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 2020

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th.
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 pages 12&13

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

SCRIPTURE 2020

If you are searching for a Lenten practice that is focused on scripture and learning more about God’s word, you may consider our parish initiative Scripture 2020 that will begin on Ash Wednesday by reading a chapter of scripture, the New Testament, each day. You can read at any time of the day and most days, you will be able to read a single chapter in 3 to 4 minutes. There is no cost. Register at scripture2020@stannesgc.org

St. Anne’s Professional Networking Group
Wednesday, February 26th at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria

“The Art and Science of Networking”
All are welcome to join us for a valuable discussion and an opportunity to brush up on your networking skills

Please see page 11 for details

WHERE ARE WE NOW? WHERE ARE WE HEADED?
OUR PARISH, OUR DIOCESE, OUR CHURCH
Monday, February 24th at 7:00 PM in the Church

The St. Anne’s Pastoral Council invites you to an open dialogue about current events in our parish of St. Anne, our diocese, and our church. Using Bishop Robert Barron’s A Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis as a blueprint for discussion, we will talk about what is going on now, what plans we have for moving ahead, and our hopes for the vibrant future of St. Anne’s. Church. We hope to see you there.
Being Catholic at St. Anne’s:
Our Families, Our Mission, Our Future

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ST. FRANCIS MINISTRY CENTER BUILDING UPDATE

We are pleased to inform you that we are waiting for diocesan approval to sign the contract and proceed with the construction of our new St. Francis Ministry Center. As we are anxious to execute the contract with Cow Bay Contracting, the contractor is also anxious to embark on this exciting project. We recently met with many of the subcontractors that will be involved in the construction to discuss logistics. The various trades represented included excavation, foundation construction, and crane mechanics. We feel confident that all of these experienced professionals working together with our architect will result in the beautifully designed building that we have planned.

This past week, two campaign related projects were completed. McCloskey Auditorium has been painted prior to the installation of the new floor this summer. Our students, CYO athletes, and Children’s Mass attendees will come back from vacation to a clean, freshly painted gym/auditorium. In anticipation of a new phone system, we have upgraded the cabling in the school building so that all our buildings can be connected with up-to-date technology. We will continue to provide you with information and developments and look forward to breaking ground in early spring!

As we have stated in the past, the St. Francis Ministry Center will provide updated, accessible, and appropriate space for many activities that currently meet in the school building. The Catholic Daughters luncheons, Pre-Cana, Professional Networking meetings, and Youth Ministry are examples of gatherings that can move out of the school building and be more comfortable in the new building.

It is not 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. Every gift helps and no gift is too small! For more information, please contact the parish office at 352-5904.
Dear Parishioners,

We begin Lent this Ash Wednesday, February 26. Masses on Ash Wednesday include 7:30, 9:00, 10:00, 4:15, and 7:15 PM. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at each Mass. Penance, Fasting, and Almsgiving (acts of charity) are the foundation of Lenten practice. Penance includes atonement for sin and hopefully a celebration of the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation. Fasting includes acts of self-denial with a focus on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. Personal fasts often extend beyond these days. Almsgiving encourages us to practice charitable deeds on behalf of other persons.

The website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops clearly informs us of the obligations of fasting and abstinence during Lent. “Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. “For members of the Latin Catholic Church (that's us), 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 Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.”

On the website, the USCCB clarifies the issue of Lenten practices and Sundays, a question many people like to ask. “Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices (ex: giving up dessert) for the whole time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e. kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

Persons tend to focus a lot on fasting and abstinence. The need for almsgiving (acts of charity) is another foundation of Lenten practice. Again the USCCB describes Almsgiving: “The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on “almsgiving,” which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is “a witness to fraternal charity and a work of justice pleasing to God.”

For those looking to do acts of charity as part of their Lenten practice, a consideration of the Works of Mercy might inspire some Lenten almsgiving:

**Corporal Works of Mercy include:** Feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned and burying the dead. **Spiritual Works of Mercy include:** Counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing sinners, comforting the afflicted, forgiving offenses, bearing wrongs patiently, praying for the living and the dead.

Another foundational pillar of Lent is our penance for sin. Many people are distant from the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation. As a result there is a decreasing awareness of sin. I found Pope Francis’ recent reflection on the Beatitude “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled,” very illuminating.

“This mourning in the Scriptures, can have two aspects: the first is for death or for the suffering of someone. The other aspect is tears shed over sin— for our own sin, when the heart bleeds for the pain of having offended God and one’s neighbor.

“Mourning, for example, is a bitter road, but it can be useful to open one’s eyes to life and to the sacred and irreplaceable value of each person, and at that moment one realizes how short time is.

“There is a second meaning of this paradoxical Beatitude: weeping over sin.

“Here one must distinguish: there are those who are angry because they made a mistake. But this is pride. Instead, there are those who mourn the evil done, the good omitted, the betrayal of the relationship with God. This is mourning for not having loved, which springs from having the life of others at heart. Here one weeps because one does not correspond to the Lord who loves us so much, and we are saddened by the thought of the good not done; this is the meaning of sin...

“We, by ourselves, are unable to understand sin. It is a grace we must ask for. **Lord, may I understand the evil I have done or that I can do.** This is a very great gift and after we have understood this, there comes the grief of repentance.

“Wise and blessed is he who welcomes the pain linked to love, because he will receive the consolation of the Holy Spirit which God always forgives, even the worst sins, always is the tenderness of God who forgives and corrects. God always forgives: let us never forget this. The problem is on us, that we tire of asking for forgiveness, we become wrapped up in ourselves and we do not ask for forgiveness. This is the problem, but He is there to forgive.”

“If we always keep in mind that God ‘does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities’ (Psalm 03:10) we live in mercy and in compassion, and love appears in us. May the Lord grant us to love in abundance, to love with a smile, with closeness, with service, and also with grief.

Have a Blessed Lent! Peace be with you!

Fr. Tom
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY
LOAVES AND FISHES

Love expressed in action...
If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world...In the Eucharist we receive Christ hungering in the world. He comes to us, not alone, but with the poor, the oppressed, the starving of the earth. Through Him they are looking to us for help, for justice, for love expressed in action. Therefore, we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the Bread of Life to those in need, wherever and whoever they may be.

~Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

Weekly Food Drive - Thank You for Your Support!
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. Last week, food was delivered to Saint Mary of the Isle in Long Beach, where it was greatly appreciated. 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 Cereal
Pasta Sauce Powdered Milk
Pasta Peanut Butter
Macaroni & Cheese Baby Diapers - Large
Tuna fish Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Red & black beans

Donations of food can be left in the Loaves and Fishes closets in the left rear of the Church, open weekdays from 7:00AM-2:30PM and Saturday and Sunday. Thank you!

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

Please leave donations in the Loaves and Fishes closets in the lobby of the Church– thank you!

Travel Size Toiletries Needed!
There is currently a need at the INN in Hempstead for travel-size toiletries. Guests who come for assistance are able to take a shower if needed and having individual sized soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. would be helpful. Please consider donating these items and deposit them 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.

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.

Families in Service
Sandwich-Making Event on Sat., 3/14
8:00—9:00AM in the cafeteria

Parents and children interested in working together to serve people who are in need are invited to join Families in Service on Saturday, March 14th from 8:00AM to 9:00AM in the school cafeteria.

We will be making sandwiches for the parish outreach center at St. Mary of the Isle in Long Beach and several soup kitchens which serve lunch on Saturdays to people who are hungry and 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 10th to Shannon Kolenik at shannon.kolenik@gmail.com or Rena Capri at renaann614@yahoo.com

Resilience ... Support for Parents
Meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30PM
Rectory Meeting Room

Many parents choose not to 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? 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 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 other parents who are facing similar challenges. You are not alone! Please join us at our upcoming meeting. For information, please contact Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org.

Saint Anne’s Young Widows Group
We relate, we understand, we listen, we care

A new group has formed for young widows and widowers under the age of 60, coming together in faith to find support and strength during this difficult time. We 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. Please email us at youngwidows@stannesgc.org or text Jeanne at 516-987-1483 for more information.

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 Kelly Cameron, our membership chair, at stannesmoms@gmail.com or you may call the parish office at 352-5904 for more information and to register if you are new to Saint Anne’s.

Special Needs Ministry
Respite Care
The next session of Respite will take place on Friday, February 28th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.

Special Needs Mass
Mass will be celebrated with our special needs community on March 14th at 5:00PM in the cafeteria. All are always welcome. For any information, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org.

Saint Anne’s Is Here For You...
If you’re struggling with something and not sure where to turn, Saint Anne’s Parish provides confidential support and assistance. Serious illness, economic problems, marital difficulties, mental health concerns and coping with caring for those who are ill or elderly are issues we may all face at different times in our lives. If you would like to know more, please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.
Although we don’t always do as Jesus tells us in today’s gospel, we do have a sense that what Jesus is asking of us is how we would want to be known. In our treatment of one another, even those who we are enemies, Jesus challenges us to go beyond what is expected, even beyond what is reasonable or even achievable. We are to go beyond the human to what is divine – perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect. By ourselves this is impossible but because God’s love is expressed in the life of Jesus who teaches us rightly it is possible. This is done in very simple everyday acts of love, care and respect for others, all others! Pray for the grace to do this each and every day.

**Readings for First Sunday of Lent**
- Genesis 2: 7-9
- Romans 5: 12-19
- Matthew 4: 1-11

**Ash Wednesday – February 26th**
This Wednesday, Feb. 26th we begin the holy season of Lent with the imposition of ashes and the words, “Repent and believe in the Gospel” or “Remember that you are dust; and to dust you shall return.”

Masses are at 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:00AM, 4:15PM and 7:15PM. Ashes will be distributed during mass. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday at sundown when the Sacred Triduum begins. How will you spend this Lenten season preparing for Easter? Have you signed up for Scripture 2020 and promised to read a chapter of the Gospels a day?

**Lenten Regulations for Catholics – from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

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.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

**Children’s Sunday Mass – 10:30 in McCloskey Auditorium**
There is no Children’s Sunday Mass today. We will resume next Sunday, March 1st. It’s the First Sunday of Lent and children’s Lenten activity books will be available!

**Saint Anne’s Children’s Choir**
Rehearsal will be Monday, February 24th in the school Music Room. We are rehearsing to sing at the 11:45 Mass on the First Sunday of Lent, March 1st. All children from Grades 2 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.

**Mark Your Calendar! Friday, March 20th**
The RCIA members are offering a Soup and Bread supper for the parish at 6:30PM on Friday, March 20th in the school cafeteria. Everyone is invited (children too) to share in prayer and a simple soup supper. More information to follow!
Our catechumens, Michele Aquista, Stephanie Asusto, Evren Dinc, Jennifer Gong, and Angessa Hughmanick will be attending the Rite of Election on Saturday, February 29th at St. Christopher’s in Baldwin. The Rite of Election gathers all those who will be baptized at Easter from our Diocese. Bishop Barres presides at the Rite of Election each year. Please keep our catechumens in your prayers as they continue on their journey to Baptism at Easter. 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 Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy reminds us that liturgy is “the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit.” Celebrating our liturgies here at St. Anne is a sacred work and takes many people to serve our community each week. Do you feel called to proclaim God’s Word as a lector or to be an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion? Perhaps you have a love for music and would be able to share your musical talent to praise God in song. As we begin this new season of Ordinary Time listen to how God is calling you to serve. If you would like to serve in any of our liturgical ministries please contact Sr. Judy – srjudy@stannesgc.org or at 352-5904 for more information.

Once again our parish is offering copies of The Word Among Us for your Lenten prayer and reading. It contains the daily mass readings for each day of Lent and a daily meditation. Copies are available on the tables at the entrances to church this weekend.
If you missed our Open House and are interested in attending or visiting our school, please contact our Main Office at (516) 352-1205, we’d be happy to set up a tour for you!

We are a school community where the Gospel is taught through word and example and the focus is on seeing Christ in one another. Lessons in faith are taught by dedicated faculty and learned through active service, as students and their families answer God’s call to serve those in need through our School Service Initiative.

Saint Anne’s School offers:
- A rigorous academic curriculum with motivated NYS certified teachers
- Ongoing in-house staff development to enhance instructional skills of teachers
- Accelerated math program for all students starting at the 6th grade
- Interactive White Boards in every classroom enabling teachers to create unique and interactive lessons with web links to the most up-to-date information
- An After-School Child Care program
- A fully equipped Science Lab for all grades
- A dedicated computer lab, as well as 180 Chrome Books
- IEP Resource Room services for eligible students provided onsite by the Garden City School District
- Special-Ed academic support teacher on staff
- Individual class Masses in the Saint Thérèse Chapel
- Extracurricular activities include CYO swim team, track and basketball, a school band and Children’s’ Choir, yearbook, Student Council, and a school play, as well as after school enrichment activities. Special traditions at Saint Anne’s include the annual Christmas and Spring Concerts, the 1st Grade Saint’s Parade, 2nd Grade May Crownning and the 3rd Grade Christmas Pageant. The upper grade students participate in a Rube Goldberg project, Living Legends and Project Adventure as well as faith-based retreats.
- A strong school, parent and Parish partnership working to develop Saint Anne’s students to enhance their gifts and talents to become the person God created them to be!!!
Special Faith Formation Class Valentine’s Day Project

Our Special Faith Formation class worked together with their teen catechists to make Valentine’s cards for children who are sick in Winthrop Hospital. The idea for this project came from Steven, pictured left, who enthusiastically suggested this helpful way to bring a message of love and caring to children who are ill. Many thanks to all who participated and especially to Diane Wykowski, who makes every day in Faith Formation meaningful!

Class Schedule

Week of February 23rd

Sunday February 23 – No Classes

Monday February 24 – 4:00-5:10 PM (Grades 1-6)
Tuesday February 25 – 4:00-5:10 PM (Grades 1-6)

Wednesday February 26 (Ash Wednesday)
4:00-5:10 PM (Grades 1-6) *Parents invited to stay for Mass*
7:00-8:05 PM (Grades 7 & 8 – both in Church) *Parents invited to stay for Mass*

Week of March 1st

Sunday, March 1 – 8:30 AM Mass Home Family Faith, 9:00-10:15 Grades 1-6, 9:15-10:00 One to One
Monday March 2 – 4:00-5:10 PM (Grades 1-6)
Tuesday, March 3 – 4:00-5:10 PM (Grades 1-6) ***2nd Grade Parent Meeting 7:00 PM in Church
Wednesday, March 4 – 7:00-8:05 PM (Grade 7 in Church, Grade 8 in Classrooms)

Calendars

The schedule for classes is available on the website (stannesgc.org). In addition, important announcements will be posted on the website throughout the year. Please check it often.

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.
We welcome those newly baptized into our Faith Community:
Matthew Edward Loggie
Oliver Piotr Czapski
Maria Gabriella Gimenez

Let us pray for those who have died
Mary Caristo
John Cervini
Joan Fitzgerald
Catherine F. Hunerberg
Adelaine Parks

Our Faith Community offers prayers this week on their first anniversary for:
Raymond Rizzo– February 24, 2019

The Altar Bread & Wine for this week is in memory of Maureen O’Brien
Donated by Charlene & Jack McGowan

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.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Next meeting Wednesday, February 26th
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.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Next meeting Wednesday, March 4th
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.

MSGR. JOHN’S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #11836 OF ST. ANNE’S PARISH WILL HAVE THE EMPIRE SAFETY COUNCIL DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH 9:30 AM TO 3:30 PM School Cafeteria

New drivers and teenagers should take this course. Not only for the insurance discounts but SAFETY.

65-70% of accidents are due to texting while driving. 40% are due to alcohol.

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 Columbs 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 11530
Attention: Defensive Driving

We must have a minimum of 15 attending to conduct the defensive driving course. Please respond no later than February 27th.

For additional information, call Donald DePol at 516-775-3097
**Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group**

Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26th at 7:30PM  
School Cafeteria  

“The Art and Science of Networking”

All are welcome to attend this presentation by several members of our Leadership Team, Bill McAndrews, Frances Mingoia and Jim Marron. Specific topics include:

How networking applies to a current job search, what to do at a networking event or in a one-to-one meeting and some rules and tips for networking success.

We recommend the following link to an infographic about networking that offers some valuable insights about the value and benefits of networking. [https://www.networkwise.com/art-science-networking/](https://www.networkwise.com/art-science-networking/)

Please join us for a great opportunity to brush up on your networking skills and a valuable discussion about how to be more effective at networking. **All are welcome!**

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Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group welcomes all parishioners, whether you’re currently seeking employment or professional development or if you are employed and willing to assist others. You may request to join the group on Linked In at any time.

For more information, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org
Dear Friends:

The season of Lent offers us a sacred time for contemplating what it means to accompany Our Lord as he carries the Cross.

During his Passion, we see Christ laboring under the burden of our sufferings and of those whom we love. As the prophet Isaiah says, "He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (cf. Is 53:4), and he still carries them today. Perhaps this year we might pray for the grace to accompany more closely our neighbors and loved ones who are suffering, and so participate in Christ’s own sacrificial love as he shoulders their burdens.

Throughout our Diocese there are many who are suffering. We know this. Every parish has its stories of families experiencing hardship and loss. Our hospitals and shelters have their stories. Our nursing homes and schools have theirs. Indeed, we find the Cross in our own homes. Our parents and grandparents know heartache, and our children have burdens as well. Our Lord carries them all.

Perhaps you know a person who is sick or grieving the loss of a loved one. Maybe you know someone who is suffering from addiction or depression and is tempted to despair. Perhaps you know of someone who is lonely or has been altogether abandoned. It is good to remember that Our Lord is carrying each of them already with great love, placing his sheep on his shoulders (cf. Lk 15:5). And this Good Shepherd invites us to accompany him in holiness that we might share more fully in his mission.

Consider the figure of Simon of Cyrene. We know him from the Fifth Station of the Cross and from the Synoptic Gospels. He was compelled to carry the Cross of Christ (cf. Mt 27:32; Mk 15:21; Lk 23:26). We recognize his initial fear; it is the same as our own. We do not fault Simon for his resistance. Helping Jesus could not have been easy. And yet with God’s grace what began as servitude was transformed into a gesture of compassion, even a sublime privilege.

To be sure, we may have cause to be fearful of accompanying Christ under the Cross. Social stigmas associated with some sufferings may cause us to stay away. We might fear our own inadequacies; weaknesses and wounds can cause self-doubt. We may even feel some degree of responsibility for the person’s suffering: "I could have done more". Simon would have experienced these fears as Christ was passing by. Indeed, he needed to be driven by the Roman soldiers to accompany Jesus (cf. Mk 15:21). But the gaze of Christ prevailed on Simon and moved him beyond his fear.
Christ himself prayed in the garden before taking up the Cross, "Father if it be possible, let this cup pass", but he saw the Father's love for humanity and was moved to pray, "yet not as I will, but as you will" (cf. Mt 26:39). Love bends the will to the other. It was Christ's love that changed Simon's servitude into sacrifice. And it is Christ's love that can transform our fear into accompaniment.

As your bishop, I have the privilege of seeing that so many of you are already living as Simon, already accompanying Christ who carries the burdens of your neighbors and loved ones. I visit your homes and pray with you in your parishes. I witness your dedication to the people of your ministries and organizations. And I see that many of you, like Simon, allow the gaze of Christ to draw you underneath the weight of the Cross, where your own servitude becomes a privileged encounter with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and an encouragement to us all.

In light of this witness, I wish to bring particular attention to the newly formed Morning Star Initiative, designed to revitalize Catholic elementary school education on Long Island. I ask all of you to pray for our parishes and schools, our administrators and teachers, our students and their families, and all who are promoting a bold new era of Catholic education and evangelization on Long Island.

This way of sharing in the life of Christ moves us beyond imitation into a real participation with him in his relationship with the Father. The Cross is not a punishment to be endured; it is a decision to love. "He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities" (cf. Is 53:5). And when we move in this way toward others in their need, our experience of their suffering is transformed from a burden into an encounter with love. We find, with Simon, that our servitude becomes a mysterious privilege of accompaniment. Underneath the weight of a cross carried with love, we see Jesus.

Too often we feel regret for not drawing near to those who are suffering. Let us pray during this holy season, this season of conversion, for the grace to recognize the gaze of Christ in those who are suffering and to respond to his invitation to share in his Cross. In this way, the Church on Long Island will grow together with Our Lord in grace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
“...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them.”
- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

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

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

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

Have you thought about “fasting” from a regular purchase of something – i.e., a hand-crafted beverage? Over a 10 month period, this simple “fast” can serve many people need!

$6.25 a week for one month is $25 -- over 10 months it is $250.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.
Senior Scene members were delighted with another visit from the Saint Anne’s third graders on February 5th. The students presented each of the seniors with a homemade Valentine’s Day card and a decorated prayer card. The students and seniors spent time discussing their favorite Valentine’s Day memories and how they like to spend their time during the winter season. Thank you to the students, teachers and parents for making the afternoon enjoyable for all the seniors.
PARISH SACRIFICAL GIVING SUMMARY

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY**
Sunday, February 16, 2020  $15,961
WeShare Electronic Contributions $  5,852
Total Collection $21,813

Sunday, February 17, 2019  $18,213
WeShare Electronic Contributions $  5,849
Total Collection $24,062

**FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY**
September 1, 2019– February 16, 2020  $598,919
September 1, 2018– February 17, 2019  $591,391

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

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The Church in Need
Second Collection

On March 1st, 2020 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** - this collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation.

- **The Church in Latin America** - for many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

- **The Church in Africa** - although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Please remember the following people in your prayers

Victor Abrahamsen
Stephanie Adomavicius
Catherine Amato
Garth Atchley
Mary Bagnato
Denise Bedeian
Kim Bily
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
Claire Decker
Denise DeCrescito
Sergio Devincenzo
Bruno Devito
Lorraine Distefano
Margaret Donaldson
Patricia Durecko
Charles Eschmann
Janet Fellingham
Frank Fields
Sean Fitzsimons
Tom Flatey
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 Lynk
Kevin Mansfield
Luke Mapes
Danny Marquino
Dorothy McAleavy
Marie McAluliffe
Robert McAluliffe
Barbara McGovern
Deacon Jack McGowan
Paul McManaman
Mike Meoni
Vincent Milo
Barbara Mohan
Gabrielle Monastero
William Morgan
Jimmy Mulligan
Lauren Munafò
Larry Murphy
Philip O’Connell
Dorothy O’Grady
Andrea O’Halloran
Thomas Onorato, Jr.
Vincent Panarella
Mary Rose Parlato
Brian Pfail
John Politano
Linda Safina
Melissa Sarfin
Maryann Scanlon
Vinny Scheppe
Eileen Sharp
Mary Spadaro
Lorraine Spanier
Catherine Sullivan
Vanessa Testani
Jerome Vanora
Michael Zapf

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
7:00AM  Cecelia Guenthner
8:30  Graciela O’Sorlo Cullen, Parishioners of St. Anne, Madeleine, John, & Yolanda Esposito, Francis Kelly, Elizabeth Erbe
10:00  Vito Badalamente—9th Anniversary
11:45  Silvio Pironi
5:30PM  Loretta Piotrowski

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
7:30  Annemarie O’Connell
9:00  Katie O’Brien

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7:30  Michael Medina
9:00  Anne Harold

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
7:30  Colleen Keane
9:00  Katie O’Brien
10:00  Lucien Duvivier
4:15  Terry Cairns
7:15  Parishioners of St. Anne

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
7:30  Louise Eicholz
9:00  Liam Mitchell—Special Intention for the Living

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
9:00  Laurence J. Stratton

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
8:30  Rosalie Munafo, Anne Judge
5:00PM  Michael L. Pugh

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
7:00AM  Joan De May
8:30  Anastasia Hayes, Francis Kelly, Anne Harold, Eleanor Beggs, Annemarie O’Connell, John Zarcone
10:00  John J. Butz—5th Anniversary
10:30  Raymond McCleary
11:45  Frederick Zimmer
5:30PM  Parishioners of St. Anne

Available Mass Intentions

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 29
5:00PM - Fr. Cody

Sunday, March 1
7:00AM - Fr. Nicholas
8:30AM - Fr. Cody
10:00AM - Fr. Tom
10:30AM - Fr. Nicholas
11:45AM - Fr. Tom
5:30PM - Fr. Nicholas

Celebrant subject to change
**We Celebrate the Sacraments**

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| **Reconciliation**     |                  |                  |
| Saturday 4:00 - 4:45PM |                  |                  |
| Thursday before First Friday | 4:30 - 5:00PM |                  |

| **Baptisms**           |                  |                  |
| Infant Baptisms        | celebrated every Sunday at 1:30PM. | Parents are asked to call the parish office for information. |

| **Marriage**           |                  |                  |
| Couples                | contact the parish office to arrange an appointment with a priest or deacon at least six months prior to their wedding. |

| **Anointing of the Sick** |                  |                  |
| The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the first Saturday of the month at the 8:30AM Mass. | If a loved one is unable to come to church, please call 352-5904 to arrange for a home visit. |

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**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, [vflood@stannesgc.org](mailto:vflood@stannesgc.org)
- **Saint Anne’s School**: Gene Fennell, Principal, [afennell@stannesgcschool.org](mailto:afennell@stannesgcschool.org)
- **Parish Social Ministry**: Linda Leone, Pastoral Associate, [lindaleone@stannesgc.org](mailto:lindaleone@stannesgc.org)
- **Liturgy and Worship**: Sister Judith Golden, OP, [srjudy@stannesgc.org](mailto:srqudy@stannesgc.org)
- **Music Ministry**: Timothy Brown, tbrown4749@aol.com
- **Parish Operations**: Mary Lou Engrassia, mlegrassia@stannesgc.org
- **Youth Ministry**: Bill Leone, bleone@stannesgc.org

**This Week at Saint Anne’s**

**Monday, February 24**
- 5:00PM CYO—McCloskey Auditorium
- 6:00PM Children’s Choir—Music Room
- 7:00PM Parish Meeting—Church

**Tuesday, February 25**
- 5:00PM CYO—McCloskey Auditorium
- 7:30PM Boy Scouts—Cafeteria

**Wednesday, February 26—Ash Wednesday**
- 9:30AM MOM’S Ministry - Cafeteria
- 2:30PM Women’s Bible Study—SJVR
- 7:30PM Professional Networking—Cafeteria

**Thursday, February 27**
- 5:00PM CYO—McCloskey Auditorium
- 5:00PM CYO Chess—Library
- 7:00PM Adult Choir—Church
- 7:30PM Families Anonymous - Faculty Room

**Friday, February 28**
- 6:00PM Respite—McCloskey Auditorium

**Saturday, February 29**
- 8:00AM CYO—McCloskey Auditorium
- 9:30AM Defensive Driving—Cafeteria

**Sunday, March 1**
- 1:30PM Baptisms—Church

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;
- Lt. Corporal James Harkin, USMC; Major Kevin Joyce, US Army;
- Sean Kelly, US Navy;
- Michael Koster, Military Police, US Army Reserve;
- Lance Cpl. James McCartin, USMC;
- Ensign Glenn McKenna, US Navy; Cpl. Owen A. Monahan, USMC;
- Major Thomas Safina, US Army Reserve; Capt. Tara Sutchiffe, USMC;