





# Saint Anne Of The Heights Church

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### **Weekly Planner**

SUNDAY 2/14 • 1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent			
Valentine's Day			
10 AM	CCD Mass Church		
10 AM-1 PM	AM-1 PM H.N.S. Mass/Mtg Church/Cent Hall		
MONDAY 2/15 • President's Day			
<b>RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>			
IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLIDAY			
TUESDAY2/16			

12:15 PM	Bingo Cent Hall
3:30-4:30 PM	Legion of Mary Convent
6–8 PM	Brownie Mtg Cent Hall
WEDNESDAY2/17	,
6–8 PM	Daisy/Jr Mtg Cent Hall
THURSDAY2/18	
9:30–10:30 AM	Holy Hour for Priests Convent
FRIDAY 2/19	
12:15 PM	Bingo Cent Hall
1 & 7 PM	Stations of the Cross Church
5–8 PM	H.N.S. Lenten Fish Fri Cent Hal
SUNDAY 2/21 • 2"	<sup>d</sup> Sunday of Lent
10 AM	CCD Mass Church/Cent Hall

#### 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 P.M

#### Holy Hour

Holy Hour Day & Time Changed! Effective February 4<sup>th</sup>, Holy Hour has moved from Tuesday To Thursday and the time is moved to 9:30 AM, immediately following Daily Mass.

#### **Thursdays** Convent Chapel 9.30 AM **Sacrament of Penance** Saturdays Church (Or by Appointment) 5 PM Schedule of Masses February 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 Monday, February 15 Ricardo Jorge Lina Tango 9 AM DaSilva Santos **Tuesday, February 16** 9 AM Michael Weber Mimi Zoleta Wednesday, February 17 Efymia Prokopenko Helen Prokopenko 9 A M 7 P M Special Intention **OL** Perpetual Help Group Thursday, February 18 9 AM + Giuseppe & Mr. & Mrs. Rosalina Leone Angelo Tango Friday, February 19 9 AM + Christina Burke Saturday, February 20

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9 AM	† Teresa Fusco	Gerardo & Assunta
5:30 PM	† Genevieve &	Mike & Lynn
	Santa Pisani	
7 PM	+ Ricardo Berrecales	

#### Sunday, February 21

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8 AM	+ Christir	na Burke	
10 AM	† Teresa	Fusco	<b>Ruth Cullen</b>
12 PM	† Rino M	ontaldo	Caterina Russo
Sunday	y Readin	gs	
First Rea	ading:	I	Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm:		Psalm 91	:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Second	Reading:		Romans 10:8-13

#### Weekday Readings

#### Monday

Gospel:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday

ls 55:10-11 /Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 7C-8/Mt7:7-12 Friday

Ez 18:21-28/ Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7A, 7BC-8/ Mt 5:20-26 Saturday

Dt 26:16-19/ Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ Mt 5:43-48

## Sanctuary Gifts for February 14<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Gift	In Memory/Honor of	Requested By
Altar Wine	† Maryann Clementi	Parish Intention
Altar Bread	+ Paul Principe	Parish Intention
Sanct. Lamp	† Nettie Czochanski	Parish Intention
Altar Candles	+Charles J. Kaufman	Parish Intention
Sick List		

# Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list

for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): John Norton Patricia Kucinski • Frank McNamara • Dolores McNamara • Donna Tuzzo • Matt Bolger • 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 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* 

### February Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: Care for Creation That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

**Evangelization:** Asia That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

### **Social Media**

Luke 5:1-11

Please fol	low the	official	Twitter	channels	of the
parish:					

🄰 sah_promise	Faith Formation Grade K—1
	Faith Formation Grade 2—3
🎔 sah_venture	Faith Formation Grade 4—6
🎔 sah_visions	Faith Formation Grade 7—8
🔰 stah nation	General parish feed

#### Website & Online Services

Website:	sahjerseycity.com		
Parish registration:	sahjerseycity.com/register		
CCD Registration:	sahjerseycity.com/ccd		
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)	Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly donation)
\$75,000	\$38	\$30,000	\$15
\$50,000	\$25	\$25,000	\$12
\$40,000	\$20	\$20,000	\$10

We are grateful for your contribution!

### Collection Report for February 7, 2016

5:30PM	\$1,709	10AM	\$992
7PM	\$229	12PM	\$799
8AM	\$498	Total	\$4,227
Stewardship Enrichment Collection: \$1,503			

### **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.

### **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. GOD-PARENTS & 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.



# **ST. ANNE'S PARISH AUCTION**



### Less than a month until our Parish Auction on Sunday, March 6, 2016 !

Admission Ticket: \$15.00 (includes one auction bid-sheet and one meal —Admission ticket needed to receive meal ands Advance Ticket Purchase Requested To Order Food • Tickets are available NOW at the rectory. CIFT CARD, NEW CIFTS or MONEY DONATIONS would be greatly appreciated; please bring 'donation' to the rectory and label it "Parish Auction" • On-premise 50/50 raffle (sold only at the Auction) • Please call the Rectory today to reserve your table of 8 or more people! • Volunteers are always needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Georgene at St. Anne's Rectory at 201-360-0838. All Proceeds Benefit St. Anne's Religious Education Program

**1PM (Doors open at 12 Noon)** Centennial Hall

# 2016 Lenten Fish Fri



Join us for our Lenten Fish fri on Fridays during Lent 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in Centennial Hall: February 19, 26 , and March 4, 11, 18.

# How to join?

Tickets are on sale at the rectory **only**: Price \$7 in advance; \$8 at the door. The Rectory office hours are Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Thursday/Friday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

# What's on the menu?

Fish, Fries, Cole Slaw, Tartar Sauce & Soda/Water. You can dine in take out.

We look forward to enjoying the company of our fellow parishioners and neighbors during this most holy season. *Please note that if you are attending the Stations of the Cross, please notify the kitchen staff BEFORE ATTENDING STATIONS. Thank you.* 



# Women's Conference

Women's Commission Day of Reflection: Saturday, February 27, 2015, at Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Alive in Christ: Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy" The English track will feature keynote speakers Leah Darrow and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT. They will share their amazing stories of mercy, healing and the infinite love of Jesus Christ. Both women were on the path to the good life, achieving dream-like levels of success in their worldly pursuits. Yet both young women realized their success was not bringing true happiness and each was called from the worldly path to radical conversion. The Spanish track will feature keynote speaker Mother Adela Galindo, SCTJM. The day runs from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM, with the doors opening at 8:00 AM.

# The Archodiocese Acts to Protect Youth and Children



Archbishop Myers has stated categorically that the primary responsibilities of the Archdiocese are to protect children and young people, and to promote the healing of, and provide compassion to, victims of abuse.

The Archdiocese of Newark requires all staff and volunteers working with children and youth to undergo background checks and receive sexual abuse awareness training. More than 20,000 Clergy, Religious and Lay people have received this training and undergone criminal background checks.

Nearly 95,000 children annually receive safe environment training through our Catholic schools and through opportunities offered to public school students in our religious education programs.

The Archdiocese utilizes the services of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker as the first contact for individuals who allege that they were abused so that counseling and other support services can be offered immediately if appropriate – sometimes even before a determination is made regarding the credibility of an allegation.

# **Benedictine Retreats**

Women's Weekend Retreats

### February 19-21 Lent: Looking Toward Easter

— Lent is a time to prepare for the joy of Easter. Join with others who are seeking ways to more fully enter into the season of Lent. Weekend \$135, Saturday only: \$35 Lunch included.

**March 11-13 Praying with Scripture** — We read the Bible, but do you pray the Bible? In prayer we often think of our words, but do we listen to God's Word? Weekend \$135, Saturday only: \$35 Lunch included.

**March 18-20 Vocation Discernment Retreat** — Is God seeking you to journey with Him in a religious community? Come listen to His call.

March 24-27 Holy Week Retreat for Women — The focus on this retreat for women is the Holy Week Liturgy. 4 PM Thursday until1 :30 PM Easter Sunday. \$200.

BENEDICTINE CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY, 851 NORTH BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ 07208, Information: 908-353-3028 Maritaosb@aol.com www.catholicforum.com/bensisnj

# Lent at St Walburga Monastery

### **Lenten Lectures**

Sundays, March 3.15—5:30PM Conference, Discussion, & Vespers. Free. Open to all

February 21 Saint Edith Stein:The Benedictine Carmelite Dianne Traflet, J.D., S.T.D. Associate Dean for Graduate Studies; Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at Seton Hall University

March 13 Examination of Conscience Using Disney Villains Rev. John D. Gabriel, Administrator, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, NJ

# Hoboken Catholic Academy Alumni

Save the date of Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> for the Hoboken Catholic All Schools Alumni Reception starting at 7 PM at Hoboken Catholic Academy. The reception, co-sponsored by HCA and the parishes of our deanery, will be an opportunity for alumni of all the Catholic schools in Hoboken to get together, reconnect and learn about future projects in our community.

For more information, check out the Alumni page: f CatholicSchoolsAlumniofHoboken

# Theology of the Body for Students

Campus Ministers, Youth Group Leaders and Youth Group Volunteers are invited to join a free Theology of the Body Enrichment Day on Thursday March 3, 2016 from 9AM until Noon at the Archdiocesan Center Auditorium. Rev William Sheridan, Director of Campus Ministry Archdiocese of Newark will deliver a presentation on the Theology of the Body followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. Registration due by: February 25, 2016. For more information, contact Cheryl A Riley, Associate Director Respect Life at 973-497-4350.

# If you have lost a child

The needs of fathers who have suffered the loss of a son or daughter are unique. The Office of Family Life invites all grieving fathers to a morning of prayer, sharing, and discussion, in the hope it will provide a special place of understanding and healing. Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Notre Dame RC Church (in the Rectory), 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell at 10AM. Pre-registration requested. *Please call the Office of Family Life at 973-497-4327 for information, directions and registration.* 

# My Journey away from and toward the Church

My 14 year old self would say I left the Church because in 1971 an usher told me I could not come in wearing blue jeans. I told him that God didn't care

told him that God didn't care what I wore and marched out the door; indignant and knowing I was right. What a gift he gave to a rebellious little girl. I don't think I consciously left the Catholic Church that day, I just stopped going to Mass. And then my life continued without the Church and I was too busy to go looking for it.

All of the stringent rules people associate with the Catholic Church would be one reason I have stayed away; they don't seem based in love. I have been to many Masses at which the priest was berating the people for not coming to church every Sunday. I have been at funerals where the priest made a

point of telling those present who could NOT come up for communion, thus separating out the non-Catholics from the faithful, instead of taking the opportunity for all of us to come together as one. I'm sure that all religions have occasions where they misplace the focus by emphasizing something other than God and community. The other reason I stav away is the authority given to the pope, bishops and priests instead of fostering a direct communication with God and a shared responsibility with the parishioners. Finally, I think that faith is experiential so that reciting a creed isn't really authentic for me. In my mind, all religions are similar in their beliefs - basically to love God and people; it is just the rituals that are so different.

Fortunately the Catholic family



I was raised in was not legalistic. We weren't taught the little rules from the Vatican, but were immersed in the big rules from Jesus – to love God and love each other. I learned to love and accept all people and didn't feel damaged by my Catholic upbringing as did many of my ex-Catholic friends. I do love so much what the Catholic Church does. I love the reverence in the Mass as that is how I like to worship. I love the songs, too - they make me cry. I love that it focuses more on liturgy with a little mystery so we don't have to cheapen things with exact words. I love that when you visit a Catholic Church vou still feel part of the community because Mass is about the same everywhere. The repetitive prayers are great to fall back on in times of need – they just come to you automatically as a way to cry out to God when vou don't know what to do. And the rituals work so well in keeping special moments in life sacred or in going through the motions during times of grief or when you don't know what is the right thing to do. And, of course, I love the focus on social justice practiced by so many Catholics.

I am considering attending Mass on a regular basis at my local Catholic Church. The church I would like to go to is the Unitarian Universalists Church but it is too far away and it would mean being away from my husband every Sunday morning. I like that church because the sermons and principles draw on works of all faiths to help us down our path with God and the world. But the distance does not allow me to immerse myself in that community, to attend church functions and get to know people well. I know I really need and enjoy regular worship with God within a community of people, so I think I will return to the Catholic Masses which I know well and the parish is just down the street. I am hoping to hear my favorite quote

-But only say the word and I shall be healed.

# **Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2016**

## "I desire mercy and not sacrifice" (MATT. 9:13). The works of mercy on the road of the Jubilee

## 1. Mary, the image of a Church that evangelizes because she is evangelized

In the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I asked that "the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy" (Misericordiae Vultus, 17). By calling for an attentive listening to the word of God and encouraging the initiative 24 Hours for the Lord, I sought to stress the primacy of prayerful listening to God's word, especially his prophetic word. The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience first-hand. For this reason, during the season of Lent, I will send out Missionaries of Mercy as a concrete sign to everyone of God's closeness and forgiveness. After receiving the Good News told to her by the archangel Gabriel, Mary, in her Magnificat, prophetically sings of the mercy whereby God chose her. The Virgin of Nazareth, betrothed to Joseph, thus becomes the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes, for she was, and continues to be, evangelized by the Holy Spirit, who made her virginal womb fruitful. In the prophetic tradition, mercy is strictly related — even on the etymological level - to the maternal womb (rahamim) and to a generous, faithful and compassionate goodness (hesed) shown within marriage and family relationships.

# 2. God's covenant with humanity: a history of mercy

The mystery of divine mercy is revealed in the history of the covenant between God and his people Israel. God shows himself ever rich in mercy, ever ready to treat his people with deep tenderness and compassion, especially at those tragic moments when infidelity ruptures the bond of the covenant, which then needs to be ratified more firmly in justice and truth. Here is a true love story, in which God plays the role of the betrayed father and husband, while Israel plays the unfaithful child and bride. These domestic images - as in the case of Hosea (cf. Hos. 1-2) — show to what extent God wishes to bind himself to his people.

This love story culminates in the incarnation of God's Son. In Christ, the Father pours forth his boundless mercy even to making him mercy incarnate (Misericordiae Vultus, 8). As a man, Jesus of Nazareth is a true son of Israel; he embodies that perfect hearing required of every Jew by the Shema, which today too is the heart of God's covenant with Israel: Hear. O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might (DEUT. 6:4-5). As the Son of God, he is the Bridegroom who does everything to win over the love of his bride, to whom he is bound by an unconditional love which becomes visible in the eternal wedding feast.

This is the very heart of the apostolic kerygma, in which divine mercy holds a central and fundamental place. It is the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead (Evangelii Gaudium, 36), that first proclamation that "we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment" (ibid., 164). Mercy expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe (Misericordiae Vultus, 21), thus restoring his relationship with him. In Jesus crucified, God shows his desire to draw near to sinners, however far they may have strayed from him. In this way he hopes to soften the hardened heart of his Bride.

# 3. The works of mercy

God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbor and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete, everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them. On such things will we be judged. For this reason I expressed my hope that the

Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; this will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty, and to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of *God's mercy (ibid.*, 15). For in the poor, the flesh of Christ becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled ... to be acknowledged, touched and cared for by us (ibid.). It is the unprecedented and scandalous mystery of the extension in time of the suffering of the Innocent Lamb, the burning bush of gratuitous love. Before this love, we can, like Moses, take off our sandals (cf. Ex. 3:5), especially when the poor are our brothers or sisters in Christ who are suffering for their faith.

In the light of this love, which is strong as death (cf. SONG 8:6), the real poor are revealed as those who refuse to see themselves as such. They consider themselves rich, but they are actually the poorest of the poor. This is because they are slaves to sin, which leads them to use wealth and power not for the service of God and others, but to stifle within their hearts the profound sense that they too are only poor beggars. The greater their power and wealth, the more this blindness and deception can grow. It can even reach the point of being blind to Lazarus begging at their doorstep (cf. LUKE 16:20-21). Lazarus, the poor man, is a figure of Christ, who through the poor pleads for our conversion. As such, he represents the possibility of conversion which God offers us and which we may well fail to see. Such blindness is often accompanied by the proud illusion of our own omnipotence, which reflects in a sinister way the diabolical "you will be like God" (GEN. 3:5), which is the root of all sin. This illusion can likewise take social and political forms, as shown by the totalitarian systems of the 20th century, and, in our own day, by the ideologies of monopolizing thought and technoscience, which would make God irrelevant and reduce man to raw material to be exploited. This illusion can also be seen in the sinful structures linked to a model of false development based on the idolatry of money, which leads to lack of concern for the fate of the poor

on the part of wealthier individuals and societies; they close their doors, refusing even to see the poor.

For all of us, then, the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favorable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God's word and by practicing the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, vis-counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and praver — we touch more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated. By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they too are poor and in need. By taking this path, the proud, the *powerful* and the *wealthy*, spoken of in the Magnificat, can also be embraced and undeservedly loved by the crucified Lord who died and rose for them. This love alone is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness and love that we think we can satisfy with the idols of knowledge, power and riches. Yet the danger always remains that by a constant refusal to open the doors of their hearts to Christ who knocks on them in the poor, the proud, rich and powerful will end up condemning themselves and plunging into the eternal abyss of solitude which is hell. The pointed words of Abraham apply to them and to all of us: They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them (LUKE 16:29). Such attentive listening will best prepare us to celebrate the final victory over sin and death of the Bridegroom, now risen, who desires to purify his Betrothed in expectation of his coming.

Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion! We ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God's mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her lowliness (cf. LUKE 1:48) and to call herself the Lord's humble servant (cf. LUKE 1:38).



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