ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION- Monday, December 16th

You are invited to experience God's comfort through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests will be in the Church from 3:00PM until 9:00PM.

Reconciliation is also offered every Saturday from 4:00PM - 4:45PM or by calling the parish office for an appointment.

Celebrating Christmas Mass at Saint Anne's

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th
- 4:00PM in the Church
- 4:00PM Family Mass in McCloskey Auditorium
- 6:00PM in the Church
- 9:00PM in the Church
- Midnight in the Church - Choir begins at 11:15PM

Christmas Day - Wed, December 25th
- 7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:00AM
- 11:45AM & 1:15PM

All Masses are celebrated in the Church - Please note there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day

Please note the 4PM & 6 PM Masses on Christmas Eve are often filled beyond capacity. You may wish to attend one of our other liturgies.

US Marines Visit St. Anne’s School

6th and 7th graders presented Christmas stockings for our troops at an assembly where several Marines spoke with the students and responded to their questions. Please see next week’s bulletin for more photos.

Families in Service

Many families from Saint Anne’s sang Christmas carols at the homes of our senior parishioners last Sunday, where together they shared the joy of Christmas. Please see page 11 for photos

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.
Being Catholic at St. Anne’s:  
Our Families, Our Mission, Our Future

Capital Campaign Goal: $3,500,000  
Pledges to Date: $3,952,672  
Percentage to Goal: 113%  
# Donors: 502

“For it is in giving that we receive.”  
St. Francis of Assisi

A CHRISTMAS UPDATE

Although we are in the redemption and collection phase of the capital campaign, in the past month we have received over $150,000 in pledges and gifts and have increased our participation to over 500 donors! We have been asked if it is too late to make a pledge and be part of this exciting time in the life of the parish. Know that we continue to welcome anyone who would like to participate. The generosity of you, our parishioners is abundant in so many ways, to so many people.

If you have not already made a gift to the campaign, please consider adding it to your Christmas giving plan. Every gift helps and no gift is too small! For more information, please contact the parish office at 352-5904.
Dear Parishioners,

As we light the rose colored candle on the Advent Wreath, we are reminded that we begin the third week of Advent and draw even closer to the wonderful Solemnity of Christmas. Surely these are among the busiest weeks of the year, but at this point many of the Advent parish and school activities have taken place. Events that we look forward to this week include the Day of Confession and Reconciliation tomorrow, Monday, December 16, the school concert on Tuesday, December 17, the Senior Scene Luncheon on Wednesday, December 18, and the children’s Christmas Pageant next Sunday, December 21. Then, all attention will be directed to the celebration of Christmas on December 24 and 25.

Even with all the anticipation of Christmas, we do not want to overlook how the Lord speaks to us through the readings for the Third Sunday of Advent. In the first reading the vision of Isaiah speaks of transformation. In the middle reading, St. James counsels patience. In the gospel, during the time of John the Baptist’s imprisonment, Jesus sends word to John through John’s disciples.

Last Sunday we heard the theme repentance preached by John. An essential element of repentance is transformation. Isaiah in today’s first reading provides beautiful images of the wide scope of transformation that the Lord brings to us. The power and love of the Lord is made clear, “strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: be strong, fear not!” For those of us who have ever felt our knees shaking, this is an encouraging message. Addressing the Israelites who will return to Zion with the coming of the Messiah, Isaiah’s reading concludes: “they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.”

Yes, these days are ones of joy and gladness. These days are ones of Christmas worship and celebration with family and friends. Still, we know for some of our family, friends, and neighbors, sorrow and mourning are burdens they carry at this time of year for all sorts of different reasons. During these holy days, we need to be mindful of those in distress and seek to ease their burden when we can.

The middle reading from St. James begins with the directive, “be patient...” a timely piece of wisdom for this busy time of the year. The need for patience takes all sorts of forms at this time of year at stores, on gas lines, in traffic, preparing gifts, and decorating. Allow James’ words “be patient,” to echo in your ears, heart, and mind. Most of us know the kind of patience we need with our family and in our household. Christmas patience could be a great gift.

In the gospel we find John the Baptist imprisoned for being a faithful prophet. So his disciples, faithful to John, seek out Jesus. Jesus sends word to John that John’s prophetic words are ringing true in the person of Jesus. “The lame walk, the blind regain their sight, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.” John knows his fidelity is sacred and true despite the rejection and hostility that lead to his imprisonment and ultimately his martyrdom.

We are realizing more and more how difficult it is to be good and practicing Catholics. Too few people hear the call to Sunday Mass. Our culture is driven in so many ways by the spirit of acquisition and getting ahead. The lure of technology seduces children into mean behaviors. People of faith are targeted by violence. In his discouragement, John received the affirming words of Jesus. We who are faithful make Sunday Mass a priority. We seek to serve and help the needy in all sorts of activities and ministries. We share our time, treasure, and talent. We discipline our children and supervise their use of cell phones and gadgets. We seek legislators and government leaders that will support the values on which our society was built, most especially the respect for human life. At times we can feel we are alone and unsupported in being a good and practicing Catholic. As John heard the assuring words of Jesus, may we hear the word of the Lord:

- “they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee;”
- “Be patient;”
- “And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

NO RESERVED SEATS

Please know that at Christmas Mass, there are no reserved seats. Sometimes at the 4:00 PM Mass, people use coats draped across the pew to reserve seats for family members not yet at Church. Please do not reserve seats for later arriving worshippers. We do not reserve seats at other times of the year. Seating is a first come basis. It is rude to tell a person they “can’t sit there.” The seats marked for Persons with Disabilities are for people with those needs. Thanks for everyone’s help with the open seating policy. If you are reading this and are a regular Sunday Mass person, please feel free to advise others of St. Anne’s open seating policy at all times.

CONFIRMATION DATE

We will celebrate Confirmation with all our eighth graders on Tuesday, April 28 at 1:00 and 4:00 PM.

Peace be with you!

Fa. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOAVES AND FISHES
“In all truth I tell you,” Jesus says, “whoever believes in Me will perform the same works as I do Myself, will perform even greater works...Whatever you ask for in My name I will do.” ~ John 14:12-13

Saint Anne’s is helping to make Jesus known this Christmas...

Thank you to all who sponsored families in need! We promised to provide support for over 330 families in need who are served by Saint Martha’s Parish Social Ministry in Uniondale and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Wyandanch this Christmas. Every one of these families have been sponsored by families and groups from Saint Anne’s. The financial donations we received from generous parishioners enabled us to support additional families in need from our own parish. Thank you to all who reached out to help!

Many parish groups came together to sponsor families in need from Wyandanch, including each of the 4th and 5th grade classes from Saint Anne’s School, Saint Anne's MOMs and our Youth Group. We especially want to thank the Loaves and Fishes volunteers who organized this effort, making calls, helping in the parking lot, delivering the food and gifts or helping onsite in Wyandanch and in Uniondale.

Thank you to all who brought in toys, gifts and food items that were listed on the ornaments from the Advent Giving Trees. These were given to families in need from Saint Martha’s. Any additional toys will be given to the Mental Health Association of Nassau for their Veterans families. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Please see photos in next week's bulletin!

Christmas Monetary Donations

If you would still like to offer your support to assist families in need, 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 to Saint Anne’s Church, 35 Dartmouth St., Garden City, NY 11530, Attn: Parish Social Ministry.

Christmas ‘Angels’

Many thanks to all who are serving as ‘Angels’ this Christmas, helping to support children whose families live in Project Independence housing and Special Needs housing 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. Thank you so much for caring and know that your gift is most likely the only one that child will receive this Christmas.

Weekly Food Drive

Thank you to all who consistently donate food throughout the year. Thanksgiving and Christmas programs are wonderful times to help people in need but only represent a couple of weeks. Donations of food may be left in the Loaves & Fishes closets in the left rear of the church, open 7:30AM—2:30AM.

By participating in the weekly food drive you help families 52 weeks in the year. Thank you very much!!

Please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904 for more information.
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.

Peace Begins With Us

We can, to a certain extent, change the world;
We can work for the oasis,
the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world.
We can throw our pebble in the pond
and be confident that its ever widening circle
will reach around the world.

~ Dorothy Day

Senior Scene — Christmas Luncheon

The next meeting of the Senior Scene will be Wednesday, December 18th at 1:30PM. Seniors are asked to please go directly to the auditorium where the school children will be presenting the Nativity pageant for us. A hot luncheon will follow in the cafeteria. The cost is $10 per person. If you would like to attend, please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

Saint Anne’s Young Widows Group

We relate, we understand, we listen, we care
A new group is forming for young widows and widowers under the age of 60, as we come together in faith to find support and strength during this difficult time. We will help each other to understand and begin the healing process of losing a spouse while providing a safe space to grieve and begin your new journey.
Our group will meet for eight sessions beginning Thursday, January 16th at St. Anne’s from 7-9pm. Please email us at youngwidows@stannesgc.org or text Jeanne at 516-987-1483.

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.

Families in Service—Thank You!

Last Sunday over forty families gathered at Saint Anne’s and headed out in groups to sing Christmas carols at the homes of many of our senior parishioners. We are grateful to all who help bring the Christmas spirit of love and light to everyone they encounter!

Please see page 11 for more photos!

Disabilities Awareness

Our Church is fully accessible to persons with disabilities, thanks to our elevator. Inside the Church, there are specially designated areas with comfortable upholstered seats intended for persons with disabilities. Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion directly to those who are seated in these special areas. For those who are hearing-impaired, there is a digital sound system with assistive listening devices available for use by parishioners. If you or someone you care for has a disability, we hope to be of assistance in any way possible. Please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904 for any information.

St. Anne’s Professional Networking Group

Our Professional Networking Group provides a venue and platform 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 can 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.
FAITH FORMATION

Class Schedule

Week of December 15th

Grades 1-6:
- Sunday, December 15th: 9:00-10:15
  9:15-10:00 One to One
- Monday, December 16th: 4:00-5:10 PM
- Tuesday, December 17th: 4:00-5:10 PM
- Wednesday, December 18th: 4:00-5:10 PM

Grades 7 & 8:
- Wednesday, December 18th: 7:00-8:05 PM
- Grade 7 Church
- Grade 8 Class

Classes will resume on Sun., Jan. 5, 2020

Mrs. Kennedy’s 4th grade class baked cookies and delivered them to some senior parishioners

Mrs. Falcone & Mrs. Liacono’s 2nd grade classes brought toys and food for St. Anne’s toy drive

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Meeting this Sunday, December 15th
6:30PM - 8:00PM in the cafeteria

All High School Teens are Welcome!

Saint Anne’s Youth Ministry is founded on three main values: faith, community and service. We welcome all high school students and hope you’ll come down to the cafeteria next Sunday to see what we’re about. Pizza and snacks will be served.

For more information, please contact our Youth Minister, Bill Leone at bleone@stannesgc.org
LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

"The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom."

The prophet Isaiah reassures the exiled Israelites that God will return them to the Promised Land and tells of the restoration of both the land and the people Israel. Not only does the desert and the steppe rejoice but the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame leap and the mute sing. In the gospel Jesus responds to John’s disciples that they are to tell John what they hear and see in Jesus’ ministry; the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead raised. Jesus not only reveals who he is but also who John is, more than a prophet. He is privileged to be the messenger of the Messiah. And yet, Jesus tells us who we are, the least in the kingdom, and greater than John if we continue to bring sight and healing to those in need and proclaim the Good News to all we meet. In these busy days before Christmas let us find ways to proclaim the kingdom of God in our daily lives. Today is also called “Gaudete” (Rejoice) Sunday, from St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” May our prayer be to rejoice in the awareness that God’s kingdom is near!

Children’s Sunday Mass at Saint Anne’s

At Children’s Sunday Mass the children received either Busy, Busy Bethlehem or Here Comes Christmas with activities and stories for the Advent season. See Sr. Judy at mass today if you didn’t get a book. Please join us for Children’s Sunday Mass each Sunday at 10:30 in McCloskey Auditorium.

The Children’s Sunday Mass Christmas Pageant will take place next Sunday, Dec. 22nd at the end of Mass. There will be a rehearsal at 9:30 on the morning of Dec. 22nd. Plan on staying a few extra minutes after mass for the pageant!

Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 on Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 4:00 in McCloskey Auditorium.

Lectors

Lector Workbooks are available to be picked up in the Liturgical Ministers Room on the shelf. Please make sure that you pick up your copy as soon as possible.

All Liturgical Ministers

This past week an email was sent out requesting Liturgical Ministers (EM’s, Lectors, Altar Servers) for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. Please respond as soon as possible so that we can be sure to have enough ministers for the large attendance on these two days. Thank you so much!

Readings for the
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

RCIA

Please keep our new catechumens and those who are completing their Sacraments of Initiation in your prayers as they journey toward Easter.

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

If you would like to learn more about the RCIA process please contact Sr. Judy at srudy@stannesgc.org or call the parish office 352-5904. We are preparing to sing at the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass in the auditorium.

RCIA: Rate of Christian Initiation of Adults

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**PARISH SACRIFICAL GIVING SUMMARY**

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY**

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

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**IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER**

Whether you itemize or not in 2019, this unique opportunity allows you to make a charitable contribution through a direct IRA transfer while reducing your adjusted gross income.

If you would like to make a gift using your IRA and if:

- You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
- Your IRA is a traditional (some Roth IRA’s may qualify)
- You don’t exceed your personal maximum of $100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

**VERY IMPORTANT!!** Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

**Bill has a $125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute $5,000 to the Parish. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, he directs the custodian of his IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2019 directly to the Parish as the family’s 2019 gift. He will not be subject to income tax on the $5,000 donation.**

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.
John Halligan presents Ryan’s Story at St. Anne’s School

St. Anne’s School was pleased to have Mr. Halligan join us for an impactful evening on Tuesday, December 3rd. Parents engaged in a candid discussion on bullying, technology and youth depression. At the conclusion, parents were empowered with strategies to take preventive actions with their own children. If you were unable to attend our presentation, please visit ryanstory.org for information that was shared at our event.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is usually celebrated on December 8th, however this year it fell on a Sunday. The Second Sunday of Advent took liturgical precedence over the December 8th Solemnity. Father Tom explained to the children at the school Mass. The Church honored the feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9th as we celebrated together with the Parish at the 9 am Mass.

Kindergarten Breakfast with Santa

On Tuesday, December 10th, our Kindergarteners in Mrs. Thaler and Mrs. O’Keefe’s class received a very special visit from Santa. The children, along with their families enjoyed a lovely breakfast, photo opportunity with Santa and a very special St. Anne’s ornament to share to adorn their Christmas tree at home.
We welcome those newly baptized into our Faith Community:
Jacqueline Rose Barry
Rebecca Jane Barry
Giorgianna Seraphina Surrett

Let us pray for those who have died
James H. Evans, Jr.
Harold J. Raffetto

The Altar Bread & Wine for this week is in memory of Robert A. O’Sullivan
Donated by Joan O’Sullivan

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.

Eagle Scout Project
Hello, my name is Sean Keane. I am a member of our parish and a graduate of St. Anne’s School. I am currently a Life Scout in Troop 134, and I am working on my Eagle Scout project here at St. Anne’s School.

My Eagle Scout Project involves enhancements to the Band Program at St. Anne’s School. It consists of raising funds to purchase instruments/equipment and renovating the band storage room. The equipment would include a Bass Drum with a custom school decal, and two snare drums. These drums will be used for marching in parades.

The St. Anne’s School band marches in only one local parade, because the band has to borrow drums and harnesses from another school. St. Anne’s only has two snare drums that have harnesses. If St. Anne’s had their own drums, St. Anne’s would not need to depend on another school for this equipment, and the band would be able to march in more parades. If St. Anne’s owned their own equipment they could display their name and logo on the bass drum, in order to promote the school. The two additional snare drums would allow more drummers from St. Anne’s band to participate in parades.

I learned how to play the trumpet in the St. Anne’s band, and then became the bugler in my troop. I developed a love for music, and went on to learn how to play the bagpipes. Without the St. Anne’s Band, I may have never discovered my gift of music.

In order to give the students of St. Anne’s School this opportunity, I need your help. Any donations to my project or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Checks may be made out to St. Anne’s School, 25 Dartmouth Street Garden City, NY 11530. Please indicate it is for “Sean Keane’s Eagle Scout Project”. If you have any questions you can email me at keane.sean@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your consideration, and I am truly grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
Seán Keane
Life Scout, Troop 134

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Next meeting Wednesday, December 18th
Men’s Bible Study Group meets around the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 7:30PM-9:00PM at the St. Therese Chapel in the school basement. For details and schedule, please contact Joe Parisi at (516) 526-3757 or by email at jparisi@financialguide.com.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Next meeting Wednesday, January 8th
All are invited to join us for our study of the Sunday Scriptures. We meet in the RECTORY BASEMENT at 2:30PM on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. No expertise is necessary. No sign-up is required. Please come!

ROSARY, MASS & HEALING SERVICE
Tuesday, December 17– 7:00 PM
St. Anastasia’s Church
45-14 245th Street, Douglaston-Little Neck, NY 11362
For more information, call 718-631-4454
Families in Service Christmas Caroling

On Sunday, December 8th, our Families in Service program continued the annual tradition of visiting our senior parishioners, bringing them a message of good cheer. Families with young children gathered in the cafeteria and received a special blessing from Father Cody before going out in groups to sing Christmas carols. This was a wonderful way for families to share the joy of Christmas with their children and with the seniors who remain a vital part of our faith community. Thank you to Shannon Kolenik, Rena Capri and Marianne Huggard for coordinating this event and to all who helped share the blessings of Christmas.

God our Father, in this season of Advent you invite us to reflect on the gifts of joy, peace and hope which you have graciously given to us. May our families in service offer their love and faith through song with those to whom they journey. Grant that our beloved seniors and those who are homebound in our community who hear the Christmas Carols sung this day be drawn deeper into the mystery of your Son’s birth. Please assure them of our prayers and that they are not forgotten. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please see next week’s bulletin and our website for more photos.
Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2019 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

There’s still time to make a gift. Please remember that all new pledges must be in by December 31, 2019 and paid in full by January 31, 2020.

CYO GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Registration for Girls CYO Volleyball (Grades 5-8) will take place this Wednesday, December 18 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in McCloskey Auditorium (Thomas Merton Room). There will be no online registration for volleyball this year. Girls must be either be members of St. Anne Parish, students in St. Anne’s School or reside within the parish boundaries. Registration is $140 + uniform fee for new players.

Any questions may be directed to Chris Mendolia at (516) 592-8241.

SAINT ANNE’S STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Congratulations to Miranda Saint Anne’s Student of the Month for November. Miranda is a living witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through word and deed!

Virtus Training at St. Anne’s
Virtus Training will be held at Saint Anne’s on
Tuesday, January 21st at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria OR
Wednesday, January 22nd at 9:30 AM in the St. John Vianney Room
To register online for this or any other Virtus session offered by the diocese, go to the diocesan website, drvc.org and click on the Virtus tab to register.

Requirements for all Church and School Volunteers
In all we do, the safety of our parishioners and most especially our children is a top priority. To ensure a safe environment is provided, the diocese requires all parish and school volunteers comply with the following four requirements:
- Complete an Application for Volunteer Service
- Sign a Release for a Background Check
- Review and Sign the Code of Conduct form
- Attend Virtus Training
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

*Please remember the following people in your prayers*

Victor Abrahamsen
Stephanie Adomavicius
Catherine Amato
Garth Atchley
Mary Bagnato
Denise Bedeian
Eleanor Beggins
Jean Bennett
Kim Bily
William Brown
Deacon George Browne
Mary Ann Calabro
Gail Calma
Lisette Cantara
Cathy Carroll
Kevin Carroll
Mary Caruana
Elizabeth Castellano
Elizabeth Cirillo
Bernadette Clarke
Thomas Connor
Anthony Corrao
Anthony Cuccia
Barbara Curran
Vincent D’Agostino
Pat Dalia
Claire Decker
Denise DeCrescito
Sergio DeVincenzo
Lorraine Distefano
Margaret Donaldson
Patricia Durecko
Charles Eschmann
Janet Fellingham
Frank Fields
Sean Fitzsimons
Tom Flatley
Brendan Galligan
Baby Ashlynn George
Denise Giacometti
Brian Gormley
Anthony Greco
Sean Green
Rhett Hemingway
Don Hess
Patrick Hughes Sr.
Donald Kalbacher
Joan Kalbacher
Terese Karcher
Carolyn Kast
Terri King
H. J. Kong
Carole Langan
Ricky Loew
Baby Emma Lynch
Chris Lynch
Henry Lynch
Kevin Mansfield
Luke Mapes
Danny Marquino
Dorothy McAlary
Marie McAviliffe
Robert McAviliffe
Barbara McGovern
Deacon Jack McGowan
Paul McManaman
Mike Meoni
Vincent Milo
Barbara Mohan
Gabriele Monastero
William Morgan
Jimmy Mulligan
Lauren Munafó
Philip O’Connell
Sally O’Connor
Dorothy O’Grady
Andrea O’Halloran
Thomas Onorato, Jr.
Vincent Panarella
Adelaide Parks
Mary Rose Parlato
Brian Pfail
John Politano
Linda Safina
Melissa Sarfin
Karen Savino
Maryann Scanlon
Vinny Scheppa
Eileen Sharp
Theresa Smith
Mary Spadaro
Lorraine Spanier
Catherine Sullivan
Vanessa Testani
Jerome Yanora
Susan Williams
Michael Zapf

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**Mass Intentions**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

7:00AM  Robert Golden
8:30  Frank Distefano, Silvio Pironi, Maureen O’Brien, Tim Hoch, John Stewart, Bridget Wingerter
10:00  Dorothy, Jack, & Brain Shannon
10:30  Robert W. Negretti
11:45  Parishioners of St. Anne
5:30PM  Michael McGill

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

7:30  Maureen O’Brien
9:00  Priscilla Bonnie

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

7:30  Maureen O’Brien
9:00  Maura Hanrahan

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

7:30  Maureen O’Brien
9:00  Stephen Pfail

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

7:30  Maureen O’Brien
9:00  Mario DeConcilis

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

9:00  Joseph Casesse Sr.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

8:30  Sean Bunyon, Ralph S. DiBello, Maureen O’Brien, Granny Kay–100th Birthday Memorial, Caroline Heavey, Helen M. & John M. Hendricks
5:00PM  Jennifer Whalen

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

7:00AM  Maureen Connelly
8:30  Annagrace Bennett, Joan Doyle, The Liggio Family, Tim Hoch, John Stewart, Ronald Hock
10:00  Sr. Maureen Coyne
10:30  Joyce McCarthy
11:45  Gloria Cotelleessa
5:30PM  Parishioners of St. Anne

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**Available Mass Intentions**

Mass Intentions for the 7:30AM Masses for the months of January and February are now available. If interested, please call the rectory at 516-352-5904.

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 21**

5:00PM - Fr. Nicholas

**Sunday, December 22**

7:00AM - Fr. Cody
8:30AM - Fr. Nicholas
10:00AM - Fr. Tom
10:30AM - Fr. Cody
11:45AM - Fr. Tom
5:30PM - Fr. Tom

*Celebrant subject to change*
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### This Week at Saint Anne’s

**Monday, December 16**
- 3:00PM Confessions– Church
- 5:00PM CYO– McCloskey Auditorium
- 6:00PM Children’s Choir– Music Room

**Tuesday, December 17**
- 7:00PM School Concert– McCloskey Auditorium

**Wednesday, December 18**
- 9:30AM MOM’s Ministry - Cafeteria
- 1:30PM Senior Scene Luncheon– Cafeteria
- 5:00PM CYO– McCloskey Auditorium
- 6:00PM CYO Girls Volleyball Registration– Thomas Merton Room
- 7:30PM RCIA– SJVR
- 7:30PM Men’s Bible Study– St. Therese Chapel

**Thursday, December 19**
- 5:00PM CYO– McCloskey Auditorium
- 7:00PM Adult Choir– Church
- 7:30PM Families Anonymous - Faculty Room

**Saturday, December 21**
- 8:00AM CYO– McCloskey Auditorium

**Sunday, December 22**
- 1:30PM Baptisms

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

- 1Lt. 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
- Lt. Corporal James Harkin, USMC; Major Kevin Joyce, US Army
- Sean Kelly, US Navy
- Michael Koster, Military Police, US Army Reserves
- Capt. Daniel Solson, US Army
- Capt. Tara Sutcliffe, USMC
- 2nd Lt. Kyle T. Walsh, US Army, Aviation

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**Pastoral Staff**
- Pastor: Msgr. Thomas Harold
- Associate Pastor: Rev. Cody Bobick
- Associate Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Frimpong
- Deacons: George Browne (retired), James O’Brien, Basil Bliss, Robert McCarthy, Michael Boldizar

**Parish Staff**
- Faith Formation: Vivian Flood
  - 488-1032
- Saint Anne’s School: Gene Fennell, Principal
  - 352-1205
- Parish Social Ministry: Linda Leone, Pastoral Associate
  - 352-5904
- Liturgy and Worship: Sister Judith Golden, OP
  - 352-5904
- Music Ministry: Timothy Brown
  - 599-5448
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