter. Now we know that Lent is so much more. Lent is about conversion. Each year we have the chance to leave behind old ways of living to embrace new life. The goal is not just to abstain from sin during Lent but to root it out of our lives forever.

**The moment of truth.** Conversion begins with accepting responsibility for our failures. Start by taking an honest look at your life and identify all the ways that sin keeps you from living the way Jesus taught us to live. Know that it may take courage to face your shortfalls.

**The moment of cleansing.** There can be no healing or conversion when you harbor unconfessed sin. Make a full Confession to a priest in the

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Tell him everything. Don't worry if you have been away for a while. The priest will be happy to guide you and to welcome you

back to God's friendship.

**The moment of conversion.** There can't be just one moment of conversion. It is necessary to convert our hearts every day. Daily prayer, frequent Confession, and regular reception of the Holy Eucharist will keep our hearts filled with God's love. Then we can embrace new life at Easter.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Charisms are special spiritual gifts given to some of the Church's members. St. Paul explains charisms as the gifts that the Holy Spirit distributes among us, such as healing, prophecy, working miracles, and uttering wisdom (1 Corinthians 12).

## What are charisms?



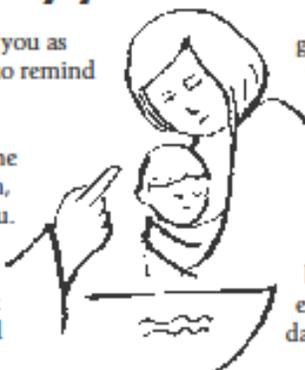
Other charisms include papal infallibility and priestly celibacy. Religious orders have charisms such as teaching or nursing. These charisms are not rewards for personal holiness, but are freely distributed among the faithful to be used for the good of all.

## On the day you were baptized ...

On the day you were baptized, God claimed you as his own. He gave you the name "Christian" to remind you that you belong to Christ.

On the day you were baptized, you were exorcised. The priest asked God to cast out the power of Satan, to free you from Original Sin, and asked the Holy Spirit to dwell within you.

The day you were baptized, the priest blessed the baptismal water and asked God to make it holy so that through it, you might be made holy. Then you – or our parents and



godparents for you – renounced Satan, his works and empty promises, and professed faith in the Trinity, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the Body.

You may not remember the day you were baptized, but ask God to help you always remember your dignity, so you may live as a beloved child of a great Father and one day experience the eternal life he promised on the day you were baptized..

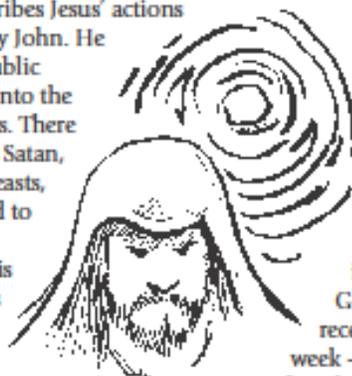
### from Scripture

#### Mark 1:12-15, The Path to Easter

This Gospel describes Jesus' actions after his baptism by John. He prepared for his public ministry by going into the desert for forty days. There he was tempted by Satan, was among wild beasts, and was ministered to by angels.

The lessons of this Gospel can help us prepare not only for Easter, but for the rest of our lives.

Temptations surround us. Satan is constantly trying to tear us away from God. The wild beasts represent every kind of danger and evil. But the angels



provide God's protection for us. We can rely on them to help us if we ask for God's help.

We can use Lent to fulfill Jesus' proclamation, "Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The best way to resist evil is to stay in a state of grace.

Go to Confession frequently, receive the Eucharist every week – daily, if possible, and pray as often during the day as you can. When you spend as much of your day with God as possible, Satan and his temptations won't be able to get through your defenses.

### Q & A

#### Why Do We Canonize Saints?

Canonization is the declaration by the pope that a person is worthy of veneration as a saint because he or she lived a life of heroic virtue or remained



faithful to God through martyrdom and is now in Heaven with God.

The process of canonization is lengthy. After a person dies, supporters can introduce a cause for sainthood on his or her behalf. A thorough investigation of the candidate is performed which includes examining all writings and hearing the testimony of witnesses who knew the individual. If it's decided that he or she did live a life of heroic virtue, the person is declared Venerable.

Before the candidate can achieve the next step, Beatification, a miracle must be attributed to the person's intercession with God. The miracle must be a suspension of the natural law, such as a healing that can't be explained. The candidate is then known as Blessed.

The final step is canonization, which requires a second confirmed miracle. The person is then known as Saint.

### Feasts & Celebrations

February 10 - St. Scholastica (547). Twin sister to St. Benedict, St. Scholastica established a community of religious women about five miles south of her brother's monastery. One day during prayer, St. Benedict saw a dove rising from his sister's convent and recognized it as his sister's soul rising to Heaven upon her death.

February 22 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of holy and penitential Season of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the forehead as a sign of penance.

February 23 – St. Polycarp (156). Bishop of Smyrna, Asia-Minor, St. Polycarp was a disciple of the apostle St. John and a friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch. He faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to his religion. Before he was martyred, he thanked God for making him worthy of a martyr's death.



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# INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL



“**Catolicos regresen.org**”, es una organización que busca evangelizar a los católicos que se han alejado de la Iglesia para que regresen, y que recientemente termino su campaña nacional publicitaria en la televisión.

Esta organización tiene muchas esperanzas en que esta campaña provocará un renovado interés en la fe entre las personas que no han asistido a la Iglesia en los últimos años, sobre todo recientemente cuando la Iglesia celebró el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. En **Catolicos regresen.org** están preparados para ayudarles a empezar o continuar su camino personal hacia la fe, y ojalá puedan encontrar paz, felicidad y el verdadero propósito de su vida. Hacemos hincapié a todos en la parroquia sobre la importancia y la vitalidad de este acogedor mensaje. **Si usted conoce a alguien que no va a la iglesia por cualquier razón, por favor animelo a que visite nuestra Parroquia de Santa Ana.** Para más información sobre esta campaña, pueden visitar su sitio web [www.catolicosregresen.org](http://www.catolicosregresen.org). Su lema es: Somos una familia. Bienvenido a casa.

En este próximo San Valentín, y más aún todos los días, fijémonos un poco más en aquellos a quienes menos prestamos atención, a quienes necesitan de nuestra compañía, de nuestra comprensión, de nuestro apoyo, y también fijémonos y celebremos con nuestros más cercanos allegados, con nuestros amigos.

Si Dios nos amó aún siendo nosotros unos ingratos, unos mal geniosos, unos inmisericordes, unos egoístas, también nosotros debemos amarnos mutuamente. (cfr. 1 Jn. 4, 11 )

"Pero Yo les digo, amen a aquellos con quienes es difícil la convivencia, traten de hacerlo, para que así sean hijos de su Padre que está en el Cielo. (cfr. Mt. 5, 44-45 )

El rosario es la oración especial para honrar a María nuestra madre. Si deseas compartir tu casa para rezar el rosario a la Virgen, por favor comunícate con María o Patricia después de la misa.

Feliz día del amor y la amistad  
te desea Sociedad Nuestra Señora  
Guadalupe



## St. Anne's Parish Community Social

All are welcome to St. Anne's Parish monthly Parish Social sponsored by the "Community Service and Community Building Clusters" of our Parish Pastoral Council.



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th**

(After All SUNDAY Masses)



All are encouraged to visit Centennial Hall to enjoy friendly conversation and coffee/tea.

# Weekly Planner

## **SUNDAY 2/12**

### **6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **Lincoln's Birthday**

10:30 AM HNS Mass/Mtg-Church/Cent Hall

1:00 PM-3:00 PM Fil-Am Mtg-Cent Hall

## **MONDAY 2/13**

1:00 PM St. Anne Seniors-Cent Hall

3:00 PM Legion of Mary

3:00-4:30 PM Penance Practice-Church

## **TUESDAY 2/14**

### **Valentine's Day**

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

3:00 PM-4:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests-Church

7:00 PM-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group-Church

## **WEDNESDAY 2/15**

3:00-4:30 PM Penance Practice-Church

6:00 PM-8:00 PM Daisy/Brow/Jr Mtg.-Cent Hall

## **THURSDAY 2/16**

6:30 PM-8:30 PM Cub Scouts-Cent Hall

## **FRIDAY 2/17**

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

7:30 PM J&M Prayer Mtg

## **SUNDAY 2/19**

### **7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM Parish Community Social-Cent Hall

1:30 PM Baptism Class-Rectory

## **SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH AUCTION**

3545 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City

Theme:

# **"Around The World"**

*Sunday, March 4th*

**1:00 PM**

(Doors open at 12 Noon) in Centennial Hall

Admission Tickets:

**ADULTS (12 yrs. +): \$12.00**

**CHILDREN (under 12 yrs.): \$6.00**

Admission includes one auction bid-sheet and one meal!

(ADMISSION TICKET NEEDED TO RECEIVE MEAL)

**Tickets are NOW AVAILABLE at the rectory.**



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