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## February:

### Dates to Note on Your Calendar

- 2/5 Youth Sunday
- 2/5 Annual Congregation Meeting after service
- 2/5 Super Bowl Giants vs Patriots!
- 2/21 Pancake Super
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday Service at 11am and 7pm

**Birthdays:** Barbara Maggio 2/2, Christine Dziemian 2/12, Grace Oliff 2/25

**Baptisms:** Emily Oliff 2/19, Barbara Maggio 2/28

**Confirmations:** Kathiann Krott 2/10, Alison Oliff 2/22, Daniel Oliff 2/22, Clare Simpson 2/22, Alyssa Faigle 2/23, Anthony Palladino 2/23

**Anniversaries:**

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## Sunday Scripture in February

2/5 Epiphany 5- Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-12 & 21c, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

2/12 Epiphany 6- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:24-27, Mark 1:40-45

2/19 Last after Epiphany 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

2/22 Ash Wednesday-Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 103, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6 & 16-20

2/26 Lent 1 - Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-9, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

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## Annual Parish Meeting:

Will be held Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> following Youth Sunday.

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## Parishioners' Milestones

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## Wednesday Service at 11am

Feb 1 Thomas Aquinas

Feb 8 Cornelius the Centurion

Feb 15 Cyril & Methodius

Feb 22 Ash Wednesday

Feb 29 Matthias

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## Lenten Program

**Ash Wednesday** is February 22. Service will be held at 11 am and 7:30 pm.

**Pancake supper** will be Tuesday 2/21 from 5:30 to 8:00.

The mid-week program will center a familiar parable in Luke 15, renamed by Tim Keller of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, "The Prodigal God" and sub-titled "Finding Your Place at the Table." It's an exciting, fresh look at this very central teaching by Jesus.

The Lenten Program Team recommends six sessions, beginning on Wednesday 29 February, beginning with a meal and a 38-minute video. That night we might start at 6:30 in order to fit in the meal, video, and discussion. The next four sessions can begin with a meal, if everyone agrees to this format. Otherwise, the next four will begin at 7 pm. We will probably need a sixth session, during Holy Week, to deal with all the material properly. It can also begin with a meal.

In order to buy enough copies of the small text and the discussion guide, please let Archie know by

Sunday 12 February whether you wish to participate. Even if you must miss one or more sessions, you can still benefit from this program.

Contact him via email =

[archie@annunciationradell.org](mailto:archie@annunciationradell.org) or call Gayle in the parish office at 201-262-7222 or let him know via his cellphone = 973-986-2627.

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## Save the Date:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Culinary Cook Off 2012 "CHILI"

to be held Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 4PM to 7PM

Snow date will be Sat. March 24

Included in the event will be BRAGGING RIGHTS for the best CHILI. The event will also include a ticky tray and service Auction.

Volunteers Needed: Contact Elaine Gustenhoven

### Newark ACTS Interns – Sunday 25 March

Sunday 25 March is officially the Fifth Sunday in Lent. It's also the Prayer Book calendar date for the Feast of the Annunciation. Deacon Erik Soldwedel has agreed to send two or three of the Newark ACTS Interns to Annunciation that morning to worship with us and deliver a dialogue sermon.

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## Adventures in Advent

Thank you for participating in "Adventure in Advent".

Week 1: Thanks to Nancy Olsen for organizing the making of the advent wreaths. Preparing for the birthday of Christ by making the wreaths was good fellowship. Some of the wreaths were delivered to shut-ins.

Week 2: Annunciations "Giving Tree" due to your generosity all of the wishes for the family from Bergen County services were fulfilled and enough money was raised to give them a ShopRite gift card.

Week 3: Christ's love for us and our ability to share this love was again evident in all of us with the toy donation to North Porch. Thank you Archie for delivering them.

Week 4: Christmas fellowship dinner. Good Food, singing carols. I am blessed to know all of you and proud to be a member of the Church of Annunciation.

Thanks to all who made Adventure in Advent a reality.

Elaine Gustenhoven

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Thanks to all who offered help when we were without heat. It "warmed" our hearts. Ted, Elaine, Brianna and Leanna



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### District 9 Confirmation/Received/Reaffirmation Baptismal of Promises

Time: 5:30PM to 6:30PM

Pot Luck Dinner: 6:30PM to 7:30PM

Youth Confirmation Ages 14-18

Adult Confirmation / Received / Reaffirmation of Baptismal Promises

Baby-sitting services available for children 4-10

Saturday, February 4, 2011

Church of the Atonement

97 Highwood Avenue

Tenafly, NJ 07670

[Lynne.weber@verizon.net](mailto:Lynne.weber@verizon.net)

Saturday, March 3, 2011

St. Matthew's Church

167 Spring Street

Paramus, NJ 07652

Rev. Bruce Woodcock [bwoodcock@cpg.org](mailto:bwoodcock@cpg.org)

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## Sunday school Schedule

The balance of the schedule looks like this:

February 12 and 26 Adela Wekselblatt  
March 11, 18 and 25 Kathi Belitto  
April 15, 22 and 29 KathiAnn Krott  
May 6, 20 and June 3 Nancy Olsen

Anyone that would like to volunteer as an assistant for any of these days please let Nancy Olsen know.

## Youth Sunday

The Sunday school teachers have designated Youth Sundays for the remainder of the academic year.

These are times that younger members of the congregation will worship with their families in church for the entire service rather than attend classes before joining the "folks upstairs." Archie plans to have two Readers each for the two Lessons. That means four children will be needed for reading the Scripture, plus five or six others to lead the Prayers of the People, act as Ushers, and serve as Acolytes and even as Crucifers. The more who volunteer, the more will experience the joy of being leaders. In addition, they will also gain poise and confidence in public speaking. He intends to help all of them prepare well in advance, so they will feel confident and make a real contribution to our services. He's prepared a new Acolyte Manual and wants to guide each Acolyte and Reader in their roles. He knows how valuable and enjoyable his experience was as a child and young adult, acolyting and reading in public worship. And he hopes that his excitement will rub off on the children of Annunciation.

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## Diocesan Convention

The agenda for the Diocese of Newark's 138th Annual Convention, "a diocese-wide focus on mission issues," is available at

<http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/convention> . Its theme is "Living into Christ's Mission." It takes place Friday, January 27 and Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the Hilton Hotel (973-267-7373) in Parsippany.

The two-day program includes a Eucharistic service as well as workshops and presentations, business sessions and balloting, prayer gatherings, meals, and a meeting of the Newark Episcopal Women's Commission: "Co-Creators of The New" -- A conversation about personal, community and institutional hope, creativity and change with Ann Smith."

This late-January Convention "will also lay the groundwork for a 'season of mission'" culminating in the June 9, 2012 Special Convention on mission. Bishop Beckwith writes that "as a diocese we are

equipping congregations for the purpose of carrying out their mission; we are empowering people to help them discover their mission – and we are engaging the world with our common mission. . . . [M]ission always needs to be framed in context: what are the needs in a particular community, who and how are people being called to respond, and what spiritual, financial and social resources do we have available?"

From the Diocesan web site: "At the Annual Convention in January, Bishop Beckwith will introduce two new groups tasked with focusing on issues of mission strategy and stewardship. One is the Mission Strategy team, whose members will be trained to work with churches as congregational coaches on mission strategy by the Rev. Thomas L. Brackett, Officer for Church Planting and Ministry Redevelopment at the Episcopal Church Center in Manhattan. The second is a subcommittee of the Budget and Finance Committee, which will consider what resources are necessary and available to fund our common mission over the next three years."

Submitted by Mary Coogan

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## Diocese of New Jersey

### Spring 2012 Youth Events

#### 53<sup>rd</sup> Bishop's Ball

**When: January 27, 2012**

**Where: Trinity Cathedral, Trenton NJ**

**Begin: 8:00 PM**

**End: 12:00 Mid Night**

**Who: 9-12 graders (and adult sponsor)**

**Ticket Cost: \$15 each for advanced purchase**

### Spring Youth Event

**When: May 11-13 2012**

**Where: Camp Lebanon, Lebanon NJ**

**Begin: 7:00 PM**

**End 12:00 Noon (5/13)**

**Who: 6-12 graders and adult sponsor**

**Lodging: Beds-heated cabins**

**Cost: \$ 75**

**To Register: [dclarke@newjerseyyouth.org](mailto:dclarke@newjerseyyouth.org)**

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## Hello from Pat Seitz

Pat sent a note to be included in the newsletter:

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" I just want to say HELLO to all my friends at Annunciation. We're still in the process of unpacking boxes. We didn't realize we had so much "stuff" jammed into that small house in River Edge. Our new house is much bigger, but we still don't know what to do with everything. We love down here in Kentucky-when people find out we are new here, they actually hug us with a Welcome. We've yet to meet anyone grumpy or nasty, only helpful. If anyone would like it, here is my address -38 Hampton Ave. Winchester, KY 40391. I miss y'all, but I haven't been happier in some time. Damian loves his new school, it's very small with a lot of personal attention, 15 classrooms and 17 teachers, all young and enthusiastic.

Lot's of Love to everyone. Patt Seitz

## New Prayer List Procedure

Please help make our Sunday Prayer List - In Our Prayers - as printed in the bulletin and read aloud during the Prayers of the People both manageable and focused. You're always welcome to include in your personal devotions any or all the people you want held in public prayer at Annunciation. But the increasingly lengthy reading of names on Sundays who are known only to a few parishioners - sometimes only one - will be deferred until the midweek service on Wednesday. Starting Advent Sunday = November 27th - the beginning of the next Church Year - names for In Our Prayers on Sundays will remain on that list for only three Sundays. After that, you will need to contact Gayle to have any name continue in our Sunday parish prayer life for another three weeks. Of course, you can voice aloud any concern or person's name when invited to do so during the Prayers of the People. At our Wednesday Healing Services, we will pray for everyone on the entire Prayer List. The complete list will appear in The Annunciator each month. The full list will be reviewed and 'culled' by the Worship Committee on a quarterly basis. Out of respect for privacy, we will not print or voice aloud anyone's last name unless you have that person's permission and submit it to Gayle via email = administrator@annunciationoradell.org or a note in the confidential box outside the parish office door. Please call or email the Church Office to remove or add names and help us by indicating "Wednesday-only list" or "Sunday and Wednesday."

If you are not a member and would like to join please send an email to administrator@annunciation.org

The monthly newsletter is available via the Google group. It is also available on the Annunciation website. There are hard copies available on the table in the hall.

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## Recipe for Basic Prayer

If you're not in the habit of praying for more than a few minutes a day, I suggest trying the following thirty minute recipe for basic prayer.

1. Clearing
2. Focusing
3. Listening
4. Asking
5. Thanking

Like the "Basic Bread" recipe in "The Joy of Cooking", you can use this template to create seemingly infinite variations to suit your particular taste and style. Just try this approach until you get the hang of it, and gradually branch out if you feel the need. If it is helpful, play some soothing instrumental music during this time

By Eric Elnes, Adapted from his book "Asphalt Jesus".

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## God Bless

The monthly newsletter is a joint effort by all members of the congregation. It's a place to get updates and share things that are happening that are important to us.

If you have something you would like shared in a future edition please email me at:

[lynnademay@gmail.com](mailto:lynnademay@gmail.com)

Thank you

Lynna Demay.

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## The Church of the Annunciation

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## Parish Communications

Did you know there is a Google Group for Annunciation parishioners?