All Are Welcome!

We welcome new members to join our parish family. Please contact the parish office. We also welcome any adult who was never baptized, baptized non-Catholics or those seeking to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation to become a full participant in the Catholic Church.

LENT 2018

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th.

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

Please see Bishop Barres Lenten letter on page 10

Please see Fr. Tom’s letter, page 3 and pages 6, 7 & 8 for more information

Friday Night Basketball at Respite

Please see page 11

Six Approaches to Morality: A Series

The last session on the series will be held Monday, March 4 at 7PM in the Saint Therese Chapel.

Saint Anne's 90th Anniversary Parish Event

Monday, April 1st

Screening of the film “Angst”

Angst is a film about anxiety, truth and hope.

Please see next week’s bulletin for more information.

Youth Ministry

Please join us for our next meeting

Sunday, March 3 at 6:30PM
in the cafeteria

All High School Teens are Welcome! See page 9
**Being Catholic at St. Anne’s:**
Our Families, Our Mission,

Capital Campaign Goal: $3,500,000  
Pledges to Date: $2,014,450  
Percentage to Goal: 57%

**UPDATE ON OUR NEW BUILDING**

On February 13th the final site plan for our new ministry building was approved by the Incorporated Village of Garden City Board of Trustees. This was the fourth and final approval granted by the Village. We are grateful to our attorney and architect for their efforts that brought us through this process and ultimately a successful outcome. The architect is now working on construction documents for the building.

**View of building from Fairmount Blvd.**

**Did you know???

All of our current large meeting spaces are located below ground level.**

In our new building, the large meeting room on the main level will have a high ceiling to let in lots of natural light. The room can be divided into two smaller spaces based on the needs of the ministry or activity using the space. It will also be equipped with current technology. The room is shown above on the left side with the high peak and numerous windows.

**A packet of information has been prepared for each registered parish family. We will be mailing these later in the coming week. If possible, we ask you to pick up your packet at the rectory. This would provide savings in postage. The packet contains much helpful information about our project. Please help us in this regard if you can.**
Dear Parishioners,

We are having quite a weekend here at St. Anne’s. Because I write this column on Thursday morning, there is still a lot of anticipation for the parish party on Friday night. We will have a full house and I am sure there will be lots of fun. I approached parishioner Marie Fischer more than a year ago about a dinner dance. Marie established a small committee, took care of every detail, worked with the Garden City Hotel, the band, and all of the other details. Parishioners responded in numbers beyond what most expected and now we very much look forward to Friday night. By the time you read this in the bulletin, many wonderful memories will have been formed. Thank you to Marie, her committee and everyone who supported the parish party for the 90th anniversary year.

On Sunday, the school board will march in the Mineola St. Patrick’s Day Parade and school parents will then celebrate the annual St. Patrick’s Day Party. We hope for good weather for all the marchers and anticipate the Sunday afternoon gathering will be another indication of the great community spirit here at St. Anne’s. This event includes lots of children and parents and thanks to the school parents who do a great job with this annual St. Anne’s party.

It’s good that these parties are happening this weekend rather than next weekend. Next weekend we will lose an hour sleep as we move the clocks ahead to begin Daylight Savings Time. Also, this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Our schedule of Masses for Ash Wednesday is 7:30, 9:00, 10:00, 4:15, and 7:15. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at each Mass. The reception of ashes begins our 40 day journey into a time of penance and reconciliation. As we approach this sacred season, we need to give time to what penance and reconciliation mean to us.

Part of a reflection on the meaning of penance and reconciliation includes an understanding of sin. We don’t hear a lot about sin. Recently our eighth graders wrote reflections in preparation for their May Confirmation. One student included in his reflection the following: “One thing that I found interesting about many saints is the fact that they did not begin as humble worshippers of Christ. As a matter of fact, many were disobedient, and some such as St. Paul, even persecuted Catholics. Nevertheless, all of these saints grew to be closer in Christ and more loving individuals. This proves that one does not need to be wholly free of sin throughout their life. Sin is a daily encounter, and it’s something that makes us stronger. It gives us wisdom and knowledge to make better choices and grow from our mistakes. God knows this and so there is no need to fear sin, because with God in our hearts and minds, we can overcome these obstacles and rise above challenges.” This young person has obviously reflected on the reality of sin. Such a reflection sheds light on the need for Lenten penance and reconciliation. A meditative and reflective reading of this Confirmation candidate’s thoughts might be a helpful way of beginning our own Lent. Information on Lenten regulations, daily reflections, soup supper and Stations of the Cross can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

FR. VALENTINE

As you know, Fr. Tim moved to St. Mary’s Roslyn Harbor this past Friday. So our priest roster is now Fr. Johnny and me. Fr. Johnny is on sabbatical during his time at St. Anne’s. Much of his sabbatical has involved faith-based pilgrimages. Happily, when Fr. Johnny is not on pilgrimage, he has been very helpful to St. Anne’s in all sorts of ways. We are very fortunate to have Fr. Johnny as we were to have Fr. Tim. We only wish that Fr. Tim could have been with us for a longer time.

As we move forward this spring, we will try to keep the Mass schedule as is. Fr. Johnny has been helpful in finding assistance for Masses while he is away and the priest personnel director and episcopal vicar Bishop Andrzej are aware of our need for assistance. While we do not have at present an Associate Pastor, perhaps an additional priest will be assigned in June.

During the Lent and Easter seasons, we will be “down” a priest. While we hope liturgies will continue as usual, I must tell you that there may be parish and school activities where a priest’s presence is lacking. St. Anne’s has a full calendar of events. We have very generous deacons and parish staff. I will be asking deacons and parish staff to take on additional responsibilities. As many are aware, I recently celebrated my 65th birthday. As I recently wrote, I love being a priest, particularly here at St. Anne’s; so much so that I would like to remain here until retirement. At the same time, I realize I do not have the same energy that I once had. I need to keep better management of my schedule. Being without an associate pastor for this time is an important consideration for the organization of my own personal calendar. I trust the parish will understand.

PARISH BUILDING + CAMPAIGN

Our building plans are progressing and our Capital Campaign is on schedule. Construction plans and bids will soon be prepared and be reviewed with the diocese. Our campaign has now exceeded $2,000,000 in pledges and we are now ready to reach out to all parishioners. We will dedicate a page in the weekly bulletin to keep parishioners updated and informed about building progress and campaign progress.

Have a peace-filled week!

Fa. Tony
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY
LOAVES AND FISHES

“The works of mercy are a wonderful stimulus to our growth in faith as well as love.”

~ Servant of God Dorothy Day

Weekly Food Drive
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 area. Recent deliveries were made to Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Outreach in Roosevelt and the Belmont Racetrack outreach center. In addition to those who faithfully bring food to the Loaves and Fishes closets, we are grateful to all who help load cars for the weekly food deliveries.

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

- Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta Sauce
- Red beans
- Cereal
- Tuna Fish
- Powdered Milk
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Diapers-large size
- Black beans
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit

![Pictured left: Kathleen Kelsh and Owen McTigue lend a helping hand with a recent food delivery](image1)

![Pictured right: Marianne Huggard & Barbara Tranfaglia sort and carry the food and warm clothing donations](image2)

Travel Size Toiletries Needed!
There is an ongoing need at the INN in Hempstead for travel-size toiletries. Guests who come for assistance are able to take a shower there if needed and having individual sized soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. is always helpful. Please consider donating these items, which can be deposited in the Loaves and Fishes closets, located on the left side of the Church lobby, open from 7:00AM to 2:30PM on weekdays in addition to Saturdays and Sundays.

Easter Baskets for Children in Need
At the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, March 23rd and the 10:00AM and 10:30AM Masses on Sunday, March 24th, 4th and 5th grade students from Saint Anne’s School will hand out hundreds of Easter baskets to parishioners, who are asked to return them filled with Easter candy and other traditional Easter goodies. The Easter Baskets will be given to neighboring parishes where they’ll be distributed to families in need. Please see next week’s bulletin for more details – and 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.

Senior Scene
Please note the next meeting of Senior Scene will be on Wednesday, March 6 at 1:30PM in the school cafeteria. Ashes will be distributed.
Please join us for an afternoon of pleasant conversation, coffee and cake, card playing and bingo. For more info, please call Susanne Blum at 352-5904.

Families in Service Sandwich - Making Event
Saturday, March 23rd 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 23rd from 8:00AM to 9:00AM in the school cafeteria. We will be making sandwiches for the Pope Francis Hospitality Center in Elmont, 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. Please RSVP by March 21st to Shannon Kolenik at shannon.kolenik@gmail.com or Rena Capri at renaann614@yahoo.com

MOMs Coffee & Kids: Wednesdays @ 9:30AM in the Cafeteria
Saint Anne's MOMs welcomes mothers of young children in our parish, offering them many ways to connect with one another and to find support.
Moms who work outside the home are also welcome to join as ‘social’ members, with a variety of evening and family-based activities available to them. If you would like to join, please email Melanie Unterstein, our membership chair, at stannesmoms@gmail.com or you may call the parish office at 352-5904 for more information.

Resilience ... You are not alone
Meeting Monday, March 4th at 7:30 PM in the School Faculty Room
Research shows that many parents don’t discuss concerns about their children’s mental health with anyone due to fear of the stigma that is often attached. If you have a son or daughter who is experiencing psychological or emotional challenges, do you hesitate to speak with trusted friends or relatives because of the concern that at best they would not understand or perhaps they would be critical or judgmental? As a result, do you often feel isolated, as if you are alone in dealing with this issue? Do you wonder at times where God is in the midst of your child’s struggles? Saint Anne’s has formed a group to support parents of teens and young adults who are experiencing challenges, either psychological, emotional or both. Our group is called Resilience. We respect the confidentiality of each person and offer a safe environment to meet with other parents who are facing similar challenges. You are not alone! For more information, please contact Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org or 516-352-5904.

Special Needs
Respite Care
The next session of Respite will take place on Friday, March 8th from 6PM to 8PM.
Special Needs Mass
Mass will be celebrated with our special needs community on Saturday, March 22nd at 5:00PM in the cafeteria. All are always welcome. For any information, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org.

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

Professional Networking Group
Next Meeting on Wed., March 27 at 7:30PM in the Cafeteria
See next week’s bulletin for more details.
FAITH FORMATION

8th Grade Retreats

Sunday March 10  Group A  2:30 – 6:30
Sunday March 24  Group B  2:30 – 6:30

Child Lures program Grades 1-6

Monday March 11th  4:00 in Church
Tuesday March 12th  4:00 in Church
Wednesday March 13th  4:00 in Church
Parents are welcome to stay for the presentation

Classes: Week of March 3, 2019

Grades 1-6

Sunday March 3  9:00 to 10:15
9:15 to 10:00 one to one

Monday March 4  4:00 to 5:10

Tuesday March 5  4:00 to 5:10

Wed. March 6  Ash Wednesday
No classes

Classes: Week of March 10, 2019

Grades 1-6

Sunday March 10  9:00 to 10:15
9:15-10:00 one to one

Monday March 11  4:00 to 5:10

Tuesday March 12  4:00 to 5:10

Wed. March 13  4:00 to 5:10

Grade 7
Wed. March 13  7PM in Class

Grade 8
Wed. March 13  Reconciliation 7PM in Church

Please know that our lines of communication are always open to families.
Please call or email Vivian Flood at 516-488-1032 or vflood@stannesgc.org.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Daily Lenten Reflections
Journey through Lent with Dr. Tim Gray
Download the FORMED app!
Set yourself up for a transformative 40 days with FORMED Lenten Reflections. Get daily videos from esteemed Scripture expert Dr. Tim Gray delivered right to your inbox so you don’t miss a day of growing closer to our Lord. Visit lent.formed.org to sign up!

HAVEN’T SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT?
Sign up at www.stannesgc.formed.org
Access Code HB6JX9

Collection of Last Year’s Palm

The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday are the ashes of the palm from last year’s Palm Sunday, connecting last year’s Lent with this year’s. We will be collecting palm this weekend, March 2nd and 3rd. There will be baskets for your palm at the doors of the church on this weekend only. Please do not leave palm in church after March 3rd. The palm will be burned and distributed on Ash Wednesday, March 6th.

Saint Anne’s Children’s Choir

The Choir’s will sing today at the 8:30 Mass. Our next rehearsal will be Monday, March 4th in the music room of the school. We are preparing to sing at the Family Mass on Easter Sunday. 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.
Every language has its own wise expressions. I’m sure that you can remember expressions that your parents used in bringing you up – ones that as you grow older you realize how very wise your parents were! Today’s gospel is filled with wise, holy expressions of Jesus – expressions that are timeless. One in particular stands out, “For every tree is known by its own fruit.” Jesus’ insight into how we behave verses how we ought to behave is profoundly put in pithy memorable sayings. He has shown us that a person’s heart is known by their words and actions, their fruit. As we begin Lent this week reflect on in what areas of your life are good fruits being born? Where is your life less fruitful?

Readings for Ash Wednesday

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

Readings for the First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 27: 4-10  
Romans 10: 8-13  

Family Mass

Family Mass resumes today, Sunday, March 3rd at 10:30 in McCloskey Auditorium. Children will receive Lenten Activities at Mass today. For our Lenten project this year families are asked to bring in packages of plastic knives, forks and spoons for the INN in Hempstead. We will put them together on Sunday, March 17th at our hospitality after the Family Mass.

This coming Wednesday, March 6th, begins the Season of Lent. Receiving ashes is symbolic of penance and reconciliation. The ashes come from the burning of palms used on Passion (Palm) Sunday of the previous year. The Christian use of ashes is rooted in the Jewish custom of sprinkling ashes on the head as a sign of repentance. In the fourth century public penitents dressed in sackcloth and were sprinkled with ashes to show their repentance. This practice of public penance gradually died out. By the eleventh century, it had become customary for the faithful to receive ashes at the beginning of Lent, the season of penance in preparation for Easter. The distribution of ashes comes after the homily at mass and they are placed on the forehead with the following words:

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return  or  
Repent, and believe in the Gospel

The season of Lent 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, make the Stations of the Cross (Fridays during Lent at 7:30), attend the parish Soup and Bread Supper on April 5 at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria, bring a food item to the Loaves and Fishes closet each week, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. (From United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)
PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY

SUNDAY OFFERTORY
Sunday, February 24, 2019 $13,668
WeShare Electronic Contributions $9,341
Total Collection $23,644

Sunday, February 25, 2018 $20,764
WeShare Electronic Contributions $3,968
Total Collection $24,732

FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY
September 1, 2018-February 24, 2019 $614,778
September 1, 2017-February 25, 2018 $637,679

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

What is Alpha?
Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome.

Lent begins on March 6th. Alpha is a great way to experience the Lenten Season. There will be three sessions of Alpha during Lent – Sundays March 24, March 31 and April 7th from 1:00 – 3:00 in the rectory meeting room.

The sessions begin with a simple meal followed by a short video and time for small group discussions where participants can share their thoughts and ask questions. There is no cost to attend the Alpha sessions.

For more information, contact Sr. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or call the parish office 352-5904.

If you would like to take part, please complete this form and return it to Sr. Judy at the rectory

Alpha Registration

Name
Phone Number
Email

RCIA at Saint Anne’s

The catechumens and candidates in our RCIA process are preparing to celebrate the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on April 20th. On March 9th the diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election will take place at St. Christopher’s in Baldwin with those in our diocese who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

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 7:30 in the rectory meeting room. Contact S. Judy at srjudy@stannesgc.org or at 352-5904 for more information.

The Church in Need

On March 10, 2019 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 a particular need for help:

Church in Central and Eastern Europe - the funds collected provide support for pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

The Church in Latin America - your support of the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

The Church in Africa – the fund supports pastoral projects that strengthen communities in their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANNE’S WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

MARCH 13th and MARCH 27th
RECTORY BASEMENT 2:30 PM

Please join us for Bible Study. We will be continuing to meet twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday at 2:30PM. For the past months we have had the pleasure and privilege of having Father Valentine at our meetings to help us to expand our knowledge of the Scriptures. Although Father will be leaving our parish to be the pastor of St. Mary’s in Roslyn, he has guided us on how to approach a study of the Bible.

Our sincerest thanks to you, Father Tim, for your inspiration. We promise to say a prayer for you at every meeting.
**Youth Ministry**

Please join us for our next meeting  
**Sunday, March 3 at 6:30PM**  
in the cafeteria  
**All High School Teens are Welcome!**

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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**Friday, March 8th**  
*We invite you to spend time in prayer…  
Holy Hour*

Because of the 90th Anniversary Parish Party of Friday, March 1st, Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Friday, March 8th at 8:00PM in the Church following Stations of the Cross.** COME JOIN US!
The Nocturnal Adoration Society is a group of parishioners who spend one hour in Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of every month.

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**St. Anne's CYO Track**

Registration for our 2019 season is now open!

For details and links for registration and uniform purchases, visit our team page at  
**www.stannesgccyo.org.**

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**Our 90th Year  
as a parish has begun!**

**St. Anne’s Trivia Question of the Week!**  
When was our present church built?  
**Answer:** Father Thomas White took on the task of completing the plans and building the present church. It was officially blessed by Bishop Kellenberg on the Feast of St. Anne, July 26, 1964.

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**SIGN THE PETITION**  
**TO REPEAL THE ABORTION LAW**

Express your firm opposition the New York’s new abortion law by signing the petition to Governor Andrew Cuomo. Urge him and the legislature to repeal the radical new law in its entirety. Go to  
**myscatholic.org** and sign the petition today.

**PRAY TO END ABORTION**  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
**March 6 - April 14, 2019**

Join St. Anne’s Saturdays 11am -12pm  
Stand for life during a peaceful public witness: Public right-of-way outside of:  
Planned Parenthood  
540 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY.  
**Opening Mass on Sat, March 9 at 9am**  
St. Ladislaus RC Church, 18 Richardson Pl, Hempstead  
For more details please call Susan 516-967-0540

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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; 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
- Spec. Daniel R. MacFall, US Army
- Lance Cpl. James McCartin, USMC
- Ensign Glenn McKenna, US Navy; Cpl. Owen A. Monahan, USMC
- Capt. Thomas Safina, US Army Reserves; Capt. Tara Sutcliffe, USMC
- 2nd Lt. Kyle T. Walsh, US Army, Aviation
Lent 2019

Dear Friends:

As we begin our prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the poor and the suffering of the world in this Lenten season 2019, we recommit ourselves to repentance, conversion and holiness individually and as a Church. We remember in a focused way this Lent the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and all forms of abuse and we pray for the purification, reform and sanctification of the Church.

In Rejoice and Be Glad, Pope Francis says: “Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy (32)…The Lord wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence (1)…Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church (9)…The Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity (138).”

One of the ways we commit ourselves to this radiant, natural and humble holiness is by expanding the breadth and depth of our daily engagement with the inspired Sacred Scriptures. We are called to live the words of Psalm 119: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

The saints of every decade and century inspire us since “the most profound interpretation of Scripture comes precisely from those who let themselves be shaped by the word of God through listening, reading, and assiduous meditation”. (Pope Benedict XVI, The Word of the Lord ) (48) Could each one of us individually and together, united in communion as a Church, take one step with the Holy Spirit this Lent to deepen our love for the inspired Sacred Scriptures?

In his Apostolic Exhortation The Word of the Lord (2010), Pope Benedict XVI gives us an excellent process of praying individual biblical passages, a process of lectio divina or sacred reading of the text that includes reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the biblical text. We need to believe with confidence and a spirit of adventure that the Holy Spirit is present in the text and that the Holy Spirit’s tongues of flame are connecting the text to our souls transforming us in mysterious and profound ways.

I would like to analyze and comment on the steps that Pope Benedict XVI proposes to us. (For the complete version of Bishop Barres’ Lenten Letter 2019 which analyzes Pope Benedict’s approach to lectio divina, see this link www.bishopbarreslentletter2019.org). The Word of God makes us realists who recognize that the Word of God is the foundation of all things. (10)

As your bishop and servant, I invite you during this Lenten Season 2019 and beyond, to discover or rediscover the power of the Word of God by reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures. In the end, as Father Gaston Courtois points out: “Contemplatives are the true missionaries and alone can be the true spiritual teachers”.

Thank you all for your passion and daily dedication to the inspired Sacred Scriptures. Thank you for being the contemplatives, the missionaries, the spiritual teachers that are the agents and instruments of dramatic missionary growth on Long Island and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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Saint Anne’s Respite Program

Saint Anne’s Respite is a great community of friends who gather on various Fridays for evenings of fun and friendship. Whether playing basketball, chess or dominoes, making special craft projects, playing musical instruments or choosing from a variety of games and activities, there’s something for everyone to enjoy. We are grateful for the wonderful volunteers who help make Respite happen and are especially thankful to the families who share their special children with us.

To view more photos, please visit our website, stammesgc.org
MSGR. JOHN’S
KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS
COUNCIL #11836
WILL HAVE THE EMPIRE SAFETY
COUNCIL DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2019
9:30 AM TO 3:30 PM in the school cafeteria
Save 10% on your collision liability rates for three full years. As well as four (4) points on driving violations.

Please fill out the form below and enclose your check made out to Knights of Columbus Council #11836 in the amount of $45 per person:

NAME: ________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ________________________________

TELEPHONE NUMBER: ________________________________

There will be a lunch break as well as free donuts and coffee available.

Please mail your form and check to:
ST. ANNE’S PARISH
35 DARTMOUTH STREET, GARDEN CITY, NY
Attention: Defensive Driving
We must have a minimum of 15 attending to conduct the defensive driving course.
The latest day applications will be accepted is March 15, 2019.

Diocesan Bereavement Conference
Grief Is....A Journey
March 30 at St. Patrick, Huntington
A bereavement conference will be held on Saturday, March 30th from 9:00AM - 3:00PM for the bereaved and those who care for them. The keynote speaker will be Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, Professor of Gerontology at the Graduate School of New Rochelle and Senior consultant to the Hospice foundation of America.

Attendees may choose from many workshops which cover various types of loss. The $40 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents:
Celebrate Marriage
An Full Day Enrichment for married couples
All married couples are welcome to join us on Saturday March, 16, 2019 930am -4:30pm
Corpus Christi Parish Hall
155 Garfield Ave, Mineola, NY 11501
Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided
$40 per couple
RSVP March 8th to Diane & Jim Popp 516-794-0069
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Diocese of Rockville Centre
Healing after Abortion
Day of Prayer and Healing for Women
Saturday, April 6, 2019
A Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

To register and for more information please visit www.respectlife.drvc.org or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673) or 1(516) 766-2538 projectrachel@drvc.org.

Sisters of St. Dominic – Irish Night
The Sisters of Saint Dominic are most grateful to the parishioners of St. Anne for your generosity supporting our annual Irish Night for the benefit our senior Sisters. Thank you for your support and for being so welcoming to the Dominican Sisters last weekend! Know that you are in the prayers of the Sisters each day!
Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**
7:00AM  Thomas Triola
8:30  Vincent J. Turecamo, Mary O’Hanlon, William Noone, Fortunata Noone, Regina Noone, Josephine Digili
10:00  Parishioners of St. Anne
10:30  James Culpane
11:45  Paul Bajada
5:30PM  James Hall

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**
7:30  Marion Feeney
9:00  Concetta DeConciliis

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**
7:30  Parishioners of Saint Anne
9:00  John H. Butz

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**
7:30  Parishioners of Saint Anne
9:00  Colleen Keane
10:00  Dr. James Tormey
4:15  Marion Feeney
7:15  Barbara Gerrard

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**
7:30  Anne Harold
9:00  Adolph Cascardo

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**
9:00  Margaret M. Courtney

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**
8:30  Fred Zimmer, Loretta Piotrowski, Frank DelGaudio
5:00PM  Adolph Cascardo

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**
7:00AM  Colette Landers
8:30  Joseph Lucic, Mary Gavigan, The Whelan Family, Joseph Vas Dias, John Stewart, Marion Feeney
10:00  Concetta & Antonio Perico
10:30  Parishioners of St. Anne
11:45  Theresa Browne
5:30PM  Ned Barry

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**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.

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**Our Faith Community offers prayers this week on their first anniversary for:**

John J. Ryan  March 3, 2018
Dennis Gallery  March 6, 2018
Elaine Morrissey  March 6, 2018
Oppunities for Prayer

**Rosary**
9:30AM Mondays-Fridays-Church
9:00AM Saturdays-Church

**Miraculous Medal Prayers**
9:30AM Tuesdays-Church

**Saint Anne’s Prayer Group**
10:00AM Tuesdays-Church

**Eucharistic Adoration**
8:00AM Thursdays-Church

**Legion of Mary**
9:45AM Thursday-Church

**Divine Mercy**
9:30AM Fridays-Church

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**This Week at Saint Anne’s**

**Monday, March 4**
6:00PM Children’s Choir– Church
7:00PM Morality Series– St. Therese Chapel
7:30PM Resilience Meeting– Faculty Room

**Tuesday, March 5**
5:30PM CYO Track– McCloskey Auditorium

**Wednesday, March 6**
9:30AM MOM’s Ministry - Cafeteria
1:30PM Senior Scene– Cafeteria
5:00PM CYO– Gym

**Thursday, March 7**
7:00PM CYO Track– McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM Adult Choir– Church
7:30PM Families Anonymous - Music Room

**Friday, March 8**
6:00PM Respite– McCloskey Auditorium
7:30PM Stations of the Cross– Church
8:00PM Nocturnal Adoration– Church

**Saturday, March 9**

**Sunday, March 10**
1:00PM Catholic Daughters– Cafeteria
2:30PM Confirmation Retreat– McCloskey
6:30PM Youth Ministry– Cafeteria

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**Wedding Banns**

**Second Time**

*Erin Maley - St. Catherine & James Garofalo - St. Anne’s*

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We welcome those newly baptized into our faith community

*Emmie Carol Lipinsky
Madison Jacqueline Orbon*

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Let us pray for those who have died

*John D. Dell’Olio
Stephen Jones
Raymond Rizzo
Dorothy Schlageter
Fred Zimmer*