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.

LENT 2018

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th.

Ashes will be distributed during the Masses on Ash Wednesday at 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:00AM, 4:15PM and 7:15PM.

Please see Bishop Barres Lenten letter on pages 2 & 3
Please see Fr. Tom’s letter, page 5, and pages 4 & 9 for more Lenten information

World Marriage Day
Sunday, February 11, 2018

We will be having a special liturgy at the 10 AM Mass on February 11 to commemorate World Marriage Day with light refreshments sponsored by Msgr. John’s Knights of Columbus after Mass in the cafeteria. As we celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, we invite you to join us at this liturgy to renew your marriage vows.

Eagle Scout Project to support Saint Anne's Respite Care Program

Please see page 12 for details

Children's Choir

The Children’s 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.

2019 Mass Book Opening
Thursday, February 15th

The 2019 Mass Book will be open on Thursday, February 15 in the school cafeteria from 9:30-11AM. After 11AM, please go to the parish office.
Dear Friends:

As we look to the future we are aware that we continue to face difficulties both here on Long Island and in our country at large. Whether they involve the opioid epidemic, gang violence, racism, or any other threat, a deep trust and reliance on the Risen Christ is necessary for us to advance and make progress in dealing with these problems.

In order to better welcome the Resurrected Jesus into our hearts, a solid Lenten spirituality grounded in prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the Church and the World is essential.

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018 we will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King. Our commemoration of this anniversary falls appropriately between Easter Sunday (April 1) and Divine Mercy Sunday (April 8).

I would ask that during the Lenten season we all prepare for this historic anniversary by dedicating dimensions of our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving to the pursuit of racial harmony and comprehensive immigration reform grounded in the principles of the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the human person.

By aligning our Lent in solidarity with our African American and Hispanic brothers and sisters and the injustices they have suffered and are suffering, we dream and act with Dr. King and his clarion call for justice in our land.

We dream and act in a way that treasures the African American legacy of contribution in this country. We dream and act in a way that not only welcomes our Hispanic brothers and sisters but expresses our deep appreciation for their gifts and leadership in the Church and in American society, and we advocate together for comprehensive immigration reform.¹

We also think and pray globally this Lent as we remember the people in North Korea, Jerusalem and every country in the Middle East, Bangladesh, Haiti, Venezuela, South Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, The Central African Republic, Nigeria and every war-torn and poverty-stricken area of the World.

We remember the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, those who suffer with mental illness, chronic physical illness and pain. We remember the hundreds of thousands of unborn children whose innocent lives are taken every year through abortion and the terrible toll this takes on individuals, families and our entire society.

We remember the addicted and particularly those who suffer opioid addiction, those ensnared in the culture of death of gangs, drug trade, human trafficking, and their victims -- who are often children --at the borders, those who suffer violations of religious liberty and the sanctity of human life, those who suffer from the trauma of sexual abuse and all forms of abuse, harassment or cyberbullying, those in the midst of a family or marital crisis, those who grieve the loss of a child, a spouse, a friend, a loved one. We remember the painful crosses that our elderly carry and we give thanks for the wisdom and prayer that they model for us.

And, of course, we remember our servicemen and women overseas and their families back home, and our first responders here. We remember our Veterans and their sacrifices.²

As we prepare for the Easter Vigil Fire and for Easter Sunday, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide and refresh us during this Season of Lent. So often the cycles and seasons of life can become routine and stale. When applied specifically to Lent, we may find ourselves doing the same things each year, which results in them becoming commonplace and no longer a challenge.

¹ See Bishop Barres’ September 21, 2017 Founder’s Week Keynote Address at St. John’s University entitled The Relationship between Catholic Sacramental Theology and Catholic Social Justice Teaching; The Sacrament of Penance in Service of ‘Welcoming the Stranger’ in the January 2018 edition of The Long Island Catholic.

² These intentions reflect some of the intentions Bishop Barres mentioned in his Christmas Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning homily thus giving some continuity to our prayers and sacrifices across liturgical seasons.
Bishop Barres’ letter continued

A frequent theme for Lent is “giving something up”. Many times this takes the form of refraining from junk food or sweets. This is a good challenge, but it is important to remember the Lent should not be just a time for losing weight; fasting without prayer is just dieting. Additionally, food is not all that we “consume.”

All the things we allow into our senses are important to examine. What we watch, what we listen to are just as important as what we eat. One thing we consume in great quantities is social media.

Like all technology, do we use social media for good or do we become consumed by it? Social media can help us connect with people and provide us important and relevant information but it can also be used to waste valuable time or to engage in angry, critical arguments.

During Lent may I suggest that we do an examination of conscience in regard to our use of social media? Can we intentionally leverage every dimension of our presence on a range of social media platforms to pursue dramatic missionary growth on Long Island?

We may do that by giving testimony on Facebook to a positive experience of a Catholic parish, a Catholic Bible Study or a Catholic school. We may post an image on Pinterest or Periscope of a parish activity or Holy Hour experience that was particularly meaningful. We might establish a link on our platform to the Long Island Catholic.

We might witness on a social media platform as a married couple or family about the value of the Sacrament of Penance to family forgiveness and unity as we encourage other families we know to participate in Reconciliation Monday, on Monday, March 26, 2018.

Our dedicated priests, who are both humble penitents and compassionate confessors, will be available in the confessionals of all our parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on March 26th from 3:00PM-9:00PM. Please note that the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn join us in this effort so if you are working in Manhattan or Brooklyn that day you could easily go to confession at a nearby parish.

We can also use our social media platforms to follow Catholics who put forth holy and wholesome content that can enrich us spiritually and intellectually. We can follow the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Office of Vocations, Catholic Charities, and so many more. Additionally we can follow Pope Francis and the Vatican, Bishop Robert Barron’s Word on Fire and other social media with inspiring and motivating Catholic content.

Related to social media, we may tend to “binge watch” videos whether through YouTube or streaming services. This content in and of itself might not be bad, but does it always lift us spiritually? Telecare can aid us in prayers like the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet as well as its inspiring programming.

Additionally, the Augustine Institute has started a new initiative called FORMED. This is an app that has many eBooks we can put on our Kindles and iPads, lectures and talks we can listen to on our phones during our commutes to work and school, and Catholic movies and presentations that we can stream online, almost like a Catholic Netflix.

Many of our parishes on Long Island have already invested in FORMED and are strategizing about how best to have a higher percentage of parishioners to be actively “formed” by the excellent content.

Finally, outside of the realm of media, something that always nourishes and enriches us is the Sacraments. Frequent reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation help re-center and reorder us. May this Lent be a source of dramatic missionary growth both in our lives and for our great Diocese and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre

Tribute to CYO

Bishop John Barres appreciates the invaluable contribution that CYO teams, coaches, priests, Catholic schools and parish staffs, parents and players make to vibrant parish life and dramatic missionary growth of the Catholic Church on Long Island. He is now calling for a “full court press” of everyone involved in the CYO dimension of the Church’s mission to model for all of Long Island a radical fidelity to the Sunday Mass by the entire CYO community. He encourages CYO teams to go to Mass together periodically in their team uniforms as a powerful witness of faith and commitment to the entire young Catholic community of Long Island. He wants all CYO coaches, parents and players to read his tribute that will be available in our parish bulletin, on www.LICatholic.org and in the LI Catholic in February.
Daily Eucharist during Lent
Mondays-Thursdays at 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM
Fridays at 9:00AM & 7:00PM
Saturdays at 8:30AM

Opportunities for Reconciliation
All parishioners are invited to celebrate God’s mercy and love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday from 4:00PM to 4:45PM, and during the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation on Monday, March 26th from 3PM - 9PM.

Eucharistic Adoration
Come and pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament so we may grow closer to Him in our celebration of the Eucharist on Thursday mornings following the 7:30AM Mass and on First Friday, March 2nd at 8PM in the Church.

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:30PM in the Church.

Lenten Practices
Catholics are encouraged in Lent to cultivate three religious practices: fasting and abstinence, prayer and almsgiving.

What does it mean to fast?
Fasting is more than simply self control around food. Spiritual fasting enhances our hunger for God. Fasting is one of the most ancient practices in Lent.

When do we fast?
Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means we do not eat food between meals. We eat one full meal a day and the other two meals should not total that one full meal. When we fast we are more alert and open to the activities of God in our lives.

What does it mean to abstain?
To abstain is to refrain from eating meat as an act of penance and sacrifice. Since many people in our world cannot afford to eat meat, our abstaining from eating meat can put us in solidarity with the hungry and poor of the world.

When do we abstain?
Catholics abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics who have completed their fourteenth year of age are bound by the law of abstinence.

What ways do we pray in Lent?
Lent is a time to make a conscious effort to pray more and with greater regularity. The celebration of the Eucharist is considered the source and summit of Catholic prayer. Actively preparing for Sunday by reading the assigned Scripture readings ahead of time can be part of one’s Lenten discipline. You can find the scripture citations for the next Sunday in the bulletin each week. Set aside time for personal prayer each day. Pray as a family before meals. Bless one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead before leaving the house in the morning or before bed at night.

How will I use my treasure during Lent?
Almsgiving is more than giving money. It is all the things we can do to make the broken world whole again. The aim of giving alms is to right the wrong distribution caused by greed or power or anything else. We can give our time, talent, and treasure as almsgiving. What donations could you make to charity this Lent? Could you forgive someone a monetary debt they owe you?

This week make a promise that you will be faithful to the Lenten practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Make room for God and one another this Lent!
Dear Parishioners,

Time goes so quickly. It’s hard to believe that this Wednesday begins Lent. We will have Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:00AM and at 4:15 and 7:15PM. All parishioners are invited to attend any of these Masses. The 10:00, 4:15 and 7:15 will include students from our school and faith formation. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at each Mass.

Lent is a time of both preparation and conversion. We prepare during these forty days as they lead us to Holy Week and Easter. The work of conversion is always at the center of Christian living. The challenge of conversion is that we live our lives more in conformity with the gospel. In its tradition the Church offers us helps to guide us in our preparation and conversion. These include acts of penance, fasting and almsgiving (acts of charity).

Our acts of penance make clear our awareness of sin. To know our sin we can turn to the Ten Commandments, the gospels, the Beatitudes, the guidance of Church teaching. An awareness of sin asks that we spend time in quiet reflection as we assess our behavior, our actions, our speech. Many people find an examination of conscience as a useful guide during the season of lent. Some examinations are more helpful than others. Some are very detailed and could lead one to a very long list of sins. Some are brief and more condensed. I would recommend that if you want to find an examination of conscience online, you refer to [www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience). You can find there several different kinds of examinations aimed at particular vocations, ex. married, single, child, young adult. You can also find there what is called a Brief Examination of Conscience. If the use of an examination of conscience is new to you, I suggest you might start with the brief version.

The goal of a helpful examination of conscience is that it leads us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation which we also refer to as Confession and Penance. Penance includes sorrow for sin, atonement for sin, and the intention to avoid sin. An attitude of penance, along with participation in the sacrament can help to make lent a more meaningful experience.

Fasting is another fundamental lenten practice. We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We abstain from meat on these days as well as on all Fridays of lent. Fasting pertains to all those between ages 18 and 59. Abstinence refers to all persons 14 years and older. We can choose additional forms of fasting. Some choose to “give up” something as a lenten practice. Others may choose a fasting practice and attach it to a particular prayerful intention. A person I knew once abstained from meat all during lent, not only as a form of penance, but also as a way of being prayerfully mindful of the needs of someone in her family. She remembers well that this practice during lent made the season a special one for her.

Almsgiving (acts of charity) is another traditional lenten practice. Pope Francis is especially encouraging of this kind of lenten activity. “Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone... Even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God Himself. When we give alms, we share in God’s providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.”

In his lenten letter to the Church, along with almsgiving and fasting, Pope Francis refers to prayer as a “soothing remedy,” a remedy for the human heart grown cold. For Pope Francis, prayer warms the heart; prayer opens the heart to the warmth of virtue, all kinds of virtue: mercy, compassion, generosity, fairness, kindness, honesty, fidelity etc. Virtue is born of prayer, builds on prayer, is the fruit of prayer. We hope that Lent 2018 will be a prayerful time for us at St. Anne’s. We hope that more of us will hear the call to worship within the human heart that calls men and women of faith to weekend Mass and the Eucharist. We hope that those who have grown distant from Sunday Mass will return during these special Sundays of this late winter and early spring. Some like to attend daily Mass during lent. We once again have added a 7:00PM evening Mass during each weekday of Lent. I am particularly grateful to Fr. Rudy and Fr. Johnny who have generously made themselves available for these Masses as I will be gone for two weeks of lent.

Lenten prayer can be sharing in devotions such as the Stations of the Cross. Lenten prayer may include recitation of the rosary. Time alone in prayer can be an important part of Lent. This Thursday, I will leave for my annual retreat at Eastern Point Retreat House in Gloucester, Massachusetts. This is an eight day retreat in the Jesuit tradition of the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. This will mark more than 20 years of my going to this beautiful prayerful place located on the rocky New England coast of the Atlantic Ocean. It is a retreat marked by silence. Only a half hour conversation with a retreat director and the time for daily Mass breaks the quiet. I greatly enjoy the peacefulness and rest of the days. I will keep the parish and our families in prayer.

Please try to give yourself some quiet time for prayer during this lent. It may only be a couple of minutes with a simple prayer. I have encouraged such a practice for the last couple of lent’s. Pray while washing your hands. I pray taking insulin! Call to mind someone you love or someone who has asked for your prayer and pray a Hail Mary. You’ll be surprised how many times a day you can quiet down and say a simple prayer.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fa. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOAVES AND FISHES

“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.”

~ Saint Gregory Nazianzen

Weekly Food Drive

**Items most needed:** Please no glass containers.

- Soup
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cereal
- Powdered Milk
- Hot Chocolate
- Red beans
- Black beans
- Tuna fish
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Baby Diapers (large sizes)
- Canned fruit

All food donated last week was delivered to the Pope Francis Hospitality Center in Elmont, where the generosity of the people of Saint Anne’s is greatly appreciated! Under the capable and compassionate direction of Mary Joesten, the Pope Francis Hospitality Center serves breakfast and a hot lunch every Saturday to people who are hungry and in need. The food donated by Saint Anne’s allows them to send each person home with a bag of groceries for the week. Thanks to all who donated! If you are wondering how you can be of help to people in need, especially with Lent approaching, please consider bringing food to the Loaves and Fishes closets when you come to Mass. Loaves and Fishes closets are in the left rear of the church, open 7:00AM. Please no glass containers. Thank you!

Souper Bowl Thank You

Many thanks to all who donated soup to help feed people who are hungry.

Special thanks to Michael Kennedy, who organized a collection of cans of soup to help meet this need.

"Open Your Heart” Collection for Babies

We ask you to “open your heart” to God’s newest creations—babies. Please consider donating some of the essentials for babies of single mothers and families in need. **During February, we are collecting disposable baby diapers (all sizes), baby wipes and Enfamil formula.** The cost of caring for a baby can be prohibitive to a family struggling to pay rent, heat, food & clothing. With your support, Saint Anne’s can make a difference.

**Donations can be left in the Loaves and Fishes closets in the rear of the Church from 7:00AM-2:30 PM.**
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.

Middle Years

We welcome all who are interested in joining us for our many informal social events, or to help us be of assistance to our servicemen and women and veterans. For more details, please call Helen Capece at 327-9179.

Prayers and Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, 2/13 - 7:30PM
St. Therese Chapel/Cafeteria - $5

Maybe you are wondering why pancakes will be served? Come and find out about pre-Lenten traditions and have fun. We will have a presentation led by Fr. Johnny. Reservations required, call Helen Capece (327-9179) or Maria Clark (352-8663).

Senior Scene

The next meeting of the Senior Scene will be Wednesday, February 14th 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.

Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group

If you’ve been thinking about joining our Professional Networking group but haven’t yet done so, consider coming to this meeting. Fellow parishioners who are at various stages in their careers are on hand to share resources and network with one another at our monthly meetings. You can join the group online at LinkedIn at any time.

For more information, please contact Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org.

Saint Anne’s Is Here For You…

If you’re struggling with something and not sure where to turn, Saint Anne’s Parish provides confidential support and assistance. Serious illness, economic problems, marital difficulties, mental health concerns and coping with caring for those who are ill or elderly are issues we may all face at different times in our lives. If you would like to know more, please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.
Class Schedule—Week of February 11

**Sunday, February 11**
- 9:00 – 10:15: Grades 1-6
- 9:15 – 10:00: One to One Program
- 2:30 – 6:30pm: Grade 8 Group B
  - Confirmation Retreat
  - in McCloskey Auditorium

**Monday, February 12**
- 4:00 to 5:10pm: Grades 1-6

**Tuesday, February 13**
- 4:00 to 5:10pm: Grades 1-6

**Wednesday, February 14**
- 4:00 to 5:10pm: Grades 1-6 (students will attend 4:15 Mass with their class. Students will be dismissed from the classroom as usual)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Grade 8 (Students will attend 7:15 Mass with their class and will be dismissed at 8:30 as usual)
  - Service hours and Journals are due

Class Schedule—Week of February 18

Faith Formation office is closed for Winter Recess February 18-25

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.”

After many weeks, we finally come to the conclusion of the first chapter of St. Mark’s gospel. Jesus has done so much! Today’s story of the leper reminds us that Jesus came for everyone but especially for the outcast. Jesus does the unthinkable, he touched him. When the man is cured, Jesus sends him to show himself to the priest. This was an important step for the leper. By doing this he is again welcomed into the community after being excluded as a leper. As we ponder today’s gospel, who are the outcasts of today? Who needs to be welcomed back into the community? As Jesus always went to the margins to touch people’s lives, how can we, in our daily lives, venture to the margins and touch someone?

Readings for Ash Wednesday

February 14th
Joel 2: 12-18
2 Corinthians 5: 20-6:2
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday, February 14th, begins the Season of Lent. Receiving ashes is symbolic of penance and reconciliation. The ashes come from the burning of palms used on Passion (Palm) Sunday of the previous year. The Christian use of ashes is rooted in the Jewish custom of sprinkling ashes on the head as a sign of repentance. In the fourth century public penitents dressed in sackcloth and were sprinkled with ashes to show their repentance. This practice of public penance gradually died out. By the eleventh century, it had become customary for the faithful to receive ashes at the beginning of Lent, the season of penance in preparation for Easter. The distribution of ashes comes after the homily at mass and they are placed on the forehead with the following words:

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

or

Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

The Season of Lent – Fasting and Abstinence

The season of Lent calls us to live more fully our Christian commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. What are you planning to do or give up for this Lent? Make an effort to attend Mass more often (an evening Mass will be celebrated during the week at 7:00PM), make the Stations of the Cross (Fridays during Lent at 7:30), attend the parish Soup and Bread Supper on March 16th at 6:30PM in the cafeteria, bring a food item to the Loaves and Fishes closet each week.

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

(From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.)

Readings for February 18th

First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 1: 12-15

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

There will be no Family Mass on Sunday, Feb. 18th and Sunday, Feb. 25th. Family Mass will resume on Sunday, March 4th! The Family Mass Choir is always looking for more voices and instruments! Rehearsal is on Sundays at 10:00AM in the school music room.

Make Family Mass part of your Family’s Sunday!!!
**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Friday, March 16th – 6:30PM**

The RCIA members are offering a Soup and Bread supper for the parish at 6:30PM on Friday, March 16th. During Lent we practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You and your family are invited to come and share prayer, a simple meal, and an opportunity for almsgiving (more information to follow).

So that we can plan and have sufficient soup please contact Sister Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or call 352-5904 to let us know that you are coming.

**RCIA**

On next Saturday evening, Feb. 17th those in our RCIA who will be baptized this Easter will go to the Diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election with Bishop Barres. The Rite will take place at Saint Christopher’s Church in Baldwin. Our catechumens will be with all those who are to be baptized at Easter from Nassau County. Each catechumen will sign the Book of the Elect.

The catechumens (those who will be baptized at Easter) and candidates (those who will be received into the Church or completing the Sacraments of Initiation) are preparing through prayer and study. 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. Pope Francis reminds us that “All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization...every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization.” If you or if you know of anyone who would be interested in joining us please contact S. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or at the parish office at 352-5904.

**Sisters of St. Dominic – Irish Night**

On the weekend of February 24th and 25th after the 5:00PM, 8:30 AM, 10:00AM, and 11:45AM masses, the Sisters of St. Dominic will be at St. Anne’s asking you to support their annual fund raiser for their retired sisters by purchasing raffle tickets. The prizes will be picked at their Irish Night Celebration on Sat., March 3rd. Tickets are $1.00 each or 12 for $10. The sisters are most grateful for your support. For more information contact Sister Judy at the parish office.

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY**

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

**The Church in Need**

On February 18, 2018 a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

- **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.
- **Church in Latin America** faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.
- **Church in Africa** – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

Thank you for your generosity.

**YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

It has come to our attention that some of the 2017 Year-End Contribution statements generated incorrect amounts. The system did not total the donation from all funds (Sundays, Holydays, Special Collections). If you think you received a letter with the incorrect amount we would be happy to send you a revised statement.

Please call the parish office or email Mary Lou Engrassia at mlengrassia@stannesgc.org and a revised statement will be sent out promptly.

We apologize for the error and inconvenience.

Thank you for your support and generosity of our parish!
Youth Ministry
Meeting - this Sunday, February 11th
6:30PM - Cafeteria

Saint Anne’s Youth Ministry is founded on three main values: faith, community and service. At our 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 always welcome. For more information, please contact Bill Leone @ bleone@stannesgc.org.

Teens having a good time at a recent meeting

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

Banns of Marriage
First Time
Alyssa Grieco - St. Anne’s
Nicholas Feihel - Curé of Ars, Merrick

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court St. Anne #1077
February Bridge/Luncheon
Thursday, February 22nd - 12 Noon
McCloskey Auditorium - St. Anne's School

All are welcome to come, play any game or just socialize and have fun! Luncheon will consist of soup, sandwich, dessert, and choice of tea or coffee. Because food must be ordered in advance, no reservation can be held without prepayment. Cost: $25.00 per person. For information call Mrs. Joan Evans at 294-0868.

Mail check (payable to CDA Ct. 1077) to Joan Evans @ 132 Wickham Road, Garden City, NY 11530

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Long table (10) _____
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Msgr. John’s Knights of Columbus Council #11836
Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course:
Saturday, February 24, 2018
(9:30AM - 3:30PM)
Saint Anne’s - School Cafeteria
25 Dartmouth Street, Garden City
$45 per person
For additional information, please call Don DePol at 516-775-3097

For the duration of the flu season, we will only use one cup at communion time. The minister who has the cup will stand on the oils side (side opposite the organ) to distribute the sacred blood of Christ. This way anyone who would like to receive from the cup will have the opportunity. Thanks for your understanding.
Eagle Scout Service Project

Dear Friends, Family, Neighbors, Fellow Scouts and parishioners:

I’d like to ask for your support for my Eagle Project, which will provide help for Saint Anne’s Respite Care Program.

This important program is part of the extraordinary Parish Social Ministry that Saint Anne’s provides to our community. We will create and build new closet space on the lower level of St. Anne’s school building, providing much-needed storage space for large items, including music instruments, that are used at each session of Respite. We will also refurbish an existing closet and redesign this space to accommodate extra play sets and supplies that are used by the special children at Respite. This Project will provide much-needed storage space and assist Saint Anne’s Special Needs Ministry in providing effective and engaging Respite care to families who have children with special needs.

We will raise funds for the cost of the project to purchase necessary materials. All donations will benefit and fund this project. Any extra funds will go to benefit the Respite Care program, which is provided to families who have children with special needs free of charge. Donations toward the success of my Eagle project are greatly appreciated!!!!

Donations can be sent to St. Anne’s Rectory or to my home - 78 Elton Road, Stewart Manor. Please make checks payable to St. Anne’s Church.

Sincerely,

Johnny Balsamo,
Life Scout
Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**
7:00AM Parishioners of St. Anne
8:30 Robert F. Sexton, Rosalia & Nicole Begonia, Rosemary Nappi, Domenico Esposito, Theresa Browne, Sheila Valvo
10:00 Ted & Eileen Mikowski - 11th Anniversary
10:30 McCaughney & McElroy Families
11:45 Kathy Harvey
5:30PM Donald F. Logan - 25th Anniversary

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**
7:30 John Kelsh
9:00 James Thompson

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**
7:30 Michael Kadiak Sr. & Joseph Bagnato
9:00 Donald Leysath

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**
7:30 Eleanor Slattery
9:00 Dorothy Crowe - 1st Anniversary
10:00 Raymond Amato
4:15 Casey & Edward Mylod
7:15 Corrine M. Seymour

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**
7:30 Carmela Salamino
9:00 John D'Alessandro
7:00 Robert P. Russo

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**
9:00 Maurice Flynn
7:00 Domenico Santopadre

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**
8:30 Taylor McGrath
5:00PM John J. Butz

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**
7:00AM Norene Higgins - 10th Anniversary
8:30 Parishioners of St. Anne, Elsi Krupa, Umberto Poisinelli, Gioacchino Tiliercio, Mary Ann Pascale, Hamily Family “Special Intention for the Living
10:00 Deceased members of Weih & Wolf Families
11:45 Saverio Correale
5:30PM Maria Cardoso

**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.

Our Faith Community offers prayers this week on their first anniversary for:
February 14, 2017 - Dorothy Crowe
February 16, 2017 - Irene Craig

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
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
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Please remember the following people in your prayers

**Victor Abrahamsen**
**Denise DeCrescito**
**Henry Lynk**
**Adelaine Parks**

**Catherine Amato**
**Margaret Donaldson**
**Patricia Maher**
**Brian Pfail**

**Jodi Arciere**
**Patricia Durecko**
**Michelle Marooney**
**Kathleen Picha**

**Garth Atchley**
**Rosemary Ecker**
**Danny Marquino**
**Silvio Pironi**

**Mary Bagnato**
**Janet Fellingham**
**Dorothy McAleavey**
**Maggie Mae Rizzi**

**Denise Bedeian**
**Dennis Gallery**
**Art McCann**
**Dan Roeper**

**Kim Bily**
**Anthony Greco**
**Tommy McCann**
**Melissa Sarfin**

**William Brown**
**Sean Green**
**Kerry McCarrher**
**Vinny Scheppa**

**Deacon George Browne**
**Rhet Hemingway**
**John McClosey, Jr.**
**Dr. Lester Schnell**

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**Patrick Hughes Sr.**
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**Michael Sigwalt**

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**Joan Kalbacher**
**Barbara Mohan**
**Kathleen Smith**

**Kenneth Carpentier**
**Terese Karcher**
**Gabriele Monastero**
**Mary Spadaro**

**Mary Caruana**
**Carolyn Kast**
**Jimmy Mulligan**
**Catherine Sullivan**

**Elizabeth Castellano**
**Terri King**
**Lauren Munaf**
**Jean Thompson**

**Barbie Cervoni**
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**Philip O’Connell**
**Debbie Ventura**

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**Carole Langan**
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**Callie Williams**

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**Andrea O’Halloran**
**Susan Williams**

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We Celebrate the Sacraments
Eucharist
Saturday Evening  5:00PM
Sunday  7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:45, 5:30PM
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
9:00AM Saturdays-Church
Miraculous Medal Prayers  9:30AM Tuesdays-Church
Saint Anne’s Prayer Group  10:00AM Tuesdays-Church
Eucharistic Adoration  8:00AM Thursdays-Church
Legion of Mary  9:45AM Thursday-Church
Divine Mercy  9:30AM Fridays-Church

This Week at Saint Anne’s

Monday, February 12th
4:00PM CYO Chess - Library
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
6:30PM Children’s Choir - Church

Tuesday, February 13th
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM Middle Years - Cafeteria
7:30PM Boy Scouts - Library

Ash Wednesday, February 14th
9:30AM Mom’s Ministry - Cafeteria
1:30PM Senior Scene - Cafeteria
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
7:00PM Knights of Columbus - Cafeteria
7:30PM Men’s Bible Study - St. Therese Chapel

Thursday, February 15th
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
6:00PM CYO Chess - Library
7:30PM Families Anonymous - Music Room
7:30PM Adult Choir - Church

Saturday, February 17th
8:00AM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium

Sunday, February 18th
1st Sunday of Lent
1:30PM Baptisms - Church

We welcome those newly baptized into our faith community
Steven Gharagozlo

Let us pray for those who have died
William Joseph O’Brien, Jr.
Christine Trabulsi Rogers

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 17
5:00PM - Fr. Johnny

Sunday, February 18
7:00AM - Fr. Peter
8:30AM - Fr. Rudy  11:45AM - Fr. Rudy
10:00AM - Fr. Johnny  5:30PM - Fr. Johnny
Celebrate subject to change