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## **Ladies of Saint Anne Sodality**

Some of you may have heard of this group in our Parish, but might not know its history or all it does for our Parish community.

The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality came from the beloved Assumption Parish and has been active for about 79 years. There are presently over 50 active members. Meetings are generally held every second or third Thursday of the month. The objective of the Sodality is to encourage and preserve honor and devotion to St Anne, as well as to enrich the life of each Sodality member through devotional and charitable works.

The Ladies of St. Anne has, and continues to contribute, to many worthwhile charitable causes. These include the Wrentham Development Center Christmas Party, the St. Vincent de Paul Society Breakfasts, and the Adopt-a-Child Christmas program, (they adopt four kids a year.) It also contributes funds to support our parish sacramental classes and Journey in Faith gatherings. The Sodality makes donations to several worthy parish and community endeavors, including maintenance of our church environment and a parish donation in June, if funds permit. Well known is the Ladies of Saint Anne's Scholarship. Two to three \$500.00 scholarships are given out annually to well deserving graduating seniors from our parish who will be going to college, or, to active college students. There is a special committee formed within the Sodality for the sole purpose of choosing the students. To make their many contributions and donations possible, the Ladies hold fundraisers through the year. Fundraising activities include fall and spring bake sales, plant sales, (especially a Memorial Day Plant Sale), and raffles of gift items at each meeting.

The group's members have a good time at their monthly meetings and enjoy sharing their faith with each other. Whether it be the first meeting of the year, where new members are introduced and new officers are installed at an Opening Mass, or a movie night, where members gather for a great movie and hot fudge sundaes, members enjoy helping and supporting each other and our parish community in an atmosphere of fellowship and fun. The Ladies celebrate their sodality in style with a fun-filled year-end banquet. So if anyone is interested in learning more about this great group, feel free to ask any of the members.

The president of the Ladies of St. Anne right now is Marie Crossland. Marie has blessed the group for many years now and she keeps getting the vote to continue to lead. However, the group has a strong team of officers that support the president and help things run smoothly. There is a special committee each year to select new officers and the group votes on the new

(or old) candidates. The officers consist of a President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Publicist as well as a Sunshine Lady. Duties vary, for instance – the 2nd VP is responsible for coordinating the Ladies' attendance and prayers at the wake of deceased members and an Honor Guard at the funeral the next day. It is a comfort to the families to have this support, and prayers. St. Blaise has been very blessed to have the Ladies of Saint Anne in our Parish. In closing, I would like to share the Ladies of St. Anne Mission Statement with you:

“The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality shares in the mission and vision of St. Blaise Parish. We understand ourselves to be a sacramental people joined together in our Journey in Faith, to develop and strengthen one another centered in our relationship with Jesus. Further, through our devotion to St. Anne, we actively seek to create an atmosphere of comfort, companionship and charity in our monthly meetings. We strive to encourage one another as a group and as individuals to be involved in activities that support our parish.”

We want to remember and thank this very important sodality in our parish.  
Thank you Ladies of Saint Anne!

God Bless.

