DAY OF RECONCILIATION - Monday, December 18th from 3PM TO 9PM
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.

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 (4PM & 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!

Youth Ministry 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!

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.
Congratulations Joe Ferrick—Recipient of the 2017 St. Agnes Medal

Joe Ferrick is surrounded by his proud family after receiving the St. Agnes Medal from Fr. Tom at the 8:30 Mass last Saturday. As Fr. Tom stated in his letter last week “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 was away vishing 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.”

Family Mass – Sundays at 10:30 in McCloskey Auditorium

A new Ambo for the Family and Special Needs Masses
Thank you Brendan Regan!

Last Sunday at Family Mass we blessed our new ambo (pulpit). The ambo was constructed by Brendan Regan for his Eagle Scout Project. The beautiful ambo emphasizes the importance and sacredness of God’s Word which is read from that place. The ambo is inscribed “Do Whatever He tells You”. Father Tom blessed the ambo and Brendan proclaimed the first reading. Congratulations to Brendan!

Everyone at Family Mass and the Special Needs Mass appreciates the beautiful ambo.

Join us each Sunday for Family Mass. We celebrate Children’s Liturgy of the Word each week. Strollers welcomed!!!!

There will be no Family Mass on Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st at 10:30AM. We will again have a Christmas pageant at Family Mass on Christmas Eve – pageant at 3:45 and Mass at 4:00PM. Please contact Sr. Judy for information and sign up.
Dear Parishioners,

During the past year I have been very concerned about our parish’s diminished attendance at Sunday Mass. Perhaps you have observed the same. I believe it is the most pressing problem and greatest challenge we have at St. Anne’s. If you are reading this letter in the bulletin, you are most likely a regular participant in Sunday Mass. Your prayerful presence, support, and participation is helpful to me and all those with whom you regularly pray at weekend Mass. I believe we draw strength and encouragement from each other when we come together to pray. I hope that you share this concern with me about diminished attendance and I hope you experience encouragement and strength when you attend Mass with family members, neighbors and other parishioners with whom you share our faith.

I have thought for a long time about how to address this problem. I feel I have this responsibility as the pastor. I have had many conversations with parishioners, family members, our renewed Pastoral Council, our parish staff, and other clergy. I do want to be an alarmist, yet we cannot ignore this situation. Our sacristans count the Mass attendance each week and this count confirms that Mass attendance has been in steady decline for many years now and this past year the trend continues. The reasons might be many. The problems and the consequences are many.

One consequence, among others, is that the diminished Mass attendance will in time erode the vitality of parish life. Interestingly, the ministries at St. Anne’s are thriving and even growing, so much so that we are addressing our need for increased meeting and ministry space so that we may continue to serve and grow in all sorts of ways. We are blessed with some very generous parishioners and our finances remain very healthy despite fewer contributors to the Sunday collection. Whether we will be able to keep our Sunday collection at the present level is a reasonable question. I wonder if it is a unique experience to have such vibrant parish ministry life and a diminishing Sunday Mass attendance. In time, I think fewer people attending Sunday Mass will have an effect on our parish ministries and activities. Know that with the parish, I hope we can help others return to a more active participation in Sunday Mass.

Part of my quandary has been how and when to address this most significant concern. Pope Francis solved my quandary. He chose this past week on the Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent to speak on “Why attend Mass on Sunday?” So some might question raising this issue on the Third Sunday of Advent, so close to Christmas. Since Pope Francis found it to be timely for his address to the Church last Wednesday, I think it’s timely for us. The following are words from Pope Francis:

“Resuming the journey of our catechesis on Mass, today we ask ourselves: why attend Mass on Sunday?

“The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is at the centre of the life of the Church. We Christians go to Mass on Sundays to meet the Risen Lord, or rather to let ourselves be met by Him, to listen to His word, to be nourished at His table, and thus become Church, or rather His mystical living Body in the world today.

From the first hour the disciples of Jesus understood Him; they celebrated the Eucharistic encounter with the Lord on the day of the week that the Jews called ‘the first of the week’ and the Romans ‘day of the sun’, because on that day Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared to the disciples, talking to them, eating with them, giving them the Holy Spirit.

The great outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost also took place on Sunday, the fiftieth day after the resurrection of Jesus. For these reasons, Sunday is a holy day for us, sanctified by the Eucharistic celebration, the living presence of the Lord among us and for us. It is the Mass, therefore, that makes Christian Sunday. What kind of Sunday, for a Christian, is one in which there is no meeting with the Lord?

“Some secular societies have lost the Christian meaning of Sunday illuminated by the Eucharist. This is a shame! In these contexts it is necessary to revive this awareness, in order to recover the meaning of the celebration, the meaning of joy, of the parish community, of solidarity, of rest that restores the soul and the body. The Eucharist is the teacher of all these values, Sunday after Sunday.

“Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by the fatigue of everyday life, with its worries, and by the fear of tomorrow. The Sunday meeting with the Lord gives us the strength to live today with trust and courage and to move forward with hope. That is why we Christians go to encounter the Lord on Sunday, in the Eucharistic celebration.

“The Eucharistic communion with Jesus, Risen and Living in eternity, is a foretaste of Sunday without sunset, when there will be no more effort, nor will there be pain, nor grief, nor tears, but only the joy of living fully and forever with the Lord. The Sunday Mass also speaks to us of this blessed repose, teaching us, as the week flows, to entrust ourselves to the hands of the Father who is in heaven.

“What can we answer to those who say there is no need to go to Mass, not even on a Sunday, why is it important to live well, to love others? It is true that the quality of Christian life is measured by the capacity to love, as Jesus said: ‘By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another,’ but how can we practice the Gospel without drawing the necessary energy to do so, one Sunday after another, from the inexhaustible source of the Eucharist? We do not go to Mass to give something to God, but to receive from Him what we really need.

“In conclusion, why to go to Mass on Sundays? It is not enough to answer that it is a precept of the Church; this helps to preserve its value, but it is not enough alone. We Christians need to participate in Sunday Mass because only with the grace of Jesus, with His living presence in us and among us, can we put into practice His commandment, and thus be His credible witnesses.”

Thank you Pope Francis! Maybe you can share Francis’ words with someone who might find them encouraging.

Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Fr. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOAVES AND FISHES

“In all truth I tell you,” Jesus says, “whoever believes in Me will perform the same works as I do Myself, will perform even greater works...Whatever you ask for in My name I will do.” ~ John 14:12-13

Saint Anne’s is helping to make Jesus known this Christmas...

Thank you to all who sponsored families in need! We promised to provide support for 325 families in need who are served by Saint Martha’s Parish Social Ministry in Uniondale and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Wyandanch this Christmas. Every one of these families have been sponsored by families and groups from Saint Anne’s. The financial donations we received from generous parishioners enabled us to support additional families in need from our own parish. Thank you to all who reached out to help!

Many parish groups came together to sponsor families in need from Wyandanch, including each of the 4th and 5th grade classes from Saint Anne’s School, Saint Anne’s MOMs group, the Middle Years group and our Youth Group. We especially want to thank the Loaves and Fishes volunteers who organized this effort, making calls, helping in the parking lot, delivering the food and gifts or helping onsite in Wyandanch and in Uniondale.

Thank you to all who brought in toys, gifts and food items that were listed on the ornaments from the Advent Giving Trees at the Family Mass. These were given to the families from Saint Martha’s. Your generosity is so much appreciated!

Please see photos in next week’s bulletin...

Christmas Monetary Donations

If you would still like to offer your support to assist families in need, 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, New York 11530, Attention: Parish Social Ministry.

Christmas Angels

Many thanks to all who are serving as ‘Angels’ this Christmas, helping to support children whose families live in Project Independence housing, Special Needs housing and the Teaching Family Home program run by Catholic Charities. 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. Thank you so much for caring and know that your gift is most likely the only one that child will receive this Christmas.

Weekly Food Drive

We want to thank those parishioners who have consistently donated food throughout the year. Thanksgiving and Christmas programs are wonderful times to help people in need but only represent a couple of weeks. Donations of food may be left in the Loaves & Fishes closets in the left rear of the church, open 7:30AM—2:30AM.

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.

Last week Rob Trabulsi & Kevin Blum delivered food to the Pope Francis Hospitality Center in Elmont
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

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

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Peace Begins With Us

We can, to a certain extent, change the world; We can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world. We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world.

~ Dorothy Day

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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.

Special Needs Mass

Mass will be celebrated with our special needs community on Saturday, January 20th at 5:00PM in the cafeteria. For more information about our Special Needs Ministry, please contact Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org or 352-5904.

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Senior Scene

Please note the next meeting of Senior Scene will be on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 1:30PM in the school cafeteria. Please join us for an afternoon of pleasant conversation, coffee and cake, card playing and bingo. Please call Susanne Blum at 352-5904 for more information. There will not be a meeting on Wednesday, December 27th.

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Families in Service—Thank You!

Last Sunday over 40 families gathered at Saint Anne’s and headed out in groups to sing Christmas carols at the homes of many of our senior and homebound parishioners. In the words of one grateful parishioner,

“What a great Christmas surprise! The carolers were so sweet and enthusiastic—and there were so many! They couldn’t have been more adorable. Thank you to everyone!”

We are grateful to all who help bring the Christmas spirit of love to everyone they encounter.

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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. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th at 7:30PM in the Thomas Merton Room.

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Disabilities Awareness

Our Church is fully accessible to persons with disabilities, thanks to our elevator. Inside the Church, there are specially designated areas with comfortable upholstered seats intended for persons with disabilities. Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion directly to those who are seated in these special areas. For those who are hearing-impaired, there is a digital sound system with assistive listening devices available for use by parishioners. Please check with the sacristan in Church. If you or someone you care for has a disability, we hope to be of assistance in any way possible.

Please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

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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.
FAITH FORMATION

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 7th Grade

4:10pm Class Mass Mrs. Klocek’s & Ms. Beegan’s classes

Faith Formation office is closed from Thursday, December 21 through Monday, January 1st.

Class Schedule—Week of December 31

**Sunday, December 31**
No Class

**Monday, January 1**
No Class

**Tuesday, January 2**
4:00 to 5:10pm Grades 1-6

**Wednesday, January 3**
4:00 to 5:10pm Grades 1-6
7:00pm 7th Grade Class (Christian Autobiography Due)
7:00pm Grade 8 Group A Interview with Student and Parent

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.
LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent
“A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony; to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.”

In today’s gospel we recognize that John prepared the way for Jesus. In this first chapter of the fourth Gospel, the Gospel of the Evangelist John, John the Baptist was merely a precursory, or forerunner, to Jesus. John says who he is not – not the Christ, not the prophet. John is the one to point the way to Jesus. In this gospel John disappears from the gospel once he points out Jesus, the Lamb of God, to his disciples. We see John as a model for ourselves. He is not the center of attention but rather deflects the attention to Jesus. He is merely the pointer to Jesus. Where do you point to Jesus as you go through your day? Where is he in our midst?

Gaudete ~ Rejoice
The Third Sunday of Advent has been called Gaudete Sunday – gaudete is the Latin word for rejoice. We pause in our preparations to rejoice with Mary in the promise of God’s coming. On the Advent Wreath we light the rose-colored candle, a symbol of rejoicing. Jesus is our first and greatest gift. He is the source of our joy!

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Romans 16: 25-27
Luke 1: 26-38

Children’s Choir
The Children’s choir will sing at the Christmas Eve Family Mass. They will also sing on January 7th, Feast of the Epiphany, at the 8:30AM mass. 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.

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 emails sent or sign up in the Liturgical Ministers Room. Many thanks to those who have already signed up for masses!!

This 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 prayer – they are counting on your prayers!

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.
**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY**

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY**

- **Sunday, December 10, 2017**: $18,118
  - WeShare Electronic Contributions: $4,058
  - Total Collection: $22,176
- **Sunday, December 11, 2016**: $22,928
  - WeShare Electronic Contributions: $2,753
  - Total Collection: $25,681

**Religious Retirement Collection 2017**: $7,648
**Religious Retirement Collection 2016**: $6,234

**YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY**

- **January 1 - December 10, 2017**: $1,169,156
- **January 1 - December 11, 2016**: $1,155,800

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

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**Advent Festival of Music**

On Thursday, December 7th we celebrated our annual Advent Festival of Music. The beautiful Advent music enhanced our mass for the Immaculate Conception. Harp, cello, violin, percussion, organ and piano accompanied our choir led by our Music Director, Tim Brown. Everyone was glad to see Tim and wish him a quick recovery from surgery. The Children’s Choir also added their voices to the evening mass. Our church decorators were hard at work to make the environment perfect for an Advent evening. This was followed by the Knights of Columbus tree lighting and blessing our parish crèche on the rectory lawn. It was a beautiful evening!
Youth Ministry
Please join us at our bake sale today. Your support is greatly appreciated.
Next Meeting - Sunday, January 7th
6:30PM - 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 bleon@stannesgc.org

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

Men’s Bible Study
Men’s’ Bible Study Group meets around the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 7:30-9:00PM in 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
The 2018 search is underway for Longest Married Couple in the U.S.
Do you think you know who they are? Maybe it’s your parents… grandparents…That nice couple who live down the street…Nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date and where they live and your contact information to: Email: bkberland@gmail.com
Regular mail: Bryan & Karen Berland
530 S. Academy Guthrie, OK 73044
Or by special phone number 405-850-4274
Nominations accepted until January 10. 2018.
Winners will be announced February 2018 to celebrate World Marriage Day. Nominate a couple you know today!

WeShare For Online Giving
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 Weekly and Special Collections.

TO START GIVING ONLINE TODAY:
Visit https://stannesgc.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities and click on any collection.
Select the YOUR DONATION AMOUNT and FREQUENCY.
Enter in your account and payment information.
Or scan the QR code!

CUB SCOUT FUN AND FAITH DAY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018
SACRED HEART CHURCH, MERRICK
8:30 AM – 12:00 NOON
SAINT PATRICK’S CHURCH, SMITHTOWN
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

Let us pray for those who have died
Lawrence Nagler
Kevin Sheridan
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.

Do you know someone who is hurting from an abortion?

Rachel’s Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Learn more about look online at: www.rachelsvineyard.org or call 1-877-HOPE-4-ME

CYO Basketball Clinic
Boys & Girls – Grades 1, 2 & 3

Seven (7) consecutive Saturdays starting January 6th in the
St. Anne’s Gym (McCloskey Auditorium)
Registration Fee $50 (T-shirt included)

Schedule
8am to 9am – 2nd grade boys
9am to 10am – 3rd grade boys
10am to 11am – 1st grade boys
11am to 12noon – 1st grade girls
12noon to 1pm – 2nd and 3rd grade girls

Adult volunteers needed as assistant coaches. Any questions contact Jack Kiley at 516-818-5619 or jkiley@sheppardmullin.com.

SEEKERS’ RETREAT

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood Young Adult Ministry is hosting a SEEKERS’ RETREAT for young men and women between the ages of 20-39 on Saturday, January 6, 2018 (Epiphany Weekend) at the St. Joseph Worker Residence located on the campus of The Mary Louis Academy. This retreat is part of the CHARIS Ministry Program of the Jesuit Collaborative. Contact S. Marie Mackey, CSJ at csjmack@gmail.com or call: 718-791-7911 for more information.

Families Anonymous

Families Anonymous is a fellowship of people whose lives have been affected by the substance abuse or related behavioral problems of a relative or friend. Any concerned person is encouraged to attend our meetings. Families Anonymous members use first names only and upholds a tradition of anonymity that helps protect the privacy of all concerned. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:30PM in the Faculty Room at St. Anne’s School Dartmouth Street in Garden City. For more information, please call (516) 354-8092.
Saint Anne’s School
Student of the Month

Congratulations to Ian—Saint Anne's School Student of the Month for November.
Ian demonstrates all the qualities of an ideal Saint Anne’s student. Ian uses his God-given talents to make Saint Anne’s Parish and the world a better place. Thank you, Ian.

Employment Opportunity
Recess Monitor—Saint Anne's School
A position is available for a recess monitor from 11AM—1PM on school days.
If interested, please contact Mr. Fennell, school principal, at gfennell@stannesgcschool.org

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 and will remain 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.
https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinkscO6qixlqrPSaYNOKQ8nhsw
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.

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.
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IRELAND

Spiritual Director:
His Excellency, Bishop John Barres
and Auxiliary Bishop Robert Brennan

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Dublin, Ireland
World Meeting of Families
21-26 August 2018
Our Faith Community offers prayers this week on their first anniversary for:
December 18, 2016 - Robert A. O’Sullivan
December 22, 2016 - Charles Mancini

Please remember in your prayers family members of Saint Anne’s parishioners who are serving in the military:
1st Lt. William Allen, US Army;  Sgt. Christopher Aubin, USMC
Pvt. Nicholas Bulle, US Army;  Pvt Charles Bosch, US Army
Thomas Brown, US Army;  L/Cpl. Neal T. Burke, USMC
Capt. Anthony F. Califano, US Navy
Master Sgt. Denis Cashin, USMC;  Capt. Matthew Clements, US Army
Lt. Cmrd. Brian Cunningham, Navy SEAL
Capt. Christopher Dar Conte, USAF
Lt. Corporal James Harkin, USMC;  Major Kevin Joyce, US Army
Sean Kelly, US Navy
Michael Koster, Military Police, US Army Reserves
Spec. Daniel R. MacFall, US Army
Lance Cpl. James McCartin, USMC
Ensign Glenn McKenna, US Navy;  Cpl. Owen A. Monahan, USMC
Capt. Thomas Safina, US Army Reserves;  Capt. Tara Sutcliffe, USMC

The Altar Bread & Wine for this week is in memory of
Robert A. O’Sullivan
Donated by Joan O’Sullivan

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

Victor Abrahamsen  Lorraine Distefano
Catherine Amato  Margaret Donaldson
Jodi Arciere  Patricia Durecko
Garth Atchley  Rosemary Ecker
Mary Bagnato  Janet Fellingham
Denise Bedeian  Dennis Gallery
Kim Bily  Anthony Greco
William Brown  Sean Green
Deacon George Browne  Rhett Hemingway
Gail Calma  Patrick Hughes Sr.
Charles Cangelosi  Will Hughes
Kenneth Carpenter  Joan Kalbacher
Mary Caruana  Terese Karcher
Elizabeth Castellano  Carolyn Kast
Barbie Cervoni  Klaudia Krieg
Anthony Corrao  Carole Langan
Anthony Cuccia  Ricky Loew
Claire Decker  Chris Lynch
Denise DeCrescito  Henry Lynk
Patricia Maher  Kathleen Picha
Michelle Marooney  Ellen Redding
Danny Marquino  Dan Roepel
Dorothy McAleavey  Mary Fitzgerald Roth
Tommy McCann  Melissa Sarfin
Kerry McCarraher  Vinny Scheppa
John McCloskey, Jr.  Dr. Lester Schnell
Michael Meoni  Sharon Sharp Elliot
Barbara Mohan  Michael Sigwalt
Gabriele Monastero  Kathleen Smith
Jimmy Mulligan  Mary Spadaro
Lauren Munafo  Kristen Stimmmer
Liam O’Brien  Catherine Sullivan
Philip O’Connell  Jean Thompson
Thomas Onorato, Jr.  Giuseppina Valentini
Andrea O’Halloran  Debbie Ventura
Vincent Panarella  Loretta Wess
Adelaune Parks  Callie Williams
Brian Pfal  Susan Williams
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 1:30PM. 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
- **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 18th**
- 3:00PM - 9:00PM Confessions - Church

**Tuesday, December 19th**
- 4:00PM CYO Chess - Library
- 5:00PM CYO McCloskey Auditorium
- 6:30PM Children’s Choir - Music Room

**Wednesday, December 20th**
- 9:30AM Mom’s Ministry - Cafeteria
- 5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
- 7:00PM Knights of Columbus - Cafeteria

**Thursday, December 21st**
- 5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
- 6:00PM CYO Chess - Library
- 7:30PM Families Anonymous - Music Room
- 7:30PM Adult Choir - Church

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 23**
- 5:00PM - Fr. Tom

**Sunday, December 24**
- 7:00AM - Fr. Tom
- 8:30AM - Fr. Johnny
- 10:00AM - Fr. Peter
- 11:45AM - Fr. Rudy

**Christmas Eve Masses**
- 4:00UP - Fr. Tom
- 4:00DN - Fr. Johnny
- 6:00PM - Fr. Peter
- 9:00PM - Fr. Rudy
- Midnight - Fr. Tom

**Christmas Day Masses**
- 7:00AM—Fr. Rudy
- 8:30AM—Fr. John
- 10:00AM-Fr. Peter
- 11:45AM-Fr. Tom
- 1:15PM-Fr. Tom

Celebrant subject to change