“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice, let us be glad.”

Our best wishes for a Happy and Blessed Easter,

Father Tom, Father Rudy, Father Peter, Sister Judy and the staff of Saint Anne’s

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.
Easter Baskets & Food – Thank You for your Support!

We thank the many parishioners who provided over 400 Easter baskets for children in need who received them at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Wyandanch, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Roosevelt, Saint Martha's in Uniondale, Saint Mary of the Isle in Long Beach and Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport. We also thank Saint Anne's School 4th and 5th grade students for donating baskets themselves, distributing and collecting the baskets after Mass and writing individual Easter messages for each one. A large amount of food donated was delivered along with the baskets to help provide for families in need this Easter. Thanks to all who participated!
Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! It’s great to see so many St. Anne’s parishioners come out this Easter morning for Mass. Welcome also to the many persons visiting family and friends who are praying with us today. Our large numbers make clear that the celebration of Easter rings true in the hearts and souls of the human person. The Resurrection of Jesus proclaims new life; Jesus’ rising attests to his victory over death; the belief of the apostles and first disciples lay the foundations for the beginnings of the faith community that we now know as the Church.

Easter is a time for gratitude. How grateful I am today for the Parish of St. Anne! First of all that so many share in this faith and belief in the Resurrection and want to be a part of this community that comes together on Easter morning. Grateful too am I to those dozens of volunteers and persons on the parish staff who work and prepare the church and liturgies so that our Holy Week and Easter liturgies uplift the hearts and souls of the thousands who have come here for these celebrations. The beauty of the Church with its colors and flowers, the magnitude of the Easter music, the generosity of ministers, lectors, servers, ushers all combine for liturgies that truly provide encouragement, reflection, joy, and nurturing of the human soul, mind, and heart.

Holy Week and Easter is one expression among many that occur all through the year of how blessed I am to be here at St. Anne’s. We try to be a parish that is quick to respond to the needs of our parishioners and ready to go to where we are called to minister in the name of Jesus. We have extraordinary people here with many gifts and talents. Most importantly, we have people with strong faith and a real desire to be active participants in the life of the church and parish. I am sure I share with many of you great gratitude for the Parish of St. Anne.

As I have served here now for five years, I’ve come to know many families who have been here for a long time and for whom St. Anne’s is like a second home. You have celebrated children’s sacraments here and experienced very happy and joyous occasions here as well as sorrowful ones. You have experienced some great priests and pastors and we know the legacy of the religious sisters who have ministered here. Parishioners have provided, as they do today, wise and energetic leadership for many areas of parish life. Those parishioners with lots of years here have seen many challenges and changes and you have supported the parish at all times. Thank you for your faith, generosity, and support.

St. Anne’s continues to grow as a parish. We are always registering new families as parishioners, baptizing newborns and filling our classroom with students in the school and faith formation program. Families moving to our local neighborhoods find the parish an inviting and welcoming parish. We are growing and after the completed repair of the rectory after our September fire, we will look to expand the meeting and ministry space by adding on to the present rectory. For those who have become parishioners in recent years, we hope that you too will come to love St. Anne’s as a second home. We are grateful that you have chosen St. Anne’s as your parish faith community.

It’s appropriate to acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them as we celebrate Easter. Jesus’ Resurrection is a cornerstone truth of our faith. Surely, grateful for the gift of faith, we also acknowledge the element of mystery in what we celebrate today. The Resurrection fills me with wonder. I like to see it imagined in art. When I lived at Holy Name of Mary in Valley Stream, Fr. Ketcham, the associate pastor, purchased a framed artwork of the Easter gospel of Peter and John running to the tomb upon hearing reports that the tomb was empty. The painting of their faces and their running well expressed the anticipation, excitement, curiosity and bewilderment that must have been part of their experience. The painting hung in the kitchen wall and was a daily reminder of the Resurrection of Jesus and its importance.

Recently, I attended the movie “Risen.” I was attracted to the movie because I am always curious how others imagine and depict Jesus’ rising from the dead. The movie was fair. Others have enjoyed the movie more than I did because my hopes and expectations for how the Resurrection is depicted is probably unfair.

How magnificent is what we celebrate today? In his series Jesus of Nazareth, Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI gives us some hint: “The New Testament testimonies leave us in no doubt that what happened in the ‘Resurrection of the Son of Man’ was utterly different. Jesus’ Resurrection was about breaking out into an entirely new form of life, into a life that is no longer subject to the law of dying and becoming, but lies beyond it - a life that opens up a new dimension of human existence. Therefore the Resurrection of Jesus is not an isolated event that we could set aside as something limited to the past, but it constitutes an ‘evolutionary leap.’ In Jesus’ Resurrection a new possibility of human existence is attained that affects everyone and that opens up a future, a new kind of future, for mankind.

Benedict continues: “This also presupposes that for the disciples the Resurrection was just as real as the Cross. It presupposes that they were simply overwhelmed by the reality, that, after their initial hesitation and astonishment, they could no longer ignore that reality. It is truly he. He is alive; he has spoken to us; he has allowed us to touch him, even if he no longer belongs to the realm of the tangible in the normal way.

“...He was quite different, no mere resuscitated corpse, but one living anew and forever in the power of God. And yet at the same time, while no longer belonging to our world, he was truly present there, he himself. It was an utterly unique experience, which burst open the normal boundaries of experience and yet for the disciples was quite beyond doubt. This explains the unique character of the Resurrection accounts: they speak of something paradoxical, of something that surpasses all experience and yet is utterly real and present.”

Pope Benedict is a scholar and his writing is packed. A slow reflective reading of his words suggests the enormity of today’s celebration.

Have a peace-filled and joyous Easter.

Fa. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOAVES AND FISHES

Dear God,
Help me to be humble and at the same time, decisive; to reach out; to alleviate pain of those who suffer; to confront homelessness, terror and violence that abound in our world. Today, God, I will do something concrete: I will find ways to ease the suffering of others. I will call someone who is in need, or visit someone who is sick or bring food to the local pantry. Today I will follow your word. Amen

~ David Haas

Easter Baskets & Food – Thank You for Your Support!
400 Easter baskets were donated by parishioners of Saint Anne’s and delivered to various parish outreach centers which serve families in need. (Please see page 2 for photos)

Dear Friends at Saint Anne’s,
Thank you so much for your donation of Easter baskets and food to Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Social Ministry. And a special thank you to the volunteers who delivered all the food and baskets! Your generosity helps us to continue our work in aiding many needy families in our community. May you have a safe and joyful Easter.

Gratefully, Lucy Gerin
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Social Ministry

Preparation for MOTHER’S DAY on May 8th
Mother's Day is a time for families to honor their mothers. This special occasion gives us the opportunity to support young mothers who have chosen life for their babies despite overwhelming challenges in their own lives. We would like to support the young women who are currently residing at Momma’s House, Mother of Good Counsel Home and Bethany House with gift bags filled with special items for Mother’s Day. Saint Anne’s MOM’s group also supports this project by providing gift bags for the soon-to-be moms living in Catholic Charities Regina Residence. Please look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

WEEKLY FOOD DRIVE
Thank you for filling the closets last week! The food was donated to several parish outreach centers along with the Easter baskets last week. 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:

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 Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904 to volunteer or for more information.

A student carries food to the cars for delivery to an outreach center by Kevin Blum and John Kollar
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

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

**Special Needs Ministry**

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

**Respite “Beach Ball!” Prom - April 15th!**

**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

**Professional Networking Group**

**Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 20th**

Please see survey on page 14

Saint Anne’s Professional Networking group is a great way to develop professional connections among people in our parish. The group exists on LinkedIn 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.

**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, April 12th**.

**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!

April 7 - 6:30PM  _Cugini Restaurant_
Call Grace Campo at 741-0496

April 13 - 7:30PM  _Support Our Troops_ Faculty Room

April 17 - 6:30PM  _Pot Luck Dinner-Cafeteria_
Call Maria Clark 352-8663

**Words of Pope Francis**

A better world will come about only if attention is first paid to individuals; if human promotion is integral, taking account of every dimension of the person, including the spiritual; if no one is neglected, including the poor, the sick, prisoners, the needy and the stranger.

**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 call 352-5904 or Evelyn Schwantner at 488-7516.

**Save the Date! - May 15th**

**Senior and Homebound Mass**

On **Sunday, May 15th, the 11:45AM Mass** will have some special parishioners in the pews. All of our senior parishioners are invited to attend, along with any who are homebound. The tradition of gathering to celebrate the Eucharist with parishioners who are not able to do so regularly is an annual one here at Saint Anne's. For any information please call 352-5904.

**Senior Scene**

The next meeting of Senior Scene will be **Wednesday, March 30th at 1:30PM** in the school cafeteria. Please join us for a pleasant conversation, coffee and cake, card playing and bingo. Please call Susanne Blum at 352-5904 for more information. Please see page 13 for photos.

**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.
“Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord! Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward! Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful, celebrate the day. Those who have kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave… Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen, and life is set free. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.” –St. John Chrysostom

**Lent In Faith Formation:** Students in Faith Formation classes have been observing Lent along with their teachers. The Faith Formation staff offers all of our families a blessed Easter. There are no classes scheduled for the week ahead as St. Anne’s classes are on Easter break. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 4.

**St. Anne’s Students Practice Mercy:** The students in the Faith Formation program have been focusing on Works of Mercy in their homes, neighborhoods, and themselves and then recording them for display to their classmates. Each week we will share some of their observations with you. Please feel free to view them for yourself; they are displayed on the wall between the music room and the chapel in the basement of the school.

Zachary, an eighth grade student, states: “I observed an act of mercy when Officer McDonald came to speak to our eighth grade class. His act was a great example of the Spiritual Work of Mercy of forgiveness. Officer McDonald forgave the boy who shot and crippled him in a way that would be very difficult for me and many other people. Not only did he forgive this boy, but he was also willing to get the boy back on the right track. God was helping the boy through Officer McDonald and I think that is truly amazing. This action made me think how I could be more forgiving to others because he was able to in a situation that was much worse than mine.”

Charlotte, a fifth grade student writes, in part: “...I saw an act of mercy when my friend had cancer and her and her parents spent most of the time in the hospital. All her siblings were at home with their grandparents. Everyone would bring food to their house and there would be enough food for a week...Always show mercy and be kind.”

Michael D. in first grade wrote: “I observed an act of mercy when my Uncle Sean shaves his hair for money for children with cancer and to show his support. He shows mercy because his looks are not as important as the children he helps.”

**Second Grade Parents:** There will be a meeting for Grade 2 parents with Father Tom on Monday, April 4 at either 1 or 7 PM in the church. In addition, parents and children are invited to a song rally in preparation for First Communion on Wednesday, April 20 at 7 PM in the church.

**Grade 8 Parents:** Please check your calendars as meetings and rehearsals for Confirmation are numerous in the weeks ahead. If you have any questions, please refer to the schedules e-mailed to all 8th grade parents on February 3 or call the Faith Formation office at 488-1032.
Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw, wayfaring. “The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus’ resurrection: Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.” Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia!

Sequence for Easter Sunday

We welcome into our St. Anne’s family Hye Yong Kang, Trent Schmatz and Tasha Seyad who were baptized, confirmed and received First Communion at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. This past year they have journeyed with the RCIA team as they prepared for this day. We also congratulate Ian Roth who was confirmed at the Vigil. We have been praying for Ian over the years as he served in the military. Our prayers and best wishes are with all of them and their families.

Bunnies, Chocolate, Eggs....
Why do we give Easter baskets? Or eat jelly beans? How does a chocolate bunny or egg represent the holiest time in our Church year????

Over the years we have used the following symbols and images to teach about our Christian faith –

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Readings for Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

Family Mass News

A Blessed Happy Easter to all from the Family Mass Committee!

There will be **no Family Mass** on the **Sunday after Easter, April 3rd**. **Family Mass** will begin again after Easter on Sunday, April 10th.
**Mercy Question of the Week**

What are some of the things you need to clean out of your life so as to be a better person?
How can the merciful Christ help?
What are some attitudes and behaviors that you are not proud of?
How can the risen Christ help you?

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**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY**

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

You don’t have to worry about forgetting your envelope again. Electronic giving has been made easy!

Donating online is made easier than ever with St. Anne Church’s online giving and registration system, WE SHARE. Donate today using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account. You can use it for your Easter donation as well as your Weekly and Special Collections.

**TO START GIVING ONLINE TODAY:**

1. Visit [https://stannesgc.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities](https://stannesgc.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities)
2. Select the YOUR DONATION AMOUNT and FREQUENCY.
3. Enter in your account and payment information. It’s as easy as that!

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**RCIA**

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

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

Does this sound like what you are seeking? Do you know anyone who is seeking the Catholic faith? Please contact Sister Judy at Saint Anne’s Parish Office (352-5904) or srjudy@stannesgc.org for more information. RCIA meetings begin in October. There are pamphlets in the lobby of the church, Five Reasons to Consider the Catholic Church and What Can the Church Offer Me?. Please take one for yourself or to pass on to someone you know who might be ready for the RCIA.

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**St. ANNE’S 8" GRADE FLOWER SALE**

Fill out your garden with a selection of beautiful annuals being sold by the 8th grade class. High quality flats of begonias, marigolds, petunias, and New Guinea impatiens, hanging baskets of New Guinea impatiens and ivy geraniums, as well as, herb and vegetable gardens will be available for pre-order. Flowers will be available for pickup in time for Mother’s Day. Pre-order forms can be found on the school website: [www.stannesgcschool.org](http://www.stannesgcschool.org).

For more information, please contact Linda Nemeck at lan0924@aol.com or 516-486-2867

Orders must be received by **Thursday, April 7th**
Pickup will be on **Wednesday, May 4th**
Between 12-4pm in the church parking lot

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**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

**Court St. Anne #1077 - Communion Brunch**

The Catholic Daughters will hold its annual Communion Brunch on **Sunday, April 3rd** after the 10AM Mass. It will be at the Garden City Country Club on Stewart Avenue. Cost is $50 and must be paid in advance. For more information, call Anne Wilkinson at 516-489-7833.
Youth Ministry
Next Meeting - April 10th at 6:30PM
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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Thursday, March 31st at 4:30PM and Saturday at 4:00PM. If you are unable to make it at the scheduled time, please call the rectory 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 rectory to arrange for a home visit.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorials
Donations can be made for these in memory of loved ones both living and deceased for one week. Please come to the parish office to make arrangements. An acknowledgement of your memorial will appear in the Sunday bulletin and we offer a card that can be given to the family of the loved one.

Donation Offering
Altar Bread - $25.00  Altar Wine - $25.00  Both - $50.00

April 2016 Mass Intentions
There are additional 7:30AM Mass intentions available for the month of April. Please come to the parish office if you would like to purchase a Mass Card.

Respect Life
Peace Starts Here
Project Rachel is a network of specially trained, compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who are prepared to assist those who suffer from abortion loss. For more information, visit the Project Rachel website or call the Respect Life Office’s confidential phoneline: 1-888-456-HOPE to begin healing after abortion loss.

Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 3:00PM in St. Anne’s Church, all parishioners are invited to participate in the International Feast of Divine Mercy. The chaplet of Divine Mercy which is prayed on our rosary beads was revealed to St. Faustina, a polish nun, with the request that the whole world be told about the “Feast of Mercy.” On that day said Our Lord, “I will pour out a whole ocean of graces to those who approach the fount of my Mercy.” Adoration will be followed by Benediction during this Blessed Holy Hour.

First Friday is April 1st
We invite you to spend time in prayer...

Holy Hour
There will be a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, April 1st at 7:30PM in the Chapel.
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.

We welcome those newly baptized into our faith community
Kiera Grace Watkins
Easter 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Christ,

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Saint Paul tells us that in Christ Jesus you are a new creation! Today we know with the mind of faith and feel in our hearts filled with joy how true that is and whence comes this wondrous and unique gift. It is God’s gift that shows the boundless love He has for us when in the fullness of time He sent His Son, born of a woman. Without the obedient love of the Son who became one like us in all things but sin, we could never have been saved in the extraordinary way that in fact we are saved. We have been saved by one like us. That means that all we are and all that we experience on this earth has been embraced by Jesus, the God-Man. He alone could save us as Son of God. He alone, as fully human as we all are, could transform us, with whom He shares our humanity, by offering us the way to share in His divinity.

Nailed to the cross, He overcame that ancient curse of universal death. For His death became the passage way that destroys death and opens the path to eternal life for us and for all humankind. Now He breaks the bonds of death by breaking forth from the tomb in His glorified state. Now the angels can say to the first apostles, Why look among the dead for one who is living? He is not here among the dead! He has risen as He said!

Nicodemus once asked Jesus How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother’s womb and be born again, can he? No, Nicodemus, that is true. But Jesus has made the Holy Sepulchre His tomb to be the womb from which He comes forth to the glorified state that He shares with us. We who have entered into the font of Baptism and emerged from the waters of Baptism are His new creation sharing the life of the One Who today we truly proclaim God’s Son, the Victor over sin and death, the Savior of all humankind.

As His new creation, Paul rightly calls us Ambassadors of Christ. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, on this Easter Day as we rejoice, I would like to call us all to re-commit ourselves to being Ministers of Reconciliation in our families and our communities but especially in our Church and in our nation. Too many members of our Church engage in polemic and seek to divide us as if bishops are persecutors of the laity or consecrated women and men are at odds with priests and pastors. These attitudes and these divisions deny the new creation the Risen Christ has given us. Our nation has sunk into a new low in public discourse when political leaders and pressure groups ridicule and label one another or accuse those who disagree with the prevailing forces as being “haters” and “phobic”.

May all of us on Easter Sunday, in the presence of the Risen Christ, at Mass, in our homes and in our hearts, put aside those attitudes and commit ourselves to the ministry of reconciliation,eschewing the tawdry and the degrading, and re-affirming the respect and dignity of all, for HE came to be the Savior of all Humankind and today in our hearts and in our world, we proclaim

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN AND HE IS LORD FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN!

Bishop of Rockville Centre

PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, New York 11571–9023 • telephone 516.678.5800 • fax 516.678.3138 • www.drvc.org
Families in Service Sandwich-Making Event!

Many thanks for the wonderful turnout of parents and children who took time out of their busy weekends to participate in the recent sandwich-making event at Saint Anne's. A great spirit was in the air as families brought fresh cold cuts and bread to make hundreds of nutritious sandwiches for people in need. Midway through, the action paused as a group of children, assisted by Marianne Huggard, led everyone in prayer. The story of Jesus washing the feet of the apostles was told and all gave thanks for the gifts shared in service to those in need. The sandwiches were then delivered to various locations in Long Beach under the direction of St. Mary of the Isle Parish staff. In addition, the children prepared hundreds of goody bags to be given to children through the Nassau County Department of Social Services. Thank you to all the parents who helped give their children a meaningful experience of service!

Please visit our website, stannesgc.org to see more photos
Alleluia! Christ is risen; truly, He is risen!
That Easter greeting offers all of us hope, encouragement and perseverance.

At this special time of year, let us witness Christ’s Resurrection by bringing hope and encouragement to others.

Let us remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and in need, and consider sharing our many gifts with them.

One way to do this is by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can continue to bring hope and encouragement to those in need in our Long Island community. Last year, because of you we were able to serve more than 600,000 people.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-379-5210 ext. 2.

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal
Parish ________________________________
Pledge: $________ Down payment: $________
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Saint Anne’s Marriage Preparation Program

“In the Our Father prayer we say, ‘Give us this day our daily bread’. Married couples may also learn to pray, ‘Give us this day our daily love’, teach us to love each other, to care for each other. The more you entrust yourself to the Lord, the more your love will be ‘forever’, able to renew itself and to overcome every difficulty”.

~Pope Francis address to engaged couples

Marriage Preparation facilitators Sue Crinnion and Joe Farelli (pictured center) with some of the engaged couples

Saint Anne’s Marriage Preparation program recently concluded. Our program began with the engaged couples and married couple facilitators coming together at Sunday Mass. Among his remarks in the opening session, Fr. Tom thanked the couples for choosing to come to the church to get married and for recognizing the importance of entering into marriage as a sacrament.

The engaged couples then met with the married couples facilitators for two subsequent sessions. Our sincere thanks to the married couple facilitators who so generously give of their time in preparing the engaged couples and whose involvement truly makes this program successful: Sue & Bobby Crinnion, Trish & Joe Farelli, Tara & Jim Freel, Jennifer & John Barker, Pat & Brian McKeever and Mary Jean & Bob McCarthy. The comments of the engaged couples in their critiques of the program say it best:

♦ “Special thanks to the married couples; we had an amazing time!"
♦ “Our facilitators were great; their conversations opened up great discussions."
♦ “The in home sessions were great. We learned how important good communication is and values we will need to keep our marriage strong.”
♦ “We enjoyed Pre-Cana! Thanks!”

Thanks to Tim and Gloria Brown who offered assistance to the couples in selecting the music, playing portions of the various options available for their weddings. Our best wishes to all those couples getting married in the months ahead.
3rd Graders Visit Senior Scene

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph’s Day, St. Anne's 3rd graders visited the members of Senior Scene on Wednesday, March 16th. The boys and girls presented each of the seniors with a little bag of scones to which they attached a St. Patrick Day’s prayer and a St. Joseph’s Day prayer. The children and seniors shared stories of how they celebrate these special days.

The next meeting of Senior Scene will be Wednesday, March 30th at 1:30PM in the school cafeteria. Please join us for a pleasant conversation, coffee and cake, card playing and bingo. Please call Susanne Blum at 352-5904 if you would like to join us or for more information.

Please visit our website, stannesgc.org to view more photos and for parish information.
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 connected to an appropriate person. All information shared remains confidential.
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| April 3 | *Divine Mercy Sunday*  
CDA—Communion Breakfast  
Saint Anne’s Blood Drive |
| April 8 | Respite |
| April 9 | *Special Needs Mass* |
| April 10 | Youth Ministry |
| April 15 | Respite “Beach Ball” Prom |
| April 16 | Catholic Daughters’ Cake Sale |
| April 17 | Catholic Daughters’ Cake Sale |
| April 18 | *Confirmation* - 1:00PM & 4:00PM |
| April 19 | Virtus Training |
| April 20 | Professional Networking Group |
| April 22 | Virtus Training |
| April 23 | St. Anne’s School Play |
| April 24 | St. Anne’s School Play |
| April 26 | Movie, “Little Boy” |
| **May** |
| May 1 | Movie, “Little Boy” |
| May 5 | *Ascension Thursday* |
| May 6 | Respite |
| May 7 | *First Communions* - 11:00AM & 1:00PM |
| May 7 | *Special Needs Mass* |
| May 8 | Mother’s Day  
Last 10:30AM Family Mass |
| May 13 | Mother/Daughter Mass |
| May 14 | *First Communions* - 11:00AM & 1:00PM |
| May 15 | Pentecost Sunday  
Senior and Homebound Mass 11:45AM |
| May 21 | First Communion - 11:00AM only |
| May 24 | May Crowning |
| May 26 | Corpus Christi |
| **June** |
| June 4 | *Special Needs Mass* |
| June 5 | Families in Service |
| June 8 | Saint Anne’s School 8th Grade Awards Night |
| June 10 | Respite |
| June 11 | Saint Anne’s School Graduation |
| June 17 | Dr. O’Sullivan Farewell |
| June 19 | Father’s Day |

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**Saint Anne’s Church Blood Drive**

**Sponsored by K of C**

**Msgr. John’s Knights Council**

**Walk-ins Welcome**

**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 life-saving gift! Thank you for caring!**

**Call Brian McKeever at 516-317-4571 for more information**

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**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Bring ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 – 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission).
- Age 76 and over need doctor’s note
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months

**For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900**
Sacred Heart Academy - Hempstead, New York
Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course
August 22-26, 2016
September 10, 2016 & October 15, 2016
Cost: $200 includes all materials. Two sessions available.
Please call 516-483-7383, ext. 249 for information and applications.

PSAT Review Course
August 15-19, 2016
September 10 & September 24, 2016
Cost: $200 includes all materials. Two sessions available.
Please call 516-483-7383, ext. 249 for information and applications.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
The best way to protect our children and our church is for adults to learn red flag behaviors and to report concerns to supervisors. This creates a culture of protection. Sign up for a safe environment (Virtus) training.
Be part of the solution to protect children. Attendance at Virtus is a one-time requirement and your certification is good at any parish where you may live or volunteer.

Requirements for all Volunteers
Virtus Training at St. Anne’s
Tuesday, April 19th at 7:30PM
Friday, April 22nd at 9:30AM

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 rectory or on our website. If you have not yet attended Virtus training, please register for an upcoming session on the diocesan website, drvc.org. Click on Virtus Online on the homepage. Whether you choose to attend Virtus training at St. Anne’s or elsewhere, you must register online. If you have any questions, please call Susanne Blum at 352-5904.

Wondering what to do with Used Cell Phones,iPod, Tablets?
On the first Sunday of each month a box will be available at the front door of church to collect cell phones, iPods, tablets with chargers that are no longer being used. These are cleaned and given to people living in shelters, senior citizens, service men and women and others in need. A small donation is given in return to the Sisters of Saint Dominic for the support of their Senior Citizens Center in Bayamon, PR. The center depends on donations to provide services for approximately 100 senior citizens who come to the center each day.

For more information, please call Sr. Diane Kirwan, OP at 203-823-5730.

Camp Saint Anne 2016
Experience an exciting summer at Camp Saint Anne! We have many fun activities including arts and crafts, sports, music, bible activities, reading, nature walks, outside picnics, science experiments, painting, and much more! On Fun Day Fridays we will even be going in the sprinklers! Camp Saint Anne strives to make each day fun and memorable.

Camp Saint Anne is for anyone entering pre-K through fourth grade. This summer, the camp is under the direction of Mrs. Brittany Daley and other certified Saint Anne’s personnel. Camp will run for the weeks of June 27th, July 5th, July 11th and July 18th, Monday through Friday from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Drop off is in the cafeteria at 9:00AM and pick up is in the gym at 12:00PM. Early drop-off between 8:00AM-9:00AM is available at an additional charge. The tuition for each week is $150 except for the week of July 5th (Tuesday-Thursday) which is $120. The price of tuition includes all activities, snacks, supplies and a camp t-shirt.

Applications will be accepted as soon as they are complete, but must be handed in no later than Friday, June 3d. Please return all registration forms and checks payable to Camp Saint Anne to the main office of St. Anne’s School. All registrations will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

NO REFUNDS can be made for any absences, due to the fact that monies have been expended in advance for supplies, snacks and staffing.

Please fee free to contact Brittany Daley at barcire@stannesgcschool.org with any further questions.
Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
7:00 AM Claire McQuillan
8:30 Cecelia Napolitano, Rose Ann Ferrick
10:00 Matthew Farrell - 10th Anniversary
10:30 AUD Bernard O'Neill
11:45 Florence Murray
1:15 Parishioners of St. Anne

MONDAY, MARCH 28
7:30 Gertrude Hanson
9:00 Walter Dudas

TUESDAY, MARCH 29
7:30 Adela Lopez
9:00 Joan Berger

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30
7:30 Aurora Vinciguerra
9:00 Deceased Members of Rotondi & Straton Families

THURSDAY, MARCH 31
7:30 Clifford Hauswirth
9:00 Rarie Nappi

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
9:00 Clifford Hauswirth

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
8:30 Catherine Curtin, Billy Diele, Dennis Moylan
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Anne

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
7:00 AM Robert Colan
8:30 John & Madeleine Esposito, Peter Iazazzera, Mary Kollar, William Diele
10:00 Concetta & Antonino Perico
11:45 Bienvenida Ortiz Aponte
5:30 Tom Whalen

The Altar Bread & Wine for this week is in memory of
Joan M. Berger
Donated by Ann Messina

Our Faith Community offers prayers this week on their first anniversaries for:
April 1, 2015-Stephen Puleo
April 2, 2015-Catherine Curtin

Please remember in your prayers family members of Saint Anne’s parishioners who are serving in the military.
Sgt. Christopher Aubin, USMC
Pvt Charles Bosch, US Army
Thomas Brown, US Army
L/Cpl. Neal T. Burke, USMC
Capt. Anthony F. Califano, US Navy
Gunners 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
Specialist Daniel R. MacFall, US Army
Lance Cpl. James McCartin, USMC
Capt. Clare McKenna, USMC
Ensignment Glenn McKenna, US Navy
Cpl. Owen A. Monahan, USMC
AD2 Joseph V. Muscaro, US Navy
Gregalkot, Intl. News Reporter
Airman Anthony J. Pittella, US Navy
C. Chief Nicholas Prezlosi, USAF
F. C. Patrick Prezlosi, US Navy
T. Sg t Ian William Roth, USAF
Capt. Thomas Safina, US Army Reserves
Captain Tara Sutcliffe, USMC

Let us pray for those who have died
Helen Clark
Robert Colan
David Jones
Winifred R. Perini

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Denise Bedeian
Kim Bily
Deacon George Browne
Regina Childs-Cacioppo
Charles Cangelsio
Kenneth Carpenter
Mary Caruana
Elizabeth Castellano
Michael Cintorino
Alex Colin
Deborah Connelly
Anthony Corrao
Anthony Cuccia
John D’Alessandro
Claire Decker
Denise DeCrescito
Mike DiGregorio

Please remember the following people in your prayers
Marie Dillon
Eric Drobinco
Danny Drumm
Janet Fellingham
Ryan Fornasar
Frank Gagliardo
Dennis Gallery
Charles Gibiliaro
Patricia Hnis
Patrick Hughes Sr.
Will Hughes
Terese Karcher
William Knipfing
Klavdia Krieg
Ricky Loew
Henry Lynk
Patricia Maher
Bart Marconi
Michelle Maroonet
Danny Marquino
Frank Mauro
Jack McAuliffe
John McCloskey, Jr.
Kristina Miholich
Gabriele Monastero
Tina Napoli
Andrea O’Halloran
Thomas Onorato
Adelaine Parks
Kathleen Picha
Nicholas Piotrowski
Ellen Redding
John Rochford
Chloe Rombach
Melissa Sarfin
Dr. Lester Schnell
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Michael Sigwalt
Mary Spadaro
Robert Stevenson
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Kristen Stimmmer
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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, March 28th
Saint Anne’s School Closed

Tuesday, March 29th
Saint Anne’s School Closed

Wednesday, March 30th
Saint Anne’s School Closed
1:30PM - Senior Scene - Cafeteria

Thursday, March 31st
Saint Anne’s School Closed
7:30PM - Families Anonymous - Faculty Room

First Friday, April 1st
Saint Anne’s School Closed
7:30PM - Nocturnal Adoration - St. Therese Chapel

Sunday, April 3rd - Divine Mercy Sunday
9:00AM - Blood Drive - Cafeteria
1:30PM - Baptisms
3:00PM - Divine Mercy Holy Hour - Church

Looking for a Lasting Easter Gift?
Saint Anne’s Commemorative Brick Walkway Program
The Saint Anne’s Commemorative Brick Walkway Program is a great way, that we, as a community, can create a lasting legacy. It is a perfect way to acknowledge special achievements - baptisms, marriages, graduations, birthdays or to memorialize a loved one. Order forms are available at the parish office. All proceeds will support the efforts of Saint Anne’s Home School Association.