

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
December 27, 2009

SAINT ANNE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FAMILY IN CRISIS

Today's Gospel gives us the only real glimpse we have into the life of the Holy Family during the childhood of Jesus. Here we see a family in crisis. A son is lost and frantic parents search and search until they finally find him. We hear these words from the mother of Jesus: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" (Luke 2:48). We can only imagine the distress felt by Mary and Joseph. Their love for their son brought them to their wits' end. Let us take the opportunity this day to ask the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph to intercede for us in times when our families experience anxiety and fear. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)

December 29

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the King presumed, could be counted on, if made Archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the King's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep. —Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



Please remember to use our parish website at <http://www.saintannecc.org>

A BIG THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who have made our Christmas Liturgies so wonderful and spirit filled. We certainly know how to celebrate the Birth of our Savior here at St. Anne. The liturgies were beautiful and powerful. The message of Christ among us became real. Our challenge is to continue to live this reality of Christ among us each and every day. So many have been involved in the various ministries within our liturgy – you deserve a big “thank you”. We certainly are blessed here at St. Anne for all that you do.

NEW YEARS’ RESOLUTIONS

This is the time of year to make New Year’s resolutions. I came across this list that a parishioner from St. Augustine church came up with. I pray you find it interesting and helpful for your own spiritual lives.

1. I resolve to be more welcoming to those I encounter entering and leaving Mass or other services
2. I will arrive at least 10 minutes early so that I can prepare myself for the privilege of attending Mass and receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.
3. I resolve to move all the way down inside my pew so that it will be easier for others to enter my pew and I will make them feel welcome.
4. I will not just attend Mass; I will participate in it by singing and if my sense of pitch is horrible, I will sing anyway because I am honoring my God in doing so.
5. I will listen intently to the readings and the homily and determine how I can apply the lessons they contain to my daily life and work.
6. I will be attentive and reverent at all times, but especially at the consecration of the bread and wine into the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
7. If I am a server, reader, Eucharistic minister, choir member or usher I will be at my assigned Mass to perform my duties. If I cannot make it, I resolve to work hard to find a substitute.
8. Unless I have an emergency, I will not rush out of church after Mass, ignoring those around me so I can beat them out of the parking lot. Instead, I will look for opportunities to engage my fellow parishioners in conversation.
9. I will not leave Mass until I have received the final blessing and sung the final song with enthusiasm.

This is OUR church. Let’s make it the best it can be for everyone.

NEW YEAR’S DAY MASS

New Years Day is the feast of Mary, Mother a God. It is also a Holy Day of Obligation. As we have done in past years, Mass on New Year’s Day will be celebrated at **9:30am**. This should give a few more “zzzzz’s” if you stayed up late the night before. Happy New Year, St. Anne!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul.”

MASSES:
Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
Mon-Thurs: 8:30 AM
Fri: 8:30 AM Communion Service
Holy Days: 8:30 AM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 4:00 PM

PARISH REGISTRATION:
 New members are always welcome. Please phone or come into Rectory at your earliest convenience. Also see the registration form in the bulletin.

BAPTISMS:
 Parents are expected to participate in a preparation session held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Baptisms are held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at a 12:00 PM service. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE:
 Preparation is a must. Arrangements must be made at least four months in advance; preferably as soon as the engagement takes place.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Call as early as possible.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL: (708) 335-1766

Thank you

Friday, December 18, 2009 6:06 AM

From:

"Carlson, Kenneth F MAJ USA 15 SB Brigade Chaplain"

To:

Dear Elaine,

Peace be with you! I pray you are well.

We got all the boxes that you all sent here. It comes at a great time in order to get it out for the Christmas season for the troops. Every little bit helps to take care of them and keep their spirits up. Thanks so much for caring. What we do means so much but is so humbling when you see the dedication and pride that our Soldiers have. Please keep us in your prayers and know that you're in mine. Blessings and Merry Christmas!

~ Fr. Ken

"Operation We Care"

Summary of Expenditures for "Operation We Care"

Year: 2009

Cost of Supplies Sent: \$5029.10
Boxes Sent: 113
Cost of Postage: \$1380.72

Packages Sent to:

Col. Markley
Col. Hernandez
Fr. Ron Stack – Navy Chaplain
CPO Garstin
Lt. Johnson
Fr. Ken Carlson – Army Chaplain
Navy Seal: Tom Hruby
Navy Seal: Jon Painter

As you can see from the above figures, the cost of sending packages to our servicemen and women overseas is considerable. We are grateful to all of our parishioners and friends who make this ministry possible.

We especially want to thank the East Hazel Crest American Legion Post for their continued support over the last 5 years.

Without your continued help,

we would not be able to provide this great service.

We ask you to please continue to support our troops overseas with your prayers and your contribution to "Operation We Care".

Beginning with the New Year, it will be easier to remember this ministry: our envelopes will be in with the monthly envelopes you receive at home.

For all of our friends who do not get envelopes, we will have extras available in the back of the church.

And again.....


Thank you so much!!!!

Please Pray for our St. Anne Servicemen, Servicewomen and Their Families:

- Fr. Bob**, Lt., Navy
- Nick Battistoni**, Air Force, Grandson of Maureen McDonald—Deployed to Iraq
- Angela Bulanda**, 1Lt., Army, Daughter of Robert and Elaine Bulanda—Deployed to Afghanistan
- Brian Campbell**, Army, Grandson of Paul & Mary St. Aubin
- Chris Churilla**, Sgt., Army, Son of Bill & Theresa Churilla—Stationed in South Korea
- James S. Dyer II**, MM3rd Class, Navy, Son-in-Law of Michael and Beverly Collins
- Donald English**, Army, Nephew of Steve & Millie Moore—Deployed to Iraq
- Kenneth Fiaoni**, PFC, Army, Nephew of Karla Fiaoni—Deployed to Iraq
- Erik Fischer**, 3rd Class Petty Officer, Navy, Son of Mike & Marian Fischer
- Mark Fischer**, 3rd Class Petty Officer, Navy, Son of Mike & Marian Fischer
- Milton Herring**, Major, Army, Brother of Norine Maney
- George Logan, Jr.**, Army, Nephew of Marilyn Mester
- Philip Logan**, Col., Army, Nephew of Marilyn Mester
- Amy Mackowiak**, SSgt., National Guard, Daughter of Tom & JoAnne Mackowiak

- Mike McFarlin**, Navy, Grandson of Richard and Margaret Shel-drake
 - Ken Ohlson**, Lt Col, Air Force, Son of Bill & Phyllis Ohlson
 - Kendra Ohlson**, Major, Air Force, Daughter-in-Law of Bill & Phyllis Ohlson
 - Steven L. Pachuca, Sr.**, Pfc., Army, Husband of Stacey Farris
 - David Salgenback**, Spc., Army, Godson of Rose Cameron—Deployed to Iraq
 - Maria Sheldrake**, Navy, Daughter-in-Law of Richard and Margaret Sheldrake
 - Jason Spaargaren**, Sgt., Army, Godson of Jim Cameron—Deployed to Iraq
 - Keith Staros**, Marines, Nephew of Pat & Georgia Forde
 - Glen Summers**, Sgt., Army, Grand-nephew of Sandra Harper—Recuperating at Walter Reed Hospital from injuries sustained in Iraq
 - Mark J. Swiderski**, PFC, Army National Guard, Boyfriend of Sharon Forde—Deployed in Iraq
 - Manuel L. Vasquez**, Sgt., Army, Son of Manuel & Maria Vasquez
 - Derrick Velazquez**, Cpl., Marines, Son of Martha Taylor
 - Shinane Velazquez**, 2nd Lt., Army, Daughter of Martha Taylor
 - Kyle Walgenbach**, Pfc., Army, Cousin of Rose Cameron—Deployed to Iraq
 - Jeffrey R. Witsken**, Col., Army, Nephew of Jim & Jo Austing
- Please notify the Parish Office as your loved ones are released from active duty.



 Sacrificial Giving	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED WEEKEND OF: December 19-20, 2009: \$3,575.76
Adult Envelopes:	\$ 3,400.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 1.46
Loose Collection:	\$ 345.21
Adult Envelopes Used	109
Children Envelopes Used	6
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:	\$ 0.00
St. Paul Sharing	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 482.00
Operation We Care	\$ 436.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 309.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 216.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 0.00
Christmas	\$ 553.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 15.00

AVERAGE ENVELOPE DONATION PER WEEKEND MASS

MASS	ENVELOPE TOTAL \$	NUMBER OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE / ENVELOPE
12/19/09 4:30 PM	\$1,136.00	26	\$43.69
12/20/09 8:30 AM	\$1,226.00	46	\$26.65
12/20/09 10:30	\$1,038.00	37	\$28.05
Totals	\$3,400.00	109	\$31.19



Please pray for our sick....

- Laura Acevedo (*Parishioner*)
- Jo Austing (*Parishioner*)
- Robert Campa (*Nephew of Pat Centner*)
- Dorothy Fernandez (*Sister-in-law of Manny Fernandez*)
- Louise Gillon (*Parishioner*)
- Mary Kolodziej (*Niece of Dorothy Lazuka*)
- Gabriel Lazuka (*Grandson of Dorothy Lazuka*)
- Chuck Long (*Brother-in-law of Linda Kurz*)
- Richard McGathey (*Parishioner*)
- Patrick Mulkerrin (*Brother of Maureen Mulkerrin*)
- Helen Ramberg (*Parishioner*)
- Michaeline Rogge (*Daughter of Mary & Paul St. Aubin*)
- Harold Tolliver, Sr. (*Father-in-law of Sandra Tolliver*)
- Elizabeth Wakefield (*Parishioner*)



- Rev. Jerry Roche (*Cousin of Mary Dalton*)
- Irene Marazas (*Former Parishioner*)



December 28, 2009 to January 03, 2010

- MONDAY – HOLY INNOCENTS**
8:30 AM – Gerald Benner by Jim & Jo Austing
- TUESDAY – FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**
8:30 AM – Father Thomas McNeff by Tom & Mary Paetsch
- WEDNESDAY – SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**
8:30 AM – Purgatorial Society
- THURSDAY – ST. SYLVESTER**
8:30 AM – Members of the Armed Forces
- FRIDAY – OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**
9:30 AM— The Intentions of the Lanigan Family
- SATURDAY— VIRGIL: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
4:30 PM — People of the Parish
- SUNDAY — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
8:30 AM – Richard Eisenbart by Germaine Eisenbart
Joe Bobrowicz by the Fennerty Family
- 10:30 AM – Carmen Ortiz by the Fantin Family

Praying In the New Year

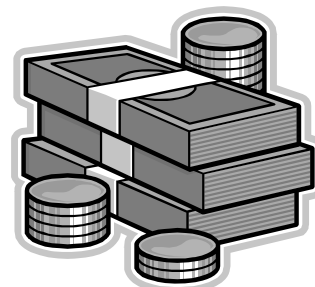
You are **all invited** to come together after the Mass on New Year's Day to **"Pray In the New Year"**.
 If you wish to start off 2010 with a little more prayer in your life,
 if you wish to join with fellow parishioners to pray for our families, parish, and community,
 if you would like to spend some quiet time in Centering Prayer,
 please join us for about an hour of prayer, silence and reflection.
 If you have any questions,
 please call the Religious Education Office at (708) 335-2286.

Hope you can join us!!!!

The Annual St. Anne Raffle

Let's sell-out
again this
year!

BE A SELLER!
MAKE MONEY!
(Just in time for Christmas)



HERE'S THE DETAILS



St. Anne Church Fundraiser

RAFFLE

Sunday, March 7, 2010 - 12:00 pm

Drawing will take place at Sweeney Hall
at the Buffet Breakfast
16801 Dixie Hwy. Hazel Crest, IL

Ticket Price - \$25 each or 5 for \$100

1st PRIZE - \$5,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3-4TH PRIZE - \$500.00

5-6TH PRIZE - \$250.00

7-11TH PRIZE - \$100.00

12-26TH PRIZE - \$50.00

27-60TH PRIZE - \$25.00

Early Bird Drawing: 1 prize at \$200, 2 prizes at \$100, and 2 prizes at \$50. Drawing will take place on Sunday, January 3, 2010 at the Buffet Breakfast. All tickets for the Early Bird must be submitted by 11:30 am the day of the drawing.

Sell each of the 5 tickets in a book for \$25 each ticket and keep \$25 for yourself. Just turn in the book with the 5 stubs and \$100.

(Or....)



Sell 4 tickets in a book (at \$25 each) and put your name on the last ticket for a free entry in the Raffle. Just turn in the book of 5 stubs and \$100.

(Or....)

If someone buys the whole book at the special rate of 5 for \$100, then turn in the \$100 and the book and you will get into a special \$200 drawing for only those sellers that sell a whole book to one person (all tickets in the book must have the same name on them).

See a Raffle coordinator after mass or call the office if you want to be a seller, or if you want to buy a ticket.

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:30 Mass "Praying in the New Year" after Mass	2
3 Buffet Breakfast 8-noon RCIA 9:30 Vacation Bible School Mtg. 11:30	4 Liturgy Team 7:30	5 Holy Hour 7:00	6 RE Session 4:30 -6:00 Men's Faith Sharing 6:00	7	8	9 PPC Mtg. 1:00
10 Men's Prayer Grp. 11:30 Hospitality Mtg. 9:30	11 Ministry of Care 9:00	12 Fun and Fundraising Mtg. 7:00	13 RE Session 4:30 -6:00 Men's Faith Sharing 6:00	14 PPC Mtg. 7:00	15	16 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6:00
17 Shared Commission Mtg. 9:30 RCIA 9:30 Italy Trip Mtg. 11:30	18  Adult Formation Mtg. 7:00	19 ELC Staff Mtg. 6:30	20 RE Session 4:30 -6:00 Men's Faith Sharing 6:00	21	22 Bunco 6:30 -9:00	23
24 *Coffee and..." 9:30	25	26	27 RE Session 4:30 -6:00 Men's Faith Sharing 6:00	28	29	30 Sign-Ups for Lenten Small Groups Blessing of Throats at Mass
31 *Coffee and..." 9:30 Sign-Ups for Lenten Small Groups Blessing of Throats at Masses					Events are Subject to Change—Any Questions??? Please call the Ministry Sponsoring the Event.	

THOSE TO SERVE AT THE LITURGY – January 02-03, 2010

Subject to change	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Ethel Gaines Debbie Baker	Jack Yuknis Marge Fasano Ho Pham Mary Jo Lippe Mary VanDenHandel Mary Stojak	Tessie Imarenezor Roland Imarenezor Kim Wilk Helen Cook
LECTOR:	Fred Knoll/Millie Moore	Jim Dunlavy/Joan Easter	Michael Carten/Timothy Chatman
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WELCOME

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long-time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered at St. Anne, or are registered and need to make changes, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

- () New Parishioner
 () New Address
 () New Phone Number
 () Moving. Please remove from membership list.

Archdiocese of Chicago Website: www.archchicago.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous	(312) 346-1475
(Spanish speakers)	(312) 278-6251
ACOA—Adult Children of Alcoholics	(708) 206-1156
Al-Anon	(773) 471-0225
	(708) 848-2707
Al-Ateen	(773) 471-0225
	(708) 848-2707
Al-Atot	(773) 848-2707
Cancer Support Center—Southland	(708) 798-9171
CH.A.D.D. (Attention Deficit Disorder)	(708) 802-4233
Cocaine Anonymous	(773) 202-8898
Co-Dependents Anonymous	(630) 415-3220
Compulsive Gambling Hotline	(800) 522-4700
Diabetes Support Group	(708) 346-5403
EA—Emotions Anonymous	(708) 383-0200
GA—Gamblers Anonymous	(312) 346-1588
Grief, Loss & Transitions Support	(708) 923-1116
Illinois Parents Anonymous	(312) 424-6822
NA—Narcotics Anonymous	(708) 848-4884
Nicotine Anonymous	(773) 509-6373
OA—Overeaters Anonymous	(708) 346-0000
Rainbows Support Group	(847) 310-1880

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28).

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24).

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Friday:	Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Request for Blankets

Our Hazel Crest PADS center is in desperate need of blankets for the people who come and use their service.

Last week, they didn't have enough blankets to go around for all the people who came to the Shelter.

If you have an extra blanket or two, perhaps you can donate it to PADS so that a homeless person can be warm - at least during the night.

Please bring any gently used, clean blankets to the Religious Education Office.

Thank you!!!!!!