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.

2019 is the 90th Anniversary of St. Anne’s

Let’s celebrate this milestone throughout the year. They say that firsts are the best because they are beginnings so let’s plan on beginning each month of the year together as a parish family! Please see page 22 for Anniversary Trivia question.

SAVE THE DATES!!!!

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

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

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

Saint Anne’s: A Legacy of Faith, Service and Compassion

Saint Anne’s Year End Financial Report see pages 4—7

Families in Service Christmas Caroling

Special Needs Christmas Mass

Please see pages 2—20 for photos of Sponsor A Family, Respite Christmas Party, Youth Ministry, Stocking for Our Troops, MOMs Breakfast with Santa, Senior Scene and more
Saint Anne’s MOMs group are mothers of Saint Anne's parish whose mission is clearly stated: “Together with our children, we seek to grow spiritually, create friendships, provide support, and connect with the community through faith, fellowship, family, recreation and service.” Our Wednesday morning playgroup that we fondly call Coffee & Kids includes arts & crafts and circle time with music. Our families are connected with each other through Couples’ Nights and family events. We also use our energy to support efforts in the Parish. We proudly sell mums each year at Spirit Day. Through the Loaves & Fishes Ministry, we collectively provide food and gifts for families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We offer assistance to Catholic Charities’ Regina Residence, a women's shelter for young expecting moms and we send meals to the homes of our new mothers. We also have an active social calendar for the year ahead. Parishioners who are interested in joining may contact Melanie Unterstein, our membership chair mom, at stannesmoms@gmail.com. Even if you are not available for Wednesday mornings, you are welcome to join as a social member. Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas! *(Photos from our recent Breakfast with Santa!)*
Dear Parishioners,

Blessed and Merry Christmas to you and all those you love. We pray and hope that these final days of Advent and the entire Christmas Season will bring joy to all of us. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, one of the many titles given to Jesus Christ, Son of God, born of Mary. We hope that the world will truly honor the Prince of Peace and that these days will be free of violence of all kinds.

As we celebrate today the Fourth Sunday of Advent and in the days that follow the Solemnity of Christmas, there is much anticipation. Children anxiously await Santa Claus – I remember as a child, Christmas Eve was a long day. We would only put up the tree on Christmas Eve, a tree usually too big for the room, and our parents would wake up their seven kids at one or two in the morning to bring us downstairs after Santa had left. It sounds crazy to wake kids up in the overnight to find and play with what Santa left behind, but it was a lot of fun and I can still remember details of those Christmas Eves more than 50 years ago. We always went to the final Mass at noon.

Things changed in high school and my family began to attend Midnight Mass at Chaminade. I remember well Midnight Mass 1987 and learning that a nephew was born just after midnight. A Christmas baby! Now 31 years later Matthew and Emily have the Christmas joy of expecting their first child early in 2019.

Anticipation fills many homes at Christmas as college students return home, sometimes with their first semester behind them. Those college students so excited to be going away in the fall realize how important home is when they return for Christmas. Many families celebrate the new child of the past year or a new spouse – Christmas is filled with anticipation.

For some, the struggle or losses of the past year are difficult to carry at Christmas. We trust that other family members, relatives, friends, and neighbors are a source of consolation and assistance. Many thanks to the hundreds of parishioners who participated in all sorts of parish activities this season to bring some cheer, love, and help to families in need, both in our own community and in the communities of Uniondale and Wyandanch and Long Beach to which our Parish Social Ministry reaches out with the help of hundreds of volunteers.

As we approach Christmas and I make my preparations for the Solemnity, along with you, we are very familiar with the gospel stories of Jesus’ birth. Mary, Joseph, and the baby; shepherds, angels, and the star; the magi, Balthazar, Melchior, and Gaspar; camels, sheep, and cows; all are part of manger scenes and the Nativity story.

I wonder and reflect how do we enter into the joy, love, gladness of Christmas. This particular year, I have turned to the Opening Prayers, the Collects of these concluding Sundays and days of Advent.

Last Sunday, I noted at Mass the conclusion of the Opening Prayer at Mass “_ _ _ _ (speaking of the Lord’s Nativity) to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.” The Third Sunday of Advent called us to worship and rejoicing – The prayer connects worship and joy and their connection to one another suggests a relationship. Simplifying the prayer in my own mind, I think that both are needed for a genuine experience of Christmas. Without worship, Christmas is simply a happy event, a great day. Without joy, the mystery of love, of God’s love, of Mary and Joseph’s love is missed. For Christmas to have meaning, we need to worship, to give praise and thanks to God for the miracle of Jesus’ birth. Worship will lead to joy. Worship sustains joy. Worship deepens joy. Worship is a central theme of angels and shepherds. We cannot miss the call to worship if we seek the fullness of Christmas joy.

The Opening Prayer or Collect for today, the Fourth Sunday of Advent is a very familiar prayer. This prayer echoes the prayer that is prayed several times a day throughout the world. It repeats the prayer that concludes the Angelus, a traditional prayer often recited in the morning, at noon and at night. The prayer remembers the Annunciation when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary her vocation, to be the mother of Jesus. The prayer includes three Hail Marys and concludes with the prayer that we hear today as the Opening Prayer. This prayer reminds us of the whole Paschal Mystery that begins with the Birth of Jesus, the Incarnation. The prayer brings us right to the Resurrection.

Christmas celebrates birth and this birth, the Incarnation, leads us to a consideration of the whole life of Jesus. We cannot isolate the Birth of Jesus. We need to enter into the life of Jesus. Again, worship is our path. Whenever we worship at Mass, we recall all that Jesus has done for us – His Birth, Death and Resurrection.

90th Anniversary Mass
Next Tuesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mother of God, join us at the 10:00 a.m. Mass when we will begin our celebration of the 90 years of worship, faith, service, family, and community that we experience at St. Anne’s. It will be a joyous day to begin the new year of 2019 and our 90th Anniversary year.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

As we did last week, we are publishing the most recent parish financial report. As this is our Christmas bulletin, we hope many parishioners will have the opportunity to review this report.

Many thanks for all your past generosity. Many thanks for your Christmas generosity.

Blessed and Merry Christmas!
Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share with you the financial report of the parish for the fiscal year ended on August 31, 2018. The report of revenue and expenditures gives exact numbers. A chart of revenue and expenditure follows this narrative of highlights.

The good news is that our revenue exceeded our ordinary expenditures. Our revenues increased by 1% and totaled $2,259,178. Our ordinary expenditures increased by 12%, totaling 2,146,776. Our net operating revenue in excess of operating expenses realized a $112,402 surplus. Our revenue line items were very consistent with previous years, particularly in terms of Sunday collections, Christmas, Easter, Fundraising, and Auxiliary revenue. Our increased expenditures were in the areas of our most extensive ministries, parish subsidy to the parish school, parish programs and ministries, and faith formation. As has been the case for at least these past twenty-five years, St. Anne’s parishioners are most generous in supporting the many programs, ministries, and efforts of the parish, most particularly related to our ministries and activities of our young people.

Extraordinary capital expenses increased by 36% over the previous year. These are expenses for the parish that are not recurring year after year. These include major repairs, expansion projects, renovations. Our $223,257 extraordinary capital expenses resulted from church painting, new boiler installation, ministry and meeting (new building) expenses, restroom renovation. When the extraordinary expense line is subtracted from the Net Operating Revenue surplus, we came to a deficit total of $110,855.

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<td>1,258,641</td>
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<td>Christmas</td>
<td>242,475</td>
<td>245,831</td>
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<td>Easter</td>
<td>136,194</td>
<td>145,701</td>
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<td>Fund Raising (Spirit Day, Big Bucks, Booster Club,CMA,Golf Outing)</td>
<td>119,017</td>
<td>106,700</td>
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<td>Faith Formation (Religious Education)</td>
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<td>135,208</td>
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<td>87,936</td>
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<td>Auxiliary Revenue (Sacramental Offerings, poor boxes, votives, interest, rent)</td>
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<td>National &amp; Diocesan Collections</td>
<td>95,334</td>
<td>78,566</td>
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<td>Donations &amp; Bequests</td>
<td>44,524</td>
<td>113,409</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
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<td>Salaries</td>
<td>782,070</td>
<td>714,548</td>
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<td>Fringe Benefits (Medical/Dental, Pension, FICA taxes, etc.)</td>
<td>333,851</td>
<td>320,975</td>
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<td>48,693</td>
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<td>96,114</td>
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<td>Parish Subsidy for Saint Anne's School</td>
<td>250,000</td>
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<td>Printing &amp; Office</td>
<td>88,870</td>
<td>84,820</td>
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<td>Auxiliary Expenses (Liturgical, Choir, Assessments, etc.)</td>
<td>203,097</td>
<td>209,810</td>
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<td>Rectory Household</td>
<td>20,295</td>
<td>19,981</td>
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<td>198,547</td>
<td>172,956</td>
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<td><strong>Total Operating Expenditures</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,146,776</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,915,694</strong></td>
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| Net Operating Revenue in excess of expenditures | **112,402** | **330,819** | -66% |

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<td>2017 - 2018: Church painting, restroom renovation, new boiler (partial), new building</td>
<td><strong>223,257</strong></td>
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<td>2016 - 2017: Rectory fire sprinklers, Rectory construction (post fire), heat repairs</td>
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<td><strong>163,920</strong></td>
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Continued on pages 5,6 and 7
Our parish school continues to be one of the most well attended and financially strong schools in the diocese. Our enrollment continues to exceed 500 students. School revenue of $2,719,114 was down 1% from last year. The biggest loss of revenue was monies received from the state described as mandated services. The state is irregular in its forwarding of these funds so we received $176,919 this year, down 31% from the previous year. That is partially responsible for the increase of the parish subsidy of $250,000. Other expenses as noted in the school report have had appropriate increases. School extraordinary expenses are mostly technology related. The net deficit for the school was $67,049 in terms of ordinary expenses and $109,641 when extraordinary expenses are included.

We should not overlook, unreflected in the school budget under a separate line, the school is able to assist more than 10 families with its tuition. This is only made possible by the continued generosity of our parishioners, some of whom are very mindful of this need in donating for the purpose of school tuition aid.

Overall, the financial condition of both the parish and the school is strong and healthy. As trends develop and we do experience some deficit spending, primarily due to extraordinary expenses, we need to closely monitor all our expenses.

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<td>2,092,633</td>
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<td>Subsidies (Parish and Diocesan)</td>
<td>270,000</td>
<td>189,231</td>
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<td>Fund Raising &amp; Development</td>
<td>168,512</td>
<td>177,955</td>
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<td>Mandated Services</td>
<td>176,919</td>
<td>257,830</td>
<td>-31%</td>
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<td>Diocesan Grant</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5,500</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
<td>11,050</td>
<td>9,641</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,719,114</strong></td>
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<td>Administrative Salaries &amp; Expenditures</td>
<td>284,271</td>
<td>276,381</td>
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<td>Instructional Salaries &amp; Expenditures</td>
<td>1,565,415</td>
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<td>Building Maintenance Salaries &amp; Expenditures</td>
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<td>290,277</td>
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<td>Fringe Benefits (Medical/Dental, Pension, FICA taxes, etc.)</td>
<td>611,291</td>
<td>582,312</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Expenditures</td>
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<td>6,476</td>
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<td><strong>Total Operating Expenditures</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,786,163</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,626,833</strong></td>
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| Net Operating Revenue in excess of expenditures | -67,049 | 114,678 | -158% |

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<td>2017 - 2018: Chromebooks, interactive smartboards</td>
<td>42,592</td>
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<tr>
<td>2016 - 2017: Heating repairs, science lab A/C, interactive smartboards</td>
<td>54,833</td>
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The generosity of our parishioners is what allows St. Anne’s to do all that we do. We are fully staffed and we are able to respond affirmatively to almost all that we are asked to do. We have an outstanding service volunteer community that organizes and does so much good work for the parish, the local community and the various communities we assist. Our parish is often recognized and referred to for what we do. Volunteers are generous and giving. Our parish staff works side by side with our volunteers to provide leadership, encouragement, and their own service in response to the call to ministry. Our office staff led by our Director of Operations Mrs. Mary Lou Engrassia does its very best with organizing the calendar, providing answers, and welcoming parishioners to the rectory. Mrs. Engrassia manages the parish finances and works with an accountant and parish finance committee to ensure all proper procedures and practices for our finances are followed. With a parish staff, rectory staff, and Finance Manager, I am confident that I work with very trustworthy people and I am very grateful. Our parish staff, our parish finance committee, school board, and hundreds of parish volunteers help to make ministry at St. Anne’s a source of great joy. Your financial support has allowed us to move forward in many ways and continue to grow the parish ministries.
2019 is the 90th Anniversary year of St. Anne’s Parish. We will celebrate with a parish activity on the first day of each month. On Tuesday, January 1 we will open the anniversary with a Celebration Mass to begin a new year, to begin our Anniversary year, and to honor Mary, Mother of God on her Solemnity. Friday, February 1 will include a special First Friday evening of prayer organized by our parish deacons. Friday, March 1 we will have a parish party at the Garden City Hotel. This promises to be a wonderful gathering of our parish.

2019 will include our moving forward with a new parish building on the former convent property. This will be the first parish building project in more than 40 years, since the building of the rectory in the 1970’s. As our ministries have grown and our school has remained full and expanded its programs, we recognize the great need we have for additional space. The 10,000 additional square feet for ministry and meeting space will give us a fully accessible, fully contemporary and safer space to bring people together for ministry and mission all through the day. It is an exciting building program that we have been planning for more than two years. We have engaged parishioners, neighbors, the diocese, parish advisory committee, village boards, architects, and building and engineering consultants in this process.

The first part of 2019 will focus on raising funds for this $3.5 million building project, a figure that includes the building and related costs to open the building for daily use we hope by September, 2020. Our timetable is dictated by our ability to raise funds and engage in the process of contracting with a builder.

We have a fundraising company that works with many religious, educational, and philanthropic endeavors. Changing Our World is international in working with its many clients. We have been working with CW for four months and they are very encouraging and optimistic that we can reach our $3.5 million dollar goal. CW has guided us in an organized approach to our parishioners. We begin our efforts with smaller groups of parishioners and eventually in the winter, we will ask all registered parishioners to offer financial support for this project. Our initial reaching out has been very successful. Several parishioners have already indicated pledges that will be completed over the next five years. We have a very encouraging start and hope that by Easter time we will have achieved our pledge goal of $3.5 million.

2018 was a difficult year for the Church, especially the last summer. Catholics have been angry, disappointed and frustrated with all the events surrounding the abuse scandal. I share those feelings with you. Victims of abuse and their families still wait for actions and changes that will fully support the healing process. With you, I wait.

So it is a daring time to expand and build, to ask people to commit and raise funds. There has been a very important lesson for me and others during this time of dissatisfaction with church leadership. The lesson is that Catholic parish life, parish ministry and parish growth still takes place. We are not dependent in that way. Our community can grow and move forward despite failures and mistakes in church leadership. It is happening and our ministry and meeting building is a sterling example, while at the same time it is daring. So I ask you when you are contacted by parish volunteers to join this effort, you give our request for your participation prayerful consideration and support us as you are able.

The fall months, after the scandalous revelation, have seen a dip in our Sunday collection revenue. We have experienced about a 4% decline relative to the same period last year. The reasons for the decline are many. The withdrawing financial support because of the abuse scandal and decline in Mass attendance are the most significant reasons. We hope that the meeting of bishops with Pope Francis in February will provide an effective plan for change and healing as the Church seeks a better response to this scandal. We will also continue our efforts to invite families to come to Mass again so that more families practice weekly Sunday Mass as many of us did when we were children.

A positive development in Church finances in recent years has been the introduction of electronic giving to one’s parish. St. Anne’s now uses the company WeShare to encourage electronic giving. I invite you to give it your consideration. It is very easy to sign up for, gives many options for when to give, and how much to give. It allows the parishioner to plan the giving and eliminates the use of checks and envelopes. Our parishioners have experienced no security issues with WeShare. It has been safe and secure.

The advantage of WeShare for the parish is that it makes our revenue from Sunday collections more predictable, stable, and secure. We have studied WeShare users these past several weeks. We see consistent, regular patterns in their giving. Some users of WeShare designate the first weekend of the month as their time for their electronic contribution. So you may have noticed higher collections on the first Sundays. Users of WeShare are able to contribute when they are away or traveling and the parish does not miss out on their contribution.
Envelope users, check givers, those who contribute cash anonymously and WeShare users are all generous and critical to the financial health of the parish. Here are some observations about WeShare:

- About 175 parish families regularly use WeShare. That is about 6% of all parish registered families.
- About 550 parish families regularly use parish envelopes or personal checks. That is about 17% of all parish registered families.
- An unknown number of parishioners make their donation using cash with no envelope, so these contributions are not associated with a particular parishioner. Cash contributions without envelopes cannot be tracked and attributed to the contributing parishioner.
- Often on the first Sunday of the month, WeShare contribution are 40% of the contribution total.
- Often on the third Sunday of the month, WeShare contributions are 25% of the contribution total.
- About 23% of the parish families regularly support the parish through a regular use of WeShare, envelopes, or personal checks. Perhaps 10% of the parish contributes through cash with no envelope. It is very difficult to know this number.
- We estimate that fewer than 1/3 of the 3400 registered families are regular Mass attendees. Most Sundays now include a Mass attendance between 1600-1800 persons. We need to continue to encourage our parishioners, especially families with school-aged children to attend Mass more regularly.

![January - October 2018 Pie Chart](image)

2017 – 2018 fiscal year was an eventful one. 2018-2019 will be just as active. Shortly after January 1, we will begin the process of re-finishing our pews and polishing our floor. This will bring our re-furbishing of the Church to completion following up on last year’s painting. We have been able to do all this work with existing funds, without additional fundraising. That’s your generosity at work!

Please try to join us on January 1 at the 10:00AM Mass for the opening celebration of our 90th Anniversary Year. Join us if you are able on Friday, March 1, for our parish 90th Anniversary Celebration at the Garden City Hotel. You will receive your official invitation during Christmas week. Please help us as you are able with our Being Catholic at St. Anne’s: Our Families, Our Mission, Our Future capital campaign.

It is a privilege to serve you as the pastor of St. Anne’s. These past eight years have been very happy ones for me. Many thanks for your personal and prayerful support. Thank you for your financial support. I hope this report has been informative and helpful!

Merry and Blessed Christmas! Holy and Healthy 2019!

Fr. Tom
Loaves and Fishes Christmas Sponsor a Family - Thank You So Much!

Our stalwart volunteers delivered everything to Saint Martha’s in Uniondale and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish Outreach in Wyandanch last Saturday morning. In total, over 330 families received food for Christmas dinner and extras to help stock their shelves, along with gifts for each member of their families.

In the words of one family in need:
“Every bag of food and box received was a total delight and joy. We pray that your Thanksgiving and Christmas was as blessed for you and your family. For a family who had nothing for Christmas these gifts mean everything to us! Words cannot say. It put so much joy in our hearts and a lot of love in our home from you. Thanks for sending us so much love, joy and happiness.”

Thanks to all who help bring hope and joy to families in need. Special thanks to Barbara Tranfaglia, Paul and Diane Wykowski, Jon and Lilly Schwieger, Joanne and Rob Sorge, Jennifer Staub, Tricia Paskewitz, Mary Stenson, Marianne Huggard and every volunteer who so generously helped with this program. Our teen volunteers were exceptionally helpful and their dedicated efforts were much appreciated! Together, everyone helped bring joy and lightness of heart to many this Christmas.
A message of thanks from a family who was sponsored by St. Anne’s:

"I would like to thank you and yours for being so thoughtful. Only someone who knows God would do this. God will bless you in all you need and thank you again. My children will be so happy and excited on Christmas morning! They know I am having hard times. Everything we received is a blessing. I know that the donors are anonymous but please let them know that our family is truly, truly grateful!"
Families in Service Christmas Caroling

On Sunday, December 9th, our Families in Service program continued the annual tradition of visiting the homes of our senior parishioners, bringing them a message of good cheer. Families with young children gathered in the cafeteria for some light refreshments and prayed together before going out in groups to sing Christmas carols. It 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. Thanks to Shannon Kolenik, Rena Capri and Marianne Huggard for coordinating this event and to all who participated, helping us to share the blessings of Christmas.

Children made little Nativity scenes as a gift for each of the seniors whose homes they visited.
On the way home, one of the children said to her mom, “We were just like St. Lucy, who spread light to people all around her. But you know, mom, not real light, but the light of the love inside her.” We are grateful to all who help bring the Christmas spirit of love and light to everyone they encounter!
Many children participated in presentations of the Christmas Nativity this year, at our Special Needs Mass, at the Saint Anne’s School Christmas Concert and in an encore for our Senior Scene Christmas gathering. We are thankful to all who help bring the Scripture story of the birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph alive in our parish! (We look forward to the Nativity presentation at the Christmas Eve Family Mass with photos to follow.)

We are grateful to Danny Marquino, (center), our Prayer Leader at Respite, for narrating the Christmas Nativity at our Special Mass.
Respite Christmas Party

The Respite community enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 7th. As they gathered for dinner, the children and their buddies prayed together and gave thanks for the gift of their shared friendship. Santa Claus made a special appearance (with a "photo op") and presented each child with a gift. There were great games and activities for everyone, including decorating cookies, snowmen and human Christmas trees! We are especially grateful to the silent Santas among us who are so generous, quietly helping to make our Respite celebrations so memorable for all!
Saint Anne’s Senior Scene

Senior Scene members enjoyed a wonderful presentation of the Nativity by Saint Anne's 3rd grade students with Christmas carols provided by Saint Anne’s School Chorus. A delicious hot luncheon of chicken francese, roasted red potatoes, mixed vegetables, baked ziti, salad and rolls followed. Sincere thanks to Irene Costabile, Marilyn Fabio, Mary Kostal, Lauren Molloy, Elizabeth Mueller and Debbie Sweeney for their assistance throughout the year and to all the seniors who make our meetings so special for everyone!

Saint Anne’s Senior Scene group meets every other week and new members are always welcome. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 9th at 1:30PM in the cafeteria**. If would like more info, please contact Susanne Blum at 352-5904.

Happy New Year!

See you January 9th!
Youth Ministry Sponsors Families in Need for Christmas

Next Meeting on Sunday, January 6th at 6:30PM in the cafeteria

Saint Anne’s Youth Ministry sponsored two families in need for the holidays. These families were able to celebrate Christmas this year with a good meal and thoughtful gifts for each person. Members of Youth Ministry recently gathered for a retreat and they also held a bake sale to raise money to support Youth Group alumni leader, Maggie Parks, on her upcoming mission trip to Haiti.

Saint Anne’s Youth Ministry is founded on three main values: faith, community and service. At our regular meetings there are games and activities that encourage teens to form new friendships and have conversations with many different people. Teens come from various high schools and all are always welcome. New members are invited to join at any time. For more information, please contact Bill Leone @ bleone@stannesgc.org.

Members at a recent meeting

New members are always welcome!
Saint Anne’s School Service Initiative: 6th & 7th Grade Students Support Our Troops

Saint Anne’s School 6th and 7th grade students continued their tradition of supporting our troops by preparing 100 Christmas stockings filled with treats and handwritten notes to bring a message of thanks and Christmas cheer. We invited Marines who are currently assigned to District Headquarters on Stewart Avenue in Garden City to come and speak with the students. Sgt. Fina Hibbert, Sgt. Nancy Steele, Corporal Daniel Nesci and Sgt. Abraham Escobar visited our parish school for an interactive and informative session. Each Marine shared stories of how they entered the Marine Corps, where they have served and what their responsibilities are. We are grateful to these Marines for their willingness to engage with the students from Saint Anne’s and for their gift of service to our nation. Many thanks to Ms. Taylor Volpe for organizing this effort and to the parent service representatives for encouraging and assisting their children to know and understand the value of service.

Saint Anne’s Students of the Month

November: Danielle
December: Mackenzie

We thank them for sharing their God-given talents to the Saint Anne's Community and for being living witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Congratulations!
Christmas 2018

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families! Christmas is a powerful time of unity and communion for our families, and every Christmas is a time for our families to open even more deeply to the healing and transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Holy Family.

The Holy Family not only transformed but revolutionized the world and history through humility, poverty, adoration, and trust in the plan of God, and a complete dedication to the Glory of God.

Mary’s silent adoration and awe teaches us to see through everyday human events and appearances to the presence of Christ in every situation. Joseph teaches us rock solid trust and bold docility in the shifting terrain and unexpected events of daily life. The shepherds teach us simplicity, humility and reverent adoration. The Infant Prince of Peace teaches us that God’s Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel and the beating heart of the Crèche scene. Mercy is the Foundation of the Church’s mission to the world.

We approach the Prince of Peace this Christmas for special gifts of peace in our families, special gifts of peace for our Church and special gifts of peace for the World.

In the Mystery of the Nativity, we marvel and give Glory to God with the Shepherds and the Wise Men. We realize in the image of a poor, homeless family and the image of a poor, vulnerable baby that God’s logic in the Incarnation overturns and confounds the narrow logic of human power and calculation. “Families transform the world and history.”

The Holy Family continues to transform our marriages and our families - right in our daily experiences of the joys, crosses, crises and the unresolved issues of every marriage and every family in a fallen world. In the midst of the weaknesses and failures of daily family life, we remember the Glory of God that radiates from the manger lifting our families, despite their daily imperfections, to transform the world and history through faith, holiness and a missionary spirit.

When we pray and meditate on the Crèche at Christmas, we experience a spiritual rebirth and fresh insights into our daily family routine and our daily family spiritual, emotional and relational patterns. We allow the ruts of sin and selfishness in our families to be purified with daily patterns of prayer, grace and conversion. We remember that personal conversion sends ripple effects throughout a family.

The Crèche leads us to a deep experience of Mercy and Forgiveness in our families. And we remember that the confessionals in our churches are “Doors of Mercy” and forgiveness for our families. I invite you to take advantage of the gift of reconciliation by participating in the confessions offered at your parish during this holy season.

During this Christmas season, I want to thank you and your families for transforming the world and history with Christ’s love.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group
Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 16th at 7:30PM
Saint Anne’s Professional Networking Group offers opportunities to network, to share resources and to find support. We offer monthly meetings at Saint Anne’s, with informative speakers and ongoing opportunities to network with fellow parishioners. You can join the group on Linkedin, where you’ll find many useful suggestions and advice from members who have offered presentations at our meetings.

One-to-One Support: Anyone who might benefit from one-to-one support, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org and you will be connected to an appropriate person. All information shared remains confidential.

Cancer Support
Where there is life, there is hope...
Saint Anne's has a support group for people whose lives are affected by cancer. Those who have joined are at different points in their journey, but all share a common bond of faith. If you would like more information, please contact Linda Leone at 352-5904.

Resilience … You are not alone
Meeting - Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30PM
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! Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30PM. For more information, please contact Linda Leone at lindaleone@stannesgc.org or 516-352-5904.

Offer A Ride
There are parishioners in Saint Anne’s who, by circumstance of their age or health, are unable to drive to church, but who would very much like to be present at Mass. Would you consider offering to drive someone in this situation, on an occasional basis, perhaps once a month? There are many ways we can reach out to help those with special needs; offering a ride to Church can be a simple gesture, but one that is heartfelt by those who would have no other way to join us at Mass.

Drivers are also needed to provide on occasional ride to parishioners for doctor’s appointments, etc. If you would like to join us in offering assistance to our senior parishioners or if you wish to request rides to Church, please contact Kim DeMaro at 741-4760 or Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

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.
**Share-A-Meal**

Saint Anne’s Share-A-Meal program offers parishioners the opportunity to reach out and help persons in need by preparing a meal for them. A simple act, cooking dinner for someone who is not able to do so, but one that offers a great message of support. Parishioners who participate in Share-A-Meal offer to prepare a meal on an occasional basis, perhaps once a month, depending upon their availability. The families who receive these meals are truly grateful. More than food alone, the message being delivered is that there are parishioners who care and are willing to give of themselves in reaching out to help. For more information about how you can become part of Share-A-Meal, please call Suzannah Breglio at stannesgshareameal@gmail.com or Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

**Ministry of Consolation**

Saint Anne's helps to bring comfort to those who mourn through our Ministry of Consolation. Some members serve as companions who help guide recently bereaved families through the planning and celebration of the funeral Mass for their loved one. Others serve as greeters at the Mass and still others offer to bake cakes and deliver them to the homes of the next of kin. Volunteers in the Ministry of Consolation are known for their compassion and we are grateful for their service to our faith community. For any information, please call Linda Leone at 352-5904.

**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.

**Nurse Ministry**

Volunteer nurses in Saint Anne’s Parish assist people with health care needs by providing information, assessment, possible referrals and advocacy. They also work with caregivers of the sick in providing health guidance and assessment as needed. Please call Parish Social Ministry at 352-5904.

**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 & 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.

**PSM Advisory Committee**

Our PSM Advisory Committee is composed of the leaders of the various ministries of support and service at Saint Anne’s. Monthly meetings are held during which the leaders share their ideas and pray together. Many thanks to these leaders who help make Saint Anne’s the wonderful caring faith community it is!

**Ministry of Consolation**

Volunteers: Pat Esculish and Pat Hall

**Disabilities Awareness**

Volunteers: Judy Madden, Nancy Mundy, Colleen Moritz, Coordinator Betty Martin & Joanne Thelan

**Nurse Ministry**

FAITH FORMATION

Our Faith Formation team wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Classes will resume on Sunday January 6, 2019

Mrs. Abrusci’s class sent thank you cards to the troops

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Welcome to our new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Last Sunday at the 8:30 Mass we commissioned three new Eucharistic Ministers, Tina Broderick, Stacey Miller and Mary Buthorn. May God bless them in their new ministry here at St. Anne’s!

S. Judy with our 3 new Eucharistic Ministers

RCIA at Saint Anne’s

This past week the RCIA group we discussed the Infancy narratives in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. On Sunday, Dec. 30th at the 10:00 Mass we will have the Rite of Welcome for those in the RCIA process. Be part of the welcome and remember to pray for Amy, Sarah, Katie and Jennifer as they journey toward the Easter Sacraments!

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

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.”

Over the river and through the wood to Grandmother’s we go...goes the familiar holiday song. In the Advent time of Mary and Elizabeth, Mary traveled nearly 100 miles on foot, over the river and through the wood, taking three to five days to reach her cousin Elizabeth. Both had good news to share, the gift of a child from God, to Elizabeth, John the Baptist, and to Mary, the Son of God. As you travel over these Christmas days, or as you receive guests, keep in mind that you too bear the Good News of Christ’s coming to all you meet. The theologian, Meister Eckhart (1260-1328) reminds us that “we are all meant to be mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born.”

A blessed Advent – Come, Lord, Jesus, come!

Readings for Christmas
Isaiah 9: 1-6
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2: 15-20

Readings for Feast of the Holy Family
Sirach 3:2-6
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40
Or
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

Saint Anne’s Children’s Choir
Our Children’s Choir will sing at the 11:45 Mass on Sunday, January 6th. The Choir’s next rehearsal will be Monday, January 7th in Church. 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.

Saint Stephen, Martyr—December 26th
Saint Stephen is the first martyr of the Church. When the Apostles chose the first deacons to help in their ministry, Stephen was among the first seven to be chosen. Stephen was arrested and tried for blasphemy. His fate was sealed when he had a vision during his trial and cried out, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” He was taken out to be stoned to death by a mob, which included Saul of Tarsus (after his conversion he became St. Paul). Stephen is shown in art with three stones and a martyr’s palm. Sometimes he is depicted as wearing a dalmatic, a deacon’s vestment. In Ireland this day is known as St. Stephen’s Day and some observe the ancient custom of “wrenning.” Carolers go door-to-door to raise money for charity.

Grant, Lord, we pray, that we may imitate what we worship, and so learn to love even our enemies,
For we celebrate the heavenly birthday of Stephen
Who knew how to pray even for his persecutors.
(Collectors from the Mass for St. Stephen the first martyr)
St. Anne’s Trivia Question of the Week!
Where was St. Anne’s first Midnight Mass held?

The first Midnight Mass was held in the Stewart Manor Country Club. Father Ennis knew that the small chapel on Covert Avenue would not be large enough to hold all those who would come to Midnight Mass.

St. Anne’s CYO Indoor Track
Registration for the 2019 season is now open!
For details and links to registration, visit the Indoor Track page at www.stannesgccyo.org.
The last day for registration and uniform orders is Saturday, January 5, 2019.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court St. Anne # 1077

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MEETING
Sunday, January 6th at 1PM

The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters will be on Sunday, January 6th at 1pm in the school cafeteria. After the meeting there will be a presentation about breast cancer, a topic of great interest to all of us. All women are invited to attend. You do not have to be a member of the Catholic Daughters. Members should bring finger food (little sandwiches, fruit, muffins, cake, etc.) to share.

Please remember in your prayers family members of Saint Anne’s parishioners who are serving in the military:
1st Lt. William Allen, 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. Cmndr. Brian Cunningham, Navy SEAL
Capt. Christopher Dar Conte, USAF
Commander Michael Flatley, US Navy; Spc. David Garcia, US Army
Major Edward Gibbons, US Army; Capt. Lily Hague, US Army
Lt. Corporal James Harkin, USMC; Major Kevin Joyce, US Army
Sean Kelly, US Navy
Michael Koster, Military Police, US Army Reserves
Spc. Daniel R. MacFall, US Army
Lance Cpl. James McCarron, USMC
Ensign Glenn McKenna, US Navy; Cpl. Owen A. Monahan, USMC
Capt. Thomas Sofina, US Army Reserves; Capt. Tara Sutcliffe, USMC
2nd Lt. Kyle T. Walsh, US Army, Aviation

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY

SUNDAY OFFERTORY
Sunday, December 16, 2018 $18,710
WeShare Electronic Contributions $ 5,521
Total Collection $24,231

Sunday, December 17, 2017 $20,149
WeShare Electronic Contributions $ 5,019
Total Collection $25,168

FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY
September 1, 2018 - December 16, 2018 $374,887
September 1, 2017 - December 17, 2017 $387,956

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

THIS SEASON, GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE

Support your church today using your debit, credit cards, checking, or savings accounts.

1. Visit stannescweshareonline.org and click Make a Donation.
2. Select the collection or event of your choice.
3. Set up your donation or payment. That’s it!

IT’S SAFE. IT’S SIMPLE. IT’S CONVENIENT.
SAINT ANNE’S Celebrates CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
SAVE THE DATE...
Sunday, January 27th - 11:45AM Mass
School Open House immediately following

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
- Smart 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 provided onsite
- Special-Ed certified academic support teacher on staff
- Individual class Masses in the Saint Therese Chapel

Extracurricular activities include 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 Crowning and the 3rd Grade Christmas Pageant. The upper grade students participate in a Rube Goldberg project, Living Legends and Project Adventure as well as a faith-based retreats.

We invite you to come and see if our caring, faith-filled environment is best for your child. Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner, beginning on Sunday, January 27th. We look forward to sharing the good news of Saint Anne’s School with you.

Please contact our principal, Mr. Gene Fennell at 352-1205 or gfennell@stannesgcschool.org.
THANK YOU TO OUR SPIRIT DAY SPONSORS!

Each year we have many companies who generously support Spirit Day as a sponsor. During this Christmas season we wish to thank them for their participation in our wonderful annual event. We hope that should you have a need for any of these services that you will consider supporting these vendors with your business. We are grateful for the support they provide to our faith community throughout the year!

All County Business Solutions
Andrew J. Mollica, Attorney at Law
Andriola, Goldberg & Associates
Ann Doyle - Signature Premier Properties
B & P Chimney Cleaning & Repair Co., Inc.
Balsamo Contracting
Beauty Counter - Michele Meyer
Brosnan & Hegler, LLP
Camp Bernadette & Camp Fatima
Catholic Daughters of America - Court St. Anne
Chiarelli’s Religious Goods, Inc.
Chief Equipment
Cinelli Pizzeria
Coach Realtor-Sharon Redmond & Monica Kiely
Donnelly Mechanical Corporation
Drexler Land Development Corporation
Fairchild Sons Funeral Home, Inc.
Franklin Funeral Home
Garden City Orthodontics - Dr. Denise Emma
Georgewood Florist
JVL Open
K of C - Msgr. John Seidenschwang Council
Krauss Funeral Home, Inc.
Mallozzi & Dwyer, CPAs
Manor Deli
Miller Bros. Plumbing & Heating
Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Park Funeral Chapels
Park Place Restaurant & Bar
Pellegrini’s Prime Meats
Phoenix Construction Solutions
Prime Fine Catering
Quality A/C & Heating Inc.
Rosen & Federico
Seventh Street Gourmet Deli
Signature Premier Properties - Marge Leder
St. Anne’s Home School Association
Sunrun
The Church Bulletin, Inc.
The Inn at New Hyde Park
The Sullivan Group - Merrick Lynch
Thomas F. Dalton Funeral Homes
Tobin Dental Care
Toscano & Associates
Tulip Caterers
Ultimate Pest Control Inc.
Valley Stream House of Carpets
West Hempstead Animal Hospital

SAVE THE DATE! SPIRIT DAY 2019
Saturday, September 14th
Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
7:00AM Walter Dmytryszyn Don
8:30 Michael Falabella, Michael J. Higgins, Dora & Angelo Melchionna, Eileen Fox
10:00 Theresa Browne
10:30 Vincent J. Turecarno
11:45 Agnes Conway
5:30PM Theresa Browne

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
7:30 Vincent Gulino
9:00 Erasamus Ambrosino
4:00PM Helene & Harry Michalski
4:00AUD John & Madeleine Esposito
6:00PM Bob Wilkinson, Joan Berger & Bernadette Berger
9:00PM The Oles, Esposito & Pugliese Families
Midnight Frank & Anna Versaglio & Giovanni Cordio

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:00 Antonio Pinto
8:30 Sheila Valvo,
10:00 Thomas Downey - 11th Anniversary
11:45 Claire Pellett
1:15 Ralph Comunale

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26
7:30 Dennis Driscoll
9:00 Kathleen Morris

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27
7:30 Rose Casey
9:00 Theresa Browne

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28
9:00 Mae McGuigan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29
8:30 Ricky Brew, Marge Rix Schnell
5:00PM Concetta Trovato

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30
7:00AM Parishioners of St. Anne
8:30 Josephine & Frank Dionisio
Kerry Hamill & Grayson Hamill-Pelligrino 1st Anniv.
Joe & Anne Cartwright, Eileen Fox
10:00 Genevieve O’Malley
11:45 Raymond Amato
5:30PM James Harrington

The Altar Bread & Wine for this week
is in memory of Helen & Harry Michalski
Donated by Karen Lanzetta

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

December 25, 2017 - Stella Marie Muntzner
December 28, 2017 - Theresa Browne
December 29, 2017 - Ellen M. Redding
December 30, 2017 - Raymond J. Amato
### Pastoral Staff

**Pastor**
Msgr. Thomas Harold

**Associate Pastor**
Rev. Tim Valentine

**Priest in Residence**
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### We Celebrate the Sacraments

**Eucharist**
- Saturday Evening: 5:00PM
- Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:45, 5:30PM
- 10:30AM Family Mass (October—May)

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

**Baptisms**
Infant Baptisms are celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month at 1:30PM. Parents are asked to call the parish office for more information.

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

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

### Opportunities for Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Let us pray for those who have died**

*Pasquale M. Gaeta*
*Barbara Gerrard*
*Annette Griffin*

**We welcome those newly baptized**

*Emma Bonasso*
*Mae Adeline Connors*
*James Satterlee Donovan*
*Joseph Louis Vozzo*

**Wedding Banns - Second Time**

*Nicole Orlando - St. Catherine of Siena*
Franklin Square, NY

&

*Shaun Barrett - St. Cyril & St. Methodius*
Deer Park, NY

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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 29**
- 5:00PM - Fr. Tom

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