

February 24th, 2008

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Schedule of Masses Feb. 25th- March 2nd 2008			
Day	Time	Requested for	Requested by
Mon. 2/25	7 AM	Alessandro Belfiore	Mr. & Mrs. Aniello Russo
	9 AM	Sophia Vucetaj	Lisa Ruvolo Family
Tues. 2/26	7 AM	For the People of the Parish	
	9 AM	Anna Fischer	Daughter & Granddaughter
Wed. 2/27	7 AM	Alessandro Belfiore	Nora Browne & Family
	9 AM	Sophia Vucetaj	Lorraine & Tony Chiusolo
	7 PM	Joseph Rossi	Mr. & Mrs. R. Tagliabue
Thurs. 2/28	7 AM	Alessandro Belfiore	Mocarski Family
	9 AM	Edward Zucha	Peters Family
Fri. 2/29	7 AM	Alessandro Belfiore	Agnes Cassely
	9 AM	Margherita Morsella	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Petrillo
Sat. 3/1	8 AM convent	Carmela Simone	St. Anne's Festival Committee
	9 AM	Alessandro Belfiore	Joseph & Dori Salvemini
	5:30 PM	Liv/Dec. Members of Lipari Family	Krieger Family
Sun. 3/2	7 PM	Raul Garcia	Alejandra Berrocal
	7:30 AM	John R. Krohn, Sr.	The Mack Family
	9 AM	Michele Fusco	Catherine Burke
	10:30AM	Rita Hogan	Hogan Family
	12 noon	Pastor Gonzales	Family

Sanctuary Gifts February 24th - March 1st,		
Gift	In Memory	Requested By
Altar Wine	Special Intention	
Altar Bread	Frank & Tommasina Tango	Family
Sanctuary Lamp	Special Intention	
Altar	Special Intention	



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

Alysa Puma, Lorenzo DiMaggio, Fran Collins, Steve Borland, Paul Skoyec, Lolly Becker, Dorothy Kelly, Diane O'Sullivan, Marie Marvin, Frieda Saccente, Margaret Lack,

MONTHLY AVERAGE COMPARISONS:		
Month	2007	2008
January	\$3,267.	\$4,046.
February	\$3,285.	\$3,865.

Your envelope counts		OUR WEEKLY OFFERING 2008	
February 16/17	\$ 3,030.		
Mailed in, thank you	\$ 73.		
Month's Total	\$11,594.		
Month's Average	\$ 3,865.		



# SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH

3545 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City

*"In Honor of Our Armed Forces"*  
**Sunday, March 2nd**

**1 p.m.**

*(Doors open at 12 Noon)*

**in Centennial Hall**



ANNUAL PARISH AUCTION

*Call rectory today to reserve your table for 8 or more!*

**Tickets \$10 - NOW available in the rectory.**

*(includes sandwich, tea/coffee, dessert & one auction bid sheet!)*



**NEW GIFTS or MONEY DONATIONS Are Now Being Accepted At The Rectory!**

## SPANISH SECTION

Ven te invitamos a que juntos celebremos el banquete de la Eucaristía .Todos los sábados a las 7:00 PM en tu idioma.

**Para confesiones:** Todos los sábados de 1:00 PM a 1:30 PM o pedir una cita en la rectoría.

**Bautismo:** El último sábado de cada mes.

**Matrimonio:** Llame a la oficina para registrarse y pedir una cita con uno de los sacerdotes.

### Alturas Espirituales

Muchas veces, al participar en un retiro espiritual, congreso de evangelización ,peregrinación... sentimos la presencia de Dios intensamente, con un gozo extraordinario que nos acerca a él y nos motiva a cambiar de vida. Pedro, Santiago y Juan deben haberse sentido así en la transfiguración. (ver La Transfiguración Mc 9 2-8)

Estas experiencias religiosas intensas son muy valiosas pues despiertan, nutren o iluminan nuestra fe, pero los sentimientos extraordinarios que tuvimos, no permanecen a lo largo del tiempo. El amor cristiano consiste en ser fieles a Jesús, hacerlo presente entre las personas e implantar su justicia en la sociedad; la emoción espiritual debe dar lugar a una fe renovada y activa a través de la vida. Por eso Mateo sitúa el relato de la transfiguración como antesala de las enseñanzas de Jesús sobre la vida de la comunidad cristiana.

Recuerda alguna vez que te sentiste muy cerca de Dios, revive esa experiencia en tu corazón y dialoga con el Señor: Jesús quiero ser fiel como María. Ella supo servirte día a día, sin depender de que hubiera ángeles del cielo como en Belén. ¿Hacia donde me invitas con esta experiencia?

### Adoración al Santísimo

Todos los Martes de 3:00 PM a 4:00 PM

### II Domingo de Cuaresma

Is 8,23 9,3 1 Cor 1, 10-13. 17  
Mt. 4, 12-23 4,12-17

### El Grupo de oración

Reinicia sus actividades todos los sábados después de la misa.



Si desea pertenecer al ministerio de la música (coro) de Santa Ana por favor acérquese y comuníquese al Sr. Eduardo.

God is in the slums, in the cardboard boxes where the poor play house. God is in the silence of a mother who has infected her child with a virus that will end both their lives. God is in the cries heard under the rubble of war. God is in the debris of wasted opportunity and lives, and God is with us if we are with them.

This God who is with the vulnerable and poor is with us in the Lamb of God whom John the Baptist points out to us today: John would have been aware of that title used for Isaiah's Suffering Servant who would bring forth justice to the nations... (Isa 52:13-53:12 and Isa 42:1b; 42:6a). Jesus, the Lamb of God, is that Suffering Servant. In him God suffers with the poor and oppressed in order to bring all people and all nations to freedom and justice.

*Prayer: Jesus, you who suffer in the poor and afflicted, open our eyes and hearts to your presence in those unjustly treated in our world. Fill us with compassion and energy to reach out to them and to work for justice. This we pray, trusting in your Spirit who lives within us. Amen.*

## Evangelization Corner . . . . .

### “Justice”

#### SCRIPTURE:

*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... I did not know Him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, “On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit” (John 1:29, 33).*

At a prayer breakfast in Washington, D.C., in early February, 2006, U2 rock star Bono spoke movingly of our call as human beings of all faiths to work for justice and equality. There is one thing, he said, that all of us of every faith and ideology can agree on: "...that God is with the vulnerable and poor. “ He continued:

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON. 2 Kngs 5:1-15b, Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4, Lk 4:24-30

TUES. Dn 3:25, 34-43, Ps 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9,  
Mt 18:21-35

WED. Dt 4:1, 5-9, Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20, Mt 5:17-19

THURS. Jer 7:23-28, Ps 95:1-2,6-9, Lk 11:14-23

FRI. Hos 14:2-10, Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17, Mk 12:28-34

SAT. Hos 6:1-6, Ps51:3-4,18-21b, Lk 18:9-14

NEXT SUNDAY: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

1Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a, Ps 23:1-6, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

### Scriptural Reflection on Stewardship



When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!



Every Tuesday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the church from 3 to 4 p.m. It is an hour of prayer for the priests, religious men and women and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life of the Church.

We invite you to come and spend time with the Lord for these intentions and for your personal requests. Holy Hour closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



## VOCATIONS



Today's Gospel speaks to the unity Christ can bring in the Church, in Christ, we are all one. Are you willing to break down the typical stereotypes that have been built over the years? As a priest, deacon or religious we are called to not see race, gender, age or disability, but we are called to see one thing: a person in need of the Sacraments and the loving grace of God. If you are willing to pursue this for yourself and all humanity, consider the possibility of a vocation. Pray for the love made manifest by Christ's Sacred Heart and contact the Vocation Office at 973.497.4365 or email [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org).

## WANTED FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

St. Anne's Parish is looking for new members to join their Finance Committee. If you are interested and have an understanding of finances, please contact Georgene at the rectory.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### Every Friday

1 PM  
7 PM



## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

On **Sunday, March 9th at 7 p.m.**, the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of "The Way of the Cross" in St. Anne's Church. This is a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and an inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross. This is a phenomenal manner in which it will leave the viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion and how it relates to today's life. The Players are a group of 15 teens and 9 adult Advisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. We suggest you arrive 15 minutes early.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING



Parish Council

**REMINDER:** There is a Pastoral Council Meeting every last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall, except during the months of July, August and December! Next meeting will be **February 28th!**

## Bible Study



FATHER TITUS NJOKU OFFERS A BIBLE CLASS TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE RECTORY BASEMENT. ALL ARE WELCOME; ADMISSION FREE. FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY AT (201) 656-2490 OR (201) 653-4785. THIS BIBLE CLASS IS CURRENTLY ON-GOING.

### Religious Education News



#### FROM SISTER ALBERTA

CCD Office hours: September-June; Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Monday thru Wednesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; CLOSED THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY. Please call before coming: Office 201-659-1794/Convent 201-963-0998.

- February 23rd - 42 children from St. Anne's School and Religious Education Program received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- The preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist begins. Parent Communion Meetings are scheduled by child's last name alphabetically and will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the CCD office: Last name beginning with letters A thru F - Feb. 24th; G thru N - March 9th; P thru V - March 16.
- Schedule for your child's First Communion was given on Wed., Feb. 20. If you didn't receive it, ask your child's teacher.

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS' MASS

BEGINNING IN APRIL, FATHER TITUS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF ST. ANNE PARISH ORGANIZATIONS TO ATTEND MASS TOGETHER AS A GROUP.

THIS MASS WILL BE HELD ON THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10:30 A.M. WITH THE FIRST MASS BEING ON APRIL 13TH. PLEASE SEE YOUR ORGANIZATION'S MAILBOX FOR A MORE PERSONAL INVITATION.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Daylight Savings Time BEGINS Sunday, March 9th; be sure to adjust your clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR before going to sleep!

#### Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

##### CHOICE OF 2:

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group sponsoring pilgrimage to Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA on **Sunday, March 30th**; Cardinal Theodore McCarrick will be officiating. **Leave 7 am from St. Paul's RC Church, 14 Greenville Ave., Jersey City; donation \$28**; contact Amelia Vasquez at 201-946-9896 or Maura Domingo at 201-333-8035.

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church, 188 MacArthur Ave., Garfield is, also, sponsoring pilgrimage to Shrine of the Divine Mercy in MA on **Sunday, March 30th**. **Bus will leave from Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church at 7:30 a.m. SHARP; Donation \$35**; coffee and rolls will be served on bus; proceeds will be donated to Good Council Several Sources Foundation in Hoboken - care of Fr. B. Groeschel and Christopher Bell; contact Rosetta Bontempo at 973-272-8681.



## St. Anne's Parish Communion Breakfast

Sponsored by St. Anne's Parish Organizations

### Sunday, April 6th

In Centennial Hall

After the 9 A.M. Mass



The fee is \$5 for one person and \$10 for the immediate family members.

Committee members will be in the Church vestibule **accepting reservations** for this affair after each Mass the **weekends of March 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign the reservation list by indicating how many family members will attend; **payment is needed at time of signing**. Reservations will assist with headcount to estimate food to be ordered. We look forward to sharing this wonderful Parish event with you and your families.

### Patrons

#### For Parish Communion Breakfast Program

St. Anne's Parish Organizations are sponsoring this year's Parish Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, April 6th**. The Patrons will help defray the cost for St. Anne's Parish Communion Breakfast.

Parishioners who wish to support the Communion Breakfast may select one or both of the two patrons, *St. Anthony or St. Joseph*, as listed below. Place this stub with your contribution in a sealed envelope and mark it "Patron-Parish Communion Breakfast". It can be returned by placing it in the Sunday collection basket or by dropping it off or mailing it to the rectory at 3545 Kennedy Blvd. We thank you for your support and generosity.

PATRON(S) FOR THE 'PARISH COMMUNION BREAKFAST PROGRAM':

\_\_\_ St. Anthony Patron - \$20      Person's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name clearly, thank you.)

\_\_\_ St. Joseph Patron - \$10      Person's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name clearly, thank you.)