Novena in Honor of Saint Anne

Glorious Saint Anne, I desire to honor you with a special devotion. I choose you, after the Blessed Virgin, as my spiritual mother and protectress. To you I entrust my soul and my body, all my spiritual and temporal interests, as well as those of my family. To you I consecrate my mind, that in all things it may be enlightened by faith; my heart, that you may keep it pure and fill it with love for Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and yourself; my will, that like yours, it may always be one with the Will of God.

Good Saint Anne, filled with love for those who invoke you with compassion for those who suffer, I confidently place before you my earnest petition:

(Mention your request.)

I beg you to recommend my petition to your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, that both Mary and you may present it to Jesus. Through your earnest prayers may my request be granted. But if what I ask should not be according to the Will of God, obtain for me that which will be for the greater benefit of my soul. By the power and the grace with which God has blessed you, extend to me your helping hand.

But most of all, merciful Saint Anne, I beg you to help me to master my evil inclinations and temptations, and to avoid all occasions of sin. Obtain for me the grace of never offending God, of fulfilling faithfully all the duties of my state of life, and of practicing all those virtues that are needful for my salvation.

Like you, may I belong to God in life and in death through perfect love. And after having loved and honored you on earth as a truly devoted child, may I, through your prayers, have the privilege of loving and honoring you in heaven with the Angels and Saints throughout eternity.

Good Saint Anne, mother of her who is our life, our sweetness and our hope, pray to her for me and obtain my request.

Amen.
My Dear Parish Family,

On Monday, July 17th, we begin to pray as a parish family our nine-day novena to our Patroness, Saint Anne. There are many versions of this novena that are available. Perhaps you have a favorite that you have been praying for many years. If this is the first time you are praying the novena, I have printed the version that is in the prayer book used by the seminarians at the North American College in Rome. There are also copies of the novena available in the back of the church. Please be sure to take the time each day to pray this powerful novena. Pray for your own intentions of course, but also pray that our precious Saint Anne will watch over and protect our parish family. May she appeal to her daughter and to her grandson on our behalf. Through her intercession, may we grow ever closer in love for God, for Our Lord Jesus Christ, for their Most Holy Spirit, for our Blessed Mother Mary, and for Saint Anne herself. May our love for them show forth and bear much good fruit in our love and care for one another!

Our parish family laid to rest one of our dear Waterford parishioners this past Monday. + Betty Duggan came on the bus to Mass with the other residents not knowing anything about our parish. About five minutes later, she was in love with all of you! She couldn’t stop talking about how loving and welcoming all of you were, and how you made her feel right at home from that very first day. Betty has been on hospice for the past month. Elaine and I had the grace of visiting her at the time she was first admitted. She talked for an hour and a half, not about herself, but once again about how much she loved Saint Anne. Her nephew, Pastor Jim Hearne, one of my former students from Saint Joseph Seminary, gave a wonderful portrait of his Aunt Betty at the funeral Mass. We will miss her smiling face, but we know that we have a new intercessor for our parish family in God’s Kingdom!

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered as part of our outreach ministry on last week’s Service Saturday and on this past Wednesday’s visit to Pinecrest Nursing Home. Our Service Saturday volunteers made our church and kitchen cleaner than clean, and thanks to Dan Lippe, Jack and Max Dunlavy, Father Sweeney Hall looks brand new with a fresh coat of paint. The visit to Pinecrest was highlighted by a magic show by our own Chuck Gruberman. Chuck now lives in Michigan, but still comes to be with us here at Saint Anne whenever he can. Many thanks to Chuck for making this special trip to entertain the residents. You are the greatest!

Please see page five for more information about our upcoming Feast Day celebration on Sunday, July 23rd, and page six for our Vacation Bible School which begins on July 31st! Saint Anne, pray for us!
**Stewardship**

**July 9, 2017**

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**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, July 17**—Weekday

No Services Today

**Tuesday, July 18**—St. Camilius de Lellis

8:30 am

**Wednesday, July 19**—Weekday

8:30 am

**Thursday, July 20**—St. Apollinaris

8:30 am

**Friday, July 21**—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:30 am Communion Service

**Saturday, July 22**—Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:30 pm Lawrence, Bernadette, & Larry Dagenais & Christina Marie Ewan by Zoe Ewan Venturina Wokorach by John & Anita Kowalisyn

**Sunday, July 23**—Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am George Staros by Forde Family Intentions of Leona Yeager-by Forde Family People of the Parish

10:30 am Intentions of 8:30 Rosary Mass Group by Jim Cameron

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**Sick Relatives & Friends**

**Please pray for all who are sick and in need of healing, especially:**

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**In Memoriam**

The parish family of St. Anne expresses our condolences to the families of:

Betty Duggan

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 16, 2017**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

— Psalm 65:12

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**St. Anne Holy Hour**

Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m.

September 5, 2017

Please enter the church building through the parking lot door.
THE WORD SHALL DO MY WILL

The word of God is caught up in metaphors and parables. The image of seed that falls on different kinds of ground helps us understand how to listen creatively.

Jesus, the Word, bears fruit in all of creation, but best in our lives and hearts. When you hear this parable of the sower and the seed, do you wonder which you are? Sometimes it seems that we are one, and sometimes another. Like all metaphors, this parable must be understood intuitively, “with the heart,” in order for it to work God’s healing grace in us.

Jesus is careful to say that we see with our eyes and hear with our ears, but we understand, not with our head, but with our heart.

It is easy to get discouraged. It is easy to be distracted by difficulties and duties in our daily lives. It is possible for the word to be snatched away, even as we struggle to understand. Distractions of every kind prevent the word from being heard. But Isaiah and Paul underline the important point that the word of God is effective in all of creation, including us. Just as the rain waters the earth and will not return to the heavens until it does its intended work, the earth yields its rich harvest and rejoices. Our sufferings, distractions, and wearying work will not prevent us from hearing the word of God and doing God’s work if we see with our eyes the beauty of creation, hear with our ears the music of the universe, and understand with our heart that God has made all of this to help us. God heals every ill, calls us back to hearing the word of God and doing God’s work in us. He is God’s grace that prepares the ground for the seed, watering it, breaking up the clods, making even untilled ground fruitful. When we understand with our heart that this is God’s work in us, then even without understanding with our head, we can receive the word of God with the same joyful song of creation in bloom.


Living Stewardship Now

Where has the word of God landed in the good soil of your life, and how does it bear fruit? Where has it been choked out or lost?

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St Anne Feast Day

Feast Day Mass/ Pot Luck Dinner

Great Fun!!!!

Sunday, July 23rd
10:30 Mass and Pot Luck

Everyone is invited ....
Come and celebrate our feast day and join in fun activities for the whole family....

Please bring an entrée, salad or side dish—enough to feed your family and any guests that you bring.

The dishes can be either hot or cold.

If you want to be creative,

bring an ethnic dish!

PARISH WILL SUPPLY DESSERT!

Call Parish Office
335-1792
Or
R.E. Office 335-2286
For additional information

Día de fiesta de St. Anne

Feast Day Misa/ Comida

Todos están invitados ....
Venga a celebrar nuestro día de fiesta y unirse a actividades divertidas para el conjunto familia

Domingo 23 de julio
10:30 Misa y comida

La Pazzonia de Santa Ana le invita a la celebración de Santa Ana día de la fiesta.

Domingo 23 de julio del año 2017

Misa a las 10:30 am

Comida desde todos traen un platillo

Por favor, traiga su platillo favorito para compartir si ensalada, carreta,

St. Anne con proporcionar el postre
**AROUND THE PARISH**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN! ! !

**July 31st thru August 4th**

9:00 – 11:30

Sweeney Hall

We invite all children who are entering Kindergarten thru Grade 5

Pick Up your **Registration Forms** in the back of Church

**Medical Release Form** is on the Back - Please fill out as well.

Please return completed form to Religious Education Office.

Registration must be received by Sunday, July 23rd.

No late registrations will be accepted due to scheduling.

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**Adult, Teen & Pre-Teen Helpers**

and

**Confirmation Students for Service Hours**

Confirmation Students, Adult volunteers and children from 6th to 12th grade interested in helping at VBS there will be a **Mandatory Meeting** on July 16th after the 10:30 Mass in the Teen Room

**All Adult Volunteers must be Virtus Certified**

For more information please call Monica Elsey 708-432-5300.

OR

Email to monicaelsey1@gmail.com
Hello, my name is Mary Flynn. I would like to share with you some of my thoughts about The Divine Dance by Richard Rohr. As many of you, I was taught that God is this aloof, omniscient being who watches everything we do and if we sin he punishes us with eternal damnation. As a result, I was scared of God, and as a young adult I didn't like him very much and kind of ignored him. When I came to St. Anne, Father Len Dubi preached about how much God loved us and that he didn't punish. God is Love! What a concept. As I began to accept this concept my life changed. I opened myself up to God's love and I became a much more spiritual person. In the book and in the CDs, Richard Rohr talks about how much the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit love us and want to be a part of our lives. He teaches that we have to accept what God is sending to us and become part of the "flow" of love and grace. I have only listened to the first CD. However, the more I listen, the more I feel the presence of God in my life. I am allowing myself to "dance" with God.

I highly recommend either reading the book or listening to the CDs or both.

Thank you for allowing me to share my faith and thoughts with you.

FRUIT OF THE WORD
The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

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