Welcome to

OUR LADY OF SORROWS – SAINT ANTHONY

HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY

Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, *Pastor*

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

3816 EAST STATE STREET EXT.

Saint Anthony Church

626 SOUTH OLDEN AVENUE

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Parish Office *(located in the Hall)* **& Mailing Address:** 3816 East State Street Ext., Hamilton, NJ 08619-2450

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Hamilton, New Jersey

Two Churches — One Family

Our Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio.....**Pastor**
Rev. Pierre Joseph.....**Parochial Vicar**

Luders Desiré.....Deacon
Joseph Jaruszewski.....Deacon
Kevin O'Boyle.....Deacon
Dennis Slavin.....Deacon

Maria Ialacci and **David Uhaze**.....Trustees

Maureen Tuohy.....School Principal

Mariyam Francis.....Religious Education Director

Susan Commini.....Pastoral Outreach
Michael Amantia.....Music Ministry
Doris Cordero.....Parish Secretary
Clara Gioe.....Financial Secretary
Denise Mikics.....Bulletin & Calendar

Promise to Protect—Pledge to Heal

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the norms of the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. Such allegations are reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

Worship & Sacramental Life

(**OLS**) Our Lady of Sorrows Church (**SA**) St. Anthony Church

Weekend Masses

Saturday.....4:00 PM (**SA**), 5:00 PM (**OLS**)
Sunday.....8:00 & 11:00 AM (**OLS**)
9:30 AM (*English*), 6:30 PM (*Creole*) (**SA**)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil of the Holy Day.....7:00 PM (**SA**)
Holy Day.....7:00 AM & 7:00 PM (**OLS**)
.....12:15 PM (*English*), 6:30 PM (*Creole*) (**SA**)

Weekday Masses

Monday – Friday.....7:00 AM (**OLS**)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.....8:00 AM (**SA**)
Wednesday.....7:00 PM (*Creole*) (**SA**)
Saturday.....9:00 AM (**OLS**)

Baptisms

1st Sunday.....10:45 AM (**SA**)
2nd & 3rd Sundays.....12:15 PM (**OLS**)
3rd Saturday.....10:00 AM (*Creole*) (**SA**)

Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday.....9:30 AM (**OLS**); 2:45 – 3:30 PM (**SA**); 3:45 – 4:30 PM (**OLS**)
Also by appointment

Our Sacramental Life

Baptism — Schedule by contacting the office at least four months in advance. Parents are asked to attend a pre-baptism conference; godparents also are welcome to attend.

Matrimony — At least a year prior to your anticipated date, contact the office for information on the preparatory process.

RCIA — The Rite of Christian Initiation is offered year round for adults who seek to join the Catholic Church or for those Catholics who wish to complete their sacramental initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation). Weekly classes begin each September.

Ministries to the Sick and Homebound — In case of serious illness, contact the office to arrange for the anointing of the sick. Contact the office also to arrange for regular visits to the homebound for the reception of Holy Communion.

Sacraments for Children — The Religious Education Office can arrange the preparation for older children or teens who wish to receive First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Low-Gluten Hosts — We provide low-gluten (0.01%) hosts for those with Celiac Disease. Please inform the priest or deacon of your need prior to the celebration of Mass; at communion time, approach the priest celebrant who will have this sacred host.

Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration — Thursdays are Days of Solemn Adoration following the 7:00 AM Mass through 6:00 PM (OLS) (Funerals may interrupt the period of adoration.) Visits to the Blessed Sacrament can be made through the week during office hours. Use the elevator/office entrance at OLS.

The Rosary — Monday-Friday 7:30 AM (SA)
1st Sunday of Month at 9:00 AM: Jan-Jun (SA), Jul-Dec (OLS)

Novenae — (following 8:00 AM Mass)
Mon: Miraculous Medal; Tue: St. Anthony

Prayers for the Sick — Names of the sick may be placed on the bulletin's "Prayer List" for a 12-week period unless otherwise arranged. Permission of the sick person is required.

At Your Service

Please contact the parish office for:

Registration — We welcome new members. Registration can be made on line or in person at the parish office. It enables us verify participation in parish life and for the issuance of contribution statements for tax purposes

Bereavement Support

Annulment Process Information

Mass Intentions — The usual offering is $10.

Sanctuary Memorials — Altar flowers and/or weekly sanctuary lamp dedications in memory of loved ones or a special occasion can be arranged. The lamp offering is $15. Donation toward the flower arrangement is $75.

Asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor? — Certificates of eligibility are provided to registered parishioners who meet the qualifications established in Canon Law. A Godparent/Sponsor is a Catholic who has received the Eucharist and Confirmation; lives a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith; (if married) is in a marriage recognized as valid by the Church; and is not the parent of the one to be baptized or confirmed.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

Today's Gospel takes us to that fascinating encounter of Our Lord and a woman at Jacob's well. The scene opens with a normal, human, everyday experience—thirst. Jesus is thirsty and asks the woman for a drink. A conversation ensues and Our Lord moves the idea of physical thirst to a spiritual thirst. In the end, the woman comes face to face with herself and understands what her thirst has been. She comes to faith in Christ.

As Lent turns our eyes to the Lord crucified, we recall his cry from the cross: "I thirst." Surely it was a physical need at that moment of torment, but it here too, we might truly say that it had a spiritual meaning—his thirst for our love. That thirst can only be satisfied when we have begun to thirst and hunger for him. Reflecting on this "word" of the Lord from the cross, Cardinal Hume asks, "Do I truly yearn? Is there a pining in my heart for the Lord? Do I thirst?" He places these words on the Lord's lips, a good message for this third week of Lent:

"Come closer, linger on in prayer and listen as I whisper into your ear the words, 'I thirst for you.' Follow me in your thoughts and prayers, then you too will begin to long for me, to yearn, to pine, to thirst. For true love is the meeting of two thirsts—I thirst for you, you thirst for me. Then the stream runs and the land is no longer dry and weary without water, for the streams are running, the ones that flow from heart to heart."

May this third week of Lent grant us a deeper longing to be with Christ.

With affection,
Msgr. Gervasio

Stewardship Report

Weekend of March 7-8

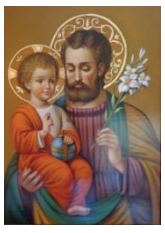
Offerings at Mass:	$17,571
Offerings Online:	$2,585
Total:	$20,156

Collection for Black & Native Americans and Catholic Home Missions $1,544

Not all offerings are equal, but all sacrifices are.

Thank you for your generosity and for remembering our parish in your will.

Let Us Honor St. Joseph



Husband of the Blessed Virgin
Guardian of the Redeemer
Patron of the Universal Church
7:00 PM Mass [OLS]
Thursday, March 19

The traditional blessing of Saint Joseph's Table will be held in the Church Hall following the Mass.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Our Lady of Sorrows

Mon, Mar 16
7 AM **Vincenza Brophy** ~ *Bruce Graycar*
Anthony Capriotti ~ *R M Peissner*

Tue, Mar 17—St. Patrick
7 AM **Elizabeth Hopkins** ~ *L & M Stewart*
Patricia Delozier ~ *B, A, A, & J Ronan*

Wed, Mar 18
7 AM **William Kiernan** ~ *D & R Benson*
Sylvia Gerber ~ *C & J Arnone*

Thu, Mar 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7 AM **Special Intention Juan E Medina** ~ *M Medina*
Marion Millington ~ *M Stoltman*
7 PM **Joseph & Josephine Conti** ~ *Family*
Todd Damico ~ *Aunt Peg*

Fri, Mar 20
7 AM **William Kiernan** ~ *K, W, & A Stam*
Vincent Ferrera ~ *D Frascella*

Sat, Mar 21
9 AM **Elizabeth & Gabriele Finocchio** ~ *Niece Eleanor*
William T Kenney ~ *Family*
5 PM **For the People of the Parish**

Sun, Mar 22—Fourth Sunday of Lent
8 AM **Josephine Petix LiMato** ~ *Husband M LiMato*
June Foy ~ *Carol Hawkes*
Giovanni Lubrano ~ *Wife & son*
11 AM **Charles Scarna** ~ *Daughter Charlotte*
Deacon Joseph Malloy ~ *Malloy Family*
Richard D. Small ~ *Deacon K & M O'Boyle*

St Anthony

Mon, Mar 16
8 AM **Hugh 'Corky' Bryce Jr** ~ *K O'Gorman*
Penny L Pulcinella ~ *J, E, J, & S Adams*

Tue, Mar 17—St. Patrick
8 AM **Dolores Rago** ~ *Daughter Donna*
William Richards ~ *Daughter*

Wed, Mar 18
7 PM **Jeff Spaeth** ~ *Dad*

Thu, Mar 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8 AM **Andrew & Helen Beres** ~ *G & J Beres*
Hugh 'Corky' Bryce Jr ~ *J & B Dougla*

Fri, Mar 20
8 AM **Gloria S Cheeseman** ~ *J, E, J, & S Adams*
Frank L & Grace M Silvestro ~ *Family*

Sat, Mar 21
4 PM **Vincenza Brophy** ~ *G & D Bell*
Hugh T Bryce Jr ~ *F & E Dempster*
Donald Rago ~ *R & J Hughes*

Sun, Mar 22—Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:30 AM **David Ambrose** ~ *Wife*
Hugh T 'Corky' Bryce Jr ~ *T & N Beckett*
Robert (Bob) Lawrence ~ *Wife*
6:30 PM **Creole Mass**

Visit our Website for this Week's Meetings and Events

Mesaj ki soti nan biwo Kire-a

Frè-m ak Sè-m yo:

Levanjil jodia mennen nou a rankont fasinant sa-a ant Senyè nou an ak yon fanm bò pui Jakòb la. Sèn nan louvri sou yon eksperyans nòmal, imen epi chak jou:"LASWAF". Jezi swaf epi li mande fanm nan dlo pou bwè. Yon konvèsasyon ouvè epi Jezi chanje lide swaf fizik la a yon swaf espirityèl. Nan fen an, fanm nan retwouve li fas a fas a tèt li e rive konprann ke li te swaf. Li vinn gen lafwa nan Kris la.

Aloske TanKarèm nan fikse atansyon nou sou Jezi Krisifye, nou sonje rèl Li-a sou bwa Lakwa: "Mwen swaf". Siman sete yon bezwen fizik nan moman de touman sa-a, men tou, nou kapab vrèman di ke Li te gen yon sans espirityèl—swaf Li pou amou nou. Swaf sa-a kapab satisfè sèlman lè nou te kòmanse swaf ak grangou pou Li. Kadinal Hume nan reflwksyon sou Pawòl Senyè-a sou Lakwa, poze kesyon sa-a: Eske mwen vrèman anvi? Eske mwen gen yon rankinn nan kè mwen pou Senyè-a? Eske mwen swaf? Li mete pawòl sa yo nan bouch Senyè-a, yon bon mesaj pou 3e semèn TanKarèm nan:

"Vini pré, lapriyè epi koute pawòl sa-a map di nan zòrèy w: Mwen swaf w. Dabò swiv mwen nan panse w ak lapriyè w, answit w pral kòmanse anvi Mwen, fou pou Mwen, swaf Mwen. Paske vrè renmen an se rankont 2 swaf: Mwen swaf w, w swaf Mwen. Kidonk rivyè a ap koule e tè-a pap janm sèch ankò epi li pap janm rete san dlo, paske rivyè yo ap koule, yap koule nan sila yo ki gen lafwa nan Kris la".

Se pou 3e semèn TanKarèm sa-a akòde nou yon dezi ki fon anpil pou nou toujou ak Kris la.

Avèk afeksyon,
Msgr. Gervasio

Nou Pwomet pou nou Pwoteje—
Angajman pou Yo Gueri

Dyosèz Trenton nan pran angajman pou l prezante bon jan inisyativ nan sa ki gen pou we ak konstitisyon legliz Etazini pou pwoteksyon timoun ak jenn moun. Diocèz la angage l' pou l sipóte tout ankèt kap fèt sou bagay ki gen rapò pou wè ak abi seksyèl oubyen si w implike nan youn akizasyon menn lè li poko majè. Si ou te abize seksyèlman pa youn nan manb Klèje a oubyen ankó pa youn moun ki reprezante legliz katolik la se pou ou pote plent pou sa. Menn lè se pa ou menn sa te rive, si ou genyen youn zanmi ou konnen ki te abize ou ka toujou rapóte sa nan biwo Diocèz la ki an chaj pou sa. Ou ka rele nan lign sa. Assistans abi: 1-888-296-2965 oubyen ou ka voye youn kourye elektwonik nan adress sa-a: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Get FORMED on the Go!

Learn more at app.formed.org
(Access code: WYJPPB)

Our parish school's 8th Grade students will be selling baked goods following this weekend's masses at both churches, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Anthony's. This is a perfect time to pick up some St Patrick's Day desserts! Funds raised by this sale help support graduation and end-of-year activities.

Stop by and buy some sweets for your Sweetie!

Solemnity of the Annunciation

A Prayer Service celebrating the Solemnity of the Annunciation will be held at OLS Church at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25.

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers, and Benediction.

Palm Cross Sale 2020

The Rosary Altar Society is conducting its Annual Palm Cross Sale, the proceeds of which benefit our parish.

The cross is approximately 12" x 20" (see photo) and made of looped palms on a wooden cross and mounted on a stake, which makes a suitable cemetery adornment.

The cost for each Palm Cross is $10. Please complete the order form below and either drop it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office in an envelope marked **Palm Cross Order** with your check made payable to the Rosary Altar Society **no later than March 22**.

Crosses will be available for pickup on **Friday, March 27, OLS only, from 11 AM to 1 PM. or after at all masses at both churches on March 28 & 29** at the location selected below.

Questions? Call Betty Adamczyk (586-6771), Carolyn Hawkes (587-4938), or Sharon Conte (587-1438).

Our Lady of Sorrows – St. Anthony
Rosary Altar Society
Palm Cross Order Form—Price: $10 Each

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Telephone: _____

No. of Crosses: _____ Amt. Enclosed: _____

Lenten Services this Week

In addition to our regular Mass & Confession schedule, you are invited to participate in the following:

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 PM—Way of the Cross for Married Couples—OLS

Thursday, March 19

7:30 AM– 6:00 PM—Eucharistic Adoration—OLS
6:15-7:00 PM—Confessions—OLS
7:00 PM—Mass in Honor of St. Joseph—OLS
Following Mass—Blessing of St. Joseph's Table—Hall

Friday, March 20

Day of Abstinence*
7:00 PM—Stations of the Cross & Benediction—OLS
7:00 PM—Stations of the Cross & Benediction (Creole)—SA

*** Abstinence**: All Catholics over 14 years of age must abstain from meat (and soup or gravy made from meat).

Our Lenten Work of Love

Containers are at the door throughout Lent. Let us generously support the project of the Religious Teachers Filippini in bringing clean water to their missions in Africa. Fr. James Martin, SJ, reminds us:

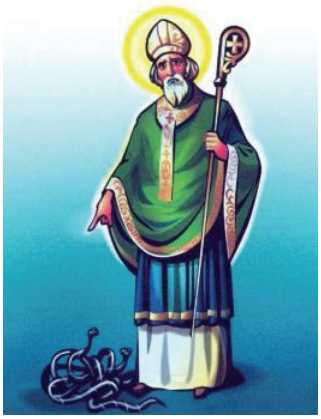
> For many people in the world physical thirst is a daily experience. Clean water is not the lot of everyone. All most of us have to do is turn on the tap to slake our thirst, but you might be surprised to learn that nearly eight hundred million people today lack access to clean, fresh water. And it is women and children who are often most affected by these situations, since the burden of procuring water usually falls to them—in bodily form; often they must walk miles to acquire it and carry the heavy liquid back home. It also affects them in terms of lost opportunities for education and earning a living. Finally, many women are physically or sexually assaulted while out getting water....Shed a tear and try to do something about it. Why not let that sorrow spur you into action?

This year's Lenten Work of Love is one great way to act!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Tuesday March 17

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of Everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



St. Patrick

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, March 26
7:00 PM OLS
Msgr. Thomas Gervasio, Celebrant

Clean Out Your Closets

Clear Out Your Clutter

Our parish Social Justice Committee will hold a clothing and housewares drive at Our Lady of Sorrows on the weekend of March 28 & 29 and on the weekend of April 4 & 5 at St. Anthony to benefit Better Community Housing of Trenton. Examples of housewares needed include: pots & pans, dishes, silverware, drinking glasses, kitchen gadgets & utensils, bedding, curtains, and working small appliances.

A truck will be in the parking lot at Our Lady of Sorrows from 3 PM Saturday to 12:30 PM on Sunday and at St. Anthony from 3 PM on Saturday to 11 AM on Sunday on their designated weekend to accept your donations of new or gently used clothing and housewares. Please call Kathy McGlinchy (890-8244) if you have any questions.

Respect Life

On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments on the Louisiana abortion case, *June Medical Services v. Russo*.

At stake, on the surface of this case, is whether state governments can regulate the safety of abortion clinics. That issue alone is critical, as the nation saw with the infamous Philadelphia abortionist, Kermit Gosnell, who treated women as merely commodities to be exploited.

The need for abortion safety regulations was manifest in Louisiana as well, from abortion clinics failing to sterilize medical instruments between procedures to a failure to report statutory rapes, and much more.

But this case has potential to go beyond the vital safety issues. It could, depending on how the justices rule, open a door to greater protections for preborn babies, as challenges to other pro-life laws make their way toward the Court.

Please pray for clarity and effective communication for those presenting the pro-life arguments to the Court. And pray that the justices will be moved to protect the victims of the abortion industry – both the women and the babies. The Family Policy Alliance Team

Resources & Help Lines

Choice One	800 497 8378
Good Counsel Homes	800 723 8331
Catholic Charities	609 394 5181
Legacy of Life	215-788-4051
NJ Safe Haven	877 558 0333
Lifeline National Suicide Prevention	800 273 8255

For more information contact

Jim White (609-586-0784; w.white1@verizon.net)

A Lumen Christi Cohort 6 Event

Stations of the Cross for Married Couples

A very popular devotion for Catholics during Lent is the Stations of the Cross, a virtual visit to the sites of Jesus' Passion. The traditional format is attributed to St. Francis and popularized by the Franciscans during the 14th century. Over the centuries, many variations have blossomed, offering different ways to meditate on the Passion, Station by Station.

Thanks to the Covenant of Love marriage ministry (https://www.thealexanderhouse.org/covenant-of-love), we are planning to offer Stations of the Cross this Lent with prayers and reflections designed for married couples. The stations will take place on Wednesday evening, March 18, at 7 PM in Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

This event is open to parishioners of all Cohort 6 communities. There will be opportunities for one or more couples to participate by leading the reflections. Interested couples may contact the Marriage Ministry Team of OLS-SA via email at MarriageMinistry@ols-sa.org.

Welcome, New Parishioners!

A warm welcome is extended to the following new parishioners and their families:

Marie Appelon
David Crea
Patrick Debrosse
Jess & Chris Delahanty
Orline & Rico Jean
Nancy Mirabelli
Maryellen & James Murray
Velia & Lorenzo Ragnacci
Monica & FrankSarmiento
Mido Toussaint

Please Pray for the Sick

John Arnone
Francine Belardo
Arthur R Bifulco
Jennie Brogel
Maria Corbett
Nicholas DeVito
Bill Doran
Nicolina Grace Ferreiro
Suzanne Figueroa
Lynda Foldetta
Celine Gerchman
Marie Grasso
George Gushue
Arlene Ialacci
JoAnn Jasinski
Evelyn Jordine
Judy Komlosi
Tom Mathews
Claire McGrath
Larry Monte
Joseph O'Hara
Frank Palmieri
Kurt Pizzullo
Tom Plantier
Philip Porcari
Doris Radice
Georgette Capone Radlinsky
Rose Salvatore
Florence Smith
William Smith
Liliane Springer
Richard Springer
Sue Stuono
Susan Tafrow
Geraldine Tomko
Michael Tomko
Mary Jane Williams
Joe Woodcock
Jenna Yaros

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

Norman Gryziewicz
Annette Marion
Rita Schioppa

Sanctuary Lamps

At Our Lady of Sorrows
One lamp burns in loving memory of
Lucy Militig
at the request of her family.

The other lamp burns in loving memory of
Nicholas Chomicki
at the request of Carolyn Hawkes.

At St Anthony
One lamp burns in loving memory of
Agnes and George Kandraz
at the request of Barbara & Brian.

Principal's Column

March is definitely roaring in with a full schedule of events! As we examine our hearts this Lenten season, the students in Grades 2-8 had the opportunity to attend a Lenten Reconciliation thanks to the organization of Monsignor Gervasio and Mrs. Frances. This is such a very special sacrament, and the students and faculty were grateful for the time they had to prepare "internally" for the joy of Easter.

The Middle School spent part of their Thursday at Notre Dame High School for a special performance of their musical production *Beauty and the Beast*. Each year ND hosts the sending schools for a mid-day show, and we are always excited to see the shows, as well as some former students performing in them. Once again, we were not disappointed—their acting, costumes, and stage sets rival any productions. A terrific time was had by all!

Friday night was the final Middle School Dance of the school year, and this one was hosted by the 8th graders. The DJ played some good dancing music, and the students enjoyed the evening. A shout out to the parent chaperones for their time, to the 8th graders for their food and drink donations, and the middle school faculty for spending their Friday night with the kids. These are the fun events that provide that communication bridge between the students and teachers, and are well worth the time invested.

Congratulations to the 2nd grade on the reception of their First Reconciliation! It was a very special Saturday morning, and it was evident the children were well prepared to receive the sacrament. I was impressed with their composure, especially since this is the first sacrament most of them will remember receiving. It was a beautiful morning, and the perfect reminder of why I love being in a Catholic school.

I wanted to add a picture of Bishop O'Connell's visit and celebration of the school mass. He is with our 1st graders (some were missing due to illness) and Mrs. Polt, the 1st grade teacher. We cannot say enough wonderful things about his presence at mass—the kids thought he was almost as good at giving homilies as Monsignor Gervasio!

Peace & Blessings,
Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal

Each parish offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of the local community. Over 600 adults in various stages of formation were brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese last year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in parish events and activities such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith.

Together in Mission is a tool our Diocese uses to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders, and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phase of life. Your gift supports this innovative tool which impacts the real lives of Catholics growing in faith.

The theme of this year's Appeal is: "God gives where he finds empty hands." (St. Augustine)

So should we! Please make checks payable to Annual Catholic Appeal, *not* to Our Lady of Sorrows – St Anthony. Thank you!

Around the Diocese

Holy Father's March Prayer Intention

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Visit Italy & Sicily with Msgr. Sam

Join Msgr. Sam Sirianni on a trip to Southern Italy and Sicily Nov. 7-18, 2020. For complete details, please join us for a meeting on April 14 at 6 PM in the Trinity Room at St. Robert Bellarmine 61 Georgia Road, Freehold NJ 007728 or contact Graycar Travel (800-214-6723)

You're Invited

The parish family of St. Gregory the Great in Hamilton Square requests the honor of your presence at 7 PM on Wednesday and Thursday, April 1 and 2, when we joyfully welcome charismatic speaker and healer Rev. James Blount, SOLT. On Wednesday Fr. Blount will celebrate a Healing Mass, followed by Individual Healing Prayer, and priests will be available for confession. On Thursday, Adoration will precede a talk by Fr. Blount entitled *Transforming Hearts through the Hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.* The night will conclude with Benediction and Individual Healing Prayer. Please plan to arrive early on both evenings for the Rosary at 6:30 pm.

Visit StGregorytheGreatChurch.org/frblount for more information.

Save these Dates

The Mission Committee of St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish has scheduled the following events for 2020:

March 25 *Our Lives Change When Our Habits Change*
Presentation by Deacon Bill Palmisano

May 3 – 5 *Living Discipleship* (Parish Mission)
Presentation by John Beaulieu

Nov 14 *Love and Forgiveness: Our Christian Way of Life*
Presentation by Deacon Bill Palmisano

The Monitor Magazine's March Highlights

The young Church of Trenton was in the spotlight throughout the issue, which also includes the winning entries in the diocesan **Respect Life** contest, coverage of the **Called by Name** vocations discernment program, and special section showcasing Catholic colleges**.** Don't miss several key reports in the new issue, including an advisory from the Diocese and other Catholic agencies on staying healthy amid concerns with the spread of the coronavirus. Also look for information on the critical importance of the upcoming U.S. Census, particularly for the poor and underserved. You can subscribe online at https://dioceseoftrenton.org/themonitor or by contacting the circulation desk (609-403-7131; monitor subscriptions@dioceseoftrenton.org).

Upcoming Programs & Events

Francis House of Prayer (Allentown) will offer:

- Meditation on the Way of the Cross—Fri, Mar 20; 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM; love offering (includes lunch)
- The Gift of Life & Life Eternal—2 Tues, Mar 24 & 31; 10 AM – 2:00 PM; $25/session (lunch included)
- Overnight Retreat: Tending to God's Affection for You—7 PM Thu, Mar 26 – 4 PM Fri, Mar 27; $75 (includes breakfast and lunch)

Please check www.FHOP.org for details & other offerings. To register, call 609-877-0509.

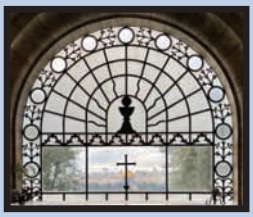
WFJS 1260AM—Catholic Radio

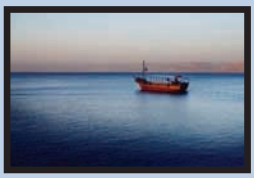
Take a Break— and Maybe Break the Bank!

Join Our Lady of the Angels' Sanctuary Guild for a fun day at Resorts Casino on Monday, May 4. For $35, you can enjoy round trip transportation via deluxe Starr motor coach and $25 in slot play. (Lunch is on your own.)

The bus departs from the AMC 24 Theater Complex on Sloan Avenue at 10 AM and returns there at 7:30 PM. Full payment is due immediately.

For details, please call Lorraine Lee (609-586-6749).





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For full itinerary or to register online, visit:

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The Cana Marriage Retreat

Sponsored by the Lumen Christi Cohort

April 25, 2020

11:45 AM – 4:30 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall
3816 East State Street Extension
Hamilton, N.J. 08619

Take a small respite from a busy Saturday and join the members of the Lumen Christi Cohort as we reflect on the Wedding Feast of Cana. The facilitators, Bob and Peg Hensler, will lead this enriching retreat, designed to bring married couples closer to Christ and to a greater awareness of God's grace in their marriage.

This special day begins with check-in at 11:45 AM and features a Lectio Divina reflection on the Wedding Feast of Cana, a special ritual blessing for each married couple, meditative time for the couples, and a reflection talk on the power of prayer in marriage. The sharing of a meal at 1:00 PM and breaking bread together in the Eucharist are also important aspects of the retreat day. Although the retreat ends at 4:30 PM, you are invited to remain and attend the 5:00 PM Mass for a perfect ending to the Marriage Retreat.

For information, contact: Lucy Stewart at 609-468-3701
To reserve your place: send your name, mailing address, and contact number to MarriageMinistry@ols-sa.org
Reservation Deadline: March 29

PTA Easter Day Flower Fundraiser

We are again teaming up with Country Gardens for an Easter Day Flower Fundraiser. We are offering beautiful 6" tulips and 6" hyacinths (3-bulb) for $8. Tulips come in multicolors; the hyacinths come in white, pink, and purple. **Please complete and return the order form below to the school or parish office (c/o Antonio Esquivel, Grade 7) with your check made payable to OLS PTA no later than Wednesday, March 25.** Plants will be available for pickup **at OLS School on Wednesday, April 12, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM .** If you have any questions, please call Helen Esquivel (609-306-9274).

Easter Day Flower Fundraiser Order Form

Tulips

Total Number of Tulips: _____ x $8.00 = $_____

Hyacinths: White: ____ Purple: ____ Pink: ____

Total Number of Hyacinths: _____ x $8.00 = $_____

Total amount enclosed: $_____

Name: _____

Cell Phone (required): _____

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Join OLS-SA Youth Group for a

Field Day Frenzy!!!

The OLS-SA Youth Group has been doing a great job showing up and providing service to our community. ***It's time to reward our teens!***

We will be gathering at the OLS Soccer Field to participate in some fun activities mainly **FLOUR BOMB CAPTURE THE FLAG**, amongst other fun outdoor activities!

We will have snacks, drinks, and **TONS OF FUN!**

When: MARCH 15th, from 1-3PM

Where: OLS Soccer Field (Located across the parking lot from the Church)

What Do You Need:
-Bring a snack (i.e. Bag of chips, cookies, etc.)
-Wear dark clothing!

CAN MARRIAGE BE MORE THAN YOU THINK IT IS?
TUNE INTO "BELOVED" AND SEE!

Our parish Marriage Ministry is introducing a series that can enrich marriage—***Beloved***! This series is designed to be flexible; it can be viewed on your home computer at FORMED.org (see sidebar). The site also provides a Couple Enrichment Guide to walk you through the process.

Beloved demonstrates how couples can experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do." So, you've shared an anniversary or two… or twenty… and you've learned a lot about yourselves and each other so far. **Can marriage be more than you think it is?**

Why not explore this question together? Once a month for six months, we will highlight one session from the ***Beloved- Living Marriage*** series in our parish bulletin and on the parish web site. We will provide the following preview: the session overview (e.g., deepening the bond of marriage; reflecting on healing, virtue and love; resolving conflict in marriage), reflective questions, and the couple's activity. Then follow the Enrichment Guide to experience each session and to reaffirm the key role you play in one of God's most cherished institutions.

Let's journey together and help strengthen and enrich our marriages and possibly help others to do so, as well!

* If you have any questions regarding FORMED or the ***Beloved*** series, please attend the Information Session on March 18 (see sidebar) or send an email to: **MarriageMinistry@ols-sa.org**.

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Where can you find Beloved?

The ***Beloved*** series is found on the website **FORMED (**FORMED.org). Once on the site, click on PROGRAMS and choose THE SACRAMENTS from dropdown menu. Then click on the ***Beloved*** image and pick "Living Marriage" from the dropdown. The six sessions plus the Couples Enrichment Guide will be displayed.

Information Session Offered!

For those who wish to become more familiar with FORMED and how to navigate the ***Beloved*** series, please join us for an informational session.

It will be held at 7:30 PM on March 18 in the Church Meeting Room at Our Lady of Sorrows. It will follow The Stations of the Cross for Married Couples, which will take place in the Church at 7:00 PM.

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