



St. Anne's R.C. Church

"Our Love shines through" Est. 1895

88 Second Ave. Brentwood, New York 11717

(631) 273-8113 Fax (631) 436-7914

Parish Website: www.stannebrentwood.org

Parish Email: stannesbrentwood@gmail.com



LENT

THE PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Stanislaw Wadowski, Pastor

Rev. Eden Jean-Baptiste, Associate Pastor

Rev. Victor Evangelista Vases, Associate Pastor

Deacon Thomas R. Samson

Deacon Jay Alvarado

Deacon John E. Walters

Deacon Andres Colpa

Mrs. Marge Baum, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Sue Lindsay, Director of Music

Mrs. Bertha Keenan, Director of Family Faith Formation

Mrs. Janet Lambert, Outreach Coordinator

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon and 5:30 PM (English)

Wednesday: 7:30 PM (French Creole)

Thursday: 7:30 PM (Spanish)

Saturday: 9:00 AM (English)

WEEKENDS:

Saturday: 5:00 PM (English), 7:30 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 7:30 AM (English), 9:00 AM (Spanish),

11:00 AM (English), 12:30 PM (French Creole),

5:00 pm—(English)

HOLY DAYS:

Will be announced as each Holyday is celebrated.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 PM in English & Spanish

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: *We welcome all new families! To register as a part of the family of Saint Anne's Parish, please stop by the Rectory Office to fill out a simple registration form.*

You have joined a wonderful community!

Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon, 1:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. & 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. **CLOSED SUNDAYS.**

Welcome • Bienvenidos • Bienvenue

To keep the faith alive for future generations, please consider remembering St. Anne's in your Will.

March 19, 2017 — 3rd Sunday of Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYER

Antoinette Inguanti, Carmela Inguanti, Joseph Inguanti, Ann Cisco, Anna Natorki, Michael Natorki, Robert Newell Sr., Jeffrey Camarda, Irene O'Connell, Mike Livoti, Ivona Bartosik, Bartosik Family, Zas Family, Irene Gore, Ebner Family, Marsch Family, Maryann O'Keefe, Emmaline Strick, Barbara Smith, Salvatore Esposito, Biangardi Family, Connor Amato, Dominga Francisco, George Talley, Michael Toscano, Martin Geneve, Maurice Lalonde, Jenny Jamsy Rodriguez, Taylor Chanoine

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

<i>Steven Reyes</i>	<i>Luis Vieta</i>
<i>Thomas Shelton</i>	<i>Trinifer Garcia</i>
<i>Richard Laureano</i>	<i>Robert Gilman</i>
<i>William Suhr</i>	<i>Shawn G. Muller</i>
<i>Daniel Mejia Sr.</i>	<i>Mariana Rodriguez</i>
<i>John Lampkin</i>	<i>Colin McNulty</i>
<i>Alexandria Talleriso</i>	<i>Joseph A. Rodriguez</i>
<i>William Krausch Jr.</i>	<i>Stacey Delano</i>
<i>Matthew James Murphy</i>	<i>Omer Cadet</i>
<i>Jon Jay Uebel</i>	<i>Angel Gonzalez</i>
<i>Peter Daniel Rivera</i>	<i>Kevin Shaw</i>
<i>Tyler Rodriguez</i>	<i>Stephen Gregory</i>
<i>Angel Gonzalez</i>	<i>Keith Jermyn</i>
<i>Christopher A. Cary</i>	<i>Ryan Gregory</i>
<i>Americo Otero</i>	<i>Matthew Ghiringhelli</i>



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 18, 2017

5:00 - Gabriel Gonzales †
 7:30 - (Spanish) Por la Salud de la Familia Batz Lux (Liv.)
 Almas del Purgatorio
 Jose Sarvelio Parada†
 Jose Andres Cardona & Evila de Cardona †

Sunday, March 19, 2017

7:30 - Raymonde LaForest †
 9:00 - (Spanish) Mr. & Mrs. Quilvio & Juanita Cruceta
 (40th Wedd. Annv.)(Liv.)
 Dominga Francisco (Healing)
 Almas del Purgatorio
 11:00 - Ivona Bartosik (Healing)
 Irene Gore (Healing)
 12:30- In honor of St. Joseph
 Jourdan Neree †
 5:00 - In thanksgiving for the McLaughlin Family (Liv.)
 St. Anne's Parishoners (Liv. & Dec.)



Monday, March 20, 2017

Noon - Margaret Calandra †
 Debra Lumsden †
 5:30 - Barry Rytel (2nd Annv.) †
 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

NOON - Margaret Calandra †
 Kaylee Lizeth Diaz (Liv.)
 5:30- **Available**

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

NOON - Margaret Calandra †
 5:30 - Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:30 - (Haitian) Clotilde Alfred †

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Noon- Ellen Selva †
 Margaret Calandra †
 5:30 - **Available**
 7:30- (Spanish) Yanira Arriaza (4th Annv.) †

Friday, March 24, 2017

Noon - Michael Grant Sr. †
 Carmen Ortiz (Birth. In Heaven) †
 5:30 - Godofredo Lampa †

Saturday, March 25, 2017

9:00 - Souls in Purgatory
 5:00 - **Available**
 7:30 - (Spanish) **Available**

Sunday, March 26, 2017

7:30 - **Available**
 9:00 - (Spanish) Fernando Francisco †
 Isabel Saravia †
 11:00 - Deceased Members of the Haig & Byrne Families†
 The Hubenko Family †
 12:30- **Available**
 5:00 - **Available**
 St. Anne's Parishoners (Liv. & Dec.)



WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION

March 11-12, 2017

First Collection

*Thank you to all who use their envelopes
 and for those who give from their hearts and pockets.*



BAPTISM

Let us pray for all the babies and their
 Families who were received into our church last week-
 end through the Sacrament of Baptism

Darwens Elroy, Keyli Elizabeth Pineda Rivera,
 Prince Bello Osunde II

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parish Offices: 273-8113

Parish Fax: 436-7914

Office of Family Faith Formation: 231-7344

Fr. Thomas Conerty Outreach: 273-8113 ex 229

Haitian/American Apostolate: 951- 0129

Hospitality Too/Soup Kitchen: 482-8538

Our Lady of Providence Regional School: 234-6324

St. Anne's Gardens (Senior Housing): 952-5411

Crisis Pregnancy: 243-2373 or 1-800-287-BABY

Pronto: 231-8290

Catholic Charities Immigrant Service: 631-789-5235

3rd Sunday of Lent

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is amazing to see the progress of readings of Sacred Scriptures in Lenten Season, and let me remind you the lines from the Gospel readings:

Ash Wednesday - when you pray, give alms, fast, do it in secret, and the Father who sees in secret will repay you.

First Sunday of Lent - Temptations of Jesus - one does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Second Sunday - Transfiguration of Jesus - This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

Third Sunday - Encounter with Samaritan woman - give me a drink..... my food is to do the will of the one who sent me..... So after being tempted - like us, He is Transfigured as he promises us, than he asks for a drink but in fact He tells us, that: whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst..... I have food to eat of which you do not know. Than the people to whom the Samaritan woman talked said: we no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.

What a powerful experience, that the Samaritan woman makes for herself and for her friends ??? To be able to provoke Jesus to reveal himself for who he is, to enter into dialogue and friendship with him, than being able to bring others to experience who Christ is, that is something that even Apostles did not accomplish so quickly as she did. What was it about her, that made Jesus tell her his secrets, that made him so open and vulnerable and straight forward with her ???

She was prepared to handle much more revelation from Christ and to make the connection to Sacred Scriptures. As the Apostles returned, she went away on a mission to call others to Christ, who confirmed all that she perceived, as revelation of the savior of the world. What a mysterious encounter with tired Jesus, who was just resting by the well waiting for food and water.

Is the invitation to us made by our Bishop John - to re-invite back to Mass someone from not practicing Catholics, is that an extension of the mission of the Samaritan woman ??? Is that call this same call as Bishop Perez promotes what is called the 5th Encounter ??? - a 5th missionary wave of evangelization ??? Surely all of that invitation is made to us by the Lord through the liturgy of this week, with Moses we are asked to strike the rock of the hearts of those who are away from the Lord, after we have experienced what it is to find living water by the side of Jesus. And as St. Paul says: - God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

What is going to be my answer to it all ??? Let's live this precious time of Lent in footsteps of Jesus as he invites us to share in his cross, than in his glory. Give me a drink - Jesus says. What am I going to do for Jesus ???

Take an example of the Samaritan woman. Her life was transformed, was changed forever. Or ask like her to never thirst again. God bless you always!!!!

Hope you had happy St. Patrick's by having some corned beef and cabbage, and you will have good St. Joseph's feast this Sunday by winning our parish raffle. Hope you got your ticket.

Happy St. Joseph's to all !!!!

Fr. Stan



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR VIBRANT,
DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF FAITH, HOPE
AND LOVE HERE AT ST. ANNE'S.**

*Sign up next weekend March 25th & 26th after
all the Masses.*

*Parish Finance Committee Members and friends
here at St. Anne's will be available to help you
register in our Parish.*

*The Committee Members will be speaking at all the Masses to encourage your joining the parish
and becoming good stewards of our church.*

***Hey here is an idea! If you use social media ...when you're at church, take a
selfie on your phone and post it and this way you encourage
other to join you.***



MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

Fr. Victor Evangelista, Coordinador

TEL: (631) 273-8113 Fax: (631) 436-7914

Santa Misas: jueves, 7:30 PM; sábado, 7:30 PM; domingo, 9:00AM Confesiones: Los sábados, 4:00 - 4:45 PM Todos los días 5:00 - 5:30 PM

Bautismos:

Primer, segundo y tercer sábado de cada mes a las 12:15 P.M. Clases pre-bautismales, segundo sábado de cada mes a las 9:00A.M. Favor de traer el acta de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

Requisitos: 1. *Copia de Fe o Certificado de nacimiento del niño o de la niña.* 2. *Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos).* 3. *Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de Santa Ana para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.*

Matrimonios

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes o diáconos ocho (8) meses antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para mas información llame al 273-8113.

Exposición del Santísimo

El Primer jueves de cada mes a las 8:15 P.M.

Cursillo de Cristiandad - Gonzalo Marroquin 897-6906

Or Manuel Molina 988-0130 or Ultrella - jueves después de la Misa de las 7:30 PM.

Renovación Carismática

Miércoles 7:30 PM. Coordinador, Martin Martínez 631-404-6084 Celeste Payano Sub-Coordinadora 631-231-6968

Grupo Juvenil Renacer viernes, 7:30 PM. En los bajos de la Iglesia. Coordinador: Patricia Iglesias 631-708-6958. Sub Coordinador: Victor Farfan 631-708-9120

Grupo Divina Misericordia

Cenáculos: 2do y 4to domingo de mes, desde las 2:00 PM. en adelante. Coronilla a la

Divina Misericordia los jueves después de la Misa de 7:30pm: José y Carmen Núñez, 813-1490 y (646)221-6089. Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Alberto y Margarita Roman 631-682-4986

Hermanidad de Emmaus: Todos los martes a las 7:00 en la capilla del convento Coordinadores: Romilio Lorenzo 631-404-5205 y Iris Emiliano: 631-813-1852. "Buscando la Vía del Señor.

Legión de María Hilda S. Gonzales (516) 818-3294

Domingo después de la misa 9a.m.

R.I.C.A. Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

Fr. Victor 273-8113 lunes 7:30 - 9:00p.m.

Reunión de Coordinadores de Grupos Miguel Angel Alfaro— Presidente. 631-220- 7830

Reunión de la Comunidad y Café de Amistad Cuarto domingo a las 10:30 AM.

Coro del Sábado y Coro del Domingo Moisés Telenta 745-2164 Práctica: Domingos 6:00 PM

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION ST. ANNE'S PARISH

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism: For children under 5, please contact the Parish Office (273-8113) for an appointment to speak with a Priest or Deacon at least several weeks before the Baptism. For older children, contact the Office of Family Faith Formation (231-7344).

First Holy Communion: Children usually begin Religious Education studies in the First Grade and are prepared for Communion in the Second Grade. Call the Family Faith Formation Office (231-7344) to register your child the summer before the school year begins.

Confirmation: This Sacrament is currently celebrated in the Eighth Grade after 2 years of preparation. Please call the Religious Education Office (231-7344) for more information.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the Parish Office at any time to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick either at home or in the hospital.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament is celebrated every weekday at 5:00p.m. also Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45 PM in the Church and at 8:30a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays or by appointment by calling the business office 631-273-8113.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Marriage: Congratulations! Couples planning to marry should make an appointment with a Priest or Deacon at least eight (8) months in advance of the wedding to allow time for adequate preparation.

Holy Orders: Is God calling you? Call a Priest or Deacon to discern a possible vocation to the Priesthood, Diaconate or the Religious life.

DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Each Thursday from 12:30 PM until 5:15 PM. First Friday from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Rosary after the 12:00 daily Mass.

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after the 12:00 Mass and First Saturday from 8:15 - 9:00 AM.

OUTREACH

St. Anne's Outreach Ministry (Fr. Thomas Conerty Outreach) is open every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00p.m. The Food Pantry operates on the same days from 9:30 AM to 1:00p.m. only. Please call 273-8113 ext. 229.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which a teen or adult either joins the Church or completes their Sacraments of Initiation. There is no fee. Please call Faith Formation Office (631) 231-7344 for more information.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS ED.

As a community concerned with the process of educating our young people, we turn to the family as the primary source of passing on the faith. We attempt to form families in the faith for this generation and the next. For more information and to register your family, (631)231-7344

ALL NIGHT PRO-LIFE VIGIL

Every 3rd Friday of the Month; 9:00p.m. to 6:00a.m. in the Chapel next to Parish Business office. All are welcome.



Les gustaría unirse a nuestra vibrante, y diversa comunidad de fe, esperanza y amor aquí en Santa Ana. Anótese el próximo fin de semana 25 y 26 de marzo después de todas las Misas.

Los miembros del Comité Financiero Parroquial y amigos de aquí de la Parroquia estarán disponibles para ayudarles para registrarse en nuestra Parroquia.

Los Miembros del Comité hablaran en todas las Misas para motivarle a unirse a la Parroquia y convertirse en un buen feligrés para nuestra Iglesia.

Hey! Esta es otra idea! Si usted usa medio social en internet.....cuando usted este en la Iglesia, tome una selfie en su teléfono y la sube a su medio social de esta manera usted invita a otros a que compartan.



Were you wondering where all your hard earned money goes when you donate to our Church? Well this is just a small example.....

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH AVERAGE MONTHLY COLLECTIONS TO AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES

INCOME

Average Monthly Amount

Sunday & Holyday Collections

45,111

45,111

EXPENSES

Salaries

18,000

Fringe Benefits

14,409

Regional School Subsidy

9,777

Computer Maintenance

883

Telephone

595

Professional Fees

1,200

Diocesan Assessment

6,229

Gas, water, electric

7,923

Contracted Maintenance Expenses

2,625

Property & Building Insurance

4,021

65,662

(20,551)





The Shrine of St. Anne's Council
Presents

NITE AT THE RACES

Friday, March 24th, 2017 at 8pm

Proceeds will be donated to

St. Anne's/Council Driveway Project

DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 PM

(First Race 8:20 PM)

\$8 for 8 RACES

and includes: HOT BUFFET

BEER, SODA

COFFEE AND CAKE

Shrine of St. Anne's just next door!

96 SECOND AVE., BRENTWOOD

***THIS IS A FUNDRAISER TO HELP DEFER THE
COST OF PUTTING IN A DRIVEWAY
CONNECTING OUR TWO PARKING LOTS
ALLOWING FOR ABLE PARKING FOR BOTH
THE KNIGHTS AND THE CHURCH.***



The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Via Dolorosa, is a narration of the final hours in the life of Jesus Christ on earth that continues to provide spiritual conviction for every Christian and application to our lives. The Stations of the Cross serve as a stark reminder of the humble manner in which Jesus was willing to set aside any privilege of deity in order to provide a path to salvation through His sacrifice.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

THURSDAYS—7:00 P.M.—SPANISH

FRIDAYS—6:00 P.M. ENGLISH

FRIDAYS—8:00 P.M.—HAITIAN

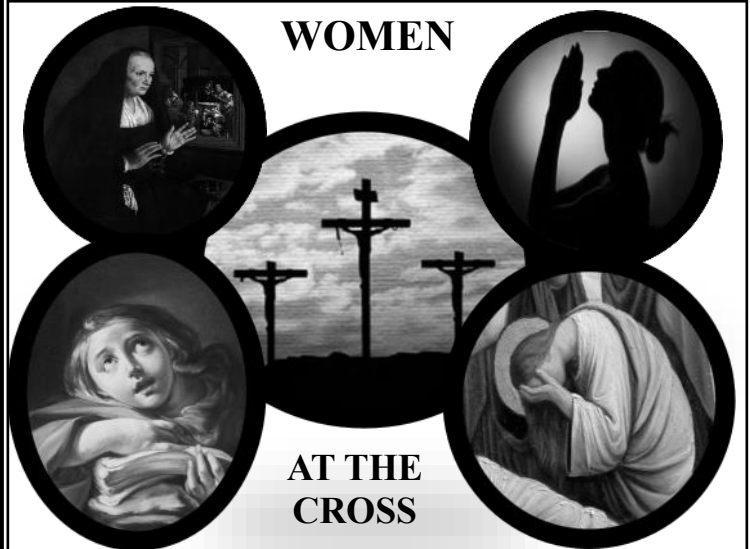
**Please bring your family and start a new
Lenten tradition for all.**

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND DISABLED



Parishioners who have a
medical or age related
condition and cannot attend

Mass should contact the Parish Office
631-273-8113 and request that a “Eucharistic
Minister” be assigned to come and bring
communion to your home. A “Eucharistic
Minister” will be assigned to provide the
Eucharist for as long as you request.
If you would like to receive the Sacrament of
Reconciliation, you may also call the Parish
Office to request a “Priest” for this
Sacrament.



WOMEN

**AT THE
CROSS**

*Women were also there; women have always
been there; and women continue to be present
to carry the message of our
Christian faith.*

All Parishioners are welcomed to attend this
presentation of readings, reflections and mu-
sic, before the cross.

This will be a quiet evening of reflection
for Lent.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 6:30 P.M.
FOLLOWING THE 5:00P.M. MASS



@St. Anne's Church



Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation Long Island

Community Free Clinic

Date: March 26, 2017 (Sunday)

Time: 10 AM – 2 PM

Place: St Anne's Church

Lower level

88 second Avenue, Brentwood, NY 11717

- Medical doctors, dentists, acupuncturists, physical therapists, etc.
- Dental exam, cleaning, and treatment
(Limited sessions. First come, first serve.)
- Check blood pressure & BMI
- Health, wellness, and nutrition education
- Free haircut and gifts!!



For more information, please call

St. Anne's Church at (631) 273-8113

Tzu Chi Foundation long island branch at (516) 873-6888

Also Sponsored By

- PRONTO of Long Island
- United Health Care
- Wellbrook Foundation
- Walgreens



@St. Anne's Church



Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation Long Island

Clínica Libre Comunitaria

(No necesita ID)

Date: MARZO 26, 2017 (Domingo)

Time: 10 AM – 2 PM

Place: St Anne's Church

Nivel inferior

88 second Avenue, Brentwood, NY 11717

- Médicos, dentistas, acupunturistas, fisioterapeutas, etc.
- Examen dental, limpieza y tratamiento
(Sesiones limitadas. Se le sirve en orden de llegada.)
- Controlar la presión arterial y BMI
- Educación en salud, bienestar y nutrición
- ¡Corte de pelo y regalos libres !!



Para obtener más información, por favor llame

St. Anne's Church at (631) 273-8113

Tzu Chi Foundation Long Island Branch at (516) 873-6888

Patrocinado también por

- PRONTO of Long Island
- United Health Care
- Wellbrook Foundation
- Walgreens

Registro comienza a las 9:20 AM

Plan on joining us this year for our
Lenten Soup Supper
Friday Evening—**March 31st -**
For the whole Family

Following the 6:00 p.m. English
Stations of the Cross

And also Following the 8:00 p.m. Haitian Stations of the Cross
Lower Level of the Church

Menu: Simply Meatless Soup-Bread-Refreshments- lite desserts

Head Chefs: Deacon John Walters &

Fr. Stan Wadowski

FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN and GIVEN TO
OUR OWN PARISH OUTREACH



We would also ask each person who attends could bring some food items for the Pantry shelves in our Outreach or personal care items that are also very low on our shelves at this time. Thank you for your support.



The Babylon Chorale, conducted by
Jared Berry, presents Winter/Spring,
featuring Fauré Requiem.

Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 8:00p.m.

Our Lady of Grace R.C. Church

666Albin Avenue

West Babylon, N.Y. 11704

Tickets: \$20.00 for adults, \$15.00 for
seniors and students.

For more information,
call 516-799-494-4974 or 631-598-1721
Visit www.babylonchorale.org or email
thbabylonchorale@gmail.com



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Birthright provides counseling and
other help to young women who are
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1859 Wantagh Avenue, N.Y. 11793
516-785-4070

ST. ANNE'S COMMUNITY FASHION SHOW 2017

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

@ 7:45PM - 11 PM

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH (LOWER HALL)
88 SECOND AVENUE
BRENTWOOD, NY 11717

PRE-SALE TICKETS \$70

SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH - SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND

- BUY 3 GET ONE FREE

- PLUS 1 FREE RAFFLE ENTRY

*LIMITED # OF PRESALE TICKETS AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Clodine - cneree@gmail.com

Regine - ginou0708@optonline.net

Cindy - c.neree228@gmail.com

**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN THE PARISH OFFICE!**

Lent provides an opportunity to :

Strengthen our devotion to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Perhaps this is the time to make a planned gift to our Parish through a gift in your Will. This gift will strengthen our parish's future and keep your faith alive in the generations to come.

For more information, or to receive a copy of an informational brochure please call 516-379-5210 ext. 229 or email bkilarjian@drvc.org



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Chers amis :

Carême 2017 est un temps pour nous de prier pour la **croissance extraordinaire (missionnaire)** de la mission dans le diocèse de Rockville Centre.

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Une partie de cette croissance (extraordinaire missionnaire) est stimulée par notre volonté d'inviter nos amis catholiques inactifs à revenir à l'église pour (assister) participer à la Messe.

Je l'ai (mis) mentionné dans mon homélie de la Messe d'Installation le 31 janvier : *j'ai (lancé) fait un appel le jour de mon Installation comme le cinquième évêque du diocèse de Rockville Centre à tout catholique inactif dans le diocèse de revenir à la puissance de la parole de Dieu, la puissance du sacrement de pénitence et la puissance de la messe catholique.*

Je suis vraiment désolé si vous avez été blessé ou déçu par l'église en quelque sorte, et nous sommes ici aujourd'hui pour vous soutenir, vous aimer et vous écouter.

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Je demande à chaque catholique actif de tout âge dans le diocèse de Rockville Centre entre le 31 janvier et le mercredi des cendres (qui est le 1er mars 2017) à inviter un ami catholique inactif ou bien une famille à venir assister à la messe et doucement, humblement, avec compassion et sans critique, ce sera un témoignage de la beauté de votre intimité avec le Christ et de votre amour pour la mission de l'Eglise catholique et de la façon dont elle a enrichi et inspiré votre vie.

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La puissance de ces (cette chaleureuse et compatissante invitation (douces et compatissantes) est énorme. C'est (toujours comme une semence de la grâce qu'on a plantée. (Et maintenant c'est le moment de lancer ces invitations.) Et il est temps plus que jamais de faire ces invitations. (Faisons-le ensemble tout en réalisant que c'est la tâche la plus importante que l'on puisse partager avec son prochain) Mettons nous tous à la tâche c'est la réalisation la plus importante que l'on puisse partager avec son prochain.

A

Pour ceux-là qui ont déjà fait ces invitations depuis le 31 janvier, je vous en remercie ! Pour ceux d'entre nous qui ont besoin (d'une extension) d'une **prolongation**, Accordons- nous jusqu'au dimanche de Pâques, le 16 Avril, 2017 pour lancer cette compatissante invitation à nos amis. Créons un espace pour rendre ces invitations plus régulières et fréquentes.

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Quand nous mourons **Quand le Dieu nous appelle**, nous allons tous nous regarder avec amour dans les yeux miséricordieux de Jésus et passer en revue notre vie avec lui. Les gens que nous avons contribué à reprendre le chemin de la messe en ravivant leur foi catholique seront debout autour de nous avec des sourires radieux. Et nous voulons une foule nombreuse !

Dans cette intention faisons de notre Carême de 2017 un temps de prière, de jeûne et d'aumône, avec la volonté constante de prier pour nos frères et sœurs qui sont pauvres, affamés, (souffrant) victime de la guerre, (de)la violence et de la persécution dans notre monde.

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Vous et votre famille je vous associe à mes prières et dans les célébrations eucharistiques. Je vous remercie pour votre témoignage de « sainteté et d'aptitude missionnaire » dans le monde.

Cordialement dans le Christ,

Bishop John O. Barris—Diocese of Rockville Centre

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Adorons Dieu en esprit et en vérité

Au cours de la longue traversée du désert, les Hébreux expérimentèrent combien est difficile la conquête de la liberté et comment, à la moindre difficulté, on est tenté de revenir à l'esclavage antérieur. Moïse fut souvent pris à partie par un peuple découragé et failli plus d'une fois être mis à mort par ceux qu'il voulait libérer. Tortures par la soif et le doute, les Hébreux interpellèrent Moïse: "Donnez-nous à boire!" L'eau jaillie du rocher désaltera les corps épuisés, mais, plus encore, elle apparut à Israël comme un signe de la présence de Dieu parmi les siens. Au temps de Jésus, dans le pays de Samarie, il est encore question de fatigue, de doute, de soif et d'eau vive.

Cette fois, c'est Jésus qui demande à inconnue: "Donne-moi à boire!" Un dialogue s'instaure alors, qui va tirer cette femme de l'isolement où l'enfermaient ses questions sans réponse. Bouleversée, elle presse Jésus d'apaiser sa soif. Celui-ci fait découvrir un visage de Dieu qui n'a plus rien de commun avec les divinités ethniques prisonnières de leurs sanctuaires respectifs. L'heure est venue d'adorer Dieu en esprit et en vérité. Lui seul peut combler l'espérance de ceux qui ont faim et soif de justice, de liberté, et d'amour.

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