e-News *from the Church of the Annunciation* *July/August* 2011

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July dates to Note on Your Calendar:

July 4 Independence Day

July 10 Last day to buy tickets for Jackals Game

July 17 Barrie's last day at Annunciation

July 30 Jackals Baseball Game and Fireworks

Parishioners' Milestones

Birthdays: Elizabeth Craig 7/5, Marilyn Youakim 7/9, Edward Cannizzaro-Garcia 7/21, Sarah Sarnicki 7/22, Zachary Olsen 7/23

Gary Hoag 8/1, Catherine Benning 8/6, Allan Depken 8/6, Kathiann Krott 8/6, Ling Wang 8/8, Clare Simpson 8/17, Damian Tumulty 8/19, Nancy Olsen 8/23, Charles Lowell 8/25, David Dziemian 8/25, Greg Kouletsis 8/28

Baptisms: Skylar Olsen 7/1, David Dziemian 7/19

Confirmations: None

Anniversaries: Greg and Lillian Kouletsis 7/1, David and Grace Oliff 7/17

Special Thanks to…

… all those who helped move along the Parish Hall renovation project.

…. especially this month, Elaine Gustenhoven, Ellen Risbarg, Barrie Bates, and Jeff Friedman, who moved furniture and cleaned and organized things.

… to Sue Dziemian, who tithed of her recent inheritance to help pay for the electrical work.

… and, beyond anyone and everyone, to **Chuck May,** who donated countless hours of time and found vendors willing to donate materials to make all this happen.

Grace Oliff and her pose for pulling of another wonderful Roman Holiday (aka spaghetti dinner).

We also have a clean refrigerator, thanks to Elaine!

NJ Jackals – Our annual outing to see the NJ Jackals play ball and watch fireworks after the game has been set for Saturday, July 30.

This is always a fun evening for Adults and Kids.

Bring friends and family!

Please sign up and pay in advance. Nancy and Eric Olsen are collecting sign ups and money. The deadline is July 10.

It will be fun. Join Us!

The Profiler

Each "profile" of a parishioner family that is presented, shows that in many ways we at Annunciation are blessed with members that cover a wide range of professional and technical avocations, skills and interests. Check it out. We can touch: accountants, educators, photo technicians, cyber space, electronic communications, federal employee (US Postal Service), health and nursing, cooking, baking, gardening and even a philatelist. This is a glorious congregation and now we will include pharmacist and a professional musician. Janet and Michael Corrado are both New Jersey born (Janet: Englewood Hospital), Mike(Holy Name Hospital), and bred (Janet: Ridgefield Park), (Mike: North Bergen). Education played an important part in both of their live. After graduation from Ridgefield Park High School, Janet attended Ramapo College and graduated from the Arnold and Marie Schartz College of Pharmacy, a division of Long Island University. Mike meanwhile graduated from North Bergen High School and earned a B.S. degree in Music Education from the Jersey City State University. Janet's first job as a pharmacist was with Joseph's Pharmacy in Bogota. At the present time Janet is employed in Oradell at Jay's Pharmacy. Mike's degree led to employment at the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center in New York City.

Like a Hollywood movie, Mike and Janet were introduced by a mutual friend during an arranged "blind date". The rest as they say is history when they were married in 1991 at Saint Mary's the Virgin Church in Ridgefield Park. The family that includes Sarah 16 and Ben 13, are involved in what appears to be "family oriented" activities. Janet is a ten year Girl Scouts volunteer that is watching and supervising as Sarah works towards a gold Award in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scouts Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award that stands for excellence and leadership for girls. Sarah has a part-time job working alongside Janet at Jay's pharmacy. Mike is a member of the New Milford Historical Society and plays the saxophone in the "Dr. B and the Interns" band. Ben plays percussion in his Middle School band and has shown an interest in U.S. Air Force History since both of his grandfathers were military, the Army and the Marines, during WW2.

In Janet's spare time (what spare time?) she enjoys gardening, reading, baking and with the whole family being AVID NJ Devils hockey fans.

The Corrado family: "they have every background to be very nice people".

Anonymous

Child Abuse Awareness Training Available Free Of Charge

By Kitty Kawecki, Director of Resources & Training
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With summer rapidly approaching, many congregations will be offering a variety of activities for children and youth such as Vacation Bible School, mission trips, summer day camps, etc. The diocese is pleased to announce the availability of ***Safeguarding Online*** internet-based child abuse awareness training, which is free of charge and can be completed online in about 1-1/2 hours. As you plan your congregational activities, we commend to you this training program for all adults who are working with children and youth. This would include adults who are participating with youth on mission trips and pilgrimages.

It can be hard to broach the topic of child abuse or sexual misconduct with your congregation. It's an uncomfortable subject, but it's critical to educate church employees and volunteers about child sexual misconduct and prevention. Prevention is the best way to ensure a secure community.

Let us remember that we are called to receive, nurture and treasure each child as a gift from God. As a diocese with its congregations, schools, programs and many activities, we are called to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our children and youth to learn and grow in the love of Jesus Christ. To that end, we are committed to making every effort to keep our children and youth safe from sexual abuse.

If you would like to take advantage of this resource, the leadership of the congregation needs to identify someone who would serve as the administrator/registrar for this program. It is very easy to register people and compliance can be monitored simply by going online. Many congregations are already providing this training for their volunteers and congregational leadership.

If you would like more information, please contact Kitty Kawecki, Director of Resources & Training, at 973-430-9902 or kkawecki@dioceseofnewark.org.

Note Worthy:

Please allow a Grandfather to boast about is granddaughter, Emma Araxi Young.

Nantucket High School graduated 92 students on June 4th, 2011. Emma, one of the 92 seniors, graduated with honors. She received the Principal's Award. Principal John Buckey, "This year I have chosen to recognize a student whom I feel has subtly yet profoundly impacted our school community over the last four years. This student could be seen as a triple threat making contributions to academics, co-curricula's and the arts. She is thoughtful and attentive, perhaps not one to dominate a conversation but one to add greatly to it. Her insights are clear from her work in VERITAS (school newspaper). She is a talented thespian, contributing to our theater productions. An environmentalist, her work on behalf of the students for sustainability added to the reality of our wind turbine. In short, this young woman has made Nantucket High School a better place. On behalf of the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators Association and Nantucket High School, I am honored to name Emma Araxi Young as this year's recipient of the state Principal's Award."

Academically, she was awarded the Achievement Award for Advanced Placement Calculus; she was honored for being on the Honor Roll for four years; she was accepted at Roger Williams University and granted a four year merit scholarship.

I have teased Emma by saying, "you are my best granddaughter: you are my only granddaughter". But in truth, she is the Best by any comparison.

It is obvious that she does not get the "smarts" from "Gramps"

Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Lil and Greg Kouletsis

Granny and Gramps

Emerson pitcher drafted by Dodgers

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011
BY MARK J. CZERWINSKI
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THE RECORD

Emerson senior David Palladino, the most dominant pitcher in North Jersey this season, was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday in the 13th round of Major League Baseball's first year player draft.

Scouts were flocking to see the 6-foot-8 right-hander all spring, and his fastball was clocked at 93 mph during the Bergen County tournament.

"I'm pretty excited," Palladino said. "I didn't expect it to be the Dodgers. I thought other teams showed more interest."

Palladino, who is in the running for North Jersey Player of the Year honors, was 10-1 with three no-hitters and a 1.08 ERA. In 72 innings pitched, he struck out 131 and allowed 19 hits.

"The Dodgers said they liked my potential with my height," said Palladino, who is not concerned about the Dodgers' financial woes. "They like my mechanics and everything."

He is scheduled to attend Division I South Carolina-Upstate.

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 me an email at lynnademay@gmail.com

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.

A 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

Congregational Vitality Fund

From the Diocese of Newark

Program Purpose

To provide congregational vitality funds for the support, strengthening, development and renewal of our congregations' **mission** and **ministry**. The Board seeks to challenge and support our congregations as they prayerfully reflect on how their existing and future projects and programs might deepen and strengthen congregational life.

Mission – that vocation to which the congregation believes it has been called.

Ministry – how the mission to whom God has called the congregation is being lived out.

Demonstrated Showing

A congregation will be required to demonstrate that the grant will be used in furtherance of a specific developmental or renewal goal as it seeks to define and carry out its mission.

Grant Proposals Sought

The Board will seek proposals which include strategies and measurable goals that address these possible areas of congregational vitality:

- Radical Hospitality/Welcome
- Clergy and Lay Leadership Development
- Stewardship and Financial Stability
- Evangelism
- Spiritual Formation: Christian Identity, Discipleship, Ministry Gifts Discernment
- Liturgy and Worship
- Visioning/Strategic Planning
- Collaborative ministries between congregations

Grant Awards

Although most grants are expected to be between $2000 and $5000, larger awards may be granted where an exceptional congregational project is presented.

Grant Duration

Grants will be awarded for a period of one year. All grantees are expected to submit a written evaluation report at the end of the grant period. See, Evaluation Report attached to this application. Future grants from this Fund and from other Diocesan loans and grants fund are conditioned upon receipt of this report.

If grant funds are not disbursed within one year of the grant award, a written request for an extension must be submitted to the Board.

Application Cycle

The Board will receive and consider on an annual basis grant applications from congregations throughout the Diocese of Newark.

Deadline: August 15

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.

Prayer Request

Please add this name to the Prayers of the People:

Name_____

Relationship to You_____

Concern or Illness_____

Your Name _____

Date to Remove_____

Please leave this form in the Administrator's mail box. Instead of using this form, you may send a request containing this information via electronic mail to administrator@annunciationoradell.org.

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