
May:

Dates to Note on Your Calendar

5/7 Vestry meeting 7 pm
5/13 Youth Sunday
5/13 Mother's Day

Parishioners' Milestones

Birthdays: Ann Graf 5/6, Janice Simpson 5/11, Teagan Bellitto 5/12, Henry Pazoga 5/26, Ben Corrado 5/27, Alison Oliff 5/29, Robert Dziemian 5/31

Baptisms: Grace Bensen 5/3, Katelyn Leppert 5/11, Marie Mitchell 5/14

Confirmations: Ava Bramson 5/13

Anniversaries: James and Christina Gwynne 5/3

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM – Holy Communion with Healing and Spiritual Focus

ECW News

There will be no "Official" ECW meeting in May. Stay tuned. Phone calls will be made if enough people are interested in an end of year luncheon. The possible luncheon/cards and games scheduled with Paramus St. Matthew's ECW are definitely cancelled.

Speak to Ginny Baird

Diocese of New Jersey

God is Calling - How will YOU Answer?

Day of Discernment

Sponsored by the Commission on Ministry, this day-long event on **Saturday, April 14** is for anyone who feels a call to service -- lay or ordained -- to better understand that call, to consider different models of lay ministry, or to explain the mechanics of the discernment process and to prepare them to work more effectively with a discernment committee if they choose to follow that path.

[Find out more.](#)

Save the Date

First Annual Diocesan Multi-County Habitat Build Day on June 16

Wouldn't it be cool to spend the day before Father's Day working in honor of your father by making the world a better place for another family?



Saturday, June 16 will be the first annual diocesan multi-county build day of outreach, providing helping hands to Habitat projects in several of the counties in our diocese.

[Find out more](#) or [register online.](#)

High School Retreat



The High School Retreat in 2011. KATHY DEWALT PHOTO

When:

Friday, May 18, 2012 - Sunday, May 20, 2012

Where:

[Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center](#)

This retreat is often the highlight of the year for teens! Youth in grades 9-12 will gather at Cross Roads Camp & Retreat Center in Port Murray, NJ on May 18-20, 2012. Last year we stayed up all night on Saturday to raise money for cancer research through Relay for Life. We'll definitely have just as much fun this year!

The registration deadline is **May 4, 2012**. To register, please use the Youth Program Participation Form. More information will be sent after you register.

Attachment(s):

 [HSRetreat2012-flyer.pdf](#)

Your favorite hymns!

If you have a favorite hymn that we haven't sung in a while, tell me what it is. During Communion, we are singing those hymns. We have sung three of them so far and we will use one or two each week. The only stipulation is that it must be appropriate for that period during which we serve Communion. Some of the "favorite hymns," like "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "A Mighty Fortress" you will have to petition Archie to sing in the service. They won't quite work for Communion. It helps if they are in our Hymnal 1982. So get busy! Tell me your favorites! I have had several requests for the same hymns, so those are the ones we will do first.

Linda Lanier-Keosaian

Sunday school Schedule

The balance of the schedule looks like this:

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:

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Thank you

Lynna Demay.

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