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

Wednesday, March 16th at 7:30PM in the cafeteria

What Happens When You Press Send:

A panel discussion with HR professionals regarding the hiring process

Tom McGinley  Denise Stott  Tom Broderick

MERCY MONDAYS: MARCH 14 & 21

All are welcome.

If you missed earlier meetings, we hope you may join us.

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.

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.

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Tom McGinley will moderate this discussion featuring Denise Stott and Tom Broderick.

Denise currently manages the HR function at Undertone, a New York based digital media company. Special areas include: Coaching & Development, Change Management, Strategic Thinking, Staffing, Employee Relations, Training, Organizational Development and Performance Management.

Tom has been employed for the past 17 years at TEKsystems, a privately held international information technology staffing and solutions company. TEKsystems is the largest IT staffing company in the United States. He is responsible for recruitment and screening of candidates throughout the placement process, account management, and business development.

Topics to be addressed include: HR professionals’ use of the internet and/or social media to learn more about applicants; websites or recruiting firms who deliver a successful recruiting experience and best practices seen in successful new hires.

*All are welcome to attend this meeting,*

for any information, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org.

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**Day of Reconciliation at Saint Anne's**  
*Monday, March 21st from 3:00PM - 9:00PM*

*“Who can say he is not a sinner? Nobody. We all are.”*  
~ Pope Francis

Priests will be available in the Church to hear confessions between 3:00PM and 9:00PM. This day has become one of the best days of the year as hundreds of people come to each parish church to share in this sacrament which absolves sin and gives to each participant a fresh start and a new beginning.

Sharing in this Day of Reconciliation is a great way to prepare for the remainder of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please note the Holy Week schedule on page 9.
Dear Parishioners,

Finally! After nearly six months, we will all begin to see work being done to rebuild and repair the rectory after the September fire. No one knows better than I that this has been a long process. On Wednesday of this past week, we received word that the parish has permission to proceed with the work that should be completed around July 1. Contractors are in place, materials have been selected and we believe the process should now proceed smoothly.

Although the process has been long, we now have assembled a very competent and able team that will complete the work. Many meetings with insurance people, architects, contractors, parish volunteers, parish staff, and diocesan representatives have resulted in a clear plan to repair and improve the rectory. Flooring is being repaired throughout the building to provide greater stability. Heating and air conditioning systems are being replaced. The roof is being repaired. A fire sprinkler system and fire alarm system are being installed. All damage from the fire is being replaced and repaired. This includes carpeting, some bedding and furniture, windows, office equipment, walls and ceilings. Electrical lighting is being improved and additional electrical circuits provided. Every room in the building, except the kitchen, will have work done. All the hours and meetings spent in preparation will result in a much better and safer building for the parish offices and priests residence. I am very grateful to the parishioners and parish staff who have participated in this process.

As work will begin on the rectory this week, discussions will continue about our need for additional space. We need increased and improved meeting space for our many parish ministries and activities. We truly have “maxed out” on our use of school space. With 540 students in our school, and 900+ students in Faith Formation, other then the auditorium and cafeteria, very little meeting space is available in our parish buildings. In fact, we have had to use the school chapel for meeting space during this time since the fire.

The rectory basement had been a place where we had one large meeting room and three smaller ones. The larger meeting room will be repaired and restored and continue to be used as a meeting room that can accommodate about 40 persons. The smaller rooms will no longer be used for meetings for a number of reasons, including safety, storage, and appropriateness. We need increased meeting space, preferably on the ground floor, accessible to persons with special needs.

Our number one priority since the fire is to return the priests to their residence and parish offices to the rectory building from their temporary location in the school basement. We now have a clear path to accomplishing that goal. How we create the additional meeting and ministry space remains to be seen.

We have reviewed at least six possibilities for creating additional ministry and meeting space. These have included building a parish office and meeting space on the former convent property. We have discussed moving the priests out of the rectory and making the present rectory a parish ministry and meeting building. We have discussed extensions to the rectory in at least three different ways. All of these discussions have centered on creating meeting space for the parish activities and ministries. Every possibility has had its strengths and drawbacks.

Circumstances are always changing and shifting the needs of the parish and our focus for expansion. One changing situation is that our parish will become a residence for two priests. I have been residing in the rectory throughout this period, using a small office as my bedroom. Fr. Rudy has been living at St. Catherine of Sienna and will return here to reside and minister upon completion of the rectory. Fr. Peter has been living at Notre Dame and will not return to St. Anne’s as a resident, but will continue to assist at St. Anne’s with sacramental ministry. He will continue to reside at Notre Dame.

The discussions to create increased meeting and ministry space are now focused more on an expansion of the rectory. All the possibilities remain open and all will be evaluated by the parish staff, parish leadership, parish finance committee, parish advisors and diocesan leadership in the coming months. The repairs and rectory rebuild are being done in a way that would complement and fit in with a later expansion of the rectory.

The cost of the rectory rebuild with repairs and upgrades will be between $600,000 and $650,000, including a 10% contingency budget for unforeseen expenses. So we hope that expenses will come in about $600,000. Insurance will cover about 2/3, or about $400,000. The parish will assume the remaining 1/3 or about $200,000. These costs include roofing, heating and air conditioning, fire sprinkler installation, and some flooring costs. Because of your generosity over the past many years in the Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections, we are able to pay these costs from our existing funds.

At the time of the fire, parishioners contributed nearly $40,000 to a Fire Recovery Fund. Some of this money was used to cover expenses immediately after the fire. Although we will not have a fundraising effort to meet these expenses, parishioners who wish to make a donation for the rectory rebuild, please know your donations are most welcome. When decisions are made regarding a ministry and meeting space rectory expansion, opportunities for financial donations will be announced at that time.

I realize all that is written may confuse you a bit. I want all the parish to be informed as to where we are. At the same time, I find circumstances change and develop. I too find that confusing!

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOAVES AND FISHES

Lord, when I am famished, give me someone who needs food;
when I am thirsty, send me someone who needs water; when I am cold, send me someone to warm;
when I am hurting, send me someone to console;
when my cross becomes too heavy, give me another’s cross to share;
when I am poor, lead someone needy to me; when I have no time, give me someone to help for a moment;
when I am humiliated, give me someone to praise; when I am discouraged, send me someone to encourage;
when I need another’s understanding, give me someone who needs mine;
when I need somebody to take care of me, send me someone to care for;
when I think of myself, turn my thoughts toward another. Author unknown, Japan

Easter Baskets for Children in Need - Please drop off this weekend!
Please return your Easter baskets full of goodies this weekend. Baskets may be left in the Loaves and Fishes closets in the rear of the church (open from 7:00AM - 6:30PM on Sunday).

HOW YOU CAN HELP: If you did not receive a basket, you can still participate in this effort by bringing your own Easter basket full of Easter goodies (no loose or open bags of candy) and return it to the Loaves & Fishes closets no later than Sunday, March 13th. 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.)

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
Thank you for filling the closets last week! The food was donated to the outreach center at Our Lady of Loretta in Hempstead. If the Loaves and Fishes Ministry is new to you, please consider helping out as one of the weekly food donors. Want to volunteer or get more information about Loaves & Fishes Ministry? Opportunities to help are many. Items most needed are:

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Many hands make light work—thanks to all who help load the cars for food deliveries

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.
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, April 8th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.

**Respite Prom Night**—Friday, April 15th—Save the date!

**Special Needs Mass**
Mass will be celebrated with our special needs community on Saturday, April 9th 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

**Senior Scene**
The next meeting of the Senior Scene will be Wednesday, March 16 at 1:30PM in the school cafeteria. Please join us for an afternoon of pleasant conversation, coffee and cake, card playing and bingo. Saint Anne’s third graders will be paying us a visit, please be on time. Please call Susanne Blum at 352-5904 for more information.

**Professional Networking Group**

**What Happens When You Press ‘Send’?**
A panel discussion with HR professionals

**Wednesday, March 16th at 7:30PM**

Please see page 2 in this bulletin for more info

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.

**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.

**Words of Pope Francis**

“This is God’s way of doing things: he is not impatient like us, who often want everything all at once, even in our dealings with other people. God is patient with us because he loves us, and those who love are able to understand, to hope and to inspire confidence. They do not burn bridges; they are able to forgive.”

**Bereavement Support: Please see page 11**

The loss of your loved one may have caused you to experience sadness, anger, guilt, exhaustion and/or loneliness.

Grief assaults us physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually and socially. But we can’t stuff grief inside, pretending it will go away, or we are likely to end up with more problems. Although it’s hard to believe that experiencing and sharing the painful feelings associated with grief can possibly be healing, survivors of loss will affirm that it is true.”

~ Kathlyn Miller

**Cancer Support Group**

Where there is life, there is hope…

We have formed a support group at Saint Anne’s for people whose lives are affected by cancer. Those who have joined are at different points in their journey, but all share a common bond of faith. If you would like more information, please call Linda Leone from Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

**Saint Anne’s Senior Ministry**

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

**Divorced and Separated Catholics**

Divorced and Separated Catholics is a group which provides friendship, prayer and support to those who are presently working through or have experienced divorce or separation. Meetings take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM in school. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd.
“Then Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.’”

“John 8:11

We recently completed First Reconciliation with all of our second grade students in preparation for their First Communions in May. Families came together to receive the wonderful gift of God’s love. Like the woman in today’s Gospel, the simple promise to try to do better gains us all forgiveness. The children expressed their understanding of this in various ways. After receiving absolution, one little girl asked if she could go to Confession again the next day. Another young man expressed his exuberance simply by giving a fist bump and an excited “Yeah” as he exited the confessional. A little girl said she felt “lighter” after Reconciliation. These children understood that God’s gift of love and forgiveness, like Jesus’s words to the woman in the Gospel, can lift us up and send us on our way with greater direction. Why not make Reconciliation part of your Lenten journey this year?

**Classes this Week**

**Sunday, March 13** – One-on-one classes (8:30 to 9:15)
**Sunday, March 13** – Grades 1 through 6 (9 to 10:15)
**Monday, March 14** – Grades 1 through 6 (4 to 5:10 PM)
**Tuesday, March 15** – Grades 1 through 6 (4 to 5:10 PM)
**Wed., March 16** – Grades 1 through 6 (4 to 5:10 PM)
**Wed., March 16** – Grade 7 at 7 PM
**Wed., March 16** – Grade 8 Parent and child meeting at 7 PM (See below)

**Sunday, March 20** – No classes

**Grade 8 Parent and Child Meeting**

There will be a meeting for parents and Confirmation candidates on **Wednesday, March 16** at 7 PM in McCloskey Auditorium with Father Tom.

*Please arrive promptly and sit with your child.*

**Confirmation Robes**

We will be ordering Confirmation robes for students this week. If you did not send your child’s height and offering to the Faith Formation office, please do so immediately.

Mrs. DiBenedetto’s seventh grade students discussed Father Tom’s recipe of 3 M’s for a meaningful Lent: Mass, Minute (to pray) and Mercy (to act).

**Faith Formation Students Celebrate Mercy**

As part of the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, the students in Faith Formation classes have been observing Works of Mercy in their homes, neighborhoods, and their actions. Many of the students’ observations are recorded on the “Wall of Mercy” between the cafeteria and the chapel. You are welcome to view these. Below are some examples of how students are aware and influenced by works of mercy within their families:

**Thomas, grade 5:** “I observed an act of mercy when my family sponsored a family at Thanksgiving. We sponsored 2 families this year. My mom shopped for everything on the list and then I organized all the bags with the food. We then brought them to St. Anne’s to be delivered to a different church. My sister and Mom helped at the other church unloading the bags and organizing them. We all were happy that we were able to help 2 families enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. It felt good to be able to do this.”

**Connor from another fifth grade class said:** “I see my Aunt Liz do Acts of Mercy all the time. She runs the Freeport Trailer. It is a place where people who need things can go to get hired for work, learn English, and get food. My Aunt Liz works there every day helping the poor.”

**Victoria, grade 8:** “My mom offered a cake to a homeless man during the winter time a few years ago. The man replied with three words, which were, ‘God bless you.’ This made me feel happy that he enjoyed the food and we brought him some joy during Christmas season.”

**Ava from Mrs. Donnelly’s first grade said:** “I did an act of mercy with my father. We shoveled snow for other people.”
Holding people in sin is not just the way of the Pharisees in today’s Gospel. It is something that all of us tend to do. How often do we see people through the lens of a past transgression – the one who served time for an offense, the one with the DWI, the one with the addiction. Sometimes sin “sticks” long after a life has been turned around. Just ask anyone who has been “caught, brought, and made to stand there” like the woman caught in adultery. We can hold each other in our mistakes or let each other go. Jesus tells the woman to “Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.” He does not hold her in sin but rather forgives for life. When he tells her to “Go” he is pointing her toward the future, not the past. God never looks at us from the past and points us to the future in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mark your calendar - Monday, March 21 from 3:00PM – 9:00PM is the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11

Family Mass News

Happy Clappers – Clappers will rehearse next Sunday at 10:00 in the auditorium. All children are invited to come and join the Happy Clappers.

Pretzels and Prayer - The pretzel is the most appropriate food symbol in Lent. It still shows the form of arms crossed in prayer, reminding us that Lent is a time of prayer. It consists only of water and flour, thus proclaiming Lent as a time of fasting. Last Sunday the children received a pretzel snack to remind them to pray each day.

Family Mass – Easter Sunday – Please join us for Family Mass at 10:30 on Easter Sunday!

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers
Please sign up for Masses on Easter Sunday (7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:45 and 1:15PM). There are sign up lists in the Liturgical Ministers Room and you can sign up by emailing S. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org. Thank you for all you do to make our liturgies so beautiful!

Altar Servers
Please email S. Judy with your availability for serving on Easter Sunday. The masses are at 7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 10:30AM (Family Mass in auditorium), 11:45AM and 1:15PM. You also will be receiving information that was given out at the Altar Server meeting on Feb. 25 if you did not attend the meeting. Please read over the information and instructions. Thank you for your service to our parish community.

Welcome New Extraordinary Ministers

Last Sunday, Teresa Peveraro and Francis Villamater were installed as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for our parish. We are grateful for their service and for all our liturgical ministers’ service to our parish.

The Scrutinies
On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent rites called the Scrutinies are prayed 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 10:30 Family Mass today. Please keep them in your prayers as we come closer to the Easter Vigil and the celebration of the Easter sacraments. Please keep our candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation and our elect who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil in your prayers.
**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**

**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.

**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.

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.

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**We welcome those newly baptized into our faith community**

**William Nicholas Bedell**
**Aidan Kevin Dailey**
**Grace Marie Grabowski**
**Alessandro Palazzolo**

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**Respect Life Ministry - Come Join Us!**

St. Anne’s Respect Life Ministry strives to promote the message of the Gospel of Life: that life is sacred from conception to natural death. We engage in prayer, education, and charitable activities in order to protect the dignity of every human life. We welcome all who are interested to join our next meeting on **Wednesday, March 16 at 8:00PM**, Faculty Room.

**Donations of Baby Items Needed:** The Life Center in Hempstead, a pro-life crisis pregnancy center, is always in need of maternity and baby items: Baby & maternity clothes, cribs, strollers, bassinets, car seats, swings, high chairs etc. can be brought to the Life Center office at 474 Fulton Ave, Hempstead between 9-4 Mon-Fri, 9-1 Saturdays or call 516-408-6300 if you need a pick up. Thank you! www.AAAPregnancyOptions.com
HOLY WEEK AT SAINT ANNE’S

We invite you to join us for each of the days of Holy Week. The prayers and liturgies during this time are intended to "draw us into" Jesus' passion, death and Resurrection. All are welcome to come and experience these holy days with the faith community of Saint Anne’s.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 - Blessing of Palm at 5:00PM Mass

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 20 - Regular schedule of Masses
Palm will be distributed and blessed at each Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 21 - Mass will be celebrated at 7:30AM & 9:00AM

DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION from 3:00PM – 9:00PM
Priests will be available in the Church to hear confessions

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 - Mass will be celebrated at 7:30AM & 9:00AM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 - Mass will be celebrated at 7:30AM & 9:00AM

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24
Morning Prayer at 9:00AM in the Church
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 8:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25
Morning Prayer at 9:00AM in the Church
Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30AM-10:00AM
Good Friday Service for Children & Families at 12:30PM in the Church
Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord at 3:00PM
Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM
Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord at 8:00PM
(Collection for the Holy Land Shrines will be taken at the 3:00PM & 8:00PM liturgies.)

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26
Morning Prayer at 9:00AM in the Church
Sacrament of Reconciliation from 3:00PM - 5:00PM
PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 5:00PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL, MARCH 26
The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27
The schedule of Masses for Easter Sunday:
7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 10:30AM Family Mass, 11:45AM and 1:15PM in the Church
PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 5:30PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY
An Invitation to the Three Days…

Did you know when Lent officially ends? It ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, as we begin the liturgies of the Triduum – which is Latin for the ‘Three Days.’ They are so called because on these days, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday), the Passion and Death of the Lord (Good Friday), and the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday.) These liturgies combine to celebrate in prayer, ritual and song the most essential elements of our faith.

At 8:00PM on Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord’s Supper is celebrated throughout the Church. Scripture proclaimed at this Mass tells the story of the Passover and leads into a narrative by Saint Paul describing the Eucharistic meal shared by Christ and the twelve apostles, with the words, “Do this in memory of Me.”

We listen to John’s Gospel at this liturgy, which tells of Christ’s perfect example of humble service in washing the apostles’ feet. Peter’s initial reaction may mirror our own, but Christ calls him to a deeper understanding of what it means to serve one another.

The bread which is consecrated at this Mass is sufficient for those who will gather tomorrow on Good Friday. It is transferred in solemn procession at the conclusion of this liturgy to an altar of repose in the Saint Therese Chapel. You are invited to pray before the Eucharist until 11:00PM and then depart in silence…

At 3:00PM and 8:00PM on Good Friday, we join together in silence as the Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord begins. Our church is filled with the faithful who have come to pray together at this most solemn and powerful liturgy. We look to the Cross as the visible symbol of Christ’s suffering, knowing He gave His life for us.

At this liturgy, we hear the Passion of the Lord, again from John’s Gospel. Our Prayer of the Faithful includes petitions that are universal to our Church. Once we have listened to the Scriptures, we come forward to venerate the Cross, which is held before us. Seeing each member of this faith community kneel before the cross or touch it with reverence is a powerful sign of our unity in faith. There is no celebration of Eucharist on this day, but Communion which was reserved from Holy Thursday is distributed, and we depart once again in silence…

The Easter Vigil is celebrated at 8:00PM on Holy Saturday. It is a celebration that begins in darkness and is illuminated through Christ’s triumph over death with the light of new life. We enter a Church that is both quiet and dark. The Easter fire is lit for all to see, and from it the Easter candle. “This is the night…that Jesus broke the chains of death. Rejoice and sing, for Jesus the Christ is risen!”

A special song of praise, the Exsultet, is proclaimed. We listen to the Scripture readings which highlight the history of salvation. The Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are celebrated with those who have been preparing through the RCIA Process. We renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the Eucharist in joyful communion with one another. The Paschal Mystery has been made real for us –

**We proclaim your death, O Lord**

**and profess your resurrection**

**until you come again.**

We invite you to come celebrate these holiest days here at St. Anne’s.
Youth Ministry
Next Meeting - March 20th
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

Bereavement Support

Three general bereavement support groups will be meeting in nearby parishes this spring, as well as an ongoing group for bereaved parents.

St. Bernard’s Parish, Levittown
Thursdays/March 31 – May 26 6:30 to 7:45PM
S. Christine Sammons 516-731-6074

St. Brigid’s Parish, Westbury
Wednesdays/March 23 – May 25 7:30 to 8:45PM
Maria Pinero 516-334-0021

Holy Name of Mary Church, Valley Stream
Tuesdays/starting in April 7:30PM
Parish Outreach Office 516-825-0177

Group for Bereaved Parents (meets biweekly)
St. Bernard’s Parish, Levittown
Mondays ongoing 7:00-8:15PM
S. Christine Sammons 516-731-6074

All are welcome to attend the diocesan Bereavement Conference
“Experiencing Merciful Love in Times of Pain”
Saturday, April 23 at Kellenberg HS

This day includes prayer, a keynote address and a choice of workshops focused on various aspects of grieving. For more information or to register, visit www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement or call 516-678-5800 ext. 200 or 204.

Any questions, please contact Linda Leone at 516-352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org

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St. Anne’s 7th Grade Girls win Long Island CYO ‘B’ Division Championship

The St. Anne’s 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team coached by Jeff Lawlor and Conor O’Sullivan defeated St. Mary’s (Manhasset) 31-27 to win the Long Island CYO Championship on Saturday, February 27, 2016. This was the rubber match after St. Anne’s and St. Mary’s split during the regular season. After starting off slow, the girls went on an 11-0 run and took control of the game in the 2nd quarter. Their strong defense and smart offensive play enabled them to hold the lead the rest of the way. The girls finished the regular season in first place with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses, and in the playoffs defeated teams from Our Lady of Grace (West Babylon) and St. Anthony’s (East Northport) to reach the championship game. Parents and coaches couldn’t be more proud. Congratulations girls!

L to R - Front Row: Bridget, Madelyn, Lindsey
Back Row: Stephanie, Abby, Caitlyn, Jamie, Alice

St. Anne’s 6th Grade Girls win CYO Sportsmanship Award

Congratulations to Mike Avallone’s 6th Grade team for winning the CYO Sportsmanship award for the 2015-16 season. This award is CYO’s highest honor!

Pictured are
Olivia, Erika, Maeve and Olivia

Missing from the photo are
Alessandra, Brooke, Hillary, Sara and Allyson.
Saint Anne's Church Blood Drive
Sponsored by K of C
Msgr. John's Knights Council

Sunday, April 3, 2016
9:00AM – 1:30PM
School Cafeteria
25 Dartmouth Street,
Garden City

Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift! Call Brian McKeever at 516-317-4571 for more information.

Walk-ins Welcome

High School Meet and Greet Breakfast
Please note the High School Meet and Greet breakfast scheduled for today, March 13th has been postponed. More details to follow.
Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 13
7:00 AM Harold Feige
8:30 Frank Caria, Anne Harold, Eileen Fox, Msgr. Edward Donnelly, Alice R. Limoncelli
10:00 William Crinnion
10:30 AUD Parishioners of Saint Anne
11:45 Deirdre Waldron
5:30 Pasquale Verano

MONDAY, MARCH 14
7:30 William Diele
9:00 Kyle Cecelia Brady

TUESDAY, MARCH 15
7:30 William Francis Diele
9:00 John T. Feeney

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16
7:30 Mafalda Bergassi
9:00 Domenico Consiglio

THURSDAY, MARCH 17
7:30 William Diele
9:00 Margaret Daly

FRIDAY, MARCH 18
9:00 Ida Kusold

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
8:30 John Donnelly, Rosemary Summers, John Golden, Vera Glynn* "Special Intention for the Living"
5:00 PM Matthew Farrell

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 - PALM SUNDAY
7:00 AM Irene Puswald
8:30 Pedro Cabigao, Aurora Vinciguerra, Alfredo Calcagni, Eileen Fox, Stanley Watras
10:00 Jack Hyland
10:30 AUD Frank and Margaret DiStefano
11:45 Parishioners of Saint Anne
5:30 Patrick Morley

Let us pray for those who have died
Anello Ferrara
Mary Kottenbach
Mary Kollar*
*We apologize for the incorrect name listed in last week’s bulletin

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember the following people in your prayers

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Deacon George Browne Regina Childs-Cacioppo
Charles Cangelosi Kenneth Carpenter
Mary Caruana Elizabeth Castellano
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Patrick Hughes Sr. Will Hughes
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Michelle Marooney Danny Marquino
Frank Mauro Jack McAuliffe
John McCluskey, Jr. Kristina Miholich
Gabriele Monastero Tina Napoli
Andrea O’Halloran Thomas Onorato
Adelaine Parks Kathleen Picha
Nicholas Piotrowski Ellen Redding
Sharon Sharp Elliot Kristen Stimmel
Jean Thompson Debbie Ventura
Loretta Wess Callie Williams
Ann Willis Geraldine Witzig
John Rochford Andrew Wykowski

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March 15, 2015—Catherine Lonergan
March 19, 2015—Barbara E. Prestia

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

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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
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Lance Cpl. James McCartin, USMC
Capt. Clare McKenna, USMC
Ensign Glenn McKenna, US Navy
Cpl. Owen A. Monahan, USMC
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C. Chief Nicholas Preziosi, USAF
F.C. Patrick Preziosi, US Navy
T. Sg t. Ian William Roth, USAF
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The Altar Bread & Wine for this week is in memory of
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Donated by Mafalda Garges

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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, March 14th
9:30AM Mercy Mondays - Chapel
7:30PM Mercy Mondays - Chapel
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium

Tuesday, March 15th
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM Boy Scouts - McCloskey Auditorium

Wednesday, March 16th
9:30AM Mom’s Ministry - Cafeteria
1:30PM Senior Scene - Cafeteria
7:30PM R.C.I.A. - Offsite
7:30PM Professional Networking Group - Cafeteria
8:00PM Respect Life Committee - Faculty Room

Thursday, March 17th
7:30PM Families Anonymous - Faculty Room

Friday, March 18th
Saint Anne’s School Closed
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - Church

Sunday, March 20th - Palm Sunday
1:00PM Catholic Daughters - Cafeteria

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 19
5:00PM - Fr. Tom

Sunday, March 20
7:00AM - Fr. Rudy
10:30AM - Fr. Rudy
8:30AM - Fr. Tom
11:45AM - Fr. Peter
10:00AM - Fr. Tom
5:30PM - Fr. Peter

Celebant subject to change