INVITATION FOR CONVERSATION

On Thursday evening November 29th, I will host another evening for conversation about our Church and our parish. Many people might wish to share an observation about the abuse scandal that has saddened and angered many of us. Some persons might want to ask questions about our plans for our new parish ministry and meeting building.

I believe that these recent events underscore the need for conversation in our Church. I believe we would all benefit from increased sharing between pastors and parishioners. In the two parishes where I have been pastor I have often considered this kind of conversation. I hope for open, fair, honest, and peaceful conversation during these evenings. Please join us if you can on Thursday evening, November 29th at 8:00PM in the Church which is accessible to all.

Thank You from Father Peter

Please see page 11

Thanksgiving Sponsor a Family

With sincerest thanks to all who supported over 330 families for Thanksgiving
Please see pages 4 and 10

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.
ADVENT AT SAINT ANNE’S

The Church celebrates the holy and wonderful season of Advent beginning on December 2nd.

DAILY MASS

Mass will be celebrated Monday through Thursday at 7:30AM & 9:00AM and on Friday at 9:00AM.

TAKE THE WORD WITH YOU!

Copies of The Word Among Us are available so you can review the readings before each Mass each day.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come and experience God’s comfort through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

In addition to our regular celebration of the sacrament on Saturday afternoons, we will offer

DAY OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th from 3:00PM - 9:00PM

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 2nd-5:30PM Mass, Music starting at 5:00PM

Come and celebrate the Advent season with our Music Ministry as we gather for the 5:30PM Mass and an evening of sacred music starting at 5:00PM. An adaptation of “Lessons and Carols” this night is a great opportunity to remember the real “reason for the season” and hear the wonderful gifts of our Music Ministry.

Following Mass—Blessing of the crèche and Lighting of the Christmas tree

Celebrate with Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group

Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00PM

Please join us on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00PM for a lively dinner and some great networking at Park Place on Covert Avenue in celebration of St. Anne’s Professional Networking Group (SAPNG)!

Special thanks to Chris Gorman for coordinating this event.

The cost will be $40 pp all inclusive. Space is limited so please reserve your spot as soon as possible by emailing Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org or Chris Gorman at cgor1735@yahoo.com or calling the parish office at 352-5904. (The fee will be waived for anyone in need of assistance.) Looking forward to a great evening of networking with fellow parishioners!

Enjoying last year’s Professional Networking Group social

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, December 8th

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holyday of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated on

Friday, December 7th at 5:00PM and Saturday, December 8th at 8:30AM & 10:00AM
Dear Parishioners,

I hope this Thanksgiving weekend has been a happy one for you. Many thanks to all those parish families and volunteers who made our Thanksgiving Sponsor a Family so successful. The parish assisted more than 300 families this Thanksgiving and we will extend assistance to another 300+ families at Christmas. If you would like to get involved in this Christmas Sponsor a Family, please contact Parish Social Ministry.

Many thanks to everyone who hosted Thanksgiving celebrations. It is a special day and a lot of people work very hard to make the day such a festive one. Know that all your efforts are appreciated.

**NEW BUILDING**

We have gained approvals from both the Garden City Zoning Board and the Garden City Planning Board to move forward with our plans for our Ministry and Meeting Building on the former convent property. We are grateful to the members of both Boards for their guidance and support. We are also very grateful to our neighbors for their support. We continue to be attentive to all our neighbors’ concerns.

We have also begun the next phase of our parish campaign *Being Catholic at St. Anne’s: Our Families, Our Mission, Our Future*. A series of parishioner gatherings has begun. At these meetings, the project is explained, personal and financial support is requested and discussion with questions is included. Over the next two to three months, we will have several of these gatherings as we lead to a general invitation of support from all parishioners. It has been a long process of discernment, decisions, and permissions these past several years and we are now in the process of financing the project and selecting contractors through a bidding process. I will continue to keep you informed.

**PARISH CONVERSATION**

This Thursday night at 8:00PM in the Church we will have our second evening of open conversation to which all parishioners are invited. We are beginning at 8:00PM at the suggestion of families with school-aged children. At our first open conversation meeting about six weeks ago, most of the comments and questions focused on the abuse scandal. There was a question about the building project and the sound system, but most of the time was spent with comments and questions about the abuse scandal.

For this second meeting, the invitation remains open to all and the conversation is open to all concerns. The first meeting was a very open and honest exchange. People expressed their feelings and concerns. The tone was calm, respectful, and peaceful. I found the meeting was very fruitful for all who attended and I hope for a similar experience for November 29.

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops met shortly before Thanksgiving. The Vatican Congregation for Bishops intervened before the meeting and restricted any actions the American Bishops were considering prior to the meeting. This intervention suggests that Pope Francis will direct the Church’s response to this scandal at a worldwide meeting of bishops at the Vatican in February. For many of the American bishops this restriction caused frustration and disappointment. Many of us in parishes, priests and parishioners, continue to await a more effective and clear response to the many issues surrounding this scandal. I include myself in this group that seeks a more effective leadership from the Church’s hierarchy. What is very reassuring in this difficult time is how parish life continues in its vibrancy. Our faith and relationship with the Lord is much more steadfast than disappointment with leadership.

**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ, the King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the Church year. When we return next Sunday, we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Church year. This celebration reminds us of the pre-eminent and sovereign place that Jesus has in our lives and in all of creation. The preface for the Mass today proclaims that the eternal and universal kingdom we celebrate today is one of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace. Note that the gospel for today concludes with the conversation between Jesus and Pilate about truth.

**E-MAIL**

Some parishioners have received e-mails sent with my name seeking assistance. Please ignore such e-mails. They do not come from me. Someone uses my name. I rarely send out e-mails. I prefer face to face conversation or the telephone. I would never use an e-mail to seek personal assistance from parishioners. Please do your best not to respond to such requests that come using my name.

**CLOSING THOUGHT**

I suggested last week at Mass that a particular theme this Thanksgiving would be gratitude for our faith. Our faith makes such a difference in so many ways. Faith strengthens us to face difficulties. Faith gathers us together. Faith inspires us to do good. Our Thanksgiving holiday weekend reminds us that this great nation of ours is built on a heritage of faith: “One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Peace be to you and all your family!

Fr. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

With Sincerest Thanks for Sponsoring 330 Families!

Thanks to the generosity of Saint Anne’s parishioners, 55 families from Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal’s Ryan Outreach Center in Wyandanch and 275 families at Saint Martha’s Parish Outreach in Uniondale were sponsored for Thanksgiving. Thank you to all who sponsored families and all who offered financial support to help feed those who are hungry. Special thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with this effort – especially the youth helpers, the drivers and the coordinators.

Please see pages 10 and 11 for more photos.

*Jon Schwieger and Mary Stenson greet volunteers dropping off Thanksgiving donations in the parking lot at Saint Anne’s*

Christmas Sponsor a Family: Thank you for Helping!

We have committed to sponsoring the same families for Christmas. Many of you have already volunteered to be a sponsor...thank you! As of this writing, some help is still needed. Please contact Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

**DELIVERY DAY for both locations is Saturday, December 15th.**

Drivers for Wyandanch are needed. Please contact Joanne Sorge at 516-248-1834.

**Youth Support for Christmas Program**

To provide support in delivering food to both Wyandanch and Uniondale, we need teens to help at both sites and in Saint Anne's parking lot on Saturday, December 15th. Please contact Tricia Paskewitz at tpask@hotmail.com.

**MONETARY DONATIONS: If you are unable to do the shopping but would still like to help…**

If you are unable to do the shopping but would still like to help, you may make a monetary donation. Please make a check payable to Saint Anne’s Church with a notation: “Christmas Sponsor a Family” program, and send it to: Saint Anne’s Church, 35 Dartmouth Street, Garden City, NY 11530; **Attention: Parish Social Ministry.**

Angel Gift Collection for Catholic Charities

**Angel Gift Trees in the Church** – Sparkling trees will be set up in the lobby of our Church this Sunday with angel ornaments printed with the names and ages of 60 children and teens who live in Project Independence housing, Special Needs housing and the Teaching Family Home programs run by Catholic Charities. These children are from families who have been homeless, who have someone with chronic mental illness or HIV/AIDS or who have suffered from substance abuse. For many of these children, the gifts donated by Saint Anne’s parishioners will be the only ones they receive. Thank you for helping to make their Christmas bright!

For younger children, toys are requested and for teens, there are other suggestions, including gift cards. Please bring your gift unwrapped, with the Angel attached, to the Parish Office by Thursday, December 13th. Questions? Please call Linda Leone at 352-5904.

**Thank you for your support!**
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.

**Special Needs**

**Respite Care**
The next session of Respite will take place on Friday, December 7th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. This will be our annual Christmas Party with a special appearance by Santa Claus!

**Special Needs Mass**
Mass will be celebrated with our special needs community on Saturday, December 15th at 5:00PM in the cafeteria. The children will be presenting a living Christmas Nativity. All are always welcome!
Please contact Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org or 352-5904 for any information.

**Saint Anne’s MOM’s**

**Breakfast with Santa, December 16, see page 9**

**Coffee & Kids: Wednesdays @ 9:30AM - Cafeteria**
Saint Anne’s MOMs welcomes women who are mothers of young children, offering them many ways to connect with one another. If you are new to the parish and would like to join, please e-mail our membership chairperson, Melanie Unterstein at stannesmoms@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 352-5904 for more information.

**Senior Scene**

**Please see photos on page 12**
The next meeting of the Senior Scene will be Wednesday, November 28th at 1:30PM in the school cafeteria. Please join us for an afternoon of pleasant conversation, coffee and cake, card playing and bingo. We will be collecting for our Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 12th—$10 per person. For more information, please call Susanne Blum at 352-5904.

**Professional Networking Group**

**Social—Please see page 2 for details**
Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group offers opportunities to network, to share resources and to find support. We offer monthly meetings at Saint Anne’s, with informative speakers and ongoing opportunities to network with fellow parishioners. You can join the group on Linkedin, where you’ll find many useful suggestions and advice from members who have offered presentations at our meetings.

**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.

**Resilience... You are not alone**

**Meeting on Monday, Dec. 3rd @ 7:30PM Rectory Meeting Room**
Many parents don’t discuss concerns about their children’s mental health due to the stigma that is often attached. Just when parents are 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—do you wonder at times where God is in the midst of your child’s struggles?
Saint Anne’s Resilience group offers support to parents of teens and young adults who are experiencing challenges, either psychological, emotional or both. We respect the confidentiality of each person and offer a safe environment to meet with others who are facing similar challenges. You are not alone! For more information, please contact Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org or 516-352-5904.

**Families in Service Christmas Caroling**

**Sunday, December 9th @ 4PM**
We invite you to join us for Christmas caroling as we visit some of our homebound and senior parishioners to bring them a message of love and good cheer. Parents and children are invited to gather in the cafeteria on Sunday, December 9th at 4:00PM. Song sheets and information will be provided (along with juice and cookies!)
Families will be arranged in groups and sent out to sing at two or three homes. (Please note: Most of the homes are NOT walking distance from the Church. Families will need their cars to travel to the homes where they will carol.)
What a wonderful way to gather with family and friends, bringing a message of “Joy to the World” this Christmas!

Please RSVP by December 6th to Shannon Kolenik at shannon.kolenik@gmail.com or Rena Capri at renaann614@yahoo.com if you’d like to participate.

**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**

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**Reconciliation**

Mrs. Owczarek 2nd grade
Monday November 26 7:00pm in Church

Ms. Fochi 2nd grade
Tuesday November 27 7:00pm in Church

**Week of December 2**

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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**

**RCIA at Saint Anne’s**

This Wednesday our RCIA group will welcome back those who have been part of the RCIA for the past five years. At this supper gathering we will have a chance to share the RCIA experience and catch up with all who have been on this journey of faith.

Please keep our RCIA members in your prayer as they journey toward the Easter Sacraments.

Each year at the Easter Vigil and on Pentecost we celebrate the sacraments with those who have journeyed with the RCIA process. It is always a blessing for our parish and for each of us individually to experience the faith and commitment of our catechumens and candidates.

Perhaps you or someone you know would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Communion and/or Confirmation), is of another Christian religion and would like to become a Catholic or is interested in becoming a Catholic through receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. **Our RCIA sessions are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30PM in the rectory meeting room.** Contact S. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or at 352-5904 for more information.

**Advent Lessons and Carols**

Sunday, December 2nd at 5 PM
Presented by St. Anne’s choir

Our choir will present beautiful Advent readings and music, followed by the 5:30PM Mass. Begin the Advent Season with this prayerful and uplifting evening.

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel!**
LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universes

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel today brings us into the scene of Jesus and Pilate. We all know how it will end, with the crucifixion. But in this conversation between them we hear the eternal question that we all must consider today, “What is truth?” Jesus makes the claim that he is a king and has come to testify to the truth. Pilate who has political power does not see the in Jesus the incarnation of truth. In their exchange Jesus doesn’t accept Pilate’s narrow understanding of power and truth. Jesus ultimately went to his death before his exaltation. We, too, must die to self on our journey to God and ultimate resurrection. This is our truth!

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle
November 30th

Saint Andrew was the first of the twelve to meet Jesus. He was a disciple of John the Baptist and when John pointed out Jesus, Andrew went to meet him. He also called his brother, Simon Peter, and together they began the journey with Jesus. Tradition says that he preached in Asia Minor and Greece before being crucified on an x-shaped cross. He is the patron saint of Scotland and his x-shaped cross is on the flag of Scotland.

Readings for the First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33: 14-16
1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2

Family Mass

Next Sunday, December 2nd Family Mass will resume. Please return unwrapped Christmas gifts and either a box of cereal or a jar of peanut butter for needy families next Sunday. This is a wonderful way to help families who are in need at this time in St. Martha’s parish in Uniondale.

Our annual Christmas pageant will be held on Christmas Eve at 3:45PM - before Christmas Eve Family Mass. Any child who would like to take part in the pageant is welcome to participate.

See S. Judy at Family Mass to sign up!

Saint Anne’s Children’s Choir

Our Children’s Choir’s next rehearsal will be Monday, November 26th from 6:00-7:00PM in Church. We are preparing to sing at the 5:00 PM Mass on December 1st. All children from Grades 3 and older are welcome to join the choir. The Children’s Choir sings at one mass a month and on special occasions. For more information contact Sr. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or at the Parish office 352-5904.
**Did you know that 2019 is the 90th year of our parish of St. Anne?**

Yes, this coming year will be our 90th Anniversary! We have come a long way from the store on Covert Avenue where the parish masses began. The parish moved from Covert Avenue to Adams Street and on to Dartmouth Street. Many parishioners have passed through the doors of our church. We have celebrated Sunday Mass, baptisms, first communions, confirmations, graduations, anniversaries, funerals. We have gathered as a parish family in happy celebrations and in times of deepest sorrow. Our prayer for each other has held us together.

Let’s celebrate this milestone throughout the year. They say that firsts are the best because they are beginnings so let’s plan on beginning each month of the year together as a parish family! Put a “Save the Date” on the first of every month in the New Year:

**SAVE THE DATES!!!!**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019**
The Anniversary year will begin with an Opening Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Mass will be at 10:00AM.

**Friday, February 1, 2019**
Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Friday, March 1, 2019**
Parish Party at the Garden City Hotel.

Future events will be announced as they are scheduled.

**St. Anne’s: A Legacy of Faith, Service and Compassion**

**Trivia answer:** The parish was dedicated to St. Anne in honor of the patron saint of the first pastor Fr. Ennis’ mother, Anne.

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**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY**

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**Campaign for Human Development 2018**: $4,440

**Campaign for Human Development 2017**: $4,545

**FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY**

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

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**St. Anne’s Catholic Daughters**

**Court Saint Anne #1077**

**Annual Christmas Luncheon**

**The Westbury Manor**

(Jericho Turnpike, Westbury)

**Friday, December 7th - at 12 Noon**

The cost is $43 per person.

Reservations must be paid in advance.

For more information and reservations, please call Peggy Fay at 352-5040.

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Please remember in your prayers family members of Saint Anne’s parishioners who are serving in the military:

- 1st Lt. William Allen, US Army
- Pvt. Nicholas Ballek, US Army
- Pvt Charles Bosch, US Army
- Thomas Brown, US Army
- L/Cpl. Neal T. Burke, USMC
- Capt. Anthony F. Califano, US Navy
- Master Sgt. Denis Cashin, USMC
- Capt. Matthew Clements, US Army
- Lt. Cmdr. Brian Cunningham, Navy SEAL
- Capt. Christopher Dar Conte, USAF
- Commander Michael Flatley, US Navy
- Spec. David Garcia, US Army
- Major Edward Gibbons, US Army
- Capt. Lily Hague, US Army
- Lt. Corporal James Harkin, USMC
- Majors Kevin Joyce, US Army
- Sean Kelly, US Navy
- Michael Koster, Military Police, US Army Reserves
- Spec. Daniel R. MacFall, US Army
- Lance Cpl. James McCartin, USMC
- Ensign Glenn McKenna, US Navy
- Cpl. Owen A. Monahan, USMC
- AD2 Joseph V. Musicaro, US Navy
- Greg Palkot, Int’l. News Reporter
- Airman Anthony J. Pittella, US Navy
- T. Sgt. Ian William Roth, USAF
- Capt. Thomas Safina, US Army Reserves
- Capt. Tara Sutcliffe, USMC
- 2nd Lt. Kyle T. Walsh, US Army, Aviation

**Trivia answer:** The parish was dedicated to St. Anne in honor of the patron saint of the first pastor Fr. Ennis’ mother, Anne.
ST. ANNE’S ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE
‘Tis the season to order your Christmas décor from St. Anne’s! Our 8th Grade students are offering the following items to help you decorate this Christmas season:

**WREATHS** – high quality, Nova-Scotia Balsam Fir Wreaths; hand decorated with a velvet bow, pinecone clusters and ornaments.

**Available in two sizes:**
- 12” frame - $27.00 OR 16” frame $32.00.

**PINE ROPING** – 10-yard bundles (30 feet) $22.00

**CEMETARY PILLOWS** – come complete with stakes and calendar $27.00

**DWARF ALBERTA SPRUCE** – decorated with red velvet bows & ornaments in a one gallon pot - $22.00

Please complete and return the form below to St. Anne’s School. All wreaths, roping, pillows and trees will be ordered on a pre-paid basis only (cash or check). Orders will be taken until Monday, November 26th and pick will be Friday, November 30th in the St. Anne’s parking lot. Checks should be made out to St. Anne’s School – Class of 2019. You will receive an email confirmation of your order. Please contact Patrice McCann (516) 775-2415 or patricemccann71@gmail.com.

THE CLASS OF 2019 THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Name: __________________________
Phone: __________________________
E-mail: __________________________

Wreaths: 12” x $27  x ___  $____  
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Pine roping $22  x ___  $____  
Cemetery Pillows $27  x ___  $____  
Dwarf Alberta Spruce $22  x ___  $____  
Total Amount:  $____

Youth Ministry

**All High School Teens are Welcome! Please join us for our next meeting**

**Sunday, December 2nd**
6:30PM in the cafeteria

Saint Anne’s Youth Ministry is founded on three main values: faith, community and service. Teens come from various high schools and new members are always welcome. Pizza and snacks will be served. For more information, please contact Bill Leone at bleone@stannesgc.org

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**Breakfast with Santa sponsored by St. Anne’s MOMs**

**Sunday, December 16 at 9:00AM**
in the school cafeteria

Please join us for a Breakfast with Santa catered by Tulip Deli ($15 per adult—cash only) followed by Family Mass at 10:30AM

Please drop off the money with the registration form below at the rectory. **RSVP by December 10th**

Family Name______________________

Adults__________________________

Kids (free)______________________

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Thanksgiving Sponsor a Family - Thank You!

Thanks to the generosity of many Saint Anne’s parishioners, over 330 struggling families were able to gather together this Thanksgiving with a complete family dinner. This year, 55 families from Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal’s Ryan Outreach Center in Wyandanch and 275 families at Saint Martha’s Parish Outreach in Uniondale were sponsored for Thanksgiving. Many thanks to Barbara Tranfaglia, Diane and Paul Wykowski, Joanne Sorge, Tricia Paskewitz and Mary Stenson and their families for all their help onsite at the outreach centers and for coordinating this effort. Our special thanks to all the volunteers who participated – especially the youth helpers, the drivers and every Saint Anne's family and group who sponsored families in need!
Thanksgiving Sponsor a Family

To the Wonderful People of St. Anne’s:

It’s almost three weeks since I left St. Anne’s for my retirement and new residence in Maria Regina, Seaford- a parish where I was pastor for twelve wonderful years.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to you- one and all- to Father Tom and the Staff and to all I met during my six and a half years of service and ministry at St. Anne’s. I witnessed so many of your good works- from a thriving educational ministry for people of all ages to your community concern and outreach to those nearest and to those in other parishes...from your well planned and powerful liturgies and times of prayer to the fun moments of Spirit Day.

I was often amazed at the size and content of the weekly bulletin- which detailed your ongoing concern and involvement in helping to build the kingdom of God. St. Anne’s is a parish alive with the Holy Spirit and has been profoundly touched by the Risen Lord whom we follow as His disciples.

You welcomed me and made me feel a part of the St. Anne’s family during the weekend liturgies and when our paths crossed during the week. I was pleased and proud to be a member of the parish if only for a few years and in an assisting manner.

Please know I will pray for you; please remember me in your prayers as I enter a new chapter of my life.

I would like to end by echoing the words of another one time pastor-St. Paul- when he wrote to the Colossians:

“In our prayers for you we always thank God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints...”

All the best-
Fr. Peter

Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, Nov. 28th - 2:30PM Rectory Basement

Please join our Bible study group. We will be meeting twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday. Our next meeting will be held this coming Wednesday. Father Valentine has graciously offered to help us at each meeting as we delve into the writings of the New Testament. We will be starting with the Gospel of St. Luke.

Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, November 28th @ 7:30PM

Men’s Bible Study Group meets around the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 7:30PM-9:00PM at the St. Theresa Chapel in the school basement.
SENIOR SCENE

3rd graders from St. Anne’s School delighted the members of Senior Scene with a visit on November 14th. The students presented each of the seniors with a handmade Thanksgiving turkey decoration noting the many things for which they are thankful. Animated conversations followed discussing favorite Thanksgiving traditions and what the we are most thankful for this year. Our gratitude to the students, teachers and parents for making the afternoon so enjoyable for all the seniors.

On December 12th, the students will present the Nativity pageant for the seniors. The Senior Scene Christmas luncheon will follow. Please contact Susanne Blum at 352-5904 for more information.
Let us pray for those who have died
Anna Carpintier
Robert J. Cisneros
James Rapacioli

Our Faith Community offers prayers this week on their first anniversary for:
November 26, 2017 - Lois Szostak

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We welcome those newly baptized
Valentina Salvina Antonacci
Ryden Jonathon Ernyey
Lucia Carmela Teta

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
7:00AM John & Madeleine Esposito
8:30 Jack Walsh, John Regan, Catharine Giamonado, Diane Griffin, John Mirrione, Jane McCloskey, Parishioners of St. Anne
10:00 Patricia & Michael Pelle
11:45 Michael A. Volpe
5:30PM Theresa Romano

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26
7:30 Arthur Xu
9:00 Barbara Hunter

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
7:30 Dr. Lester Schnell
9:00 Antonio Consiglio

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
7:30 Assunta Sorgini
9:00 Carmen Velazquez

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29
7:30 Margaret Mary MacStoker - 25th Anniversary
9:00 Thomas Healy

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30
9:00 William Gricco

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
8:30 Mary Giuliani, Matthew Smolanick
5:00PM Joseph Lang

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
7:00AM Dora Nespole,
8:30 Marian Cassese & Stella Zenniro, John Regan, Ed McKeown, Jane McCloskey
10:00 Robert Blaze Zehndar - 14th Anniversary
10:30 Parishioners of St. Anne
11:45 Concetta DiStefano
5:30PM Robert Leonard

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.

The Altar Bread & Wine for this week
is in memory of Michael A. Volpe
Donated by Marie Volpe
Pastoral Staff

**Pastor**
Mgr. Thomas Harold

**Associate Pastor**
Rev. Tim Valentine

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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, November 26**
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
6:00PM Children’s Choir - Church

**Tuesday, November 27**
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
5:00PM CYO - Chess - Library
7:30PM Family Mass Committee - SJVR
7:30PM Boy Scouts - Cafeteria
8:00PM Adult Choir - Church

**Wednesday, November 28**
9:30AM Saint Anne’s MOMs - Cafeteria
1:30PM Senior Scene - Cafeteria
3:00PM Women’s Bible Study - SJVR
5:00PM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM R.C.I.A. - SJVR
7:30PM Men’s Bible Study - St. Therese Chapel

**Thursday, November 29**
2:30PM Altar Server training - Church
7:30PM Families Anonymous - Faculty Room
8:00PM St. Anne’s Parish Meeting - Church

**Saturday, December 1**
8:00AM CYO - McCloskey Auditorium
9:00AM CYO - Chess Tournament - Cafeteria

**Sunday, December 2**
11:30AM Advent Wreath Making - Cafeteria
1:30PM Baptisms - Deacon Jim O’Brien
6:30PM Youth Ministry - Cafeteria

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 1**
5:00PM - Fr. Tom

**Sunday, December 2**
7:00AM - Fr. Tim  10:30AM - Fr. Tim
8:30AM - Fr. Tom  11:45AM - Fr. Tim
10:00AM - Fr. Tom  5:30PM - Fr. Tom

Celebrate subject to change