

First Sunday of
ADVENT

Primer Domingo de
ADVIENTO



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Saint Anne's Church
3545 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City

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)** in Church

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

Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM Mass; Saturday 9:00 AM Mass; Wednesday 7:00 PM Mass-
All Weekday Masses are held in **SAINT ANNE'S CONVENT CHAPEL** located at **246 Congress Street!**

Sacrament of Penance: by Appointment or **Saturdays 1:00-1:30 PM in Church**

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.*

Our Parish is Served by:

Very Rev. Nigel R. Mohammed, VF - Pastor
Rev. John Ranieri - Pastoral Associate
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Schedule of Masses December 3rd-9th, 2012

Day	Time	Requested for	Requested by
Mon. 12/3	7 AM	Alfred & Cora M. Bennett	Bequest
	9 AM	Purificacion Gonzales	Gonzales Family
Tues. 12/4	7 AM	Teresa Creazzo	Daughter
	9 AM	Giuseppe DiSalvo	Manzo Family
Wed. 12/5	7 AM	Robert S. Fielding	Kathy & Rick Santoro
	9 AM	Nicholas E. DelGiodice	Christina Burke
	7 PM	Richard Munoz	Sister Linda
Thurs. 12/6	7 AM	Cecilia Baron	Anthony Baron
	9 AM	Nicholas DelGiodice	Kathleen Castle
Fri. 12/7	7 AM	Rosa Baron	Anthony Baron
	9 AM	Nick DelGiodice	Tony Campanella
	7 PM	Thomas F. Dolan	Christina Burke
Sat. 12/8	9 AM	Theresa Lattanzi & Carmela Simone & Family	Loretta Dempsey
	5:30 PM	Bernadette Berger	
	7 PM	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Marquez Family
Sun. 12/9	7:30 AM	For The People Of The Parish	
	9 AM	Anna Meyer	Albert Koska
	10:30 AM	Vito & Giovannina Manzi	Mr. & Mrs. Gerardo Manzi
	12 noon	Monica Keenan	Keenan Family

Sanctuary Gifts December 2nd-8th, 2012

Gift	In Memory of	Requested By
Altar Wine	Purificacion Gonzales	Gonzales Family
Altar Bread	Rodalyn Diego	Gigi Rapadas
Sanctuary Lamp	Anna Fisher	Jim & Vincent
Altar	Rodalyn Diego	Gina Agcaoili

Scriptural Reflections on Stewardship



"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

Images of the final judgment can be scary, especially if we have not been faithful to God's commands throughout our lives. However, if we have been good stewards, we have left nothing to chance. We have carefully planned our giving and followed Our Lord's example of service and sacrifice. Thus, no matter the day or the hour we will be ready to stand erect and raise our heads to meet God face to face.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK



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

Mercedes Patron, Ruth McGrady, Charles Kaufman, Bill Waddleton Sr., Dianne O'Sullivan, Sadie Krieger, Carl Carlson, Helen Ferris, Mary Rej, Carol Jordan

Parish Support

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(Electronic Donations)

Make your donation to St. Anne's Church through **E-GIVING**; visit our website at www.stannesjc.com

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- View your online transactions
- You exclusively control your activity
- No interaction with another party
- "E-GIVING Envelope" (easily printable) that displays your electronic contribution for the collection basket

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
TUESDAY: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1,7-8,12-13,17;
 Lk 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
THURSDAY: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a;
 Mt 7:21,24-27

FRIDAY: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Mt 9:27-31
SATURDAY: Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12;
 Lk 1:26-38
NEXT SUNDAY: 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE has been moved; new location is located in St. Anne's Convent, 246 Congress Street.

CCD Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 10:00 am to 2 pm, Sunday 10:00 am-12 noon; Please call before coming: 201-963-0998.

Attn Parents: Please pick up Sunday bulletin on weekly basis for updates and current Religious Education News!!

- * Dec. 3, 4, 5 - 4-5:30 PM Confirmation Practice in Church; Confession for Candidates
- * Dec. 6 - 7:00 PM Confirmation Practice for Sponsors/Candidates in Church; Confession for Sponsors
- * Dec. 8 - CONFIRMATION DAY 11:00 AM in Church
- * Dec. 9 - Teacher's Meeting
- * Dec. 16 - 10:00 AM-12 Noon CCD Students' Christmas Party in Centennial Hall
- * Dec. 17 & 19 - First Penance Conferences for Parents/Guardians in Convent; letters will be sent home with appointment time and date.
- * Dec. 23 & 30 - CHRISTMAS RECESS; No Classes; Students and parents are to continue to attend Mass during Holiday Season.

CONFIRMATION DAY

Saint Anne's Parish will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, December 8th at 11:00 AM.

In preparation for this Sacrament, there is a display 3

of doves in the church vestibule (signs for the Holy Spirit) with a name of each Candidate and a letter for the parishioners to write a blessing for the Candidate they choose.

St. Anne's Adult Choir Rehearsals

All Choir rehearsals take place in the Church of St. Anne: If you'd like to join our Parish Choir, please attend the rehearsal. *Thank you.*



- Adult Choir rehearsal (Eng)-Thursdays at 6:00 PM

- Adult Choir rehearsal (Span)-Wednesdays at 7:30 PM



The Gift Shop *Located in St. Anne's Rectory*

**Hours: Tues & Thurs 2-4:30 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Advent items NOW AVAILABLE in
Gift Shop:**

Advent Calendars \$1. each

Advent Wreaths with Candles \$10. each

Other Christmas items also on sale!



**We are happy to take
special gift orders.
Come in and browse.**



Any Occasion:

Wedding, Baptism, Communion, Confirmation



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December 2012

One Minute Meditations

Holiday advice

The holiday season is an exciting time but it can also be a time when money worries, family worries, and every kind of worry intrudes. Instead, try to follow this advice from St. Paul, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Make it last

Since the Church's real Christmas season doesn't even start until Christmas Day, you can actually celebrate the whole season and make your Christmas joy last. Feast of the Holy Family, December 30th. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1st. The Epiphany, January 6th. And the last day is The Baptism of Our Lord, January 13th.

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).



Awaken to the presence of God on Christmas morning

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). An amazing truth occurred at the first Christmas. God came and lived among us. Even more amazing is that he continues to live among us. Try these tips to sharpen your awareness of his presence.

Begin each day in his presence. When you first wake up in the morning, but before you get out of bed, place yourself in his presence. Take a few minutes to focus on a sacred picture or an image that will help you to "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Seek God's Word. Start your day with Scripture such as the daily mass readings

(found on www.usccb.org) or another reading you choose. Ask God to teach you during the day from that selection. **Speak to him throughout the day.**

Picture the Lord next to you throughout your day and talk with him as you experience the day together. Brother Lawrence, a 17th century monk, suggested prayer shouldn't be confined to formal times.

Remove static. Unconfessed sin clouds our awareness of God's presence. Do an examination of conscience daily and visit the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least monthly.

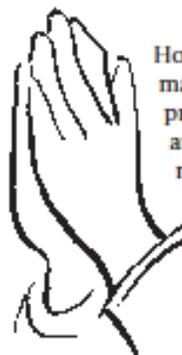
Pray. Tell Jesus everything and ask for help in every difficulty. Jesus promised that he will never leave us.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics say novenas?

A novena is a cycle of prayers offered for a particular purpose spanning nine days, usually one day a week for nine weeks. It consists of prescribed prayers and devotions and usually includes reception of the Sacrament of Penance and



Holy Communion. It can be made in common in church or in private. There are 36 novenas authorized by the Church. The nine days are in commemoration of the nine days the Apostles spent in prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost.

Christmas isn't always pretty

At Christmas time, our nativity sets usually show an idyllic scene of Mary and Joseph kneeling at Jesus' crib with shepherds and kings worshipping in the background. But that's probably not how it was. Being a follower of Jesus isn't always that pretty.

Remember, Mary and Joseph traveled in the last stages of her pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem. On foot or donkey, it was a dirty and exhausting journey. Once there, they had to stay in a stable with animals. After a short time,



they fled to Egypt with their newborn to escape danger, and stayed there for several years. There wasn't a lot of standing around gazing adoringly at the Baby.

Refugees all over the world flee from violence like the Holy Family. Catholics have a special task to protect them and all the most vulnerable: the children, the elderly, and the poor. God has a special job for each of us in his mission of salvation. Ask God what he is calling you to do for him.

from Scripture

Luke 2:41-52; Jesus is found in the temple

The Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 30) includes the story of finding Jesus in the Temple, a story of love and obedience. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover, as was the custom for Jews of that time. They traveled in a large group for protection against bandits who infested the hill country. So it wasn't surprising that his parents didn't miss Jesus as they started the return trip. Upon discovering him missing, they hurried back to Jerusalem.

On the third day of searching, they found Jesus in the Temple. He was



questioning the priests and amazing them with his understanding. However, Mary asked how he could have caused his parents so much worry and Jesus replied, "Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" Though they were puzzled by his answer, Mary and Joseph took Jesus back to Nazareth. He remained there in obedience to his parents until it was time for his public ministry. We learn from this story to obey not only God but also those in authority over us.

Q & A What does the Holy Spirit do for us?

Among the many offices the third member of the Holy Trinity performs, we receive gifts from the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Just like a tree can produce fruit, the gifts of the Holy Spirit produce fruits. The fruits "are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The Church lists twelve of them: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1832*)



These fruits help us to live the two great commandments: "Therefore you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your soul... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:30-31)

As long as we are in a state of grace, the fruits will keep us in harmony with God and with each other. When we exercise the fruits, we follow Christ's example and model to those around us. They are the essence of living the Christian life.

Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 14 – St. John of the Cross (1591). St. John led a reform in the Carmelite order to encourage more prayer and simplicity. Because of a misunderstanding, he was jailed for nine months, but some of his beautiful spiritual and inspiring writing came from this experience. His mystical-poetical reflections showed his love of prayer.

Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius (1597). Born in Holland, he was ordained into the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and worked strenuously through his writings and teachings to safeguard the

Catholic faith. His work, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, is still used today.

Dec. 27 – St. John (1st century). An apostle and friend of Jesus, St. John was known for his fiery temper. He and his brother, called "Sons of Thunder," once asked Jesus if he could call down fire from heaven on an inhospitable town. Later in his life, he and St. Peter asked the Holy Spirit to come down on the Samaritans. Friendship with Jesus changes a person.



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**The Parish of Saint Anne's
is sponsoring a Giving Tree**

**SHARING THE CHRISTMAS
MESSAGE OF HIS LOVE!**



*The Giving Tree will be placed in the Church vestibule
December 2nd through December 16th, 2012*

*Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift, **attach tag to gift and DROP OFF AT THE RECTORY!***

All gifts are requested to be gift-wrapped WITH the original tag attached.

GIFTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Second Collection

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, December 8/9.

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Apoye a los religiosos y religiosas ancianos. Uno de los feligreses escribe, "Como estudiante católico entre los grados K a 12, fui formado por muchos hermanas y hermanos religiosos para ser la persona que soy, y estaré agradecido para siempre". Muestre su agradecimiento a las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosos quienes marcaron la diferencia en tantas vidas. Sea generoso en su donativo a la colecta de la semana próxima para el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos.



Christmas Flowers

Trees, wreaths and plants have been ordered in preparation for decorating our church for the Christmas Season.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one while helping to defray the cost of the decorations, please donate by using your "**FLOWER**" envelope and drop it off in the rectory or the Sunday collection basket. A 'donor list' will be posted for those envelopes dropped off by December 19th.



Sunday Bingo

**There will be NO SUNDAY BINGO
for the months of
DECEMBER and JANUARY.**

**Apologize for the misprint in last
week's church bulletin!**

Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 12/2

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM Rosary Christmas Brunch-Cent Hall

MONDAY 12/3

3:00 PM Legion of Mary-Rectory

4:00-5:30 PM Confirmation Pract-Church

6:00-8:00 PM Cadette Trp 2828 Mtg-Cent Hall

7:00 PM OLG Novena-Ch/Cent Hall

TUESDAY 12/4

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

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

4:00-5:30 PM Confirmation Pract-Church

7:00 PM OLG Novena-Ch/Cent Hall

WEDNESDAY 12/5

4:00-5:30 PM Confirmation Pract-Church

7:00 PM OLG Novena-Ch/Cent Hall

7:30 PM Adult Choir Pract (Span)-Church

THURSDAY 12/6

6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Eng)-Church

6:30-8:30 PM Cub Scout Mtg-Cent Hall

7:00 PM Confirmation Pract Spons/Cand-Church

7:00 PM OLG Novena-Ch/Cent Hall

FRIDAY 12/7

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

3:30 PM (setup) Confirmation-Cent Hall

7:00 PM Antic. Mass for Holy Day-Church

6:00 PM OLG Novena-Convent ONLY

8:00-9:00 PM J&M Healing Mass-Church ONLY

SATURDAY 12/8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

11:00 AM Confirmation Day-Church/Cent Hall

6:30 PM OLG Novena-Church/Cent Hall

SUNDAY 12/9

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM-1:00 PM H.N.S. Mass/Mtg-Ch/CentHall

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

5:00 PM OLG Novena-Ch/Cent Hall

MONDAY 12/10

1:00-4:00 PM St. Anne Seniors-Cent Hall

3:00 PM Legion of Mary-Rectory

7:00 PM OLG Novena-Ch/Cent Hall

TUESDAY 12/11

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

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

7:00 PM OLG Novena-Ch/Cent Hall

Novena & Holy Hours

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

Sacred Heart: First Friday of month after daily Mass

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday 7:00 PM in Convent Chapel

San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila: Last Wednesday every month 7:00 PM in Convent Chapel

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour will take place every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

It is an hour of prayer for the priests, religious men and women and an increase of vocations to the religious life of the Church. All are invited to come and spend time with the Lord for these intentions and for any personal requests.

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