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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Millions of them are made every day and millions of people are most likely annoyed by them. I refer to so-called “robocalls” that obviously are plotted to try and sell us something we don’t really need.

There is a particularly heinous subdivision of the same electronic intrusions called “scams” that are coldly calculated to defraud the unsuspecting victims of their funds. All of it greatly distresses us who simply want our phones to be connected to family and friends and/or our legitimate needs for products and services.

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings are all about a calling of a different nature entirely. I mean the call from God to do something for Him, often enough bearing a certain amount of challenge to our comfort. Even great saints have struggled with these.

In the Gospel, Jesus assigns the Twelve He had called to go out, two by two, for their first “field mission”, their ministry. He reminds them not to bring excess baggage for their material comfort but to concentrate on their mission and above all trust in God.

We need not be an expert on anything to take on this mission. We only must put on one armor- the armor of Christ. Once you know Him, love Him and allow him to embody you- you are ready to take on your Mission. So, let's do this Mission of Christ ... not for our own sake but ... for the glory of God. That's what Ministry is all about.

Religious Education Program Enrollment for the year 2021-2022 will soon OPEN. Please plan to send your children to religious instructions. It is our obligation to have our kids educated and nourished in our faith. Mind you, it is not something optional. For those children who will be receiving the Eucharist for the FIRST time, parents are especially encouraged to do early enrollment. Our CLOW has already resumed for our little angels at the Sunday 9 AM Mass. Kindly bring them with you to Mass.

We owe it to our children to educate them of the proper teachings and beliefs of our Church, lest they be misled. We do not want our children to practice our faith yet believe wrongly because they were not taught rightly. Let them appreciate the many blessings and the graces your family receives from this Sacrament. Let them LOVE the Mass and the Christ who is really present in the Body and the Blood.

The Saint Ann's Parish Fiesta is close at hand. In a week's time, exactly next Sunday, July 18, we will begin the Novena of Masses, prayers, and reflections with Fr. Bruce Nieli. A lot of awesome events are happening. Kindly see the program below. Let this really be a CELEBRATION of GRATITUDE for all of us, fellow parishioners, for the many blessing we have received through the intercession of good Saint Ann. We owe this to God.

One great event we are looking forward to during this novena days is the celebration of Grandparents and Elderly Day on July 25. Pins are now available located on the table under the 'Burden Basket'. Kindly bring the photos of your grandparents and/or elderly and pin them along the "WALL OF GREATNESS" around the church. Let us honor them and not only in church but even at home or in the neighborhood. Children can create a craft or card to be given to the grandparents and elderly. Next weekend, we will prepare a prayer card that you, your parents and grandchildren, can use to bless the grandparents and elderly. A visit and a small gift like flowers, chocolate or so will be a good act of honoring them as well. Let us love and take care of these wonderful people in our lives.

On behalf of the whole parish family of St. Ann, I'd like to thank the family of Joe Chiarello of 'Trenton Joe and Son's Custom Embroidery' for the beautiful and colorful banners they made for us that make our church even more welcoming. Thank you so much, Joe and Nick!

Lastly, please save the date for our Parish PICNIC ... September 26, 2021. My gratitude to the Knights of Columbus that willingly accepted to sponsor this year's family affair. It will surely be a happy and warm welcome back event after summer. We offer our special thanks and appreciation to SK John Russo who generously accepted to coordinate this event. Thank you brother-knights!

God Loves You.