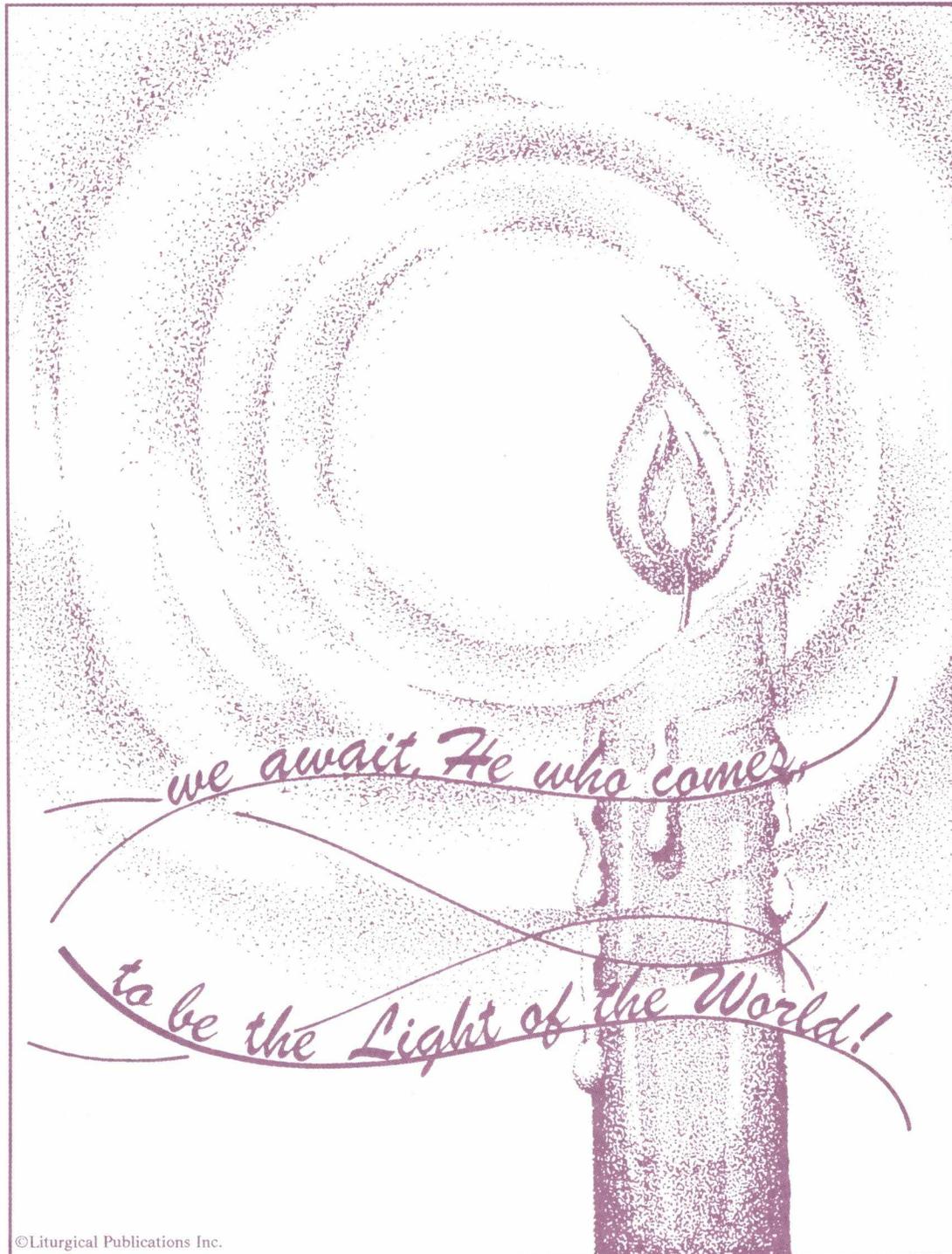




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A WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ST. ANNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



we await, He who comes,

to be the Light of the World!

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First Sunday of Advent

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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.

December 4th-5th

Mass Time	Presider
5:15 p.m.	Fr. Fred Licciardi
7:15 a.m.	Fr. Tom Bishop
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Tom Bishop
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernie Pietrzak
5:15 p.m.	Fr. Bernie Pietrzak

PARISH EVENTS

Monday, November 29th

- 9:15 *Women's Fall Scripture Study (Parish Center)*
- 6:30 *GIFT Community Session (adults, high school)*
- 7:30 *RCIA (Hospitality Room)*

Tuesday, November 30th

- 6:00 *GIFT Community Session*
- 7:00 *Rosary (Chapel)*

Wednesday, December 1st

- 10:00 *School Reconciliation Grades 6-8*
- 1:00 *School Reconciliation Grades 3-5*
- 3:30 *Children's Choir Rehearsal (Church)*
- 5:30 *GIFT Community Session*

Thursday, December 2nd

- 6:30 *GIFT Community Session*

Friday, December 3rd

Saturday, December 4th

- 9:00 *GIFT Community Session*
- 9:15 *Individual Reconciliation (Chapel)*

Sunday, December 5th

- 9:30 *New Parishioner Registration (Hosp. Room)*
- 1:00 *Parish Baptisms*
- 7:30 *Men's Basketball Open Gym (School Gym)*

CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

- Diego Zachary Arzate (Carla and Pablo)
- Sebastian Daniel Cummins (Elzbieta and Jason)
- Beatrice Sera Eleanor Gambardella
- Benjamin Miles Gambardella
- Michael Robert Gambardella
- Nathaniel Jareth Gambardella (Elizabeth and Christopher)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 29th

- 8:15 St. Anne Purgatorial Society
Marie Henriette Cormier—*Karen Duffy*

Tuesday, November 30th

- 8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Lola Trudel—*Les and Mary Spinner*

Wednesday, December 1st

- 8:15 Dolores Sieverson—*Eileen Richardson*

Thursday, December 2nd

- 8:15 Jan Menconi—*Barbara Klass*

Friday, December 3rd

- 8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Tom Healy—*Marie McKown*

Saturday, December 4th

- 8:15 Joseph Grace—*Connie Bufalino*
- 5:15 Phil Nordgren, Sr.—*The Koch Family*
Jack Horgan—*The McManus Family*

Sunday, December 5th, Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:15 People of St. Anne
Martin Zvonkovic Family, Mark-Stegina Family—*Ann and Ralph Boulay*
- 9:00 Antoinetta Santoro—*Nick and Roseann Santoro*
Ralph Anderlik—*Mary Anderlik*
Clara Weaver—*The Weaver Family*
Antonino Pecoraro, Maria Marino, Marianna and Antony Bucaro
Pasquale Moreci—*Angelo Pecoraro*
- 11:00 Sophia Comber—*The Comber Family*
Irvin Zientek—*Richard Branda*
Robert Zoffer—*The Meehan Family*
Bob Dasburg—*The Lavin Family*
Gregory Leydig—*Bob Ryan*
Josephine Rotondo—*The Olson Family*
- 5:15 Jan Menconi—*The Nolan Family*

RESTING IN PEACE

Madeleva Clough 'Mady' Peyton,
wife of Fred;

Eula Halstead,
great grandmother of Shannon,
Ty and Catherine Roney



FROM THE FRIENDLY CONFINES

Dear People of Saint Anne,

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (Isaiah 40: 4-5)

The above passage from the Book of Isaiah is a very famous one. It speaks about the loving power and presence of the Lord's glory which transforms the world in every respect. No part of creation is left untouched by the presence of God in the incarnation of Jesus. To put it simply, the coming of God into the world through Christ our Lord changes everything.

This is what we as Christians have always believed about the second coming of Christ Jesus. His return will usher in the fullness of the new heaven and earth; sin and death, evil and wrong will all come to an end, and our lives, and all that we know, will be changed. This is the victory which the death and resurrection of Jesus will bring to pass, the perfection of God's love and justice – the very essence of the Kingdom of God.

However, what we often miss is that the Kingdom of God is not just something that still is to come. If God's Kingdom is only found in our future – something that will come, but is not yet here – then we are truly a people in darkness. The Kingdom of God is still to come in its fullness, yet it is already here, today, among us as God's People.

The presence of God in the incarnation of Jesus, his current Real Presence with us in the Church, and in the coming return of Jesus, is the essence of the meaning of the Advent season.

If we look at the upcoming readings in our Lectionary for each of the four Sundays of Advent, it becomes readily apparent that we begin this season with our hopes and focused on the expectation of the Second coming of Jesus.

These four Sundays leading up to Christmas are really a period of expectation, hope, joy and celebration – not just for our commemoration of the birth of the Christ child, but also for our anticipation of his second coming among us.

The color for our church environment during Advent

has historically been purple. However, the purple of Advent, is not that of penance, repentance and forgiveness, but rather the purple of royalty – of Christ's kinship, royal dignity and majesty.

The royal purple that adorns our church here at Saint Anne this year reminds us that the birth of the Christ child was the birth of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. The royal purple vestments and wall hangings in our worship space are intended to remind us that Advent is not Lent, and that it should never be thought of as a time of mourning and penitence, but a time of preparation – preparing with great hope and expectation for the coming of the Lord in the fullness of his love, justice and glory.

Come Home to the Catholic Church: Daily life is noisy and complex. And in the quiet moments, we may allow ourselves to listen to the deeper questions of our heart. Where do we anchor our hope in the middle of this troubled and unstable world? What gives us peace that enables us to move forward without fear? How can we rediscover not a quick – fix happiness but a deeply rooted joy in our lives?

God is calling us to rediscover the gift of faith in Jesus Christ lived out in the Catholic Church. It's time for us to take another look at our beginnings in the Church. It's time to look ahead to the future that God wants to give us. It's time to come home to the Catholic Church.

These words introduce the second year that the Archdiocese of Chicago is participating in the COME HOME program of invitation, outreach and evangelization to Catholics who have given up on the Church, have made it a lessening priority in their lives or who have just slipped away.

In the coming weeks, in our bulletin and around the Archdiocese, you will see and hear a renewed invitation to Come Home to a more active and participating presence among God's people.

Testimonies, commercials, articles will be present in all forms of media and communication. Here at Saint Anne, we will also participate in this outreach and invitation during this Advent season. More to come – as the Advent season unfolds.

In the Advent Coming of our God,

Father Bernie Pietrzak

Office of the Pastor

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly offering for November 21st, 2010

Year-to-date Collections

People attending Weekend Liturgies: 2,505			
Sunday Offering Envelopes used: 477	\$32,469.00		
Direct Debit/Credit Card Offerings: 209	7,000.00	Sharing Parish Commitment	\$ 24,079.00
Total of this week's Sunday Collections	\$39,469.00	Archdiocesan Required Collections	\$ 13,305.00
Weekly Budget for Sunday Collections	\$41,000.00		
Difference	-\$1,531.00		
Year to Date			
Collection vs. Budget			
Year to Date Sunday Collection	\$811,888.00	Building Loan due to Archdiocese	
Year to Date Budget for Sunday Collections	\$861,000.00		
Difference	-\$49,112.00		\$894,034.00
<i>Fall Catch-up Collection</i>	<i>+\$52,870.00</i>		
Total difference with Fall Catch-up	+\$3,758.00		

Investing in our Future **Fall Catch-Up Collection**

A heartfelt thank you to all who have participated in the Fall Catch-up Collection. With your help, we have been able to get back on track. As you can see in today's report, we are now slightly above our budgeted Sunday collection figure. Beginning next week, the Fall Catch-up funds will be shown in the Sunday Offering figure.

Thank you also to all of you who have increased your Sunday donations and have signed up for Direct Debit and Credit card offerings. All of this generosity goes a long way to securing the financial stability of the Saint Anne Community.

Father Bernie Pietrzak

BLOOD DRIVE—WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL

Thank you to all the donors who contributed to our blood drive last weekend. This was our best result ever. Fifty-one units of blood were contributed. This included a record seven people who, by using the ALYX technique, were able to donate two units of cells without losing the corresponding blood volume.

Each donation strengthens the lives of three people, not to mention the joy in the heart of the donor. These blood drives have become a necessity. The blood supply in our area is consistently low because donations have fallen behind our usage rate. Fortunately, the St. Anne donor base is increasing as more people realize the important contribution that they can make to the life of someone who can't help himself. To address this ongoing situation, we are scheduling donations four times a year, February, May, August and November. Our next date is **Sunday, February 20th**.

Thanks again to the donors who ensure that there will be a safe and adequate supply of blood when it is needed. For those who donate at a Life Source Blood Center, please use code A212 to designate St. Anne.

Opportunities to Help Others

ST. ANNE SHARING TREE



This weekend, we will be putting up the trees in the Gathering Space for our annual Sharing Tree Program.

We will be giving to individuals from:

- **St. Martin de Porres Shelter for Women and Children**
 - **St. Columbanus Food Pantry**
 - **St. Frances of Rome families and school**
 - **Project Hope**

The gifts requested include essentials, such as *blankets, jackets, pajamas, diapers, hats, mittens, books, school items, toys and games, and gift cards for gas and food.*

Select as many ornaments as you wish. Each ornament will provide the necessary information for you to make purchases. Return wrapped gifts (unless otherwise stated) with the ornament attached to them, to the Gathering Space by **Sunday, December 12th**, before 12:00 p.m. There will be a box next to the tree in which to deposit gift cards. Please write the amount purchased on the gift cards. For more information, call **Laura Luby** at **708.205.4410** or **Anne Guarnieri** at **847.754.5742**.

PROJECT HOPE

Project Hope's "**Let Us Give Thanks**" Holiday Collection has begun. Corporate sponsors have provided turkeys for the many families served by the Project Hope Food Pantry. Please help us to "complete the feast" by donating Jewel, Dominick's, Wal-Mart or Target gift cards of any denomination to fill their holiday table. Sharing a family meal during the holidays goes a very long way towards restoring dignity and renewing hope.



Gift cards may be brought to the collection boxes in the Gathering Space or to the Project Hope office, 320 E. Franklin Street, across from St. Anne School.

Project Hope provides simple comforts to residents of public nursing facilities during the holiday season through the distribution of travel-sized toiletries and calendars. This is a wonderful opportunity to play St. Nick for seniors who really appreciate these conveniences. If you have unopened hotel and travel-sized toiletries and/or any 2011 calendars to contribute, please place them in the collection boxes located in the Gathering Space. For more information on this or any other Project Hope holiday initiatives, please call **847.381.5721**.



Faith Formation



PERSPECTIVES FROM THE PCM...

THE REVITALIZED MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES OF THE ST. ANNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

It was described in a previous article how a parish should re-evaluate its directional statements from time to time to be assured what is being communicated reflects the current character and purpose of its faith community. The succinct description of our collective purpose provides cogent direction for organizing the parish administrative structure. The Mission Statement and Core Values Subcommittee presented three mission statement options to the PCM Study Group prior to their November meeting. They were given the chance to reflect on the options. The members have, by consensus, accepted the following revitalized Mission Statement:

Led by the Spirit, the Catholic community of St. Anne strives to live the example of Jesus who said, "I came so that you might have life and live it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

As Catholics, we hold these shared values that support our mission...

- ❖ As a united community of believers, we **gather** in worship, prayer, celebration and fellowship to deepen our relationship with God and one another.

Whenever two or more are gathered in my name, I am with you. (Matthew 18:20)

- ❖ As a Christian community, we **invite and welcome** all and are enriched by their presence.

Love one another as I have loved you. (John 13:34)

- ❖ As people of faith, we value and encourage **lifelong faith formation** as essential to spiritual growth.

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18)

- ❖ As a community of disciples, we promise to **share** ourselves and our resources in God's service.

As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with...kindness and humility. (Colossians 3:12)

- ❖ As a community committed to justice, we reach out with **compassion** to those in need.

We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. (Ephesians 2:10)

Support for soldiers and families with relatives serving in the military

Please hold these individuals in prayer as we begin the holiday season.

Ben Batley, nephew of Angela Nordgren, Army, Texas

Lt. Col. Marc E. Czaja, son of Virginia and Charles Brenneman, USMC, USA

Andrew Jennings, cousin of Virginia Brenneman, Army, Wounded Warrior, USA

Jordan P. Lopez, son of Rene and Linda Lopez, Army, Georgia

2nd LT Keefe Murtaugh, son of Barry and Courtney Murtaugh, USMC, California

SFC Jeffrey Puch, brother of Katie Grund, Army, Korea

Robert Schroeder, son of John and Martha Muno, Army, Iraq

L. CPL. Joe Barra, son of Jim and Cathy Barra, USMC, Afghanistan

Additional submissions may be sent to: parishcouncil@stannebarrington.org.

GIFT Growing in Faith Together

GIFT – UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT INFORMATION

The next GIFT Community Event begins Monday, November 29th, and our topic is **Preparing for the Messiah**. During these sessions, we will explore Advent as a time of expectation and anticipation, a time of looking toward and preparing for the future with emphasis on the journey. This journey is one of reflection, an inward deepening of the presence of God and His power unfolding in our lives and in our world. Advent is a season of joyful hope, a time to release our despair and anxiety, to repent and reconcile with God and one another, a time to begin to live in hope—hope for our lives, for the lives of others and hope for the world. As disciples, we stand together in community as a sign of contradiction against hopelessness and despair in our world.

We welcome **two wonderful speakers** to the adult breakout: our own **Father Fred** will speak on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. **Friar Johnpaul Cafiero** will join us on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Friar Cafiero is a former police officer who has also worked as a counselor and chaplain at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center. He is a pastoral associate and preacher at Holy Family Parish in Inverness and serves as the Chaplain for the Illinois State Police. Friar Cafiero holds a Master of Arts in Counseling and Psychology from Boston University, a Master of Divinity in Liturgy and Scripture from Catholic Theological Union and a Doctor of Divinity in Psychology and Theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake.

It takes many helping hands to make these events a reality. We encourage you to consider the various ways you can share your time and talents with your fellow parishioners by exploring the information available on the GIFT Ministry Opportunities link on the GIFT Registration page of the St. Anne website.

If you have not already done so, please register your household for GIFT using the forms found on the St. Anne website and join us at the Community Event during the week of November 29th. We look forward to welcoming you!

2010-11 GIFT Community Event Schedule - Discipleship

Dates	Session Days and Times					
	Topic	Monday *	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Saturday
September 13th-18th	Identity of Christ	6:30-9:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	5:30-8:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	9:00-11:30 a.m.
October 25th-30th	What is a Disciple?	6:30-9:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	5:30-8:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	9:00-11:30 a.m.
November 29-December 4	Preparing for the Messiah	6:30-9:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	5:30-8:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	9:00-11:30 a.m.
January 31st -February 5th	New Life in Christ	6:30-9:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	5:30-8:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	9:00-11:30 a.m.
April 4th-9th	Dying to Self	6:30-9:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	5:30-8:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	9:00-11:30 a.m.
May 9th-14th	Living as a Disciple	6:30-9:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	5:30-8:00 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	9:00-11:30 a.m.

* adults and high school only

Worship

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar server training will be held on **Wednesday, December 8th**, from 3:15-6:00 p.m., in the church. Students in 6th grade or higher are welcome to attend. To reserve a spot, email **Peggy** at peggyhirsch@aol.com or call at **847.382.0414**.

ADULT MINISTRY

There is a need for 3 or 4 adults, men or women, to mentor teens as full ushers at the 5:15 p.m. Sunday Mass. Please call the Head Usher, **Chuck Brenneman** at **847.304.1925** or **Clem** in the Liturgy Office for information and to volunteer.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

In the stillness of the moment, the Merciful Love of God drew His first breath—Jesus the Christ was born! What were Mary's thoughts as she gazed upon the face of her beautiful Child for the first time? We can only imagine.

But, with deep gratitude and a prayerful spirit, we can reflect and meditate on this most joyful and wondrous event in Our Lady's life as we pray the Rosary following the 8:15 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, December 4th**.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

- This is your chance ... serve your faith community.
- Be a part of a ministry of welcoming and care.
- Share in our sacramental moments during liturgy.

BE AN USHER!

Yes, there are positions now open for full-time ushers at St. Anne. Ushers, along with greeters, are ministers of hospitality and make all feel welcome at the banquet of the Lord. They help make our time together in prayer as a faith community respectful and pleasant. Your caring, giving and commitment is wanted and needed! Being an usher for our parish is one way to help all of us be faith-filled disciples.

Please complete the following information and deliver to:

St. Anne Church, 120 North Ela Street, 60010

ATTN: Chuck Brenneman (Ushers)

For more information, call **Chuck** at **847.304.1925**.



USHER INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email address: _____

I am interested in being an usher: Full-time Part-time

I can usher at the following Mass times:

_____ Saturdays, 5:15 p.m. _____ Sundays, 7:15 a.m.

_____ Sundays, 9:00 a.m. _____ Sundays, 11:00 a.m. _____ Sundays, 5:15 p.m.



2010 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 12th
Christmas Tree Lighting, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 18th
Advent Penance Service
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
2:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 25th
Christmas Day
10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 26th
Feast of the Holy Family
Regular Mass schedule

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED—USHERS AND GREETERS

Volunteer ushers and greeters are needed for the Christmas Masses

On **Friday, December 24th**, and **Saturday, December 25th**, *extra volunteer ushers and greeters are needed* to accommodate the expected increase in attendance at these Masses. To volunteer for a Mass choice listed below, please sign up in the ushers' room, located adjacent to the Gathering Space, or call **Chuck Brenneman** (to be an *usher*) at **847.304.1925**, or **Darrell Medley** (to be a *greeter*) at **847.726.8842**.

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24th
2:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25th
10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

there will be no 5:15 p.m. Mass
on Christmas Day.



Community Life



WOMEN'S CLUB CORNER

Women's Club Directories

The Women's Club directories have been distributed, but many more remain. If you have not yet picked up your directory, please do so after Mass or at the church office during office hours, Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–Noon and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. This is a primary benefit of membership. And, this year, there are new advertisers and a coupon from Tropical Smoothie. Please patronize our sponsors.

A Visit with St. Nicholas, Sunday, December 5th

The St. Anne Women's Club is pleased to celebrate the Christmas holiday with all families of the parish with a **Visit with St. Nicholas**. On **Sunday, December 5th**, after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses, children and adults will have the opportunity to visit with St. Nicholas in the Gathering Space. Children will meet St. Nicholas and receive the gifts of Christmas, including a Clementine orange, a candy cane and a chocolate coin. Refreshments will be served by club members. All families of the parish are welcome to participate. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Dinner and Fashion Show, Tuesday, December 14th

The Women's Club will hold its annual Christmas Dinner and Fashion Show on **Tuesday, December 14th**, at The Garlands, Barrington. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. with shopping in our Gift Boutique of items from Savvy Spirit, Peter Daniels, Brilliant Sky Toys and Books, and The Barrington Home Shoppe, followed by a buffet dinner. A fashion show by Savvy Spirit and Peter Daniels will be the highlight of the evening. All members, as well as Barrington-area women interested in the club, are welcome to attend. There is a charge of \$25.00 per club member and \$30.00 per non-club member. Please R.S.V.P. by **Friday, December 10th**, to **Sylvia Anderson** at **847.516.1924** or Sylviaa00@gmail.com. Invitations have been mailed to all club members. Don't miss this event!

BAKE SALE

St. Anne Peer Ministry will be holding a **Bake Sale** on **Sunday, December 5th**, after the 5:15 p.m. Mass. Proceeds will be used to purchase goods to be donated to an adopted family during the holiday season. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Space and support Peer Ministry.

MISSING TABLECLOTHS

The Funeral Luncheon Committee is missing several burgundy tablecloths used to serve our luncheons. If you can aid in our search, please contact **Cindy Byrne** at **847.304.1119**.



MEN'S BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

Sunday night basketball is open to all men over 30 years old. Enjoy fun, pick-up games every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Anne School gym. For more information, call **Jim** at **847.277.0509**.

Faith Formation and Education

GFTD KIDS

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

In the *Pastoral Liturgy* publication, Barbara Matera writes: "When my children were in elementary school, one of the mothers drove her children to school in a van with the license plate "GIFD KIDS." I have often wondered what expectations, not to mention, hopes and dreams were placed on the children in that family. The label 'gifted,' often used by schools, can be flawed in that it seeks to identify only those who are intellectually gifted."

Are not all of us "gifted" in some way? Some have athletic gifts of speed, agility, balance and accuracy. Others express themselves through music or the visual arts. I also have known people who had an extraordinary gift of kindness, compassion, or peacemaking. No intelligence test can measure such gifts as these gifts.

These are not insignificant gifts. But as wonderful as these gifts are, God has gifted us with even more. Through the Spirit-filled waters of Baptism, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Through these gifts, the Creator Spirit creates, empowers and fills us and the whole world with life. And through the gifts of the Spirit, we are enabled to give the gift of life and love to others. Throughout our lives, we have opportunities for encountering the Spirit that are as broad as the world itself.

God said, "I will pour out my spirit on all..." The Spirit, who is one with the Father and Son, brings forth many varied gifts. The Spirit is like wind, fire, water. Each one point to the nearness of God to us, to the intimacy of God to each of us, to all of us together, to the whole world. The Spirit is God with us, reaching out to the world, nearer to us than we are to ourselves.

Each one of us is an individual and unique person and represents unique gifts. There has never been before nor will there ever be again someone exactly like each one of us. No one else has the constellation of experiences, talents, values which characterize as each of us has. Michael D. Guinan, O.F.M. says: "We can say in true humility that each of us gives to God through others something which God did not have before and would not have if we did not give it.

A designation of "gifted" cannot begin to express the many gifts our God has showered upon us. Since not two people are the same, our gifts will be as unique as each person, each child of God who has ever lived. Indeed, we are all "GFTD KIDS."

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Isaiah 4:2-6/Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Matthew 4:18-22
Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a/Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6/Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24/Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/Matthew 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10/Romans 15:4-9/Matthew 3:1-12

Faith Formation

WELCOME TO OUR

CATECHUMENS

Tracy Garcia and David Hirsch



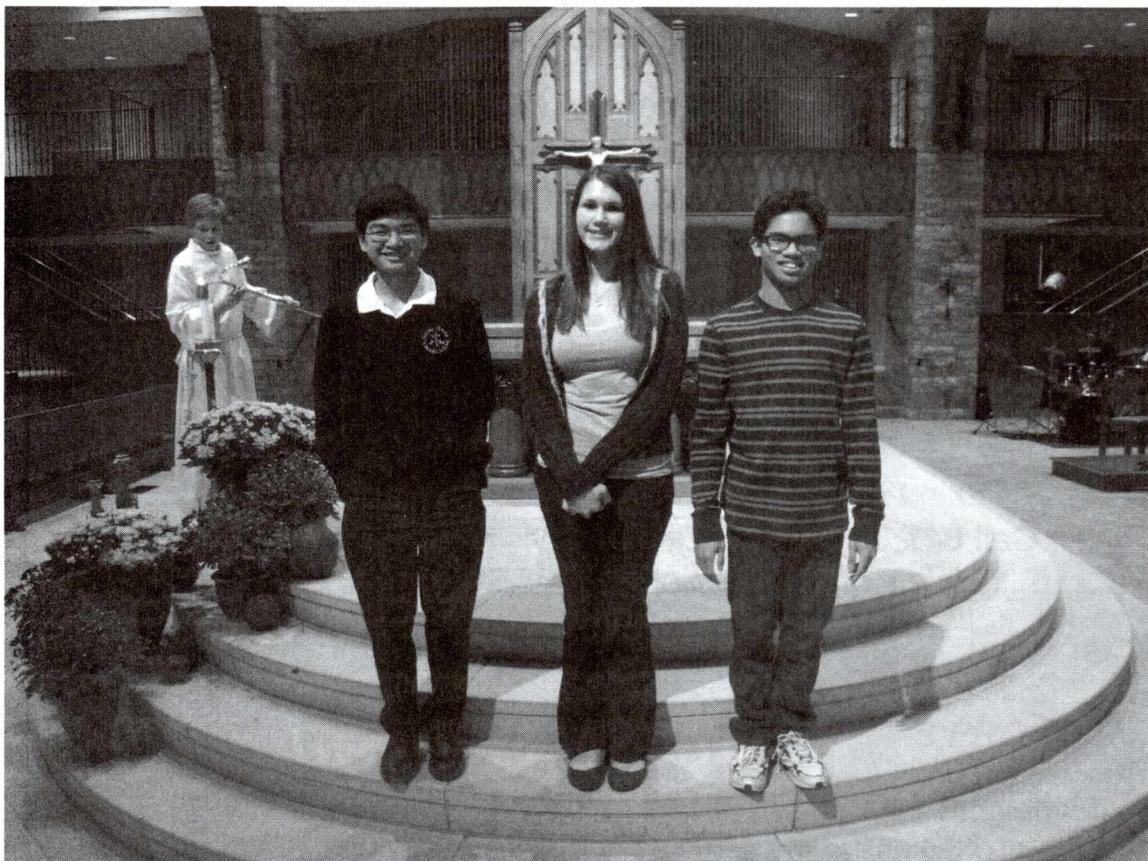
CANDIDATES

James Beers, Jovan Buckley, Mike Legrady,
Shara Linden, James McGinley, Scott Nehs,
Janice Noah, Karissa Pauli, Linda Ray, Alix Soske



Faith Formation

WELCOME TO OUR YOUTH CATECHUMENS



Pictured, left to right:
Brandon McGinley
Angelica Mauro Martin
Jameson McGinley



Connections

Food Drive

Friday, December 10th

St. Anne Parish Center

7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

\$10.00 per person (refreshments are extra)

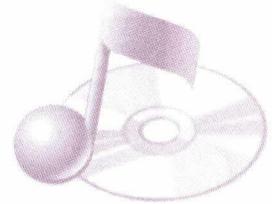
6th, 7th and 8th Grades

DANCE RULES:

- A current BMS or SAS photo ID is required.
- Dress code will be enforced (all dress must be appropriate)
- Cell phone use during the dance is prohibited.
- All students are required to be picked up inside the gym by a parent (no one will be allowed to walk home).

Call **847.382.5300 ext.400** or visit www.stannebarrington.org
(click on youth ministry, middle school, connections)

WE NEED CHAPERONES!



Annual Food Drive

The Christmas dance is also a food drive to fill our food pantry.

With every donation of 2 cans or non-perishable food item, students will receive 2.00 off admission.

Maximum discount
\$2.00



St. Anne School News

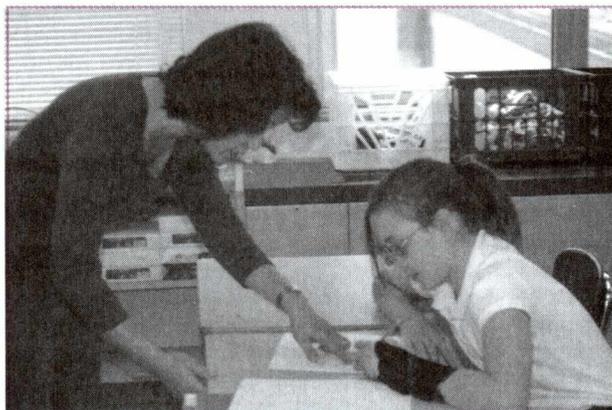
ST. ANNE SCHOOL LOOKS TO EXPAND MANDARIN CHINESE TO EARLY ELEMENTARY

Both parents and school districts are recognizing the value of adding Mandarin Chinese to their curriculum. Due to increased interest, Sr. Ann said the school will be looking into adding 3rd and 4th grade instruction after the Christmas holiday.

Instructor Amy Zhang points out that most people don't realize that Mandarin, not English, is actually the most spoken language in the world. When you learn Mandarin, you can communicate with millions worldwide. In business, Mandarin has become an increasingly important language to know.

Kids today have such an advantage to learn this at a young age. Because Mandarin Chinese is a tonal language, it can be harder to learn. Younger students would focus on speaking and understanding the tonal inflections before they would progress to writing.

Amy Zhang has been teaching Mandarin Chinese for seven years and currently teaches at St. Viator High School, Arlington Heights. She instructs 5th through 8th grade students at St. Anne School on Wednesdays for one hour after school.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The St. Anne School
Christmas Program
will be held on
Monday, December 13th,
at 7:00 p.m.
in the Church.

Performances will feature
1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders!

All are invited.

New Registration: St. Anne School is currently accepting new registration for the 2011-12 school year for preschool and kindergarten. Contact the school office at **847.381.0311** for more information and to schedule a school tour.

1st Sunday of Advent, 2010 (1A)

Isaiah 2:1-5

- ¹ This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
² In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills.
All nations shall stream toward it; ³many peoples shall come and say:
"Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths."
For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples.
They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.
⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Ps. 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. *R_x* = Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

- ¹ I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."
² And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *R_x*
³ Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.
⁴ To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD. *R_x*
⁴ According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
⁵ In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David. *R_x*
⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!
⁷ May peace be within your walls,
prosperity in your buildings. *R_x*
⁸ Because of my relatives and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you."
⁹ Because of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will pray for your good. *R_x*

Romans 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters:

- ¹¹ You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.
For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed;
¹² the night is advanced, the day is at hand.
Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;
¹³ let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day,
not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy.
¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

Matthew 24:37-44

- Jesus said to the disciples:
³⁷ "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.
³⁸ In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage,
up to the day that Noah entered the ark.
³⁹ They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away.
So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.
⁴⁰ Two men will be out in the field;
one will be taken, and one will be left.
⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill;
one will be taken, and one will be left.
⁴² "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.
⁴³ Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming,
he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into.
⁴⁴ "So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Each liturgical year begins with the first Sunday of Advent, continues through 52 weeks and ends with Christ the King, the Last Sunday of the Year. This year, Cycle A, is the year of the evangelistⁱ Matthew whose gospel we read continuously, with some minor exceptions, during 2010 and on into 2011, through "winter" Ordinary Time,ⁱⁱ through Lent/Easter, into the long season of "summer" Ordinary Time and finishing on the day of Christ the King, November 20, 2011.

In the first century, between 80 and 90 CE (Common Era, formerly AD), Matthew, probably a Jew,ⁱⁱⁱ recast and combined the two major liturgical and catechetical documents known to his community: the gospel of Mark and a collection of Jesus' sayings known as "Q." In addition, Matthew's people were steeped in its own oral traditions (called "M") of their community. Matthew produced the gospel we have come to call by this name by combining and editing these three sources for the very specific purpose of inspiring continued faith among the members of his predominantly Jewish Christian^{iv} community.

Some of the conditions that called forth this new synthesis we already met in discussing Luke during this past year. Matthew's community experienced other crises. "Stringently Jewish in origins, it had experienced the trauma of separation from the synagogue^v and a great influx of Gentiles into its ranks. This shift in its Christian existence demanded a new interpretation of old traditions, a new way of looking at Christ and his church, at the Old Testament and salvation history, at discipleship and morality." Matthew wrote for a large, sophisticated, urban, rather well-off^{vi} church, probably in Antioch, in Syria.

As I customarily do, I will try to keep the focus on the probable meaning of Jesus' actions and words to this community of the evangelist with its particular culture and its peculiar needs.

The Admonition to be Vigilant.

v.37: The point in comparing the days of Noah with the coming of the Son of Man is the unexpectedness of the crisis; it is less a focus that wickedness led to the flood and more that people were so engrossed in the living out of their daily existence - *eating and drinking, marrying* - that the flood took them completely unaware.

v.40:...*one will be taken*...These two sets of comparisons - two men, two women - refer to the immediate preceding verse, 39b, *the coming of the Son of Man or the Parousia*^{vii}. At that moment, of the two who are doing the same task, who in appearance look the same, one will be taken (**into** the kingdom) and one will be left (**out** of the kingdom). The key is inferred from v.42 (but see v.36!) ; since the precise time of the Lord's Second Coming is not known, the only attitude that the one who is taken should adopt is constant vigilance, because it could happen at any time. Note that

Matthew, a Jew writing to a mostly Jewish audience, includes a vignette about women to emphasize the inclusion in the kingdom of those usually considered secondary; compare today's pericope^{viii} from Isaiah (vv.2 and 4) in which there is mentioned *nations* and *peoples* which in Israelite culture always signifies inclusion of **outsiders**, gentiles, pagans, those outside the tribes of The Chosen People - all *shall stream toward* [Jerusalem].

v.43: If the homeowner only knew when the thief was coming, he would be ready; since he doesn't, the only recourse is to be constantly vigilant!

v.44: Because the time of the coming of the Son of Man is *not* known (the hour is unexpected) again, the only recourse is constant vigilance. Note here: it is Advent but we're not getting ready for the coming of the baby Jesus (that's back in chapter 1); we're reading in chapter 24!

By the year 85, Jesus had been dead some 50 years! Recall also the chaos ensuing from the destruction in 70 CE of the Jerusalem Temple (footnote v), the center of Jewish religion and culture and identity; the Jewish Christians were ejected from that Temple! Where was this Jesus? Most of the witnesses to his life were gone; of any who survived, as well as their followers, were frightened, impatient, losing heart, even losing faith. Under persecution from their ejection, they were subject to taunts - Jesus certainly did not arrive during *this generation* (v.34). Matthew's assurance is that since only the Father knows when the Parousia will occur (v.36), then the only recourse for the Christian is constant vigilance. As is always the case, in order to understand any scriptural context, it is extremely important to situate oneself in the period in which the author (here, Matthew) is *writing* to a particular community (here, ~85 CE) rather than focusing on the historical time of the event (here, Jesus in the flesh speaking to his disciples in 33 CE).

Paul says to the Romans: *put on the armor of light* in order to overcome the seductive appeals that lead to quarreling and jealousy. The way to be vigilant is to *put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh*; pay attention to the whole of you, that is, include your spiritual side and not solely your physical existence.

Isaiah says it this way: The God of Jacob will *instruct us in his ways that we may walk in his paths* so that we may choose righteousness^{ix} among peoples and *They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again*. Ideal? Of course but what other way do these scriptures offer? We are about preparing during the Kingdom in which we are for the Kingdom which is to come.

So What? Our society is so future oriented; we buy insurance, we have stocks, we save money. What things in our personal practices center us on being vigilant now, today, with constancy into tomorrow? *Stay awake!*

ⁱEvangelist = Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. Each proclaimed to his community with its own particular needs the good news about The Christ by writing down the oral traditions which had developed since the time of Jesus.

ⁱⁱSo termed because these Sundays are identified by the use of ordinal numbers.

ⁱⁱⁱA strong indication that this evangelist was not Matthew the tax collector nor Matthew the Apostle who knew Jesus first hand, is the fact that Matthew the author incorporated 600 of the 660 verses Mark's gospel. A reasonable assumption is that one who had walked The Way alongside Jesus would have described those events using his own words. So too for Mark, Luke and John: they were not eyewitnesses of Jesus' ministry.

^{iv}Note that this gospel displays and assumes familiarity on the part of the reader with Jewish customs and traditions, particularly knowledge of the Hebrew scripture and the centrality of the Law.

^vRecall that Jerusalem was decimated by the Romans in 70 CE and the Temple, the seat of religious, spiritual and cultural identity was destroyed so that "stone was not left stand-

ing upon stone" (v. Matt 24:1-2, but keep in mind that Matthew is writing some 15 years after the event!)

^{vi}Mention of gold and silver appear twenty-six times in this gospel compared to once in Mark and 4 times in Luke.

^{vii}The time when The Christ comes in judgment, the Second Coming, the end-time.

^{viii}A scriptural passage, sometimes discontinuous, sometimes with words added (today's gospel pericope adds *Jesus said to the disciples*) chosen for a specific reason for inclusion in the Lectionary, the Church's official collection of readings for liturgy.

^{ix}Recall that righteousness, or justice, is that kind of relationship to which God invites us. The relationship is as though it was like the scales of a balance in which the pans are pretty much even. In all things, material things, as well as intangibles like love or other spiritual concerns, all of God's creatures should have a more or less equal share.

Worship

GAUDETE SUNDAY PARISH TREE LIGHTING CONCERT!

Our annual Christmas tree lighting concert will be on **Sunday, December 12th**, at 2:00 p.m. The guest artist will be **Pedro Rubalcava**, Grammy-nominated composer and recording artist from Portland, Oregon. This year, the Third Sunday of Advent coincides with the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pedro will lead our Advent concert and help us reflect on the Guadalupe feast and Mary's place in the Advent season. At the conclusion of the concert, we bless the outdoor crèche and Christmas tree for the two weeks preceding Christmas. As always, the St. Anne choir and musicians will be involved, and all are invited to stay afterward for cocoa and to bring a plate of cookies to share. Freewill offerings will be accepted, but there is no charge for the concert.



NEEDED: COORDINATORS FOR LIVING GOSPEL AT CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

As we have in previous years, we would like to have our 2nd-4th grade parish children present the Christmas story as a "living gospel" at the first two Masses on Christmas Eve (2:30 and 4:30 p.m.). In order to do this, we need at least two adult coordinators for each service.

The coordinators' responsibilities will be to assign roles, costumes, and props, and walk the children through the script at rehearsal. This is a very simple presentation, with no spoken parts to learn. The liturgy office provides support through the scripts and access to the props and costumes, as well as getting a "dress rehearsal" on the calendar.

Parents or others who would like to take this project on should call or email **Rory** in the liturgy office (see back cover for contact info). VIRTUS training from the Archdiocese is a requirement for at least one coordinator on each team.



OUR REGISTRATION PROCESS

On the first Sunday of each month, newcomers are invited to a welcoming and registration session in the Hospitality Room (lower level) beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a gathering, followed by an information time, registration, a brief tour of the facilities, and concluding with the celebration of liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

It would be helpful if newcomers would call the **Rectory Office** at **847.382.5300** to let us know they are coming, but "drop ins" are always welcome.

*** The next registration date will be
Sunday, December 5th ***

Community Events and Offerings/Needs

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Men's Spirituality Retreat. Friday, December 3rd-Sunday, December 5th, Carmelite Retreat Center, Darien. Register at **630.969.4141**.

Council of Catholic Nurses of Lake County. Advent Program, **Saturday, December 4th,** St. Joseph, Libertyville. Call **847.680.8775**.

Advent Women's Retreat. Saturday, December 4th, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. St. Peter's in the Loop, Chicago. Call **312.346.4228**.

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Alzheimer Support Group. Holy Family, Inverness. **847.202.1294**.

Support Group for Widowed Persons. First and third Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Holy Family, Inverness. Call **847.705.9886**.

Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide. Catholiccharities.net/loss.

NAMI. National Alliance on Mental Illness. namibarringtonarea.org.

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Caregiver needed. Loving, live-in caregiver is needed for parishioner, Friday 6:00 p.m. to Sunday 6:00 p.m. Call **Chris** at **847.409.5891**.

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Monday-Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Saturday: First Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

Reconciliation: 9:15 a.m. until all are heard

Mass of Anticipation: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday: 7:15, 9:00*, 11:00* a.m., 5:15 p.m.

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Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:15 a.m. until all are heard or by appointment.

Registration: To enter into our faith community as a member of St. Anne parish, please plan to attend an information and registration session at 9:30 a.m. in the Hospitality Room, followed by the 11:00 a.m. Mass in church, on the **1st Sunday of the month**. For further information, call the Rectory office at 847.382.5300.

*** REGISTRATION WILL BE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH ***