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.

Thanks to all who have sponsored a Family for Christmas or offered to provide toys, clothes or gift cards for children in need.

Delivery Dates for your gifts/food are:

- **December 10**
  - Family Mass Advent Giving

- **December 14**
  - Angel Gift Ornaments

- **December 16**
  - Christmas Sponsor a Family

Please see page 4 for details.
Advent - A Time for Preparation

Daily Mass
Monday - Thursday at 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 7:00PM
On Friday, Mass is celebrated at 9:00AM & 7:00PM
Come and pray with us!

Take the Word with You!
Copies of *The Word Among Us* are available so you can review the readings before Mass each day.

DAY OF RECONCILIATION - MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017 from 3:00PM TO 9:00PM
You are invited to experience God's comfort through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Priests will be in the Church from 3:00PM until 9:00PM.
*Reconciliation is also offered every Saturday from 4:00PM - 4:45PM or by calling the Parish Office for an appointment.*

Youth Group Bake Sale
Sunday, December 17th after the 10:00AM 10:30AM & 11:45AM Masses
Proceeds will be used for service projects the Youth Group are participating in throughout the year. We welcome you to buy some delicious baked goods for the Christmas season and hope to see you there.

Celebrating Christmas at Saint Anne's

Celebrating The Eucharist

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24th
4:00PM in the Church
4:00PM Family Mass in McCloskey Auditorium (Family Mass Choir)
6:00PM in the Church
9:00PM in the Church
Midnight in the Church - Choir begins at 11:15PM

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25th
7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM & 1:15PM

All Masses are celebrated in the Church - *Please note there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day*

*Please note the new Mass times (4 & 6 PM) and be aware that traditionally the earlier Masses on Christmas Eve are filled beyond capacity. You may wish to attend one of our other liturgies.*

Our best wishes for a blessed and joyous Christmas!
Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to parishioner Joe Ferrick! Joe is the recipient of the 2017 St. Agnes Medal for St. Anne’s. Each year the bishop of the diocese awards the St. Agnes Medal to a person who has provided outstanding service to the parish and church. Joe has been a parishioner at St. Anne’s for many, many years. Joe and his wife Rose Ann raised their four children here. Rose Ann passed away in 2011. Joe remains very involved in the parish. He is a faith-filled member of the Ministry of Consolation and assists dozens of families through this difficult time of a loved one’s death. He does so with great compassion. Joe is a member of the Finance Committee. Joe brings his financial acumen to our quarterly meetings. All who have served with him on the committee are very grateful for the insights he offers. He asks the best questions! Joe is a faithful participant in the First Friday Nocturnal Adoration community. Fr. Rudy speaks of Joe’s perfect attendance. He is a generous supporter of the Loaves and Fishes Ministry and volunteers as a counter. Joe is also a lector and prays each morning at daily Mass. Joe does look forward to an improved 2018 for his beloved Mets and football Giants.

Joe was away visiting family when Bishop Barres awarded the St. Agnes Medal on a Sunday afternoon in October. It was my privilege to present Joe with the St. Agnes Medal on Saturday morning at the 8:30 Mass. Congratulations and thank you Joe Ferrick.

**MASSES ON DECEMBER 24 & 25**

Recently, people have been raising the question of participation and obligation for Mass on the weekend of December 24 and 25. The bishops of the United States recently published a clarification regarding the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on these days. Sunday, December 24 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The obligation to attend Mass for this Sunday of Advent is met by attending Mass on the Saturday evening, 5:00PM Mass or at one of the Sunday morning Masses. The obligation to attend Mass for Christmas is met by attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Translated, to meet the Mass obligation for these two days, a person must attend a Mass for each day; two Masses. To quote the article in the on-line Long Island Catholic, there is no two-for-one for these two days. Please note that our first Christmas Eve Mass this year is at 4:00PM. We are not permitted to have a Christmas Mass prior to 4:00PM on Christmas Eve.

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSION**

As we have been doing these past several years, we will have an extended celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, December 18th from 3:00 to 9:00PM. Priests will be available all during this time for confession. We have a similar day on the Monday of Holy Week when nearly 200 people come to confession. This day, December 18, prior to Christmas, is less crowded and the lines are shorter. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receiving absolution in preparation for Christmas is a great way to begin this wonderful time of the year.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

Advent is passing so quickly. Because Christmas is on a Monday, we have the shortest season of Advent that we can possibly have. The fourth week of Advent 2017 is limited to one day, Sunday. Can it be, given the shortness of the season, that Advent includes a sense of urgency this year? I think so.

Interestingly, given the recent headlines, the first reading from Isaiah draws our attention to the holy city of Jerusalem. How ironic it is that such a sacred place, an important place of faith is the center of political debate and division. Politics aside, the Lord proclaims through Isaiah, “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem...” Advent is a time to speak tenderly.

We all know that can be a great challenge at times. I know when I have spoken harshly, even meanly. Frequently, I have confessed this sin. Isaiah’s proclamation to speak tenderly seems timely, both at a personal level and for how we often hear people speaking to and about others. There is too much derision, disrespect, and division in the language of our culture. Recently I have prayed with psalm 141:

“O Lord, set a watch before my mouth, a guard at the door of my lips.”

Perhaps the prayer of Psalm 141 will help us to speak more tenderly this Advent season.

If the first reading is an encouragement to speak tenderly, the middle reading offers an encouragement to patience. St. Paul reminds us of the Lord’s patience with us. St. Paul connects the Lord’s patience with our need to repent. Paul’s language suggests a repentance that has to do with cleansing. “Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.” These words about patience and repentance suggest movement in our lives, movement away from sin and toward virtue. The patience that the Lord affords to us, we can extend to one another. During Advent, living more patiently with one another and even ourselves, we can assist one another in our own need to repent, to move away from sin and to move toward virtue. Our patience can help another move from anger to reconciliation. Our patience can help move another from indifference to compassion. Our patience can assist one in moving from sorrow to joy.

The gospel that focuses on John the Baptist links the preparation of Advent with the call to repentance. At its conclusion, this gospel speaks of finding Jesus, “One mightier than I is coming after me.” It also speaks of baptism with the Holy Spirit. This is what we seek during the Advent Season, an even deepening experience of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The readings of the Second Sunday of Advent suggest tender speech, patience, and repentance as the pathways to that ever deepening experience. And there is a sense of urgency. This is the Second Sunday of Advent, yet Christmas is only two weeks away.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fa. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOAVES AND FISHES

Love consists of sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves.
Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words. ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

Christmas Sponsor a Family—Delivery Day is next Saturday, December 16th!
We are committed to sponsoring 325 families from Saint Martha’s Parish in Uniondale and the Ryan Outreach Center at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Wyandanch.

Thank you to all who volunteered to be a sponsor for Christmas!
Drivers to Wyandanch needed—please call Joanne Sorge at 248-1834
Any questions about delivery for Uniondale, please call Lilly Schwieger at 747-4749

If you are unable to do the shopping but would still like to help… you may make a monetary donation. Please make a check payable to Saint Anne’s Church with a notation: “Christmas Sponsor a Family” program, and send it to: Saint Anne’s Church, 35 Dartmouth Street, Garden City, NY 11530; Attention: Parish Social Ministry

Youth Support for Christmas: We need teens to help at both sites and in Saint Anne's parking lot on Saturday, December 16th. Please contact Tricia Paskewitz at tpask@hotmail.com.

Advent Giving Opportunities

Advent Giving at the Family Mass — Thank you for bringing your toy/s and food item/s to Family Mass today! If you forgot, please leave the items in the Loaves and Fishes closets at the rear of the Church by Monday, December 11th. These gifts and food go to the neediest families at Saint Martha’s outreach center in Uniondale. Thank you for your support!

Angel Gift Ornaments from the Church — Thank you to all who picked up an Angel Ornament, which lists a child or teen by gender and age. These gifts will be delivered to 65 children whose families live in Catholic Charities Project Independence housing, Special Needs housing and the Teaching Family Home program. These children are from families who have been homeless, who have someone with chronic mental illness or HIV/AIDS or who have suffered from substance abuse. For younger children, toys are requested and for teens there are other suggestions, including gift cards. Please bring your gift unwrapped, with the Angel attached, to the Parish Office by Thursday, December 14th. Questions? Please call Linda Leone at 352-5904 or email lindaleone@stannesgc.org.

Weekly Food Drive

We want to thank those parishioners who have consistently donated food throughout the year. Our holiday programs are wonderful times to help people in need but only represent a few weeks. By participating in the weekly food drive you help families 52 weeks in the year. Thank you very much!! Please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904 for more information.

Dave Connors and Helen Capece help with a recent food delivery to St. Mary of the Isle Parish in Long Beach
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.

Saint Anne's MOMs

welcomes mothers of young children in our parish, offering them many ways to connect with one another and to find support.

Moms who work outside the home are also welcome to join as ‘social’ members, with a variety of evening and family-based activities available to them. If you would like to join, please email Melanie Unterstein, our membership chair, at stannesmoms@gmail.com or you may call the parish office at 352-5904 for more information and to register if you are new to Saint Anne’s.

Families in Service

Thank you to all who will join us for Christmas caroling as we visit some of our homebound and senior parishioners to bring them a message of love and good cheer. Parents and children will be gathering in the cafeteria this Sunday, December 10th at 4:00PM. Song sheets and information will be provided (along with juice and cookies!)

Families will be arranged in groups and sent out to sing at two or three homes. (Please note: Most of the homes are NOT walking distance from the Church. Families will need their cars to travel to the homes where they will carol.)

What a wonderful way to gather with family and friends, bringing a message of “Joy to the World” this Christmas!

You may contact Shannon Kolenik at shannon.kolenik@gmail.com or Rena Capri at renaann614@yahoo.com for more information.

All are welcome!

The Capri family is all set to head out for caroling last year

Senior Scene — Christmas Luncheon

The next meeting of the Senior Scene will be our Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 13th at 1:30PM. Please go directly to McCloskey Auditorium where the school children will be presenting the Nativity pageant for us. A hot luncheon will follow in the cafeteria. The cost is $10 per person. If you would like to attend, please call Susanne Blum at 352-5904.

Norma and her daughter, Lynne enjoying last year’s Christmas luncheon

Special Needs Mass

Mass will be celebrated with our special needs community on Saturday, December 16th at 5:00PM in the cafeteria.

The children will be presenting a living Christmas Nativity. All are always welcome!

Respite Care

The next session of our Respite Care program will be held on Friday, January 5th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM in McCloskey Auditorium and the cafeteria.

Resilience ... You are not alone

Saint Anne’s has formed a group to support parents of teens and young adults who are experiencing challenges, either psychological, emotional or both. Our group is called Resilience. We respect the confidentiality of each person and offer a safe environment to meet with other parents who are facing similar challenges. You are not alone! For more information, please contact Linda Leone at 516-352-5904 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.

Middle Years

Middle Years invites you to join us at our Christmas Wrap Party on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00PM. We will wrap our presents for our presents for our Christmas family. Please call Maria Clark at 352-8663 to order your choice of wrap.
FAITH FORMATION

Class Schedule—Week of December 10

Sunday, December 10
9:00 – 10:15  Grades 1-6
9:15 – 10:00  One to One Program

Monday, December 11
4:00 to 5:10pm  Grades 1-6

Tuesday, December 12
4:00 to 5:10pm  Grades 1-6

Wednesday, December 13
4:00 to 5:10pm  Grades 1-6
7:00-8:30pm  7th grade Mass & Reconciliation
7:00pm  8th grade - speaker in Church

Mrs. Onorato’s 3rd grade class

Class Schedule—Week of December 17

Sunday, December 17
9:00 – 10:15  Grades 1-6
9:15 – 10:00  One to One Program

Monday, December 18
4:00 to 5:10pm  Grades 1-6

Tuesday, December 19
4:00 to 5:10pm  Grades 1-6

Wednesday, December 20
4:00 to 5:10pm  Grades 1-6
7:00pm  8th grade - speaker in Church

Please know that our lines of communication are always open to families.

The Faith Formation office is located in the school building.

Please call or email Vivian Flood at 516-488-1032 or vflood@stannesgc.org.
The Gospel of Mark is action packed and begins by just jumping into the life of Jesus. Throughout the gospel Jesus is always on the move. He never seems to rest! The symbol for Mark’s Gospel is the lion. As a lion, Mark pounces on his subject matter. He charges right in. There is no grand introduction. Mark begins with John the Baptist proclaiming a baptism of repentance and the promise of one to come, baptizing with the Holy Spirit. In these last busy weeks before Christmas take the time to ponder the meaning of “prepare the way”. How can you prepare the way for others to come to experience the true meaning of Christmas?

Readings for Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

During Advent this year we will have an opportunity for daily Mass at 7:00PM in church – Monday – Friday. Lectors are needed for these masses. Please contact Sr. Judy (srjudy@stannesgc.org or 352-5904) if you would be available to serve at one of the daily masses for the Advent season. Many thanks to those who have already offered to serve!

Also, Lector Workbooks for 2017-18 are available in the Liturgical Ministers Room on the shelf – lector’s name on each book. Please pick up your book as soon as possible.

The joyous strains of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” fill our church with the ancient words of promise as we journey through Advent. We hear the promise of Emmanuel – God with us – to come and fill our hearts and our world. The ancient Israelites longed for the coming of the Messiah and we pray in longing for Christ to come to us again. This season we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah, filling us with the hope of God’s coming to us. We hear John the Baptist call us to repentance. We hear the words of the Angel Gabriel to Mary at the Annunciation. It is a time of quiet reflection and yet it seems to be the busiest and noisiest time of the year. Give yourself the gift of Advent quiet and reflection. Spend some time with the Sunday readings in quiet. The scripture citations are listed each week for you right here in the bulletin.

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers Christmas Schedule

Our church is filled to overflowing on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! The Liturgical Ministries keep everything flowing smoothly on these days. Please contact Sr. Judy with your availability to serve at our Christmas Masses by responding to the email sent this past week or sign up in the Liturgical Ministers Room. Many thanks to those who have already signed up for masses!!

Next rehearsal will be Monday, December 11th - 6:30PM-7:30PM in the Music Room. The choir sings at one Sunday Mass a month and on special occasions.

For more information contact Sr. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or at 352-5904.
**RCIA**

Next Sunday at the 10:00 Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome for those in our RCIA. Those who will be baptized will be enrolled as catechumens. Those who are already baptized as Christian and will be received into the Church at Easter and those who are completing the Sacraments of Initiation will also be part of the prayer of welcome. Please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers— they are counting on it!

Bringing others to faith in Christ Jesus is the responsibility of each one of us. If you or if you know of anyone who would be interested in joining us please contact S. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or by phoning the parish office at 352-5904.

**RCIA Reunion Supper**

On November 29, the RCIA hosted a “reunion” for those who have been through the RCIA process over the years. Supper and great conversation were enjoyed by all.

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**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY**

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

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**RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION**

This weekend of December 9th and 10th, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will participate in the National Religious Retirement Annual Collection for senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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**The Sacrament of Reconciliation – December 18th**

In preparation for the Feast of Christmas the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Monday, December 18th from 3:00PM – 9:00PM in Church. Take the time to receive the great gift of God’s forgiveness.

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**Men’s Bible Study**

Men’s' Bible Study Group meets around the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. 7:30-9:00PM at the St. Theresa Chapel in the school basement. For details and schedule - contact Joe Parisi at 516-526-3757 or by email at jparisi@financialguide.com. Learn God’s will by studying His Word.
We welcome those newly baptized into our faith community

Elia Lynn DeVardo
William Francis Dionisio
June Scarlet Gallagher
Vince John LaDuca
Thomas Edward Mantyla
Vera Elizabeth McCarthy

Let us pray for those who have died

Robert J. Nori Sr.
Frances Reed
Anna Ryan
Lois Szostak

Maternity Advent Program
As we prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent season, we are reminded of the precious gift of the Holy Family. Many of today’s young mothers face the same challenges as the Holy Family, and are in dire need of shelter, basic amenities, love, and prayer. Their choice for life enables another child of God to be born. Please support these young mothers’ choice for life.

Your generous donation will help the Maternity Residences on Long Island:
- Regina Maternity Services - a Diocesan Residence under the auspices of Catholic Charities
- Mother of Good Counsel Home
- Momma’s House and Bethany House

Directions: Take a small collection box and bring it home (boxes available in the Church lobby)
During Advent, fill the box with your spare change. Convert collected change to a check made payable to the Diocese of Rockville Centre
Mail check to: RESPECT LIFE OFFICE
50 North Park Ave.
PO Box 9023,
Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

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 rectory 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

Youth Ministry
Meeting - this Sunday, December 10th
6:30PM in the Cafeteria
All High School Teens are Welcome
Saint Anne’s Youth Ministry is founded on three main values: faith, community and service. We welcome all high school students and hope to see you. Pizza and snacks are served. For more information, please contact our Youth Minister, Bill Leone at bleone@stannesgc.org

Bake Sale
Sunday, December 17th
after the 10, 10:30 & 11:45 Masses
Proceeds will be used for service projects the Youth Group are participating in throughout the year.
We hope to see you there!

Thanks for your support of past Youth Ministry bake sales!!

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?
CATHOLIC CHARITIES/Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs, to begin his/her journey in recovery. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Talbot House is a NO fee for service program.
A Celebration of Fr. Rudy’s 35th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

With the Knights of Columbus providing an honor guard, the entire church applauds Fr. Rudy at the conclusion of the Mass.

Members of the Stewart Manor Fire Department offered their congratulations to Fr. Rudy.

Friends, old and new, came to St. Anne’s to share in the celebration.
Traditional folk dances are performed by Filipino ladies.
LOOKING FOR A LASTING CHRISTMAS GIFT???
PURCHASE A COMMEMORATIVE BRICK

Saint Anne’s Commemorative Brick Walkway Program is a wonderful way that we, as a community, can create a lasting legacy. Commemorative Bricks are the perfect way to acknowledge special achievements — baptisms, birthdays, graduations, marriages, other joyous occasions, or to memorialize a loved one.

Each brick can be inscribed with your own personal message and will be placed in a decorative fashion in front of the Saint Anne’s School building. A 4” x 8” brick costs $125.00, which includes thirteen characters AND spaces per line, with up to three lines per brick. Larger 8” x 8” bricks are also available for the price of $500.00, which includes thirteen characters AND spaces per line, with up to six lines per brick.

All proceeds from this effort will directly benefit Saint Anne’s School.
Order forms are available at the parish office.

Urgent Action to Save Catholic School Reimbursement:
Urge Governor Cuomo to Support Catholic Schools!

The State Education Department intends to cut reimbursement to our Catholic Schools. This should not happen! Please take 2 minutes of your time to urge Governor Cuomo to stop this attack on Catholic schools!

A bill was passed overwhelmingly by the New York Senate and Assembly to correct this problem. Almost 5 months have passed since the bill was passed. The bill is languishing. We have now been informed that Governor Cuomo may veto the bill. Please take a quick moment to let the Governor know we need his immediate support by signing this measure into law.

Twelve schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre have not received the reimbursement funds from New York State from 2015-2016 because this issue remains unsettled! These claims, totaling almost $7 million, are in limbo until this problem is corrected. Our students are being adversely impacted by this delay by our state government. Please call or email Governor Cuomo today and express your concerns. Click the link to log in and send your message: https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/eO6qix1qrPSaYNOkQ8nhsw

You may also wish to call Governor Cuomo at 518 474-8390 to express your concerns. If you call, please ask to speak to a representative and voice your thoughts. Please contact Governor Cuomo and urge him to sign Senate bill 6089. This bill is vital in order to keep reimbursement to Catholic Schools at their current levels. In the past, Governor Cuomo has said he supports Catholic and independent schools. Now is the time for the governor to show his support for Catholic and independent schools by signing this bill into law.

CUB SCOUT FUN AND FAITH DAY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

SACRED HEART CHURCH
MERRICK, NEW YORK
8:30 AM – 12:00 NOON
SAINT PATRICK’S CHURCH
SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK
10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

A special day of prayer, handicrafts, and games.
For information, contact the Catholic Scouting Office
516 678-5800, ext. 245 or scouting@drvc.org

Attending to Grief in a Season of Cheer
Tuesday, December 12th at 7:30PM
St. Thomas Parish Center
“Christmas...A time to remember loved ones, both here and in heaven. And a time to remember our own needs, as we seek healing and peace.”

St. Thomas Bereavement Ministry will host an evening to assist those in need during this Christmas season. Please join us and let us help you through this difficult time. For additional information, please call Human Services at 538-7465.
Our Faith Community offers prayers this week on their first anniversary for:
December 13, 2016 - William A. Hackford
December 13, 2016 - Margaret Hope Smith

Please remember the following people in your prayers

Victor Abrahamsen
Catherine Amato
Jodi Ariciere
Garth Atchley
Mary Bagnato
Denise Bedeian
William Brown
Deacon George Browne
Gail Calma
Charles Cangelosi
Kenneth Carpenter
Mary Caruana
Elizabeth Castellano
Barbie Cervoni
Anthony Corrao
Anthony Cuccia
Claire Decker
Denise DeCrescito
Lorraine Distefano
Margaret Donaldson
Patricia Durecko
Rosemary Ecker
Dennis Gallery
Anthony Greco
Sean Green
Rhett Hemingway
Patrick Hughes Sr.
Will Hughes
Joan Kalbacher
Terese Karcher
Carolyn Kast
Klavdia Krieg
Carole Langan
Ricky Loew
Chris Lynch
Henry Lynk
Patricia Maher
Michelle Marooney
Danny Marquino
Dorothy McAleavey
Tommy McCann
Kerry McCarraher
John McCloskey, Jr.
Michael Meoni
Barbara Mohan
Gabriele Monastero
Jim Mulligan
Lauren Munafo
Liam O'Brien
Philip O'Connell
Thomas Onorato, Jr.
Andrea O'Halloran
Vincent Panarella
Adelaine Parks
Brian Pfail
Kathleen Picha
Ellen Redding
Ann Roland
Mary Fitzgerald Roth
Melissa Sarfin
Vinny Scheppa
Dr. Lester Schnell
Sharon Sharp Elliot
Michael Sigwalt
Kathleen Smith
Mary Spadaro
Kristen Stimmer
Catherine Sullivan
Jean Thompson
Giuseppeina Valenti
Debbie Ventura
Loretta Wess
Callie Williams
Susan Williams

The Altar Bread & Wine for this week is in memory of
Priscilla Bonnie
Donated by The Bonnie Family

Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**
7:00AM  Theresa Carragee
8:30  Walter Winchurch, Ann & Walter Curran, Celia Kulsick, Thomas Nappi, Norah Costelloe, John M. & Helen M. Hendricks
10:00  Michael Stravino
10:30  Deceased members of Milo & Stiehl Families
11:45  Pamela Winning
5:30PM  Parishioners of St. Anne

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**
7:30  Blanche Bennet  7:00PM Ann & Edward Moran
9:00  John D. Stratton

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**
7:30  Deceased Members of the Ferrick Family
9:00  Eamon Tubridy  7:00PM Matthew Smolanick

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**
7:30  William A. Hackford  7:00PM Dolly Tetro
9:00  Kevin Hartt

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**
7:30  William J. Lambiase  7:00PM Elsi Krupa
9:00  Anthony Rico - 2nd Anniversary

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**
9:00  William Hackford  7:00PM Kim Paradine

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**
8:30  Priscilla Bonnie, Aileen Moriarity, Marge Rix Schnell, Joseph Mack, Helen M. & John M. Hendricks, Thomas Healy
5:00PM  Parishioners of St. Anne

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**
7:00AM  William Hackford
8:30  Joseph Cassese Sr. & Stephen Velechenko, Joan Chicosky, Noel Ryan, Patrick Mockler & Mary Bane, Robert A. O’Sullivan
10:00  Annagrace Bennett
10:30  Susan Mongiello
11:45  Thomas Downey - 10th Anniversary
5:30PM  William Hackford

Please remember in your prayers family members of Saint Anne’s parishioners who are serving in the military:
- 1st Lt. William Allen, US Army
- Pvt. Nicholas Ballek, US Army
- Sgt. Christopher Aubin, USMC
- Laura Jane Brown, US Army
- Capt. Anthony Badger, USMC
- Capt. Anthony F. Califano, US Navy
- Master Sgt. Denis Cashin, USMC
- Capt. Matthew Clements, US Army
- Lt. Cmdr. Brian Cunningham, Navy SEAL
- Capt. Christopher Dar Conte, USAF
- Petty Officer 2nd Class Jarrod Donley, USA

Please remember the following people in your prayers:
- Victor Abrahamsen
- Catherine Amato
- Jodi Ariciere
- Garth Atchley
- Mary Bagnato
- Denise Bedeian
- Kim Bily
- William Brown
- Deacon George Browne
- Gail Calma
- Charles Cangelosi
- Kenneth Carpenter
- Mary Caruana
- Elizabeth Castellano
- Barbie Cervoni
- Anthony Corrao
- Anthony Cuccia
- Claire Decker
- Denise DeCrescito
- Lorraine Distefano
- Margaret Donaldson
- Patricia Durecko
- Rosemary Ecker
- Dennis Gallery
- Anthony Greco
- Sean Green
- Rhett Hemingway
- Patrick Hughes Sr.
- Will Hughes
- Joan Kalbacher
- Terese Karcher
- Carolyn Kast
- Klavdia Krieg
- Carole Langan
- Ricky Loew
- Chris Lynch
- Henry Lynk
- Patricia Maher
- Michelle Marooney
- Danny Marquino
- Dorothy McAlleavy
- Tommy McCann
- Kenny McCarraher
- John McCloskey, Jr.
- Michael Meoni
- Barbara Mohan
- Gabriele Monastero
- Jimmy Mulligan
- Lauren Munafo
- Liam O'Brien
- Philip O'Connell
- Thomas Onorato, Jr.
- Andrea O'Halloran
- Vincent Panarella
- Adelaine Parks
- Brian Pfail
- Kathleen Picha
- Ellen Redding
- Ann Roland
- Mary Fitzgerald Roth
- Melissa Sarfin
- Vinny Scheppa
- Dr. Lester Schnell
- Sharon Sharp Elliot
- Michael Sigwalt
- Kathleen Smith
- Mary Spadaro
- Kristen Stimmer
- Catherine Sullivan
- Jean Thompson
- Giuseppeina Valenti
- Debbie Ventura
- Loretta Wess
- Callie Williams
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We Celebrate the Sacraments

Eucharist
Saturday Evening 5:00PM
Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:45, 5:30PM (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 1:30PM. 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, December 11th
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
6:30PM Children’s Choir - Music Room

Tuesday, December 12th
7:00PM School Christmas Concert - McCloskey Auditorium

Wednesday, December 13th
9:30AM Mom’s Ministry - Cafeteria
1:30PM Senior Scene - Cafeteria
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
6:00PM Middle Years - Cafeteria
7:30PM R.C.I.A. - SJVR
7:30PM Men’s Bible Study - St. Therese Chapel

Thursday, December 14th
2:30PM Altar Server Training - Church
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
6:30PM Altar Server Training - Church
7:30PM Families Anonymous - Faculty Room
7:30PM Adult Choir - Church

Saturday, December 16th
8:00AM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium

Sunday, December 17th
Youth Ministry Bake Sale after 10:00, 10:30 and 11:45AM Masses
1:30PM Baptisms

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 16
5:00PM - Fr. Johnny
5:00PM - Fr. Tom/Special Needs Mass

Sunday, December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
7:00AM - Fr. Peter 10:30AM - Fr. Johnny
8:30AM - Fr. Rudy 11:45AM - Fr. Tom
10:00AM - Fr. Tom 5:30PM - Fr. Rudy