We welcome new members to join our parish family. Please contact the parish office. We also welcome any adult who was never baptized, baptized non-Catholics or those seeking to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation to become a full participant in the Catholic Church.
Loaves and Fishes Christmas Sponsor a Family—Thank You So Much!

Despite the snowy weather on Saturday morning, our stalwart volunteers safely delivered everything to Saint Martha’s in Uniondale and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish Outreach in Wyandanch. In total, over 325 families received food for Christmas dinner and extras to help stock their shelves, along with gifts for the members of their families. In the words of one mother, Thank you very much for blessing our family with such joy. You had no clue what we’ve been through but we’re blessed that you have helped our children have something to enjoy this Christmas. We can truly believe that there is a great world and kind hearts around us. We definitely plan on giving back once we are more stable.” Thanks to all who helped bring hope and joy to families in need. Special thanks to Barbara and Tom Tranfaglia, Jon and Lilly Schwieger, Paul and Diane Wykowski, Mary McCarraher, Joanne and Rob Sorge, Jennifer Staub, Tricia Paskewitz, Marianne Huggard and all the volunteers who helped with this program. Our teen volunteers were exceptionally helpful and their dedicated efforts were much appreciated! Together, everyone helped bring joy and lightness of heart to many this Christmas.
Dear Parishioners,

Merry & Blessed Christmas to you, your family, and all those you love – Enjoy these special days. Travel safely. Take time to realize how you are blessed. Amid all the fun times that Christmas brings, be certain to take time to understand these days and what we celebrate in the context of faith.

Whenever we celebrate important days like Christmas, I always think it's good to express gratitude. So rather than focus on 12 Days of Christmas, I offer you just 12 of the many Christmas gratitudes I experience at St. Anne's:

1. Gratitude for the thousands of persons who come to St. Anne's for Christmas Mass. The faith is alive here at St. Anne's.
2. Gratitude for the generosity of our parishioners in helping others during this time of giving. Parishioner response to the requests for assistance at Thanksgiving and Christmas is extraordinary.
3. Gratitude for those who make our Church so special and beautiful for Christmas with lights, flowers, trees. Many afternoons are given by several people to decorate our Church.
4. Gratitude for all the volunteers at St. Anne's, not only at Christmastime, but all through the year, who make so many good things happen at St. Anne’s.
5. Gratitude for all who minister and work on the parish staff, in the rectory, and in our parish school. We have a great sense of service and ministry among us.
6. Gratitude for the financial support and generosity both at Christmas and all through the year. Because people are so supportive, we are able to accomplish what is asked of us and more.
7. Gratitude for all the young families that seem to be growing in our parish as they bring their children for baptism, Catholic school, and faith formation.
8. Gratitude for those long time parishioners who love their parish and see St. Anne’s as a second home.
9. Gratitude for the children of our parish who bring out the best in our catechists, teachers, coaches and who all minister and work with our young people.
10. Gratitude for our seniors, so many who are so dedicated to Mass and to daily prayer. We are blessed by their presence and strengthened by their prayers.
11. Gratitude for our liturgies, all our liturgical ministers and our music ministry. Mass at St. Anne’s is uplifting, a wonderful experience of praising and thanking God in community.
12. Gratitude to God for our faith, love of neighbor, and belief in Jesus. It is through the gift of faith and the Holy Spirit that we are here today.

Blessed and Merry Christmas.
Families in Service Christmas Caroling

On Sunday, December 11th, our Families in Service program continued the annual tradition of visiting the homes of our senior parishioners, bringing them a message of good cheer. Families with young children gathered in the cafeteria for some light refreshments and said a prayer before going out in groups to sing Christmas carols. It was a wonderful way for families to share the joy of Christmas with their children and with the seniors who remain a vital part of our faith community. Thanks to Shannon Kolenik, Rena Capri and Marianne Huggard for coordinating this event and to all who participated, helping us to share the blessings of Christmas.
Respite Christmas Party

The Respite community enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Party on Friday, December 2nd. As they gathered for dinner, the children and their buddies prayed together and gave thanks for the gift of their shared friendship. Santa Claus made a special appearance (with a "photo op") and presented each child with a gift. We are especially grateful to the silent Santas among us who are so generous, quietly helping to make our Respite celebrations special for everyone!
Saint Anne’s MOMs group are mothers of Saint Anne's parish whose mission is clearly stated: “Together with our children, we seek to grow spiritually, create friendships, provide support, and connect with the community through faith, fellowship, family, recreation and service.” Our Wednesday morning playgroup that we fondly call Coffee & Kids includes arts & crafts, circle time and field trips. Our families are connected with each other through Couples’ Nights and family events. We also use our energy to support efforts in the Parish. We proudly sell mums each year at Spirit Day. Through the Loaves & Fishes Ministry, we collectively provide food and gifts for families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We provide assistance to Catholic Charities’ Regina Residence, a women's shelter for young expecting moms. We support families who are experiencing difficulties, often sending meals to their homes. We also have an active social calendar for the year ahead. Parishioners who are interested in joining may contact Tara McCarton, our membership chair mom, at stannesmoms@gmail.com. Even if you are not available for Wednesday mornings, you are welcome to join as a social member. Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas!

**MOMs Host a Breakfast with Santa Claus for the Parish**

A delicious breakfast was served by Vinnie & Joanne Giordano of Tulip Caterers

Amy Doggendorf (holding Audrey) & Jen Tisei coordinated this special event for our parish
Saint Anne’s Senior Scene

Senior Scene members enjoyed a wonderful presentation of the Nativity by Saint Anne's 3rd grade students with Christmas carols provided by Saint Anne’s School Chorus. A delicious hot luncheon followed. Sincere thanks to Irene Costabile, Kim DeMaro, Marilyn Fabio, Mary Kostal, Lauren Molloy, Elizabeth Mueller and Evelyn Schwantner and for their assistance throughout the year and to all the seniors who make our meetings so special for everyone!

Saint Anne’s Senior Scene group meets every other week and new members are always welcome. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 6th at 1:30PM in the cafeteria. Please note the December 28th meeting has been cancelled. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Susanne Blum at 352-5904 or sblum@stannesgc.org
Christmas Stockings for Our Troops

Saint Anne’s faith community supports our troops on active duty by sending Christmas stockings and letters to soldiers with our prayers. The 6th and 7th grade students from Saint Anne’s School continued this tradition by donating **120 Christmas stockings filled with gifts and food items to soldiers on active duty in Afghanistan**. Each soldier also received a letter from a student. Many thanks to the parents and teachers who helped support this special drive to help our students share the true Spirit of Christmas with these soldiers, who serve and protect us.
Youth Ministry Sponsors a Family in Need for Christmas  
Next Meeting on Sunday, January 8th at 6:30PM in the cafeteria

Saint Anne’s Youth Ministry came together to sponsor a family in need for the holidays. In addition to their own children, the family they supported also provides foster care for two teens in their home. All were able to celebrate Christmas this year with a good meal and thoughtful gifts for each person.

Saint Anne’s Youth Ministry is founded on three main values: faith, community and service. At our regular meetings there are games and activities that encourage teens to form new friendships and have conversations with many different people. Teens come from various high schools and all are always welcome. New members are invited to join at any time. For more information, please contact Bill Leone @ bleone@stannesgcschool.org. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 8th at 6:30PM in the cafeteria.
St. Anne’s School Christmas Concert
**Resilience ... You are not alone**

Meeting - Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7:30PM

Research shows that many parents don’t discuss concerns about their children’s mental health with anyone due to fear of the stigma that is often attached. Just when parents are vulnerable and in need of support, they tend to withdraw. If you have a son or daughter who is experiencing psychological or emotional challenges, do you hesitate to speak with trusted friends or relatives because of the concern that at best they would not understand or perhaps they would be critical or judgmental? As a result, do you often feel isolated, as if you are alone in dealing with this issue? Do you wonder at times where God is in the midst of your child’s struggles?

Saint Anne’s has formed a group to support parents of teens and young adults who are experiencing challenges, either psychological, emotional or both. Our group is called Resilience. We respect the confidentiality of each person and offer a safe environment to meet with other parents who are facing similar challenges. You are not alone! Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 5th at 7:30PM in the St. John Vianney Room in the rectory.

For more information, please contact Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org or 516-352-5904.

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**Saint Anne’s Is Here For You...**

If you’re struggling with something and not sure where to turn, Saint Anne’s Parish provides confidential support & assistance.

Serious illness, economic problems, marital difficulties, mental health concerns and coping with caring for those who are ill or elderly are issues we may all face at different times in our lives. If you would like to know more, please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

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**Christmas Nativity at Saint Anne’s**

Many children participated in presentations of the Christmas Nativity this year, at our Special Needs Mass, at the Saint Anne’s School Christmas Concert and in an encore for our Senior Scene Christmas gathering. Thanks to all for enthusiastically and lovingly presenting the story of the birth of Jesus!
Saint Anne’s Parish Social Ministry - In Giving, We Receive

Cancer Support
Where there is life, there is hope...
Saint Anne's has a support group for people whose lives are affected by cancer. Those who have joined are at different points in their journey, but all share a common bond of faith. If you would like more information, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904.

Saint Anne's Divorced and Separated Catholics
Divorced and Separated Catholics is a group that provides friendship, prayer and support to those presently working through a divorce or those who have previously experienced divorce or separation. Thanks to all the members who helped make this a very special Christmas for a family in Wyandanch by participating in Saint Anne's Christmas Sponsor a Family Program. Please call 352-5904 for more information.

Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group
Saint Anne's Professional Networking Group on LinkedIn can help you expand your business network while also helping fellow parishioners with career guidance or finding work. If you’ve been thinking of joining the group but haven't yet done so, the new year is a great time to get started. We offer monthly meetings at Saint Anne’s, with informative speakers and always the opportunity to network with fellow parishioners.

To join the LinkedIn group, log into your LinkedIn account if you are already a user or create a profile at www.linkedin.com then "link" into Saint Anne's Professional Networking Group under the "Groups" section.

One-to-One Support: Anyone who might benefit from one-to-one support, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org and you will be connected to an appropriate person. All information shared remains confidential.

Offer A Ride
There are parishioners in Saint Anne’s who, by circumstance of their age or health, are unable to drive to church, but who would very much like to be present at Mass. Would you consider offering to drive someone in this situation, on an occasional basis, perhaps once a month? There are many ways we can reach out to help those with special needs; offering a ride to Church can be a simple gesture, but one that is heartfelt by those who would have no other way to join us at Mass. Drivers are also needed to provide on occasional ride to parishioners for doctor’s appointments, etc.

If you would like to join us in offering assistance to our senior parishioners, please contact Kim DeMaro at 741-4760 or Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

Senior Ministry
Our parish is happy to offer support to our senior parishioners. We help them stay connected to Saint Anne’s through the dedicated efforts of our Homebound Visitors, Telephone Network, EM’s who bring Holy Communion, nurses, volunteers who deliver flowers and send cards, and our Senior Newsletter. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Evelyn Schwantner at 488-7516 or Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

Members enjoy our annual-Christmas networking dinner!

Divorced and Separated Catholics
Evelyn Schwantner and Lauren Molloy enjoy a lovely visit with Maureen Gibbons following the Senior Mass

Kim DeMaro
Share-A-Meal

Saint Anne’s Share-A-Meal program offers parishioners the opportunity to reach out and help persons in need by preparing a meal for them. A simple act, cooking dinner for someone who is not able to do so, but one that offers a great message of support. Parishioners who participate in Share-A-Meal offer to prepare a meal on an occasional basis, perhaps once a month, depending upon their availability. The families who receive these meals are truly grateful. More than food alone, the message being delivered is that there are parishioners who care and are willing to give of themselves in reaching out to help.

For more information about how you can become part of Share-A-Meal, please call Christina Byrnes at 917-576-6606 or Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

PSM Advisory Committee

Our PSM Advisory Committee is composed of the leaders of the various ministries of support and service at Saint Anne’s. Monthly meetings are held during which the leaders share their ideas and pray together. Many thanks to these leaders who help make Saint Anne’s the wonderful caring faith community it is!

Ministry of Consolation

Saint Anne’s helps to bring comfort to those who mourn through our Ministry of Consolation. Some members serve as companions who help guide recently bereaved families through the planning and celebration of the funeral Mass for their loved one. Others serve as greeters at the Mass and still others offer to bake cakes and deliver them to the homes of the next of kin. Volunteers in the Ministry of Consolation are known for their compassion and we are grateful for their service to our faith community. For any information, please call Linda Leone at 352-5904.

Disabilities Awareness

Our Church is fully accessible to persons with disabilities, thanks to our elevator. Inside the Church, there are specially designated areas with comfortable upholstered seats intended for persons with disabilities. Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion directly to those who are seated in these special areas. For those who are hearing-impaired, there is a digital sound system with assistive listening devices available for use by parishioners. If you or someone you care for has a disability, we hope to be of assistance in any way possible.

Nurse Ministry

Volunteer nurses in Saint Anne’s Parish assist people with health care needs by providing information, assessment, possible referrals and advocacy. They also work with caregivers of the sick in providing health guidance and assessment as needed. Please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

Ministry of Consolation volunteers:
(L) Anne Irwin & Joe Ferrick (R) Pat Esculish & Carol McNichols

Ministry of Consolation volunteers:
Maria Clark and Maryann Miller

Nurses at the Senior Mass:
Nancy Mundy, Karen Allen, Nurse Ministry Coordinator Betty Martin & Joanne Thelan
FAITH FORMATION

We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
~Vivian Flood and Trish Brodersen

No Classes Sunday December 25, 2016 to Monday January 2, 2017

Faith Formation Office reopens Tuesday January 3, 2017

Faith Formation class schedule week of January 3rd:

Sunday, 1/1 No Classes
Monday, 1/2 No Classes
Tuesday, 1/2 Grades 1-6, 4 to 5:10 PM
Wednesday, 1/3 Grades 1-6, 4 to 5:10 PM
Wednesday, 1/3 Grade 8, 7 to 8:30 PM Wednesday
Wednesday, 1/3 Grade 7 No Class

Please know our lines of communication are always open to families.

The Faith Formation office is located in the school building.

Please call or email Vivian Flood at 516-488-1032 or vflood@stannesgc.org.

We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

~Vivian Flood and Trish Brodersen
**The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas**

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

The most amazing gift was given on that holy night in Bethlehem! That gift came wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. But this gift is more than a new baby. This gift is Life itself. God the Son taking on human flesh sharing the gift of divine Life with us. Our gift this and every Christmas – and each and every day – is the mystery of God’s love dwelling among us! A Blessed Christmas!

**Readings for The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

- Numbers 6:22-27
- Galatians 4:4-7
- Luke 2:16-21

**The Feast days of Christmas Week**

- **Christmas week is filled with celebrations of wonderful saints.**
- **Dec. 26 we celebrate St. Stephen, the very first martyr.** Stephen was arrested and tried by the Sanhedrin for blasphemy. He was taken out to be stoned to death by a mob, which included Saul of Tarsus (later St. Paul). During his trial he had a vision “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”
- **Dec. 27 we celebrate St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.** John has been called the “beloved disciple” because of his close relationship to Jesus. He and his brother James followed Jesus from the very beginning of his ministry. His account of the Gospel is different from the accounts of Matthew, Mark and Luke. This is due to his high Christology and symbolic language.
- **Dec. 28 we celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs.** In the Christmas story we hear of King Herod’s fear of losing his throne to the new born Savior, and then orders the execution of all male children in Bethlehem, hoping that Jesus would be among them. We cannot help but mourn with the mothers of Bethlehem and the mothers of today who lose their children to violence and war.
- **Dec. 29 we celebrate the feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr.** His story is remembered in the play Becket and the play Murder in the Cathedral. He was sent by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the court of King Henry II, and eventually was named Lord Chancellor. In 1162 Henry, hoping to gain control over the church, installed him as archbishop of Canterbury. Thomas had a conversion and resigned as Chancellor and then began a conflict between the king and the archbishop. Thomas excommunicated Henry’s followers, and Henry in a rage said, “Will no one rid me of this meddlesome priest?” Four knights took this as a command and murdered Thomas in the abbey of the church.
- **Dec. 30 we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.** Everything we know about the Holy Family, which is not much, is found in the Gospel accounts. This feast celebrates the unity and love in the Holy Family.
- **Dec. 31 we celebrate the feast of St. Sylvester.** Sylvester was pope from 314 to 335. This was during the time of Constantine when the Church was finally able to come out of hiding and fear of persecution. During his time the great churches of Rome were built, the Lateran Basilica, and the original St. Peter’s on Vatican Hill.

**Family Mass at Saint Anne’s**

There will be no Family Mass next Sunday, January 1st.

**Feast of the Epiphany – January 8th**

We will celebrate the feast of the Epiphany with hospitality after the Family Mass on January 8th. Please bring something to share – remember, no nuts please!

**Children’s Choir**

The next rehearsal for our Children’s Choir will be on Monday, January 9th from 6:30-7:30PM in church. Any child from Grade 2 and older who would like to join the choir please contact Sr. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or call the parish office 352-5904.
**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY**

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**YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY**
- January 1 - December 18, 2016: $1,281,531
- January 1 - December 20, 2015: $1,240,534

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH**

Perhaps you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or is a Catholic wanting to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist). Our parish community would like to extend an invitation for you to learn more about our faith and celebrate the sacraments with us.

If you would like to learn more about the RCIA process please contact Sr. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or by phone 352-5904 for more information. There are also pamphlets available in the church lobby, *Five Reasons to Consider the Catholic Church* and *What Can the Church Offer Me?*

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**WeShare For Online Giving**

You don’t have to worry about forgetting your envelope again. Electronic giving has been made easy!

Donating online is made easier than ever with St. Anne Church’s online giving and registration system, **WE SHARE**. Donate today using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account. **You can use it for your Weekly and Special Collections.**

**TO START GIVING ONLINE TODAY:**

Visit [https://stannesgc.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities](https://stannesgc.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities) and click on any collection.

Select the **YOUR DONATION AMOUNT** and **FREQUENCY**.

Enter in your account and payment information.

**Or scan the QR code!**

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We welcome those newly baptized into our faith community:

- Patrick Kai Mitthauer
- David Matthew Colabello
- Margeaux Quinn Parker Lim Siriban

**Wedding Banns - Second Time**

- Melissa Bernaudo - St. Anne’s
- Steven Addonisio - St. Helen’s, Howard Beach

Let us pray for those who have died:

- Rose Guida
- William A. Hackford
- Robert A. O’Sullivan
- Margaret Hope Smith

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**Saint Anne’s CYO Indoor Track**

Registration is now open for our 2017 season. For details visit the Indoor Track team page at [www.stannesgccyo.org](http://www.stannesgccyo.org).

**Registration closes December 31.**
Families Anonymous
Families Anonymous is a fellowship of people whose lives have been affected by the substance abuse or related behavioral problems of a relative or friend. Any concerned person is encouraged to attend our meetings. Families Anonymous members use first names only and upholds a tradition of anonymity that helps protect the privacy of all concerned. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:30PM in the Faculty Room at St. Anne’s School Dartmouth Street in Garden City. For more information, please call (516) 354-8092.

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking alcohol and/or using drugs?
CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs, to begin his/her journey in recovery.

For more information, please call 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Talbot House is a NO fee for service program.

Do you know someone who is hurting from an abortion?
Rachel’s Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

Learn more about look online at: www.rachelsvineyard.org or call 1-877-HOPE-4-ME (877-467-3463).

8th Grade Share A Meal Jr.
Each month the eighth grade students at Saint Anne’s School participate in the Share-A-Meal Parish Service Initiative. With the help of parent volunteers, students prepare meals in the Saint Anne’s School kitchen to be delivered to the homebound parishioners in our parish. Once the meals are prepared, the students hand deliver them along with personal letters and cards. Quite often the students will happily visit with the parishioners for a while. What a special way to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ!
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

She was found with child by the Holy Spirit!

The profound beauty of this startling mystery touches our hearts and opens our spiritual eyes to the truth that changes our lives and transforms the destiny of all of us who believe and proclaim the name of Emmanuel, God with Us, Jesus, Son of God made man. What makes this possible is God's plan to redeem us all. Two realities come together. One divine, the power of God's love, the Holy Spirit, enters the human heart of a simple Jewish maiden who readily accepts God's Spirit into her heart. She in turn offers herself totally to God by her FIAT: let it be done to me according to your Word!

Small wonder that the angels sing as they behold Mary giving birth to Jesus, the divine Son now one with us, fully one with us, save sin, so that we might become sharers of His life through Mary, the passage way of divinity into humanity. Think of it. Contemplate it. The divine enters the world the same way all of us did: through the womb of a loving mother. Think of it. Contemplate it. In a simple stable, surrounded by shepherds with no material means but with the richness of being poor, utterly dependent on God's loving care, teaching us what truly matters in life: human love transformed by divine love, the human love of family, the divine love of God, now joined not just this once but forever in an eternal covenant God makes with us through his only begotten Son.

As we ponder and contemplate, we are invited to respond: respond with joyful prayer, respond with grateful hearts, respond with our love for the Child, the mother, the foster father with shepherds adoring and angels singing. But now that we, once again, have come spiritually to Bethlehem with them, we must not only give thanks to God, we also must show His love through our own hearts and lives in imitation of the generosity of the new born Child Who saves the world. My friends, this Christmas may the love of God Who comes to us by the birth of Mary's Son inspire us to renew our love for all the world, for our families and our friends and, even more, for those who are poor and overlooked, those who are suffering or alone, those who are so often "left out", those who need us to show them the face of God which is the face of Jesus Christ.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL!

A JOYFUL AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU WHOM I CARRY IN MY HEART!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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SAINT ANNE’S Celebrates CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
SAVE THE DATE...
Sunday, January 29th - 11:45AM Mass
School Open House immediately following

We are a school community where the Gospel is taught through word and example and the focus is on seeing Christ in one another. Lessons in faith are taught by dedicated faculty and learned through active service, as students and their families answer God’s call to serve those in need through our School Service Initiative.

Saint Anne’s School offers:
- A rigorous academic curriculum with motivated NYS certified teachers
- Ongoing in-house staff development to enhance instructional skills of teachers
- Accelerated math program for *all* students starting at the 6th grade
- Smart Boards in every classroom enabling teachers to create unique and interactive lessons with web links to the most up-to-date information
- An After-School Child Care program
- A fully equipped Science Lab for all grades
- A dedicated computer lab as well as 30 Chrome Books in our media center
- IEP Resource Room services provided onsite
- Special-Ed certified academic support teacher on staff
- Individual class Masses in the Saint Therese Chapel

Extracurricular activities include swim team, track and basketball, a school band and Children's’ Choir, school newspaper and yearbook, Student Council, annual Talent Show and a school play, as well as after school enrichment activities. Special traditions at Saint Anne’s include the annual Christmas and Spring Concerts, the 1st Grade Saint's Parade, 2nd Grade May Crowning and the 3rd Grade Christmas Pageant. The upper grade students participate in a Rube Goldberg project, Living Legends and Project Adventure as well as a faith-based retreat for each grade.

We invite you to come and see if our caring environment is best for your child. Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner, beginning on Sunday, January 29th. We look forward to sharing the good news of Saint Anne’s School with you.

Please contact our principal, Mr. Gene Fennell at 352-1205 or gfennell@stannesgschool.org.
THANK YOU TO OUR SPIRIT DAY SPONSORS!

Each year we have many companies who generously support Spirit Day as a sponsor. During this Christmas season we wish to thank them for their participation in our wonderful annual event. We hope that should you have a need for any of these services that you will consider supporting these vendors with your business. We are grateful for the support they provide to our faith community throughout the year!

Adelphi Delicatessen & Caterers
All County Business Solutions
Andrew Mollica, Attorney at Law
Andriola, Goldberg & Associates
B&P Chimney Cleaning & Repair Co.
Balsamo Contracting Corp.
Barbara Tranfaglia
Chief Equipment
Cinelli's Pizzeria & Restaurant
Court St. Anne - Catholic Daughters of America
Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty, Eileen Lynch O'Hara
Denise Emma, DDS
Drexler Land Corporation
Excelsior Wines, Tom O'Hara
Fairchild Sons Funeral Home, Inc.
Franklin Funeral Home
GC Fun Stuff
Georgewood Florist
James J. Keefe, PC
JVL Open
Knights of Columbus
Krauss Funeral Home, Inc.
Manor Delicatessen
Marge Leder, The Donnelly Group
Michele Meyer, Beauty Counter
Miller Brothers Plumbing
Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Park Funeral Chapels
Phoenix Construction
Prime Fine Catering
Public House 55
Quality A/C & Heating Inc.
Rebecca's Cake Pops
Rosen & Federico, CPA's
Seventh Street Gourmet
Sharon Redmond & Monica Kiely - Coach Realtors
St. Anne's Home School Association
Straight Set
TD Bank, Kathleen Petronis
The Church Bulletin, Inc.
The Inn at New Hyde Park
The Sullivan Group, Merrill Lynch
Thomas F. Dalton Funeral Homes, Inc.
Tobin Dental Care
Toscano & Associates
Tulip Caterers
Valley Stream House of Carpets
West Hempstead Animal Hospital

SAVE THE DATE! SPIRIT DAY 2017
Saturday, September 16th
Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:00AM Sheila Valvo
8:30 Ralph Comunale, Concetta & Frank DiStefano, William Hackford
10:00 Joseph McCormack
11:45 Sheila Valvo
5:30PM Parishioners of St. Anne

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
7:30 William Hackford
9:00 Virginia Slavin

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27
7:30 Ana Cecilia Moreno
9:00 Thomas Gavigan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28
7:30 Robert Stevenson
9:00 Jane Gall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
7:30 Haroldo Valbuena
9:00 Jack McAuliffe

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
9:00 Karin Dean

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
8:30 William Hackford
5:00PM Carl Borniello

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
7:00AM Ann Willis
8:30 Vito Orlando
10:00 Parishioners of St. Anne
11:45 Mary Jane & Robert Riordan
5:30PM Eugene Brodecki

Altar Bread & Wine Memorials

Donations can be made for these in memory of loved ones both living and deceased for one week. Please come to the rectory office to make arrangements. An acknowledgement of your memorial will appear in the Sunday bulletin and we offer a card that can be given to the family of the loved one.

Donation Offering
Altar Bread - $25.00/Altar Wine - $25.00/Both - $50.00

The Altar Bread & Wine for this week is in memory of
The Fletcher and Esculish Family
Donated by Pat Esculish

Please remember in your prayers family members of Saint Anne’s parishioners who are serving in the military.

Sgt. Christopher Aubin, USMC
Pvt Charles Bosch, US Army
Thomas Brown, US Army
L/Cpl. Neal T. Burke, USMC
Capt. Anthony F. Califano, US Navy
Gunnery Master Sergeant Denis Cashin, USMC
Capt. Matthew Clements, US Army
Lt. Cmdr. Brian Cunningham, Navy SEAL
Capt. Christopher Dar Conte, USAF
Petty Officer 2nd Class Ian Sage Donley, US Navy
Spc. David Garcia, US Army
1st Lt. Edward Gibbons, US Army
1st Lt. Lily Hague, US Army
Lt. Corporal James Harkin, USMC
Major Kevin Joyce, US Army
Michael Koster, Military Police, US Army Reserves
Specialist Daniel R. MacFall, US Army
Lance Cpl. James Mccartin, USMC
Ens Sign Glenn McKenna, US Navy
Cpl. Owen A. Monahan, USMC
AD2 Joseph V. Musicaro, US Navy
Greg Palkot, Int’l. News Reporter
Airman Anthony J. Pittella, US Navy
C. Chief Nicholas Preziosi, USAF
F.C. Patrick Preziosi, US Navy
T. Sgt. Ian William Roth, USAF
Capt. Thomas Safina, US Army Reserves
Captain Tara Sutcliffe, USMC

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember the following people

Denise Bedeian Kim Bly
William Brown Deacon George Browne
Regina Childs-Cacioppo Charles Cangelosi
Kenneth Carpenter Mary Caruana
Elizabeth Castellano Michael Cintorino
Deborah Connelly Anthony Corrao
Anthony Cuccia John D’Alessandro
Claire Decker Denise DeCrescito
Mike DiGregorio Marie Dillon
Kim Bily Margaret Donalson
William Brown Danny Drumm
Deacon George Browne Anne Marie Dunworth
Regina Childs-Cacioppo Janet Fellingham
Charles Cangelosi Ryan Fornasar
Kenneth Carpenter Dennis Gallery
Mary Caruana Charles Gribaro
Elizabeth Castellano Patricia Hnis
Michael Cintorino Patrick Hughes Sr.
Deborah Connelly Will Hughes
Anthony Corrao Terese Karcher
Anthony Cuccia Carolyn Kast
John D’Alessandro Elaine Kelley
Claire Decker Klavdia Krieg
Denise DeCrescito Ricky Loew
Mike DiGregorio Henry Lynk

Patricia Maher Michelle Maroney
Danny Marquino Frank Mauro
Tommy McCann John McCloskey, Jr.
Barbara Mohan Gabriele Monastero
Lauren Munafa Tina Napoli
Phil O’Connell Andrea O’Halloran
Adelaide Parks Kathleen Picha
Nicholas Piotrowski Ellen Redding
Kirsten Riemer

John Rochford Ann Roland
Chloe Rombach Melissa Sarfin
Dr. Lester Schnell Sharon Sharp Elliot
Michael Sigwalt Mary Spadaro
Jim Stiehl Kristen Stimmmer
Jean Thompson Debbie Ventura
Loretta Wess Callie Williams
Susan Williams Geraldine Witzig
Pastoral Staff
Pastor
Msgr. Thomas Harold
Associate Pastor
Rev. Rudy Pesongco
Deacons
George Browne, James O’Brien, Basil Bliss, Robert McCarthy
Sacramental Ministry
Msgr. Peter Pfollm
Faith Formation
Rev. Rudy Pesongco
Saint Anne’s School
Gene Fennell, Principal
Parish Social Ministry
Linda Leone, Pastoral Associate
Liturgy and Worship
Sister Judith Golden, OP
Music Ministry
Timothy Brown
Parish Operations
Mary Lou Engrassia
Program Administration
Susanne Blum
Youth Ministry
Bill Leone
Facilities
Jim Stiehl
Parish Staff
We Celebrate the Sacraments
Eucharist
Saturday Evening  5:00PM
Sunday  7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:45, 5:30PM
10:30AM Family Mass (October—May)
Monday thru Thursday  7:30AM, 9:00AM
Friday  9:00AM
Saturday  8:30AM
Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45PM / Thursday before First Friday  4:30 - 5:00PM
Baptisms
Infant Baptisms are celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month at 1:30PM. Parents are asked to call the parish office for more information.
Marriage
Couples should contact the parish office to arrange an appointment with a priest or deacon at least six months prior to their wedding.
Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the first Saturday of the month at the 8:30AM Mass. If a loved one is unable to come to church, please call 352-5904 to arrange for a home visit.

Opportunities for Prayer
Rosary  9:30AM Mondays-Fridays-Church
         9:00AM Saturdays-Church
Miraculous Medal Prayers  9:30AM Tuesdays-Church
Saint Anne’s Prayer Group  10:00AM Tuesdays-Church
Eucharistic Adoration  8:00AM Thursdays-Church
Legion of Mary  9:45AM Thursdays-Church
Divine Mercy  9:30AM Fridays-Church

Requirements for all Volunteers
In all we do, the safety of our parishioners and most especially our children is a top priority. To ensure a safe environment is provided, the diocese requires all parish and school volunteers comply with the following four requirements:

- Complete an Application for Volunteer Service
- Sign a Release for a Background Check
- Review and Sign the Code of Conduct
- Attend Virtus Training

Registration, Release and Code of Conduct forms are available at the rectory.

If you have not yet attended Virtus training, please register for an upcoming session through the diocesan website, drvc.org. Click on Virtus Online on the homepage.

If you have any questions, please call Susanne Blum at 352-5904.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, December 31
5:00PM - Fr. Tom
Sunday, January 1
7:00AM - Fr. Peter
8:30AM - Fr. Peter 11:45AM - Fr. Rudy
10:00AM - Fr. Tom  5:30PM - Fr. Rudy

Celebrate subject to change

Just a reminder there will not be Family Mass on Sunday, January 1st.