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Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 2/15 • Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 AM-12 Noon **CCD in SESSION**
1-3 PM Fil-Am Mtg *Cent Hall*

MONDAY 2/16 • President's Day

Rectory Office Closed

TUESDAY 2/17

12:15 PM **BINGO** *Cent Hall*
3-4 PM Holy Hour for Priests *Church*
3-4 PM Legion of Mary *Convent*

WEDNESDAY 2/18 • Ash Wednesday

3 PM Ash Wednesday Service *Church*
5-8 PM H.N.S. Lenten Fish Fry *Cent Hall*

THURSDAY 2/19

FRIDAY 2/20

12:15 PM **Bingo** *Cent Hall*
1 PM Stations of the cross *Church*
7 PM Stations of the cross *Church*

SATURDAY 2/21

SUNDAY 2/22 • 1st Sunday in Lent • Washington's Birthday
10 AM-12 Noon **CCD in SESSION**

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 February 2015

General intention: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Missionary intention: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

Welcome to Our Family!

We recently received a new member into our St. Anne's Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism. As he begins his new life of grace, we ask that you remember him in your prayers. Welcome:

Raphael Braeden Cunningham Mercado

Sunday Readings

First Reading: **Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**
Psalm: **Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11**
Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**
Gospel: **Mark 1:40-45**

Weekday Readings

Monday

Gn 4:1-15, 25 / PS 50:1 AND 8, 16BC-17, 20-21 / Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday *Seven Holy Founders*

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 / PS 29:1A AND 2, 3AC-4, 3B AND 9C-10 / Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday *Ash Wednesday*

Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Co 5:20-6:2 / PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 12-13, 14 AND 17 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

Dt 30:15-20 / PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 / Lk 9:22-25

Friday *Friday after Ash Wednesday*

Is 58:1-9 / PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 18-19 / Mt 9:14-15

Saturday *St Peter Damian*

Is 58:9-14 / PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Lk 5:27-32

Sanctuary Gifts for February 15th-21st, 2015

Gift	In Memory/honor of	Requested By
Altar Wine	† Francis Lyons	Parish Intention
Altar Bread	† Lillian L. Link	Parish Intention
Sanct. Lamp	† John Zielenski	Parish Intention
Altar Candles	† Fred J. Day	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 • Kathleen McGuinness • Diane Shea • Marie Portelli • Joseph Callandrillo • Humberto Quintana • Julia Annicchiarico • Al Coulter Sr. • 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

Schedule of Masses Feb 16th- Feb 22nd, 2015

Monday, February 16, 2015

9 AM John Shin *Family*

Tuesday, February 17

9 AM Lawrence Shin *Family*

Wednesday, February 18

9 AM People of the Parish

3 PM **Ash Wednesday Service**

7 PM Special Intention *OL Perpetual Help Group*

Thursday, February 19

9 AM † Margaret Dougherty *Cathy & Chris Burke*

Friday, February 20

9 AM † John Palermo

1st Anniv. in Heaven *Parish Intention*

Saturday, February 21

9 AM † Nicolina Gentile *Family*

5:30 PM † Maureen & David
McCready

*Debbie & John Faherty
Family & Friends*

7 PM † Manny Soto

Sunday, February 22

8 AM † Vincenzo Gentile *Family*

10 AM † Michael Clifford *Marie Carlson*

12 PM Frank & Tommasina

Tango *Mr & Mrs Angleo Tango*

Safeguarding Children and Addressing Abuse

The Archdiocese Has Long Recognized the Pain of Child Sexual Abuse

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 Collection

The following is the breakdown and total for Sunday, February 7/8, 2015:

February 7	5:30 PM	\$901
	7 PM	\$283
February 8	8 AM	\$391
	10 AM	\$961
	12 PM	\$1,188
Total Giving		\$3,724

Lenten Fish Fry 2015

February 18, 27
March 6, 13, 20, 27

Beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 18th), St. Anne's Church will be sponsoring a Lenten Fish Fry 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**



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.**

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.



Ash Wednesday

Schedule

9 AM Mass
3 PM Service with Ashes
7 PM Mass

Sunday Bingo

March 8, 2015
1:30 PM
St Anne's Church 3435 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City
Centennial Hall (Doors Open 12 Noon)

Free NJ Tax Prep for Seniors

Free New Jersey State Electronic Filing for Single Tax Filer with Income less than \$7,500 (2014). Councilman Michael Yun – Prepared by DRT TAX SERVICES drttaxservice.com. By Appointment ONLY – Every Wednesday 10 am-4 pm until March 15, 2015. Offices are located at 366 Central Ave (2nd Floor).
To set up an appointment, contact Tamia at (201) 222-3534 or by E-mail at tmccormick@jcnj.org

Parish Auction

It takes a Village...

Gift cards, new gifts, or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated; please bring 'donation' to the rectory and label it "Parish Auction". \$12 Admission includes: 1 Auction Bid Sheet & 1 Meal Ticket. Tickets needed to receive meal. All proceeds benefit St. Anne's Religious Education Program. Volunteers are always needed. **If you are interested in volunteering, please call Judy Waddleton at 201-659-4641. Please call the Rectory to reserve your table of 8 or more.**

\$12 Admission
March 1, 2015, 1 PM

(Doors Open at 12 Noon, Centennial Hall)
On-premise 50/50 raffle (sold at Auction only)

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."

Religious Education News

St. Anne's **religious education office** is located in St. Anne's Rectory (3545 Kennedy Blvd); Of- fice 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 Educa- tion is st.annepray4us@gmail.com. Please check your emails periodically for any Re- ligious 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.**

Schedule

Feb. 15 CCD in Session
Feb. 18 **3 PM** Service for Ashes Distribution
5-8 PM Lenten Fish Fri (*Cent Hall*)
Feb. 22 CCD in Session

2015 Lenten Regulations

1. **The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
2. **The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.**
3. **The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance,** but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. **The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty)*** extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2015 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2015.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

**Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

Lenten Retreats

"Lent A Time of Forgiveness" will be offered on February 21, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, at Benedictine Sisters, Elizabeth. Do you ask, "What will I give up for Lent?" This Lent why not give up resentments, grudges, jealousies, and self-righteousness? Try letting go of old angers and hurts. Saturday only: \$35 Lunch included. Open to all. Weekend February 20-22 - Women only. \$135. Registration required. 908-353-3028.

"Eucharist: A Call to the Body of Christ" will be offered on March 14, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, at Benedictine Sisters, Elizabeth. Eucharist is the core to Catholic identity. It invites us to be one with Christ both in the sacred moment of Communion and also as we encounter the Body of Christ in one another. Saturday only: \$35 Lunch included. Open to all. Weekend March 13-15 - women only. \$135. Registration required. 908-353-3028.

"Holy Week Retreat for Women" at Benedictine Sisters in Elizabeth will center on the liturgy of each day. The retreat beings at 4 PM Holy Thursday until 1:30 PM Easter Sunday. \$200. **Registration required.** 908-353-3028.

STEWARDSHIP

Baptism and First Communions Dresses and Suits

The Archdiocese of Newark will be organizing their second annual collection of gently used and new communion outfits. First Communion is usually celebrated when children are between the age of seven and eight. It is a special day for any family and the Archdiocese is trying to make sure financial hardship does not stand in the way of it being as special as it can be. All items can be dropped off at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark beginning February 23 until March 27 between 8.45 AM and 4 PM. Last

Lenten Lectures



On March 1 and 22 at 3:15 PM, the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth will host two Lenten Lectures, followed by refreshments and 5PM Vespers.

- March 1 — Rev John D Gabriel, Pastor, St James Parish, Springfield, will present "Lenten Lessons from the Wizard of Oz."
- March 22 — Rev Msgr Gerard H McCarren, Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, will present "The Eucharist and Life: They're Connected."

Open to the public; no registration or fee required.

Hudson Catholic 50th Anniversary Gala

Hudson Catholic High School will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a Gala on **Saturday, February 28, 2015** at Valley Regency in Clifton. The 6 PM Cocktails & awards will be followed by a Black-Tie optional Dinner and dancing. **For sponsorship opportunities and tickets (\$200pp or \$125 for 2004 and later alumni), please go to hudsoncatholic.org.**

Dominican College Information Session

Dominican College will be hosting an information session for undergraduate and graduate degrees, including undergraduate online programs, on wednesday, February 18, 2015 from 5:30 until 7:30 PM in the Hennessy Center. **Questions can be directed at any time to Brian Fernandes, Vice President for Enrollment Management at brian.fernandes@dc.edu. The Hennessy center is located on Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY. Web: www.dc.edu**

Annulment information

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 7:30 PM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange. A staff member of the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark will provide basic information about annulments; the requirements for annulments and how to begin the process of petitioning for an annulment. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the session. **Pre-registration is not necessary, but for directions, please call the parish at 973-763-5454.**

Inclusive Mass

Come... To An Inclusive Family Mass celebrating God's presence and love always with us, presided by the Most Reverend Thomas A Donato, DD on February 22, 2015 at 3:00 PM at St Henry Catholic Church 82 West 29th St in Bayonne. Inclusive Family Masses accommodate all members of God's family, and especially seek to include families living with developmental, intellectual and/or other disabilities. **For more information please contact Marie Pope 201-339-0319, sthenryreligion@optonline.net or Anne Masters at 973-639-6536, masteranrcan@gmail.com Sponsored by St Henry Catholic Church, Bayonne and the office for Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities of the Newark Archdiocese, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark.**

Theology of the Body for Teens

Join David Hajduk, Director of campus ministry at Delbarton high school and author of "Theology of the Body for Teens" on **February 26, 2015** at the Archdiocesan Center. This enrichment day is coordinated by the Respect Life Office. **For more information, contact Cheryl Riley, Associate Director Respect Life at 973-497-4350. Register by February 20.**

Immaculate Heart Academy Class of 1965

Immaculate Heart Academy needs your help to locate members of the class of 1965 ahead of their gala reunion on September 18-20, 2015. **If you are an alumna of IHA 1965 or if you know one, please write to IHAReunion@gmail.com**

PART 1 OF 3

Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2015

"A merciful heart does not mean a weak heart."

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each communities and every believer. Above all it is a "time of grace" (2Cor 6:2). God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. "We love because he first has loved us" (1Jn 4:19). He is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him. He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us. Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure... Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don't think about those less well off. Today, this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalization of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians, need to confront.

When the people of God are converted to his love, they find answers to the questions that history continually raises. One of the most urgent challenges which I would like to address in this Message is precisely the globalization of indifference.

Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience.

God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation. In the Incarnation, in the earthly life, death, and resurrection of the Son of God, the gate between God and man, between heaven and earth, opens once for all. The Church

is like the hand holding open this gate, thanks to her proclamation of God's word, her celebration of the sacraments and her witness of the faith which works through love (cf. Gal 5:6). But the world tends to withdraw into itself and shut that door through which God comes into the world and the world comes to him. Hence the hand, which is the Church, must never be surprised if it is rejected, crushed and wounded.

God's people, then, need this interior renewal, lest we become indifferent and withdraw into ourselves. To further this renewal, I would like to propose for our reflection three biblical texts.

"If one member suffers, all suffer together" (1 Cor 12:26) – The Church

The love of God breaks through that fatal withdrawal into ourselves which is indifference. The Church offers us this love of God by her teaching and especially by her witness. But we can only bear witness to what we ourselves have experienced. Christians are those who let God clothe them with goodness and mercy, with Christ, so as to become, like Christ, servants of God and others. This is clearly seen in the liturgy of Holy Thursday, with its rite of the washing of feet. Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet, but he came to realize that Jesus does not wish to be just an example of how we should wash one another's feet. Only those who have first allowed Jesus to wash their own feet can then offer this service to others. Only they have "a part" with him (Jn 13:8) and thus can serve others.

Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This hap-



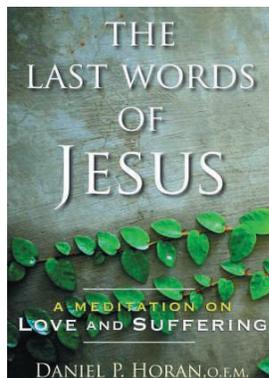
pens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for the indifference which so often seems to possess our hearts. For whoever is of Christ, belongs to one body, and in him we cannot be indifferent to one another. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor 12:26).

The Church is the *communio sanctorum* not only because of her saints, but also because she is a communion in holy things: the love of God revealed to us in Christ and all his gifts. Among these gifts there is also the response of those who let themselves be touched by this love. In this communion of saints, in this sharing in holy things, no one possesses anything alone, but shares everything with others. And since we are united in God, we can do something for those who are far distant, those whom we could never reach on our own, because with them and for them, we ask God that all of us may be open to his plan of salvation.

Lenten Readings

Order your Lenten readings online today and start reading them on Ash Wednesday!

Rich in social justice and other contemporary issues, *The Last Words of Jesus: A Meditation on Love and Suffering* by Fr Daniel Horan, OFM, invites young adults to reflect on the Lenten tradition of "The Seven Last Words." amazon.com/dp/1616364092 starting at \$6.

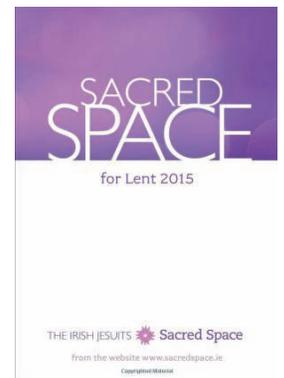
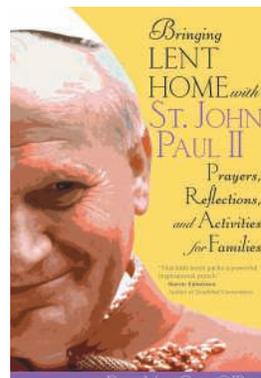


Bringing Lent Home with St John Paul II by Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle, a family

guide to prayer and Lenten devotions. **Ave Maria Press:** tiny.cc/lenthome

Sacred Space for Lent 2015, from the Irish Jesuits website sacredspace.ie **smile.amazon.com/dp/1594715548**

Everyone's way to the Cross by Clarence Ender smile.amazon.com/dp/0877934533 starting at \$0.01 (used)



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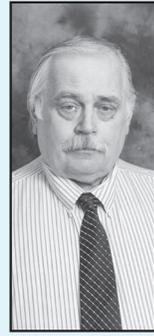
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