First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

CHURCH OF SAINT ANNE
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A Lenten thought…
Each day in Lent, an email “Lenten Thought” will be sent to parishioners as we prepare for these forty days leading us to Holy Week and Easter. In addition, these messages will be in the bulletin each week. If you do not receive this email but would like to, please email us at StAnnesLent2018@stannesgc.org (and be sure to add us to your “Safe-Senders” list).

February 18  First Sunday of Lent
We all experience temptation. Jesus did. He offers us a strategy and an example.
  Turn to the Lord in times of temptation.

February 19  Monday
Acts of charity are a traditional part of Lent. Doing an act of kindness for someone today is a living expression of today’s Gospel Mt. 25. “When I was hungry, you gave me food, when I was thirsty, you gave me drink etc…”

February 20  Tuesday
Take time to pray today. A short simple prayer during some quiet time may be just what you need to help you through the day. Your prayer will probably help somebody else as well.
A double “bonus”!!

February 21  Wednesday
Jonah is a Lenten figure. Jonah’s story tells us something of God. Scripture tells us God “repented of the evil He had threatened to do to them; He did not carry it out.” God repented???
What does that mean?

February 22  Thursday
In today’s gospel, Jesus makes promises about prayer. “Ask and it will be given to you.” Sometimes our prayers are not answered as we would like. When that happens, we need the faith to keep praying because we believe Jesus is faithful to his promises.

February 23  Friday
We’re coming to the end of the first week of Lent. How are you doing? Going well? Great!
  Going fair? Keep at it. Going poorly? Start this weekend.

February 24  Saturday
Tomorrow is the Second Sunday of Lent. We hear the gospel story of Jesus’ Transfiguration, a very special event for him and some apostles. Jesus invites them to see and understand differently.
Lent is a time to see and understand differently.

Hear the call to worship this Lent! Please see page 2

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.
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.
Living Stations presented by the young people of the parish will be on Good Friday at 6:30PM in McCloskey Auditorium.

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,

As we hear every First Sunday of Lent, we hear today the story of the Temptation of Jesus. This year we hear the very brief version from Mark’s gospel. It is only two sentences long. We are told the spirit drove Jesus to the desert where he experienced Satan’s temptations over forty days. The story concludes with the detail that the angels ministered to Jesus.

That the spirit drove Jesus into the desert seems to suggest that these forty days were a testing time for Jesus. More detailed versions of the story in the other gospels provide a picture of the kinds of temptations that Jesus experienced. Jesus found the strength to withstand temptation and did not succumb.

My experience of temptation varies. At times I fail and the temptation is victorious. Sometimes it is not so serious. At other times temptation leads me to sin. More often I am able to withstand the power of temptation. Similar to Jesus, the Spirit of God is my best ally. Sometimes the falling to sin happens too quickly. It seems there was no temptation, just a bad action, often a poor reaction.

A reflection on our experience of temptation is a good Lenten exercise. Knowing our temptations can help us understand our sin. Our Lenten repentance demands an awareness and knowledge of sin. Allow today’s gospel story of the temptations of Jesus to offer you the opportunity to know better your own experience of temptation and sin. Such a Lenten exercise is not meant to lead to anxiety and worry. Such a reflection may lead to a very positive experience of confession and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We have many opportunities for prayer during Lent. We have added to each weekday a 7:00PM Mass. This Lenten evening Mass gives an enhanced opportunity for daily Mass during this special season to those unable to get to Mass in the morning. In addition we have the devotions of Eucharistic Adoration and Stations of the Cross. Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Thursday morning between the 7:30AM and 9:00AM Masses. Stations of the Cross take place at 7:30PM on Friday evenings.

In addition during this Lenten Season, we are sending by e-mail a brief Lenten reflection for each day. We have about 2500 e-mail addresses for our 3300 parish families. If you are not receiving these early morning reflections, we do not have your e-mail address. You can supply it to us and then you will receive these simple and short Lenten messages. Each week we print them on the cover of the bulletin.

As you read this bulletin letter, I am on retreat up in Gloucester, Massachusetts at the Jesuit Eastern Point Retreat House. My room faces the Atlantic Ocean which can often be quite rough during these winter weeks that I usually take for retreat. It is a very pleasant and peaceful week.

Many parishioners wished me well for the retreat and many asked for prayers. I am grateful for your well wishes and I will remember you during the many prayer times of the retreat.

Following Ash Wednesday with this retreat feels so appropriate and grace-filled. I am confident that the days will be filled with opportunity. What does that mean? This retreat follows the Spiritual Exercises of the Jesuit founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola. Part of Ignatius’s encouragement is that the retreatant knows and is able to articulate what he or she seeks all through the days of the retreat. The basic question is “What are you seeking?” Over the years that will change. I begin with this question well before I leave for Gloucester. It is not all that different than the gospel of last Sunday when the leper knelt before Jesus and begged for healing. It is a helpful question for all of us to ask at the beginning of Lent. “What am I seeking this Lent? What am I looking for? What do I desire?” If you have not already asked that question these first few days of Lent, this First Sunday of Lent is a good time to ask that question.

As I reflect and pray with the question “What am I seeking these days of retreat,” I respond that I am simply seeking to spend time with the Lord. To be in the presence of the Lord as I pray, as I eat, as I walk, as I read, as I sleep during these eight days of retreat. Giving the Lord this time to be with me and let him speak to me so that I may hear him will make for a grace-filled retreat.

The church painting is nearly completed. The results are a brighter, cleaner looking church with a greater emphasis on the beauty and illumination of the stained-glass windows. The brightening of the window panes and the replacement of the deep blue with a more neutral color has allowed the many colors in the windows to stand out with greater vibrancy.

In addition, the refurbishment of the bathrooms alongside the church lobby is complete. Re-tiling, new fixtures, new lighting, and painting have all enhanced these bathrooms that many parishioners requested be refurbished. Many thanks to all the workers who are responsible for these improvements. They were all a pleasure to work with and completed their work with really no interruption to the use of the church. I am very grateful to both the church painters and the craftsmen who re-did the bathrooms for their professionalism and courtesy.

Happily, these improvements were possible because of your generosity during past Spirit Days. We were able to complete these projects on time with no additional fundraising. Next year at this time we will complete the refurbishing of the church with a refinishing of the church pews and a re-polishing of the stone in the church floor. Then our church will really shine! The reason for the timing of these projects is for the scheduling of marriages and minimum interference with church building activities.

Sincerely in Christ,

[Signature]

Fr. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOAVES AND FISHES

“We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God.”

- St. Vincent De Paul

Thank You from Saint Martha’s Parish

Dear Saint Anne’s Parishioners,

We write to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your constant generosity to our outreach program here at St. Martha’s Parish. Most especially we say “Thank You” for the donations of food, toys, gift cards and volunteers who give of their time and talent to our Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. You are always in our prayers.

Your support of this ministry is a wonderful way to respond to Jesus’ call to care for the less fortunate in our community. In the words of Pope Francis, “Let us proclaim the Gospel and when necessary use words.”

May God Bless You and Keep You,
Marlene Jean-Baptiste & Barbara Powell
Co-Directors, Parish Outreach

Weekly Food Drive

Items most needed: Please no glass containers.

Soup  Cereal  Tuna fish  Pasta Sauce
Powdered Milk  Canned vegetables  Canned fruit  Pasta
Hot Chocolate  Peanut Butter  Red & black beans  Macaroni & Cheese

Baby Diapers (large sizes)

Many thanks to all who assist with the mission of Loaves and Fishes - to help provide food and other necessities for the many struggling families in our local areas. If you are wondering how you can be of help to people in need, especially with Lent now here, please consider bringing food to the Loaves and Fishes closets when you come to Mass. The Loaves and Fishes closets are in the left rear of the church, open 7:00AM–2:30PM. Thank you for your support!

We are grateful to all who help load cars for delivery.
Thank you, Michael Glynn and Tim Moloney

"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 in helping babies and parents.

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.

Caring for Creation

In his letter Laudato Si’, which was addressed to “all people of good will,” Pope Francis wrote, “Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it.” (62, 139). From farmers to office professionals, the goods of creation make everything we do possible. The food we eat, the water we drink, the air we breathe: all are part of God’s great work, as are we ourselves. Recognizing that we are merely one thread in God’s fabric of creation, we invite you to take steps toward living more harmoniously with creation. During Lent, we will suggest actions to fast from harming our common home. As Easter arrives, look back at the changes you have made and share them with friends and family.

How You Can Make a Difference

The facts on water bottles are tragic.

- Around the world, people buy a total of 1 million plastic bottles per minute.
- 91% of them are not recycled.
- The average plastic bottle takes 400 years to decompose.

RefRAINING FROM BUYING BOTTLED WATER AND TAKING A REUSABLE BOTTLE WITH YOU ARE GOOD WAYS TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THIS WASTE.

Taking a reusable water bottle with you is also a daily witness to the practice of stewardship, a discipline that grounds you in our faith. Pray while filling your bottle:

Creator God, thank you for the blessing of water.
Help me to steward it well and to practice care for your creation in all I do today. Amen.

Families in Service Sandwich - Making Event

Saturday, March 10 from 8:00-9:00AM

Parents and children interested in working together to serve those in need are invited to join Families in Service on Saturday, March 10th from 8:00AM to 9:00AM in the school cafeteria. We will be making sandwiches for the Mary Brennan INN and also the parish outreach center at St. Mary of the Isle in Long Beach and several soup kitchens which serve lunch on Saturdays to people in need.

Please bring 2 loaves of bread and cold cuts for your family to make sandwiches, a box of sandwich baggies and a bag of individually wrapped Easter candy. (Gloves will be provided.) We look forward to working together with you and your children as you teach them the gift of service. This is a popular event at Saint Anne’s and we ask that you please RSVP by March 7th to Shannon Kolenik at shannon.kolenik@gmail.com or Rena Capri at renaann614@yahoo.com

Families working together to serve those in need at last year’s sandwich making event

Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group

Wed., Feb. 28th at 7:30PM in the cafeteria

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.

Middle Years

We welcome all who are interested in joining us for our many informal social events. Our next monthly meeting will be Wednesday, March 14th at 7:30PM in the Thomas Merton Room (cafeteria of St. Anne's). For details call Helen Capece at 327-9179.

Best of Broadway at Adelphi University on Sunday, February 25th @ 4PM. Tickets cost $24. Please contact Mary McNulty at 650-9546. Dinner at a local pizza place for anyone interested in attending the event!

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Saint Anne’s Is Here For You...

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

**Class Schedule—Week of February 18**

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

**Class Schedule—Week of February 25**

**Sunday, February 25**
9:00 – 10:15  No Class
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**Monday, February 26**
4:00 to 5:10pm  Grades 1-6

**Tuesday, February 27**
4:00 to 5:10pm  Grades 1-6

**Wednesday, February 28**
4:00 to 5:10pm  Grades 1-6
7:00-8:30pm  7th grade Class
Service hours and Journals are due
7:00pm  8th grade group B
Parents and students Reconciliation in Church

**Saturday, March 3**
2:00pm to 6:00pm  8th grade group A
Retreat in McCloskey Auditorium

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**

**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 6:30 PM in the cafeteria, bring a food item to the Loaves and Fishes closet each week.

Please see page 2 more info regarding Lent

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.

This past week our catechumens and candidates in the RCIA attended Ash Wednesday Mass and received ashes. At our meeting last Wednesday, the RCIA members received a cross as we began the Lenten season and final preparation for Easter. Last Saturday evening, Feb. 17th those in our RCIA who will be baptized this Easter went to the Diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election with Bishop Barres at St. Christopher’s Church in Baldwin. Our catechumens signed the Book of the Elect with all those who are to be baptized at Easter.
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 by phoning the parish office 35h2-5904.
LITURGY AND WORSHIP

First Sunday of Lent

“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.”

After his baptism by John, Jesus is drawn to the desert, a place of isolation, desolation, and no refreshment. In Mark’s gospel this period in Jesus’ life is a short narrative with a brief mention of his temptations. (In St. Luke’s gospel we hear more of the story of the temptations.) It is hard for us to imagine Jesus struggling with temptation but in his humanity he struggled just as we do. Yet in Jesus forty days of being tempted he finds the strength to return home, true to his mission to preach the Gospel. We are all beset by temptations and obstacles but we are called to proclaim the Gospel each day in our daily lives. Let us pray each day to overcome temptation and make an effort to bring the Gospel to all we meet each day.

Readings for
Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Romans 8: 31b-34
Mark 9: 2-9

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle – Feb. 22nd

Thursday, Feb. 22nd is the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle. This is an important feast day for our Church. Saint John Paul II reflected on its importance and leaves us with a challenge to pray during an Angelus blessing in 2004.

“Today, 22 February, is the liturgical Feast of the Chair of St Peter. It sheds light on the special ministry of strengthening and guiding the Church in the unity of the faith which the Lord entrusted to the Head of the Apostles. It consists in this "ministerium petrinum" (Petrine ministry), the particular service that the Bishop of Rome is called to render to the entire Christian people. It is an indispensable mission that is not built on human prerogatives but on Christ himself, the cornerstone of the Ecclesial Community.

Let us pray that the Church in the different cultures, languages and traditions will be unanimous in believing and professing the truths of faith and morals passed down by the Apostles.”

Pray for Pope Francis today and for his ministry as the successor of St. Peter.

Bernini’s sculpture of the Chair of Peter at St. Peter’s in Rome

Mark Your Calendar!
Friday, March 16th – 6:30PM

Lenten Soup Supper

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.

Family Mass – Sundays at 10:30 in McCloskey Auditorium

There will be no Family Mass on 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 10:00 in the school music room.

Make Family Mass part of your Family’s Sunday!!!
PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY

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YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY
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The 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.

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Sisters of St. Dominic – Irish Night
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Bereavement Conference - March 10th
“Life is Changed, Not Ended”
St. Francis de Chantal Parish, Wantagh
A bereavement conference will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 9:00AM - 3:00PM for the bereaved and those who care for them. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski, Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre. Attendees may choose from many workshops which cover various types of loss. The $35 fee includes light breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, please visit www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement or call 678-5800 ext. 506.
If you are interested in attending and would like to go with other parishioners from Saint Anne’s or if you would like assistance with the registration fee, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904.

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St. Francis de Chantal Parish, Wantagh
A bereavement conference will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 9:00AM - 3:00PM for the bereaved and those who care for them. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski, Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre. Attendees may choose from many workshops which cover various types of loss. The $35 fee includes light breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, please visit www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement or call 678-5800 ext. 506.
If you are interested in attending and would like to go with other parishioners from Saint Anne’s or if you would like assistance with the registration fee, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904.

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.

The 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.

The 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!
Youth Ministry

Meeting - Sunday, February 25th
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.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Saint Anne’s School is in need of substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. Interested candidates should contact Mr. Gene Fennell, Principal at gfennell@stannesgschool.org.

Saint Anne's Father Daughter Dance 2018

280 girls and their dads/special persons enjoyed a special evening at their Candyland themed dance. A fun filled time was had dancing, taking photos in front of the game board, competing in a hula hoop game and the limbo while enjoying a delicious dinner from Iavarone Brothers. Filling bags full of candy at the candy bar was a great treat!
Saint Anne’s School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

St. Anne’s School kicked off this year’s Catholic Schools Week on Sunday January 28th with a special Sunday Mass celebrated by Diocese of Rockville Centre’s Bishop Barres followed by a reception and open house. Proud students provided tours of the school to a number of prospective families. The following week was filled with fun events designed to showcase St. Anne’s students and their incredible school spirit. Students enjoyed wearing their “crazy” hat one day and their craziest socks the next. In addition to wearing the school colors on School Color Day, they donned their favorite team’s jerseys on Jersey Day and walked the hallways with outrageous hairstyles on Crazy Hair Day. To keep the fun going, the students tested their smarts with the super popular “Brain Challenge” game. To bring a conclusion to all the festivities, the week ended with the much anticipated student vs. faculty volleyball game! No matter if you were playing or cheering along, everyone had a great time.

Another major event that took place during Catholic Schools Week was the seventh and eighth grade science fair. The entire student body had a chance to view the creative and imaginative experiments that the Seventh and Eighth graders had been working on since November. Over several months, the students in the seventh and eighth grades investigated a topic of their choosing, during which time they kept a journal of their findings and created a written report that explained their experiment, data, references, and ultimate conclusion. The budding scientists then presented their projects to the St. Anne’s student body during Catholic Schools Week and to their parents later that evening. Students created a display that explained their experiments. The younger students were able to view the various projects and had an opportunity to speak with the older students about their experiments and their ultimate conclusions. The students this year did an amazing job with their science projects and no doubt inspired the younger students with countless ideas for future experiments.

- Bishop Barres celebrates Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass
- Fr. Tom concelebrated the Mass
- Bishop Barres with Mr. Fennell (photo credit G. Shemitz)

- Kindergarten students participate in the Brain Challenge Assembly
- 8th grade students after the Student/Teacher Volleyball Game
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
“May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God’s word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.”  - Pope Francis

**Almsgiving in Lent**

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

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**February Bridge/Luncheon**

*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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Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
7:00AM Norene Higgins - 10th Anniversary
8:30 Parishioners of St. Anne, Elsi Krupa, Gioacchino Tileriio, Mary Ann Pascale, Hamliy Family* "Special Living Intention, Umberto Polsinelli
10:00 Deceased members of Weihs & Wolf Families
11:45 Saverio Correale
5:30PM Maria Cardoso
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7:30 Carmela Salemmo
9:00 Raymond Loew - 3rd Anniversary
7:00 Cory Ann Mayberry
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
7:30 Rose McDougal
9:00 Mary Beth Smigelski
7:00 Bishop James McHugh
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
7:30 Vincent Marino
9:00 Mary & Charles McLaughlin
7:00 Parishioners of St. Anne
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
7:30 Robert Leonard
9:00 John D’Alessandro
7:00 Robert Zimmer
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
9:00 Cecelia Guenther
7:00 Frederick Surace
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
8:30 Gaetano Consiglio
5:00PM Vincent Guida II
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7:00AM Special Intention of Fr. Rudy 35th Anniversary
8:30 John & Madeleine Esposito, Phillip Liantonio, Giovanni Cordio, Vanessa Calabrese D’Ambrosio
John Leaman
10:00 Parishioners of St. Anne
11:45 Vito Baladamente - 7th Anniversary
5:30PM Betty Anne Jacobs

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
Capt. Christopher Dar Conte, USAF
Lt. Corporal James Harkin, USMC; 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
Adelaine Parks
Barbara Mohan
Mary Spadaro
Mary Sullivan
Michael Smith
Jean Thompson
Jerome
Debbie Ventura
Callie Williams
Susan Williams

Please remember the following people in your prayers

Victor Abrahmsen
Catherine Amato
Jodi Arciere
Garth Atchley
Mary Bagnato
Denise Bedeian
Kim Bily
William Brown
Deacon George Browne
Gail Calma
Charles Cangelosi
Lisette Cantara
Kenneth Carpenter
Mary Caruana
Elizabeth Castellano
Barbie Cervoni
Anthony Corrao
Anthony Cuccia
Claire Decker
Denise DeCrescito
Margaret Donaldson
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Rosemary Ecker
Janet Fellingham
Dennis Gallery
Anthony Greco
Sean Green
Rhett Hemingway
Patrick Hughes Sr.
Will Hughes
Joan Kalbacher
Terese Karcher
Carolyn Kast
Terri King
Klaudia Krieg
Carole Langan
Ricky Loew
Chris Lynch
Henry Lynk
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Danny Marquino
Dorothy McAleavy
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Adelaine Parks
Brian Pfail
Kathleen Picha
Silvio Pironi
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Sharon Sharp Elliot
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Saturday 4:00 - 4:45PM / Thursday before First Friday 4:30 - 5:00PM
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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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This Week at Saint Anne’s
Monday, February 19th

Thursday, February 22nd
Noon - Catholic Daughters Bridge - McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM Families Anonymous - Faculty Room
7:30PM Adult Choir - Church

Saturday, February 24th
8:00AM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
9:30AM Defensive Driving - Cafeteria

Sunday, February 25th
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Banons of Marriage
Second Time
Alyssa Grieco - St. Anne’s
Nicholas Feihel - Curé of Ars, Merrick

Let us pray for those who have died
Ann Szulwach

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, February 24
5:00PM - Fr. Rudy
Sunday,
7:00AM - Fr. Johnny
8:30AM - Fr. Johnny 11:45AM - Fr. Tom
10:00AM - Fr. Peter 5:30PM - Fr. Rudy
Celebant subject to change