

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS – ST. ANTHONY



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626 S. Olden Ave.

December 21, 2008

Worship & Sacramental Life
OLS: Our Lady of Sorrows Church
SA: St. Anthony Church

Weekend Masses

Saturday:

4:30 p.m. (SA), 5:00 p.m. (OLS)

Sunday:

7:30 (OLS), 8:00 (SA), 9:00 (OLS)

10:00 (SA), 11:00 a.m. (OLS),

6:30 p.m. (Creole) (SA)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil:

7:00 p.m. (SA)

Daytime:

7:00 a.m. (OLS), 12:15 p.m. (SA)

7:00 p.m. (OLS)

Weekday Masses

7:00 a.m. (OLS)

8:00 a.m. (SA)

Holidays as announced

Sacrament of Baptism

11:15 a.m.: 1st Sunday (SA)

12:15 p.m.: 2nd & 3rd Sundays (OLS)

11:00 a.m.: 4th Sunday (Mass) (OLS)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and by appointment

3:15-4:00 p.m. (SA), 3:45-4:30 p.m. (OLS)

Parish Staff

Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, Pastor

Rev. Eugene K. Savarimuthu, Adjunct

Rev. Pierre M. Alabré, Haitian Ministry

Rev. Oscar Sumanga, In Residence

Deacons

James Buchanan

James Challender

Joseph Jaruszewski

Timothy Moore

Kevin O'Boyle

Dennis Slavin

Pastoral Outreach

Mrs. Joan Bartolomei

Youth Ministry

Miss Karen Proulx

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Haitian Apostolate

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Our Lady of Sorrows School &

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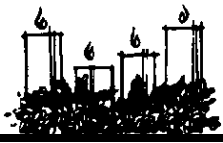
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2008

The angel Gabriel visits Mary of Nazareth. Luke 1:26-38

Mass Intentions for the Week OUR LADY OF SORROWS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20
5:00 p.m. John Shane, Sr. *Wife, Louise
Joseph McGuire, Sr. *Sabo-Ferrar Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
7:30 a.m. Frank Daly *Jeanette Surro
Maria H. O'Brien *Cecile Caruso & family
9:00 a.m. Eileen Murdza *Mother
Mary C. Ragazzo M/M James DiMattia
11:00 a.m. Romeo & Catherine Pontani *Family
James "Vince" Crivelli *M/M Kevin Searing

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22
7:00 a.m. Margaret Boozan *Leon A Kuliczowski
Antoinette S. Campi *Ida & Charles Leo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
7:00 a.m. Anthony Rizzieri, Jr. *Mom & Dad
Leonard Muka *M/M M. Muka

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
7:00 a.m. Frank Germes *Howard Family
4:00 p.m. (Gym) Living & Deceased Benefactors
4:00 p.m. (Church) Intentions of Pope Benedict XVI
7:00 p.m. Intentions of Bishops Smith & Reiss

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25
9:00 a.m. For all Families
11:00 a.m. For the Sick and Homebound of the Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26
7:00 a.m. Clark Gaydos *Wife, Connie Gaydos
Celestina Sciarrotta
*Charlotte Scarna Holden & family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27
5:00 p.m. David R. & Martha Volz *Daughter
Mary Ragazzo *Lucy & Tony DiQuinzio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
7:30 a.m. Bobby Perron *Grandmother
Mary V. Chomicki *Family
9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Courtney Robbins
*William & Virginia Kelly
Kay Luckie *M/M Pat Buzgo
11:00 a.m. Thomas J. Raven, Jr. *LaBella Family
Frank Ricketti, Sr. M/M Robert Bennett

Mass Intentions for the Week SAINT ANTHONY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20
8:00 a.m. Pasquale & Louise Nardelli *Daughter
Emilia & Michael Tomasulo *Family
4:30 p.m. John Battisti *Family
Janice Glassman *Friend, Eleanor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. William Stout, Sr. *Wife & son
Ida Santilli *M/M L. Santilli

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22
8:00 a.m. Ann Marie Dickson *Estate
Maloney Family *Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
8:00 a.m. Joseph Favata *Jean Favata
Petry Family *Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
8:00 a.m. For the Living and Deceased Clergy
4:00 p.m. For the Living and Deceased Religious
Midnight For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25
10:00 a.m. For All Families

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26
8:00 a.m. Fred Sorrento *Wife
Stephen Santilli *M/M L. Santilli

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27
8:00 a.m. Ida Santilli *M/M L. Santilli
Max Winget *Family
4:30 p.m. Sally Brophy Markley *Family
Mary A. Totten *Daughter

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. Jennie Herrera *Family
Mary & Thomas Carroll *Mollye Carroll

Rectory Office Hours

Mon & Tue: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Wed – Fri Closed for Christmas
 Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Liturgical Celebrations This Week

Tue., December 23 St. John of Kanty
 Thu., December 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
 Fri., December 26 St. Stephen
 Sat. December 27 St. John

Stewardship Report

Weekly collection: December 14 \$19,772

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

We arrive at the fourth and final Sunday of our Advent Season. In a few short days we shall celebrate the great solemnity of Christmas. Today the Church would have us consider our Lady who figures so prominently in the observance of Advent and Christmastide. The Incarnation of Christ began the moment Mary made her "Yes" to the announcement of the Archangel. That moment, so central to the life of the Church, is professed each week in the Nicene Creed, so precious in fact, that all in the assembly are asked to bow in reverence as say: "By the power of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary and became man." Today's preface at Mass beautifully tells us that "the virgin mother bore him in her womb with love beyond all telling." Let Mary inspire us to also await the Lord with love, that at Christmas our hearts might be filled with wonder and praise.

Please be attentive to the time and locations of our Christmas Masses. The schedule was mailed to all households registered in the parish and has been published in this bulletin. As we celebrate this special feast, let us make every effort to be welcoming to all our guests in our churches. Invite friends and family to join us to celebrate the Savior's birthday!

On behalf of Fr. Gene, Fr. Oscar, Fr. Alabre, Fr Ed, our deacons, and staff, I extend fervent wishes for a joyous and blessed Christmastide!

With affection
Msgr. Gervasio

Weekly Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The lamps that burn before the Blessed Sacrament in our churches this week are offered for the following intentions:

Our Lady of Sorrows:

In Loving Memory of Phyllis Scarna, requested by her husband, Charles, & daughter, Charlotte

St. Anthony:

In Loving Memory of Thomas J. Della Rossa, requested by his wife and son (one lamp)

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

Robert Herrera

Alvon Zimmerman

God Bless Our Newly Baptized

Sean Warner Annese

Alberto Amedeo Primerano

Rosary Altar Society News

Corporate Sunday—January 4 is Corporate Sunday at the OLS campus. All parishioners are invited to join us at 8:30 a.m. when we recite the rosary for: world peace; an end to terrorism; the Pope; the personal intentions of all those present; and the intentions of all Rosarians throughout the world. We then attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass as a group.

Holiday Luncheon—The OLS/SA Rosary Altar Holiday Luncheon will also be held on Corporate Sunday, January 4, at Tessara's, located on Route 33 in Hamilton, at Noon.

Meetings—There will **not** be a general meeting or a meeting of the Rosary Makers or Prayer Shawls Group in January.

Youth Group News

High School Youth Group Calendar

Dec. 21 - Christmas Party (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)

Dec. 28 - No Meeting

Jan. 4 - Guys Night Only (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)

Jan. 11 - Meeting (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)

Jan. 18 - Girls Night Only (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)

Jan. 25 - Meeting (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)

Middle School Youth Group

Jan. 2 - No Meeting

Jan. 16 -17 Middle School Lock-In

Jan. 30 - Meeting (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)

Wedding Music Seminar

Are you celebrating your wedding in 2009 in either of our churches? If so, then save this date, time, and place:

January 26

7:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church



On this day, couples planning on celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to attend a Wedding Music Seminar to assist them in choosing their wedding music. At this seminar, engaged couples (and *only* the couples) will have the opportunity to hear the music selections from the parish repertoire and make their choices of instrumental and vocal music. Please make every effort to attend this informative session.

Pray for the Sick

We commend to your prayers all the sick in the parish. While not every name can appear in the listing below, we remember all those who are ill and pray that they may know the Lord's healing presence.

Frank Adamczyk	Peggy Seiler Brand
Kay Daily	Katherine D'Angelo
Helen Devlin	Paula Donahue
Tom Dzuibek	Patricia Havardansky
Edith LaBella	George Loh
Marie Marki	Judy Miller
Charlotte Nucaso	Richard Pizzuti
Thomas Powner	Vivian Saxby
Ian Scheuerman	Dave Thoennes
Mary Masick Timian	Anthony Tonzini

Due to limited space and our desire to include the names of others, absent special circumstances, names will remain on our list for one month only. Please call the parish office (587-4372) to have a name removed earlier.

Bingo Assignments

Saturday: 8 p.m. – Parish Center Cafeteria

The Bingo worker schedule appears below. If there is a scheduling conflict, please contact Karen Brisson (587-4141) or Susan Dolan (324-3985) well in advance so that other arrangements can be made. Workers are asked to arrive by 6:45 p.m.

Dec. 27 No Bingo—Merry Christmas!
**Jan. 3 Brodtman, Brown, DelCristo
Delgado, Ferrazzano**

Seniors' Activities

Senior Club #1

Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 1:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Church Hall

Trip to Resorts (AC): Tuesday, January 20
Bus leaves St. Anthony church parking lot at 9:00 a.m.
Call Gloria (587-1944) for reservations

Senior Club #2

There will be no more meetings in December.

Senior Club #3

No meeting on December 23
Meetings resume on January 13, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
Church Meeting Room – Table 1 Hosts
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

Our Seniors Clubs welcome new members! You do not have to be a parishioner to join the Seniors Clubs.

Kudos

. . . to the following young parishioners, who achieved honors in the first marking period at Notre Dame HS:

Honor Roll of Distinction

Zachary Barton, Emily Dolan, Shannon Donahue, Alyssa Ferdetta, Elizabeth Gehan, Patrick Ilagen, Christopher James, Elizabeth Kantor, Gabriella Milo, Nicholas Orzol, Brittany Patten, and Kathryn Rice.

Honor Roll

Justin Adams, Alexa Agourides, Samantha Alfonse, Kevin Beyer, Elise Cairo, Ian Carsia, Brandon Dempster, Matthew Dolan, Michael Ferdetta, John Ferrie, Shaun Foley, Samantha Funari, Erica Graff, Chelsea Grama, Lauren Huy, Heather Janssen, Erin Keegan, Andrew Kolpack, Haley Langton, Megan Mahon, David Mangone, Maureen McGuinness, Lee Orzol, Michael Pascucci, Nicholas Ratsep, Patrick Sullivan, and Shannon Vanderhoof.

Bible Study Groups

Monday Night Bible Study

OLS Lower Church at 7:30 p.m.

Information: Len Commini—800-365-9656 x6561

Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Faith Sharing

OLS Church Meeting Room at 9:45 a.m.

Information: Mary Napolitano—586-2203

Women's Scripture Sharing

1st & 3rd Sunday each month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

2nd floor of Mary's Haven, OLS Campus

New members & guests welcome.

Information: Pat—587-6838

From the Office of Religious Education

Thank You, Religious Education Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support and assistance for the Holy Childhood Association's program, *You Can Make a Difference*.

Office Closing

The Religious Education Office will be closed from December 24 to January 3, 2009. Religious Education classes will resume on Sunday, January 4; Monday, January 5; and Wednesday, January 7.

Christmas Wishes

I take this opportunity to offer prayer-filled wishes on this very important Feast Day which celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. May you find joy in the gift of this tiny Baby who has the power to change our lives forever.

Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year 2009.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center
Mount Holly, NJ
609-877-0509 FHOP@verizon.net
www.FHOP.org

End of the Year Retreat

Wed., Dec. 31, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Since God gives us life and time and is Lord over all, it seems appropriate to end the year in prayer. Francis House offers time, space and quiet for naming the graces of 2008 and expressing gratitude to God. The afternoon will focus on our goals, hopes and desires for 2009. Please bring a bag lunch. Love Offering.

Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop

Sun., Jan. 4, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

What is Centering Prayer? Is God calling me to this form of prayer? Do I have the desire for union with God that seems unfulfilled by other types of prayer? How do I "do" Centering Prayer? Will Centering Prayer really change me? Is the fact that I can't quiet my mind a problem? Come and see. It is well worth the day. Donation: \$25. Please bring a bag lunch.

Personal Retreat Day

Wed., Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest a while in the Lord. The day includes silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. We begin and end with a brief prayer together. Donation: \$10 or \$40 with spiritual direction. Please bring a bag lunch.

Holy Father's December Prayer Intentions

General: That in the face of a spreading of a culture of violence and death the Church through her apostolic and missionary activity may promote with courage the culture of life.

Mission: That especially in mission countries Christians may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world.

Scholarships Available

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton Scholarship Award applications for high school seniors of Polish extraction who are planning to attend college are now available. Please contact your high school counselor as soon as possible so that the school can complete and return the required information and return it to the Polish Arts Club of Trenton Scholarship Committee. Any questions concerning this scholarship award should be directed to Loretta B. Daunis, Chairperson, Scholarship Committee (882-6833).

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage

Based on Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, this workshop explains the theology of marriage in practical, understandable language. Engaged couples will also learn life-skills, including communication and conflict resolution, and attendance fulfills the requirement to attend a marriage preparation program. The next available program is Saturday, January 10, at the Church of St. Ann, Lawrenceville, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$140 per couple. To register online, go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/go/joyfilled.

Please Note

St. Mary's Cemetery at Cedar Lane and Olden Ave. welcomes your visits to pray for and honor your beloved deceased. To help maintain the dignity and good order of the cemeteries under our care, we will not allow grave blankets to be placed in any of the cemeteries (i.e., St. Mary, Holy Sepulcher, St. Nicholas, St. Stephen, or St. Francis) for the Christmas season. **Christmas wreaths may be placed in cemeteries.** We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

Msr. James H. Dubell, Director, Diocesan Cemeteries

Knights' News

Pray for the **Cessation of Pornography**. Join in saying the rosary along Route 33 ("XXX" across from Acme) at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 3.

Enjoy a **New Year's Breakfast** with balloons and such on Sunday, January 4, from: 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Continue your celebration with our buffet of meats, potatoes, pancakes and more for only \$7(adults), \$6 (seniors & students) and \$5 (children).

The breakfast will be held at the Knights of Columbus Home, 1451 Klockner Road. You will leave full and happy! What a great place to meet after your church service!

March for Life on Thursday, January 22. The Hamilton Council is sharing buses with St. Gregory's Council to go to the 36th March for Life in Washington D.C. Buses will leave at 7:30 a.m.

Sign up with Dan Rossi at 587-6222 or email him at Daniel.Rossi@NJKofC.org. Checks for \$15 may be written to Council 7677 and mailed to Dan Rossi, 28 Great Oak Rd, Hamilton NJ 08690.

Rally for Life on the State House Steps

Citizens from across New Jersey will gather in our state capitol on Thursday, January 22, from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to demonstrate their respect for life. Email respectlife@dioceseoftrenton.org or call 609-406-7400, ext. 5592, for further information.

36th Annual March for Life

On Thursday, January 22—the anniversary of Roe v. Wade—march along Constitution Avenue to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Join hundreds of thousands of people of all ages at this pro-life event-of-the-year! The Office of Family Life/Respect Life will publicize bus transportation to the March for Life from the Diocese of Trenton. Look for listings on www.respectlifetoday.com and in the January 8 issue of the *Monitor*.

Two Shall Become One

The Office of Family Life/Respect Life is pleased to offer fertility planning information evenings for all engaged and married couples in the Diocese of Trenton. These evenings provide a rich catechesis for marriage and family life and “need to know” information for planning a family responsibly, according to God’s Plan. The first information evening for 2009 will be held on Thursday, February 12, St. David the King Parish, West Windsor, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Call Donna Goodwin (406-7400, ext. 5592) or go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/go/nfp to register online or download a registration form. There is no fee to attend, but pre-registration is required.

World Marriage Day Luncheon

All married couples in the Diocese of Trenton are invited to the fourth annual luncheon on Sunday, February 15, at the Breakers Hotel on the ocean in beautiful Spring Lake, NJ. World Marriage Day salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily married life. The cost of the luncheon is \$60 per couple. To register online, go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/go/wmd. Reservations are limited and must be made in advance.

Engaged Encounter Weekend

The upcoming weekends will be held January 9 - 11 and February 27 - March 1 at Stella Maris Retreat House, (Elberon, NJ). Engaged Encounter is a weekend away for engaged couples to dialogue honestly and intensively with one another about their future. Spiritual personal reflection and verbal sharing are the highlights of the weekend. The fee is \$375 per couple, which includes meals and lodging. Reservations are limited. Go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/go/cee to register online.

Training for Elizabeth Ministers

Elizabeth Ministry is an outreach program by which women help other women and their families during a time of pregnancy, birth, adoption, or infant crisis. The role of Elizabeth Ministers is to affirm, support, encourage, and assist women during this unique time in their lives. Training for Elizabeth Ministry facilitators and team members will be sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton on March 7. For more information please contact the Office of Family Life/Respect Life at 406-7400, ext. 5555/5558.

Facilitator Training for True Love Waits

A training session for parish staff and those serving in religious education, school, and youth ministries will be held on Saturday, February 21, at St. Aloysius Parish in Jackson. For details, call Mary Ann at the Office of Family Life/Respect Life (406-7400, ext. 5558).

Respect Life Prayer & Public Worship

The Diocese of Trenton sponsors an annual public prayer vigil for life. This year’s event will be held on Saturday, March 14, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Red Bank. His Excellency, Bishop John M. Smith will celebrate Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. There will be refreshments at the Parish Center and awards will be presented for the annual Respect Life Poster, Essay, and Video Contest. For further information please call the Office of Family Life/Respect Life at 406-7400, ext. 5592/5558.

Annulment Information Evenings

For many people, the process of annulment in a marriage is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to allay fears, as well as to dispel any misconceptions, the diocese sponsors Annulment Information Evenings annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. These open sessions consist of an explanation of the annulment process by a Tribunal judge, with a question-and-answer period following. In addition, diocesan annulment advocates are present to assist where appropriate.

The Ocean and Monmouth County evenings will be held on March 25, 7:30 p.m., at St. Mary Church, Barnegat, and on March 31, 7:30 p.m., at St. Catharine Church, Holmdel, respectively. Details may be obtained by contacting Marilyn Schipp (406-7400, ext. 5557/5573; mschipp@dioceseoftrenton.org).

Bishop’s Anniversary Blessing

Held in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton, the Bishop’s Anniversary Blessing is an annual para-liturgical celebration to honor couples in the diocese celebrating 25, 50, or more years of marriage during the 2009 calendar year. Bishop Smith confers his Episcopal Blessing upon each couple and presents them with a personalized certificate to commemorate this very special occasion.

Registration is through the parish. Please mark your calendars for these dates: Sunday, April 26, 3:00 p.m. (Mercer and Monmouth counties) and Sunday, May 17, 3:00 p.m. (Ocean and Burlington Counties).

Registration forms and details will be provided to parishes in January. Please contact Mary Ann Romagna at 406-7400, ext. 5558, for further information.

Stewardship Report
Church of Our Lady of Sorrows – St. Anthony
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Dear Parishioners:

I am pleased to present the Stewardship Report for Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony Parish for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. Information is included on the sacramental celebrations and other liturgical rites as well as current census figures.

I encourage you to review this summary report of the annual statement prepared by the accounting and consulting firm, J.H. Cohn, LLP of Eatontown, NJ and reviewed by our trustees and finance council. It provides a three year review along with our current year's budget. The more detailed report has been submitted to the Diocesan Chancery.

The trustees, finance council members and I have highlighted several important points respective to this report and the financial position of our parish.

- Ø Our parish benefits from significant income (\$350,000 annually) from leased facilities on the St. Anthony campus.
- Ø Weekly collections were consistent with the prior year. Holyday collections were down by \$33,000.
- Ø The statement reports a loss of \$230,512. This was the result of a decrease in the value of investments held by the parish which includes the St. Anthony/Monsignor McCorristin fund which is intended to support the elementary school. The Financial statements report net gains and losses at the last day of the financial year. As you are aware, the investment market has significantly declined.
- Ø Higher professional fees relate to our Capital Campaign and the required architectural planning.
- Ø The combined preschool and elementary school report had an operating deficit of \$482,301 which was \$48,000 lower than the prior year. Wages and Benefits represent more than 80% of the schools budget.
- Ø Looking at this year, our budget continues to be impacted by investment losses. The budget was originally submitted anticipating that investments would generate \$250,000 of income. Through the November financial statements we have seen a further decline in our investment principal.
- Ø The Diocese sets a limit for Parish subsidy to its school which should not exceed 30% of general parish revenues. Our budget for this current year is expected to exceed this threshold. The Trustees and Finance Council are working diligently to assess and develop a plan that will guide our Parish through today's volatile financial environment while fulfilling its mission.
- Ø We are grateful for the support given to the Capital Campaign. The funds raised will be used to replace the roof of Our Lady of Sorrows Church and to install an elevator at St. Anthony Church. Funds remaining will be used to make improvements to the interior of Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

The important issues before us will be the recovery of the investment market and your continued weekly support for our mission, especially our school. The school budget is greatly impacted by any decline in the enrollment of students. Our hope is that the value of Catholic education is recognized and realized by the ongoing and increasing support of our community.

Should you have any concerns or questions about this report, I would be pleased to hear from you. Many thanks for your goodness to our parish. Our mission is effective when your support is generous and consistent. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and your treasure. All three help us to build up the Church in this corner of the Lord's Vineyard!

Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, Pastor

Church of Our Lady of Sorrows - St. Anthony
Stewardship Report
Statement of Financial Activity - Parish

	Year Ended June 30, 2006	Year Ended June 30, 2007	Year Ended June 30, 2008	Budget 2008 - 2009
Revenues				
Weekly & Holy Day Collections	1,142,540	1,073,675	1,077,521	1,018,000
Christmas & Easter Collections	214,283	204,122	170,703	165,000
Assessments & Special Collections	32,380	40,971	40,658	20,000
Local Parish Collections		16,798	8,713	8,500
Parish Organizations	88,671	40,597	79,318	71,200
Unrestricted Donations & Bequests	140,330	22,448	7,908	0
Restricted Donations	39,053	19,408	13,683	800
Interest & Investment Income	41,253	238,571	11,498	250,000
Parish Fund Raisers	31,764	15,230	18,607	17,500
Bishops Annual Appeal Rebate		20,366	13,730	0
Rental Income	296,366	321,252	354,958	354,400
Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals	50,553	47,416	33,903	29,500
Mass Offerings, Appeal Rebate and Other	40,104	69,641	56,492	57,300
Total Revenues	<u>2,117,297</u>	<u>2,130,495</u>	<u>1,887,692</u>	<u>1,992,200</u>
Expenditures				
Wages & Benefits	488,077	569,626	519,632	495,675
Professional Fees	81,895	81,103	239,233	114,500
Assessments & Special Collections	120,487	149,148	175,639	170,500
Other Programs		20,754	61,193	51,300
Liturgical & Church Supplies	52,166	54,884	56,797	57,900
Religious Education & Social Programs	37,277	43,454	29,514	30,600
Administrative Expenses	77,241	41,452	84,993	76,900
Property Insurance	27,191	28,021	27,843	31,000
Utilities	139,214	127,946	102,197	109,500
Household Expenses	30,281	33,712	28,004	29,000
Contracted Services	120,283	97,098	95,920	92,300
Maintenance, Repairs & Improvements	183,167	165,220	147,708	45,000
Equipment and Furnishings	29,747	10,156	6,419	7,700
Other Expenses	12,486	4,999	5,224	5,300
	<u>1,399,512</u>	<u>1,427,573</u>	<u>1,580,316</u>	<u>1,317,175</u>
Elementary School Subsidy Support	522,798	530,152	482,301	631,968
Secondary School Support	50,215	47,311	55,587	56,700
Total Expenditures	<u>1,972,525</u>	<u>2,005,036</u>	<u>2,118,204</u>	<u>2,005,843</u>
Net Excess Revenues or (Loss)	<u>144,772</u>	<u>125,459</u>	<u>(230,512)</u>	<u>(13,643)</u>

Church of Our Lady of Sorrows - St. Anthony Statement of Financial Activity - Elementary School

	Year Ended June 30, 2006	Year Ended June 30, 2007	Year Ended June 30, 2008	Budget 2008 - 2009
<u>Revenue</u>				
Pre-School Tuition	430,154	433,878	506,909	502,008
Elementary Tuition	950,607	1,208,486	1,150,406	1,143,875
After School Fees	97,640	103,435	88,110	85,000
Other Fees	2,890	2,175	3,742	
Parent-Teachers Assn.	38,267	23,045	17,281	25,000
Grants & Restricted Funds	23,286	960	32,315	11,000
Bingo	43,698	42,808	33,183	43,000
Other Income	58,806	43,274	32,608	50,600
Total Revenue	1,645,348	1,858,061	1,864,554	1,860,483
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Wages & Benefits	1,696,853	1,939,808	1,886,467	2,013,406
Educational Supplies & Equipment	105,189	54,077	56,543	60,950
Administrative Expenses	63,717	57,610	59,660	65,870
Social Program	3,436	1,111	8,698	32,775
Custodial and Maintenance	87,838	103,271	96,216	90,300
Utilities	114,366	115,812	136,036	136,000
Repairs	15,052	18,876	22,358	10,400
Insurance	24,791	29,590	30,343	32,000
Bldg, Equip & Furnishings	49,437	57,867	49,309	49,150
Food Service (Net of Revenues)	7,467	10,191	1,225	1,600
Total Expenditures	2,168,146	2,388,213	2,346,855	2,492,451
Operating Deficit - Subsidized by Parish	(522,798)	(530,152)	(482,301)	(631,968)

In Gratitude

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donation of \$1,000 for the needs of our school from a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous.

Special thanks to Senior Club #1, which made its annual Christmas gift to the parish in the amount of \$1,000, a donation presented to Monsignor Gervasio at the group's Christmas luncheon.

Also appreciated is the donation of \$125 given in gratitude for our parish's hosting of the Simbang Gabi Mass on December 15.

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GOSPEL TODAY

DEC. 21, 2008

LUKE 1: 26-38



The Angel Gabriel came to Mary with good news. She would give birth to Jesus, and her cousin Elizabeth would give birth to John the Baptist, for nothing is impossible with God.



FOURTH WEEK OF

ADVENT

BE AWARE, PREPARE,
REJOICE, SEE THE LIGHT

1ST Day of Winter even in the short daylight hours

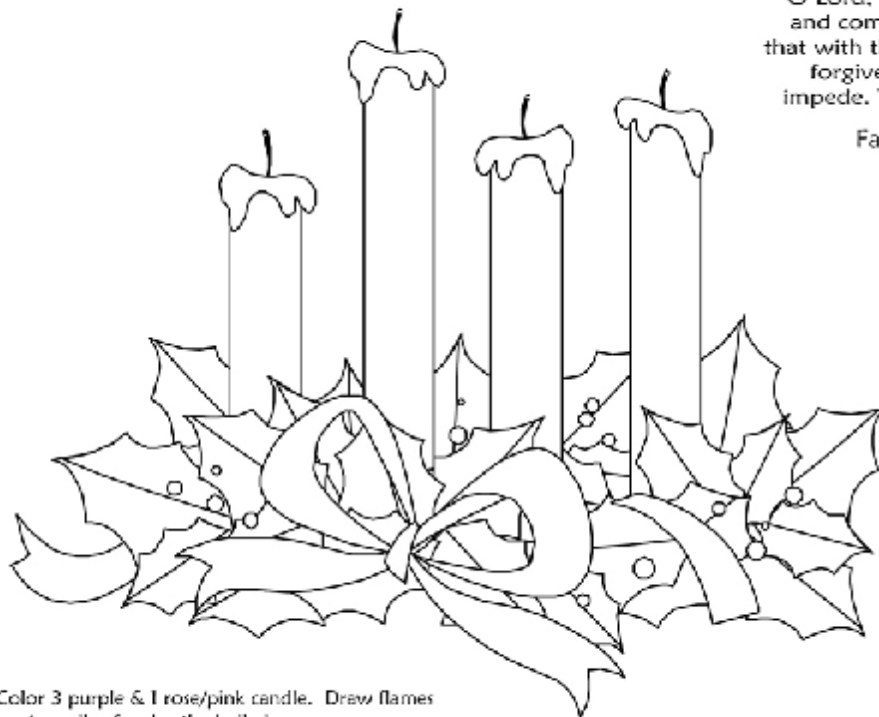
We See the Light!

4 bright candles – Jesus is coming soon...
4 more days until Christmas!

WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Father or head of household
lights all the candles.



Color 3 purple & 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 4 candles & color the holly leaves green.

**We are Aware,
We are Prepared,
We Rejoice,
We see the Light!**



**Christ, Light
of the World**



2008—CHRISTMASTIDE—2009

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, December 20

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.: St. Anthony

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.: Our Lady of Sorrows

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

Vigil: Wednesday, December 24

St. Anthony

4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m. (*Creole*)

Solemn Mass at Midnight

Church doors open at 11:15 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows

4:00 p.m. (Church & Gym) & 7:00 p.m. (Church)

Thursday, December 25

Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

St. Anthony

10:00 a.m. (*English*) & 5:00 p.m. (*Creole*)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day

Vigil: Wednesday, December 31

Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Anthony

4:00 p.m.

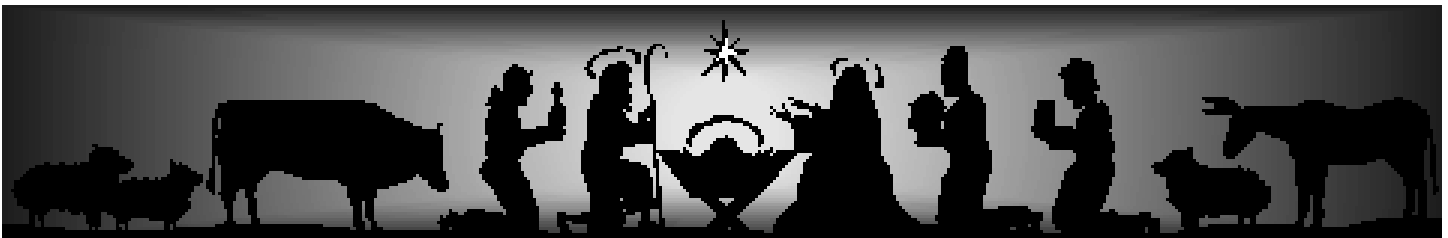
Thursday, January 1

Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. only

St. Anthony

10:00 a.m. (*English*) & 5:00 p.m. (*Creole*)



*This Week's Activities**

<u>Day, Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat., Dec. 20	8:00 a.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
	8:00 p.m.	Bingo	Cafeteria
	8:00 p.m.	Haitian Adult Christmas Party	St. Anthony Hall
Sun., Dec. 21	Noon	CYO Sports Program	Gym
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 38 Meeting	Lower Church Front & Church Library
	7:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group Christmas Party	Mary's Haven
Mon., Dec. 22	5:30 p.m.	Jazzercise	Gym
	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study	Church Library
	8:00 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
Tue., Dec. 23	5:30 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
Wed., Dec. 24		Christmas Eve	
Thu., Dec. 25		Christmas	
Fri., Dec. 26		Day after Christmas	
Sat., Dec. 27	8:00 a.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
Sun., Dec. 28	Noon	CYO Sports Program	Gym
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 38 Meeting	Lower Church Front & Church Library

** Activities listed above represent requested facility reservations. Please contact your group's leader if you have any question about whether or not the activity is still being held.*

Parish Office Closing

Please note that the parish office will be closed Wednesday, December 24, through Friday, December 26, for Christmas. The office will reopen on Saturday, December 27.

Deadline for Jan. 4 Bulletin:

Noon, Dec. 22

Please email items to dmikics@ols-sa.org.

Thanks!



Christmas Blessings