



Clarion

A WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ST. ANNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Vision of *Generations of Faith*:

To "...prepare a people fit for the Lord"



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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Anne

Catholic Community

OUR MISSION

We, a Catholic Christian people rooted by Baptism, take as our challenge the mission of Jesus: to build the Kingdom of God, standing in solidarity with the poor. We are committed to:

- Welcoming* • Welcoming all people and providing a sense of belonging to people at every stage of life.
- Creating* • Creating a place of enjoyment, excitement and fun for people of all ages.
- Healing* • Healing, reconciling and reaching out in caring service to each other.
- Reaching Out* • Serving those in need, especially the broken, through generous gifts of time, talent and treasure.
- Serving* • Gathering at Eucharist and celebrating the Sacraments of the Church and the sacramental moments of our lives.
- Gathering* • Telling and sharing the Living Story of Jesus.
- Sharing* •

So challenged, we pray that the Holy Spirit fills us and empowers us so that we may become the Living Presence of Jesus in our contemporary world.

Resting in Peace

Natalie Edman,
cousin of Joe Shearin;
Edward J. Hosty,
husband of Millie;
Dorothy Laloganas,
mother of Peter and Carol;
Laura Wilhelm,
grandmother of Pat McCoy

Celebrating Sacraments

Baptisms

Kathryn Ann **Feeley** (Annie and Thomas)
Samuel Mark **Rzeszutek** (Michele and John)

Weddings

I Kristyn Dombroski and Matthew Wasilewski
I Susan Brunka and Nathan Logan
I Erin Spindler and Matthew Meola
II Erin Winfrey and Nathan Stark

Remembering...

Monday, September 1st, LABOR DAY

9:00 Santino and Lena Papucci—*The Family*
Gary Cascia—*Mark and Betty Cascia*

Tuesday, September 2nd

8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Sr. Catherine Murray—*John Murray*

Wednesday, September 3rd (School Mass)

8:30 Lorene Phillips—*Melissa Dolfay*

Thursday, September 4th

8:15 Annie's Attic Volunteers

Friday, September 5th

8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Leroy Schneider—*His Wife and Children*

Saturday, September 6th

8:15 Arthur Cramer—*Carol Johnson*
Mass of Anticipation
5:15 Alma and Merwin Pye—*Carly Dwyer*

Sunday, September 7th

7:15 People of St. Anne
9:00 George Tressel—*Diane Van Nest*
Marc Weaver—*The Family*
Thanksgiving for Annie's Attic—*Project Hope*
James Flannery—*John and Lynn Egan*
John Hoey—*Patrick and Rosemarie Egan*
11:00 Santino and Lena Papucci—*The Family*
Eugene Loster—*The Thomas Family*
Arthur Cramer—*Leo and Ida Cardelli*
T.J. Chapman—*The Faust Family*
Casey Kolota—*Milica Szymczak*
5:15 Mary D'Agostino—*Susan Sibley*

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Offering for August 24, 2008

Adult Offering (514 envelopes).....	\$31,869.67
Loose Cash	\$1,469.00
Pro-rated "Parish Pay" offering.....	\$7,976.08
(Weekly share of Monthly "Parish Pay")	
Youth and Children Offering (1 envelope).....	\$20.00
Grand Total	\$41,334.75
Amount needed to meet Operating	\$47,000.00
Expense <i>and</i> Loan Interest Payments	
Collection Shortfall	(\$5,665.25)
Sharing Contributions (48 envelopes).....	\$1,569.00

Past 4 weeks:

Average Weekly Offering	\$40,315.39
Average Weekly Shortfall	(\$6,684.61)
Total Shortfall	(\$26,738.44)
Fiscal YTD Shortfall (8 weeks).....	(\$63,462.77)

Building Debt as of August 25, 2008

Outstanding Loan Balance.....	\$2,000,000.00
with Archdiocese	
Less Pledged Funds	\$1,100,511.00
payable through 2009*	
*includes "Complete the Journey" and other pledges	
Total long-term Parish Debt.....	\$899,489.00
Monthly Interest Payment (5.92%).....	\$9,866.66
Monthly Debt-Reduction Collection (green envelope)	
Fiscal YTD (8 weeks).....	\$5,964.00
Fiscal Year-end Collection Total to Date	\$80,000.00
"Complete the Journey" Total to Date....	\$2,755,592.00
Number of Pledges/Gifts: 520	

More about the YTD Shortfall in Collections...

BY JOE KELSCH, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT

In last week's *Clarion*, I called attention to the serious negative impact on parish finances resulting from the nearly year-long shortfall in our weekly collection revenue. The problem has become so serious that it is now threatening our ability to meet our ongoing payroll and operating expenses. Over the past 8 weeks since the start of the fiscal year, our collection total is already over \$63,000.00 less than the amount needed to cover our budgeted expenses. Of particular concern is the fact that the 8 week collection total is more than \$34,000.00 less than that for the same period in 2007.

It is evident to me that we need to involve a broader base of our registered parishioners in regularly providing financial support to St. Anne—certainly more than the less than 20 percent who provide the great majority of our present funding. It is not fair to expect this dedicated group of parishioners to continue to carry this burden, which is rightly the responsibility of all parishioners. Such responsibility is a core tenet

of our Catholic faith—even though a great many parishioners choose to ignore such responsibility.

This fall our parish will make a concerted effort to communicate with all parishioners about the subject of Christian stewardship and our very real need for increased financial support. In launching this effort, we will be particularly targeting the now large group of "new" parishioners who have joined the parish since the completion of our new facilities some 8 years ago. Our records indicate that many in this group are providing little or no financial support to either the operating expenses or reduction of the building debt. These efforts will be successful only to the extent that we have the support and participation of our consistent contributors in convincing your fellow parishioners to make a fair-share commitment to support our parish.

(More information will be provided in the near future about how you can help with this stewardship initiative.)

Reflections

BY SISTER LAURETTA LEIPZIG, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE AND DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

Welcome to All!

With the celebration of Labor Day this weekend, we bring summer vacation plans to an official close. This is always a rather sad time, but we also can also rejoice in all the opportunities of fun and relaxation we experienced in the past three months.

Also, with Labor Day, St. Anne's looks to the beginning of regular RCIA sessions for those who will be preparing to become one with us in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. We welcome all those who are already part of this process, and we invite any adult who is still searching to join us this year.

But, for all of those who are already Catholics, we want to ask an important question. What is our readiness to share our faith with honest inquirers? How willing are we to talk about our faith and the Catholic Church? There are people of other churches, and many with no church at all, who would appreciate a Catholic's explanation of the faith's practices.

People of other faith denominations often realize that there are common and yet different aspects of the Christian religion. They are aware of their closeness to the Catholic church and would appreciate some dialogue with those of our faith. There are also those with no specific church at all. For all these people, is it that the invitation has not been received or, rather, that no one let them know there is a place where they can be welcomed and learn about the Catholic faith?

The story is told of an unchurched person who married a Catholic in the church. He dutifully brought her to church regularly and together not only reared all their children in the church but attended all their sacraments and Catholic school functions. He did so well that at his deathbed, the priest who heard about his illness came to anoint him with the sacrament of the sick. Upon questioning, he found out that the man never pursued his thoughts about becoming a Catholic because he really never understood how an adult could become a Catholic. No one ever explained or invited him.

We might ask ourselves: How many are waiting to be invited? Jesus' invitation today sometimes finds a weak echo in our words and actions. Christ's Body, the Church, resounds with an open invitation and a sincere welcome to all!



Young at Heart—Celebrating Autumn

Wednesday, September 24th

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room.

All seniors, age 50 plus, are invited.

Come and see the fun we have.

The entertainment and food are the best!

Cost: \$15.00 per person includes catered meal by Culver's



RESERVATION FORM - Celebrating Autumn

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

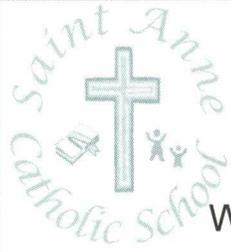
NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Amount enclosed (\$15.00 per person) _____

Reservation deadline: **Wednesday, September 17th.**

Return to Sr. Margaret Eisele, 120 North Ela Street, Barrington, 60010.

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Spirit Day T-Shirt Sponsors Wanted

for St. Anne School students

Do you own a family or local business,
or do you know someone who does?

We need your help! We are looking for t-shirt sponsors for

The St. Anne School Spirit Walk 2008

In exchange for your donation, we will display your company logo on our Spirit Day t-shirts, which will be worn by students, volunteers, teachers and staff!

Please lend your support! May God bless you and yours...

For more information, contact **Jennifer** at mcandrewsx8@sbcglobal.net.

Open House

Save the date! St. Anne School will host its annual Open House on **Wednesday, September 3rd**. For more information, call the school office at **847.381.0311**.

SAS Cardinals



Used Uniform Sale

Used uniform pieces are being collected for the semi-annual St. Anne Home & School Association used uniform sale on **Friday, September 5th**. Donations can be delivered to the school office. All proceeds benefit the students and teachers of St. Anne School. For more information, call **847.381.0311**.

Save for Education

Support St. Anne School by saving *Box Tops for Education* on General Mills products and *Labels for Education* on Campbell soup products. The school office will collect them. Thank you for your help!

CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT '08-'09

Parents of candidates interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend a Parent Enrollment session before any student can begin his/her preparation. Candidates must be in at least 9th grade to begin Confirmation preparation

Parent sessions will be held periodically between now and November, so please plan to attend one of these 45-60 minute meetings to get all the information you need in order to be fully informed about what the parish expects from those who wish to be confirmed.

FORMS FOR ENROLLMENT CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY ATTENDING A MEETING—FORMS WILL NOT BE AT OUR OFFICE.

PARENT MEETING DATES:

FALL SESSIONS

Sunday, September 14th

Sunday, September 21st

Sunday, October 5th

Sunday, November 16th

10:30-11:30 a.m. ~ Hospitality Room

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The Catholic Church is known for educating their children and playing with their adults.

Sometimes our Confirmation acts almost like our graduation from faith formation. Unless we become curious about details of our faith as adults, and are motivated to seek the answers, chances are our knowledge of our Catholic identity may be fixed at either the middle or high school level.

Since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the Church has recommended that faith formation and learning should be a never-ending process, rooted in the life of the Church. Yet catechesis across the United States is struggling under the burden of an outdated model of faith formation. A sad reality is that for most Catholics their faith has been reduced to 52 hours a year. Showing up for Mass for one hour on Sunday qualifies you as a "practicing Catholic." Our faith has become as compartmentalized as the rest of our lives. And in our quest for political correctness, we often fail to speak openly about our religious beliefs. We need to learn how to make our faith a way of life. How can we apply what we do on Sundays to the rest of our lives?

In 1997, Pope John Paul II approved the publication of the *General Directory for Catechesis*. The vision of faith formation defined in that directory requires moving away from the classroom model to a community or "whole church" paradigm of faith formation. This is why St. Anne's has embraced **Generations of Faith** as its model for delivering lifelong faith formation to our community. There are over 1,500 parishes in the United States alone who have also adopted the **Generations of Faith** approach to faith formation. We believe that **Generations of Faith** will help parishioners to engage in more meaningful participation in church liturgies and events. We hope to encourage everyone to reflect on the significance of these events and to apply Catholic teachings to daily life. We envision strengthened Catholic individuals, families, and community as the outcome of this formation process. **Generations of Faith** should enable parents to approach the task of being the primary catechists for their children with confidence and knowledge.

The core tenets of the Catholic faith will be covered over a seven year period. Every year will focus on a specific topic – last year we studied the seasons of the Church, and this year our focus is the Sacraments. There are six, two and one-half hour events each year. There are six sessions to choose from for each event. Each session includes a prepared meal, an opening prayer, an introduction to the topic of the session, age-appropriate learning sessions, group faith sharing and a closing prayer. Monday night sessions will start an hour later and, although still intergenerational, will target an adult audience.

Catechesis cannot be just for our children. All of us must never cease learning and growing in our faith. Please join our **Generations of Faith** as we "...prepare a people fit for the Lord" by building a faith community in which all experience an ongoing change of heart and continually deepen their relationship with God. How wonderful to imagine the youth, teens and adults of St. Anne's all learning and sharing their faith together.

Coming Soon...

More for Children and Families

If you would like to hear more of the vision for 2008-'09,
or be part of the children's ministry team,
there will be a gathering on:

Sunday, September 14th

after the 11:00 a.m. Mass (12:15 p.m.)
in the Hospitality Room

One example:



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Next summer - **August 3rd-7th, 2009** – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

God has already sent us two co-chairpersons for next summer's Vacation Bible School - **Suzanne Huntemann** and **Evelyn Jimenez** - who will be at the September meeting. Come and meet them if you would like to be part of the planning for this endeavor.

The faith formation office at **847.620.3068** is ready to help you:

- gather with another family once a month with material provided
- learn and pray as a family at home with family faith films
- take part in a Sunday afternoon family retreat
- register your children for an Advent retreat to prepare for Christmas
- serve others in family service projects

The meeting will be facilitated by Audrey Taylor.

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Share your talent with us!

The mission of St. Anne's LaFarge Lifelong Learning Program is to encourage continued personal development and life enrichment through a variety of ongoing educational opportunities for adults 55+.

LaFarge classes are taught by volunteers with expertise in their area of instruction, either as hobbyists or through their professional careers. If you have a talent and an enthusiasm you would like to share with others, consider joining our team of LaFarge instructors! Prior course offerings have included technology, arts and crafts and languages. We are always looking to expand our offerings!

LaFarge courses meet once per week for a six-week term. There are four terms offered throughout the year. Each instructor sets the time, date and size of his or her class.

**If you would like more information on becoming a LaFarge instructor,
please contact Sr. Margaret Eisele at 847.381.5799!**

Registration for Fall I LaFarge Lifelong Learning courses will be held

**September 8th, 9th and 10th
from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

in the St. Anne Senior Center (lower level of the Parish Center).

Classes start the week on September 15th.

Fall I 2008 LaFarge Course Offerings

Class	Day/Dates	Time/Instructor	Fee
Woodcarving	Wednesdays 9/17 - 10/22	9:30 - 11:30 AM Jim Hoffman	\$20.00
Watercolor Painting (Beg. & Adv. Techniques)	Thursdays 9/18 - 10/23	10:00 - Noon Jim Kennedy	\$25.00
Digital Photography	Mondays 9/15 - 10/20	6:00 - 7:00 PM Doug Jones	\$20.00
Beginning Computer	Mondays 9/15 - 10/20	9:30 - 11:00 AM Mike Konie	\$30.00
Navigating the Internet	Wednesdays 9/17 - 10/22	9:30 - 11:00 AM Mike Konie	\$30.00



LaFarge Lifelong Learning

Inspiration Through Continuing Education

Presented by the St. Anne Catholic Community

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Auction Items Needed for Fall Fundraiser

The group, *Friends of Paulina Messina*, will be hosting a fundraiser at Makray Memorial Golf Club on **Friday, October 3rd**, to provide assistance to the family of parishioner, Paulina Messina, who suffers from a rare and incurable form of cancer.

Items are needed for the live and silent auctions, such as event tickets, gift certificates, jewelry items, art, vacation getaways, entertainment items, etc. If you have an item you can donate, please contact **Marianne Federighi** at **847.951.9008** or **Cari Zwick** at **815.970.2328** or carilz@comcast.net.

Please visit www.paulinamessina.com for details.



Fall Frenzy Returns September 10th - 13th



We are already busy getting ready for the cooler months and festive holidays ahead at House of Hope Resale and that means it is time for some of the best bargain hunting of the year! During *Fall Frenzy*, everything in the store, including furniture is 50% off as we make room for all the new fall and winter items. The frenzy begins **Wednesday, September 10th** at 10:00 a.m., and runs through **Saturday, September 13th**. On Saturday, we will feature an all day \$3.00 per bag sale on remaining clothing and accessories, toys, books and linens.

Then be sure to come back the following **Wednesday, September 17th**, for the debut of all new arrivals in every department!

Volunteers Needed!

If you have a little time to share when the kids head back to school this fall, we invite you to join our team at House of Hope Resale! We need daytime merchandise sorters and stockers Mondays through Saturdays and customer service support on Wednesdays through Saturdays. We also have volunteer opportunities on selected evenings and weekends preparing for special events. Whether you can help once per week, once per month or just once in a while, every effort makes a difference.

Please call Peggy Sobolewski at **847-382-5150** for more volunteer information

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First Saturday Devotions

September is the month in which the Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A birthday is the time to celebrate life. Mary's life and her role in our salvation is a gift from our loving Father to us. To honor our Lady, let us gather to lovingly pray the Rosary, which follows the 8:15 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, September 6th.**

St. Anne Playgroup Kick-Off Party

All St. Anne parents and caregivers are welcome to join the playgroup. The playgroup will kick off the new year on **Thursday, September 11th**, with a pizza party sponsored by the Women's Club. The playgroup meets every Thursday morning, at 10:30 a.m., in the nursery of the Parish Center, for approximately 2 hours, and ending promptly at 12:30 p.m. Some clean-up and toy storage is always appreciated. Children, from newborn to kindergarten age, can play with a wide range of toys, while moms play along, too, or just socialize with other adults. If you have any questions, call **Mary Sneed at 847.756.4235** or mary.v.sneed@sbcglobal.net.

Scripture Sharing: First Corinthians

The Women's Club Scripture Sharing group is pleased to announce its new fall schedule. Starting on **Monday, September 8th**, this group will be studying First Corinthians, a NEW study published by Liturgical Press from Little Rock Scripture Study. In this study, Paul invites you to find unity in the Gospel message. The study group will meet Monday mornings, starting at 9:15 a.m. and ending around 11:15 a.m., in the 2nd floor conference room of the Parish Center. If you have questions or require child care, call **Mary Sneed at 847.756.4235** or **Debbie Adreani at 847.382.5732**.

Shawl Ministry

Knit 3 Purl 3 in honor of the Trinity! The Shawl Knitting Ministry is starting its 3rd year of knitting and visiting, and invites you to join. All levels of knitters are welcome, and friendly "guidance" is provided when needed. Because of a special request for Rosaries, we will try to follow directions for making "string rosaries" if there is enough interest. Materials and printed instructions will be provided. The next meeting will be **Monday, September 8th**, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., in the Parish Center conference room. Knitters and crafters who work on projects at home will find a place for their finished projects with us!

Eat and Earn Eat and Earn Eat and Earn Eat and Earn

Eat and Earn for St. Anne's!

Sunday, September 7th

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Francesca's Famiglia Restaurant

100 East Station Street, Barrington

847.277.1027

Enjoy dinner after 5:15 p.m. Mass

Francesca's will donate 15% of the net sales to St. Anne's

** please present coupon at time of service **

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High School Retreats

One of the strongest components of Youth Ministry here at St. Anne is our retreat program for young people. It is often at these times away from the pace of our everyday world that we feel ourselves personally connected to God in a very special way. Because of the powerful potential of retreat, we work hard to offer opportunities for young people to take that necessary time away to reflect and tune in to the person that they truly are.

Spiritus (for Freshman and Sophomores)

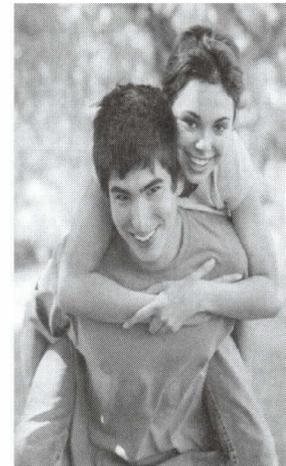
The Spiritus Retreat is an overnight retreat program for St. Anne Freshmen and Sophomores. This time away from our busy schedules is an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we welcome God into our lives. It focuses on helping participants to ask and live the questions of our Roman Catholic faith. This retreat has its foundation in the "QUEST" retreat program for high school freshmen and sophomores, which connotes a "searching for," "a coming to long for," or "a journey." We are all on a life long quest to find and honor the "real us." Spiritus reflects that same search and focuses greatly on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. While the retreat is an integral part of the St. Anne Confirmation preparation process, any Freshman or Sophomore is welcome to attend.

'08-'09 Retreat Dates: November 1st-2nd, January 10th-11th, April 4th-5th

Kairos (for Juniors and Seniors)

IS THIS AS GOOD AS IT GETS? Has this question crossed your mind in the past? Do you find yourself wondering about what life really means and if there is more to it than what you have experienced so far? If so, this retreat may be just what you are looking for. Kairos is our most powerful retreat experience. It is an experience of Christian community, with a series of talks given by both peers and adults. Prayer and the sacraments are an essential part of the program, as well as the participants involvement in discussions and other exercises. The program itself lasts for 3 days, with the challenge to continue living the "Kairos Spirit" for the rest of one's life.

'08-'09 Retreat Dates: K21-December 5th-7th; K22-February 27th-March 1st



Body & Soul (for Seniors only)

Human beings were made for greatness. We were made to know God, know truth, and live life in a way that brings us peace and happiness. These pursuits are often difficult to reflect upon and come by in today's distracting culture. The influences that we see around us can often get in the way of our ability to live authentically in God's image as was truly intended. As a result, it is perhaps harder to live as a teenager today than at any other time before. Pope John Paul II, in his "*Theology of the Body*," challenges us to think about ourselves differently. By helping us understand the profound interconnection between sex and the Christian mystery, John Paul II's "*Theology of the Body*" paves the way for lasting renewal and enables us all to rediscover "the meaning of the whole existence, the meaning of life!" As you begin to consider your life beyond high school, it may be a good time to think about these issues and consider this as a possible way of life. Our time together will seek to provide a road map to real love and authentic happiness. We will challenge the misguided teachings of the modern culture and consider a new understanding of the human person that takes one beyond the "thou shall nots" often associated with Christianity to a fresh new approach to the gift of love and human sexuality.

'08 Retreat Dates: October 17th-19th

**RETREATS ARE EXPECTED TO FILL QUICKLY,
SO DON'T MISS OUT—SIGN UP NOW!**

**RETREAT REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED
FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE: www.stannebarrington.org**

Click on Youth Ministry...High School...Retreat Opportunities

Questions? Contact the Youth Ministry office at 847.620.3072.

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BY SISTER LORRAINE MENHEER, DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE, SOCIAL CONCERN,
PROJECT HOPE AND PASTORAL MINISTER

Abundant Evidence—One Bread...One Body

The month of August unfolded slowly with more questions than answers. It appeared to me that I, myself, had become a project for hope and healing with the St. Anne community—all of which inspires me immensely!

The anointing, the Masses, the prayers, the rosaries, the emails, the calls, the hugs, the flowers, the candy, the mustard seed bracelet, the super meals day after day, all the Camp Kowalski kid's cards . . . in a word, all the thoughts, words and actions that surrounded me were obviously the stuff of God's gift of healing and hope for me.

A real blessing of our being One Bread...One Body!

The connection was of faith . . . of the active people filled with the Divine D.N.A.

A novena of thanksgiving Masses is being offered for each and all of you who have been so abundantly supportive of me in the past month and beyond.

I am one grateful, happy camper!

Prayerfully,

Sr. Lorraine Menheer

St. Anne's Book Club Selections for 2008-2009

Everyone is welcome to join the St. Anne Book Club.

Following are the dates and selections for the coming year:

Tuesday, September 16th – *"Memory Keeper's Daughter"* by Kim Edwards

Tuesday, October 21st – *"The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Jew, A Christian"*
by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Patricia Warner

Tuesday, November 25th – *"Midwives"* by Chris Bohjalian

Tuesday, January 20th, 2009 – *"Garden Spells"* by Sarah Addison Allen

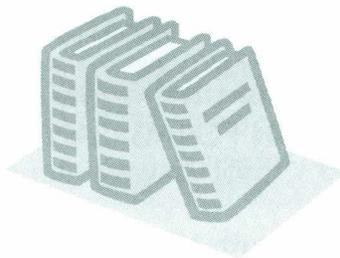
Tuesday, February 17th, 2009 – *"The Pillars of the Earth"* by Ken Follett

Tuesday, March 31st, 2009 – *"The Kindness of Strangers"* by Katrina Kittle

Tuesday, April 21st, 2009 – *"Loving Frank"* by Nancy Horan

Tuesday, May 26th, 2009 – *"Moloka'i"* by Alan Brennert

All discussions are held on Tuesdays in St. Anne Library from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



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Generations of Faith **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

At **Generations of Faith** we come together to share a meal, our traditions and our faith. We come away refreshed and enriched by the experience. This cannot happen without the help of many dedicated ministers giving their time, talents and efforts to their fellow parishioners. Our heartfelt thanks goes to all those who have committed themselves to this ministry for the coming year.

If you would like to join the **Generations of Faith** ministry team, we still have opportunities available in the following areas:

Meal Service: Set up beverages, serve family-style meals, and clean up.

A/V and Session Operations: Assist with setting up the breakout rooms, deliver session materials to breakout rooms, or operate audio/visual equipment.

Art and Environment: Set-up tables in the Parish Center prior to the start of a session, or bring home tablecloths to launder, fold and return within 48 hours.

Catechists: Teach, or assist a catechist, at the following levels: pre-school (ages 4 to kindergarten), grades 1-2, grades 3-5, high school, or adults.

Babysitting: Watch children (infants through 3 year olds) in the nursery.

Hospitality: Greet participants or usher them to their tables. Ministers are still needed for the Saturday team only.

The time requirement for most teams is 1½-2 hours per each session plus 1½-2 hours practice the week prior to the beginning of each series. The practice session for the first event is on **Wednesday, September 3rd**. For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Carla Czyzewski** at **847.620.3069** or cczyzewski@stannebarrington.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Blaine Crouch

Stephanie Freichels

Alice and Lawrence O'Donnell

Barbara and John Salyer
(Kathryn, John III)

ARE YOU STILL SEARCHING?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA) sessions

begin on Monday evenings

starting **September 8th**, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Hospitality Room (lower level)

Anyone who has not been baptized,
is of another faith tradition,
or has not received First Communion
as a Catholic is very welcome.

If you have any questions,
call **Sister Anna Maria Dressler**
at **847.381.5793**.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Did you know the St. Anne Catholic Community has a Parish Council? This group of men and women meets monthly with Fr. Jack. At a typical meeting, we pray from the scripture, discuss current parish events, and suggest initiatives to continue growing our great community. The members of the council are **Bill Bishop, Sr. Anna Marie Dressler, Tom Feeley, Vince Giamalva, Teri Janus, Larry Kantroski, Ann McSorley, Angela Nordgren, Jerry Rodosky, Terry Wiesen, Ken Wink, and Sue Zelsdorf**. Do you have any questions or comments you would like the council to share with Fr. Jack? Please email us at parish-council@stannebarrington.org.

St. Anne Catholic Community

St Anne Women's Club



Margie Wedinger, President

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, September 9th

7:00 p.m.

St. Anne School Cafeteria

Are you looking for a way to get involved with the parish that allows time for both your spiritual and social side? The Women's Club offers all of that and more!

We know that you will find this group of women dynamic, social, and service oriented. Below you will see a schedule of the fantastic programs planned by president Margie Wedinger. The theme this year is "**BREATH.**"

Take a moment to fill out the form on the following page. We look forward to meeting you! Please call **Margie** at **847.382.5425** with questions.

Year at a Glance:

AUGUST	Display case in Barrington Public Library all month Donut Drive after Mass August 31st
SEPTEMBER	General Meeting — September 9th , 7:00 p.m., school cafeteria
OCTOBER	General Meeting — October 14th , 12 noon, Hospitality Room New Member Coffee — October 3rd , 9:15 a.m., Member's home Mother/Son Event — October 25th , 2:00 p.m., Bowling
NOVEMBER	General Meeting — November 4th , 7:00 p.m., Mass of Remembrance Gospel Brunch — November 16th , a.m. seating, Makray Memorial Golf Club
DECEMBER	Breakfast with St. Nick — December 6th , a.m. seating, school cafeteria Christmas Party — December 9th , 7:00 p.m., La Hacienda, Deer Park
FEBRUARY	Donut Drive after Mass February 8th Retreat — February 18th , 9:00 a.m., Bellarmine Hall, Barrington Ladies Night Out — February 24th , 7:00 p.m., Wine Tasting
APRIL	General Meeting — April 14th , 12 noon, Hospitality Room Mother/Daughter — April 18th , 9:00 a.m., Mass and Jewelry Making Event
MAY	General Meeting — May 19th , 7:00 p.m., Installation Mass and May Dinner Senior Luncheon — May 20th , 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Hospitality Room

Weekly and Monthly Events:

Monday Mornings	Scripture Sharing [8:30 a.m., Thane Hall Conference Room] Mary Sneed 847.756.4235
Thursday Mornings	Playgroup [10:30 a.m., Thane Hall Nursery or Gym] Mary Sneed 847.756.4235
2nd Monday of month	Shawl Knitting Ministry [1:00 pm, Lower Level Parish Center] Liz Rodosky 847.381.8695

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ST. ANNE WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

CLUB MISSION STATEMENT:

We, the women of St. Anne Catholic Community, are called together by God to be an organization united through prayer, hospitality and ministry. We are committed to provide Christian service and to further the spiritual, intellectual and social growth of our members and the larger community.

THIS FORM IS AN ESSENTIAL TOOL FOR OUR CLUB!

1. Please begin by jotting down your personal information and attach a photo for the directory [if you did not provide one last year.] Your photo can be digital or a current snapshot. Group shots are fine. Email photos to designermama@comcast.net.
2. Please include your dues—the dues subsidize our directory, newsletter mailings and events.
3. Checkmark your areas of interest and a chairwoman will contact you.

CLUB DUES:

- **Annual dues are \$25.00.**
- Senior Members (those 65 or older) are exempt from dues, however, a donation will gladly be accepted. **Seniors, the receipt of a completed membership form is required in order to be listed in the Club directory.**
- **Checks** should be made payable to St. Anne Women's Club or SAWC.
- **Mail to:** SAWC, c/o St. Anne Catholic Community, 120 N. Ela Road, Barrington, IL 60010

NEWSLETTER + DIRECTORY:

Consider these options and mark your preferences.

- Email monthly newsletter instead of snail mail Yes [] No []
- PDF version of directory instead of printed booklet Yes [] No []

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Nothing has changed Change indicated fields I am a new member

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cellular Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Husband's Name [if applicable]: _____

Member since: _____

Birthday [month and day]: _____

Special Skills/Talents [i.e., great with accounting, organized a book group, love computer work]

Registered Parishioner Yes [] No []

Senior Member (Age 65 or older) Yes [] No []

St. Anne Catholic Community

SAWC ACTIVITIES:

Please consider volunteering your time and talents to the St. Anne Women's Club. Indicate your areas of interest by checking the appropriate lines, or check here: _____ I'll help with anything! Call me!

I CHURCH + COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

A. Church Women United (CWU) (An ecumenical group of women from the surrounding area who plan three prayer services annually to promote world peace and understanding.)

_____ I would like to attend the prayer services.

B. Women's Scripture Sharing Group (WSSG) (Women who meet weekly during the school year to study the Word of God. Babysitting provided for a nominal fee.)

_____ I would like to participate.

C. Funeral Luncheon Ministry (Volunteers help those who experience the loss of a loved one, i.e., supervise the event, help serve, prepare food/salad or dessert).

_____ I will donate a salad or dessert.

D. FISH (For I Shall Help): Service is one day per month. Volunteers help those in need of transportation (i.e., doctor appointments) by driving or taking telephone calls.

_____ I would like to become a FISH volunteer.

E. Senior Luncheon: Luncheon and entertainment provided for senior citizens.

_____ I will help at this event.

Retreat and Prayer Opportunities:

F. Retreat: A retreat to help women further their spiritual journey.

_____ I would help plan/organize a retreat.

G. Masses: Two Masses are planned for club members in November and May.

_____ I can serve as a Lector.

_____ I can serve as a Eucharistic Minister.

H. Outreach Ministry: Provide dinner for a family in need (i.e., new baby, illness, death).

_____ I would like to cook a meal.

II FAMILY AFFAIRS + SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Fundraiser (Funds raised enable the Club to offer its many events and discipleship opportunities.)

_____ I will help with marketing/publicity of the event.

_____ I will help with event decorations.

_____ I will help with registration.

_____ I will help with the raffle.

_____ I will help with auction items.

_____ I will help with vendor participation.

B. Playgroup (Moms and tots meet weekly to play and chat.)

_____ I would like to join the fun.

C. Mother/Daughter Event

_____ I will help with this event.

D. Mother/Son Event

_____ I will help with this event.

III ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICES

A. Welcoming

_____ I will help welcome members at a monthly General Meeting.

B. Membership

_____ I will help maintain the Club database or help with the directory production.

C. Hospitality

_____ I will help at a monthly General Meeting. (i.e., organize, set-up, serve and break-down)

D. Newsletter

_____ I will help prepare monthly mailings or newsletter content.

_____ Check# _____ Received ___ New

St. Anne Catholic Community

TASTE THE BIG EASY AND HELP REBUILD NEW ORLEANS

Join Bill Kramer of St. Marcelline, Schaumburg, and other volunteers from the northwest suburbs as they travel to New Orleans on **Sunday, October 12th**, to aid Catholic Charities of New Orleans in their efforts to rebuild New Orleans one home at a time.

Bill Kramer is seeking 8 to 25 adult volunteers, ages 21 and over, of any faith, to work with him and Catholic Charities of New Orleans from Monday, October 13th, through Friday, October 17th. He especially needs a few volunteers with construction experience to steer the groups' onsite efforts in New Orleans.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans has established the "Operation Helping Hands" program. They have gutted 1,100 homes and more than 800 apartments for elderly citizens. They are rebuilding the homes of those most in need.

Types of work

- **Preparing homes for rebuilding**
- **Yard clean up, exterior work, painting**
- **Installing insulation**
- **Hanging and finishing plywood**
- **Installing interior trim and flooring**
- **Painting home interiors**
- **Other work related to restoring homes and apartments**



If you are interested in more information and possible participating, call **Bill** at **847.352.0092, 773.278.2000 ext. 4635**, or email to wmfkramer@comcast.net.

SPECIAL PROJECT HOPE REQUESTS

- **Freezer.** Received! Your generosity is appreciated. Thank you.
- **Fax/copier machine.** For parishioner in need.
- **Air conditioner.** Good, used, heavy duty window unit for Project Hope sorting garage. 27" x 20".
- **Computer.** Good working and complete laptop or desktop. Pentium 3 or 4. Preferably less than 5 years old and complete.
- **Cars, vans and trucks** in safe running condition for families who require transportation to obtain/maintain employment. We are very grateful for the donations already received.
- Clean **mattresses, box springs** and **frames** for twin, double and queen size beds.
- Extra wide **wheelchair** for a disabled woman.

For more information on the above requests, call **Project Hope** at **847.381.5721**.

Stem Cell Research by Deacon Bob Powers

Late in the summer of 2001, stem cell research was a hot topic. Then, after 9-11-01, it fell off the radar screen. Recently the U.S. Conference of Bishops issued a lengthy statement on the subject, which I have summarized here. To get a complete copy of their statement, go to www.usccbpublishing.org (New).

Both presidential candidates would allow embryonic stem cell research. Stem cell research has captured the imagination of many in our society. Stem cells are relatively unspecialized cells that, when they divide, can replicate themselves and produce a variety of more specialized cells. Scientists hope these biological building blocks can be directed to produce many types of cells to repair the human body, cure disease, and alleviate suffering.

The Catholic Church "appreciates and encourages the progress of the biomedical sciences which open up unprecedented therapeutic prospects." At the same time, it affirms that true service to humanity begins with respect for each and every human life. Because life is our first and most basic gift from an infinitely loving God, it deserves our utmost respect and protection. **Almost everyone agrees with the principle that individuals and governments should not attack the lives of innocent human beings.** However, several arguments have been used to justify destroying human embryos to obtain stem cells. It has been argued that any harm done in this case is outweighed by the potential benefits; what is destroyed is not a human life, or at least not a human being with fundamental human rights; and dissecting human embryos for their cells should not be seen as involving a loss of embryonic life.

My comments on these arguments follow:

First, the false assumption that a good end can justify direct killing has been the source of much evil in our world. This utilitarian ethic has disastrous consequences when used to justify lethal experiments on fellow human beings in the name of progress. No commitment to a hoped-for "greater good" can erase or diminish the wrong of directly taking innocent human lives here and now. In fact, policies undermining our respect for human life can only endanger the vulnerable patients who stem cell research offers to help. The same ethic that justifies taking some lives to help the patient with Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease today can be used to sacrifice that very patient tomorrow, if his/her survival is viewed as disadvantaging other human beings considered more deserving or productive. The suffering of patients and families affected by devastating illness deserves compassion and committed response, but not at the cost of respect for life itself.

Second, some claim that the embryo, in his or her first week of development, is too small, immature, or undeveloped to be considered a "human life." **Yet, the human embryo, from conception onward, is as much a living member of the human species as any of us.** As a matter of biological fact, this new living organism has the full complement of human genes and is actively expressing those genes to live and develop in a way that is unique to human beings, setting the essential foundation for further development. Though dependent in many ways, the embryo is a complete and distinct member of the species *homo sapiens*, who develops toward maturity by directing his/her own integrated organic functioning. All later stages of life are steps in the history of a human being already in existence. Just as each of us was once an adolescent, child, newborn infant, and child in the womb, each of us was once an embryo. Others, while acknowledging the scientific fact that the embryo is a living member of

the human species, claim that life at this earliest stage is too weak or undeveloped, lacking mental or physical abilities, to have full human worth or rights. But to claim that our rights depend on such factors is to deny that human beings have *human dignity*, that we have inherent value simply by being members of the human family. **If fundamental rights such as the right to life are based on abilities or qualities that can appear or disappear, grow or diminish, and be greater or lesser in different human beings, then there are no inherent human rights, no true human equality, only privileges for the strong.** As believers who recognize each human life as the gift of an infinitely loving God, we insist that every human being, however small or seemingly insignificant, matters to God—hence everyone, no matter how weak or small, is of concern to us.

This is not only a teaching of the Catholic Church. Our nation's Declaration of Independence took for granted that human beings are unequal in size, strength, and intelligence. Yet, it declared that members of the human race who are unequal in all these respects are created equal in their fundamental rights, beginning with the right to life. In our nation's proudest moments, Americans have realized that we cannot dismiss or exclude any class of humanity—that basic human rights must belong to all members of the human race without distinction. In light of modern knowledge about the continuity of human development from conception onwards, all of us without regard to religious affiliation confront this challenge when we make decisions about human beings at the embryonic stage of development.

Finally, some claim that scientists who kill embryos for their stem cells are not actually depriving anyone of life, because they are using "spare" or unwanted embryos who will die anyway. This argument is simply invalid. **Ultimately each of us will die, but that gives no one a right to kill us.** Our society does not permit lethal experiments on terminally ill patients or condemned prisoners on the pretext that they will soon die anyway. Likewise, the fact that an embryonic human being is at risk of being abandoned by his or her parents gives no individual or government a right to directly kill that human being first.

A BETTER WAY Nature, in fact, provides ample resources for pursuing medical progress without raising these grave moral concerns. Stem cells from adult tissues and umbilical cord blood are now known to be much more versatile than once thought. These cells are now in widespread use to treat many kinds of cancer and other illnesses, and in clinical trials they have already benefited patients suffering from heart disease, corneal damage, sickle-cell anemia, multiple sclerosis, and many other devastating conditions. Researchers have even developed new non-destructive methods for producing cells with the properties of embryonic stem cells—for example, by "reprogramming" adult cells. There is no moral objection to research and therapy of this kind, when it involves no harm to human beings at any stage of development and is conducted with appropriate informed consent. Catholic foundations and medical centers have been, and will continue to be, among the leading supporters of ethically responsible advances in the medical use of adult stem cells.

CONCLUSION The issue of stem cell research does not force us to choose between science and ethics, much less between science and religion. It presents a choice as to *how* our society will pursue scientific and medical progress. We must pursue progress in ethically responsible ways that respect the dignity of each human being. Only this will produce cures and treatments that everyone can live with.

Minister Schedule

Tuesday, September 2, 8:15 AM

M. Hoppe Serv (1)
E. Jagmin Serv (2)

Wednesday, September 3, 8:15 AM

SerCap
K. Holsworth Serv (1)
C. Reeves Serv (2)

Thursday, September 4, 8:15 AM

J. Graft Serv (1)
M. O'Neill Serv (2)

Friday, September 5, 8:15 AM

B. Gabrielsen Serv (1)
L. Delisle Serv (2)

Saturday, September 6, 5:15 PM

Rita Weaver MC
Rick Weaver MC
J. Stack SerCap
B. Varda Serv (1)
T. Bolger Serv (2)
J. Cardelli Serv (3)
S. Ann Busch Lec (1)
T. Huguélet Lec (2)
P. Carollo EM
P. Criel EM
W. Fischer EM
D. Grzelak EM
K. Huguélet EM
L. Kantroski EM
L. Lowery EM
J. Sieger EM
A. Tuszynski EM
J. Tuszynski EM

Sunday, September 7, 7:15 AM

Sr. Bernadette MC
J. Burny SerCap
M. Davis Serv (1)
J. Davis Serv (2)
M. Sheehy Serv (3)
S. Cusumano Lec (1)
T. Ciganek Lec (2)
A. Aquino EM
C. Barra EM
L. Bataille EM
P. Cusumano EM
D. DeJesu EM
M. Ortinau EM
A. Sanfilippo Int

Sunday, September 7, 9:00 AM

G. Kraemer MC
J. McManus SerCap
E. Donoghue Serv (1)
B. Hamilton Serv (2)
E. Jagmin Serv (3)
L. Martin Lec (1)
M. Martin Lec (2)
J. Clark EM
P. Corwin EM
M. Corwin EM
C. Dunkel EM
V. Giamalva EM
K. Gillespie EM
B. Groom EM
M. Kantarski EM
M. Lesniak EM
L. Meckert EM
M. Simmons EM
D. Slack EM
C. Slack EM
M. Todd EM
A. Wirt EM
D. Wirt EM

Sunday, September 7, 11:00 AM

E. Lemonier MC
M. Lemonier MC
W. Graft SerCap
A. Vendetti Serv (1)
C. Carley Serv (1)
M. Carley Serv (2)
W. Carley Serv (3)
H. Reinhart Lec (1)
R. Matre Lec (2)
V. Brenneman EM
Chris Burke EM
Carly Dwyer EM
NEED SUB EM
S. Kaeser EM
E. Kendal-Ward EM
M. Kendal-Ward EM
B. Kesler EM
C. Lovett EM
K. Lynam EM
K. Magnanenzi EM
M. McLean EM
A. Meyers EM
D. Mulvihill EM
N. O'Shea EM
S. Werner EM

Sunday, September 7, 5:15 PM

B. Leverso MC
A. Heider SerCap
N. Niro Serv (1)
C. Madden Serv (2)
S. Murray Serv (3)
M. Foderaro Lec (1)
S. Boutilier EM
R. Diak-Witek EM
D. Hays EM
J. Hopkinson EM
M. Michel EM
K. Moran EM
K. Murray EM
L. Rojek EM
K. Rojek EM
J. Van der Voort EM
J. Werner EM
A. McSorley Int

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5/Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16/Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9/Luke 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23/Luke 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5/Luke 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15/Luke 6:1-5
Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9/Romans 13:8-10/Matthew 18:15-20

22nd Sunday of the Year, 2008, (124A)

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 (USCCB)

- Jeremiah cried out to the LORD:
- ⁷ You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped;
you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.
All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.
- ⁸ Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message;
The word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.
- ⁹ I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

R sponsorial Psalm: 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O LORD my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 (USCCB)

- ¹ I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your
spiritual worship.
- ² Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of
your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and
pleasing and perfect.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27 (USCCB)

- Jesus strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.
- ²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem
and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed and on the third day be raised.
- ²² Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him,
“God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.”
- ²³ He turned and said to Peter,
“Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.
You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”
- ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples,
“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
- ²⁵ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
- ²⁶ What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?
Or what can one give in exchange for his life?
- ²⁷ “For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory,
and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct.”

Living Story

Keep in mind that Matthew is writing retrospectively¹ and to a community who was mostly Jewish in its culture. Recall that for the past two Sundays, we have been tracking the growing awareness of Jesus that he is the Christ, the Messiah. On the 20th Sunday, at the persistent plea of a non-believer to help her tormented daughter, Jesus finally capitulates, praises her for having solidarity (faith) with him and healed the child. Last week, Jesus genuinely seeks to know who he is and finally Peter names him the Christ; Jesus responds by saying that such knowledge is not among people (of whom Jesus is one!) so the revelation must have come from the Father. Verses 21-27 of today's pericope (Lectionary passage) is a continuation of last week (vv. 13-20) which ended with the admonition to his disciples to not reveal to anyone that he was the Christ confirming, as it were, vv. 13-20 and leading directly to today's lesson about the cross.

To Matthew's community, the dialogue between Peter and Jesus makes perfect sense. This is a good example of the core value in that culture: the concept of **honor/shame**. Honor is a claim of worth, by an individual or a group, as well as the **public** acknowledgment of that worth by others. The individual (or the group leader) must zealously guard against loss of honor or risk shame. Shame, however, is less the sense of disgrace and more a proper sensitivity toward one's own honor. The second point apart from public recognition is that honor is regarded as the **highest** social value. It is prized over wealth, even over life itself. When one makes a claim of worth, it is automatically challenged by another and one must vindicate one's claim or risk shame, that is, risk having an inadequate regard for one's own worth.

Matthew has Jesus making a claim of honor from the highest source, from God: Jesus must go to Jerusalem² to suffer and be killed. But **God's** plan includes a greater honor: God will raise Jesus from the dead. Peter challenges this! He has other ideas for Jesus. Last week, (v.16) Peter called Jesus the Messiah. (Recall that to the Jew, the Messiah was the one who would bring about the group's liberation – in that era, national and political freedom from the tyranny of Rome.) So Peter says, *God forbid it!* Peter wants **God** to change what Jesus has just finished claiming as a point of honor. Jesus vindicates himself by a riposte;³ he calls Peter, Satan, that is, a tester of loyalties, a tester of obedience, the adversary, a stumbling block.⁴ Jesus continues the counter thrust: you only see from the human perspective and not what God is asking. [Again, recall that the Gospel is a testament of faith; Matthew is writing *retrospectively*.] This vignette with Peter is mindful of the scene of the Temptations (3:17 ff) in which God calls Jesus the Beloved Son and immediately Jesus is thrust into the desert where his loyalty is tested, his obedience tempted three times by the adversary. Each time, Jesus vindicates his honor, counter-thrusting with deft scriptural responses to the Tempter's challenges. Jesus remains true to the honor God had bestowed!

In vv. 24-26, Jesus again brings us back to *kingdom things* and not just *human things*. What humans consider honorable – aggrandizing the self, avoiding the cross, saving one's life, and gaining wealth – is shown to be **lesser**. What society deems shameful – self-denial, self-sacrifice (taking up the cross), losing life – is redefined as honorable. Matthew's listeners must be shocked! Their normal cultural vision is severely stretched by Jesus' insistence that their view of core value of honor/shame must be re-oriented.

My soul is thirsting for you, O LORD my God.

Jeremiah puts it: *The word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say . . . I will speak in his name no more . . . but then it becomes like fire burning in my heart . . . I grow weary holding it in . . .*

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Paul says: *Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

My soul is thirsting for you, O LORD my God.

All the way from the 18th Sunday we have followed two revelations made in Matthew's stories about Jesus interacting with people, the crowds, the disciples, individuals. In them we can see Jesus becoming more and more aware of his being the Messiah even as he does wondrous deeds for the people: sustaining crowds with food, sustaining Peter and the disciples during a storm on the waters, sustaining the trust of a non-believing woman by healing her daughter, accepting that he really is the Messiah and is able to give authority to Peter and the others, and finally, today, Jesus shows his own faith, his own solidarity with the Father by stating that he will accept whatever comes from his going into Jerusalem – and he states that it may be what some would call a shame-filled disaster. But let's see what the 23rd Sunday and the Sunday after that (The Exaltation of the Cross) further tells us.

So What? The moments in the stories above show individuals or groups of people encountering Jesus on very deep levels, the external sign of which were the wonder-deeds, the miracles. Is it possible that these encounters are very much like sacramental moments?

FOOTNOTES:

¹ Matthew was written more than 50 years after the death of Jesus.

² Where historically prophets have been slain.

³ A counter-thrust or counter-challenge whose objective is to raise the stakes.

⁴ Block is an ironic pun; Jesus had just renamed Simon as Peter (Petra, or rock) at v.18.

Other Happenings

NAMI Barrington Chapter Events

Family to Family education classes begin on **Wednesday, September 3rd**. For more information, call **Maryrose** at **847.496.1415**.

A program will be presented on suicide prevention by Jim Christian from Alexian Bros. Behavioral Health Center on **Thursday, September 18th**, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough Street, in the Board Room. The program is free. For details, call **Hugh** at **847.991.1863**.

Freedom Festival

5th Annual Family Freedom Festival to support the troops will take place on **Saturday, September 6th**, in Barrington. For more information, visit www.we-do-care.org.

Barrington Stampede

The Barrington High School football team will sponsor the *Barrington Stampede* by collecting canned food items or a \$5.00 donation for area food pantries, including Project Hope, at home football games. For more information, call **Carol Rolfs** at **847.526.3783**.

september08 NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

The face of hunger will surprise you.
Awareness and action are the first steps.

GET INVOLVED.



- Collect food for the hungry and homeless
- Donate to one of Catholic Charities' food programs
- Volunteer
- Call us at (312) 655-7315

For more information visit
www.catholiccharities.net/hunger



All about help and just about everywhere.

Community and Project Hope Offerings/Needs

Please note: St. Anne prints these offerings/needs as a service to its parishioners, and does not endorse them or accept responsibility for the information presented.

Condo for rent. 1 yr. lease \$1,150.00, 2br/2ba, overlooking golf course in Hoffman Estates. Pool, health club, Schaumburg schools. Call **Misty** at **847.530.4456** or email mandmflannery@aol.com.

Job needed. Unemployed Barrington mom needs work. Babysitting, animal care, errands, household help and bookkeeping. Also has hand-knotted and Ke-lim oriental rugs for sale. Call **Lisa** at **847.713.2441**.

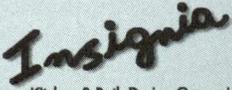
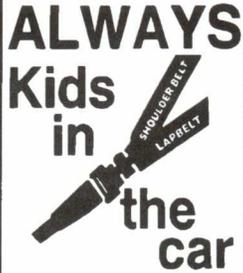
Babysitter needed. M-F, 4:00-6:00 p.m., for 3 children (1 preschooler) of parish family. High school or college student. Excellent pay. Call **Amy** at **847.382.2712**.

Sorters needed. People are needed to help sort donations on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Call **Project Hope** at **847.381.5721** to help.

Caregiver available. Skilled care/hospice companion available 3:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m., M-F. Call **224.305.1604**.

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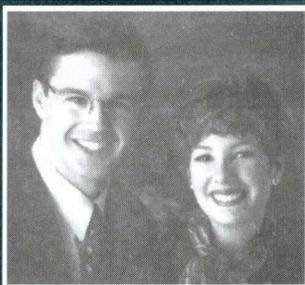
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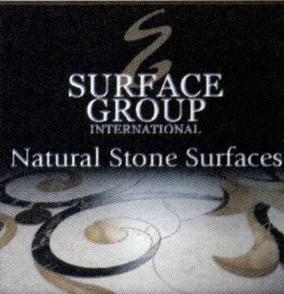
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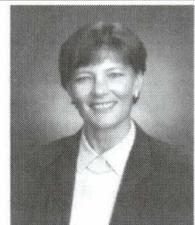
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We believe that the Celebration of the Sacraments ranks among the most important gifts that we have. We look forward to sharing these celebrations with men and women who, in some way, are part of our community. Therefore, please note the following:

Baptism: Registration in the parish is a prerequisite. For those parents who are baptizing their first child, please allow 2 to 3 months in order to attend 2 required Baptism sessions *before* setting the Baptism date. For a subsequent child's baptism, an interview session must be scheduled prior to setting the date. All schedules are done in the parish office. Please call 847.382.5300.

Marriage: A son or daughter of a registered parishioner or a registered and active parishioner will need to schedule an interview with a parish staff person to set a date and start the marriage process. Please call 847.382.5300.

First Eucharist and First Reconciliation: These sacraments are celebrated in the second grade. Candidates must complete the preparation program which is coordinated through the REP program. Please call the REP office at 847.620.3068.

Confirmation: This sacrament is celebrated in high school. Candidates must be registered parishioners and complete a 2 year preparation program including large and small group involvement. Please call 847.620.3072.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. and by appointment.

Registration: Please do not assume you are registered if you have been attending Mass here or have children in St. Anne School or our REP program. Registration includes meeting with one of our welcoming team members and filling out an official form for our parish records. To register, please call 847.382.5300.