All Are Welcome!

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.

Saint Anne’s Middle Years “Valentines for Vets”

The Middle Years recently held a prayer service in the St. Therese Chapel followed by a special pancake dessert.

Please see page 2
Middle Years Group Gathers for Prayers and Pancakes

Saint Anne’s Middle Years group recently gathered for a prayer service in the Saint Therese Chapel. Fellow parishioner Jean Lynch was invited to lead the service and her reflection on mercy was most inspiring. The group then moved to the cafeteria, where they were treated to a delicious array of pancakes with a variety of toppings. Members had coordinated a collection of items to be given to the veterans currently residing in housing through Catholic Charities Project Veterans’ Independence. Their “Valentines for Vets” drive was yet another successful effort! Saint Anne’s Middle Years Group welcomes all who are interested in joining them for their many informal social events, or to help serve our servicemen and women, as well as veterans. Perhaps you just want to make new friends. Come and enjoy! For details, please call Helen Capece at 327-9179.

St. Anne’s School Science Fair

Congratulations to Saint Anne’s 8th grade students for their interesting and informative presentations at the recent Science Fair!
Dear Parishioners,

Lent has arrived early this year. And although I knew Lent was coming, and I even spent some time reflecting and preparing for these 40 days, as usual, Lent gets ahead of me. What I mean is, Ash Wednesday arrives and I still have the feeling I am not ready. Is that your experience?

So when Ash Wednesday arrived, and I celebrated the two Masses with school-aged kids, I decided to simplify matters. I chose to present them a simpler Lent, one that goes by the name a 3M Lent. The 3Ms refer to Mercy, Mass, Minute. Practice these 3Ms and you will have a "successful Lent." What makes for a "successful Lent?" Simply that we have drawn closer to the Lord and to one another.

Ash Wednesday gave us a good start in drawing closer to one another. Hundreds came together at St. Anne's last Wednesday to be marked in procession with the blessed ash. The blessed ash is a sign and reminder that we are all sinners in need of repentance. That we come in large numbers and process together is a sign that we're all on the same team with Jesus leading us to his loving mercy, forgiveness and redemption. The public nature of the blessed ash reminds us that in our sin, we are not alone. We join with others in our need for mercy, and moving forward together, sharing repentance, and finding ourselves drawing ever nearer to the loving and merciful Father of us all. Jesus leads us and encourages us on our way.

So now as the first full week of Lent is upon us, I offer you the 3Ms of Mercy, Mass, Minute. Use these 3Ms for this 40 day Lenten journey and again you will find yourself in good company. You will not be alone. Jesus will be with you as you draw closer and on Easter morning you will be able to know that indeed during Lent you have moved forward.

What about these 3Ms? Mercy. The Year of Mercy. Our banners outside read: MERCY! LOVE IT! MERCY!

LEARN IT! MERCY... LIVE IT! So these 40 days love, learn, and live Mercy. Practice Mercy. Receive Mercy. Live it by extending Mercy to someone who needs Mercy from you. Let go of some long standing feud or hurt by allowing Mercy to uplift yourself and some other person as you find yourselves burdened by ill will or negative feelings. Not only practice Mercy, receive Mercy. Do your best to go to confession sometime during Lent. Aim for some Saturday or the Monday of Holy Week. If you choose Monday of Holy Week, you will find yourself with thousands of others seeking Mercy in the form of absolution. Monday of Holy Week may well be described as Mercy Monday. It's a great day. Make Mercy one of your 3M’s of Lent.

Mass is the second 3M of Lent. It’s pretty straightforward. Make sure to get to Mass each Sunday of Lent. Some choose the Sundays of Lent as a time to renew your Mass attendance. Good for you. It’s great you're here and Sunday Mass will help you greatly in making this a meaningful Lent. Some parishioners reading this column in the bulletin are here every Sunday. Please know how your weekly penance and prayer here each Sunday is so very important. I know that your presence and prayer is a great encouragement for me. Maybe those who are here every Sunday could encourage and invite someone who no longer attends Mass regularly to join with you some Sunday. It could be a family member, friend or neighbor. A promise of breakfast at the diner has been known to bring lots of people out for Sunday Mass!

The third M of the 3Ms is Minute. Take a Minute. Ever since I started to take insulin, I've learned to use the Minute of injection as a time for prayer. In other words while sitting as the insulin flows, I say a prayer for someone or some intention, usually a Hail Mary. So three times a day, I take a Minute to pray for someone. Previously, during another Lent, I suggested you could pray for someone while washing your hands. I have found taking the Minute to pray is quite helpful. At Ash Wednesday Mass, I shared this idea with a parishioner named Eleanor and yes, Eleanor, I used my Minute to pray for you on Wednesday night.

The 3Ms are not very complicated; in fact, they are rather simple. I think if you and I practice Mercy, Mass, Minute, Lent will work out pretty well.

Now Lent is not always so simple. Today's Gospel story of the Temptations of Jesus remind us that human living and Lent can be sometimes complex. Temptations are complex and understanding the temptations of Jesus is complex. These 40 days in the desert, tempted by the devil, must have been a unique time in the life of Jesus. There are many ways of studying this incident in the life of Jesus. However we seek to understand the temptations of Jesus, we need to consider always the opening line. Today's gospel begins, "Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." The good news is the reminder that with Jesus during this time of testing was the Holy Spirit. In our time of testing, we need to know the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. What may be hard for us is the reference to the Spirit leading Jesus "into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." This gospel statement reminds us things aren't always so simple.

But for now, if having a meaningful Lent is a challenge, try the simple 3M approach: Mercy, Mass, Minute!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOAVES AND FISHES

Prayer for the Hungry
To allow the hungry to remain hungry would be blasphemy against God and one’s neighbor, for what is nearest to God is precisely the need of one’s neighbor. It is for the love of Christ, which belongs as much to the hungry as to myself, that I share my bread with them and that I share my dwelling with the homeless. Let me provide the hungry with bread. Let me prepare the way for your grace. Amen.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Weekly Food Drive
We thank all those who continue to help fill the Loaves and Fishes closets! A substantial amount of food was delivered to Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish outreach center last week.
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. Saint Anne’s food donations really make a difference in the amount of food a family will receive. When you’re shopping for your own family, please consider purchasing extra to support those who are in need. The highlighted items are the most needed:

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

Donations of food can be left in the Loaves and Fishes closets in the left rear of the Church, open from 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 - 2:30PM.
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

There are many parishioners involved in Parish Social Ministry, reaching out to offer assistance and sharing their gifts with one another, all in the context of our faith.

Looking for a way to volunteer? In need of some support or assistance? Please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

Special Needs Ministry

**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.** Our annual Parent’s Dinner will take place in the faculty room during this time.

**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. For information about our Special Needs Ministry, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org

Catholic Family Life

**A Ministry for Parents of Tweens and Teens**
As our children grow and our challenges as parents become more complex, it can be 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.

We have hosted several meetings so far and are still in the process of planning future meetings and events. If you have any thoughts to share or suggestions to offer, please contact Mary Stenson at mstenson67@gmail.com

* We encourage parents to consider attending a viewing of the video that will be shown to all 7th grade students. Please mark the date of Monday, Feb. 29th on your calendar and see page 8 in this bulletin for more information.

Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group

**Industry Panel Presentation**
Wednesday, February 24th at 7:30PM – Cafeteria
please see page 11 for more information

Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group can help you expand your business network while also helping fellow parishioners with career guidance. New members are always welcome! If you’d like to speak with someone for 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.

Middle Years

We welcome all who are interested in joining us for our many informal social events, or to help us serve our servicemen and women, and veterans. Maybe you just want to make new friends. Come and enjoy!
For details call Helen Capece at 327-9179.

Senior Scene

The next meeting of the Senior Scene will be Wednesday, February 17th at 1:30PM in the school cafeteria. Please join us for an afternoon of pleasant conversation, coffee and cake, card playing and bingo. Please call Susanne Blum at 352-5904 for more information.

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 and 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.

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.

Parishioners who are interested in joining may contact Amy Doggendorf at stannesmoms@gmail.com.

Words of Pope Francis

“Along our path, which is often difficult, we are not alone. We are so many, we are a people, and the gaze of Our Lady helps us to look at one another as brothers and sisters. Let us look upon one another in a more fraternal way! Mary teaches us to have that gaze that strives to welcome, to accompany and to protect.”

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Temptation presents itself to us in subtle ways, infecting the whole environment that surrounds us and always causes us to look for justifications. In the end it causes us to fall into sin, and encloses us in a cage from which it is difficult to escape. To resist temptation it is necessary to listen to the Word of God, because He is waiting for us, and He always gives us confidence and opens new horizons before us.  

~Pope Francis, February 18, 2014

In this statement, Pope Francis closely echoes today’s Gospel. Like Jesus, we need to look to the Lord, our God, for strength in resisting the passions which would result in denying our faith. Jesus had been weakened in body and spirit after 40 days in the desert when the devil sought him out to tempt him. We might be more prone to choose wrongly when we are weakened in spirit; however, if we can strengthen our spirit, the drive to avoid poor choices might be an easier road for us. To do this, we must pray, ask for God’s blessing, and avoid looking for instantly gratifying results in a world where these results are so easily promised. Self-denial and delayed gratification often offer better outcomes than an “easy, quick fix.” If we can help our children to develop a way of life that regularly includes prayer, empathy, and self-denial, we will be giving them the tools they will use throughout their lives in avoiding temptation.

**Winter Break Schedule:** There will be no classes from Sunday, February 14 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, Feb. 22** – All students in grades 1 and 2 who attend Faith Formation classes on Monday (4:10 in the Church)
- **Tuesday, Feb. 23** – All students in grades 1 and 2 who attend Faith Formation classes on Tuesday (4:10 in the Church)
- **Wednesday, Feb. 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. Group B students are scheduled to attend on Sunday, March 13 from 2:30 to 6:30.

Faith Formation students continue to actively participate in service projects. In addition, all third through sixth grade students who attend classes on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday have had the opportunity to participate in individual Reconciliation. Thank you to Father Rudy for making himself available to these students in the sacrament.
LITURGY AND WORSHIP

First Sunday of Lent
“Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days.”

The First Sunday of Lent and it is Valentine’s Day!! We begin our season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and celebrate love with candy, flowers, special dinners....This would seem to be a contradiction but in fact both days are all about love, all about how we want to be in relation to others, all about the importance of personal encounter. The desert experience of Jesus is at the very beginning of his ministry. He retreats to pray, to be with his Father. In the temptations he experiences, he fully embraces his identity as God and man and takes up his saving ministry. Whether it is with a loved ones, or with those we meet each day we make our choices for goodness and holiness. As we begin Lent let us choose to be our true selves, choosing goodness and holiness. This is our life’s mission!

Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1

Family Mass News

There will be NO FAMILY MASS next Sunday, February 21st. Family Mass resumes on Sunday, February 28th at 10:30AM!

Altar Server Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Altar Servers on Thursday, February 25th. There will be two opportunities – 4-5PM in Church or 6-7PM in Church. Some procedures need to be reviewed. Please make every effort to attend. If you are unable to come please let Sister Judy know – srjudy@stannesgc.org or call 352-5904.

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.

At the 5:00 Mass this weekend, the First Sunday of Lent, the Door of Mercy for our parish was blessed. We gathered and crossed the threshold into the Season of Lent as we continue our celebration of the Year of Mercy. When you come to church each week try to enter by the middle doors to remind yourself of the Year of Mercy. 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.”
**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

**Weekly Information**
- Sunday, February 7, 2016: $21,964
- Sunday, February 8, 2015: $20,507

**Year-to-Date Information**
- January 1 - February 7, 2016: $113,595
- January 1 - February 8, 2015: $120,783

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**The Church in Need Collection**

**February 14, 2016**

A collection will be taken today 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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**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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**Monday, February 29th at 7:00PM**

Parent invitation to view video

“**The High Cost of Free Love**” before it is shown to the students

On March 2 during their class time, 7th grade faith formation 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.

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**Sisters of St. Dominic – Irish Night**

On the weekend of **Feb. 27/28** after the 5:00PM, 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 10:30AM and 11:45AM masses, **the Sisters of St. Dominic** will be at St. Anne’s asking you to support their annual fund raiser for their retired sisters by purchasing raffle tickets. The prizes will be picked at their Irish Night on **Saturday, March 5th**. Tickets are $1.00 each or 12 for $10. The sisters are most grateful for your support.

For more information contact Sister Judy at the parish office in the lower level of the school.
We welcome those newly baptized into our faith community

Karsen Makenna Kern
Brooks George Mathers
Carly Rose Plunkett

Wedding Banms
First Time
Marybeth Walsh - St. Anne’s &
Brian O’Malley

Respect Life
Protect the Rights of Pro-Life
Health Care Providers:
The new session of Congress began on January 4, 2016. Please tell your elected representatives that you expect them to uphold the right of conscientious objection to abortion by enacting the policy of the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA). Let them know that Congress’s failure in December 2015 to pass even the modest, common-sense protections of ANDA, which have long enjoyed bi-partisan support, is not acceptable. Make sure Congress knows we will not be silent and we will not give up on our efforts to defend life and liberty.
The need for ANDA has only grown since 2014 when California started forcing almost all health plans in the state to cover elective abortions, even late-term abortions. This policy has no exemption for moral or religious objections. A mandate for hospitals, even religious ones, to perform abortions may be next. What is more, other states such as Washington and New York may be following California’s lead. These actions clearly violate a federal law known as the Weldon Amendment, which forbids governments receiving federal health care funds to discriminate against those who decline to take part in abortion or abortion coverage. Unfortunately, this amendment has legal weaknesses that make it ineffective against such challenges. The policy of ANDA will allow victims of discrimination a “right of action” to defend their rights in court and clarify the law in other ways. For more details and a video about the need for ANDA, visit www.humanlifeactioncenter.org and click on “Action Center” and then “Action Alerts” alerts.

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

Today at the 11:45 Mass we will send our catechumens, Hye Yung Kang, Trent Schmatz and Tasha Seyad to the Diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election. This rite at the 11:45 Mass is an opportunity for us as a community to express our approval of the catechumens and to send them forth to the celebration of election assured of our care and support. This year the Rite of Election will be held at St. Rose Church in Massapequa because of the renovations at the St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. All the catechumens (those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil) from the Diocese will be present. Bishop Murphy will preside at the Rite.
The Rite of Election closes the Period of the Catechumenate. This rite normally coincides with the first Sunday of Lent. At this rite, upon the testimony of sponsors and catechists and the catechumens’ affirmation of their intention to join the Church, the Church makes its "election" of these catechumens to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. In the presence of the bishop, they inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect at the cathedral as a pledge of fidelity. Now the catechumens are called “the elect”. They now begin a Period of Purification and Enlightenment — the final, intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, three scrutinies (rites for self-searching and repentance) and the presentations of the Creed and Lord’s Prayer take place. This period concludes with the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.
This Lent continue your prayer, support and encouragement for Hye Yung, Trent and Tasha.
**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.

**Lenten Practices**
Catholics are encouraged in Lent to cultivate three religious practices: fasting and abstinence, prayer and almsgiving.

**What does it mean to fast?**
Fasting is more than simply self control around food. Spiritual fasting enhances our hunger for God. Fasting is one of the most ancient practices in Lent.

**When do we fast?**
Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means we do not eat food between meals. We eat one full meal a day and the other two meals should not total that one full meal. When we fast we are more alert and open to the activities of God in our lives.

**What does it mean to abstain?**
To abstain is to refrain from eating meat as an act of penance and sacrifice. Since many people in our world cannot afford to eat meat, our abstaining from eating meat can put us in solidarity with the hungry and poor of the world.

**When do we abstain?**
Catholics abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics who have completed their fourteenth year of age are bound by the law of abstinence.

**What ways do we pray in Lent?**
Lent is a time to make a conscious effort to pray more and with greater regularity. The celebration of the Eucharist is considered the source and summit of Catholic prayer. Actively preparing for Sunday by reading the assigned Scripture readings ahead of time can be part of one’s Lenten discipline. You can find the scripture citations for the next Sunday in the bulletin each week. You can choose to celebrate Mass more often than just on Sundays. Our weekday masses are at 7:30AM (Monday – Thursday), 9:00AM and 7:00PM on Lenten Mondays – Fridays. Set aside time for personal prayer each day. Pray as a family before meals. Bless one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead before leaving the house in the morning or before bed at night.

**How will I use my treasure during Lent? Almsgiving!**
Almsgiving is more than giving money. It is all the things we can do to make the broken world whole again. The aim of giving alms is to right the wrong distribution caused by greed or power or anything else. We can give our time, talent, and treasure as almsgiving. What donations could you make to charity this Lent? Could you forgive someone a monetary debt they owe you?

As you come to receive ashes this Ash Wednesday make a promise that you will be faithful to the Lenten practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Make room for God and one another this Lent.
Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group
Industry Panel Presentation

Wednesday, February 24th at 7:30PM in the cafeteria

All are welcome to attend this informative panel presentation, which features fellow parishioners from various career fields who will provide a brief overview of their industry/job. Presenters include:

Peter Healy – Insurance
Len Wolfring – IT
Tina O’Keeffe – Entrepreneurs
Dave McDonald – Consulting

Dan Mullins - Banking/Finance
Jim Marron - Sales/Marketing
Joe Farelli – Law

Following their remarks, the speakers and others will break out to their respective tables around the room, giving everyone the opportunity to move around and engage in conversation with people in the fields in which they are interested.

Many thanks to Peter Healy and Jim Marron for leading this meeting. Sue Crinnion will also be present to take photos of any member of the group who would like a new headshot for their LinkedIn profile.

Our Industry Panel Presentation is open to all, whether you are currently seeking employment or considering the possibilities of a change. For more information, please contact Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org.

Court Saint Anne Catholic Daughters

Following their regular meeting last Sunday, Court Saint Anne Catholic Daughters enjoyed a special celebration of Chinese New Year. Thanks to Maria Clark for planning the delicious buffet luncheon.
Our banners are now complete!

MERCY? LOVE IT!
MERCY! LEARN IT!
MERCY... LIVE IT!

After months of wondering “What are the blank banners for???, after asking for your suggestions, we begin Lent with the charge to love it, learn it, and live it! Many thanks for the many suggestions that you submitted. It was the suggestion of an eighth grader at St. Anne’s School that seemed to be the best choice. May these banners be a reminder to all of us and to our neighborhood of the great mercy of God. May St. Anne’s parish community be a shining example of the mercy of God in all we do.

Mercy Question of the Week
What are some of the ways in which you can show the mercy of Christ to your friends and family this Lent?
When have you shown mercy to a friend or classmate who is hurting?

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Long Island Catholic Magazine
This month in The Long Island Catholic Magazine. In the January/February edition Fr. Frank Pizzarelli, executive director and founder of Hope House Ministries reflects on chemical and drug dependency on Long Island and the hope and healing taking place at Hope House. Q&A column on - Do I have to send my kids to Catholic School? Read about the power of prayer.
Please support the monthly magazine of the Diocese of Rockville Centre --subscribe today! One year of 10 issues for $20. Sign up on line at licatholic.org or call 1-800-443-2155 today.

The LI Coalition for Life
The LI Coalition for Life invites you to hear guest speaker Clare Hinshaw at its meeting on February 22nd. Her topic will be “Advancing the Culture of Life as a Young Professional.” Clare, Development Relations Coordinator for Young America’s Foundation, has been involved in the pro-life movement from an early age.
The meeting starts at 7:45PM and is at the Joseph Barry Council K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville. No charge. For information please contact us at 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.
Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

7:30  Pasquale Varano
9:00  Ronald Hanson

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

7:30  Shelagh McGovern
9:00  Maurice Flynn

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

7:30  Annmarie Berton
9:00  Norene Higgins - 8th Anniversary

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

7:30  Arthur Muldoon
9:00  John J. Butz - 1st Anniversary

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

9:00  Raymond Loew

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

8:30  Gaetano Consiglio, Jacqueline Benn
8:30  Emelia Hagan - 4th Anniversary
8:30  Pedro Figueroa
5:00 PM  Rarie Nappi

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

7:00 AM  Parishioners of Saint Anne
8:30  John & Madeleine Esposito, Douglas O’Connor, Edward Aloise
10:00  Ray Loew
11:45  John J. Butz
5:30  Mary & Charles McLaughlin

Let us pray for those who have died

Harry G. Hill, Jr.
Paul Hollis

The Altar Bread & Wine for this week is in memory of John Joseph Butz
Donated by The Butz Family

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. Muscaro, US Navy
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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 in your prayers

- Denise Bedeian
- Kim Bily
- Deacon George Browne
- Regina Childs-Cacioppo
- Charles Cangelosi
- Kenneth Carpenter
- Mary Caruana
- Elizabeth Castellano
- Michael Cintorino
- Alex Colm
- Deborah Connelly
- Anthony Corrao
- Anthony Cuccia
- John D’Alessandro
- Claire Decker
- Denise DeCrescito
- Mike DiGregorio
- Marie Dillon
- Danny Drumm
- Janet Fellingham
- Ryan Fornasar
- Frank Gagliardo
- Dennis Gallery
- Charles Giblato
- Patricia Hnis
- Patrick Hughes Sr.
- Wil Hughes
- David Jones
- Terese Karcher
- William Knipfing
- Klawdia Krig
- Ricky Loew
- Henry Lynk
- Patricia Maher
- Bart Marconi
- Michelle Marooney
- Danny Marquino
- Frank Mauro
- Jack McAuliffe
- John McCluskey, Jr.
- Gabriele Monastero
- Tina Napoli
- Andrea O’Halloran
- Thomas Onorato
- Adelaide Parks
- Kathleen Picha
- Nicholas Piotrowski
- Ellen Redding
- John Rochford
- Chloe Rombach
- Melissa Sarfin
- Dr. Lester Schnell
- Ann Senchysyn
- Sharon Sharp Elliot
- Michael Sigwalt
- Mary Spadaro
- Robert Stevenson
- Susan Stiehl
- Kristen Stimmer
- Jean Thompson
- Debbie Ventura
- Aurora Vinciguerra
- Loretta Wess
- Callie Williams
- Susan Williams
- Ann Willis
- Geraldine Witzig
- Andrew Wykowski
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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 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 15th - President’s Day

Wednesday, February 17th
1:30PM - Senior Scene - Cafeteria
8:00PM - Respect Life Committee - Faculty Rm.
8:00PM - Knights of Columbus - Cafeteria

Thursday, February 18th
12 Noon - CDA Bridge - McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM - Families Anonymous - Faculty Room

Friday, February 19th
7:30PM - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, February 20th
8:00AM - CYO - McCloskey Auditorium

Sunday, February 21st
1:30PM - Baptisms

Please note there will be no Family Mass on Sunday, February 21st.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 20
5:00PM-Fr. Rudy

Sunday, February 21
7:00AM-Fr. Rudy
8:30AM-Fr. Tom 11:45AM-Fr. Peter
10:00AM-Fr. Tom 5:30PM-Fr. Rudy

Celebrant subject to change