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MERCY MONDAYS

SPIRITUAL MARCH MADNESS

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Mondays: February 29, March 7, March 14 & March 21

You may attend either the morning or evening session offered on each date.

Mornings after the 9AM Mass or evenings at 7:30PM in the St. Therese Chapel

Please see Fr. Tom’s letter and page 9

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 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
Dan Mullins  Banking/Finance
Len Wolfring  IT
Jim Marron  Sales/Marketing
Tina O’Keeffe  Entrepreneurship
Joe Farelli  Law
Dave McDonald  Consulting

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.
Dear Parishioners,

We have wonderful readings today that can guide us well through this third week of Lent. The first reading from Genesis recounts God’s covenant with Abraham, our father in faith. God assures Abraham of countless descendants, as many as the stars of the sky. The middle reading reminds us “our citizenship is in heaven,” and gives us a clear sense that our life here is indeed a journey. The gospel recounts the story of the Transfiguration, that mysterious mountaintop experience when Jesus reveals himself in his divinity to Peter, James, and John. As they will learn, this experience is one of a series that changes their lives forever.

I find the themes of these readings most encouraging. Our faith is the faith of generations and is meant to be passed on from age to age. We are part of a faith community that extends to the ends of the earth and beyond. God wants us to share in his company. He offered that to Abraham; he extends to us his companionship today; we need to pass that kind of faith to our children and our children’s children. Ours is the faith of generations.

Paul assures us our “citizenship is in heaven” yet not all of humanity shares that perspective. We realize we too need transformation. Lent is about the work of transformation. We seek to change how we act, what we think, and how we believe. This sense of transformation and change is designed to draw us closer and closer to the Lord. So our lenten practices are not mere exercises of self-restraint, penance, and prayer that give us a sense of self-discipline or strength of will. They are exercises to help us grow closer to the Lord and to one another as “citizens of heaven.”

The senses of sight and hearing play a significant part in the Transfiguration. These apostles are privileged to see Jesus as they had never seen him before. They also hear a voice from the heavens who affirms Jesus as the chosen Son. They marvel at what they see. They are silenced by what they hear. They become frightened by the experience and hold the experience to themselves, at the time sharing it with no one.

How are we to understand the Transfiguration and why do we hear this story every second Sunday of Lent? Pope Francis enjoys the use of the word encounter. The Transfiguration is a very important encounter for both Jesus, the apostles, and the Church. Important for Jesus because this is the first time he shares his divine identity in such a physical way with the apostles. Important for the apostles because not only does the encounter lead them to a new understanding of Jesus, this experience will lead them to a new understanding of themselves and their mission. Important for the Church, because this event of Jesus’ time with the apostles has become instructive for the Church all through the ages. We desire encounters with Jesus that are enlightening, transformative, and instructive for us. We want to meet Jesus in his presence in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, and in other human persons. We encounter him through the grace of the sacrament, the challenge of the gospel parable, and in the suffering of the ill person. We encounter him in the community at Sunday Mass, in the miracle story of the loaves and fishes and in the generosity of those who give so that others may live. We encounter him in the members of our family, in those with whom we disagree and in those who are strangers to us. Transfiguration happens when these encounters with the Lord enlighten, transform, and instruct us.

**MERCY MONDAYS**

Soon the sports news will be filled with reports about March Madness, the NCAA basketball tournament that culminates in the crowning of a college basketball team. March this year is a little different. Because of leap year, March begins one day later. And though March may come in as a lion, before it goes out as a lamb, we will have celebrated Easter Sunday. So at St. Anne’s we will have our own particular March theme. During March we will observe **Mercy Mondays.** (Oddly enough, we will begin on Monday, February 29, in a nod to the uniqueness of leap year.) On these Mondays you are invited to share with other parishioners and members of the parish staff reflections and thoughts on the topic of mercy. These days, after the 9:00 Mass in the morning, and at 7:30pm in the evening, will be part of our **Jubilee Year of Mercy.** Assisting us for these gatherings will be Pope Francis’, *The Name of God Is Mercy,* his recent book that has maintained the #2 or #3 spot on the best-seller list. This book is the result of an interview with Pope Francis on the meaning of Mercy. The Pope reflects on forgiveness, shame, confession, the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and many other topics. His reflections touch the soul and heart of the reader as he often uses personal and real life experiences to illustrate his point. Reading the book is not required for participation in these discussions. For those who wish, the book will be available at a reduced price of fifteen dollars.

These **Mercy Mondays** provide a good Lenten practice that will help shape each of our Lenten weeks. The dates for these gatherings are February 29, March 7, March 14 and will culminate on March 21 with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You can attend either morning or evening sessions.

**RECTORY UPDATE**

We are moving ever closer to the repair of the rectory. Contract proposals have been drawn up; bids received and interviews with contractors completed. Costs and insurance payments have been identified and final preparations in terms of emptying the rectory are underway. Once a contract has been awarded and permission to proceed from the diocese has been requested, I hope to give you a more complete update. Work should begin in March and is estimated to last 90 days. We are getting there!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOAVES AND FISHES

Lord, make us worthy to serve the poor around the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Let us come together not to plan any big thing, but to give to others until it hurts, for the poor and needy enrich us and show us Jesus. Amen.

~ Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Weekly Food Drive

We thank everyone who helped to fill the Loaves and Fishes closets this past week. Your donations were delivered to Saint Martha’s Parish outreach center. They had called us to say their food supplies were extremely low.

Saint Anne’s Loaves and Fishes Ministry collects food and delivers it to local parish outreach centers which serve people who are hungry and in need. Your food donations really make a difference in the amount of food a struggling family will receive. When you’re shopping for your own family, please consider purchasing extra items to support people in need. Items that are most requested include:

- Soup
- Pasta Sauce & Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cereal
- Powdered Milk
- Rice
- Baby Diapers - large sizes
- Tuna fish
- Canned vegetables
- 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 7:00AM-2:30PM. Please call Barbara Tranfaglia at 741-0629 or Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904 to volunteer or for more information.

We received a letter from Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Roosevelt, where a recent food delivery from Saint Anne’s was made.

Dear Friends from Saint Anne’s:
Thank you so much for your donation of food!
God bless you for all your kindness to us and to the people of Roosevelt.
Wishing you a happy and blessed Easter!

Gratefully,
Lucy Gerin
Administrator

"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. 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.

Easter Baskets for Children in Need

Easter baskets will be handed out at the 5:00PM and 10:00AM Masses next Sunday. Please see next Sunday’s bulletin for more information.
**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.

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<td><strong>Please bring 2 loaves of bread and cold cuts for your family to make sandwiches, a box of sandwich baggies and a bag of individually wrapped Easter candy. (Gloves will be provided.)</strong> We look forward to working together with you and your children as you teach them the gift of service. This is a popular event at Saint Anne’s and we ask that you please <strong>RSVP by March 9th</strong> to Corrin Culhane at <a href="mailto:corrinculhane@gmail.com">corrinculhane@gmail.com</a>.</td>
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<td>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. If you have any thoughts to share, please contact Mary Stenson at <a href="mailto:mstenson67@gmail.com">mstenson67@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>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.” We have a Wednesday morning playgroup that we fondly call Coffee &amp; Kids. Our families are connected with each other through Couples’ Nights and family events. Parishioners interested in joining may contact Amy Doggendorf at <a href="mailto:stannesmoms@gmail.com">stannesmoms@gmail.com</a>.</td>
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“Master, it is good that we are here.”
~Luke 9: 33

We are often blessed with events that cause us to want to stay in the moment. This is what Peter, James, and John experienced as they observed the Transfiguration of Jesus. But these moments can’t last. Jesus is proof of that since the beauty of the Transfiguration anticipates his suffering, death, and resurrection. There are times when we too will experience sadness, disappointment, loneliness, and other less than happy moments. The lesson to be learned is that we can be transfigured by looking forward and remembering that in every moment of our lives we are beloved children of God who will one day find that we can stay in the moment as we meet our God.

Classes this week:
Sunday, February 21 – No Classes – Winter Break
Monday, February 22 - Grades 1 through 6 – 4 to 5:10 PM
Tuesday, February 23 - Grades 1 through 6 – 4 to 5:10 PM
Wednesday, February 24 – Grades 1 through 6 – 4 to 5:10 PM
Wednesday, February 24 – Grade 7 Classes 7 to 8:30 PM (Service hours and journals due)
Wednesday, February 24 – Grade 8 – Required parent and student meeting (See below)

Service hours and journals due
Sunday, February 28 – One-on-one classes (8:30 to 9:15 AM)
Sunday, February 28 – Grades 1 through 6 (9 to 10:15 AM)

Grade 8 Parents and Children:
Confirmation is rapidly approaching, as are events that help prepare the students for this sacrament. Please note the events listed below for the week ahead:
Wednesday, February 24 at 7 PM – All Confirmation candidates and a parent or adult are required to attend a meeting with Father Tom in McCluskey Auditorium.
Sunday, February 28 from 2:15 to 6:30 PM – Confirmation candidates in Group A (Faith Formation and St. Anne’s) should plan on attending a Confirmation retreat in McCluskey Auditorium. Mass will end the retreat. Group B students (Faith Formation, St. Anne’s and Kellenberg) will attend their retreat on March 13.
All parents of Confirmation candidates should have received an e-mail sent from this office on Wednesday, February 3 outlining future dates. In addition, a mailing was sent out requesting heights for ordering Confirmation robes and the offering.

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 PM in the Church)
Tuesday, February 23 – All students in grades 1 and 2 who attend Faith Formation classes on Tuesday (4:10 PM in the Church)
Wednesday, February 24 – All grade 4 students who attend Faith Formation class on Wednesday (4:10 PM in the chapel)

Service Hours Grade 7 and 8:
Seventh and eighth grade Faith Formation students are reminded that the service logs and journals are due on February 24. Seventh grade students should bring them to class and submit them to their teachers. Eighth grade students should bring them to the parent-candidate meeting and place them in the box provided.

Seventh Grade Parents: Please note the information on page 8 about “The High Cost of Free Love” a video your child will be shown in Faith Formation class on March 2. Parents are encouraged to preview this frank video on Monday, February 29 at 7PM.
LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Lent

“They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.”

The disciples should be silent. They have just been corrected by a divine voice from heaven, “This is my Son, LISTEN to him!” When we are not talking we are in the first stages of listening. Silence is the beginning of listening. Profound silence requires an empty, receptive mind and is the goal of listening. When the disciples are silent they can ponder “what they have seen.” Beyond seeing is understanding what they have seen. It takes time to truly understand the truth of what they have seen. It is when they have meditated on the events of Jesus’ life that they come to understand what they must do. During Lent take time to ponder the events in Jesus’ life and how these events touch your own life. Perhaps what you must do will become clearer. LISTEN to him!

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Family Mass News

Family Mass resumes next Sunday, February 28th at 10:30! We will be celebrating with Rob and Amy Ingersoll as Rob is received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church.

Altar Server Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Altar Servers this 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.

Today, Feb. 21st at the 10:00 Mass Thomas Tysz, Heather Pomara, and Donna Ingram will be sent forth to the “Call to Continuing Conversion” with the Bishop at St. Rose Church. Along with others from our diocese who are completing their sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) and those who will be received into full communion in the Church, they will state their intent to complete their initiation in the church. On Pentecost Tom and Heather will receive Confirmation and at the Easter Vigil Donna will be received into the Church with the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Last Sunday at the 11:45 Mass we sent Hye-Yung Kang to the Rite of Election with Bishop Murphy.

Hye-Yung Kang, Trent Schmatz and Tasha Seyad attended the Rite of Election with Bishop Murphy last Sunday at St. Rose Church in Massapequa.

All the catechumens (those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil) from the Diocese attend the Rite of Election each First Sunday of Lent.

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**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY**

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

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**Mercy Question of the Week**

When you were hurting how were you helped by the compassionate presence of Jesus?

How can you share this with another who is hurting?

When were you scared and felt all alone? Who helped you and showed God’s compassionate mercy?

©Pastoral Planning

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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.

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**Monday, February 29th at 7:00PM**

Parents are invited 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 on Monday, February 29 at 7PM in McCloskey Auditorium.** Their children will see it on March 2.

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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**RCIA continued from page 7**

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.

During this time of Lent continue your prayer, support and encouragement for Hye Yung, Trent, Tasha, Tom, Heather and Donna.
**Youth Ministry**

**Meeting Tonight - 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

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**Wedding Banns**

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**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.
SISTERS OF LIFE
Hope & Healing
After Abortion

If you are suffering from the pain of a past abortion, know that there is hope and healing.

Contact the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

Days of Prayer & Healing
Saturdays in 2016
For Women: February 27, March 19, April 30
For Siblings: April 6
For Men: TBA
For men, siblings, or couples who abort due to an adverse diagnosis call Lumina at 877.586.4621 or email: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back

For each car, truck or van, running or not the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church $50/$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don’t have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of.

Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718-491-2525. Thank you for your participation.

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 form
◘ Attend Virtus Training

Registration, Release and Code of Conduct forms are available at the parish office. If you have not yet attended Virtus training, please register for an upcoming session through the diocesan website, dvrc.org. Click on Virtus Online on the homepage.

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

For you information, the following article is reprinted from VIRTUS online, a continuing educational series focused on the protection of children and vulnerable adults and prevention of sexual abuse.

Mobile App Danger
Kik Messenger

By Robert Hugh Farley, M.S.

Introduction

Recently, I presented three child abuse investigation workshops at the 27th Annual Crimes against Children Conference in Dallas where approximately 4000 child abuse professionals were in attendance. During the conference, I spoke with several law enforcement officers who were from Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Task Forces from around the United States. In the course of these conversations I posed the question, “What is the most dangerous cell phone or mobile device app that is used by young people today?” The overwhelming response was a mobile app that is called Kik.

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Background
In the past, parents had been warned by law enforcement that in order to protect young people from Internet predators one should place the home computer in an open area such as a kitchen or family room. Today, many young people will only use a computer or PC to complete a homework assignment or perhaps to do research for school. Today, most social contact, especially among young people, is conducted almost exclusively on smartphones and tablets. As a result, a parent’s attempt to monitor his/her child’s technology-facilitated social contact, can be problematic because of the many innovative apps that exist or are on the social networking horizon.

Kik Messenger or Kik was released in 2010. Kik became very popular with young people in 2013 and is an instant messaging application or app for mobile communication devices. Kik utilizes Wi-Fi or a data plan to transmit and receive text messages. Currently this free, cross-platform messaging app, which is based in Canada, is available in operating systems for iOS, Android, and Windows Phone. It is not available in a PC or computer format. In addition to texting, one can also share photos, videos, mobile webpages and other content. In 2015, Kik is reported to have recorded 200 million users.

Dangers
After downloading, Kik requires it’s users to register a username. The app itself is rated 17+ and although children under 13 are prohibited from using Kik, there is no age verification process when one is registering. Unlike regular texting, users are identified only by a user name and not a real name or phone number. If a parent were to check a young person’s smartphone that parent would find that all of the data is deleted when a conversation ends. Therefore, a parent who is attempting to be proactive by trying to view their child’s conversations is left in the dark as previous conversations are automatically deleted. Unlike Facebook or Twitter, where you have to be “friends” or “follow” someone before sending a message, Kik users can interact via texting at any time. As a result, Kik makes it much easier for technology-facilitated predators to operate.

Unfortunately, some young people are still unaware of the dangers of having texting conversations with technology-facilitated friends. For example, in 2014 a California man was charged federally with using Kik to blackmail and then extort eight minor females he had been “sexting” with into sending him nude photos of themselves.

As a result of the enormous amount of nude and pornographic images that were being exchanged by users of this app, in March 2015, Kik, announced that it would begin using Microsoft’s PhotoDNA Cloud Service to automatically detect and report to authorities the distribution of known child pornography images.

Another dangerous feature for young people is that Kik offers its own browser with direct access to optimized webpages, using mobile web, all without leaving the Kik app. Because Kik has no parental controls, dangerous messaging webpages such as Role Play Chat or HeyHey easily allow a predator to change his personal information and then select the gender and age range of those young people he wants to text with.

Conclusion
Just banning a young person from using the Kik app is not the answer. A parent should instead sit down and talk about the dangers of texting or meeting face-to-face with those one does not really know and then discuss boundaries for the use of a mobile device such as parental permission to download apps.

Adults cannot be lulled into believing that they are attuned to today’s social networking landscape. Technology continues to rapidly change. Parents, teachers and all of us who are charged with protecting children must continue our efforts to stay abreast of the many new mobile device apps that may be used by young people and child molesters who are seeking to manipulate and abuse children.
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.

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. 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?

This week 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.
Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22
7:30  Guido Moneta
9:00  Raymond Lum

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
7:30  Arthur Muldoon
9:00  Cecelia Guenthner

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
7:30  Anastasia Bono
9:00  Anne Harold

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7:30  Bishop James McHugh
9:00  Vito Badalamente - 5th Anniversary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
9:00  Robert Murphy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
8:30  Rosemary Summers, Sharon Kubiak
5:00 PM  Christopher DeCrescito - 3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:00 AM  Liam Mitchell* - Living Intention
8:30  Parishioners of St. Anne, Alexander Tyska, Robert W. McGowan
10:00  Richard Fronc - 1st Anniversary
10:30AUD  Elias A. Jaghab, Jr.
11:45  Laurence J. Stratton
5:30  Genevieve Fellingham

The Altar Bread & Wine for this week is in memory of
Harry Hill
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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
Sgt. Charles Bosch, US Army
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L/Cpl. Neal T. Burke, USMC
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Gunnery Sergeant Denis Cashin, USMC
Capt. Matthew Clements, US Army
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Let us pray for those who have died
Brendan B. Creighton  Joseph M.Hailey
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Kathryn Rieder  Aurora Vinciguerra

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
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Please remember the following people in your prayers

- Denise Bedeian
- Kim Bily
- Deacon George Browne
- Regina Childs-Cacopppo
- Charles Cangelosi
- Kenneth Carpenter
- Mary Caruana
- Elizabeth Castellano
- Michael Cintorino
- Alex Colin
- Deborah Connelly
- Anthony Corrao
- Anthony Cuccia
- John D’Alessandro
- Claire Decker
- Denise DeCrescito
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We Celebrate the Sacraments

Eucharist
Saturday Evening
5:00PM
Sunday
7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:45, 5:30PM
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 on 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 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 22nd
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium

Tuesday, February 23rd
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM Divorced & Separated Catholics - School
7:30PM Boy Scouts - Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 24th
7:00PM Faith Formation Meeting for all Confirmation candidates - McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM R.C.I.A. - Offsite
7:30PM Professional Networking Group - Cafeteria

Thursday, February 25th
4:00PM Altar Server Training - Church
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
6:00PM Altar Server Training - Church
7:30PM Families Anonymous - Faculty Room

Friday, February 26th
6:00PM Respite Care Program - Cafeteria & McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM Stations of the Cross—Church

Saturday, February 27th
8:00AM CYO Basketball Clinic - McCloskey Auditorium

Sunday, February 28th
2:15PM Faith Formation Retreat - McCloskey Auditorium

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 27
5:00PM-Fr. Peter

Sunday, February 28
7:00AM-Fr. Peter  10:30 AM-Fr. Tom
8:30AM-Fr. Tom  11:45AM-Fr. Rudy
10:00AM-Fr. Rudy  5:30PM-Fr. Tom

Celebrant subject to change