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Easter

Saint Anne

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MASSES: SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM

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REFLECTING ON THE RESURRECTION

I have noticed over the years that on Easter many people come early. When I was first here I thought it reflected that we had a very pious congregation. Later I realized that people come early to be sure to get a parking place. In any case, I am delighted that you are here today. I've put together some quotations that I thought you might find thought provoking. Enjoy.

Msgr. Mike

In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

Pope Francis



You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who had been crucified. He has been raised.

Mk. 16:6

The question is: "Who wins this duel? Death or love? This is the message of Easter. This is the resurrection. And this can be understood by everyone.

Brother Enzo Biachi

If Jesus' resurrection had been an invention, 'the storyteller would surely have shown Jesus with more of a sense of occasion. A God who rises from the dead on the third day in order to cook picnics...is a God to be believed.

Lord Rees-Mogg

If there is [a moment in life] where you would choose to be, it might be on that first Easter Sunday, in the garden with Mary Magdalen. What a joy to see his hands—with the wounds still in them—touching us out of love.

Basil Hume

No one has yet made a list of places where the extraordinary may happen and where it may not. Still, there are indications. Among crowds, in drawing rooms, among easements and comforts and pleasures, it is seldom seen. It likes the out-of-doors. It likes the concentrated mind. It likes solitude. It is more likely to stick to the risk-taker than the ticket-taker. It isn't that it would disparage comforts, or the set routines of the world, but that its concern is directed to another place. Its concern is the edge, and the making of a form out of the

formlessness that is beyond the edge. Mary Oliver

It is not only with our hearts but with the totality of our experience that we know him day by day as the Apostles knew him. Not the Christ of the flesh, but the ever-living Christ. The Christ of the spirit of whom St. Paul speaks, the risen Christ who belongs to time and eternity because he died once upon the cross but lives forever.

Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

This was the world where I found the beginnings of my song. In Catholicism, there existed the poetry, danger and darkness that reflected my imagination and my inner self. I found a land of great and harsh beauty, of fantastic stories, of unimaginable punishment and infinite reward. It has walked alongside me as a waking dream my whole life.

Bruce Springsteen

Personal Stories of Faith & Stewardship

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

Ministry of the Sick inspires us in many ways to help those who are homebound. We visit those who are going through a challenging and a difficult time in their lives—being lonely, recovering from illness or surgery, or adjusting to the loss of a loved one. Our experiences have been rewarding and life changing. People we didn't know have become great friends and visiting ones that we do know has brought us closer together. It is a powerful gift to be able to share with someone that really needs your compassion, thoughtfulness, and affirmative attitude, and to help the person realize there is hope and they are not forgotten. As individuals, our ministers have become stronger and more compassionate people. We are blessed to be able to share special celebrations such as a Birthday for a homebound woman who turned 101 years old and could not stop smiling. Being in ministry changes your life in a positive way and you always receive more than you give! Monica & Donna

YOUTH MINISTRY

Echoing the call of Queen Esther in the Old Testament, "for such a time as this," I have been prepared. I am the direct product of the realities, challenges, and joys of ministry. I grew up in a family that strives to perpetuate the values of faith and discipleship. My mom was the youth minister at our parish and growing up in the midst of ministry has allowed me to see the value and transforming power a dynamic youth ministry program can have on a teen's life. I feel honored to be a part of the faith journey of so many teens, because I know this process *matters*. Surrounding teens with a supportive community, faith-filled mentors, meaningful programming, and moving experiences is incredibly formidable. The Holy Spirit is definitely alive and well in our program. We are blessed to have the majority of our Confirmed teens choose to stay involved and 25 young adults who volunteer their time, energy, and wisdom to lead our program. "God raised her to that dignity." It must have been alarming for Queen Esther to realize the role in which she had been prepared. Each of us has a role to perform in and for God's name. When an opportunity presents itself to us to serve God and our community, we must make sure to act. I believe being a Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator is my vocation. Jyllian



GREETERS

During busy times in all of our lives, our ministry has found that a warm smile and a sincere welcome provide a sense of belonging and spirituality to all those entering Mass. The rewards are many when reaching out with friendly faces and extending love to all who enter our Church. Marie



CHURCH ENVIRONMENT



It is such a pleasure to be able to share my love of artistry and flowers with our parishioners. For about 27 years I, with help from my husband, Mike, have been placing God's gifts to mankind on our altars. I see this placement of beauty as an enhancement of God's love and care of us. Jackie

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

St. Anne's offers many ways to find and feel a part of this loving community. One of my favorites is volunteering as a Eucharistic Minister. Being able to share with someone in a meal is great, but sharing the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ is a gift. They say the more you give the more you receive. We are each made in the image of God and we are each the "Imago Dei" to one another. To share the Body and Blood of Christ and see the image of Christ in the eyes of the receiver is a blessing. Julie

FAITH FORMATION

We believe that faith formation is a life-long process of entering into a relationship with God through Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit. As a parents ourselves, we know a child's immediate family is the primary religious educator and design our program to supplement their guidance by providing a myriad of faith enriching opportunities through out the year, interlaced with classroom teaching. We encourage our families to prioritize gathering at the table each Sunday to celebrate Eucharist as a Catholic community in which lifelong relationships form and grow in friendship, trust, and prayer. Its our privilege to plant the seeds of faith in young children which will develop them into strong, unwavering leaders of our future Church. Amy & Suzanne



Personal Stories of Faith & Stewardship

We are called to remember our mission to
"accompany one another in Christ,
Celebrate God's love, and transform lives."

CAREER RENEWAL

Our ministry provides a community of mutual support, led by experienced job-search mentors, to help job seekers be successful in their quest. One of our participants writes: "The Career Renewal Ministry (CRM) has been one of the most positive and uplifting groups I have been involved in. When I went to my first Career Renewal meeting eight years ago, I was unsure of myself and uncertain as to how to find my next job. The CRM gave me the tools to conquer the job market, and mentored me to gain self-confidence to believe in myself and my abilities. Now, eight years later, I have launched my own consulting business and I am a lead volunteer in the CRM. I can't thank the group enough for teaching me to believe in me!" Kathy

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Our group was started to provide an opportunity to read books about faith that wouldn't be included in lay book clubs. I like a once a month book club because it gives me time to read and then reflect on the chosen book, many of which I wouldn't have read on my own. Our discussions enable me to see things I missed, appreciate things I didn't think important, and learn something new. But the very best part are the people whom I now consider not as co-readers but as friends. For May 3rd, we have chosen "The World's First Love: Mary mother of God" by Fulton Sheen. Come join in or just come listen to see if you are interested in coming more often. Occasionally Fr. Bob joins us and we are grateful for his insights. Joan

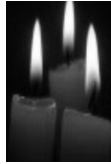
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The month of March marked the ninth anniversary of our ministry. The busy hands of our members have woven their love and prayers into more than 500 prayer shawls that have been blessed by one of our priests. Comments and notes we have received are very humbling and inspiring. They reinforce our desire to wrap our brothers and sisters in prayers and love. Mary



9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 4/2 Ronald Cave
- 4/3 †Jucien Glaudini
- 4/4 †James Davis
- 4/5 †Pops
- 4/6 Seminarians
- 4/7 †Truong Family
- (†Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR



Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Brenda Malloy, Kathleen Kastner, Kathy Purcell, Aurora Lavadia, Mike Pendleton, Jerome Gendron, Julia Poirier, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Merrill Butler, Steven Lang, Kay Lang, Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner, Greg Rousselo, Bob Rattray, Sylvia Bartolomucci, Jean Barbazette, Mark Hepp

CHURCH CLOSED 4/2-4/7

Our Church will be closed for flooring renovations April 2nd through April 6th. Morning masses will be held in the Parish Hall. All ministry meetings have been rescheduled.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. We typically meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9th. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562.936.0164.

SACRAMENTS

In order to celebrate the following Sacraments at St. Anne, it is vital to be an active member of our Faith Community.

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office to arrange for baptism. Baptisms are usually celebrated the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

PreK-8 Faith Formation: Applications for enrollment in next year's faith formation programs will be available on April 8th in the Faith Formation office.

Marriage: An appointment with one of our priests to begin marriage preparation must be made at least 6 months before the wedding celebration.

Funeral: Contact the parish office to arrange funerals.

Pastoral Care: If you, or someone you know, wishes to have their name placed on our prayer net, or a visit and/or Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.



OUR MISSION:

Saint Anne Church exists to help us become disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith, and serve in love.