

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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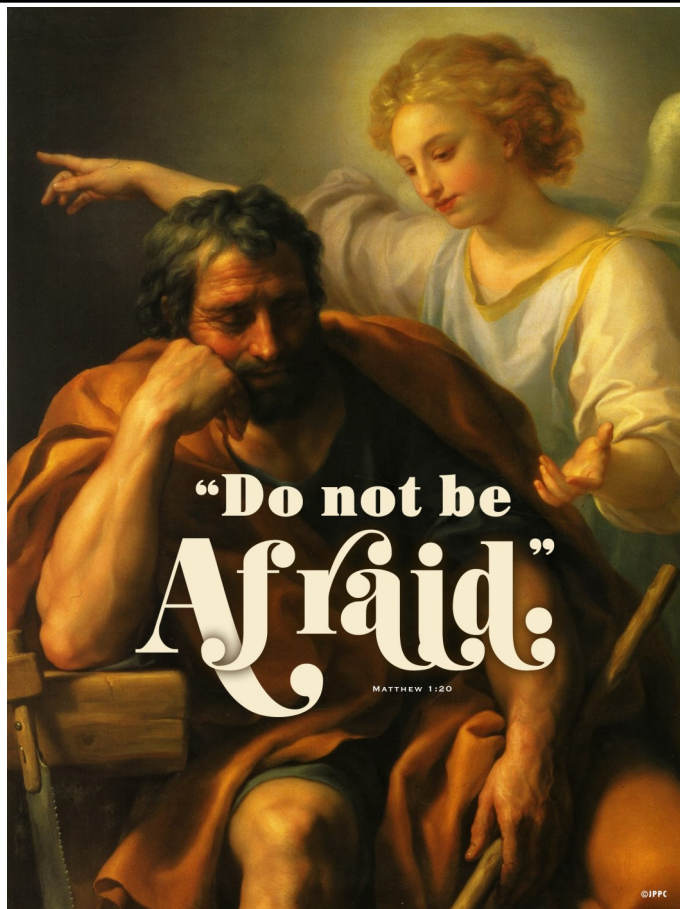
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Lectionary: 10

Reading 1

Is 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!
But Ahaz answered,
"I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"
Then Isaiah said:
Listen, O house of David!
Is it not enough for you to weary people,
must you also weary my God?
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

R. (7c and 10b) **Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

R. **Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**
Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain.

R. **Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.

Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. **Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

Reading 2

Rom 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle
and set apart for the gospel of God, which he
promised previously through his prophets in the holy
Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from
David according to the flesh, but established as Son of
God in power according to the Spirit of holiness
through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Through him we have received the grace of
apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for
the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among
whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus
Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to
be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

Mt 1:23

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mt 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but
before they lived together, she was found with child
through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he
was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to
shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his
intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of
David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into
your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this
child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son
and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save
his people from their sins." All this took place to
fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:
*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and
they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means "God is
with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of
the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into
his home.



Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon
5PM in Spanish

Daily Masses

Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after Daily Masses

Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM and 11 AM

Saturday 7:30 AM Only (No 11 AM Mass on Saturdays)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM and

Thursdays after the 7:30 AM and 11 AM Masses

Devotions and Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena after daily Masses on Wednesdays

Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays after 11 AM Mass.

Benediction at 1:45 PM

1st Fridays Spanish Adoration beginning at 7 PM.

Rectory Office 732-449-6364

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CYO	732-685-6011
Music Ministry	908-415-0212
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Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

Because of an early deadline for printing, we did not have the collection data for the weekend of December 10/11, 2022. This data will be reflected in next weekend's bulletin.



Please Note: Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

Ken Farrell, Richard Russo, Danny Suskenich, Brian Nall, Marilyn Woerner, Bob Patrignelli, Nick Costantini, Caroline Viggiano, Teresa Corcoran, Kaitlin Wason, Baby Mac Simonson, John Cinciarelli, Michael Sheridan, Erik Rofi, Jim & Andrea Trischitta, Mary Jane Lorenzo, Erin Rubas, Dr. William Burns, Robert Czech, Janet Thomas, Edward Morea, Rosalie Renda, Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Jimmy Azzollini, Ken Hauck.

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died:

† Bernard Kelly
† Christine Frauenheim

May the angels lead you into paradise.



December 18, 2022

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14



† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 19

7:30 AM

† Stephen Cagnacci by Family

11:00 AM

† Lydia Kenah by Pam and Tom Kenah

† Briann Lentine by The Tages Family

Della Jacobs by Eileen and Peter McHugh

Tuesday, December 20

7:30 AM

† Pam Musa-Murphy by Margaret Azzarella

11:00 AM

† Mrs. Frances L. Dougherty by Boozan and
Dougherty Families

† Rita H. Fittin by Roslyn and Robert Fittin

Wednesday, December 21

7:30 AM

† Walter Schier by Geri Zalom

† Jack Jurczyk by Family

† Thomas Monte by Carolyn Monte and Family

11:00 AM

† Elvira Caroselli by Robert and Rose Ann Ferguson

† Michael Gabler by Margaret Cunningham

Thursday, December 22

7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family

11:00 AM

† Maureen Butler by O'Meara Family

† Bill Saksinsky by Mog Cunningham

Friday, December 23

7:30 AM

† Timothy Ragan by Kathy, Kelly and Erin Gresh

† John Quick by Kurack Family

11:00 AM

† Emory C. Smith by Betsy Smith

† Bob Weeks by Patricia Weeks

† Dr. John Abate by Dr. Holly Abate and Family

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

7:30 AM

† William Demeo by The Graves' Family

† Grace Salandra by Clarke Family

† Deceased Members of the Passalacqua Family by
Family

1:00 PM

† Ismael Alejandre by Julia Alvarado

† Edith Garcia Gutierrez by Avila-Baltazar Family

† Alberto Espinoza by Lopez Family

4:00 PM

† Stephen Joseph Bohacik by Family

† Antonio Oliveira by Amy Longo

† Patrick Campbell by Family

6:30 PM

† Lou and Flo Beneduce by Perry Beneduce

† John Shine by Jean Shine

† Robert DeFalco by Friends

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

8:00 AM

† People of the Parish

10:00 AM

† Werner Genieser by Peggy Matthews

Special Intention by Adele Byrne

† Jack Rosa by Rosa Family

12 Noon

† Humphries Family by Jerry Flynn

† Diane Flood by Saint Mark's Parish Counters

† Ronald Knepper by Family

5:00 PM

† Isidro Alvarado by Family

Howe Family by Juana Zaragoza

† Edith Garcia Gutierrez by Avila-Baltazar Family

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE!

Dec. 18: CYO Christmas Party beginning with Christmas Caroling on the Crescent, 7:30-8:30 PM.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Pageant 4pm.



St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry: Our Bereavement Ministry helps those who are grieving the loss of a loved one during their most difficult times. They meet on Wednesdays at 11 AM at St. Mark's.

Please call Sue Nolan at 718-637-1162 for more information. All are welcome!



We ask you to be especially generous in your Christmas donation this year. We use this collection to pay for some of our larger expenses. Thank you!

Eucharistic Devotion

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.



Please join us on Friday's immediately after the 11 AM Mass for Adoration. Benediction begins at 1:45 PM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

While everyone is not yet able to participate in person at Masses, you can watch them online by visiting our parish website: [Saint Mark's Catholic Church – 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750 \(stmarkseagirt.com\)](http://SaintMark'sCatholicChurch-215CrescentPkwy,SeaGirt,NewJersey08750.stmarkseagirt.com) and click on the Livestream logo or highlight the link below then right click and click open Hyperlink [St. Mark Church Streaming Player](#) | [Powered by StreamSpot](#).



*The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
and Christmas comes once more.*

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the Parish Family of St. Mark's in our quest to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ, are building a faith-based community that assists all people in life's journey to be open to God's love and to share His joy. We are further **committed to address the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of all people through service to individuals**, families, parish and the greater community. As responsible stewards using our individual gifts, we promise to celebrate, renew and strengthen our faith, and to live our lives as a reflection of Christ's love for others. St. Mark's is designated as a Center for Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Trenton.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve, December 24th

7:30 AM

1:00 PM Spanish

4:00 PM (Children's Christmas Pageant)

Celebrant: Msgr. Flynn

Reader: Connie Duffy

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Jelliff and Pat Holt

6:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Carlos

Reader: Colleen Rivera

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Rivera and Lori Savino

Christmas Day, December 25th

8:00 AM

Celebrant: Fr. Carlos

Reader: Peggy Hardiman

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat and Gary Cademartori

10:00 AM

Celebrant: Msgr. Flynn

Reader: Joe Stillo

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Stillo and Pat Scatuorchio

12:00 NOON

Celebrant: Msgr. Flynn

Reader: Barbara DeGroote

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Dunn

2:00 PM Spanish



Rosary Makers would like to thank Monsignor Flynn for providing a special blessing at our meeting on November 28th.

We will meet again on **Monday, January 23rd at 1pm** in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's basement). We welcome anyone interested in learning how to make rosaries, as well as our faithful rosary makers. Rosary making experts are available to show how easy and rewarding it is to make rosaries.

"The Rosary is THE weapon" *Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*

Questions? Contact Maria Checton at 732-245-8405) or mgchecton@gmail.com.



Msgr. Flynn and Father Carlos would like to express their gratitude to all our new altar servers who have been training in the last couple of weeks.

Thanks to all the parents and children for their support and time you give to this ministry.

If your child is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact **Mrs. Diana Zuna 732 449-6364 ext. 105** for training and more information!



CYO News by Mary Reilly, CYO Director

The CYO will have our Christmas party (beginning with Christmas caroling on the Crescent) on Sunday, December 18th, from 7:30-8:30 PM. Please bring a permission slip and a \$5 gift to exchange with a fellow CYO member.



Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes are now available at church entrances. Flower envelopes can be put in the collection basket, the box on the side altar or rectory mail slot. It's a beautiful way to celebrate the birth of our Savior and to remember a loved one on Christmas!

Feeding the Hungry



Frozen Meals Program Resumes!

Are you looking for an easy way to help those in need? Here's one way you can make a difference. St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry is resuming the Frozen Meals Program for the Center in Asbury Park which was discontinued due to the Covid pandemic. The Center in Asbury Park, Inc., is a volunteer-based New Jersey not-for-profit service organization, providing support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers since 1992.

The process is simple! Here's what to do:

- Pick up food trays and lids next to the kitchen refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's Church basement)
- Fill the trays with generous portions of food
- Label the tray lids with the contents and date of preparation
- Return the meals to the freezer compartment of the refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall.

Please use only the trays provided.

St Mark's volunteers will deliver the meals to The Center for distribution to their clients.

Please contact Marybeth or Joe Walsh at 732 449-5656 with any questions. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



Homebound seniors can remain comfortably at home with the dignity of independence and the security of having someone visit once a day with a nutritious meal. Also, the warm smile of one of our wonderful volunteers or caring meals-on-wheels drivers is important to them and often serves as a wellness check.

If you would like more information, please call Meals on Wheels 732-502-3277 or Barbara Anderson 848-444-3123.



UPDATE!

Juices • Diapers and Wipes • Coffee and Tea Reusable Bags • Toiletries (The Dollar Tree is a great source for these).

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Northern New Jersey Alcoholics Anonymous provides information on AA as a resource for anyone who thinks they may have drinking problem, as well as to answer any questions that professionals or community members may have about Alcoholics Anonymous. Please visit www.nnjaa.org for more information.



We have had several requests for Fr. Jose's address for Christmas cards. Please send to:

Rev. Jose Fernandez-Bangueses
Villa Vianney
2301 Lawrenceville Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

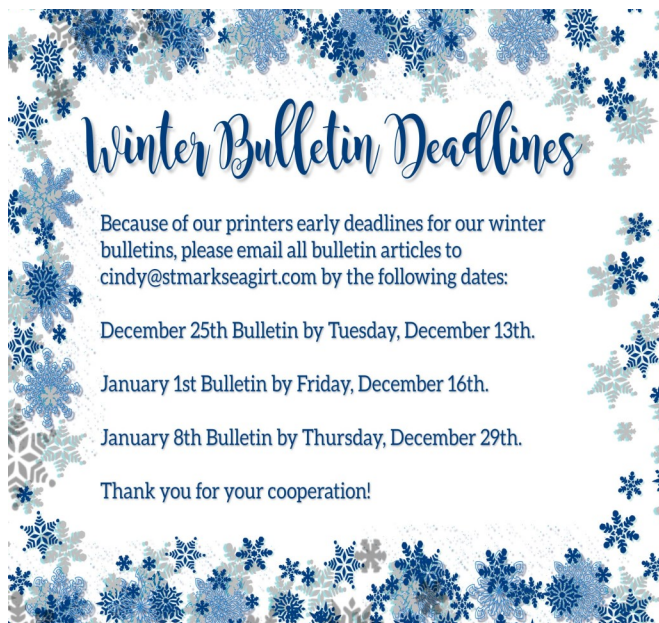
Collecting Travel Size Toiletries

St. Mark's Social Concerns Committee is collecting travel size toiletry items (soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs etc.) for delivery by volunteers to those in need in the Asbury Park area. Containers are located at Church entrances. **Thank you!**



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton and Recycle-America have joined forces to provide a new service. Now, someone will come to your door to collect your clothing and shoes. All items will be donated to those in need in our local community. Pickups in Monmouth County are made on Wednesdays. To schedule a pickup, please call 609-906-0004 or email racworld2015@gmail.com. Please call or email three days prior to pick up day. Thank you.

Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. **If you know a parishioner needing help, please contact us at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org or call 800-360-7711.**



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18 de diciembre de 2022 Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Primera lectura: Is 7, 10-14

En aquellos tiempos, el Señor le habló a Ajaz diciendo: "Pide al Señor, tu Dios, una señal de abajo, en lo profundo o de arriba, en lo alto". Contestó Ajaz: "No la pediré. No tentaré al Señor". Entonces dijo Isaías: "Oye, pues, casa de David: ¿No satisfechos con cansar a los hombres, quieren cansar también a mi Dios? Pues bien, el Señor mismo les dará por eso una señal: He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo y le pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel, que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros".

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6.

Ya llega el Señor, el rey de la gloria.

Del Señor es la tierra y lo que ella tiene,
el orbe todo y los que en él habitan,
pues él lo edificó sobre los mares,
él fue quien lo asentó sobre los ríos.

Ya llega el Señor, el rey de la gloria.

¿Quién subirá hasta el monte del Señor?
¿Quién podrá entrar en su recinto santo?
El de corazón limpio y manos puras
y que no jura en falso.

Ya llega el Señor, el rey de la gloria.

Ese obtendrá la bendición de Dios.
y Dios, su salvador, le hará justicia.
Ésta es la clase de hombres que te buscan
y vienen ante ti, Dios de Jacob.

Ya llega el Señor, el rey de la gloria.

Segunda lectura: Rom 1, 1-7.

Yo, Pablo, siervo de Cristo Jesús, he sido llamado por Dios para ser apóstol y elegido por él para proclamar su Evangelio. Ese Evangelio, que, anunciado de antemano por los profetas en las Sagradas Escrituras, se refiere a su

Hijo, Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, que nació, en cuanto a su condición de hombre, del linaje de David, y en cuanto a su condición de espíritu santificador, se manifestó con todo su poder como Hijo de Dios, a partir de su resurrección de entre los muertos. Por medio de Jesucristo, Dios me concedió la gracia del apostolado, a fin de llevar a los pueblos paganos a la aceptación de la fe, para gloria de su nombre. Entre ellos, también se cuentan ustedes, llamados a pertenecer a Cristo Jesús. A todos ustedes, los que viven en Roma, a quienes Dios ama y ha llamado a formar parte de su pueblo santo, les deseo la gracia y la paz de Dios, nuestro Padre, y de Jesucristo, el Señor.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Mt 1, 23.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo,
y le pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel,
que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros.


R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Mt 1, 18-24.

Cristo vino al mundo de la siguiente manera: Estando María, su madre, desposada con José, y antes de que vivieran juntos, sucedió que ella, por obra del Espíritu Santo, estaba esperando un hijo. José, su esposo, que era hombre justo, no queriendo ponerla en evidencia, pensó dejarla en secreto. Mientras pensaba en estas cosas, un ángel del Señor le dijo en sueños: "José, hijo de David, no dudes en recibir en tu casa a María, tu esposa, porque ella ha concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo. Dará a luz un hijo y tú le pondrás el nombre de Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados". Todo esto sucedió para que se cumpliera lo que había dicho el Señor por boca del profeta Isaías: He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, a quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel, que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros.

Cuando José despertó de aquel sueño, hizo lo que le había mandado el ángel del Señor y recibió a su esposa.





Horario de Misas para Diciembre y Enero

Sábado, Diciembre 24 1:00 PM

- Misa de la Natividad del Señor & Pastorela por los niños(as)

Domingo, Diciembre 25 2:00 PM

- Solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor- Misa del Día.

Domingo, Enero 1 2:00 PM

- Solemnidad de Santa María Madre de Dios y Misa de Año Nuevo.

Para más información llamar a la oficina
(732) 449-6364 ext. 105.