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March:

Dates to Note on Your Calendar

3/4 Annunciation Chili cook-off after Service
3/10 1st Annual Culinary Cook Off 4PM to 7 PM

Sunday Scripture in March

3/4 Lent 2 Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16, Psalm 22:22-30, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

3/11 Lent 3 Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1st Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

3/18 Lent 4 Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3 & 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

3/25 Lent 5 Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-13, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33 31

ECW News

There will be no ECW meeting in March. Thank you to all who contributed to the "Bakeless Cake Sale" and if you forgot or procrastinated, it's not too late.

Checks should be made out to Church of the Annunciation and earmarked ECW. If you've got itchy fingers and a little extra time, how about knitting a cap or scarf for Seamen's institute. Yarn and instructions are available from Ginny Baird. An insight into Christmas at Sea - a program run by Seaman's Church Institute - where the caps, scarves, shampoo, hand cream, lip balm, etc. are packed up into ditty bags and distributed to seamen on ships who otherwise would receive no other Christmas gifts, can be seen by accessing the website

cas@seamenschurch.org. This year our knitters created 21,174 hats, scarves, vests, socks, helmets, and slippers. Yes, they do keep a count of each knitted article sent to them!!!

Parishioners' Milestones

Birthdays: Alice Bezdjian 3/1, Nicholas Gray 3/2, Jacqueline Krott 3/2, Nicholas Palladino 3/8, Janet Atwater 3/14, Briana Cottone 3/14, David Palladino 3/15, Leanna Cottone 3/17, Samuel Wechselblatt 3/17, Nicole Cannizzaro-Garcia 3/21, Anthony Palladino 3/22, Roger Sobeck 3/27, Janet Corrado 3/28, Mauro Palladino 3/29, Ava Bramson 3/30

Baptisms: Kay Benning 3/1, Nicholas Gray 3/3, Chuck May 3/31

Confirmations: Kay Benning 3/7, Marilyn Youakim 3/20, Emily Oliff 3/24

Anniversaries: Eric & Nancy Olsen 3/22, John & Nancy Tyrell 3/24

Lenten Program

Save the Date:

1st Annual Culinary Cook Off 2012 "CHILI"

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2012 4-7pm

Address: 343 Kinderkamack Rd, Oradell, NJ

Adults \$15, Children under 12 - \$5

Paid ticket includes 1 vote for best chili, and free drawing for door prize.



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.

Diocese Updates

Middle School Retreat

This retreat for youth in grades 6-8 will take place at Cross Roads Camp & Retreat Center in Port Murray, NJ the weekend of **March 9-11**. The registration deadline is **Friday, February 24**. [Find out more](#).

Sabbath Day

A workshop with the Rev. Jim Warnke, learning how to let go of everyday concerns and just be with God, **Saturday, March 17**. The registration deadline is **Monday, March 12**. [Find out more](#).

Youth Participation in General Convention 2012

The Diocese of Newark will take a group of high school youth who have completed grades 9-12 and adult chaperones to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, IN on July 6-10, 2012. The application deadline is **March 23**. [Find out more](#).

Confirmations: Everything You Need

The Confirmation season is fast approaching! You can find everything you need -- service and retreat dates, deadlines, registration forms and who to contact for what -- on the [Confirmation page](#) of the diocesan website.

Bishop Beckwith strongly encourages all youth and adults who will be presented this spring for confirmation, reception or reaffirmation of baptismal vows to attend one of our three confirmation retreats. Although districts are assigned to different retreats, communicants may attend whichever retreat suits their schedule best.

The registration deadline for the first confirmation retreat is **March 9**. [Find out more](#).

Diocese of New Jersey

Spring 2012 Youth Events

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

The Profiler is back

As I write the profiles of our parishioners, I am amazed; no enthralled when I realize the wide range of cutting edge professional, skilled and talented people we have at the Church of the Annunciation.

And now I profile Patty Ann Sayre-Gray. Let me say that differently: PATTY ANN SAYRE-GRAY

Patty is a true blue "Jersey Girl". Born, bred in Paramus, attended and graduated from Paramus High School, and after graduating from the Boston Conservatory of Music came back to receive her Master's degree in Education from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Patty has been a professional opera singer for twenty five years. Her resume shows all the evidence necessary to prove the very high level of professionalism that Patty has achieved. During this time, Patty has been associated with the Amato Opera Company, the Stuyvescent Opera Company in New York City, the Bronx Opera Company, The Michigan Opera Theater and the Fair Lawn Summer Music Festival. She has been the soloist with the United States Coast Guard Band, and the New Jersey Oratorio Society. In 1969, Patty was a Garden State Expo Competition winner.

Her repertoire (Webster Collegiate Dictionary: a list or supply of dramas, operas, pieces that a company or a person is prepared to perform") includes Adele in "Die Fledermous", Gilda in "Rigoletto". Queen of the Night in "Magic Flute", Gretel in "Hansel and Gretel", Violetta in "La Trivet, Lucia in "Lucia di Lamermoor", Susanna in "Marriage of Figero", and Rosin in "Barbara of Seville". WOW !!!!

While attending the Boston Conservatory of Music, Patty met Bob, thanks to their music teacher who introduced them. They were married in 1976 in Paramus and returned to New London, Connecticut where Bob was stationed in the United States Coast Guard. Then, fortunately for us, after Bob's release from the Coast Guard, they returned to New Jersey living in Saddle Brook, Paterson and finally now in New Milford.

When I asked Patty, "what impressed you to come to Annunciation?" She replied, "We were searching for a church, visiting a different one each week and someone asked us to come back. No other church had encouraged us to come back". (Annunciation parishioners take note).

Patty's family was completed with the birth of their son Nicky on March 1992.

Patty has been and continues to be active in community affairs such as New Milford Library, The Food Bank and Children with Leukemia. She has organized a number of fund raisers at Annunciation. Presently, as a Social Studies teacher, she encourages her students to be active in community service.

Anonymous

And last, but not least, Patty is a Civil War "buff".

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, March 3, 2011

St. Matthew's Church

167 Spring Street

Paramus, NJ 07652

Rev. Bruce Woodcock bwoodcock@cpq.org

The Bishop's Address: "Risking something big for something good"

The assignment from God to the prophet Jeremiah is a tough one. God asks, no God tells Jeremiah, that he has a prophetic sermon to preach: to "pluck up, tear down, overthrow and destroy - in order to build and plant."

[Read more](#) or watch below.



Provided by Mary Coogan

Sunday school Schedule

The balance of the schedule looks like this:

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.

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."

Parish Communications

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

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.

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".

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

Thank you

Lynna Demay.

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