MERcy MONdays  
SPIRITUAL MARCH MADNESS

Please consider joining us for a discussion on Mercy to help make your Lenten journey more meaningful.

Guided by Pope Francis’ book, The Name of God is Mercy, we will reflect on topics such as forgiveness, shame, confession and the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Reading the book is not required to participate in the discussions. For those who wish, the book will be available for a suggested offering of $15.

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

Mornings after the 9AM Mass or evenings at 7:30PM  
Both sessions will be held in the St. Therese Chapel.

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

Monday, February 29th at 7:00PM

Parent Screening of the video “The High cost of Free Love”

Parents are invited to view the video ”The High Cost of Free Love” before it is shown to the students. This video takes 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.

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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.
Last Sunday at the 10:00 Mass our candidates for completion of the Sacraments of Initiation, Donna Ingram, Thomas Tysz, Heather Pomara and Ian Roth were sent forth to attend the Call to Continuing Conversion at the diocesan prayer service at St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa. Bishop Brennan presided at the service. At this service the bishop questioned the candidates, and sponsors concerning readiness for admission to Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep our candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation and our elect who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil in your prayers.

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

**Screening of the video “The High cost of Free Love”**

Parents are invited to view the 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 7:00PM in McCloskey Auditorium. Faith Formation students will see it on March 2. St. Anne’s students will see it at a later date.

St. Anne’s has chosen to fulfill the Diocese of Rockville Centre requirement for chastity education for 7th 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.
Dear Parishioners,

Our School Principal Dr. William O'Sullivan, affectionately known as “Dr. O” throughout the school community announced this past Wednesday that he will retire at the conclusion of this present school year. Ten years ago, Msgr. Gilmartin invited Dr. O to “unretire” after working 42 years in public education and come to St. Anne’s as our principal. Happily, Dr. O accepted Fr. John’s invitation and has provided wonderful leadership these past ten years. When he signed on ten years ago, Dr. O thought it would be a three year assignment. He grew to love the kids and the school and continued to lead us on a year by year basis. Appropriately, he chooses to retire for a second time in 2016. The Class of 2016, with whom he began his ministry as Principal when they were Pre-K students, will be graduating St. Anne’s as he ends his time as Principal. Together Dr. O and the Class of 2016 have had a great run together.

Along with the entire parish, school community, faculty, and parish staff, I am very grateful to Dr. O for these five years that we have worked together. Ours is an excellent school in all sorts of ways. Dr. O’s leadership has been an essential part of that success. Obviously his 52 years of school experience and his knowledge of school and kids and parents is a great asset to our school. Many principals share that gift with their school community. Beyond that important quality for a school principal, Dr. O has brought many personal qualities to our school that has made his leadership so special and such a gift to St. Anne’s.

Dr. O has brought to his school ministry every day an evenness of temperament, a spirit of kindness, and a gentle wisdom. Our day to day school operation under his leadership truly creates a friendly, courteous, and safe environment that provides for a spirit of calm and cheerfulness that allows learning to take place. So many schools seem to operate in “intense” mode. St. Anne’s operates in an orderly and relaxed mode that is healthy for children. It is the kind of atmosphere that allows for gospel virtues to be taught and lived.

Dr. O brought to his ministry everyday the lived experience of living the vocations of husband, dad, and grandfather. His commitment to these vocations and to his family enriches the community that he serves at St. Anne’s. Parents, children, teachers all know they have a principal who understands their lives and respects them. Often, in our conversations, Dr. O would share with me his wisdom about a parent’s perspective. Again this type of personal commitment and wisdom enriches our school.

Dr. O has often commented on his own faith experience during his time as principal at St. Anne’s. He has spoken with gratitude about how these past ten years has deepened his own faith. That kind of openness to faith, prayer, and eucharist has strengthened our Catholic identity. Many years ago, Fr. John and Dr. O enhanced the religion curriculum here with the addition of two faculty members, particularly dedicated to teaching religion and the scheduling of Masses for each individual class in the school. The introduction of the St. Therese Chapel as a school chapel has been a great blessing to the school and the parish. St. Anne’s is now one of the strongest Catholic parish schools in our diocese.

Thank you Dr. O’Sullivan. As the school year moves toward its conclusion in June, we will have opportunities to thank Dr. O for his exemplary ministry to our school and congratulate him on his retirement. (Please see Dr. O’s letter on page 9.)

MERCY MONDAYS

This Monday, February 29 we will begin our Lenten series of Mercy Mondays. These will be gatherings to reflect on the theme of mercy during this Holy Year of Mercy. The basis for our reflections will be Pope Francis’ new book, The Name of God is Mercy. One reflection will be in the morning after the 9:00 Mass and another gathering will take place at 7:30PM. Both will take place in the Saint Therese Chapel in the basement of the school.

SUNDAY GOSPEL

Today’s gospel in its second half is Jesus’ parable of the fig tree. The tree lacks any figs and the owner of the tree wants to chop it down. The gardener intervenes. Keep the tree for another year the gardener insists and give me a chance to nurture the tree. What’s the difference between the owner and the gardener? I think we can say the gardener loves the tree. His love for the tree encourages patience to give the tree another chance. The parable is clearly a parable about God who is forever patient with us. At another level the parable challenges us to be more like the gardener, persons willing to give each other an additional chance, not giving up on one another because of our mistakes.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fa. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOAVES AND FISHES

Love expressed in action...

If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world...In the Eucharist we receive Christ hungering in the world. He comes to us, not alone, but with the poor, the oppressed, the starving of the earth. Through Him they are looking to us for help, for justice, for love expressed in action. Therefore, we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the Bread of Life to those in need, wherever and whoever they may be.

~Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

Easter Baskets for Children in Need

This Sunday, 4th and 5th grade students from Saint Anne’s School will hand out 350 Easter baskets to parishioners, who are asked to return them filled with Easter candy and other traditional Easter goodies. In addition, we ask you to bring one jar of peanut butter or a box of cereal which will be given to each family receiving Easter baskets (The food items should be separate from the basket.)

Easter baskets should be returned the following weekend or by March 13th - they can be left in the Loaves and Fishes closets in the rear of the church (open from 7:00AM to 2:30PM all week) or at the parish office.

All baskets will be delivered to the parish outreach centers on Monday morning, March 14th so they will be available for distribution before Palm Sunday. Thank you for your support!

Weekly Food Drive

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.
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

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

Respite Care
The next session of our Respite Care program will be held on Friday, March 11th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.

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. If you have any thoughts to share, please contact Mary Stenson at mstenson67@gmail.com
We encourage parents to consider viewing of the video that will be shown to all 7th grade students. Please see page 2.

Professional Networking Group

Save the Date: Wednesday, March 16th – How to Get Your Resume Viewed by a Hiring Manager

Please see page 11 in this bulletin to fill out a copy of our survey and join the group.

Saint Anne’s Professional Networking group is a great way to develop professional connections among people in our parish. The group exists on Linked in and you are welcome to join at any time. Please click on the Interests tab and then on Groups, where you can select Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group. Monthly events are held at Saint Anne’s, offering the opportunity for face-to-face networking with fellow parishioners. One-to-one support on a confidential basis is available; for more information, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org.

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. For details call Helen Capece at 327-9179. Join us for fun!

Game Night-Wed., March 9 at 7:30PM/Faculty Room

Words of Pope Francis

“The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step toward Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.”

Families in Service Sandwich - Making Event
Parents and children interested in working together to serve those in need are invited to join Families in Service on Saturday, March 12th from 8:00 to 9:30AM in the school cafeteria. We will be making sandwiches for the Mary Brennan INN, which serves meals to people in need who may be homeless or facing difficult challenges at this time. We will also be preparing goody bags for children to be distributed through the Nassau County Department of Social Services.

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.) We look forward to working together with you and your children as you teach them the gift of service.

Senior Scene
The next meeting of the Senior Scene will be Wednesday, March 2 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.
“Sir, leave it (the fig tree) for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.”

~Luke 13: 8-9

Today’s Gospel is one of my favorites. It tells us that God is a God of second chances. That little fig tree which repeatedly bore no fruit is given another opportunity to bloom with the care and nurturing of the gardener. Sometimes we are not aware of when God, like the gardener, is nurturing us. We may not be aware of the grace, love, and forgiveness that is always available to us from God. Like the gardener who gives the fig tree great care so it will bear fruit, God gives us the grace we need to bear fruit – mercy, kindness, goodness, love, peace, joy. Like the fig tree, may we bear the fruits of God’s love and nurturing. This gospel speaks to my need, and perhaps yours as well, to be given second chances, over and over and over again.

**Classes this Week:**

- **Sunday, February 28** – One-on-one classes (8:30 to 9:15)
- **Sunday, February 28** – Grades 1 through 6 (9 to 10:15)
- **Monday, February 29** - Grades 1 through 6 (4 to 5:10 PM)
- **Tuesday, March 1** - Grades 1 through 6 (4 to 5:10 PM)
- **Wednesday, March 2** – Grades 1 through 6 (4 to 5:10 PM)
- **Wednesday, March 2** – Grade 7 at 7 PM in McCloskey
- **Sunday, March 6** – One-on-one classes (8:30 to 9:15)
- **Sunday, March 6** - Grades 1 through 6 (9 to 10:15)

**Grade 7 Parents:** Please plan on attending a meeting to view the video, “The High Cost of Free Love,” on Monday evening, February 29 at 7 PM in McCloskey Auditorium. 7th grade Faith Formation classes will be shown this video in class on March 2. St. Anne’s students will see it at a later date.

**Grade 8 Parents and Children:**

Confirmation is rapidly approaching, as are events that help prepare the students for this sacrament. Please note the upcoming events listed below:

- **Sunday, February 28 from 2:15 to 6:30 PM**
  Confirmation candidates in Group A (Faith Formation and St. Anne’s 8-1) should plan on attending a Confirmation retreat in McCloskey Auditorium. Mass will end the retreat.

- **Sunday, March 13 from 2:15 to 6:30 PM**
  Confirmation candidates in Group B (Faith Formation, St. Anne’s 8-2 and Kellenberg) will attend their retreat in McCloskey Auditorium. Mass will end the retreat.

**Family Faith Program:** We will meet **Sunday, March 6** in the chapel after 8:30 Mass. Also, please plan on attending a closing Mass at 8:30 in the chapel on **Sunday, April 10**.

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**Faith Formation Students Practice Mercy:**

Posted on a wall in St. Anne’s School, just past the cafeteria, is a display of student writing in response to Pope Francis’s call to look for works of mercy around them and within themselves. The students have shared some wonderful insights and we invite you to view them as well. Here are examples of four students’ observations:

- **Grade 2 student Emily** said: “I observed a work of mercy when my dad helped shovel the whole street. Also I observed an act of mercy when for dinner we had souls and we had more so my mom gave the rest to an old man across the street.”

- **Ava in grade 1** said: “I observed an act of mercy when my sister Nina collected pajamas for sick children in the hospital so they didn’t have to wear ugly hospital gowns. The pajamas made the children more comfortable, warm and happy.”

- **Frank, grade 8**, was really astute when he stated: “I observed a work of mercy when I went to the hospital to visit my grandpa and I saw someone next to him that was very sick for a long time and next to him was his wife that had stayed in the hospital for days to comfort him while he was in great pain. The man’s wife barely left his side since he had been in the hospital and had given him everything he needed to stay occupied and comfortable. This really helped the sick man because without his wife by his side, he might not have been able to get through this time in the hospital all by himself.”

- **Finally, Sean, grade 8** stated: “I observed an act of mercy when I attended a wake for someone in my community. At the wake the man’s family was sad so everyone helped the family go through this rough time. This is a spiritual work of mercy to give comfort.”

You are invited to view these insightful reflections any Sunday morning during Mass times.
LITURGY AND WORSHIP

**Third Sunday of Lent**

“Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.”

While today’s gospel, the Parable of the Fig Tree, demands repentance and the second reading from St. Paul warns us not to take salvation for granted, the responsorial psalm reminds us of God’s infinite mercy and compassion. Like the gardener in the parable, God always gives us another chance. The way to forgiveness is through reaching out and receiving the mercy God always offers us. This Lent let your heart be cultivated by the Divine Gardener who is slow to anger and abounding in kindness, our merciful God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered each Saturday afternoon and on Monday, March 21st, the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation. Make receiving this sacrament of forgiveness a Lenten MUST!

**Mercy Question of the Week**

What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God’s loving care? As you continue to grow how is God growing in and with you?

©Pastoral Planning

**The Scrutinies**

On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent rites called the Scrutinies are prayer for the elect (those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil). These prayers ask that the elect may be delivered from the powers of evil and falsehood and receive the gifts of the Lord. Our elect, Trent Schmatz, Hye Yung Kang, and Tasha Seyad will be present at the 5:00 Mass this weekend, the 11:45 on March 6th and the 10:30 Family Mass on March 13th for the Scrutinies.

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 Catholic 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 St. Anne’s Parish Office (352-5904) or srjudy@stannesgc.org for more information.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Family Mass News**

Today at Family Mass we celebrate the Reception into Full Communion in the Catholic Church with Rob Ingersoll! Congratulations, and God’s blessings for the Ingersoll family.

**Happy Clappers**

Next Sunday, March 6th the Happy Clappers will rehearse at 10:00AM in the auditorium. All children are invited to come and join the Happy Clappers.
First Friday is March 4th
We invite you to spend time in prayer...
Holy Hour

There will be a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, March 4th at 8:00PM in the Church.

COME JOIN US! - The Nocturnal Adoration Society is a group of parishioners who spend one hour in Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of every month.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Thursday, March 3rd at 4:30PM and Saturday at 4:00PM. If you are unable to make it at the scheduled time, please call the parish office at 352-5904 to make an appointment with a priest.

Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament is available to those who are ill, bringing God’s healing and strength. Anointing of the Sick is especially appropriate for anyone with serious illness, whether physical, emotional or spiritual, those who are being admitted to the hospital, or anyone who is elderly.

In this sacrament, Jesus asks, “Do you want to be healed?”
Through this sacrament, God offers us the gift of peace.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the first Saturday of each month at the 8:30AM Mass. If a loved one is unable to come to church, please call the parish office to arrange for a home visit.

Catholic Relief Services Collection
March 6, 2016
Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this Collection make a real difference in lives across the globe. How will you help? Next week, please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection and Jesus in disguise.

We welcome those newly baptized into our faith community
Gianpaolo Acevedo
Filippo Girolamo Romeo

Wedding Banns
Third Time
Marybeth Walsh - St. Anne’s
&
Brian O’Malley

Let us pray for those who have died
Brendan B. Creighton
Robert S. Doud
Joseph M. Haley
Stanley Hartz
Lillian L. Luy
Kathryn Rieder
Dorothy L. Scott
Aurora A. Vinciguerra
Youth Ministry
Meeting Tonight - February 28th
6:30 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

Respect Life

The Respect Life Committee strives to promote the message of the Gospel of Life: that life is sacred from conception to natural death. The members engage in prayer, education and charitable activities to achieve this goal. For more information, please call Susan Capece at (516) 327-9179.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Crisis Pregnancy:
• Life Center of Long Island: 516-408-6300 or 631-243-0066 (24-hour)
• Sisters of Life 1-866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

Upcoming Days of Prayer and Healing for
Men’s Retreat—Palm Sunday Weekend
Come To The Quiet

Each year during Lent the men of our Parish gather together for a Palm Sunday weekend retreat which recently has been held at the beautiful new Cenacle Retreat House located in Ronkonkoma, just north of the L.I.E.

The theme for this year’s weekend will be **The Peter, Judas, Magdalene, Thomas and Jesus in Each of Us**. Our Retreat Director will be Father Larry Lewis a Maryknoll priest and experienced retreat director. Father Larry has facilitated our retreat in the past and the men have found him to be a most engaging, prayerful and practical spiritual guide with a great sense of humor.

The weekend begins with dinner at 5PM on Friday, March 18th and concludes with Palm Sunday liturgy on March 20th.

Please consider joining us for what promises to be a rich and rewarding time away to reflect on the things that really matter in life.

The minimum offering for room and meals for the weekend is $250. Arrangements can be made for commuters as well. New retreatants are especially welcome.

To make arrangements, please contact the Cenacle directly at 631 588 8366 (ask for the Retreat office) or visit their website at retreat@cenaclesisters.org. Since space is limited please consider making your reservation as soon as possible.

Also feel free to call Frank Fields at (516)248-7830 or Bob Lynch at (917)488-9322 if you have any questions.

Diocesan Golden Wedding Jubilee Celebrations

This spring, couples that have been married 50 years or more will be honored at liturgies on **Sunday, April 10** at the **Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville** and on **Sunday, April 24** at the **Church of Maria Regina in Seaford**. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30PM. Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the parish office. **Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by March 25 for the April 10 liturgy and by April 8 for the April 24 liturgy.** If you have any questions, please call 516-678-5800, extension 207.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by a Catholic Priest in New Haven, CT. Back then, Catholics were very much discriminated against. Jobs were scarce for Catholics and the jobs that they could find were often times very dangerous. Father Michael J. McGivney would often see widows with children in tow entering his church. It was then that he decided to start an organization that would help these widows. Father McGivney gathered the men of his parish in the basement of his St. Mary’s church and formed the Knights of Columbus. At first, they did little more than pass a hat at the meetings but out of these humble beginnings has grown the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world consisting of over 1.8 million members. An organization that still has mechanisms in place to support its members’ widows.

But the Knights of Columbus has grown to be so much more than that. You see Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus on three principals. Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Charity….we do good things, we help people. Unity….we do it together, many hands make for light work. Fraternity….we have fun doing it. I have made friendships in the Knights of Columbus that will last a lifetime.

Globally, the Knights of Columbus have programs that feed families, provide coats for kids and are proud partners with Special Olympics. We fund the televised Mass from the Vatican and support the Christian refugees fleeing from war torn countries that persecute them for their faith.

Locally, our Council, Msgr. John Seidenschwang #11836 does so many things to make good Catholic men and their families be great Catholic men with their families. Msgr. John’s Knights support seminarians, adopt Families for Thanksgiving and Christmas and raise funds to support charities, St. Anne’s parish programs and fellow parishioners. Our council does this while having fun – holding concerts, dinner dances and helping at Spirit Day.

As you can see our council here at St. Anne’s should make you proud of their accomplishments. But now we need your help. God gave us all gifts and talents. Shouldn’t we be living our lives in a way that gives gratitude for those gifts? And if you’re thinking I have so little to offer or I don’t have the time… Remember the story of the **Leaves and the Fishes.** Just wait till you see what God can do with your gifts!

If you are a male 18 years of age or older, and are looking for a way to express your faith with other like-minded men and would like to know more about the Knights of Columbus, please contact us at Depolfamily18@optonline.net We need you now more than ever before.

Thank you for your time. God Bless you,
Jim Cioffi, Grand Knight
Msgr. John Seidenschwang Council #11836
Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group (SAPNG)

Our mission is to provide a venue and platform through Saint Anne’s Parish for developing professional connections among people, sharing information and discovering resources. Our goal is to empower those seeking personal or professional growth with actionable information.

Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group is for you, if you are:

◊ Currently employed and willing to advise or mentor a fellow parishioner, or offer a workshop or presentation in a specific skill area
◊ Currently employed and seeking professional development and/or possible career transition
◊ Actively seeking new employment

With monthly face-to-face meetings at Saint Anne’s and online connectedness via Linkedin to a wide network of friends and fellow parishioners - already over 340 strong, there are many ways to be of help to others and/or find help in your own search. To join our Linkedin group, simply log into your LinkedIn account or create a profile at linkedin.com, then "Link" into Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group under the ‘Groups’ section. (under the Interests tab)

Please Join Us!

You are invited to fill out the survey below. This information enables our group to support and connect members in a more personal way. Please return to Linda Leone at Saint Anne’s Parish Office 35 Dartmouth St. Garden City 11530 or scan and e-mail to lindaleone@stannesgc.org.

Name: ______________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Email: __________________________________

Industry: [CHECK ONE and add detail as appropriate]
◊ Financial Services (Type:____________________)
◊ Insurance (Type:____________________)
◊ Law (Type:____________________)
◊ Small Business Owner (Type:____________________)
◊ Education (Type:____________________)
◊ Healthcare (Type:____________________)
◊ Other (Type:____________________)

I am: [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]
◊ Currently employed
   Employer: ________________________________
   Title/Role: ________________________________
◊ Seeking professional development and possible career transition
◊ Actively seeking new employment

I am willing to: [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]
◊ Attend meetings as my schedule permits
◊ Speak at and/or assist in organizing a future meeting as relates to my experience/background
◊ Provide advice and insights via phone/email to a SAPNG member seeking to learn about my industry or role
◊ Participate in an industry panel as my schedule allows at a future meeting
◊ Be available to advise or mentor a SAPNG member through a transition/job search

If you would like to speak to someone for one-to-one support, please contact Linda Leone @ 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org and you will be on connected to an appropriate person. All information shared remains confidential.
**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

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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 29
9:30AM Mercy Mondays - Chapel
7:30PM Mercy Mondays - Chapel

Tuesday, March 1
7:30PM Boy Scouts - Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 2
1:30PM Senior Scene - Cafeteria
7:30PM R.C.I.A. - Offsite

Thursday, March 3
7:30PM Families Anonymous - Faculty Room

First Friday, March 4
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - Church
8:00PM Nocturnal Adoration Society - Church

Sunday, March 6
1:30PM Baptisms

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, March 5
5:00PM-Fr. Rudy
5:00PM-Special Needs Mass-Fr. Tom

Sunday, March 6
7:00AM-Fr. Rudy
10:30 AM-Fr. Peter
8:30AM-Fr. Tom
11:45AM-Fr. Tom
10:00AM-Fr. Rudy
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Celebrant subject to change