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 snowy weather on Saturday morning, our stalwart volunteers safely delivered everything to Saint Martha’s in Uniondale and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish Outreach in Wyandanch. **In total, over 325 families** received food for Christmas dinner and extras to help stock their shelves, along with gifts for the members of their families. In the words of one mother, **Thank you very much for blessing our family with such joy. You had no clue what we’ve been through but we’re blessed that you have helped our children have something to enjoy this Christmas. We can truly believe that there is a great world and kind hearts around us. We definitely plan on giving back once we are more stable.”** Thanks to all who helped bring hope and joy to families in need. Special thanks to Barbara and Tom Tranfaglia, Jon and Lilly Schwieger, Paul and Diane Wykowski, Mary McCarraher, Joanne and Rob Sorge, Jennifer Staub, Tricia Paskewitz, Marianne Huggard and all the volunteers who 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,

A Blessed and Happy New Year to everyone. Today, as we begin 2017, we continue to celebrate the Birth of Jesus as we mark the Octave Day of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, the eighth day of Christmas. So we conclude these special eight days of Christmas and now enjoy for this week the remainder of the Christmas season until we return next Sunday for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, followed on Monday, January 9 with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Our end of the Christmas season will be celebrated with Mass at 5:30PM on Sunday, January 8th with an enhanced musical celebration at that Mass.

Today, to mark the Octave Day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Our first reading from the Book of Numbers recalls the blessing of Aaron from ancient Israel. As we begin this new year, we seek the same gifts of that ancient blessing: the Lord’s protection, kindness, and peace. The middle reading from St. Paul reminds us of the familial nature of our relationship with God; we are daughters and sons.

The Gospel returns us to the scene in Bethlehem, the manger birth of Jesus. The shepherds are there with Mary and Joseph. It is a scene of amazement, one of giving glory and praise to God. Mary’s description is one of quiet: “And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” The Gospel concludes with the naming of Jesus.

I hope that these Christmas Days have been happy ones for you. They have been for the parish. Our Christmas Masses were filled with more than 5000 people. The Church sanctuary, beautifully prepared, offered both a warm and joyous welcome. The music proclaimed the wonder of Jesus’ birth with beautiful voices and arousing instrumentation. Most importantly, parishioners and families gathered to express their faith for this wonderful day. Small children marveled as they prayed before the manger scene. Parents and grandparents delighted as they were joined by their children and grandchildren for Christmas Mass. Very large numbers gathered; a beautiful sense of reverence was maintained as we came to St. Anne’s for this great Christmas Day.

Generosity and gratitude are side by side at Christmas. In so many ways, our parishioners are exceptionally generous at this time of year. People of all ages do so much to support our Parish Social Ministry, reaching out to families in other communities such as Uniondale and Wyandanch to assist in their celebrations of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many parishioners do lots of behind the scenes work to prepare for Christmas. All that work in the sanctuary takes several weekends. Financially, our Christmas collection is outstanding and often exceeds two hundred thousand dollars. Those contributions will be shared with you when they are totaled. Many thanks for all your generosity in its many forms.

2016 was a year of blessing for St. Anne’s. We have much for which to be grateful. There are many challenges faced by parishioners and families. We hope that as a parish we can be of assistance to you. Because of the generosity of our parishioners, we have lots of resources that can be helpful to people in difficulty and distress. This includes many kinds of ministries that offer counsel, support and direction. The parish is here for you.

2017 promises some excitement. We will welcome a new bishop. I am confident of being appointed to a second term as pastor. We will address the use of the convent property and intend to propose a single story building that will enhance our parish ministries, most especially our Faith Formation and Parish Social Ministry. I think 2017 will be another very good one for St. Anne’s as I hope it will be for you and those you love.

Sincerely in Christ!
Blessed 2017!

Fa. Tom

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Brother Pier Giorgio, raised in St. Anne’s, will be selling the CD, “Christ Was born To Save” after Masses this weekend

The student brothers of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph have released a new album Christmas Christ Was Born to Save. It’s excellent! With Christmas classics such as “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,” “Silent Night,” and “Away in a Manger” the schola of the Dominican House of Studies praises the awesome mystery of the birth of the Son of God. Your support of this album will aid the formation of the many Dominican student brothers in Washington, DC. including Brother Pier Giorgio Dengler of this parish. CDs can be purchased for $15 from ---- Br. Pier Giorgio after Masses today (December 31st and January 1st) or through the brothers’ daily blog at http://www.dominicanajournal.org/music/. Thank you for your generosity.
Families in Service Christmas Caroling

On Sunday, December 11th, 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 said a prayer 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 2nd. 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!
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, circle time and field trips. 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 provide assistance to Catholic Charities’ Regina Residence, a women's shelter for young expecting moms. We support families who are experiencing difficulties, often sending meals to their homes. We also have an active social calendar for the year ahead. Parishioners who are interested in joining may contact Tara McCarton, 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

A delicious breakfast was served by Vinnie & Joanne Giordano of Tulip Caterers

Amy Doggendorf (holding Audrey) & Jen Tisei coordinated this special event for our parish
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, Kim DeMaro, Marilyn Fabio, Mary Kostal, Lauren Molloy, Elizabeth Mueller and Evelyn Schwantner and 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 6th at 1:30PM in the cafeteria. Please note the December 28th meeting has been cancelled. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Susanne Blum at 352-5904 or sblum@stannesgc.org
Christmas Stockings for Our Troops

Saint Anne’s faith community supports our troops on active duty by sending Christmas stockings and letters to soldiers with our prayers. The 6th and 7th grade students from Saint Anne’s School continued this tradition by donating **120 Christmas stockings filled with gifts and food items to soldiers on active duty in Afghanistan**. Each soldier also received a letter from a student. Many thanks to the parents and teachers who helped support this special drive to help our students share the true Spirit of Christmas with these soldiers, who serve and protect us.
Youth Ministry Meeting Next Sunday, January 8th at 6:30PM in the cafeteria

Alumni Visit

College students who are alumni of Youth Group are invited to come and speak about adjusting to college life while keeping active in faith. Thanks to our current Youth Group members for sponsoring a family in need this year. In addition to their own children, the family they supported also provides foster care for two teens in their home. All were able to celebrate Christmas with sufficient food 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@stannesgcschool.org. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 8th at 6:30PM in the cafeteria.
Resilience … You are not alone
Meeting - Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7:30PM
Research shows that many parents don’t discuss concerns about their children’s mental health with anyone due to fear of stigmatization 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 Thursday, January 5th at 7:30PM in the St. John Vianney Room in the rectory. For more information, please contact Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org or 516-352-5904.

Creation Care Team forming at Saint Anne’s….
Are you inspired by the message of Pope Francis, clearly stated in the papal encyclical, “On Care for our Common Home – Laudato Si’”? The Pope calls us to act with hope and resolve in addressing our environmental challenges and endeavoring to improve the condition of our planet. If you are interested in joining a group of like-minded parishioners who will be exploring ways we can increase our awareness of these needs, rooted in the fundamental aspects of our Catholic faith, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org.

Saint Anne’s Is Here For You…
If you’re struggling with something and not sure where to turn, Saint Anne’s Parish provides confidential support & 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.

Christmas Nativity at Saint Anne’s
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 all for enthusiastically and lovingly presenting the story of the birth of Jesus!
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 or finding work. 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 always the opportunity to network with fellow parishioners.

To join the LinkedIn group, log into your LinkedIn account if you are already a user or create a profile at www.linkedin.com then "link" into Saint Anne's Professional Networking Group under the "Groups" section.

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.

Divorced and Separated Catholics
Saint Anne’s Divorced and Separated Catholics is a group that provides friendship, prayer and support to those presently working through a divorce or those who have previously experienced divorce or separation. Thanks to all the members who helped make this a very special Christmas for a family in Wyandanch by participating in Saint Anne's Christmas Sponsor a Family Program. Please call 352-5904 for more information.

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, please contact Kim DeMaro at 741-4760 or Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

Senior Ministry
Our parish is happy to offer support to our senior parishioners. We help them stay connected to Saint Anne’s through the dedicated efforts of our Homebound Visitors, Telephone Network, EM’s who bring Holy Communion, nurses, volunteers who deliver flowers and send cards, and our Senior Newsletter. If you’re interested in getting involved, please contact Evelyn Schwantner at 488-7516 or Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.
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 Christina Byrnes at 917-576-6606 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!

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.

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 volunteers:
(L) Anne Irwin & Joe Ferrick (R) Pat Esculish & Carol McNichols

Ministry of Conservation volunteers:
Maria Clark and Maryann Miller

Nurse Ministry Coordinator Betty Martin & Joanne Thelan

Parish Social Ministry:
Nancy Mundy, Karen Allen, Nurse Ministry Coordinator Betty Martin & Joanne Thelan
FAITH FORMATION

We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

~Vivian Flood and Trish Brodersen

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Wednesday, 1/3 Grades 1-6, 4 to 5:10 PM
Wednesday, 1/3 Grade 8, 7 to 8:30 PM Wednesday
Wednesday, 1/3 Grade 7 No Class

Please know 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.

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“Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

The scriptures tell us that the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the child. The shepherds came because of the invitation of the angel. Seeing the Holy Family they encountered the newborn Savior and left glorifying and praising God. Mary took these events into her heart. She was present to her Son, present to the shepherds and is present also to us. She is not only the Mother of God but also the mother of the shepherds, and mother to us. She mothers us with a contemplative love that she gave to Jesus and to the shepherds. She intercedes for us always.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Church Decorators

Saint Anne’s parish is most grateful for your service during the Christmas liturgies. The church was decorated beautifully, and all the liturgies were prayerful and inspiring because of your dedication and service. May this New Year bring you God’s blessings of peace and joy! Many thanks!

Family Mass at Saint Anne’s

Feast of the Epiphany – January 8th

We will celebrate the feast of the Epiphany with hospitality after the Family Mass next Sunday, January 8th. Please bring something to share – remember, no nuts please!

Children’s Choir

The next rehearsal for our Children’s Choir will be on Monday, January 9th from 6:30-7:30PM in church. Any child from Grade 2 and older who would like to join the choir please contact Sr. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or call the parish office 352-5904.

Begin the New Year with a Catholic Calendar

There are Catholic calendars available at the doors of the church. Take one home with you and place it where you can see it each day and observe the saint or feast of the day. Learning about a saint or a feast is a great New Year resolution!

Readings for The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12
First Friday is January 6th
We invite you to spend time in prayer...

Holy Hour
There will be a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, January 6th at 7:30PM in the Chapel.

COME JOIN US! - The Nocturnal Adoration Society is a group of parishioners who spend one hour in Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of every month.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Thursday, January 5th at 4:30PM and Saturday at 4:00PM. If you are unable to make it at the scheduled time, please call the rectory at 352-5904 to make an appointment with a priest.

Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament is available to those who are ill, bringing God’s healing and strength. Anointing of the Sick is especially appropriate for anyone with serious illness, whether physical, emotional or spiritual, those who are being admitted to the hospital, or anyone who is elderly. In this sacrament, Jesus asks, “Do you want to be healed?” Through this sacrament, God offers us the gift of peace.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the first Saturday of each month at the 8:30AM Mass. If a loved one is unable to come to church, please call the rectory to arrange for a home visit.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY
Due to an early bulletin deadline for Sunday, January 1st, the offering information for Christmas will be in next Sunday’s bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

Wedding Banns
First Time
Kristen McCullough - St. Francis de Sales, Lenni, Pa
&
Daniel Marotta - St. Anne’s

Third Time
Melissa Bernaudo - St. Anne’s
&
Steven Addonisio - St. Helen’s, Howard Beach

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
✦ 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.

Perhaps you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or is a Catholic wanting to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist). Our parish community would like to extend an invitation for you to learn more about our faith and celebrate the sacraments with us.

If you would like to learn more about the RCIA process please contact Sr. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or by phone 352-5904 for more information. There are also pamphlets available in the church lobby, Five Reasons to Consider the Catholic Church and What Can the Church Offer Me?
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.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Give your spouse a gift like no other - time for each other. Rediscover your love and enhance your hopes and dreams!

February 10th to 12th
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road
Huntington, NY 11743
Space is limited. For more information about the weekends or to apply call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our website at http://www.wwme.org

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-abortive 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

8th Grade Share A Meal Jr.
Each month the eighth grade students at Saint Anne’s School participate in the Share-A-Meal Parish Service Initiative. With the help of parent volunteers, students prepare meals in the Saint Anne’s School kitchen to be delivered to the homebound parishioners in our parish. Once the meals are prepared, the students hand deliver them along with personal letters and cards. Quite often the students will happily visit with the parishioners for a while. What a special way to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ!
CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH
AS WE MEET TO STUDY THE FOUNDATIONAL BOOK OF SCRIPTURE
EXODUS

PARISHIONERS OF SAINT ANNE’S ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!
BEGINNING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH FROM 7:30 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
IN THE SAINT JOSEPH’S SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

For more information contact either:
Bob Franz at (516) 524-3893
Dick Russell at (516) 747-2559

St. James Roman Catholic Church
Youth Ministry Program
Announces the opening of the Christmas Presepio

Come visit this traditional Neapolitan Nativity and enjoy some moments. This year’s display is located in the Parish Center and contains thousands of figures, buildings and miniatures.

The Presepio is open every day from 9:00AM-9:00PM until January 9, 2017 except for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well as New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. St. James Roman Catholic Church is located at 429 Route 25A, Setauket, NY or call 631-941-4242.

EMPIRE SAFETY COUNCIL
DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
Sponsored by
“Msgr. John’s Knights of Columbus Council #11836
Save 10% on your collision liability rates for three (3) full years!
Save on driver violation points.
Up to (4) points off your driving record.

Saturday, January 21, 2017
(9:30AM-3:30PM)
School Cafeteria
Saint Anne’s Church
25 Dartmouth Street
Garden City, New York 11530

Please fill out the form below and enclose check payable to Knights of Columbus Council #11836 for $45 per person. Please mail or return to St. Anne’s Rectory (c/o Msgr. John’s Knights Safety Driving Course) 35 Dartmouth Street, Garden City, NY.

There will be a lunch break as well as free donuts and coffee available. You can paid the day of Safety Course if you have confirmed that you will be present.

For additional information, please call Donald DePol at 516-775-3097.

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court St. Anne #1077

The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters will be on Sunday, January 8th at 1:00PM in the school cafeteria. Members should bring finger food (little sandwiches, fruit, muffins, cake, etc.) to share.

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SAINT ANNE’S Celebrates CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
SAVE THE DATE...
Sunday, January 29th - 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 30 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 29th. 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.
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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**Let us pray for those who have died**

*Aldo Mancini
Robert A. O’Sullivan*

**The Altar Bread & Wine for this week is in memory of Maria Vega
Donated by Coralys Vega**

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

| Denise Bedeian | Marie Dillon |
| Kim Bily | Margaret Donalson |
| William Brown | Danny Drumm |
| Deacon George Browne | Anne Marie Dunworth |
| Regina Childs-Cacioppo | Janet Fellingham |
| Charles Cangelosi | Ryan Fornasar |
| Kenneth Carpenter | Dennis Gallery |
| Mary Caruana | Charles Gibilaro |
| Elizabeth Castellano | Patricia Hnis |
| Michael Cintorino | Patrick Hughes Sr. |
| Deborah Connelly | Will Hughes |
| Anthony Corrao | Terese Karcher |
| Anthony Cuccia | Carolyn Kast |
| John D'Alessandro | Elaine Kelley |
| Claire Decker | Klavdia Krieg |
| Denise DeCrescito | Ricky Loew |
| Mike DiGregorio | Henry Lynk |
| Patricia Maher | John Rochford |
| Michelle Marooney | Ann Roland |
| Danny Marquino | Chle Rombach |
| Frank Mauro | Melissa Sarfin |
| Tommy McCann | Dr. Lester Schnell |
| John McCloskey, Jr. | Sharon Sharp Elliot |
| Barbara Mohan | Michael Sigwart |
| Gabriele Monastero | Mary Spadaro |
| Lauren Munafo | Jim Stiehl |
| Tina Napoli | Kristen Stimmmer |
| Phil O'Connell | Jean Thompson |
| Andrea O'Halloran | Debbie Ventura |
| Adelaine Parks | Loretta Wess |
| Kathleen Picha | Callie Williams |
| Nicholas Piotrowski | Susan Williams |
| Ellen Redding | Geraldine Witzig |
| Kirsten Riemer | |
**Pastoral Staff**

**Pastor**
Msgr. Thomas Harold

**Associate Pastor**
Rev. Rudy Pesongco

**Sacramental Ministry**
Msgr. Peter Pflomm

**Deacons**
George Browne, James O’Brien, Basil Bliss, Robert McCarthy

**Parish Staff**

**Faith Formation**
Rev. Rudy Pesongco

**Saint Anne’s School**

**Parish Social Ministry**
Linda Leone, Pastoral Associate

**Liturgy and Worship**
Sister Judith Golden, OP

**Music Ministry**
Timothy Brown

**Parish Operations**
Mary Lou Engrassia

**Program Administration**
Susanne Blum

**Youth Ministry**
Bill Leone

**Facilities**
Jim Stiehl

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**We Celebrate the Sacraments**

**Eucharist**
- Saturday Evening: 5:00PM
- Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:45, 5:30PM
- 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 on 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 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**

**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

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**This Week at Saint Anne’s**

**Tuesday, January 3rd**
- 5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
- 7:30PM Boy Scouts - McCloskey Auditorium

**Wednesday, January 4th**
- 9:30AM Mom’s Ministry - Cafeteria
- 5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
- 7:30PM Men’s Bible Study - SJVR

**Thursday, January 5th**
- 5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
- 7:30PM Families Anonymous - Faculty Room
- 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church
- 7:30PM Resilience - SJVR

**First Friday, January 6th**
- 6:00PM Respite Care Program - Cafeteria & McCloskey Auditorium
- 7:30PM Nocturnal Adoration Society - St. Therese Chapel

**Saturday, January 7th**
- 8:00AM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
- 3:00PM Wedding of Melissa Bernaudo & Steven Addonisio

**Sunday, January 8th - Epiphany**
- 1:00PM Catholic Daughters Meeting - Cafeteria
- 6:30PM Youth Ministry - Cafeteria

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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 7**
- 5:00PM-Fr. Peter

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

*Celebrate subject to change*