

Welcome to God's Family

*'We are many things —
We are the people - we are the Church...
We are all the good in your heart.*

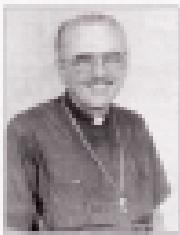
*We are kindness and compassion,
outreach and community.
Help us spread the Good News.*

*Join hands with us in song and praise -
offer a sign of peace.*

*Body of Christ — Blood of Christ -
we are one with God.
Open your hearts and let Him in,
accept this gift of love.*

*Join us — and make us more complete.
For I am you ... and you, me.
Together ... we are the People,
the Church.*

Vision for Tomorrow



St. Anne's, it is clear, is destined to be a center of Catholic Spirituality, offering the Gilbert community sound Catholic formation at all age levels.

While the congregation had grown from 300 to more than 1500 families, and weathered the journey from the little church on Bratz Street to the beautiful facilities built on Elliot Road under Fr. Morales, it is now growing at even more rapid rate of a family a day. No one knows where it will stop.

A new church has to be built to compliment the Hall and E.E. buildings, and more offices and classrooms are needed — now! Sunday Masses are seeing more and more people unable to be seated during the winter months. Kids are everywhere! The growth is exciting on the one hand and very challenging on the other. We envision a Family Healing Center some day - and much, much more. It looks like it will be a long time before we get to rest much.

During the past year and a half we have put staff in place to minister to the needs of our growing family, and especially to see that every age group is offered catechesis that is solid, Catholic formation. This is goal number one! Our two other well-known goals are good, reverent Masses with the best we can provide in music, lay ministries, and meaningful homilies, and continuous ministry to our sizable Hispanic community.

I pray that St. Anne's will, after another 50 years, still be a strong center for the teaching and living of our wonderful Catholic faith. Please God!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas Larig".

Pastor Douglas Larig

PDL/lm

The Life of St. Anne

The litany to St. Anne begins:

"St. Anne, grandmother of our Savior, pray for us." It continues designating her as "Mother of Mary, the Blessed Virgin and Mother, Ark of the Covenant, Root of Jesse, Fraternal Vice, Consolation of the Afflicted." She was a human being, like any other, but our Lord and Savior was of her flesh. She can also be considered the "bridge between the Old Law and the New Testament."

by Roger Becker

While Scripture does not give us much of an account of her life, there are writings available during back-to-early Christianity as well as more modern publications which contain much about the life of St. Anne. Some stories are based on legend and some on conjecture based on what facts are available and the history of the period she lived in.

It is said that both her parents had similar visions at different times that through God's will they would bear a daughter who would, in turn, give birth to "the most Holy Virgin". She would be named Anna, meaning Queen in Hebrew. It is believed she was born in Bethlehem and from her infancy the inhabitants of the surrounding area believed that she had healing powers. Anne was believed to be around nine years old when the family moved to Jerusalem where she was educated in the Temple. She grew into a lovely, learned, and reverent woman.



St. Anne

When she became of age, her choice in husbands was not only satisfactory to herself, but pleasing to her family as well. Joachim, or Hezakiah as he was also called (meaning Preparation for the Savior), was from the tribe of Judah. Jewish law at the time forbade marriage outside their own tribes except under special conditions. So, even though Anne was from the tribe of Levi, both fathers had long considered the union of the two families and given the special conditions which permitted departure from this custom more evident, the couple was married. Anne's parents were excommunicated according to the Prophets, the promised Messiah would be from the tribe of Judah and this would make Anne a possible fulfillment of the prophecy.

It is assumed that the marriage of Anne and Joachim took place when they were about 30; she a little younger, he a little older. The couple is thought to have remained in Jerusalem. They were a happy couple and fairly well off.

There was only one great sorrow in their lives. They had no children. This was not only a personal grief to the couple but a public humiliation as well. A barren couple was considered to be a punishment from God. But, at this point in history it was an even greater sorrow as they waited for the coming of the Messiah. The members of the tribe of Judah hoped to provide a Deliverer for their people. But, Anne's prayers seemed to go unheard.

But, finally, an angel appeared to Joachim and to Anne, much as it happened with her parents. The angel declared that a daughter would be born to them and she will be named Mary and she will be blessed among all women. The child was born and she was called Mary.

About three years old Mary was taken by her parents and dedicated at the Temple. She was educated there, but, Anne, it is believed, supplemented the teachings of her daughter's instructors. After Mary's presentation at the Temple, Joachim is not often mentioned in the chronicles so it is believed he died sometime after this event or shortly after the birth of Christ at the later.

Anne lived the rest of her life in Jerusalem. Her grandson must have visited her there when he came to the Temple. How proud she must have been of her brilliant grandchild. She probably did not live to see Jesus accomplish all his great ends. But she knew,

It would be natural in her time as well as now that a wife be buried with her husband. Therefore, we can assume that Anne would have been buried in Joachim's ancestral tomb. It is not believed, however, to be her final

resting place. After the first Pentecost, the Apostles went out to spread the Gospel as they had been commanded. Lazarus, along with his sisters, Mary Magdalene and Martha, as well as Mary Jacob and Mary Salome (nieces of Anne), were among the early missionaries. It is said that they took with them a casket of cedar containing the relics of Anne with them to their new home. Lazarus became the Bishop of Marseilles. The women traveled to a more primitive area and therefore, left the relic with Lazarus for safe keeping. After his death, Lazarus was buried under repeated ships and it was decided that the Bishop of Apt should protect St. Anne's reliquies. Eventually it was necessary to hide the reliquies. A casket came to the decision to place them in an opening of a wall encircled from a subterranean gallery known as the Archeum Antiquum, which had originally been a branch of the catacombs. It was sealed in and marked in such a way that only they would know the meaning.

The design is still visible and consists of flowering branches of a tree with a vine bearing grapes and leaves. On the second slab appear the following words: *Anastasis, ARI, Angelus, Altarius, Berenice, sic, vel cl.* There are two translations for the abbreviations following the names, the first being priests and guardians and the other, Guardians of the Holy Veil. While there are some doubts, several authorities on the subject agree that this is the official seal of the relics of St. Anne. The sculpture can be seen today in the Cathedral of St. Anne in Apt.

In 378 A.D. the city of Apt was almost destroyed by invaders and after a century of desolation was the subject of another great attack. Somehow the secret must have been passed down by a few poor persons from one generation to another. The place was finally discovered by Charlemagne in about 801 A.D.

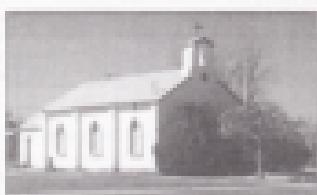
St. Anne has had many devout followers ever since the early Church. Many monuments have been dedicated to her, the most famous being St. Anne d'Auray in Brittany and St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec. There are over 400 churches in the United States dedicated to the mother of the Blessed Virgin. On July 26, Anne's feast day, processions and celebrations take place in her churches all over the world. The most famous in this country is the church of St. Anne in New Orleans.

God entrusted St. Anne with the mother of our Lord. She taught Mary and watched her for the great things that He had planned her. Any mother or grandmother can relate to some of the joys and trials that Anne went through. We ask her to intercede for us, the people of her little parish in Gilbert, Alabama, that we may live as a community of God, dedicated to the work of His Son, her Crucified.

"Tell thy Daughter ask her son
To forgive the wrongs I've done.
And, in spite of all its spare,
She will hear her mother's prayer -
And His Mother's prayer, 'tis plain.
Never, never can he fail.
What new grace shall I implore?
All I need you more and more
Of that filial love and zeal
Which the Heaven parents feel -
Henceforward as best I can
Mary's Mother, good St. Anne."

(Matthew Kewell, S.J.)

In 1936, while Fr. Vincent Mastroianni and a group of volunteers built a small adobe mission on 20 W. Main St. in Gilbert, with a \$10,000 donation from the Catholic Church Extension of Chicago, other events were shaping the U.S. and the world: Roosevelt won the presidential election carrying every state but Maine and Vermont; King Edward VIII of England abdicated his throne after the British government refused to accept as queen; American divorce Willis Warfield Simpson; Hoover Dam on the Colorado River was completed; Dramatist Eugene O'Neill received the Nobel Prize for Literature; and the national debt was \$34 billion.



Adobes Main Street Church

Local events of the same year included an article written by Gilbert citizen Charles M. Blakely calling Gilbert "the alfalfa hay capital of the world." Gilbert hay was

transported over the Southern Pacific lines as far as the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas. The gross revenue from hay averaged \$200,000 to \$300,000 yearly. That same year the Liberty Grocery & Meat Market opened its doors for business. The Gilbert Valley Theater, managed by J.H. Woods, opened in a building owned by Louis Scrimo. On November 22, 1936 Fr. Mastroianni celebrated the first Mass in the new adobe church.

In 1938, Fr. Patterson was appointed Pastor of St. Mary's and to our mission. That same year, Fr. Patterson had the back wall of the building torn down to add a sacristy and altar. With this completed, we had a capacity of 70 people. Fr. Patterson celebrated Mass every Sunday and the Sisters came from Chandler once a week to teach Catechism.



Fr. Godfrey Fontaine with the very first First Communion Class, May 28, 1944.



Children receiving Christmas stockings from Mable Powers and Mr. & Mrs. Potts.

On October 22, 1943 we were appointed our own priest, Fr. Godfrey Fontaine. The mission was now St. Anne's Parish.

In world events: January 24, 1943, Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt, meeting Casablanca, Morocco, announced that "the war will not end until the unconditional surrender of Japan, Germany, and Italy has been achieved," which indicated the positive spirit of the Allied leaders and supporting peoples. (The

Gilbert, Arizona family of Cecilio and Margarita Rosales had 5 sons serving in the war. All 5 came

home. Della Meadows remembers tearfully, "When my mother died she actually had calluses on her knees from praying. She said that was all she could do for her children." In October the Allies successfully invaded Italy, and the Americans advanced on the wide front, eventually entering Rome triumphantly.

Writer Ernie Pyle in a 1943 article entitled, "Here Is Your War", gives us one man's perspective of the war, "...They died and others lived and nobody knows why it is so. They died and thereby the rest of us can go on and on. When we learn here for the next shore, there is nothing we can do for the ones beneath the wooden crosses, except perhaps to pause and murmur, 'Thanks, pal.'"

At home again in peaceful Gilbert Fr. Fontaine remained until Fr. Lepola O'Dougherty succeeded him in 1947 and remained until 1949.

The Rev. Joseph Corvin, a visiting priest from out of state, served as interim pastor in 1949 until the Rev. William Collins became pastor in November. Fr. Collins remained until 1952 and was able to build a new chapel in Queen Creek for the people of that district during his pastorate.

The next pastor was Fr. John Collins who, during his tenure, obtained a barnsack building and moved it to a lot adjacent to the church building where it served as a social hall. During this time period we had a convent with two and sometimes three Sisters, a school from kindergarten to 4th grade. After the Sisters were stationed elsewhere, the convent became a rectory.



One of many parish canned food drives. (l to r) Blasie Martin, Fr. Coleman Casey (1963 - 1968), and Mary Ann Pudita.



Making针point — Isabella Castle

Fr. Cornelius Moynihan became pastor in March 1964 and was moved in 1966. His primary contribution was completing a cement court for the use of the Church parish.

Next came Fr. Bernard O'Boyle who served the congregation for 12 years and was succeeded by Fr. Coleman Casey who served from 1965 - 1968.

Church records show that the Bruce Street Church had been the setting for 128 funerals, 234 marriages, 842 first communions, 1186 confirmations and 1480 baptisms.

One of these 1480 baptisms was Fr. Jose Hurtado who was born in Gilbert, ordained in Chandler and later served as Pastor of Immaculate Heart in Phoenix.

The adult church was still providing a place of worship - barely. Fr. Vincent J. Nevills who came to the Bruce Street Church in 1968 is best known for being the motivating force behind getting a new Bruce Street church built. On August 13, 1968 Father wrote to the Chancery Office in Tucson. He sent a sketched blue-print of the proposed 8,000 sq. ft. building at a cost of \$80,000. He sent a letter to Bishop McCarthy on May 28, 1970 enumerating the problems and the need for a new church to be built:

"The present church is so small, that all the young children must come to the Sanctuary and stand about the priest during the Masses on Sunday. Because of the size of the Church, it is many times necessary that as many as 45 adults must stand outside during Mass, and many of our young people are married anywhere else because they cannot possibly accommodate the invited guests."

Fr. Nevills continues:

"The Church is in such a precarious condition, with deterioration that it is physically impossible to repair the existing structure; and there is no way possible to enlarge the existing structure. (The walls retain more rain water than the roof runs off.) The walls are so badly cracked that it will be a matter of time before they fall down."



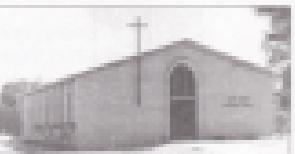
Inside old Bruce Street church

down. Ground breaking ceremonies were held Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m. The new Church had a 90-day contract and the dedication was planned for the Feast of St. Anne on July 26. It was close. Fr. Nevills actually held Masses for two Sundays before the the church was dedicated on August 1 at 10 a.m. in ceremonies officiated by Bishop Edward A. McCarthy. The capacity of the church was 220, and with the rapid growth of Gilbert, it immediately became too small.

Though small, the church did serve its intended purpose. In a copy of a January 9, 1972 St. Anne's Bulletin (one 8 1/2 x 14 sheet of paper folded in half) we read, "The hours of



Groundbreaking for new Bruce St. Church



New St. Anne's on Bruce St.

marriage are hereby given for Miguel Vidal and Anna M. Sotomayor. Anyone knowing why these (two) may not be joined in marriage should notify the pastor" (Who at that time was Fr. Charles A. O'Hearn). Another item refers to a breakfast to be served after the next Sunday's Masses with the regulation, "Those who wish to purchase menudo to take home should come with their own containers."

Only a few years later in 1974 Fr. Charles O'Hearn took up the process of trying to build a new church. His argument was heard before the Planning and Development Committee on December 30, 1974. However, it was the finding of this committee that the Town of Gilbert was then growing slowly. With then current growth projections, it was estimated that it would take eight years before the parish would have 500 or more families.

Hence, upon Fr. Raul Morales' arrival in 1985 he, now in a long line of other pastors, assumed the task of finding and building a new Church.

Fr. Morales was born May 19, 1927 in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. He was the fifth of eight children born to the late Eusebio and Catalina Morales. He moved to Los Angeles in 1949 to attend the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Upon graduation he embarked on a career in banking and real estate.

He felt there was something missing in his life and in 1964, "I moved to Phoenix that year when I came to visit a priest who I hoped would give direction to my life."



Terry Hernandez, 13, daughter of Alex and Mary Hernandez, was named the St. Anne's Valentine Queen on February 8, 1986 for her efforts in raising the most money for the church's new building fund. Other queen's who were present were Irma Brum, Miss Rio Grande, Debbie Morales, and Danielle Arevalo. This photo and write up were published in the weekly newspaper, Gilbert Independent on February 16, 1986.



Fr. Charles O'Hearn

Upon arriving in Phoenix he experienced a conversion that changed his whole outlook. He became a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Scottsdale. Although continuing his business career, it was during this period that he was called to become a priest and qualified for acceptance. "I never thought that God wanted me to be a priest, except perhaps for a brief moment when I was nine years old."

During the Fall of 1969, at 39, Fr. Morales entered St. Meinrad's Seminary in Indiana. Upon completion, he was ordained to the Priesthood on May 31, 1973 at the Cathedral of St. Simon and Jude, Phoenix.

Father celebrated his first Mass on June 1, 1973 at St. Catherine's Church in Phoenix. Other assignments were the Queen of Peace Parish in Mesa, then St. Daniel's in Scottsdale, and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Flagstaff where he served almost six years.

Serving as associate Pastor with Fr. Charles O'Hearn the Gilbert Independent Newspaper did an article March, 1983 on Father. He said, "My first task at St. Anne's is to begin planning and building a new church...What attracted me to St. Anne's was the challenge of building a new church and the excitement of serving not only people who have lived in Gilbert all their lives but also the newcomers to the

area."



Ground breaking, from center
Fr. Raul Morales, and Bishop
Thomas O'Brien.

Fr. Morales wrote in the Building Fund Campaign Brochure of 1983, "For the past year, since my arrival at St. Anne's the Building Committee...has worked diligently to plan for the future needs of the community. It has been clear for some time that we must expand our facilities as our parish experiences its anticipated growth from its present 350 families to 1500 families." Fr. Morales continues:

"Now it is necessary to use folding chairs on Sundays or for Christmas and Easter. We still have people standing outside the doors. Big weddings and funerals have to be held in other parishes. Our little social hall has been divided in half to make classrooms for Religious Education."

The new site, a pecan grove
on Elliot Road.

The ground breaking in June, 1988 was the culmination of three years of planning. According to a local newspaper article dated June 12, 1988 the new church would take approximately seven months to complete at a cost of more than \$800,000.

The first Mass was held in our current church on February 25, 1989. Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien was the chief celebrant at the Dedication Mass held on April 30, 1989.

Fr. Stephen John Adrian came to St. Anne's as Associate Pastor to Fr. Morales in 1986. Born on April 14, 1912 to Stephen and Elizabeth Adrian in St. Paul, Minnesota. He received his education at St. Francis de Sales Grade School; Nazareth Hall Preparatory Seminary; the St. Paul Seminary for Philosophy and Theology and postgraduate studies for Doctorate at the University of Minnesota.

On June 3, 1936 he was ordained to the Priesthood by Archbishop John Gregory Murray at the St. Paul Cathedral in St. Paul, Minnesota and on June 4, 1939 celebrated his first Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. His areas of service included 19 years in the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis; 19 years in the diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota; eight years in the Diocese of Superior, Wisconsin; and four years in the Diocese of Phoenix, Arizona. In these areas he served as: Professor at Nazareth Hall; and Chaplain in the United States Navy during World War II. He was also pastor at St. Mary of Marytown, Minnesota; St. Mary of Blud Island, Minnesota; St. Mary of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota; St. Peter of St. Peter, Minnesota; and was Associate Pastor at St. Joseph of Oconto, Wisconsin. On Sunday, April 2, 1989 at 2 p.m., Fr. Adrian celebrated his 50th year as a priest. At 82 he continues his duties as Associate Pastor at St. Anne's.



Fr. Stephen Adrian

Three years after the new church had been built, the namesake, St. Anne, had yet to be depicted in statuary or painting. The Ladies Guild set



The first couple to be married in St. Anne's on Elliot
Road, from left: Patricia Prenzler, Fr. Raul Morales, and
Thomas Prenzler on March 4, 1989.

about the task of finding the right artwork to adorn the front of the church. The organization dismissed the idea of a sculpted piece as the outside niche in which it would stand was only inches deep, not suitable for a statue of any size. Through word of mouth, the Guild was told of Tempe artist Trish Hawkins whose medium is tile. Hawkins was commissioned to create a 3-by-9 foot tile mosaic depicting the Christ child, Mary, and St. Anne. It took four months to complete. In February, 1992 Fr. Morales conducted a dedication ceremony for the mosaic.

In June of the same year Fr. Douglas Long, previous administrator of our mission, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Queen Creek became pastor of St. Anne's. Fondly referred to as Fr. Doug, he was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1971, but chose to become a Catholic in 1980 because of his lifelong love for our Blessed Mother.

The only married man among 208 priests in the Diocese of Phoenix, Father was consecrated as a priest by Bishop Thomas O'Brien on June 13, 1984. Father taught at Seton Catholic High School in Chandler then served as administrator at Queen Creek. He was licensed by the Vatican to offer divine liturgy for Eastern Rite Catholics and shepherded St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church in Gilbert for nearly a decade. He resigned that post when becoming pastor for St. Anne's.

Father Doug does not see a ministry of working for the ordination of married priests. Father recalls, "I saw a door opening in the Catholic Church, and I walked in. ...I think it was divine providence and everything came with such precision."

Raised in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Father wanted to be a Catholic after graduation from college, but he knew his family would have a hard time accepting it. "So I thought they would accept my being an Episcopalian easier. It was a step closer to being Catholic."



Fr. Douglas Long

After his training and ordination as an Episcopal priest, he served as administrator of a small mission in Atkin, Minn., and rector of an Episcopal church in Brainerd, Minn. It was while leading a parish in Nogales, Arizona that he decided to make the break. He attributes our Blessed Mother as the major factor.

Many know of Father's veneration of Mary and in 1992 he was given Our Lady of Grace statue, to go with Father wherever he goes.

Several years ago Mr. & Mrs. Peter Bruno went on pilgrimage with Fr. Long to Medjugorje in the former Yugoslavia. While there, they visited a small church near Medjugorje to hear the well-known Fr. Jesus speak. In that church they saw this statue, and were instantly in love!

In an extremely generous action, they organized a "Friends of Fr. Doug" Raffle to raise the money to buy the statue. Someone in the United States had tracked down the original mold in France, had made several of the statues in Italy and was offering them for sale. The Bruno couple, Helen Zoo of the Arizona Mir Center and hundreds of raffle buyers succeeded in getting "Our Lady of Grace" and then presented it as a personal gift to Fr. Long - to go where he goes! So,



The tile mosaic inside the Church and artist Trish Hawkins.

right now, she is presiding over our Parish life from a side altar of St. Anne's. She is especially venerated at the Marian Mass every Friday night.



Our Lady of Grace

Since Fr. Doug's arrival in June, 1992 St. Anne's has witnessed the inception of programs, ministries, and staff that have helped make the parish bloom. They include: A popular and life-changing ministry has been the LIFE Teen Program and Sunday 6 p.m. Teen Mass run by Youth Minister Darren Rivers; two full-time music directors/organists; a 3rd Order Lay Carmelite community that saw more than 80 people received after the first year of inception; Aid to Creation; a bi-monthly newsletter mailed to all parishioners; Sheila Howe, a Marriage/Family Counselor on staff; and Bobbi Friedrich, a full-time pastoral associate in charge of Adult Education to name but a few.

In January 1993 we began perpetual adoration in what used to be the Pastor's office. A door was cut to the outside, a digital lock was installed to allow 24-hour access by adorers, and we were on our way.

The Monstrance and its Tabernacle (two angels holding a golden base for the Monstrance to stand on) came from Fatima, Portugal. Fr. Lorig bought them with a memorial fund for the Carolin Family when he was in Fatima on pilgrimage in November, 1992.

There is a beautiful reliquary containing a first class relic of The Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux given to us by the Mother Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel. The Chapel is named after St. Therese, as is the St. Anne Chapel of 3rd Order Carmelites - St. Therese of the Holy Eucharist.

Two statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary have their home in the Chapel. The first is a small hand-carved statue of Our Lady of the Rosary, done by the Clinton family of carvers and brought home from Mexico City by Fr. Lorig in December, 1992. It was purchased by pilgrims who accompanied him.

The other statue is of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, brought from Mexico by Sue Elrich - Community Director of our Carmel - in time for the July 15, 1993 reception of 70 Third Order candidates.

Finally, the Chapel is graced by a beautiful Italian crucifix. It appeared one day in the Chapel, boxed and gift-wrapped. It is so beautiful to look at, and so appropriate above the Monstrance.

All in all, the adoration program has been the source of many known blessings and, we are



Adoration Chapel

sure, countless unknown but to God.

Carrying out the formidable tasks as permanent Deacons for our parish are:

Deacon Tom Phelan. He was ordained in 1972 in the first diaconate class in the Diocese of Phoenix. He was assigned to St. Anne's in 1991 after 19 years at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Scottsdale. He is deacon for the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass, teaches Baptism classes and performs baptisms.

Born in Chicago, he and his wife Marianne recently celebrated their 27 wedding anniversary. They have four children, two recent college graduates; Michael, a teacher, and Steve, in business. Don is serving in the Navy and daughter Mary is in college in Texas.

When not involved in parish work, Deacon Tom works as a civil engineer in lighting design.

Deacon Tony Salamone was ordained in May, 1982. He has worked with the tribunal since his ordination doing annulments. He worked for one year as chairman of the board for the Phoenix Ministry for the separated and divorced in Chicago. He was active in the Beginning Experience weekend retreats for divorced and separated. He was also active in running a divorced group for a parish in Chicago.

Deacon Tony moved to Phoenix in January, 1990 and has been active at St. Anne's since June, 1992 doing Marriage Preparation, Annulments, and deacon for the tree Mass. Once a month he cooks, serves food and does a communion service for migrant workers. Deacon Tony also presided over St. Anne's first Seder Service for Holy Thursday last year.

He and his wife Roberta have four children: Anthony, 20; Daniel, 22; Tracy, 20; and Beth, 17. Deacon Tony has worked in data processing for over 30 years. Roberta has her Masters in High School guidance counseling and is currently working for a Christian adoption agency.

Deacon Gerald (Jerry) O'Toole was born in Flint, Michigan. He was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Kenneth J. Povish in June, 1981 for the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan.

Deacon Jerry attended St. Mary's Catholic School, Mt. Morris, Michigan for 12 years, graduating in June, 1957. He enter the Air Force for four years and then entered the Society of the Divine Savior, SDS, as a seminarian. He left the Seminary in 1966 and worked for General Motors at the Chevrolet Flint Metal Fabricating Plant, where he worked for 26 years, retiring in June, 1992, from the Manufacturing Engineering Department as the plant Senior Statistician.

Upon retirement, Deacon Jerry moved to Mesa, Arizona in August, 1992. He was assigned by Bishop O'Brien to St. Anne's, where he has helped start new lay ministry programs and perform other tasks requested by Fr. Long and staff. He is deacon at the Saturday, 5 p.m. Mass.



Deacon Gerald O'Toole, Deacon Tony Salamone,
Deacon Romeo Jimenez and Deacon Tom Phelan



Deacon Ken Kallmierski

Deacon Ken Kallmierski was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in June, 1979 in the Diocese of Buffalo, New York. He has been active in the Phoenix Diocese and St. Anne's since 1991 on a weekend basis. Deacon Ken's main focus in ministry is the sacraments and liturgical celebrations. He serves as Deacon at the Sunday 7 and 9 a.m. Masses.

He and his wife Patricia were married in 1960 and have three daughters and two sons. His secular job as regional sales manager for an environmental management company has him commuting to Los Angeles, California every week.

Deacon Roman Jimenez was ordained in 1979. His previous assignments were Queen of Peace in Mesa and Our Lady of Consolation in Queen Creek. He began his ministry at St. Anne's in 1991 providing marriage and baptism programs in Spanish.

He and his wife Ramona were married in 1947 and have five children, Martha, Reyes, Roman (deceased), Rosina, and Salina with 14 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Deacon Roman is a retired electroplating technician and welder. Past occupations included agriculture and mining in Superior, Arizona.

Finally, serving the parish on a full and part-time basis in the staff:

Barbara Hennessy, office manager.

Fran Arvallo, secretary.

Karen Flanagan, financial manager.

Bobbi Friedrich, pastoral associate, recently graduated from St. John's Seminary, and heads up adult education for the parish.

Steve Schack, seminarian and coordinator of The Ministry of Care and Aid to Croatia.



St. Anne's staff (Top row) Barbara Hennessy, Bobbi Friedrich, Mary Marous, Darren Tyrrell, Steve Schack, Karen Flanagan, John Hecht, (bottom row) Fran Arvallo, Fr. Long, Karen Wilson, and Helen Thibadou.



Linda Nagy and
Gisele Tassanis

Darren Tyrrell, Youth Minister, attempts to bring high school students back to their faith through Teen LIFE program, and the Sunday 6 p.m. Teen Mass.

John Ehrlich, codirector of the music department and provides music for the Sunday, 9 a.m. and Friday, 7 p.m. Masses.

Karyn Wilson, codirector of the music department. Provides music for the Saturday 5 and 7 p.m. and Sunday Tenebrae Masses.

Heim Thibaudoux, Director of Catechetical Ministry

Mary Mirrione, elementary CCD class coordinator, as well as VBS, Spirit Fair, and Soda Meal coordinator.

Denise (Dee Dee) Tammisen, preschool coordinator.

Laura Nagle, staff writer.

Today, November 27, 1997 we have surpassed 1,500 registered families. Since the founding of our parish there have been more than 2,340 baptisms. The cycle continues, as we look for guidance in the dawning of a new century, we are again in the process of determining building needs.