

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS – ST. ANTHONY



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626 S. Olden Ave.

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, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m. (OLS)
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. (SA)
6:30 p.m. (Creole) (SA)

Holy Days of Obligation

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

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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Rectory Office Hours

Mon – Thu: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Fri & Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Monthly Rosary & Weekly Novenae

Rosary: 1st Sun of Month, 8:30 a.m. (OLS)
Miraculous Medal Novena: Mon, after 8 a.m. Mass (SA)
St. Anthony Novena: Tue, after 8 a.m. Mass (SA)

Parish Staff

Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, Pastor
Rev. Eugene K. Savarimuthu, Adjunct
Rev. Pierre M. Alabr , Haitian Ministry
Rev. Oscar Sumanga, In Residence

Deacons

James Buchanan	James Challenger
Joseph Jaruszewski	Timothy Moore
Kevin O'Boyle	Dennis Slavin

Trustees

Julianne DeCore	Kenneth Sked
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Pastoral Outreach

Joan Bartolomei

Youth Ministry

Karen Craven

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 2010

"Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations." Psalm 96

Mass Intentions for the Week OUR LADY OF SORROWS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

5:00 p.m. Mary & Joseph Ragazzo *Daughter, Joanne Fraytak
Sal Butera *Hoggins Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Louis Rizzuto *Denise & Lew Mikics
Anthony G. Garofalo *Mary Bregenzer
11:00 a.m. Alexander Wiecek *M. Denes
Mary Bleier Silverman *M/M Jack Michaels

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00 a.m. Nicholas D'Angelo *Malloy Family
John Horvath *Jean King

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00 a.m. Clifford C. Mortensen *Robin & Jim McGuire
Eleanor Cirino *Dottie & Rich Jablonski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00 a.m. Samuel Scapeletti *Russel & Helen Metzger
Earl Cottrell *Chris & Stacey Whalen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 a.m. Samuel R. Scapeletti *Sal & Barbara Butera
Carl Schneggenburger *Prendergast Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00 a.m. Blanche Golowski *Son
Raymond Penkolo *M/M Albert Kolpack

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

5:00 p.m. Harriet Ford *M. Graziano
Frank Silvestro *Wife, Grace

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30 a.m. John & Joseph Calavetta *Niece, Grace
Carmela Gloria Nickles *Larry & Shirley Koval
9:00 a.m. Nicolina Zanca *Niece, Grace
Natale Zanca *Niece, Grace
11:00 a.m. M/M Domenico *Daughter, Grace
Mary C. Picciolo Family

Mass Intentions for the Week SAINT ANTHONY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 a.m. Sam Lagana *M/M Leon Santilli
Thomas DeFranco *Parents

4:30 p.m. Henry Angelucci *Wife & children
Ann Durastanti *Harry, Laura, Irene

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 a.m. Ginny Britton *Husband
Frances Papp *Frank Wrobel
10:00 a.m. David & Patricia Johnson *Mom & Dad
Sandra Berger *Jean Casole

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 a.m. Regina Uveges *Napolitano Family
Mary Gervasio *Rosary Altar Society

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 a.m. Vivian Saxby *Orsola Gervasio
Thomas Fox *John Bruni

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 a.m. Paul Frascella *Friend
William Shaw Frank Wrobel

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 a.m. Millie & Nicholas Mack & son, Patrick *Daughter
Thomas J. Griffith *Norman DiGiuseppe & family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 a.m. John Heiss *Sr. Georgina & Wilma Marmino
Molly Morgan *Helen Imbalzano

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 a.m. Thomas & Frances DeFranco *Son & dgh-in-law
Sam & Marie DeFranco *Brother & sister-in-law
4:30 p.m. Ann Durastanti *Harry, Laura, Irene
Joann H. Maher *Coleen & Mel Ruhl

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. Victor Mottola *Joanne & Jim Weigand
Deceased Parvesse Family Members *Family

Liturgical Celebrations This Week

Wed., Jan. 20 St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Thu., Jan. 21 St. Agnes
Fri., Jan. 22 St. Vincent

Rectory Office Hours

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners

In these days, our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti in their great suffering. Our parish is home to a large number of people who trace their roots to Haiti. Many of them are still waiting for word from their family and friends. Our parish should be especially involved in supporting relief efforts and in raising a great prayer to the Lord for those who have died, the missing, the injured, and the bereaved. A list of items being collected by the Haitian Center can be found on page 10. In addition, we shall be accepting free will monetary offerings at all of our Masses next weekend. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Trenton – Haiti Earthquake Relief.

This week we come to a sad anniversary in our national life: January 22, 1973, marked the legalization of abortion in our country. I hope our parish will be well represented in the annual "March for Life" in Washington D.C. It is a great opportunity to stand up for life!

Very soon, we shall be sharing greater details regarding the celebration of the Solemn Dedication of Our Lady of Sorrows Church and the blessing of the addition at St. Anthony Church. I trust you have reserved Sunday, March 7, to celebrate the completion of our capital campaign projects within the fifth anniversary.

In closing, I thank you for being so understanding a couple of weeks ago, when the heating systems of both our churches broke down, in conformity with Murphy's Law. (Surprisingly, some actually thought that the pastor turned the heat off!) However, the same pastor made sure that the needed repairs were made.

With affection,
Msgr. Gervasio

PS Many thanks to all who were so generous with our Christmas appeal. Gifts are still being received. The total will be announced soon.

Stewardship Report

Weekly collection: January 10 \$17,826

Weekly Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

One of the lamps that burn before the Blessed Sacrament in St. Anthony Church this week is offered in loving memory of Angela Giordano at the request of Teresa and Walter Kmiec.

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

Margaret Banker Robert Bennett
Gregoria Cuppari Richard Foley
William Hourihan Catherine Lyons
Thomas Porcelli

Year for Priests

2009 – 19 June – 2010

Faithfulness of Christ—Faithfulness of priests A Prayer for Priests

Heavenly Father, please grant to your faithful servants the grace and strength to carry out your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Rev. Jerome N. Nolan

Rev. Msgr. Walter E. Nolan

Rev. William J. Nolan

Rev. Michael J. O'Connor

Rev. James F. O'Neill

From the Curé d'Arç:

We must never despise the poor because that contempt is reflected back upon God.

Catechism on Love for the Poor

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.

Reece Adams, Eric Anderson, Evelyn Bella, Mary Ann Berish, Peggy Seiler Brand, Connie Caggiano, Noel DeBlois, Ted Dolci, Paula Donahue, William Doolan, Victoria Elley, Laura Fritsky, Miho Gallager, Kristin Alia Garvey, Linda Gonzales, Jack Heller, Jim Holman, Susan Jakubiak, Edith LaBella, Leon LaBella, Lorraine Lestician, John A. Longo, Barbara McClanahan, Lori Moreau, Margaret O'Malley, Frank Petrino, Charles Scarna, Anthony Tonzini, Virginia Urlick, Branden Valdes, Gwendolyn Yeandel

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. Call the parish office (587-4372) to have a name removed earlier.

God Bless Our Newly Baptized

Teresa Mary Horner

New Monsignors Served at OLS

Pope Benedict XVI has appointed two priests of the diocese – Father Sam Sirianni and Father James Brady – as chaplains to His Holiness with the title of Rev. Monsignor. The elevation was communicated to Bishop Smith in a letter from Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. A date for the conferral of honors has yet to be determined, according to Msgr. Joseph N. Rosie, diocesan chancellor.

Our Lady of Sorrows has the distinction of having been served by both new monsignors earlier in their priesthood.



Msgr. James Brady, pastor of St. Dominic Parish, Brick, was born April 7, 1947 in County Cavan, Ireland. He prepared for the priesthood in St. Patrick College and Seminary, Carlow, Ireland, and was ordained a priest in Carlow June 10, 1972, for the Diocese of Trenton. His first assignment in the diocese was as associate pastor of St. Rose of Lima, Freehold. He subsequently served as an associate pastor in St. James, Red Bank; Our Lady of Sorrows, Mercerville; St. James, Woodbridge; St. Thomas the Apostle, Old Bridge, and Holy Family, Union Beach.

Msgr. Brady was named temporary administrator of Ascension Parish, Bradley Beach, April 30, 1987, and was appointed pastor of that parish June 12 of that year. On February 10, 1998, he was named temporary administrator of St. Dominic Parish, and two months later on April 9, 1998, was named pastor of St. Dominic Parish.

In addition to his parish assignments, Msgr. Brady has also served on the Vocation Council of Priests and spiritual moderator of the Holy Name Society in Monmouth County.



Msgr. Sam A. Sirianni, pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Freehold, and director of the diocesan Office of Worship, was born February 17, 1954, in Long Branch and was graduated from Long Branch High School. He attended Juniata College, Huntington, Pa., and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, earning a bachelor of arts degree in history from the former, and a master of arts degree in student personnel services.

Msgr. Sirianni worked for the Long Branch Department of Recreation for 18 months, and in August 1979 became director of parish ministry in Holy Trinity Parish, where he established senior and

youth programs before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington.

Msgr. Sirianni was ordained a transitional deacon December 4, 1983, and served his internship in St. Gregory the Great Parish, Hamilton Square.

He was ordained a priest by then Auxiliary Bishop Edward U. Kmiec November 10, 1984, in Holy Trinity Church. His first parish assignment was Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Moorestown. He then moved to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Mercerville, where he served intermittent terms as both associate pastor and as temporary administrator. He was also administrator of St. Catherine Parish, East Keansburg.

As pastor, Msgr. Sirianni has served in six parishes: Holy Angels, Hamilton (now St. Raphael-Holy Angels); St. George, Titusville; Holy Trinity Parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. John the Baptist, all in Long Branch, and since December, 2008, as pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold.

In 1992, while he was parochial vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows, Father Sirianni was appointed by Bishop John C. Reiss to become director of the Office of Liturgy, a position which he continues to hold, although the office has since been renamed to the Office of Worship.

Msgr. Sirianni has served as an Engaged Encounter team priest; spiritual director of an AIDS ministry; dean of the Southern Mercer Deanery; a member of the steering committee for the Millennium; a member of the reconstituted Council of Priests; vice rector of St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton and assistant chancellor of Worship and Special Events, and co-chaplain of the Trenton Serra Club.

Congratulations!

The Office of Catechesis recently announced that Elizabeth Angelucci has completed requirements for Catechist Certification in the Diocese of Trenton, and that Donna M. Russo has completed Level II Catechist requirements. Congratulations to both, and thanks to them for pursuing these certifications and to those who supported them in this effort.

Caring Hearts Report

During December, more than 183 hours of service (e.g., visiting, transportation, shopping, and reassurance calls) were provided by 36 volunteers to 34 persons.

Caring Hearts volunteers provide non-medical services to our homebound elderly and disabled neighbors. If you would like more information on joining this satisfying ministry, either as a caregiver or a care receiver, please call Anne at 586-6596.

Seniors' Activities

Senior Club #1

Meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 1:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Church Hall

Trip to Showboat Casino (AC) on January 19
Bus leaves St. Anthony church parking lot at 9 a.m.
Call Gloria (587-1944) for a reservation.

Senior Club #2

Meeting: Tuesday, January 19; 1:00 p.m.
Church Meeting Room

Trip to Showboat Casino (AC) on January 20
Bus leaves OLS church parking lot at 9:30 a.m.
Call Bea (298-5559) for a reservation.

Senior Club #3

Meetings: Tuesday, January 26, 1:00 p.m.
Church Meeting Room; Table 3 will host
Bingo and cards will follow meeting.

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

Tax Info

Contribution statements will not be available until the end of January, in order to ensure that all donations are reflected. If you would like to pick up a copy of your 2009 contribution statement, please call the parish office (587-4372) and leave your name and phone number with your request. You will be contacted when the statement is available. If you would prefer to have your statement mailed to you, please put a business-size self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) in the collection basket or drop one off to the parish office. Statements will be mailed only to those who have provided a SASE.

Delicious Easter Candy

Our Lady of Sorrows - St. Anthony parish is pleased to offer you the wonderful Gertrude Hawk candy as part of our spring fundraiser program. The candy sale starts on January 19 and ends on February 16. Pick-up weekend will be March 20 & 21, just in time for Easter. Order forms and brochures are available at the doors of both churches. Ordering is also available online; see the brochure for details.

Please support our parish and give yourself and those you love a treat as well. All orders need to be returned to the rectory, school, preschool, or religious education offices

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Fr. John Corapi is coming to New Jersey!



On Saturday, October 30, Fr. Corapi will be coming to the Prudential Center in Newark for an all day Conference and Mass. Tickets for the Fr. Corapi Conference will go on sale at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 18, and will be available through Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com).

Father John Corapi has what has commonly been called a late vocation. In other words, he came to the priesthood other than a young man. He was 44 years old when he was ordained. His experiences prior to ordination have been termed simply astounding, but that is probably somewhat of an overstatement. They might be called extreme, however. From small town boy to the Vietnam era US Army, from successful businessman in Las Vegas and Hollywood to drug addicted and homeless, to religious life and ordination to the priesthood by Pope John Paul II, to a life as a preacher of the Gospel who has reached millions with the simple message that God's Name is Mercy!

Father Corapi's academic credentials are quite extensive. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Pace University in the seventies. Then, as an older man, he returned to university classrooms in preparation for his life as a priest and preacher. He received all of his academic credentials for the Church with honors: a Masters degree in Sacred Scripture from Holy Apostles Seminary and Bachelor, Licentiate, and Doctorate degrees in dogmatic theology from the University of Navarre in Spain.

Since his ordination to the priesthood in 1991 Fr. Corapi has traveled more than two million miles preaching the Gospel. He has preached in 49 of the 50 states, all of the Canadian provinces except Newfoundland, and several other foreign countries. He is currently engaged in preaching and teaching the Catholic faith by way of the means of social communication: television, radio, the internet, and various other multi-media formats.

This event is sponsored by Domestic Church Media, (which broadcasts EWTN Catholic Radio in NJ) and is going to be the ONLY event that Fr. Corapi will do in the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic region for all of 2010! To find out more about it or to request a free Radio Program Guide, please call 882-WFJS (9357). You can also visit www.domesticchurchmedia.org to hear live radio audio stream.

Domestic Church Media currently broadcasts on WFJS 1260 AM from Ewing, reaching Mercer, Burlington and Bucks counties. In early spring, a second station (WSFS 89.3 FM), which will broadcast from Freehold to serve Monmouth, Ocean and Middlesex counties, will be added.



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

Personal Retreat Day

Wed, Feb 10; 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; \$10 (\$40 with Spiritual Direction); please bring a bag lunch
Rest awhile in the Lord and experience God's presence. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional Spiritual Direction.

Listen to the Masters

5 Fridays (Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 4); 9:30 a.m. – Noon; \$120 includes 4 books
We all need consolation. Thérèse of Lisieux, Teresa of Avila, Julian of Norwich, and Francis de Sales provide just what we need for strength and encouragement on the journey. These retreat mornings provide time for private prayer and direct our prayer and reading for the month. Register for the series.

Valentine's Evening for Couples

Sat, Feb 13; 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.; \$50/couple with registration
Liturgy, renewal of marriage vows, and a full course dinner highlight this most enjoyable way to celebrate Valentine's Day. The evening will focus on celebrating the love between you and growing in gratitude and joy.

Classics on Contemplative Prayer

5 Tuesdays (Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8); 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.; \$65 includes book
We will read Father Thomas Keating's classic on contemplative prayer, *Intimacy with God*, during our sessions from February to June. Each one-hour session is followed by Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer (see below).

Centering Prayer Evenings

5 Tuesdays (Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8); 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.; love offering
We meet one Tuesday a month for 20 minutes of Lectio Divina and 40 minutes of Centering Prayer. These evenings really help to keep your centering prayer practice alive.

Ash Wednesday Retreat: Crossing the Desert

Wed, Feb 17; 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., including liturgy; \$30 includes book and lunch
We have been offering this retreat day for years at Francis House and it is such a wonderful way to begin the Lenten Season. We come together as a community of faith to ask God to make of this Lent whatever God desires and we ask for the grace to cooperate with God's action. This year we will each receive Robert Wicks' book, *Crossing the Desert*, in which he teaches us to let go, see clearly and live simply. Only after the desert has done its work in us can we be strengthened by grace. So, welcome to the desert called Lent. We will begin together. Well begun is half done, as we know.

Addiction and Grace

2 Thursdays (Feb 18 and Mar 18); 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; \$30 includes book

If you haven't read Gerald May's classic on addiction and attachment, this Lent is a good time to take the plunge. May helps us to understand the underpinnings of attachment and the infinite power of Grace that can "do infinitely more than we can ask or even imagine." Lent is a time to become free by the power of God. We will meet twice, once to receive the book and gain an overview of its contents, and then a month later, having read the book. This Lenten activity could change your life forever.

Fasting and Feasting

Fri, Feb 19; 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; \$20 includes materials and lunch
The discipline of fasting is a welcome relief to some of us, and yet not an easy one. Would some fasting be helpful to you this Lent as an emptying out and preparation for the feasting of Easter? What does fasting mean? What are some ways to practice fasting? We will use Richard Foster's wonderful essay on fasting as our base.

Open the Door: The Lenten Journey to Your True Self in God

Sun, Feb 21; 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; \$25 includes book and lunch
This retreat provides a gentle structure for your Lenten journey. Using the image of the open door, we enter this holy season expecting God's mercy and grace. This retreat will focus your prayer and help this Lent to be a special time of grace for you. If you want to open your heart to God, please start by opening the door to this retreat. God is on the other side, waiting to welcome you.

Lenten Retreat Day: Simply Surrender

Thu, Feb 25; 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; \$30 includes book and lunch
Suppose your main Lenten practice this year is accepting what is—surrendering to the presence of God in your life as it actually is, instead of how you want it to be. St. Thérèse of Lisieux is the master teacher of this art. This Lenten retreat day will help to focus your attention as you follow the small book, *Simply Surrender*, throughout the six weeks of Lent. Surrender is not a popular word these days. Spiritually it means to let go and let God direct your life. Give yourself this Lenten retreat day as a gift of time and space for God and you.

Directed Retreat Weekend

7:00 p.m. Fri, Feb. 26 – 1:00 p.m. Sun, Feb 28; \$125 (\$40 refundable deposit due with registration)
Due to the frantic pace of contemporary life, it is essential for our spiritual and physical health to take time to pray. This retreat offers you the opportunity to experience the graced rhythm of life in which rest restores your body and God revives your soul. Liturgy, Spiritual Direction and optional Centering Prayer periods are included.

Watch Your Mailbox

. . . for the annual “State of the Diocese” issue from *The Monitor*, to be published mid-January. It will include:

- Walking With God’s Family: An exploration of the many ways that the Church reaches out to people in all phases of life
- The Diocese of Trenton’s Annual Report: A financial recap of the last fiscal year
- Rollout of the 2010 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
- A number of must-have resources for all members of the diocese (online resources, Save the Date listing, and more)

January 22: A Day of Prayer and Penance for the Right to Life

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, N. 373, all the dioceses of the United States should observe January 22nd as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass for Peace and Justice should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance of the day.

Please pray at home, at work, and at school for this important cause. Visit www.respectlifetoday.com or www.usccb.org/prolife for more information. Thank you, and God bless your efforts for life.

Right to Life March Bus Trip

In the words of Pope John Paul II, “All human life – from the moment of conception and through all subsequent stages – is sacred, because human life is created in the image and likeness of God. Nothing surpasses the greatness or dignity of a human person.”

This year’s Right to Life March in Washington, DC, is scheduled for Friday, January 22 on the 37th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. The Hamilton and St. Gregory the Great Councils of the Knights of Columbus are co-sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, D.C. for those who would like to participate in this year’s Right to Life March. Please join your fellow parishioners and hundreds of thousands of others in our quest to defend the right of all, born and unborn, to that sacred gift from God—Life.

The Right to Life March is a very special event and you will be very impressed by the sincerity and dedication of people of all ages and backgrounds from all over the United States. If you have never had the opportunity to participate in the March, please consider doing so this year.

The bus will leave the Our Lady of Sorrows Church parking lot in Mercerville at 7:30 a.m. and return by 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 per child. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus 7677.

If you are interested in reserving space or would like to know more, call Dan or Alyce Rossi at 587-6222.

We will operate on a first-come, first serve basis so please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Diocesan Programs

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Marriage Encounter is a weekend enrichment program designed to help build communication skills between husband and wife. A series of presentations given by married couples and a priest provides meaningful reflection for couples to refocus on their relationship, with private time for discussion away from the distractions of every day life. The next weekend in Central Jersey is February 5 to 7. Contact Jack and Annarose Parra, 888-827-NJME for details and to register. Visit www.wmcentralnj.org online at for more information.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Are you experiencing problems in your marriage? Retrouvaille is a renewal program for couples that offers communication tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. The next program will be held on March 12 to 14 at the Holiday Inn of Princeton. For information, please call 406-7400, ext. 5557/5573, or email mschip@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Bereavement Ministry Training

Would you like to offer spiritual support and healing comfort to the bereaved of your parish? Plan to attend the Bereavement Ministry training at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Freehold, on March 26 and 27. Topics covered include the grief process, communication skills, and the facilitation of support groups. Email mschip@dioceseoftrenton.org or call 406-7400, ext. 5557 or 5573, for additional information.

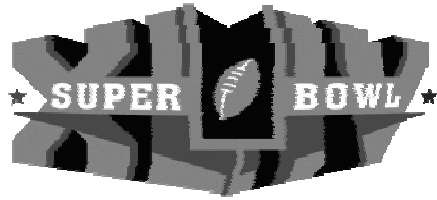
Train the Trainer Initiative

A Train the Trainer Initiative has begun for the Spiritual Enrichment of Maturing Adults. Aspiring trainers may complete a home study of the offered courses: *Ageless in the Lord*, *Well of Body*, *Wise of Mind and Whole of Spirit*, and *Redefining Retirement as a Spiritual Journey*. Courses are completed through consultation with one of two Spiritual Gerontologists in our Diocese of Trenton. Begin a parish book club, study group or present a power point course. Want to know more? Call Janis Bell, Coordinator, Ministry for Maturing Adults at 406-7400, ext. 5594.

Widows & Widowers Dance Social

The Mercer County chapter of the Widows and Widowers will hold its monthly dance social on January 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1451 Klockner Road, Hamilton. Refreshments will be served. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend. For details, call Marilyn (587-8959) or Regina (585-3453).

Mercerville Lions



Sunday

Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, February 7
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

At

Our Lady of Sorrows School Cafeteria

Adults \$7.50

Children 2-12 \$2.50

Children under 2 Free

(Payment will be collected at the door)

Menu:

**Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage,
Fresh Fruit, Juice, and Coffee**

(10% of all proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish)

We Serve the Community
Helping to Provide the "Gift of Sight"

On the web at www.lionsclubs.org

St. Martha Sunday is January 24



Please join us for coffee & conversation after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony.

News from the Preschool

January has arrived and we wish everyone a Happy New Year. We will be having Open House on January 24 and 31 (noon to 1:30 p.m.) and January 25 (5:30 to 7:00 p.m.). It's not too late if you are interested in enrolling your child in our 20th year of Nurturing Care or too early if you are interested in the summer or September. Please call us at 586-1422 to arrange a tour or come join us for our next open house.

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**Celebrate the
Solemn Dedication of the Renovated Church
and the
Blessing of the Elevator Addition & Hall
in this 5th anniversary of the parish foundation
Sunday, March 7, 2010**

The celebration will include Solemn Liturgical Rites and a Gala Banquet
Details to follow!

Items Being Collected for Earthquake Victims of Haiti

Blankets



Towels

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Deodorants

Lotion



Shampoo

Conditioner

Tents



Pots & Pans



Flour



Sugar

Soup



Milk (dried or evaporated)

Juices

Water



Pasta (mostly spaghetti)

Dried soup (noodle soup)

Cooking Utensils

Dishes



Summer Clothes (new or used; all sizes)

Underwear (new only; male & female; all ages)

Rice (white or parboiled only; no brown rice)

Beans (red, black, kidney, white, navy, split pea, lima, black eye peas)

Monetary donations are most welcome!

Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Trenton – Haiti Earthquake Relief.