

The Bulletin

St Anne of the Heights • Jersey City, NJ

May 8, 2016
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Happy Mother's Day!





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Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 5/8 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mother's Day

12:00 Noon Confirmation Day Church

MONDAY 5/9

1 PM-3 PM St. Anne Seniors Cent Hall

3:30-4:30 PM Legion of Mary Convent

6-8 PM Brownie Mtg Cent Hall

TUESDAY 5/10

12:15 PM Bingo Cent Hall

4 PM Rosary Mtg Cent Hall

7 PM Festival Meeting Cent Hall

WEDNESDAY 5/11

THURSDAY 5/12

9:30-10:30 AM Holy Hour for Priests Church

FRIDAY 5/13

12:15 PM Bingo Cent Hall

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

SATURDAY 5/14

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

5 PM Confessions Church

SUNDAY 5/15 PENTECOST SUNDAY

10 AM CCD Mass Church

10AM-1 PM H.N.S. Mass/Mtg Church/Cent Hall

1-3PM Fil-Am Mtg Cent Hall

Stewardship Report

Last Sunday's Collection: (May 1, 2016)

5:30 PM	\$1,245	10 AM	\$1,046
7 PM	\$142	12 PM	\$1,073
8 AM	\$627	Total	\$4,133

Stewardship Enrichment Collection: **\$1,563**

We are grateful for your contribution!

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

May Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: Respect for Women That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Evangelization: Holy Rosary That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

Mass Intentions • May 9th—15th 2016

Mon 5/9	9 AM	Novena	
Tues 5/10	9 AM	Emily Infante	Frank & Gemma Infante
Wed 5/11	9 AM	Doris & Lyda Cullen	Ruth Cullen Special Intention OL Perpetual Help Cp
Thurs 5/12	9 AM	Ernesto Voza	Virginia Sarni
Fri 5/13	9 AM	Christina Burke	
Sat 5/14	9 AM	Honor of St. Dymphna	Fusco Family
	5:30 PM	Christina Burke	
	7:00 PM	Parish Intention	
Sun 5/15	8 AM	Cecilio Villanueva	Villanueva Family
	10 AM	Marie Maillie	Parish Intention 1 st Anniversary in Heaven
	12 PM	Marie Maillie	Carol Ferraro

Sanctuary Gifts • May 8th—14th 2016

Gift	In memory of	Requested By
Altar Wine	Dolores McNamara	Marie Bradley
Altar Bread	Dolores McNamara	Marie Bradley
Sanct. Lamp	Marie DiMartini	Parish intention
Altar Candles	Thomas Fiore	Parish intention

Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Doreen Busacca, Kathleen Link, Orlando Basile, Marie Carlson, John Norton, Patricia Kucinski, Frank McNamara, Jennifer O'Connor, Donna Tuzzo, Matt Bolger, 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**

Baptism Information

Families are asked to please contact the Rectory for further information on preparing for the sacrament of Baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony

In accordance with archdiocesan policy, couples contemplating marriage are asked to begin the sacramental preparation program at least one year in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the Rectory for further information.

Sunday Readings

First Reading: **ACTS 7:55-60**
Psalm: **PS 97:1-2, 6-7, 9**
Second Reading: **REV 22:12-14, 16-17, 20**
Gospel: **JN 17:20-26**

Family Faith Formation

Please contact Rectory for more information.

Please follow the Twitter channels of the parish:

- [@sah_promise](https://twitter.com/sah_promise) Faith Formation Grade K—1
- [@sah_goodnews](https://twitter.com/sah_goodnews) Faith Formation Grade 2—3
- [sah_venture](https://twitter.com/sah_venture) Faith Formation Grade 4—6
- [sah_visions](https://twitter.com/sah_visions) Faith Formation Grade 7—8

Family Faith Formation Registration:

sahjerseycity.com/ccd

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADDRESSING ABUSE:

We Are All Hurt By Child Sexual Abuse

When someone commits an act of abuse against a child – whether within the Church or in public schools, town organizations or in homes—all of society suffers. For that reason, the Archdiocese requires everyone who works with children to be trained in sexual abuse awareness and to undergo a background check. By participating in this effort, we all say “We do not condone abuse within the Church, and are taking steps to eliminate it.” The Protecting God's Children® program is a requirement for those working with children, but is open to all adult parishioners or school parents who wish to learn more about how to ensure safe environments for children in our society.

For a listing of the current sessions of Protecting God's Children®, or to learn more about the Archdiocese's safe environment policies and procedures, visit the Archdiocese of Newark website at www.rcan.org/charter.

Weekday Readings

Mon ACTS 19:1-8 / PS 68:2-3AB, 4-5ACD, 6-7AB / JN 16:29-33

Tue ACTS 20:17-27 / PS 68:10-11, 20-21 / JN 17:1-11A

Wed ACTS 20:28-38 / PS 68:29-30, 33-35A, 35BC-36AB / JN 17:11B-19

Thu ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11 / PS 16:1-2A AND 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 / JN 17:20-26

Fri ACTS 25:13B-21 / PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20AB / JN 21:15-19

Sat *Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle* ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26 / PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / JN 15:9-17

Novena of Masses For Month of May 2016

Requested for

† Michele Fusco Fusco Family

Honor of Holy Rosary Fusco Family

† Eugene Salati Salati Family

† Emily Infante Bernice Corallo

† Carole Kellett Elks Club #211

† Roy Maglori Clare & Family

† Stella Rzeplinski Eugene Salati & Family

† Stella Rzeplinski Casey Gelcich

& Nancy Salati-Gelcich

Requested for

† DJ Wise AnnaRose Smith & Family

† Carmela Giangola Debby & John Faherty

John Norton Ruth Cullen

Agnes & Katie Ruth Cullen

Elaine Taylor Ruth Cullen

Sr. Mary Eid St. Joseph Prayer Group

Aniceta Delgado St. Joseph Prayer Group

Welcome to the Body of Christ!

Our community welcomes Analise Lydia Merced who was baptized last week.



Laudato Si'

Laudato Si' will be offered on May 14, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, at Benedictine Sisters, Elizabeth. Join us in reflecting on the major themes of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* — *Care for Our Common Home* to find practical ways to respond. *Saturday only: \$35 Lunch included. Open to all.*

Marist HS

Marist High School, Bayonne, is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, May 11 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.*

A Retreat For Serious Illness

GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of **May 20, 21, 22 18 2016** at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearny. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15PM and end with a closing Prayer Service Sunday at 1:30 PM. There is no cost to you for the retreat. *For further information contact: Hilare Reinold 732-566-7237 — Peggy Walsh 908-499-7667 — Maire Merritt 732-670-5980 — Linda Capobianco 732-608-7277*

Inner-City Children

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children Annual Gala will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at The Park Savoy in Florham Park. This year's honorees are Angelo Genova, Chairman of Genova Burns Law Firm and Chris Canty, NFL Player and Super Bowl XLVI Champion with NY Giants. Proceeds from the dinner will provide partial-tuition scholarships to low income students, in grades K-12, attending Catholic Schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties. *For more information about the dinner, to order tickets or place a journal ad, please visit www.sficnj.org or call SFIC at 973-497-4278.*

Parish Access Assistance Funds

The Parish Access Center (PAC) still has funds available from Hudson County to help people in imminent danger of becoming homeless with back rent and security deposit. The program was designed to help families with children (17 and under) who work (not under public benefits although food stamps recipients are eligible). In addition, PAC still has funds to help "Hurricane Sandy" victims if they were approved by FEMA and received money at that time. The program was designed to help people that were affected by the storm in October 2012. *If you are, or if you know someone in need, call 201-798-9960 for further information.*

2016-17 Parish Calendar Schedules Due

Conflicting dates will be discussed via email/phone; **Please be sure to include your contact information - name, email address and phone number.**

PLEASE NOTE: no scheduling in Centennial Hall for the months of July and August; repairs need to be made in church and school buildings; premises need to be vacant. Thank you.

All Parish Organizations who use Centennial Hall/Convent/Church are requested to submit their yearly calendar for 2016-17; **Parish Calendar year is September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Please submit your calendar by May 31st!**

When preparing your schedule, please keep the following in mind:

- **Two Annual Parish Events** that take precedence over organizational fundraising – **Parish Auction** (March 5, 2017; setup March 4, 2017) and **the Festival** (July 22,23,24, 2016). The Festival Committee schedules 'pre-festival fundraisers' to help fund the Festival – "A Nite at the Races" (April 2017), and possibly one "Atlantic City Trip" during the month of March or May, or other event.
- **Religious Education Program** takes precedence in reserving the use of Centennial Hall on most Sundays until 12:00 noon, especially **the first and last Sundays of every month.**

Calendars need **SPECIFIC EVENT DATES & TIMES** (general info not accepted: ie. meeting every Friday) **DO NOT SCHEDULE EVENTS/MEETINGS ON HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS – WHEN RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED!**

Thank you

Class of 1972 Graduates!!

We are looking for 1972 Graduates from St. Anne's Grammar School in Jersey City Heights in preparation for the 45th Anniversary Reunion Celebration that is scheduled for 2017.

Please contact: jam24336@aol.com and/or look for our page on Facebook "St Anne School JC Heights Class of 72".

Congratulations on your First Holy Communion!

Our parish rejoices in the celebration of the Sacrament.



Living Fully 2016

Living Fully 2016, the Academic Symposium Exploring Disability, Theology, Practice and Culture will take place on June 23 and *Living Fully 2016: Disability, Culture and Faith: a Celebration* on June 24-26. Organized by the Pontifical Council for Culture and the Kairos Forum UK, *Living Fully 2016* will honor persons with disabilities and highlight the unique blessings they bring to the Christian Community. It comes at a special time for Catholics, during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, when each of us is invited to recognize our dependence on Christ's redemptive grace. All participants at *Living Fully 2016* will make

a considerable contribution to enabling a celebration of theology and practice within the life and mission of the Church. Anne Masters, Director of the Archdiocese of Newark Pastoral Ministry with Person with Disabilities, is part of the US organizing team for the Symposium and Conference, and also is scheduled to be a Presenter at both events. More information about *Living Fully 2016*, including registration and costs, can be found at www.living-fully2016.com, or contact Anne Masters, Director for Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities for the Archdiocese of Newark, by phone at 973-639-



6536 or by email at masteranrcan@gmail.com for opportunities to spread the word about this great event and for sponsorship possibilities.

2nd Western Slope Community Meeting

Join us on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7 pm (Doors open at 6 pm) in St. Anne's Centennial Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to enlighten residents of the possibility of some Western Slope streets changing from two way streets to one way streets and to review the issues and concerns that residents voiced at the first meeting. After a 30 minute presentation there will be a question and answer segment. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and voice your opinion. Your input to this process is important.

Pilgrimage sponsored by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Catholic Pilgrimage to Fatima/Lourdes and Paris, September 12 – 22, 2016; Daily Mass, Breakfast and Dinner Daily. Air from NY JFK. For a flyer of more info, call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660

St. Anne's Festival Meetings

St. Anne's Festival will take place July 22,23,24, 2016! Licenses are being processed; festival meetings will take place in Centennial Hall on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM and will be held on the following Tuesdays:

May 10, June 14, June 28,

July 5,12, 19.

Anyone interested in participating with the Festival, please attend the meetings.



MOTHER'S DAY

If You Have Lost a Child

Parishes are communities where we gather and celebrate many joys through the Sacraments, and accompany our beloved faithful to their rest. In communion, we are also one in sharing the pains of those among us, and we realize that for some of us who have lost a child — in the womb or after birth — Mother's Day may be a difficult day. Here we have gathered some resources to help you. Please know that we accompany you and your child in our prayers, that we particularly recommend you both to Mary, who knows your pain, and that we are here to help you.



How can you remember your child?

There are many, many ways to honor the memory of your child as you move forward, whether you had a funeral or memorial service or not. Each person will feel called to remember their child in his or her own way. Here we have a few ideas that may inspire you.

- **Make a keepsake box.**
- **Wear a mothers' necklace** or ring (with the child's birthstone, or an engraving of their initials/name/date of birth/death); there are many places that sell pendants unrelated to pregnancy loss that would work well, and some have a few loss-related options.
- **Make or buy a rosary** with or without your child's name on it.
- **Attend an annual Mass** said for children lost to miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. The Bulletin regularly announces those liturgies offered by the Archdiocese.

- **Include your child's name** in any litany of Saints you say, or simply request their prayers on a daily basis.
- **Have your child's name put in the Book of Life** at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents in New York (and visit, if you are able!)
- **Plant a flower garden** in memory of your child. A headstone or plaque could also be placed there.

Will I see my child in Heaven?

The short answer is *yes*. Let's read exactly what is stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1261: *As regards children who have died without Baptism, the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites for them. Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus' tenderness toward children which caused him to say: 'Let the children come to me, do not hinder them,' allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without Baptism.*

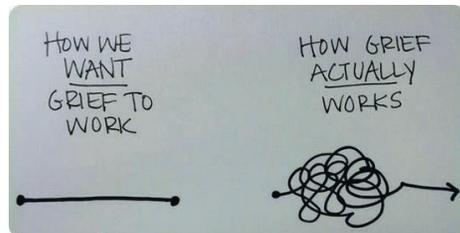
To add to that, there is also an

understanding of *baptism by desire* (cf *Catechism*, no. 1259-60) in which it is taught that people who die while unbaptized are supposed to have been baptized by their *explicit desire* to receive this sacrament. This may also apply to children whose parents intended to baptize their child after birth. If you are still worried that baptism was absolutely necessary, you may also want to see no. 1257 in the Catechism, which ends with this line: *God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.* It is put another way here: *Baptism is necessary for salvation for all those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament.* (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 261). God is all powerful and also merciful. The Church is compassionate and very hopeful regarding your child(ren)'s salvation. You can rightly look forward to meeting them again in Heaven.

The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark invites all parents who have suffered the loss of a child to attend *A Day of Comfort and Hope* on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Notre Dame RC Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell. This full-day retreat affords bereaved parents the opportunity to join together in a caring, spiritual setting for prayer, meditation, discussion, presentations, fellowship and Holy Mass. *Pre-registration is required by May 27; space is limited. For information, please contact the Family Life Office at 973-497-4327.*

BABY BLUES

One thing that people are not told to expect when they lose a child is some depression. Obviously, there is the grief from losing your baby, but there are other factors at play. When you deliver, whether at 8 weeks or 40, the hormones that have been very high during pregnancy drop precipitously. This is usually referred to as *the baby blues* and if more severe or persistent, *postpartum depression*. Women who miscarry are at as least as much risk for postpartum depression as women who deliver live babies and usually more. If you have delivered a living baby you will be distracted by the care of a newborn and you will be surrounded by balloons and congratulations. After a miscarriage you not only do not have these, but you have the added grief of pregnancy loss.



OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY

No matter when you lost your child, one of the typical responses to God is anger. This is completely natural. But while you may be angry at God, you can also begin to talk to Him more and ask for peace, hope, and guidance in this time of trial. Find ways to grieve that are beneficial to your spiritual life and which will make you into a better person; this can be the legacy of your child's life. God truly is all-knowing and all-loving, and His deepest desire is to have you join Him forever. If you are Catholic, your highest priority is to become a saint and join God in heaven at the end of your life. All of the beauty in this life is just a small inkling of what we will experience when, with God's grace, we get there; and there will be no more suffering. With God, you have created a completely new, eternal being, and he or she is a beautiful addition to Heaven. The crucial thing to remember after you have lost your child is that they will never, ever have to suffer. He or she is now in the presence of the Almighty, experiencing only pure joy, forever. And we pray that you will be able to join them one day.

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