



CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

WELCOME

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 1 - 2 PM
and by appointment.

MASS

Saturday (Vigil)
5:00 PM (Live-Streamed)

Sunday
9:00 AM, 6:00 PM

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3RD SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

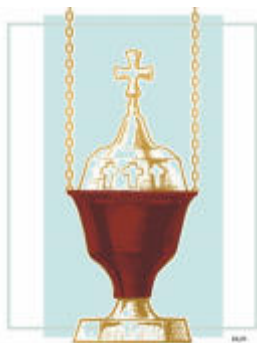
EZRA READ PLAINLY FROM THE BOOK OF THE LAW OF GOD, INTERPRETING IT SO THAT ALL COULD UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS READ. (NEH 8:8)

SECOND READING

FOR IN ONE SPIRIT WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY, WHETHER JEWS OR GREEKS, SLAVES OR FREE PERSONS, AND WE WERE ALL GIVEN TO DRINK OF ONE SPIRIT. (1 COR 12:12)

GOSPEL READING

HE SAID TO THEM, "TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE PASSAGE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is available for special intentions. The Lamp burns weekly for deceased members of a family or requests for a special intention. The donation is \$20. Please call the Rectory for further information. This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Health and Well being for the Sisters of Mercy

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 1-24-22

8:00 AM † **Thomas Sauickie Jr.**
rq by Loving Family

TUESDAY, 1-25-22

8:00 AM † **Sue Mills**
rq by Leonard & Deli Cristo

WEDNESDAY, 1-26-22

8:00 AM **"Special Intentions" Bill Cochran**
rq by Loving Family

THURSDAY, 1-27-22

8:00 AM † **Michael Suckow**
rq by Loving Family

FRIDAY 1-28-22

8:00AM † **Tom Brennan**
rq by Loving Family

SATURDAY, 1-29-22

5:00PM † **Lynne Morris**
rq by Patti & Glenn Scott

SUNDAY, 1-23-22

9:00 AM † **Ronnie Conklin**
rq by Loving Family
"Special Intentions" for the Huntington Family
rq by the Graham Family

6:00 PM **Aileen Flanagan**
rq by Loving Family



Baptism Class is held once a Month. Please call the Rectory for more information or to register for the class. Baptisms are held on the Second and Fourth Sunday, @ 10am.

You need to be **registered and attend our Parish in order to baptize @ St. Ann's.*

Every Tuesday and Thursday **AA meetings** are held in the school gym from 10-11am all are welcome.

Follow & Join **HELLO** Keansburg on Facebook to find out events happening in town!

Wed. March 2 1-7pm Blood Drive

Keansburg Community Blood Drive
Sponsored by Sunshine Cleaning
Service Keansburg Fire Co. #1 13
Manning Pl.

Appointments recommended.
For an appointment go to nybc.org/newjerseydrive sponsor code 70756
or call 800-933-2566

Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name, birthdate and photo.



Text **Signup**
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receive text messages
from St. Ann.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/

1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Observances for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools
Week



Saint Anthony the Abbot (Coma, Qumans 250/251 - desert of the Thebaid January 17th, 356/357) is the patron Saint of the pets, livestock, of the farmer and related and/or derivatives work (such as butchers, bakers, grocers, basket makers, shearers, etc.), fire, skin diseases

GOSPEL MEDITATION

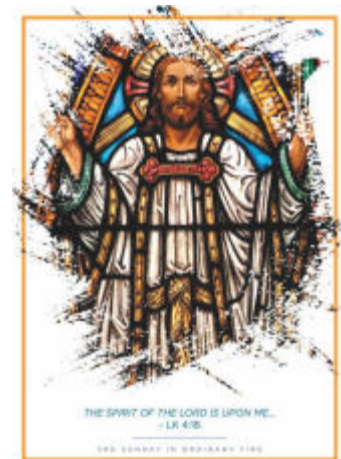
Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch

us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy

and less invested in things that pull us away.



PASTOR'S NOTE

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God. **Fr. Richard**



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one are need of some extra prayers please contact the Rectory @ 732-787-0315 to have your name added to the Prayer List.

Rita and Nicholas Nabel
Stephen Verducci
Elanor Delia
Baby Porpora
Terry Barry
Michael Palmisano
Logan Russo
Gina Carbone

Is it Right to Sue?

Question: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer: Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

Baptism

The Church shares the joy of families in the birth of children and with their parents takes seriously the Responsibility of bringing them up in the faith. Parents seeking baptism for their children are required to attend baptismal preparation class held once a month. Please call the Rectory to register for the class.

Baptisms are held the Second & Fourth Sunday of the month by reservation only. Parents should be registered members of the Church as well as attend Mass.

Godparents, those who represent the Church in the life of the child, must have received all of their sacraments, and if married, marriage must have been in the Catholic Church. Please consider godparents with this criteria in mind.

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held on February 8th @7pm held in the School building.



Save the Date for the Keansburg Parade Committee Virtual Auction being held on February 11th in the St. Ann's School gym.

Come Check out the prizes and enter your tickets in the prizes you would like to win!

Visit St. Ann's Gym on 2-9 & 2-10 from 4-9pm

Last Chance is Friday 2-11 from 11-6

Wear a mask and bring cash to purchase tickets.

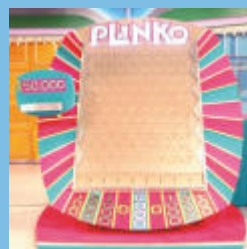
Plinko, the Birthday Calendar, Golden Ticket & 50/50 tickets will all be available for purchase during the above time slots like Normal! **\$10 Admission fee comes with a set of tickets.**

The actual pulling of the tickets will be Virtual in order to keep everyone healthy and safe!

Follow HELLO Keansburg on Facebook and watch Live as the winning tickets are announced on 2-11 @7pm.

Prizes can be picked up starting at 8pm on 2-11 or Saturday 2-12 from 10-1pm

Must bring the winning ticket and wear a mask.



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



The Bayshore Senior Center's Annual Gift Auction

The Gift Auction will take place on **Friday, March 4, 2022** virtually as well as a very limited number of indoor tickets. Tickets for the virtual event must be purchased online at **Eventbrite- Bayshore Senior Center Virtual Gift Auction**. If you have any baskets you would like to donate, please call **Patti @ 732-495-1490**. If you have an unopened, unused gifts to donate please drop them off at the center at 100 Main Street. If you have questions about the virtual tickets or event call **Denise 732-801-4190**.



Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

2022 Mass Book

Our Mass book is filling up quickly! If you would like to have a Mass intention we do have plenty of daily morning Masses available. Please call the Rectory to schedule an Intention.



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