December 24, 2017

CHURCH OF SAINT ANNE
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Celebrating Christmas at Saint Anne’s

A great team of volunteers help deliver food and gifts for our Christmas Sponsor a Family program in Wyandanch ~please see p. 2

Saint Anne’s School Nativity ~ please see p. 4

Families in Service Christmas Caroling!

Senior Scene members enjoy Christmas Luncheon with Father Tom

Danny Marquino (pictured with his brother, Larry) narrates the Christmas Pageant at our Special Needs Mass

Pope Francis Invites Us to Sunday Mass Please see page 5

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.
Loaves and Fishes Christmas Sponsor a Family—Thank You So Much!

Despite the cold and snow on the ground, our stalwart volunteers safely delivered everything to Saint Martha’s in Uniondale and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish Outreach in Wyandanch last Saturday morning. In total, over 325 families received food for Christmas dinner and extras to help stock their shelves, along with gifts for each member of their families. In the words of one mother, “I thank the family who gifted my family and I hope God continues to bless them. They are truly angels in disguise.”

Thanks to all who helped bring hope and joy to families in need. Special thanks to Barbara Tranfaglia, Jon and Lilly Schwieger, Paul and Diane Wykowski, Joanne and Rob Sorge, Mary Stenson, Jennifer Staub, Tricia Paskewitz, Marianne Huggard and every volunteer who so generously helped with this program. Our teen volunteers were exceptionally helpful and their dedicated efforts were much appreciated! Together, everyone helped bring joy and lightness of heart to many this Christmas.
Dear Parishioners,

Blessed and Merry Christmas! This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent which immediately gives way to the celebration of Christmas late Sunday afternoon with the 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass. This year’s calendar provides for the shortest possible Advent Season as the fourth week of Advent extends for only one day. Christmas being celebrated on Monday allows for a long Christmas week with many opportunities to celebrate with family and friends. I hope that these days are enjoyable for all of you.

The Christmas card I chose to send this year reads in part: “May the Peace of the Lord be with you this Christmas and always ....” Below this greeting is a contemporary picture of the Holy Family, Joseph holding the baby with Mary looking upon her newborn. I deliberately chose this card because of its reference to “peace.”

I believe the desire and need for peace is great at this time in our lives. Peace has many different meanings and occurs at many different levels. Events of the past year have made us more deeply aware of the need for peace between nations. Global peace seems so fragile. Headlines about threats from other nations make us wonder about the commitment to peace. Side by side with the issue of international relations is the threat of terrorism. Our city has experienced terrorism twice these past two months. Gun violence has claimed innocent lives in schools, shopping malls, and in other public gathering spots.

Peace is also a local issue. Great concern exists among our young people as bullying has been uncovered and unacceptable. As our young students become college students and young adults, they are subjected to the lure of substance abuse. Parishes across Long Island have mourned the loss of young people due to the misuse of opioids and the illegal use of heroin and other drugs.

From the Christmas Mass at night the first reading from the prophet Isaiah describes the child who is born to us as the Prince of Peace. From the Christmas gospel of St. Luke, we know well its conclusion: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” Peace is a central theme of Christmas.

Peace remained a central theme of Jesus’ ministry and preaching. Jesus chooses the theme of peace as one of his Beatitudes. Jesus proclaims “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” We might also remember that in another place, Jesus tells us he came not to bring peace, but division. The gospel that tells us of Jesus’ ministry teaches us that peace is complex. We know that.

If we were all to describe peace, we would have many different responses. Some might even say that peace can be described as a mere absence, the lack of war, conflict, or fighting. Some would suggest peace as a matter of the heart that includes a sense of calm and balance. A friend describes peace as tranquility and quiet. There is truth in all descriptions. How would you describe peace?

I often describe peace as elusive. Many readings from St. Paul that are used at funerals make reference to peace. Peace needs to be more than the absence of life. There is no recipe for peace. And maybe there is no definition of peace that can adequately describe this gift. In his very brief autobiographical reflection The Gift of Peace, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin wrote about his terminal illness and the book is written as a reflection that leads to his final days. He concludes his book with St. Francis Peace Prayer and introduces the prayer with these words: “What I would like to leave behind is a simple prayer that each of you may find what I have found – God’s special gift to us all: the gift of peace. When we are at peace, we find the freedom to be most fully who we are, even in the worst of times. We let go of what is nonessential and embrace what is essential. We empty ourselves so that God may more fully work within us. And we become instruments in the hands of the Lord.” I have always enjoyed Cardinal Bernardin’s writing. I have read his short book at least a dozen times. As I read this Christmas time this brief reflection on peace at the end of his book, his description resonates with me. Peace is giving space to God in our lives so that he may fully work within us. It is God who makes us peacemakers.

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI reflects on the experience of peace. “Every Eucharistic assembly (Mass) is for us Christians a place where the king of peace reigns. The universal communion of Christ’s Church is thus a preliminary sketch of the world of tomorrow which is destined to become a land of Jesus Christ’s peace.

“That there be peace on earth is the will of God and, for that reason, it is a task given to man as well. The Christian knows that lasting peace is connected with me abiding in God. The struggle to abide in peace with God is an indispensable part of the struggle for ‘peace on earth’; the former is the source of the criteria and the energy for the latter. When men lose sight of God, peace disintegrates and violence proliferates to a formerly unimaginable degree of cruelty. This we see only too clearly today.”

Benedict connects our experience of peace to Mass. How interesting it is that when some people are asked what they seek during that one hour of Sunday Mass, they respond “peace.” Benedict teaches that peace is God’s will for us and that peace on earth is only possible for a person who is at peace with God. The celebration of Christmas gives us a beautiful opportunity to open ourselves to the presence of God and to his peace. Christmas is a time for Jesus to find a home in us. Christmas Mass is a beautiful moment in the life of our parish because thousands come here to be a part of this community’s desire to give the Lord his place among us. Whenever we come together for the Mass on Sunday we give expression to our desire for peace and make peace a greater possibility.

Peace be with you this Christmas! God be with you!

Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Fa. Tom
Many children participated in presentations of the Christmas Nativity this year, at our Special Needs Mass, at the Saint Anne’s School Christmas Concert and in an encore for our Senior Scene Christmas gathering. Thanks to Brendan Regan, who constructed the new ambo for his Eagle Scout project and lectored at the Special Needs Mass. Special thanks to all for enthusiastically and lovingly presenting the story the birth of Jesus!

The joy of the angels at our Special Mass is clear for all to see!
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 not 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?” 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.”

Fa. Tom
Families in Service Christmas Caroling

On Sunday, December 10th, our Families in Service program continued the annual tradition of visiting the homes of our senior parishioners, bringing them a message of good cheer. Families with young children gathered in the cafeteria for some light refreshments and prayed together before going out in groups to sing Christmas carols. It was a wonderful way for families to share the joy of Christmas with their children and with the seniors who remain a vital part of our faith community. Thanks to Shannon Kolenik, Rena Capri and Marianne Huggard for coordinating this event and to all who participated, helping us to share the blessings of Christmas.
Respite Christmas Party -
The Respite community enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Party on Friday, December 1st. As they gathered for dinner, the children and their buddies prayed together and gave thanks for the gift of their shared friendship. Santa Claus made a special appearance (with a "photo op") and presented each child with a gift. We are especially grateful to the silent Santas among us who are so generous, quietly helping to make our Respite celebrations special for everyone!

Fun activities included decorating buddies as Christmas trees and making a 3D Christmas tree tower with solo cups!

Respite Basketball (see below) is always action-packed!
Saint Anne's School Christmas Concert

"Celebrating Christmas at Saint Anne's"
Youth Ministry Sponsors Two Families in Need for Christmas
Next Meeting on Sunday, January 7th at 6:30PM in the cafeteria

Saint Anne’s Youth Ministry came together to sponsor two families in need for the holidays. The families were able to celebrate Christmas this year with a good meal and thoughtful gifts for each person.

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 conversations with many different people. Teens come from various high schools and all are always welcome. New members are invited to join at any time. For more information, please contact Bill Leone @ bleone@stannesgc.org. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 7th at 6:30PM in the cafeteria.
Saint Anne’s MOMs group are mothers of Saint Anne’s parish whose mission is clearly stated: “Together with our children, we seek to grow spiritually, create friendships, provide support, and connect with the community through faith, fellowship, family, recreation and service.” Our Wednesday morning playgroup that we fondly call Coffee & Kids includes arts & crafts and circle time with music. Our families are connected with each other through Couples’ Nights and family events. We also use our energy to support efforts in the Parish. We proudly sell mums each year at Spirit Day. Through the Loaves & Fishes Ministry, we collectively provide food and gifts for families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We offer assistance to Catholic Charities’ Regina Residence, a women’s shelter for young expecting moms. We send meals to the homes of our new mothers. We also have an active social calendar for the year ahead. Parishioners who are interested in joining may contact Melanie Unterstein, our membership chair mom, at stannesmoms@gmail.com. Even if you are not available for Wednesday mornings, you are welcome to join as a social member. Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas!

MOMs Host a Breakfast with Santa Claus for the Parish
Saint Anne’s Parish Social Ministry

We are all simple but important instruments of God; we have not received the gift of faith to keep it hidden but rather to spread it so that it can illuminate a great many of our brethren on their journey.

~ Pope Francis

Resilience … You are not alone
Meeting - Wednesday, January 3 at 7:30PM

Research shows that many parents don’t discuss concerns about their children’s mental health with anyone due to fear of the stigma that is often attached. Just when parents are vulnerable and in need of support, they tend to withdraw. If you have a son or daughter who is experiencing psychological or emotional challenges, do you hesitate to speak with trusted friends or relatives because of the concern that at best they would not understand or perhaps they would be critical or judgmental? As a result, do you often feel isolated, as if you are alone in dealing with this issue? Do you wonder at times where God is in the midst of your child’s struggles?

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! Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 3rd at 7:30PM

For more information, please contact Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org or 516-352-5904.

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 & 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.

Saint Anne’s Senior Scene

Senior Scene members enjoyed a wonderful presentation of the Nativity by Saint Anne's 3rd grade students with Christmas carols provided by Saint Anne’s School Chorus. A delicious hot luncheon followed. Sincere thanks to Irene Costabile, Marilyn Fabio, Mary Kostal, Lauren Molloy, Elizabeth Mueller, Kathleen Nufer, Evelyn Schwantner and Debbie Sweeney for their assistance throughout the year and to all the seniors who make our meetings so special for everyone!

Saint Anne’s Senior Scene group meets every other week and new members are always welcome. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 3rd at 1:30PM in the cafeteria. If you would like more info, please contact Susanne Blum at 352-5904.
Saint Anne’s Parish Social Ministry - In Giving, We Receive

Cancer Support

Where there is life, there is hope...

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

Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group

Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group on LinkedIn can help you expand your business network while also helping fellow parishioners with career guidance. If you’ve been thinking of joining the group but haven’t yet done so, the new year is a great time to get started. We offer monthly meetings at Saint Anne’s, with informative speakers and ongoing opportunities to network with fellow parishioners.

One-to-One Support: Anyone who might benefit from one-to-one support, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org and you will be connected to an appropriate person. All information shared remains confidential.

Middle Years

If you would like to spend time with old friends or to meet new ones, Middle Years is for you. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 in the Thomas Merton Room (cafeteria). Our next meeting is JANUARY 10th. Come and enjoy an evening of pleasant conversation and relaxation. No need to reserve a spot! Please call Helen Capece for info at 327-9179.

Senior Ministry

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

Offer A Ride

There are parishioners in Saint Anne’s who, by circumstance of their age or health, are unable to drive to church, but who would very much like to be present at Mass. Would you consider offering to drive someone in this situation, on an occasional basis, perhaps once a month? There are many ways we can reach out to help those with special needs; offering a ride to Church can be a simple gesture, but one that is heartfelt by those who would have no other way to join us at Mass. Drivers are also needed to provide on occasional ride to parishioners for doctor’s appointments, etc. If you would like to join us in offering assistance to our senior parishioners or if you wish to request rides to Church, please contact Kim DeMaro at 741-4760 or Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

Our special annual Christmas gathering—thank you, Betty Martin!
Saint Anne’s Parish Social Ministry - In Giving, We Receive

Share-A-Meal
Saint Anne’s Share-A-Meal program offers parishioners the opportunity to reach out and help persons in need by preparing a meal for them. A simple act, cooking dinner for someone who is not able to do so, but one that offers a great message of support. Parishioners who participate in Share-A-Meal offer to prepare a meal on an occasional basis, perhaps once a month, depending upon their availability. The families who receive these meals are truly grateful. More than food alone, the message being delivered is that there are parishioners who care and are willing to give of themselves in reaching out to help.

For more information about how you can become part of Share-A-Meal, please call Suzannah Breglio at stannesgeshareameal@gmail.com or Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

PSM Advisory Committee
Our PSM Advisory Committee is composed of the leaders of the various ministries of support and service at Saint Anne’s. Monthly meetings are held during which the leaders share their ideas and pray together. Many thanks to these leaders who help make Saint Anne’s the wonderful caring faith community it is!

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. If you or someone you care for has a disability, we hope to be of assistance in any way possible.

Nurse Ministry
Volunteer nurses in Saint Anne’s Parish assist people with health care needs by providing information, assessment, possible referrals and advocacy. They also work with caregivers of the sick in providing health guidance and assessment as needed. Please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

Ministry of Consolation
Saint Anne's helps to bring comfort to those who mourn through our Ministry of Consolation. Some members serve as companions who help guide recently bereaved families through the planning and celebration of the funeral Mass for their loved one. Others serve as greeters at the Mass and still others offer to bake cakes and deliver them to the homes of the next of kin. Volunteers in the Ministry of Consolation are known for their compassion and we are grateful for their service to our faith community. For any information, please call Linda Leone at 352-5904.

Ministry of Consolation volunteers:
(L) Anne Irwin & Joe Ferrick  (R) Pat Esculish & Carol Mc Nichols

Ministry of Consolation volunteers:
Maria Clark and Mary Ann Miller

Nurses at the Senior Mass: Judy Madden, Nancy Mundy, Colleen Moritz, Coordinator Betty Martin & Joanne Thelan

(standing) Helen Capece, Lauren Molloy, Christine Ruhl, Carol Whalen, Judy Keenan, Taylor Volpe, Janet Fellingham, Barbara Tranfaglia, Susanne Blum, Kim DeMaro (sitting) Rena Capri, Susan Donnelly, Evelyn Schwantner, Pat Esculish and Suzannah Breglio.

Missing: Marianne Huggard, Shannon Kolenik & Tara McCarton
Our Faith Formation team wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

The past few months have seen a few wonderful enhancements that were brought to our Faith Formation program. Students attending classes on Monday through Wednesday afternoons are now meeting in the Church for prayer before class. Father Tom, in addition to praying with your children, teaches them about different aspects of the Church focusing on the Sanctuary and windows. Sister Judy joins us to teach songs, prayers, and short lessons. Listening to the children’s voices in prayer and song is beautiful. Our 7th grade students are also meeting in the Church before class on several nights. Father Tom introduces the students to the lesson for the class by tying the theme to their everyday life. Not to be left out, the 8th grade students and their parents have had two very meaningful meetings with Father Tom as part of their preparation for Confirmation.

We had an overwhelming response to our service projects our students participated in this Christmas. Grades 1-6 participated in the parish Toys for Tots drive, our Confirmation prep program in grades 7 & 8 participated in NYU Winthrop Hospital Holiday project and Comfort Cart at Cohen’s Children’s Hospital. We are blessed to be part of such a caring and generous a parish.

The Faith formation office will reopen on January 2nd.

Class Schedule—Week of December 31

**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
Faith Formation students donated toys and food for children in need.
The Fourth Week of Advent is cut short this year. It is only one day! This past week we have heard the rich stories of the birth of John the Baptist, the genealogy readings, the Visitation. Today’s gospel is Luke’s account of the Annunciation. We hear the account of Mary’s cooperation with God’s plan for our salvation. Salvation is not earned but human cooperation is required. Mary’s “Fiat” or “let it be done” is a model for us. Mary’s openness to God grace made extraordinary things happen. There are numerous times that God’s grace breaks into our everyday lives. Even though we do not have visits from angels we do have the opportunity to recognize just how God is working through us. Take the time this week to fervently pray the Hail Mary this week.

**Readings for**
- **Christmas Eve**
  - Isaiah 9:1-6
  - Titus 2:11-14
  - Luke 2:1-14
- **Christmas Dawn**
  - Isaiah 62:11-12
  - Titus 3:4-7
  - Luke 2:15-20
- **Christmas Day**
  - Isaiah 52:7-10
  - Hebrews 1:1-6
  - John 1:1-18

**Readings for**
- **Feast of the Holy Family**
  - Sirach 3:2-6
  - Colossians 3:12-21
  - Or
  - Hebrews 11:8, 11-12

**Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers**

**Christmas Schedule**

Many thanks to all Liturgical Ministers who will be serving at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses! Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the holyday, Monday, Jan. 1st, the Feast of Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother. Please contact Sr. Judy (srjudy@stannesgc.org or 352-5904) with your availability. Thank you!

**Family Mass – Sundays at 10:30 in McCloskey Auditorium**

There will be no Family Mass today 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.

Join us for Family Mass on Sunday, January 7th, the Feast of the Epiphany. We will be having hospitality after Mass – bring something to share. Remember, no nuts or nut products.

The Family Mass Choir is always looking for more voices and instruments! Rehearsal is on Sundays at 10:00 in the school music room. Join us!!

Saint Stephen is the first martyr of the Church. When the Apostles chose the first deacons to help in their ministry, Stephen was among the first seven to be chosen. Stephen was arrested and tried for blasphemy. His fate was sealed when he had a vision during his trial and cried out, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Many standing at the right hand of God.” He was taken out to be stoned to death by a mob, which included Saul of Tarsus (after his conversion he became St. Paul). Stephen is shown in art with three stones and a martyr’s palm. Sometimes he is depicted as wearing a dalmatic, a deacon’s vestment.

In Ireland this day is known as St. Stephen’s Day and some observe the ancient custom of “wrenning.” Carolers go door-to-door to raise money for charity.

**Grant, Lord, we pray, that we may imitate what we worship,**
**And so learn to love even our enemies,**
**For we celebrate the heavenly birthday of Stephen**
**Who knew how to pray even for his persecutors.**
(Collect from the Mass for St. Stephen the first martyr)
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH**

Last Sunday at the 10:00 Mass we celebrated the Rite of Welcome for those in our RCIA. Those who will be baptized were 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 were also 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.

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.

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SAINT ANNE’S Celebrates CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
SAVE THE DATE...
Sunday, January 28th - 11:45AM Mass
School Open House immediately following

We are a school community where the Gospel is taught through word and example and the focus is on seeing Christ in one another. Lessons in faith are taught by dedicated faculty and learned through active service, as students and their families answer God’s call to serve those in need through our School Service Initiative.

Saint Anne’s School offers:

♦ A rigorous academic curriculum with motivated NYS certified teachers
♦ Ongoing in-house staff development to enhance instructional skills of teachers
♦ Accelerated math program for all students starting at the 6th grade
♦ Smart Boards in every classroom enabling teachers to create unique and interactive lessons with web links to the most up-to-date information
♦ An After-School Child Care program
♦ A fully equipped Science Lab for all grades
♦ A dedicated computer lab as well as 90 Chrome Books in our media center
♦ IEP Resource Room services provided onsite
♦ Special-Ed certified academic support teacher on staff
♦ Individual class Masses in the Saint Therese Chapel

Extracurricular activities include swim team, track and basketball, a school band and Children's’ Choir, school newspaper and yearbook, Student Council, annual Talent Show and a school play, as well as after school enrichment activities. Special traditions at Saint Anne’s include the annual Christmas and Spring Concerts, the 1st Grade Saint's Parade, 2nd Grade May Crowning and the 3rd Grade Christmas Pageant. The upper grade students participate in a Rube Goldberg project, Living Legends and Project Adventure as well as a faith-based retreat for each grade.

We invite you to come and see if our caring environment is best for your child. Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner, beginning on Sunday, January 28th. We look forward to sharing the good news of Saint Anne’s School with you.

Please contact our principal, Mr. Gene Fennell at 352-1205 or gfennell@stannesgeschool.org.
To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families! As we celebrate the Prince of Peace’s entrance into world history, we give thanks to Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the Mission of Mercy of our Holy Catholic Church.

We give thanks for our families, our domestic churches, which transform the world and history with Christ’s Love and the Church’s missionary spirit.

This past month we dedicated the Gianna Center of Long Island for Women’s Health and Fertility, which in its mission unites the Splendor of Truth of Catholic Moral Teaching on Marriage and the Family with ethical reproductive science through the use of NaPro Technology and the Creighton Model Fertility Care System.

This was an important moment for the Catholic Church and Catholic Health Services in its service to the common good of Long Island.

The dedication of the Gianna Center gives a living expression of celebration to some important 2018 Church anniversaries.

On July 28, 2018, we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI’s 1968 encyclical Humanae Vitae. Blessed Paul VI was prophetic as he courageously taught that all marital intimacy celebrates both the love-giving and life-giving dimensions of married love that cannot be separated.

The Holy Father predicted accurately the dire consequences for society of separating the love-giving and life-giving dimensions of married love. He was widely criticized, even ridiculed at the time, but as we know from the Old Testament that is exactly what happens to prophets who stand up for liberating truths.

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman once said: “The Catholic Church is not behind the times. It is beyond the times.” And as the renowned particle physicist Professor Stephen Barr emphasizes, in the history of the world, the Catholic Church is the greatest friend and supporter of ethical scientific development. The Gianna Center is an expression of this friendship, support and partnership in history.

On August 4, 2018, we will also celebrate the 25th Anniversary of St. John Paul II’s great encyclical The Splendor of Truth, which shows that moral choices and decisions that are grounded in objective truth transform and illumine the lives of individuals and society.

The Gianna Center is a powerful part of that dedication to truth, charity and mercy and during this Christmas 2017, we ask the Christ Child to lead all those involved in the mission of the Gianna Center and all who are served by that mission.

The Center’s patroness, St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) was a wife, mother and a physician dedicated to the progress of medical science. Her image is prominent at the main altar of St. Agnes Cathedral where I will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass.

I will pray that her intercession and her courageous and holy example may inspire each one of us and our family members this Christmas season and be yet another catalyst of dramatic missionary growth on Long Island.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

Post Office Box 9023, Rockville Centre, New York 11571–9023 • telephone 516.678.5800 • fax 516.678.3138 • bishopsoffice@drvc.org
Liturgical Ministries

Perhaps you have a good speaking voice, a love for music and singing, like meeting and greeting people, or a desire to serve at Mass as a Eucharistic Minister or server....there is a Liturgical Ministry for you!!

Contact Sr. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or return this form to S. Judy at the Parish Office.

Name __________________________________________________________

Email _________________________________________________________

Phone _________________________________________________________

_____ Lector      _____Adult Choir     _____Children’s Choir     _____ Usher

_____Altar Server     _____Eucharistic Minister
## Booster Club

### Prize Member's Name

#### Week One
- $25 | Damian George
- $20 | Veronica Mallozzi
- $20 | Gary & Vicki Yetman
- $20 | Dennis & Susan McEnery
- $20 | Anna Marie Recco

#### Week Two
- $25 | John & Donna Punis
- $20 | Gerald Slattery
- $20 | Jack & Marie Wicks
- $20 | Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bennett
- $20 | Nancy Giannone

#### Week Three
- $25 | Paul Adimando
- $20 | Linda Falco
- $20 | Christine Colan
- $20 | Terri-Sue Boghosian
- $20 | Murnane Family

#### Week Four
- $25 | Joe & Ann Marie Zino
- $20 | Walter & Roseanne Seebeck
- $20 | Gregory Quattlander
- $20 | Edgar Flores
- $20 | Steven & Jacqueline Schick

#### Monthly
- $50 | Sean Walsh
- $25 | John & Maria Bicocchi
- $25 | Kevin & Caroline McManus

**BONUS DRAWING**
- $100 | Sam & Ruth Sirignano

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### The gift of Hope this Christmas

For couples struggling with infertility and miscarriage

**The Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility**

at Good Samaritan Hospital provides general gynecological care, FertilityCare education, and infertility services—all with a deep commitment to honoring a woman’s dignity and the sanctity of human life. Comprehensive gynecologic primary care and specialized fertility and family planning techniques are used to unmask the causes of infertility for all women, regardless of faith. We are pleased to be the first medical practice in the community to feature two new women’s health services:

- FertilityCare Services
- NaProTechnology

These two unique services allow us to provide you with a natural, restorative, scientifically based approach to monitoring your health and managing your fertility. Please call today 631-376-3232.

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### 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.

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Thank you to Graham Garden Center for the donation of the Christmas tree near the main entrance to the Church. Your continued support is a visible sign of the beauty of the Christmas season.
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.

Requirements for all Volunteers
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. If you have not yet attended Virtus training, please register for an upcoming session through the diocesan website, drvc.org. Click on Virtus Online on the homepage. If you have any questions, please call Susanne Blum at 352-5904.

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.

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/BroadcastLinksCo6qixlqrPSaYN0kQ8nhsw 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.
**THANK YOU TO OUR SPIRIT DAY SPONSORS!**

Each year we have many companies who generously support Spirit Day as a sponsor. During this Christmas season we wish to thank them for their participation in our wonderful annual event. We hope that should you have a need for any of these services that you will consider supporting these vendors with your business. We are grateful for the support they provide to our faith community throughout the year!

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**SAVE THE DATE! SPIRIT DAY 2018**

**Saturday, September 15th**
Rockville Centre Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ireland

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

August 20 - 27, 2018
$3,999 from New York

Optional Post Tour: Knock and Galway
Additional $999 per person

www.pilgrimages.com/drvc
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

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The Altar Bread & Wine for this week is in memory of **Nicholas Altuna**
Donated by Marie Altuna

**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

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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 Ballek, 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. Cmdr. Brian Cunningham, Navy SEAL
- Capt. Christopher Dar Conte, USAF
- Petty Officer 2nd Class Ian Sage Donley, US Navy
- Commander Michael Flatley, US Navy; Spc. David Garcia, US Army
- Lt. Corporal James Harkin, USMC; Major Kevin Joyce, US Army
- Sean Kelly, US Navy
- Michael Koster, Military Police, US Army Reserves
- Spec. Daniel J. MacFall, US Army
- Lance Cpl. James Martin, USMC
- Ensign Glenn McKenna, US Navy; Cpl. Owen A. Monahan, USMC
- AD2 Joseph V. Musicaro, US Navy
- Greg Palkot, Int’l. News Reporter
- Airman Anthony J. Pittella, US Navy
- T. Sgt. Ian William Roth, USAF
- Capt. Thomas Safina, US Army Reserves; Capt. Tara Sutcliffe, USMC

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

- Henry Lynk
- Patricia Maher
- Michelle Marooney
- Danny Marquino
- Dorothy McAlavey
- Tommy McCann
- Kerry McCarragher
- John McConkey, Jr.
- Michael Meoni
- Barbara Mohan
- Gabriele Monastero
- Jimmy Mulligan
- Lauren Munafo
- Philip O'Connell
- Andrea O'Halloran
- Vincent Panarella
- Adelaine Parks
- Brian Pfail

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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 1:30PM. 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.

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**Opportunities for Prayer**

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**This Week at Saint Anne’s**

**Thursday, December 28th**

7:30PM  Families Anonymous - Music Room

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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 30**

5:00PM  - Fr. Johnny

**Sunday, December 31**

7:00AM  - Fr. Johnny

8:30AM  - Fr. Rudy  
11:45AM  - Fr. Tom

10:00AM  - Fr. Tom  
5:30PM  - Fr. Peter

**Monday, January 1st—Feast of the Epiphany**

8:30AM  - Fr. Rudy

10:00AM  - Fr. Johnny

11:45AM - Fr. Tom

*Celebrant subject to change*

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

Brady Thomas Madden

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**Wedding Banns - First Time**

Jennifer Liantonio - St. Anne’s  
&  
Brian Titterton  - St. Anne’s

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**Let us pray for those who have died**

Giuseppina Cordio  
Camilla Cox  
Lawrence Nagler  
Kevin Sheridan