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Please join us for this powerful prayer experience as the Passion Story is brought to life.

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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.
LENT 2016

THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS WITH
ASH WEDNESDAY ON FEBRUARY 10TH

Ashes will be distributed
during the Masses on
Ash Wednesday at 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
10:00AM (school Mass) 4:00PM
and 7:00PM

What do I do with last year’s palm???

Ash Wednesday is on February 10th this year. The ashes
that are used to begin Lent each year are from the palm
of the previous year’s Palm Sunday. This weekend
February 6/7 there will be baskets in the vestibule of the
Church for you to place blessed palm that you have at
home from previous Palm Sundays. The palm will be
burned and will be used to mark each one of us on Ash
Wednesday as we begin our Lenten observance.

Save the date – Friday, February 12th
at 8:00PM
St. Anne’s presents...
Journey, Cross and Crucifixion

The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion is a journey back
through time. It is an opportunity to walk with Christ
and become one with Him and the people who walked
with Him. For many who have shared the Journey it is
almost as if it were happening now for the first time.

The music, narration, dialogue and poignant silences
all add to the power of this prayerful meditation. To
be part of the Journey, Cross and Crucifixion is to
experience the complete and utter frustration and
devastation of Mary, the frustration of Simon, the
loneliness and desolation of John, Pilate’s struggle
between justice and expediency, the excruciating pain
and degradation Jesus suffered on the way to Calvary
and His ultimate death on the Cross.

For over twenty five years, the troupes have been
presenting this powerful Journey to churches and
schools throughout Long Island, leading people of all
ages in a powerful, prayerful Lenten experience. The
troupes are made up of volunteer actors, singers and
musicians who use their gifts to bring the Passion
Story to life.

Creative Ministries will be at St. Anne’s on Friday,
February 12th at 8:00PM.

Begin your observance of Lent
with this prayerful experience!

Lent ...A Season of Mercy

Daily Eucharist during Lent
Mondays-Thursdays 7:30AM, 9:00AM
Fridays 9:00AM, Saturdays at 8:30AM

Opportunities for Reconciliation
All parishioners are invited to celebrate God’s mercy and
love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday
from 4:00PM to 4:45PM, and during the Diocesan Day of
Reconciliation on Monday, March 21st from 3PM - 9PM.

Eucharistic Adoration
Come and pray before the Lord in the Blessed
Sacrament so we may grow closer to Him in our
celebration of the Eucharist on Thursday mornings
following the 7:30AM Mass.

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during
Lent at 7:30PM in the Church, except on February 12th
when Stations of the Cross will be at 8:00PM.

Lenturgical Ministers—February 10th
There are sign-up sheets in the Liturgical Ministers
room for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
and Lectors for the masses on Ash Wednesday. Please
sign up there or email Sr. Judy (srjudy@stannesgc.org)
or call the parish office at 352-5904 if you are
available. Thank you so much!!
Dear Parishioners,

Already this week we begin Lent on Wednesday, February 10. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 7:30, 9:00, 10:00 with school children and all parishioners may attend, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at each Mass.

Lent takes a special emphasis this year as we observe these 40 penitential days during the Holy Year of Mercy. One of the rituals of the Year of Mercy is to establish special doors of Mercy. The holy doors of Mercy invite us to cross a special threshold and enter a particularly sacred space. The 40 day lenten journey is a time to enter into an experience of mercy. For us, the experience of mercy includes confession, reconciliation, acts of penance, fasting, prayer, acts of charity with a focus on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

As we approach lent, we have some time to prepare our own participation in this sacred season. As I look ahead to this lent and recall efforts of past lents, maybe I can learn something for this year. I have often not been successful with resolutions to do something all during lent. I am thinking and hoping that choosing a particular practice for each day of lent might be more helpful. So for instance, Monday might include putting aside time for additional prayer; Tuesday might include an act of corporal mercy, while Wednesday could focus on some kind of fasting. Thursday could center on a theme related to reconciliation and Friday I might do a spiritual work of mercy. Maybe planning the weeks of lent following this kind of approach might be helpful for you.

The Fridays of lent are a traditional time for Stations of the Cross. On this first Friday of lent, February 12 at 8:00 we are sponsoring a special presentation entitled, “Journey, Cross and Crucifixion” produced by Creative Ministries. This group of talented actors, musicians, and artists have been touring Long Island for more than 25 years, offering their artistic interpretations of the great events and mysteries of our faith. Join us if you are able.

TODAY’S GOSPEL

Today’s gospel is a great one for sending us into the lenten season. Often this gospel is summarized as the challenge to “go out far and in deep.” Many of us prefer to stay in the shallow end of the pool where we have an increased sense of safety. Jesus often asks us to take a little bit of a risk. Can we put together this gospel and lent and the theme of mercy? Put another way, are we willing to risk mercy this lent?

The gospel for this past Wednesday recalled to me an experience from grade school. I went to St. Thomas the Apostle in West Hempstead. At exam time, students who were doing well in a particular subject might be offered an exemption from taking the final exam. The exemption freed the student from having to study for the final exam. It also freed one from the anxiety that often comes with taking an exam. I remember the good feeling of receiving an exemption.

Maybe lent is a good time to carry around “exemptions” in our pockets and to be generous in giving them out. For example, whenever we are tempted to judge another person, pass on the judgment and offer the person an exemption. When we find ourselves engaged in a long standing disagreement or a feud, or we are not speaking for an extended time to a family member or relative, perhaps lent is a time for an exemption to be offered.

When I taught English at Chaminade, I learned of another benefit from exemptions. Exemptions meant fewer essays had to be read and fewer exams corrected. When I exempt students from tests, the workload would be lighter for me the teacher.

Judging others, carrying grudges, remaining in a long standing conflict with a person without speaking can be quite burdensome, weigh us down, and prevent us from being the persons we would like to be. Using an exemption pass marked “Mercy” surely lightens our load and eases our burden.

The temptation of lent is to make it a heavy time marked by burden and self-willing. That kind of lent can actually prevent us from drawing closer to the Lord. Using exemption passes marked “Mercy” can free us to move more lightly and with greater freedom towards the Lord. That indeed is the goal of life’s journey, of the spiritual life, of lent. So, lighten up this lent! Use exemption passes of “Mercy!”

RECTORY

Many parishioners have been inquiring about the rectory. Yes, it has been a slow process. The reason for the slow process is because there has been lots of thinking, change of ideas, and consulting about how to move forward. We have been thinking about the needs of the parish, especially in terms of meeting space, ministry space, and storage. This thinking has led to many different ideas about repairing the rectory, expanding the rectory, and the use of the parish property where the convent once stood. Consultations continue to take place with insurance representatives, parish staff, parish finance committee, parish trustees, parishioners with expertise and experience in use and repair of buildings, an architect, and diocesan leadership. More information continues to be gathered.

This coming Friday, invited contractors will present their bids so that the rectory can again be used by the priests for living and by parish ministries and administration. These bids will be opened with representatives of the parish and the diocese and a contractor for repair of the rectory building will be selected. One element of the bid is that work is to begin as soon as possible. We hope that the rectory will be repaired and suitable for use during the Easter Season. In the meantime, additional information is being gathered regarding the needs of the parish and effective use of our space.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Fa. Tony
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOAVES AND FISHES

“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.”

~ Saint Gregory Nazianzen

Weekly Food Drive
Thank you for filling the closets last week! Your generous donations of canned items in support of ‘Souper Bowl Sunday’ are most appreciated. Our recent food delivery went to Our Lady of Loretto Parish Outreach in Hempstead.

If the Loaves and Fishes Ministry is new to you, please consider helping out as one of the weekly food donors. Your donations will be delivered to one of the parish outreach centers which serve people who are hungry and in need. Due to the limited supply of food that is usually available, many families only receive food once a month. Saint Anne’s food donations make a difference in the amount of food a family will receive. At this time of year the highlighted items are most needed:

- Soup
- Pasta Sauce & Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cereal
- Powdered Milk
- Tuna fish
- Canned vegetables
- Rice
- Canned fruit
- Baby Diapers - large sizes
- Red & black beans

Donations of food can be left in the Loaves and Fishes closets in the left rear of the church, open 7:00AM-2:30PM.

Please call Barbara Tranfaglia at 741-0629 to volunteer or if you have any suggestions or questions.

"Open Your Heart” Collection for Babies
We ask you to “open your heart” to God’s newest creations—babies. Please consider donating some of the essentials for babies of single mothers and families in need. During February, we are collecting disposable baby diapers (all sizes), baby wipes and Enfamil formula. The cost of caring for a baby can be prohibitive to a family struggling to pay rent, heat, food & clothing. With your support, Saint Anne’s can make a difference.

Donations can be left in the Loaves and Fishes closets in the rear of the Church from 7:00AM-2:30 PM.
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| **Respite Care**  
The next session of our Respite Care program will be held on **Friday, February 26th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM in McCloskey Auditorium and the cafeteria.**  
| **Special Needs Mass**  
Mass will be celebrated with our special needs community on **Saturday, March 5th at 5:00PM in the cafeteria.** All are welcome to attend this special celebration of the Eucharist. For information about our Special Needs Ministry, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org |

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<td>Yes, I believe that this is a time for mercy. The Church is showing her maternal side, her motherly face, to a humanity that is wounded. She does not wait for the wounded to knock on her doors, she looks for them on the streets, she gathers them in, she embraces them, she takes care of them, she makes them feel loved. As so, as I said, and I am ever more convinced of it, this is a <em>kairos</em>, our era is a <em>kairos</em> of mercy, an opportune time.</td>
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| **See page 11 For more information**  
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Join us we reflect on the writings of Pope Francis in the *Joy of the Gospel*, specifically Chapter 5, *Spirit Filled Evangelizers*. Fr. Tom will present and lead our conversation. A *pdf* version of the *Joy of the Gospel* is available on our website (view the event listing on the calendar), or by contacting the Parish Office at 352-5904. |

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FAITH FORMATION

Where you go, I’ll go
Where you stay, I’ll stay
I will follow you.
Who you love, I’ll love.
How you serve, I’ll serve.
I will follow you.
~Chris Tomlin, “I Will Follow”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks Simon to lay down his nets so that Simon (Peter) may become a “fisher of men.” Jesus asks no less of us. As parents how do we set examples and reflect values that are Christ-like? How do we attempt to fill the nets of our children’s faith with prayer moments, worship opportunities, spiritual conversations, and service? Do our children have opportunities to share their faith with you or others?

Simon left all the fish he had caught at that very moment to follow Jesus. When do we show our children that we, like Simon, are followers of Jesus?

Classes this Week:
Sunday, February 7 – One-on-one classes (8:30 to 9:15)
Sunday, February 7 – Grades 1 through 6 (9 to 10:15)
Monday, February 8 – Grades 1 through 6 – 4 to 5:10 PM
Tuesday, February 9 – Grades 1 through 6 – 4 to 5:10 PM
Wednesday, February 10 – No classes – Ash Wednesday (See schedule for Mass times)
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Sunday, February 7 – No class – Winter Break

Winter Break Schedule: There will be no classes from Sunday, February 12 through February 21. Classes will resume on Monday, February 22.

Class Masses: We would like to invite the families of students in the following classes to join their children at Mass:
Monday, February 22 – All students in grades 1 and 2 who attend Faith Formation classes on Monday (4:10 in the Church)
Tuesday, February 23 – All students in grades 1 and 2 who attend Faith Formation classes on Tuesday (4:10 in the Church)
Wednesday, February 24 – All grade 4 students who attend Faith Formation class on Wednesday (4:10 in the Chapel)

Grade 8 Parent and Candidate Meeting: There will be a required meeting for all parents and eighth grade students from St. Anne’s School, Kellenberg and the Faith Formation program who will be confirmed in April. The meeting is Wednesday, February 24 at 7 PM in McCloskey Auditorium with Father Tom; please plan accordingly.

Confirmation Retreat: A reminder to parents and students that all candidates must attend a Confirmation retreat previous to Confirmation on April 18. Group A students are scheduled to attend from 2:30 to 6:30 on Sunday, February 28 in McCloskey Auditorium. Group B students are scheduled to attend on Sunday, March 13 from 2:30 to 6:30.


LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.”

It would seem in today’s gospel that the disciples left all on an impulse but it is not quite what happened. They had experienced a miracle catch of fish and Peter’s recognition of being “a sinful man”. Their encounter with Jesus helped them to make the decision to follow him quite radically by leaving behind their livelihood. Today marks the end of the Year of Consecrated Life. This past year has highlighted the lives and works of those women and men who have left all to follow Jesus, living the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Pray for an increase in vocations to the religious life. Pray for those who are discerning a vocation.

The Holy Year of Mercy

Lent is a privileged time when the Church is called to give greater witness to the mercy of God. During this Holy Year of Mercy, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called us to look more deeply into ourselves and to ask how we can show mercy each day. In the Gospel of Luke Jesus encourages us, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

To open the Year of Mercy Pope Francis has opened holy doors of mercy. The first was in Bangui, Central African Republic on November 29, 2015. This was the first time that a pope opened a Holy Door outside of Rome! He chose a place where mercy is so needed.

The significance of the Holy Door of Mercy is that it is a reminder of the meaning of this Extraordinary Jubilee and leads to God’s merciful heart. It reminds us to open the doors of our hearts to hear God’s words of mercy, to open ourselves to God’s everlasting mercy and to live our lives with tender mercy. To cross a threshold, to enter a new space, signifies finding new energy for the works of hospitality, compassion and mercy. This is the invitation of the Jubilee Year.

On Feb. 13th, the First Sunday of Lent at the 5:00 Mass, we will gather and cross the threshold into the Season of Lent as we continue our celebration of the Year of Mercy. We will bless a Door of Mercy for our parish. We will gather outside and Father Tom will lead us through the Door of Mercy as we begin Mass.

It is Pope Francis’ hope that “the whole Church will find in this Jubilee the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God.”

Forty Days of Lent

Lent begins this Wednesday, Feb. 10th. This period of prayer and fasting in preparation for the Great Feast of Easter is 40 days long. But when we look at the calendar we see 46 days....why do we say it’s 40 days? In the earliest days of the church, the original disciples, who were Jewish, grew up with the idea that the Sabbath, a day of worship and rest, was Saturday – the seventh day of the week (the account of creation says that God rested on the seventh day). However, Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday, the first day of the week, and early Christians, who saw Christ’s Resurrection as a new creation, transferred the day of worship and rest to Sunday. Since all Sundays celebrate the Resurrection, fasting and penance were forbidden on Sundays. When the Church expanded the preparation for the feast of Easter to 40 days (to mirror Jesus’ 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert), Sundays could not be included in the count. In order to have 40 days, Lent had to be expanded to 6 weeks (6 days of fasting each week) plus 4 extra days – Ash Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. That’s how we get to 40 days! Ash Wednesday and the following Thursday, Friday and Saturday are called the Porch Days of Lent – we step onto the threshold of Lent, leading to the great door that will open on the First Sunday of Lent.

Family Mass News

There will be NO Family Mass on February 14th and February 21st

Hospitality – Today, Feb. 7th the Boy Scouts are preparing a Pre-Lent Pancake Breakfast! All of us at Family Mass are very grateful to the scouts and their leaders for their gracious hospitality!

Faces of Mercy – We are still looking for your family’s faces for our special banner for the Year of Mercy. See Sr. Judy after Mass for information!
**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**
- Sunday, January 31, 2016: $23,910
- Sunday, February 1, 2015: $19,365

**YEAR-TO-DATE INFORMATION**
- January 1 - January 31, 2016: $91,631
- January 1 - February 1, 2015: $100,276

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

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**The Church in Need Collection**

On February 14, 2016 a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help.

- **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.

- **The Church in Latin America** faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.

- **The Church in Africa** – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

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**COME SING WITH THE SAINT ANNE’S ADULT CHOIR**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sit up front and sing with the choir, but were not sure you were good enough or maybe could not make the commitment for the entire choir-singing season? Maybe you thought you had to be able to read music or have a musical background. We would like to extend an open invitation to all parishioners (ages 15 and up) to join us for the upcoming season. Why not take the time to deepen your faith by joining this special Music Ministry.

If you would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please contact our Music Director, Tim Brown at 516-599-5448 or tbrown4749@aol.com. The next choir rehearsal is **Wednesday, February 10 at 8:00PM** in the Church. All voice parts are welcome (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) – especially basses! Come join us and be guaranteed a spiritually enriching and fun experience as well as a reserved seat up front with a great view.

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**Msgr. John C. Seidenschwang - K of C #11836 Annual Free Throw Championship**

**Sunday, February 7, 2016**

**St. Anne’s School - McCloskey Auditorium**

- **2:00PM-4:00PM**

- **Open to all students age 9—14, as of December 31, 2015.**
- **Students must be accompanied by parent or guardian, and have a copy of their Birth Certificate for proof of age.**
- **Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothes.**

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**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Anne #1077**

**February Bridge/Luncheon**

**Thursday, February 18th—12 Noon**

**McCloskey Auditorium—St. Anne’s Church**

All are welcome! Luncheon will consist of soup, sandwich, dessert and choice of tea/coffee. Because food must be ordered in advance, no reservation can be held without prepayment. Cost is $21 per person.

Please call **Mrs. Joan Evans at 294-0868** for any additional information.

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**LI Handicapped Encounter Christ CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

**Annual HEC Weekend – April 28 – May 1**

**Long Island Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) is in need of volunteers for its annual retreat which will be held Thursday, April 28 through Sunday, May 1, 2016 at Camp Alvernia in Centerport, NY.**

Our first planning meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 11 at 7PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Greenlawn.** Please call Deacon Frank and Michele Barone at (516) 420-1207 or e-mail at **LongIslandHEC@gmail.com** for more information, to volunteer or request an application for candidate participation.
**Youth Ministry**

**Next Meeting** - Sunday, February 21st
6:30PM - Cafeteria

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 easy conversations with many different people. Teens come from various high schools and are always welcome. New members are invited to join at any time!

For more information, please contact Bill Leone at bleone@stannesgc.org

**Let us pray for those who have died**

Jeanne Bliss
Russell DeWerth
Rosemary Earley
Joan S. Grace
Paul Hollis
Kenneth Edward Nufer
Henry Rueth

**RCIA**

Perhaps you have been thinking about becoming a baptized member of the Catholic Church, perhaps you have been baptized a Christian and now would like to become a member of the Catholic Church, perhaps you have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, then perhaps the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you!

The RCIA is a process, a journey of faith. It is about people, people on the move, people being remade in the image of Christ and reborn in the Spirit, people on a journey toward faith. Through this gradual, and comprehensive process individuals are trained in the Christian way of life, come to know Jesus Christ through the Catholic community and learn to live as Jesus’ disciples, continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in the world today.

Does this sound like what you are seeking? Do you know anyone who is seeking the Catholic faith? Please contact Sister Judy at Saint Anne’s Parish Office (352-5904) or srjudy@stannesgc.org for more information. RCIA meetings begin in October.

There are pamphlets in the lobby of the church, Five Reasons to Consider the Catholic Church and What Can the Church Offer Me?. Please take one for yourself or to pass on to someone you know who might be ready for the RCIA.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Holy Father has sent us all a Message for this Lent of the Jubilee of Mercy. I want to call your attention to it and urge you to read it. It is beautiful, concrete and opens up to us rich and inspiring ways to make this Lent a deep and wonderful journey of faith as we seek God’s merciful love and receive it during the forty days that we travel together to celebrate the Sacred Triduum of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

In his letter, Pope Francis says: *Let’s not waste the season of Lent!* He goes on to call *Mary, the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes and is evangelized by the Holy Spirit.* We too, who make up the Church, must imitate Mary and open ourselves to the Spirit as she did at the Annunciation. Led by the Spirit this Lent we can become ourselves evangelizers of God’s mercy by our words and our actions.

Pope Francis commends to us the time honored Corporal and Spiritual “Works of Mercy”. He says, *God’s mercy transforms our hearts to become merciful, inspiring us to love of neighbor.* Take one a day or use them to do an act of kindness. Corporal: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; welcome the stranger; care for the sick; visit the prisoners; bury the dead. The Spiritual: convert the sinner; instruct the ignorant; counsel the doubtful; comfort the sorrowful; bear wrongs patiently; forgive injuries; pray for the living and the dead.

For me the most beautiful part of his message is when he speaks of God’s merciful love for His Chosen People and the faithfulness of His love as a covenant that, despite all the sins of God’s people, He will always be faithful, always forgives, and will never cease to love us. The Pope takes that and invites us to see God’s compassion for us His people as a model and an inspiration of marriage between a man and a woman and the love that brings children into the world as part of a family. God’s unceasing, faithful love (Hebrew: *hesed*) *culminates in the Incarnation of His Son as the bridegroom who does everything to win over His bride, the Church.* He even dies for her!

And He does that for us now and always. Make this Lent a time when you open yourselves up to that love, experience that love through the reconciling and healing sacrament of Penance; let this love heal your hearts and renew your faith and your commitment to your spouse, your children, your parents, all the members of your family, your neighbors, your friends, all from whom you may be alienated. God offers that love to you. You who accept His love then must be givers of that love to others.

May God’s words of love and reconciliation dwell in our hearts this Lent of Mercy and may God bless our Church here on Long Island and make us instruments of His merciful love to others.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

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Catholic Family Life – Please Join Us!

As our children grow and our challenges as parents become more complex, it is sometimes hard to know where to seek the support and advice that mirror the values with which we are trying to raise our children. Together, we can try to meet that need.

Monday, February 8th @ 7:30PM
(School Library)

Join us as we reflect on the writings of Pope Francis in The Joy of the Gospel, specifically Chapter 5, Spirit Filled Evangelizers. Fr. Tom will lead our conversation. A pdf version of The Joy of the Gospel is available on our website (see the Catholic Family Life page under the Parish Social Ministry tab) or call the Parish Office at 352-5904.

Wednesday, March 2nd Video Presentation—”The High Cost of Free Love”
Seventh Grade Student Presentation and Parent Invitation

On March 2 during their class time, students will be shown a video entitled “The High Cost of Free Love.” Pam Stenzel, an international abstinence and chastity educator, combines her personal story and extensive counseling experience to take a hard hitting look at the consequences of sexual activity outside of a monogamous, lifetime relationship - including specific information on sexually transmitted diseases and their potentially devastating impact. It is a strong message with frank terminology.

Parents may want to share a conversation with their child about the material presented and what better way than to have viewed the same information as their child? Parents are invited to view the video that their children will see on Monday, February 29 at 7PM in McCloskey Auditorium.

St. Anne’s has chosen to fulfill the Diocese of Rockville Centre requirement for chastity education for seventh grade Faith Formation students in presenting this video. Hopefully, it will begin a dialog about decisions that could have a profound, life altering, physical, emotional and spiritual effect on an individual.

Other dates to remember...

- March 16th — Saint Anne’s Youth Ministry leaders and members will speak to 8th grade Confirmation candidates.
- May 22nd — All 8th graders are invited to attend a Youth Ministry meeting. All are encouraged to participate in the group as they enter high school.
January 21, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will join all the dioceses of the nation in celebrating National Catholic Schools Week from January 31st - February 6, 2016. The theme for this year is **Catholic Schools - Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.** This theme encompasses concepts that are at the heart of Catholic education. Our schools strive to build community, share faith, increase our students’ knowledge and encourage dedication to service. Each time I am in one of our schools I encounter teachers, administrators, and parents committed to making sure that each student lives up to his or her potential to learn and to be formed in the Catholic faith.

Catholic schools have a rich history in supporting the work of on-going evangelization of the Catholic community in the United States. Our schools are built on the bedrock of the teachers and administrators who dedicated their time and talents to educating all children. We must also recognize our priests, religious and support staff for the work they do each and every day to spread the Gospel to our young people. Together we make great things happen on a daily basis in our Catholic schools.

Our Diocese has much to be proud of. Our Catholic elementary and high schools are wonderful examples of academic and spiritual excellence. Our schools are committed to always growing in faith and living the Gospel. We invite you to come and see this for yourselves during Catholic Schools Week where you will experience our Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

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Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**
7:00 AM  Frank Kolenda
8:30  Nicholas & Rosalia Begonia, Ralph Comunale, Audrey & Richard Lohse
10:00  John Cunningham
10:30  McElroy & McCaughey Families
11:45  Joseph Mulhall
5:30  Parishioners of St. Anne

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
7:30  Alex Norris
9:00  Anton Novak - 1st Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - ASH WEDNESDAY**
7:30  John Salvatore & Lydia Schiavo
9:00  Kevin Nolan
4:00  Ralph Comunale
7:00  Luke Rosato - 3rd Anniversary

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**
7:30  Frances Hurley
9:00  Rosemary Summers

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**
9:00  Jeanne Keating

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**
8:30  Constance Pirrotta, Anthony Nicoletti
5:00 PM  Parishioners of St. Anne

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**
7:00 AM  Sheila McGovern
8:30  Richard Eustace, Jeremiah Howard, Danila Allutto, Arthur Schupbach
10:00  Dr. Kathleen Sheu
11:45  Ted & Eileen Mikowski
5:30  Louise & Anthony Trapasso

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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 Sergeant Denis Cashin, USMC
- Capt. Matthew Clements, US Army
- Lt. Cmdr. Brian Cunningham, Navy SEAL
- Capt. Christopher Dar Conte, USAF
- Lt. Charles Flanagan, US Army
- 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
- Lance Cpl. James McCartin, USMC
- Capt. Clare McKenna, USMC
- Ensign Glenn McKenna, US Navy
- Cpl. Owen A. Monahan, USMC
- AD2 Joseph V. Muscarela, 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

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**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 parish 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.

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Deacon George Browne  Janet Fellingham  Danny Marquino  Sharon Sharp Elliot
Regina Childs-Cacioppo  Ryan Fornasar  Frank Mauro  Michael Sigwalt
Charles Cangelosi  Frank Gagliardo  Jack McAuliffe  Mary Spadaro
Kenneth Carpentier  Dennis Gallery  John McCloskey, Jr.  Robert Stevenson
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Anthony Cuccia  William Knifing  Nicholas Piotrowski  Callie Williams
John D'Alessandro  Klavdia Krieg  Ellen Redding  Susan Williams
Claire Decker  Ricky Loew  John Rochford  Ann Willis
Denise DeCrescito  Henry Lynk  Chloe Rombach  Geraldine Witzig
Mike DiGregorio  Patricia Maher  Mike DiGregorio  Andrew Wykowski

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

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Mary Caruana  Elizabeth Castellano  Thomas Brown, US Army
Michael Cintorino  Alex Colin  Anthony F. Califano, US Navy
Deborah Connelly  Anthony Corrao  L/Cpl. Neal T. Burke, USMC
Anthony Cuccia  John D'Alessandro  Capt. Anthony F. Califano, US Navy
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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 1:30 PM. 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 the 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 Thursday—Church
Divine Mercy 9:30AM Fridays—Church

This Week at Saint Anne’s

Monday, February 8th
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium

Tuesday, February 9th
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM Divorced & Separated Catholics - Room 8
7:30PM HSA Board Meeting-Faculty Room
7:30PM Boy Scouts - Cafeteria
8:00PM Mom’s Ministry Board Meeting - Library

Ash Wednesday, February 10th
9:30AM Mom’s Ministry - Cafeteria
7:30PM R.C.I.A. – Offsite

Thursday, February 11th
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM Families Anonymous-Faculty Room

Friday, February 12th
8:00PM Creative Ministries - Church

Saturday, February 13th
8:00AM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium

Sunday, February 14th - 1st Sunday of Lent
1:00PM Catholic Daughters Meeting - Library
2:00PM K of C Free Throw - McCloskey Auditorium

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, February 13
5:00PM-Fr. Tom

Sunday, February 14
7:00AM-Fr. Tom No Family Mass today
8:30AM-Fr. Peter 11:45AM-Fr. Tom
10:00AM-Fr. Rudy 5:30PM-Fr. Peter

Celebrant subject to change