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March 9, 2014
First Sunday of Lent

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Religious Education Program: Please contact rectory!

Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 3/9 • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
10 AM-12 NOON CCD in session
10:30 AM-1:00 PM H.N.S. Mass/Mtg-Ch Cent Hall
1 PM-3 PM Fil-Am Mtg—Cent Hall

MONDAY 3/10
1-4 PM St. Anne Seniors Cent Hall
3 PM Legion of Mary Convent
6-8 PM Cadette Trp 2828 Mtg Cent Hall

TUESDAY 3/11
12:15 PM Bingo Cent Hall
3-4 PM Holy Hour for Priests Convent Chapel
7 PM Festival Mtg Cent Hall

THURSDAY 3/13
7 PM-8 PM OLGuadalupe Mtg Cent Hall

FRIDAY 1/3
12:15 PM Bingo Cent Hall
1 PM Stations of the Cross Church
5 PM-8 PM H.N.S. Lent Fish Fri Cent Hall
7 PM Stations of the Cross Church
8 PM (setup) First Penance Cent Hall
8-9 PM J&M Prayer Mtg Convent

SATURDAY 1/4
11 AM First Penance Church / Cent Hall

Celebration Of The Eucharist in Church

Saturday Morning: 9:00 AM
(until further notice)
Saturday Evening: English 5:30 PM
(anticipating Sunday) Misa Español 7 PM
Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon

Celebration Of The Eucharist in Convent

Monday thru Friday:
Communion Service 7:00 AM
Mass 9:00 AM
Wednesday:
Mass 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays in Church 5 PM
or by Appointment



'The Ministry of Angels'



By Steve Noga
Religious Studies Teacher

"Get behind me, Satan...then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him" (Mt 4:10-11). In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus' experience in the desert present us a challenge to reflect on living more simply this Lent. When we reject values that stand in direct contradiction to God's Reign—asserting popularity, wealth, and political power over others—we draw closer to God's desires for us to pursue this Lent. In this scene, Jesus experiences real temptations (hint: he's really one of us!) and invites us to walk down a path of servant leadership characterized by a richness of mercy. Practicing mercy—a 'ministry of angels', as the end of today's gospel states—lies at the core of what it means to live as a Christian. Our days follow Jesus' path when we compassionately respond to each person's suffering and

we embrace each person's joys. When we give voice to marginalized persons' emotional, physical, and spiritual needs and hopes, we practice this mercy. To draw on a theme from St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises, such mercying (as Pope Francis has referred to it recently) resists the side effects of the anti-Reign's relentless pursuit of fame, wealth, and power.

At the start of this Lenten season, let's be bold in our willingness to seek the graces that God desires to invite us to experience. Let's ask for the grace to give thanks for the myriad ways that our friendships and relationships continue to sustain us so that we can continue to practice mercy.

Since 2002, Steve Noga has taught religious studies, with an emphasis on Scripture and Ignatian Spirituality. Adapted from a reflection that he provided to Jesuit Volunteers.

NEW!

Mass intentions

Monday, March 10, 2014

9 AM John Lawrence
(Shin Family)

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

9 AM Lawrence Shin
(Shin Family)

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

9 AM Angela Aversano Family
(Shin Family)

7 PM Special intention
(OL Perpetual Help Group)

Thursday, March 13, 2014

9 AM † Quinn Brothers
(Mildred Bombich)

Friday, March 14, 2014

9 AM † Antonina Grillo
(Frances & Angela)

Saturday, March 15, 2014

9 AM † Giuseppina DiGeronimo
(Virginia Sarni)

5:30 PM † Rosemary Lupardi
(Debby & John Faherty)

7 PM † Miguel A. Hernandez
(Hernandez Family)

Sunday, March 16, 2014

8 AM † Dominick Tornabe
(Anthony Tornabe & Family)

10 AM † Bruno Spazian
(Frances & Family)

12 Noon † Peggy Hanley
(Mary)

Sanctuary Gifts

For the week of March 9th–15th, 2014 the gifts are offered in memory of:

Altar Wine Ernest Wicklund
(Parish intention)

Altar Bread Ernest Wicklund
(Parish intention)

Sanctuary Lamp Ernest Wicklund
(Parish intention)

Altar Candles Ernest Wicklund
(Parish intention)

Praying for the Sick

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

Anthony Biggio ● Sammy DeLeon ● Shane Quinn ● Alice Daly ● Sadie Krieger ● Emilie Jaworowski ● Dolores DelMonte ● Bill Waddleton Sr. ● Dianne O'Sullivan ● Carl Carlson ● Larry Bello ● Miyuki Campbell ● Dennis Reilly ● Diane Albert ● Nancy DelGiodice ● Thomas Engelhardt ● John Skippy Fischer ● Nicholas Manente ● Connie Ann Bichuniak ● Joseph Callandrillo ● Julia Annicchiarico ● Albert Tarantula ● Marie Carlson ● Meghan Connaughton ● Tina DelGiodice ● Gloria Restrepo ● Ethel Thomas ● Gordon C. Gladden ● Aurette Rivera

Peter's Pence collection today

In the second collection today, we are supporting the Holy Father in his charitable works. Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

St. Anne's Festival 2014

Festival Committee Members have begun meeting, making plans for this year's Festival — happening July 25, 26, 27, 2014!

The Festival Meetings are held in Centennial Hall at 7 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11. We welcome NEW MEMBERS; looking forward to seeing some new faces!

Pre-festival activities planned:

- Atlantic City Trips — March 29, Showboat Hotel & Casino
- A Nite At The Races — April 26 in Centennial Hall

Lenten Fish Fri

Our Lenten Fish Fri will be held on Fridays during Lent at 5 PM - 8 PM in the Centennial Hall: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, and 11. The price is \$7 in advance; \$8 at the door. Tickets are on sale at the rectory ONLY.

MENU

Fish, Fries, Cole Slaw, Tartar Sauce & Drink

Dine-in or Take-out

We look forward to enjoying the company of our fellow parishioners and neighbors during this most holy season.

Note: If you are attending the Stations of the Cross, please notify the kitchen staff BEFORE ATTENDING STATIONS. Thank you.

Volunteer Needed

We need a parishioner to lead the "Stations of the Cross" every Friday at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Any volunteer, please call the rectory. Thank you. **Note: all volunteers need to be in compliance with "Protecting God's Children". Please contact Georgene at the rectory.**

H & R Block Fundraiser

for the Serra Club



H & R Block is having a fund raising program for the Serra Club of Hudson County #1064. Any new client using H & R Block to prepare their taxes and bringing in this bulletin or mentioning referral #400.100.01078748 H & R Block will make a \$20 donation for vocations. A new client is defined as anyone who did not have their taxes prepared by H & R Block last tax season.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

This Week's readings

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32
Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12
Friday Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26
Saturday Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father

The Pope's universal prayer intention for March is "that all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women".

His prayer intention for evangelisation is "that many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel".

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.

If you are 18 years or older and are interested in becoming a Catholic or receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion, please call Cristina Pardo at 201-759-6217 for further information and to register as soon as possible.

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA) es el proceso a través del cual adultos interesados son introducidos a la Fe Católica y su modo de vida poco a poco.

Si usted tiene 18 años o más y está interesado en ser Católico o recibir los sacramentos de Confirmación y/o Primera Comunión, favor de llamar a Cristina Pardo al 201-759-6217 para mayor información y registrarse lo más pronto posible.

Religious Education

The religious education office is located in St. Anne's Rectory - 3545 Kennedy Blvd.

Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday - 9 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM-12 Noon.

All children attend the 10 AM Mass; Dismissal is 12 Noon from Nelson Avenue exit

- March 9 – CCD IN SESSION
- March 16 – CCD IN SESSION

Youth Ministry & Confirmation Prep



On April 25-27, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will be hosting the 2nd "Continuing

the Journey" conference for those that work, volunteer and minister to youth in the diocese. Registration is open until April 1. For more information, please go to newarkoym.com

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. Please fill out form below to become a parishioner of Saint Anne's Parish:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

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. Assis-



tance 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.

St Patricks' Parade Mass in Newark

The Newark St Patrick's Day Parade will once again take place in Newark, and on Friday, March 14, the Most Rev Bernard Hebda, Coadjutor Archbishop of Newark will preside over the Memorial Mass celebrated with Rev Msgr Neil J Mahoney, Pastor of St Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, and Rev Patrick W Donohue, Chaplain for the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc.

For more information on the parade, please see facebook.com/NewarkParade ● NewarkParade.com ● twitter.com/NewarkParade ● youtube.com/NewarkParade

Saint Dominic's 5K and 1-Mile



Saint Dominic Academy, Jersey City will hold their 17th Annual Spring Thaw 5K and 1 Mile Race on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The event will take place beginning at 9:30 am. at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. Proceeds from the race help to benefit all of Saint Dominic Academy's sports programs. Featured events and related fees include a short kiddie run to be held after the 5K (\$10), a one mile run/walk beginning at 9:30 am. (\$20) and a 5k run beginning at 10:00 am. (\$25).

On-line registration, maps and application can be found at www.RaceForum.com/SpringThaw. Anyone wishing additional information can contact the SDA Athletic Director, John Nagel at 201-434-5938 ext. 33.

High School Expo

Is your child currently in grades 6 or 7? Is your child currently in high school and looking for a change? The Catholic high schools of the Archdiocese of Newark are sponsoring a High School Admissions Fair called High School Expo. This event is conducted in a college fair style. School staff and student representatives will be on hand to share information with your family: academics, financial aid, extra-curricular activities, and more. Our schools have a near 100% graduation rate with 97% of seniors attending college.

The event will be in two locations each with plenty of parking:

Visitation Academy 222 Farview Ave Paramus April 2 7:00-8:30 PM	Archdiocese of Newark 171 Clifton Ave Newark April 3 7:00-8:30 PM
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No pre-registration or fee is required, and younger siblings are welcome. *For directions and further information visit our website at www.catholicchoolsnj.org or call Laura Cristiano 973.497.4258.*

Anniversaries 5-25-50

Once again this year the Archdiocese of Newark will continue the tradition of honoring couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty year of christian marriage in 2014. The anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on April 6, 2014 for couples reaching 50 years, and May 4, 2014 for 25 years and 5 years.

Registrations for couples should be made via the Rectory.

Job Ad: janitor (Irvington)

Good Shepherd Academy in Irvington is in need of a custodian/janitor. This is a full time position. Monday thru Friday, 10AM to 6PM. The Custodian is responsible to report to the Pastor or the Principal. Cleaning and maintaining the parish and school facilities and its premises to ensure an attractive condition for the good of all.

For more details please call – (973)375-0659 or fax your resume to 973-375-0766.

10 Things to Remember For Lent

1 Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

2 It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3 It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. Fasting is a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4 It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, do something positive.

5 It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering.

6 Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused.

7 Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and

sincerity.

8 Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9 Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need.

10 Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on cross for all of us.

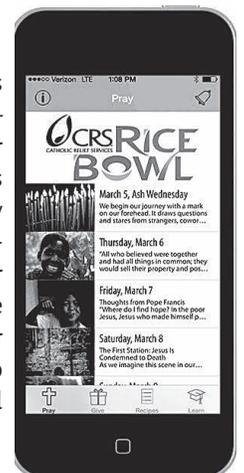
Written By Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, WI, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more Lenten resources, go to: www.usccb.org/lent

What are you doing for Lent?

Many of us don't consider this question until Ash Wednesday. This year, Catholic Relief Service innovates with the CRS Rice Bowl. Download their mobile app and chart your Lenten journey with daily prayer reflections. Use the customizable tool to track your sacrifices and hear stories of hope from people around the world. Visit CRS Rice Bowl's Global Kitchen to see cooking demonstrations and

get recipes for meatless meals that use simple ingredients—perfect to share with your family and friends on Fridays during Lent. Find prayers, family activities and more at crsricebowl.org. What you give up for Lent truly can change lives. The prayers and sacrifices you offer through CRS Rice Bowl mean so much to those we serve around the world.

See crs.org/ricebowl-app/



Critical need for Blood Donations

There is an urgent, critical need for volunteer blood donors as a result of the current cold weather conditions and donors cancelling because of illness.

According to Community Blood Services of New Jersey, which supplies blood and blood products to more than 18 hospitals in New Jersey, there is less than a one-day supply on hand in our area to meet the needs of patients.

All eligible blood donors are asked to call 201.251.3703 now to schedule appointments at one of Community Blood Services donor centers to help rebuild the fragile supply.

All blood types are needed, but especially Type O negative. There has been a continuing shortage of O negative blood donors because they represent only 7% of the population.

Type O negative blood also is in most demand by hospitals because Type O donors are "universal donors" whose blood can be transfused into anyone in emergency rooms and trauma situations when there is no time for blood typing.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible to donate if you meet the following criteria:



- You are in good health
- You are 17 to 75 years old (16 years old with parental consent form, and over 75 with a Doctor's note)
- You weigh at least 110 pounds
- You have diabetes, asthma or high blood pressure but it is under control
- You have not donated blood in the last 56 days (112 days if your last donation was double red cells)

Additional restrictions apply if you have certain medical conditions, been to certain countries or undergone some medical procedures. Contact the Community Blood Service for further information.

Camp Veritas 2014

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens grades 7-12. It will be held at three locations in 2014; July 13-19, 2014 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD, July 20-26 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY and August 17-23, 2014 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment is open the price for each week is \$400 per camper. Early bird rates (before 4/1/14) are \$370 for Summit Lake Site, \$350 for IMSMC in Newburgh, NY and \$370 for the Camp Lakota Site. *More details can be found at campveritas.com.*



Respect for Life

Pope Francis Addresses the Pontifical Academy for Life

The Pontifical Academy for Life held its annual assembly in Rome last week, celebrating its 20th anniversary. When Pope John Paul II created the Academy in 1994, he commissioned it "to study, instruct and proceed according to the principal problems of law and bio-medicine regarding the advancement and defense of life, above all in the direct relationship these problems have to the moral Christian life and the directives of the Magisterium of the Church."



Pope Francis provided a substantive message to the Academy on its anniversary. He encouraged its continued pro-life work even when that requires "moving against the current," and commented on the theme of this year's assembly, "Aging and Disability." The Holy Father's address to the President at the Pontifical Academy for Life can be found at <http://tiny.cc/respectforlife>

Lent

US Bishops Offer Lent Resources

A variety of resources to help Catholics observe Lent is being provided by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

With the theme "Give Up, Take Up, Lift Up," resources include a new series of audio retreat podcasts in English and Spanish for the Sundays of Lent, video reflections on Lenten themes, and a downloadable Lenten calendar with quotes from Pope Francis' Message for Lent... and other teachings and

suggestions for taking an active approach to the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The website (www.usccb.org/lent) also includes facts about saints whose feast days or memorials fall within Lent, a reflection on fasting, information on re-discovering the Sacrament of Penance, and a section on Holy Week observances. The Lenten audio retreats

were produced for USCCB in association with Franciscan Media and are hosted by Elia Castillo.



Lent is for everyone. Here: Army Chaplain Father Butera, from the diocese of Allentown, PA, distributes ashes to soldiers deployed to Afghanistan.

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