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We the parishioners of the Church of Saint Anne, in the Archdiocese of Newark, are a Eucharistic Family dedicated to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to be a vibrant Catholic Christian Community. We are a caring people. Joyfully, we recognize, encourage and accept each person's gifts. Spirit of God, enable us to strengthen our community of Faith for Your honor and glory.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening - 4:30 p.m. • Sunday - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. & 12 noon Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. National Holidays - 8:00 a.m. Holy Days - As announced

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The Holy Season of Lent begins this Wednesday **Lenten Regulations 2019**

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

(If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night as the "Paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only (1) one full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals which together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 & 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten.

Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

- 2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- 3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- 4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent**, to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 2019

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Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44

Dear Friends,

When I was growing up, Lent was a time of giving up *sweets*. We could not have cake or candy. Only those "Hot Cross" buns were allowed! (Why? I do not know!)

Lent was a time of "giving something up!"

The three great spiritual practices of Lent are:

Prayer, Sacrifice & Alms Giving.

Prayer and Almsgiving are not actions of "doing without!" They are actions of "Doing!!"

Lent is an active time of growing in holiness.

The question as we begin Lent is not

"What am I giving up?"

Rather, it is:

"What will I do more of?"
How will I pray more this Lent?
How will I show greater generosity?
How will I be more Prayerful and Spiritually
"active" these next 40 days?

There are ample opportunities for retreats, devotions and prayer experiences offered here in the parish and the Archdiocese.

Check them out!

As we do these things we are already "giving up." *Giving up* of our *Time* and our *Treasure*.

All in all. Lent should be a joyous season! *God loves cheerful givers*!

No matter what you do, be JOYFUL!

The thought that we have our health, have our personal resources and live in this country of Peace, should fill us with thanksgiving and generosity.

Let us continue to pray for each other!

Msgr. Ron

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (Sharing God's Blessings)

Have you made your pledge yet?

This Week's Church Schedule

Saturday, March 2, 2019

8:00 AM Health & Healing for Marilyn Lott

4:30 PM + Marilyn Morgan

Sunday, 8:00 AM +John Hughes 10:00 AM +Giuseppe Lazzaro +Rev. Robert Pachana

Monday March 4, 2019 8:00 AM +Jenny & Lina Guzzo

Tuesday, 8:00 AM Hoanne Doyle

ASH Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:00 AM +Thomas Williams

12:00 PM Service—Ashes—no ceremony 3:00 PM Service- Ashes—no ceremony 7:00 PM Prayer Service w/ ashes

Thursday March 7, 2019 8:00 AM +Eolin Cappooccille

Friday, March 8, 2019

8:00 AM +Angelina Casabona - Anniversary

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9, 2019 11:00 AM Lenten Bible Study 4:30 PM +Della M. Gavin

Sunday, 8:00 AM +Maria Tomczewska 10:00 AM +Margaret McMahon 12:00 PM +Regina Bednarz

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No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

-St. Ambrose of Milan



Ashes will be distributed on Wednesday at the following times:

8:00 AM Mass with the distribution of Ashes
12:00 – 12:30 PM Distribution of Ashes
(no ceremony)

3:30 - 4:00 PM Distribution of Ashes (no ceremony)

7:00 PM Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes

(Because of the Ash Wednesday Service, there will not be Adoration and Intercessory Rosary this Wednesday)

Congratulations to the Garwood Knights of Columbus!

Last Saturday, they coordinated a Blood Drive in the Bethlehem Room.

The Blood Bank received 60 pints of blood, which will enable them to help 180 people.

"Thank You" to all who donated!

Lenten Bible Study

In response to last year's parish survey, there will be 3 sessions of Scripture study this Lent.

Saturday, March 9: "What is Faith" and the "Origin of Religion."

Saturday, March 16: "The Old Testament Scriptures" and the "Exodus Event."

Saturday, March 23: "The formation of the Gospels" and the "Passover of Jesus."

All sessions start at 11:00 AM in the Bethlehem
Room and would be 1 hour in length.
A person could attend all or just one of the sessions.

Sons of St. Anne meeting Monday, 7:00 PM Bethlehem Room All men are welcome! St. Patrick Celebration Corned Beef & Cabbage! Sunday, March 17 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM Garwood Knights of Columbus

Tickets: \$ 25.00 (Children: \$ 10.00)

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Call 908-789-3208 (Please leave a message.)



Make Your Lent Special This Year!

Archdiocesan Men's & Women's Conferences.

Catholic Men's Conference "For A Time Such As This" Holiness and Hope

Saturday, March 16 8:00 AM -4:00 PM Seton Hall University

Catholic Women's Conference "Alive in Christ" Finding our true Identity

Saturday, March 9 8:00 AM—4:00 PM Seton Hall University

Cost for each: \$ 25.00 (Includes Continental breakfast & Lunch)

Tickets: 973-497-4545

E-mail information: CatholicMen@rcan.org or CatholicWomen@rcan.org

Registration flyers in main entrance of the church. Cardinal Tobin will be the celebrant at the Masses.

Next weekend we will have a special collection to defray our costs in heating the church.

The costs for utilities is one of our largest expenditures.

Please use the special envelope attached for your donation. You may place your regular envelope number on it for registration in your yearly giving.

Thank You in advance for your generosity!

For the past 2 years, Fr. Jim Tortora has served us as one of our Weekend Assistants.

Last year, Fr. Jim retired from active ministry. He has decided to cut back on his commitments and enjoy retirement. We wish Fr. Jim "Many Happy Years!" and hope that he will join us at St. Anne's on special occasions.

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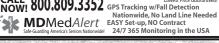
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