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ST. ANNE CHURCH WEEK

Sunday, December 21, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Liturgy of the Hours

Week IV

8:00 AM

Mass

10:00 AM

Mass

St. Anne Parishioners, Intentions

MONDAY

December 22, 2008

8:30 AM

Mass

† *Monsignor Quain*

9:00 AM

Martha's Workers

TUESDAY

December 16, 2008

8:30 AM

Morning Prayer

7:00 PM

Book Club

WEDNESDAY

December 24, 2008 - CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM

Parish Office Closed

Mass with Children's Choir

† *Gladys Schwendiman*

9:00 PM

Mass with Adult Choir

THURSDAY

December 25, 2008 - CHRISTMAS

9:00 AM

Mass with Adult Choir

FRIDAY

December 26, 2008

Parish Office Closed

7:30 PM

AA Meeting

SATURDAY

December 27, 2008

4:00 PM

Reconciliation

5:00 PM

Mass

† *Victor & Catherine Banchemo*

† *Deceased*

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Do Not Be Afraid)

December 21, 2008

Reading I: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

(The Lord Speaks to Nathan)

Reading II: Romans 16:25-27

(He Who Can Strengthen You)

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 (The Angel Gabriel)

Adults: What do the words, "Do not be afraid" say to me this Advent? What fears do I need to turn to God?

Children: Who is the person I trust the most? What makes this person trustworthy?



Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 PM - Mass; Children's Choir

9:00 PM - Mass; Adult Choir

Thursday, December 25

9:00 AM Mass; Adult Choir

Please note: There will not be a Midnight Mass this year.



Liturgy

LIGHTWORKS A "lighter" version of the full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and Ignatian spirituality **Thursdays, Jan 15 - May 7**, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM (15 sessions) at St. Joseph Parish Center, 732 18th Avenue E, Seattle. If you are interested in experiencing the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, but your life is just a little too busy at this time to make a 8-9 month commitment, you may consider this program. Fee is \$180. Pre-register by January 9, 2009, at www.ignatiancenter.org.

Grow in your faith in the New Year !



A five-week study of Jesus and of what it mean to be his disciple through the Gospel of Mark.
Conducted by Ron Ryan.

**beginning Thursday, January 8
7:00 pm in the Assembly Room.**

There is no registration and no fee.
For more information call the parish office at 206-282-0223 or email rryan@stanneseattle.org.

Adult
Faith
Formation

A Contemplative Weekend Retreat January 9 - 11

Centering Prayer, traditionally called contemplative prayer, is a method of prayer which prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence. This weekend will be a group retreat with conferences introducing Centering Prayer as a silent, contemplative prayer practice. There will be a time for practicing Centering Prayer, opportunities to share our experiences and ask questions, and to celebrate the Eucharist and Reconciliation. This retreat is designed both for beginners and those who would like to renew their Centering Prayer practice. Presenters are Pat Harvey and Mary Solberg; both are active with the Contemplative Community at St. Michael Church in Olympia. E-mail or call Palisades Retreat Center to RSVP for this retreat; palisades@seattlearch.org or 206-748-7991. Cost (including overnight lodging, meals and all presentations) will be \$135 per person double / \$166 per person single.

Welcome, visitors!

St. Anne Parish extends a warm welcome to all who have joined us for our celebration of Christmas. If you do not already have a church community, please consider making St. Anne Parish your home. We invite you to contact the parish office at 206-282-0223 to learn more about our community and to meet with one of our staff.



Welcome, returning Catholics!

If you are a Catholic who has been away from active participation in the church, welcome! We hope you will feel at home here. We realize that many returning Catholics have questions about the church, its teaching and its practices. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you, to answer your questions, and to address any concerns. Please contact us at the parish office at 206-282-0223. We look forward to helping you reconnect with your church community.

December Birthdays

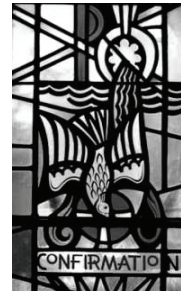
Congratulations to these parish seniors (born in 1932 or earlier) who celebrate birthdays this month! **Mary Body, Marie Coyle, Dale Dankers, Esther Hine, Jackie Rafferty, Evelyn Schwanke, Mary Shelley and Alice Truitt.**



Please pray for parishioners and loved ones of parishioners who are serving our country in the military.

And for the Sick:

Remie Bigormia, *mother of Myrna Canon*, **Sally Burkland**, **Michael Casey**, *brother of Terry*, **Vera Cornall**, **Sheila Durch**, **Jack Gardner**, **Estelle Garson**, **Ashley Girard**, **LaVerne Goodrich**, *daughter of Betty Edwards*, **John Halff**, **Nora Hoisington**, **Erma Legaz**, **Mary Lewis**, **Lisa Kurtz Luciano**, **Carol Luster**, **Sheila McFarland**, **Didi McIntosh**, **Nancy McNamee**, *mother of Anne Schmidt*, **Steve Moriarty**, **Ben Morris**, **Margaret Rowe Nelson**, **Bill Ohlstrom**, *brother-in-law of Mary Krininger*, **Joyce Powers**, **Evelyn Schwanke**, **Alice Truitt**, **Claire Venables**, **Thelma Vogt**, **Mike Walker**, *father of Lindsey Walker*, **John Watchie**, *son of Jeanne Jacobsen*, **Michael Whitley**, *brother-in-law of Joan Moeller*, **Dick Young**, and **Mary Zamberlin**, *daughter of Colleen Zamberlin*.



RCIA : for those interested in becoming **CATHOLIC**

Are you—or is someone you know—interested in learning about what is involved in becoming Catholic? RCIA is the process that Catholic Church uses to help those who have never been baptized, and those who have been baptized in other Christian traditions, discern their call to become a member of the Catholic Church. The group meets throughout the year to learn about Catholic teaching, traditions, prayer and life. RCIA is not a course or program, but rather a process where participants can openly ask questions and explore specific areas. For further information call Ron Ryan or email at ryan@stanneseattle.org.

Children's Sacramental Prep

Infant Baptism

Please call the parish office to receive a registration packet for the next baptism class which will be held **April 4, 2009** in preparation for the **April 18-29, 2009** baptisms. The **registration materials along with a copy of the birth certificate attached are due back by March 27**. There will be a limit of four children baptized at each Mass. Parents awaiting the birth of their child are also encouraged to attend this class.

**PSALMS OF GRATITUDE -
WE GIVE THANKS**

**Psalm 40:17 But may all who seek you,
God, rejoice and be glad in you.**

If you would like to pay any 2008 Stewardship contributions before year-end (for tax purposes), it must be dropped off at the Parish Office before Wednesday, December 31, or postmarked by December 31.

Also payments for the 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign are being accepted by the Archdiocese up through mid-April 2009. However, if you would like to complete your pledge this calendar year, all payments must be postmarked by December 31, 2008.

**Stewardship/
Other**

The family of Bob Kirch would like to thank everyone for their prayers and the kindness extended to them during this sad time. We are grateful to all those who attended Bob's funeral and to those who helped with the reception.

From the Pastoral Coordinator

Two very significant events took place here at St. Anne this past week. Last Sunday Archbishop Alex Brunett celebrated the Rite of Dedication for our newly renovated church—and historic and rare event for any parish, and one which has been celebrated at St. Anne only three times in our 100 year history. It was unfortunate that the icy weather prevented many of our parishioners from being present. Those who were able to be here will tell you how beautifully powerful and moving the liturgy was.

In his homily Archbishop Brunett gave a wonderful explanation of each part of the liturgy, and its significance for our church, helping us to understand the sacredness and importance of this place we call "church", as well as the way it symbolizes who *we* are as "church." I am hoping that we will be able to share some of his reflections in the bulletin in the weeks ahead.

The second event was Monday's Dinner for the Homeless. In spite of the below freezing temperatures, over 250 homeless neighbors joined us for this annual celebration. Again, those who were there found that this, too, was a beautifully powerful and moving experience. Many of us felt quite humbled by our guests' expressions of gratitude.

I want to thank the many people who helped make these two events possible: all those who helped with the planning of our Dedication Mass, all the liturgical ministers, the choir, and those who helped with the reception; and all those who contributed in some way to the Dinner for the homeless by providing food or socks or gloves, decorating placemats, helping with set-up or clean-up, entertaining, or in any other way. Thank you, and God bless you. You helped to make this past week a very memorable one for our community.

And finally, on behalf of all the parish staff, we want to wish everyone a very blessed and merry Christmas!

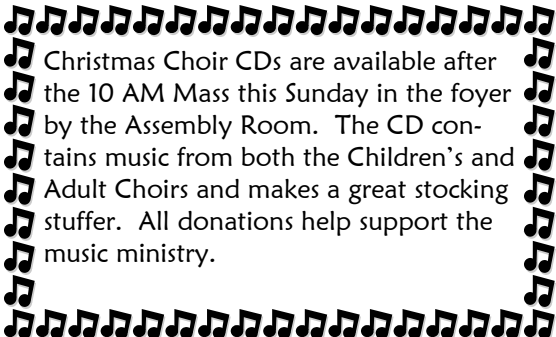
Ron Ryan

**Parish
& School
Life**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Couples, make 2009 the best year ever! As good and as solid as your marriage already is, if you have not experienced a Marriage Encounter Weekend, the best may be yet to come! Upcoming weekend dates are Feb 13 - 15, March 27 - 29, April 3 - 5 and June 19 - 21. For more information and registration, please call Mike and Marge Putman, 206-772-2344, seattlewwme@yahoo.com

Needed: St. Vincent de Paul is in need of a wheelchair in useable condition. If you can donate one, please call Doug at 206-327-8957.

 Christmas Choir CDs are available after the 10 AM Mass this Sunday in the foyer by the Assembly Room. The CD contains music from both the Children's and Adult Choirs and makes a great stocking stuffer. All donations help support the music ministry.