



World Youth Day 2016

Join Cardinal Dolan and the Office of Youth Ministry as we journey to Krakow, Poland to celebrate the 31st World Youth Day. The XXXI World Youth Day will be held from July 22 to August 2 of 2016 and has as its theme Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy (Mt. 5:7) World Youth Day is a coming together of young adults from the four corners of the world and a strong reminder of the strength and confidence the young bring to the Church today. For more information please contact Cynthia Martinez: Cynthia.martinez@archny.org

Seekers Retreat

What's important in my life? What am I looking for? How can I let God in? Charis NYC presents a peer-led, weekend retreat to help answer these questions, guided by Ignatian spirituality. Take time away to reflect with others in similar situations, and on your own as you consider how faith can make a difference in your life. For more information, please visit www.Charis.nyc. The retreat will take place at Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY (Accessible via MTA/MetroNorth).

Marist High School Open House

Marist High School, Bayonne, NJ, is hosting an Open House on Thursday, January 7th from 7:00pm – 9:00 pm. Informal presentations and tours will be available. For more information please visit marist.org or contact Barbara Verdonck at 201-437-4545 x225.

Immaculate Conception Open House

Immaculate Conception High School, located at 33 Cottage Place, Montclair, is a Catholic, coeducational college preparatory school with 100% College Acceptance, small class size in beautiful Montclair. Their next open house will be held on January 9, 2016 at 1PM. For more information please go to www. ichspride.org or call to RSVP: (973) 744-7445x24.

Scholarship for Inner-City Children

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children — which provides partial tuition scholarships for low income students in grades K to 12 to attend Catholic schools — will hold its 13th annual High School Basketball Festival on January 9 and 10, 2016 at Kean University in Union. The teams playing include Saint Anthony HS, Roselle Catholic, Hudson Catholic, Seton Hall Prep, Mt St Dominic, St Benedict's Prep, Marist, Union Catholic, St Mary's, Bergen Catholic, Paramus Catholic, St Joseph's Regional and Marist. For complete game schedule, times and information on ordering tickets, please visit www. sfichoops.com or call (973) 497-4279.

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". We also welcome volunteers who are always needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Judy Waddleton at 201-659-4641. Thank you, Merry Christmas and see you next year for this great parish event!



Epiphany of Our Lord

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (EPHESIANS 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. We were all given different gifts; we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. As k God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one" in this Year of Mercy.



The Archdiocese Responds to all Allegations Quickly and Appropriately

In line with Archbishop Myers' personal directive and a Memorandum of Understanding with County Prosecutors, the Archdiocese reports all allegations of sexual abuse of minors to the local County Prosecutor, and cooperates with law enforcement investigations.

Those accused of abuse are temporarily removed from ministry or assignment while investigations are ongoing. If the allegation is substantiated, the removal is permanent.

Since his arrival in 2001, Archbishop Myers has removed permanently from ministry 19 priests against whom allegations were substantiated and who faced penalties under Church law. Only two Archdiocesan priests have been convicted or pleaded guilty to criminal charges involving minors during this same time, and both have resigned or been dismissed from the priesthood. No Archdiocesan priest has been charged with a crime involving minors since 2004.

"A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME"

Migration Month, January, 2016

In the Gospel of Matthew (25:35) Jesus tells his disciples, I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. The call to welcome the stranger plays an important role in the lives of faithful Christians and has a particularly central place for those of us who work in the migration field. The migrant, who moves from one country to another is truly a stranger in the midst. Often unfamiliar with the local tongue of the new country, not to mention its customs, the migrant needs the support of local communities so that she can better adjust to her new surroundings. National Migration Week 2016 picks up on the theme of welcome and, in doing so, calls on each of us to welcome the stranger among us.

The Crisis in Syria

The political and humanitarian crisis in Syria is a serious concern for the Catholic Church and the bishops of the United States. In the past five years, at least four million Syrians have fled their country as a consequence of the civil war and the rise of ISIS. Most have fled to surrounding countries, especially Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey, and many others have moved on to Europe with the hope of finding a place of peace and safety. Pope Francis and the Catholic bishops have called on the U.S. government and the international community to provide support to both Syrian refugees fleeing violence and to countries that have been at the forefront of this humanitarian effort. These recommendations include:

- Ending the conflict in Syria and Iraq
- Building an inclusive and lasting peace to allow Syrian refugees—also including those who are ethnic and religious minorities—to return home and rebuild their countries.
- Providing humanitarian assistance to Syrian refugees who have fled to neighboring refugee countries.
- Providing development aid to refugee host countries near Syria so they are able to properly welcome and care for the refugees.
- Providing 100,000 annual resettlement slots for the most vulnerable refugees fleeing the Syria conflict.
- Designating an additional 100,000 refugees to be resettled in the US from other countries. In a recent statement, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, KY and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops urged ... all Catholics in the United States and others of good will to express openness and welcome to these refugees, who are escaping desperate situations in order to survive. Regardless of their religious affiliation or national origin, these refugees are all human persons—made in the image of God, bearing inherent dignity, and deserving our respect and care and protection by law from persecution.

Please join the many who are responding with open hearts to this call and keeping to the longstanding American tradition of helping newcomers to our nation in their hour of greatest need.

Pray that God provides his protection to



Syrians and all other refugees displaced by violence and persecution.

- Write... a letter to President Obama, urging him expand US resettlement efforts of Syrian refugees who are fleeing unspeakable atrocities and violence.
- Urge...your member of Congress to provide urgently needed development aid for refugee host countries near Syria that have heroically borne the brunt of the Syrian refugee crisis.
- Contact your local Catholic Charities agency to find out if it has a resettlement program and, if so, how you can assist them in their effort to resettle refugees and help them build new lives of hope here in the United States.
- Donate to the MRS' Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR) program, which provides parish and community volunteers an opportunity to help sponsor newly-arriving Syrian and other refugees and provide for their critical needs.

OUR CHURCH AT THE UN

Settlement of Conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa

BY MATTHEW BORK, BA

In recent months, the struggle in Syria has become a prevalent topic throughout the world. With refugees fleeing from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other states in and around the Middle East and North Africa, the massive humanitarian crisis has exacerbated an already troubled region. On September 30th of this year, the Security Council of the United Nations convened an open debate to address the growing conflicts.

As you may remember from the second article in this series, the Security Council is the action-oriented arm of the United Nations. Unlike the General Assembly and its committees, the Security Council deals with immediate threats to peace and has the authority to establish peacekeeping operations, international sanctions, and even authorize military force. Also unlike the GA, this council is made up of only ten rotating member states and five perma-

nent member states who make the decisions. The permanent five states include the US, UK, France, China, and Russia. Because the Holy See is not eligible for a seat on the Security Council, it can only negotiate Security Council matters outside actual meetings or during occasions such as the September 30th open debate last year. Taking advantage of the opportunity, Archbishop Gallagher addressed the council.

The Archbishop began by quoting Pope Francis' address to the General Assembly, saying, Christians, together with other cultural or ethnic groups, and even members of the majority religion who have no desire to be caught up in hatred and folly, have been forced to witness the destruction of their places of worship, their cultural and religious heritage, their houses and property, and have faced the alternative either of fleeing or of paying for their adhesion to good and to peace by their own lives, or by enslavement.

Archbishop Gallagher continued by noting that flooding the region with more and more destructive weapons will not end the violence and the sufferings. What the region needs are negotiated political solutions to the conflicts that continue to engulf it. The region needs these solutions now, if it is going to win the war against terror, if its populations are not going to be constrained to flee...and if outside forces and powers are going to refrain from imposing their wills in the region. Speaking to the members of the Security Council, some of whom are becoming increasingly involved in the conflict, the Holy See's intervention reiterated the dignity of human life and affirmed the idea that any nation pursuing selfish interests in the region will only inflame the

The Archbishop concluded by emphasizing a concept that is as valuable to international leaders as it is to individual Catholics. He said that any lasting solution to the conflicts in the Middle East and, indeed, to all conflicts in the world, must consider the



centrality of the inviolable dignity and rights of the human person regardless of race, religion, political belief and difference. While we do not face war in our daily lives, we do experience our own conflicts and trials which demand us to recognize the God-given dignity in others. Particularly in this year of mercy, and especially given the escalation of violence in our world, let us be mindful to spread the love, kindness, and mercy of the Lord. We must also see ourselves as part of a larger world system and come to understand that the choices we make at home can affect people around the world, from how we treat refugees to how we treat our own friends and family.

NEWYORK X ENCOUNTER



Come and visit NEW YORK ENCOUNTER, a cultural festival witnessing to faith in the public square. Organized by Communion and Liberation and Crossroads Cultural Center, the Encounter will take place January 15-17, 2016 at the Metropolitan Pavilion on 215 West 18th Street (betw 6th & 7th Ave). Almost all events are open to the public and FREE of charge. Some highlights:

- Saturday, January 16, 2016 @ 6 pm:
 Setting Out on the Long Path of
 Renewal. A reflection on Pope Francis'
 encyclical, Laudato Si (On Care for Our
 Common Home). Speakers: Sean Cardinal
 O'MALLEY, Archbishop of Boston, and
 Jeffery SACHS, Director of the Earth
 Institute at Columbia University.
- Sunday, January 17, 2016 @ 4 pm: "Your Love is Better than Life" Eyewitness accounts on the life of Christians in the Middle East by Archbishop Amel NONA, exiled Chaldean Catholic Archbishop of Mosul, Iraq, Fr Pier Battista PIZZABALLA, Custos of the Holy Land, and a refugee family in Erbil, Kurdistan (video)
- Exhibit: A People, a Face, a Newness in the Everyday Rubble — An Encounter with Christians in the Middle East.
- Exhibit: "Siempre adelante!" Keep moving forward! The life and work of Junípero Serra, the saint who founded the California missions

For the full program: www.newyorkencounter. org or call (212) 253-5777 **DECEMBER 31, 2015**

"The darkness has not overcome it." —John 1:1-18

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We look back over 2015 as we turn the page into a new year. It is easy to focus on the violence and terrorism that has touched and ended so many lives. We mourn the losses of loved ones and bear the wounds of broken relationships and pain of all sorts. But this darkness does not and will not overcome the reality of the LIGHT that was born into the world on Christmas. No amount of evil or suffering, no matter how deep or how publicized it is, will squelch the Word made Flesh, Jesus our Lord.

The Word became flesh, one of us, and made his dwelling among us. Have we told others what we, as children of God, have discovered? We saw and continue to see His Glory. Jesus, the God-man, has brought us salvation and LIGHT. The light of hope should shine in our eyes and be visible to everyone we meet. People are in desperate need of hope and Hope lives in us through our baptism.

There will be no mass conversions to Christianity, only a "revolution of tenderness" as Pope Francis recently called us to enact. Through this Year of Mercy we need to reach out, **one by one**, touching lives **one by one** and bringing joy, peace and hope to the



world. Let us be bearers of LIGHT that no darkness can overcome.

Word made Flesh, thank you for empowering us to be children of God. Help us act like it.

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Tips for Reading and Praying the Bible

Typically, when you read a book, you just pick it up and jump right in. Reading the Bible is different. In essence, we do not read the Bible, we pray the Bible. Once you know what passage you are going to read (keep it short; don't try to take on too much), follow these simple steps:

- Set a prayerful mood of quiet.
 Pray to the Holy Spirit to open up your mind and heart to the Word of God.
- 2. Read the passage once slowly. Look over any footnotes and commentary that will assist your understanding of the passage.
- 3. Go back and read the passage

again, this time more slowly and prayerfully. If the passage describes a story or event, use your imagination to place yourself within the scene as a participant. Pause at phrases, words, or images that speak to you and allow them to resonate. Whereas your first readthrough is for the head, this one is for the heart.

- **4. Be quiet.** Let the Word of God continue to echo in your heart, mind, and soul.
- 5. Pray in your own words thanking God for the Word and asking for the grace you need to apply (interpret) it to your life.





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Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 1/3 ● Epiphany

CCD Families Attend Mass 10 AM Church/Cent Hall 10 AM & 12 PM Baptism Church

MONDAY 1/4

3:30-4:30 PM Legion of Mary Convent Comm Room 6-8 PM Brownie Mtg Cent Hall

TUESDAY 1/5

10 AM H.N.S. Board Mtg Cent Hall

12:15 PM Bingo Cent Hall

3-4 PM Holy Hour for Priests Convent Chapel

WEDNESDAY 1/6 6-8 PM

Daisy/Jr Mtg Cent Hall

THURSDAY 1/7 7-9 PM

OLG Choir Practice Convent

FRIDAY 1/8 12:15 PM

Bingo Cent Hall 7:30-9:30 PM J&M Prayer Mtg Convent

SATURDAY 1/9

2-4:30 PM St. Padre Pio Prayers/Mtg Cent Hall

SUNDAY 1/10 • Epiphany

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

Liturgies

Saturday Evening Church English 5:30 PM (anticipating Sunday)

Misa Español 7 PM

Sunday Church 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon Monday ► Saturday: Mass Church 9 AM Wednesday: Mass Church 7 PM

Holy Hour

Tuesdays Convent Chapel 3-4 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays Church (Or by Appointment) 5 PM

Schedule of Masses January 4th – 10th, 2016

Monday, January 4

9 AM Novena Tuesday, January 5 9 AM Novena

Wednesday, January 6

9 AM

Novena 7 PM + Special Intention

OL Perpetual Help Group

Thursday, January 7

9 AM Novena Friday, January 8

9 AM Novena Saturday, January 9

9 AM Novena 5:30 PM + Christina Burke

7 PM Parish Intention Sunday, January 10

8 AM Novena 10 AM + Helene Clifford Marie Carlson

12 PM + Christina Burke **Sunday Readings**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6 Gospel: Matt hew 2:1-12

Weekday Readings

Monday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7BC-8, 10-12A/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue sday Memorial of Saint John Neumann 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2,3-4,7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2,14 & 15BC, 17/Lk 4:14-22

Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps147:12-13,14-15,19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21/PS149:1-2,3-4,5-6 AAN D9B/ JN 3:22-30

Sanctuary Gifts for January 3rd – 9th, 2016

In Memory/Honor of Requested By Altar Wine + Eduardo Gonzalez Parish Intention Altar Bread + Barbara Stewart Parish Intention Sanct. Lamp + Sebastian D'Amico Parish Intention Altar Candles Parish Intention † Francis Lyons

Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): 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 Del Monte • 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

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.

Novena - January 2016

Requested for + Charles Kaufman Gemma Silva

Requested by Mary Kaufman Mother

Social Media

Please follow the official Twitter channels of the parish:

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Website & Online Services

Website: sahjerseycity.com

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Parish Calendar and online

Readings of the Day: 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:

Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly donation)
\$100,000	\$50
\$75,000	\$38
\$50,000	\$25
\$40,000	\$20
\$35,000	\$17
\$30,000	\$15
\$25,000	\$12
\$20,000	\$10
\$15,000	\$7

We are grateful for your contribution!

Baptism Information

Baptisms take place on the 1st 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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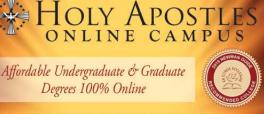
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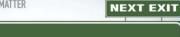
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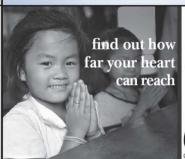
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