

## A "Few" Words from Fr. Robert



March 3, 2019

### Thank You So Much

I want to thank you for all of your words of support and constructive concern about our Annual Report. While it certainly contained a lot of financial information, it also was meant to be an occasion for all of us to reflect on the pastoral life of our beautiful parish and move forward. I have always believed that it is up to you, the people of God, to sustain and enhance the work of the local Church. The priests and friars who are called to serve the Church in Columbus are here to serve you and support you in your work of building up this parish. Quite frankly, what the Catholics in Columbus have accomplished so far is very impressive to me. I was also very happy to see that both our beautiful St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School and St. Anne Community Outreach enjoy wide support in our parish. I am glad that you agree with me that these important ministries are essential components of our Catholic witness in Columbus and must be nurtured with care. Thanks, again, for your very kind words of support regarding our Annual Report.

### On Lent

I found the following words from Pope Francis very compelling to me and I hope they will move you, like me, to a greater desire to live this Lent to the fullest. I believe now more than ever that our Church is in need of a profound and continuous conversion to Christ Jesus. This essential turning to our Lord must and can only begin with each of our own personal conversions. This year all of us have to take our Lent to a new level. Here is what Pope Francis had to say:

*"May our Lent this year be a journey, bringing the hope of Christ. Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation."*

Our parish will offer a variety of opportunities during Lent to help us "go into the deep" of saving self-sacrifice in order that we may prepare for Easter in a more profound and effective way. Please see the schedule of programs and liturgies we will be offering this lent and consider participating ([www.stannecsg.com/Lent](http://www.stannecsg.com/Lent)). We all know that self-sacrifice and/or increasing our works of charity have always been effective means of conversion on the road to holiness.

### Bulletin

This is the last week we will be publishing bulletin in-house on our copy machine. Beginning next week it will be printed by Liturgical Publications. As I have told you, our agreement with LPI is very financially favorable to us. It will also provide us with more space for catechesis and more space to share our common life. There will be some changes, however, to the process of publishing our bulletin and we will all have to adapt. Because our bulletin will be printed in Florida and shipped to us, we will need to submit our bulletin articles 1½ weeks before publication. You see, Parish Secretary, Bernadette Coker, has to send the bulletin to the printer on the Tuesday before the bulletin is distributed. I know this is a change, but all we have to do is look ahead in the calendar and plan accordingly. I would also ask that you consider supporting the patrons who sponsor our bulletin, and let them know that their ads are bringing in customers. Several of them offer discount coupons which will save you some money. I don't think we thank Bernadette enough for the work she puts into the bulletin. It is one of the main ways we stay in contact with each other. When you see her, please let her know you appreciate her good work.

### Ashes Offered at Columbus State Univ.

Ashes will be distributed at Columbus State University on Wednesday, March 6 at 12 p.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m., in Davidson Hall, Room 256. If your schedule doesn't permit you to get to one of the Masses here at St. Anne, please take advantage of these added times to receive your ashes on Ash Wednesday.

### Outreach Has Got a Brand New Bag!



St. Anne Community Outreach will be handing out grocery bags at all Masses on Ash Wednesday, Mar. 6, and that following weekend, Mar. 9/10, to collect hygiene products for their clients. Each bag will have a list of items needed. If you take a bag, please fill the bag with each of the items listed and bring it with you the following weekend, Mar. 16/17, to place on the altar. As always, thank for your kind generosity for those who are less fortunate.

### Lenten Study Series with the Sisters

The Sisters of Mercy invite you to journey with them each Thursday during Lent from 9-10 a.m. beginning Mar. 7 in their home. Discussion will be based on the book *All Shall Be Well*, which contains excerpts from different authors. Books will be provided to all who participate. Please call the Sisters of Mercy at 706-569-0614 to register, preferably no later than Mar. 4.



### Baptism Class - March 17



St. Anne's next Baptism Class will be held in the high school Media Center on Sun., Mar. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you would like to have your child baptized at St. Anne Church, you must be a registered member and attend one of these classes. Classes are held approximately every six weeks. To register go to [www.stannecsg.com/baptism-class-form](http://www.stannecsg.com/baptism-class-form).

HEAVENLY FATHER, THANK YOU FOR THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE.  
GIVE US LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE,  
AND HELP US BEAR WITNESS  
TO THE TRUTH THAT EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING."