



# The Correspondent

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## WEEKEND SERVICES

Saturday 5:00 PM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II  
 Sunday 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II  
 Sunday 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II

## WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday  
 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 (No service on February 4<sup>th</sup>)

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb—African-American History Month
- Feb 4---Winter Clergy Day
- Feb 14—Valentine's Day
- Feb 17—Presidents Day
- Feb 23—Transfiguration of Our Lord
- Feb 25—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Feb 26—Ash Wednesday
- Feb 29—Leap Day



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to spread the gospel of Christ in thought, word, and deed to our community and the world.

## CONNIE CURRIE AWARDED BISHOP'S MEDAL

January 5th was a special day at St. Ann's for our friend Constance Currie who received the Bishop's medal for her many years of service in the parish. The Rev. Hugh James, Interim Rector of St. Ann's is shown presenting her with the medal in the Bishop's stead.

Fr. Hugh then presented the award certificate, which reads, "You have contributed immeasurably to the life, fellowship and service of this community. You have been regular in attendance and faithful in support, and are an example of someone who serves without thought of personal recognition. "

Fr. Hugh continued "In gratitude for these years of service it is my pleasure to bestow upon you the bishops medal for distinguished service in the Diocese of Long Island."



A reception in the Parish Hall followed the presentation



Connie's family celebrates



Award Certificate

## FROM THE EDITOR



Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, at the end of this month, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury (chocolate, therapy shopping) or vice (smoking, nail biting, overeating) during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that builds their spirituality (reading, regular praying) or that benefits others (volunteering, donating).

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*:

"The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."

—Rodney Dudley

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## A Word from the Interim Rector Father Hugh James



### Thoughts About Candlemas

Dear Friends,

Candlemas (February 2) is one of those Christian festivals that pass unnoticed as they often fall during the week. This year it is on a Sunday and we will be observing it in church, but will it be overshadowed by more secular events such as the Superbowl or Groundhog Day?

Candlemas is so called as it used to be the traditional day for blessing candles to be used in church during the rest of the year. In some places it was also the custom to bring candles which would be used in your own home to church for blessing. It coincides with the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox, which is why it also coincides with Groundhog Day, and why it is associated with rituals in many parts of the world for predicting the length and severity of winter remaining.

Its place in the Christian Calendar, however, has nothing to do with that. The festival is also known as The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It comes 40 days after Christmas, 40 days after we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Observant Jewish parents in Israel at the time of Jesus followed the directions of the law to attend the Temple in Jerusalem to give thanks for the birth of a child and present that child. So, Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the Temple and you can read all about that in Luke's Gospel, Chapter 2, verses 22 to 40. They took with them the offering of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons" as prescribed by the law.

So far that would be no different from any other devout young couple bringing their baby to be designated as "holy to the Lord". What is described as remarkable are the two people they met there: Simeon and Anna – two elderly people, both filled with wisdom and both making huge predictions about Jesus. Simeon is described as a righteous man who had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Somehow the Spirit led Simeon to the Temple that day and he recognized the Messiah when he saw the baby Jesus. He told Jesus' mother how their son was "destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too." Simeon recites a beautiful song about how he is now content to die because he has seen God's salvation. It is recorded in Luke's Gospel and has become widely used as a canticle in Christian worship. Known as the *Nunc Dimittis* it features in Evening Prayer and Compline for use at the end of the day and I sometimes use it at the funeral of elderly faithful Christians: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word ..."

The 84-year-old widow and prophet Anna also comes into the story, praising God and speaking to anyone who would listen about the child Jesus, before the family return to their home town of Nazareth, where Jesus grows and becomes strong and filled with wisdom. Here we see a difference between Matthew's and Luke's account of Jesus' early years. Luke, it seems, knows nothing of the flight to Egypt and Jesus' spending his early years as a refugee, before returning to Nazareth as an older child – events recorded only in Matthew's gospel. Writing many years later, perhaps his sources had not told him about that part of Jesus' childhood.

With all best wishes,

*Hugh James+*

# Vestry Visions

The Vestry was pleased that they were able to nominate and swear in eight qualified parishioners for the open Vestry positions during the Annual Meeting held on January 19, 2020. Congratulations to Nancy Koinoglou who will continue her duties as Warden, Don Hester, Diane Miller-Magnani, and Pat Osarchuk who will all continue as members of the Vestry, and the newly elected members; Greg Domoff, Paddy Hennessey, Carole Sheppard, and Mona Tobin. Together with our existing Vestry members, these individuals represent an amazing group of informed and caring people who will be St. Ann's governing body.

Thank you to Don Hester and his committee for preparing and serving brunch during the annual meeting as reports regarding the state of the parish were given.

The Stewardship Committee encourages you to return your pledge card if you haven't already done so. Only a small percentage of cards were returned as of the January Vestry meeting.

Everyone enjoys the events of fellowship such as coffee hour, the Christmas Fair, St. Barnabas Day, etc., but those events need volunteers to make them happen. The Buildings and Grounds committee needs more than a group of four people to keep our campus looking beautiful and our buildings up to date. Christian Education is always looking for volunteers to teach, assist, or substitute for just an hour on Sundays. If you like to "meet and greet", we encourage you to sign up to usher at one of the services. The Thrift Shop and Food Pantry are excellent opportunities for outreach and they only ask for a few hours of your time. Take a moment after reading through the Correspondent and Sunday bulletin to consider where your time and talent may be needed.

On a personal note, my husband Dave and I recently sold our home in Bayport and have relocated to Riverhead. In light of this move, I have relinquished most of my parish responsibilities, though it is my intention to remain an active member of the Search Committee and assist with fellowship activities.

My years of involvement with St. Ann's Vestry and other committees represent some of the most rewarding activities of my life. I am forever grateful for the chance to serve St. Ann's and for the trust the parish has placed in me. I look forward to remaining an active parishioner to the extent that I am able.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jackie Gandolfo* for the Vestry

## NEW VESTRY ROSTER

 <p><b>OUR VESTRY</b></p>	<b>Wardens:</b>	2021 Thomas Honey	2022 Nancy Koinoglou
	<b>Vestry:</b>	2021 Wendy Schmittzeh	Carol Ann St. Lawrence
		John Smith	Mona Tobin
		2022 Greg Domoff	Paddy Hennessey
		Jill Hughes	Nicole LaFontaine
		2023 Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani
		Patricia Osarchuk	Carole Sheppard



Next senior lunch Tuesday  
February 21st

**SORRY – CANCELLED FOR THIS MONTH**

Jonathan Pryor speaking about  
what the pantry has to offer.



No charge as usual, please bring a donation for the food pantry.

**FISH FRY \* FUND RAISER \* SAVE THE DATE**  
**Friday, February 21st**



Friday Night Fish Fry catered by Claws of  
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Come and enjoy Food, Beverages, Music, and  
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Check the Sunday bulletin and St. Ann's website for  
further details



**SHROVE TUESDAY**



**Pancake Supper**

**In the Parish Hall**

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00-7:00 PM**



**Free will offering**



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

Made from dust, but crafted by God's creative hand and marked with the cross of Christ, we begin the Lenten season together.

Ash Wednesday services are:  
9:00 AM  
12:00 Noon  
7:00 PM with choir

All with imposition of Ashes

## February is Heart Health Month



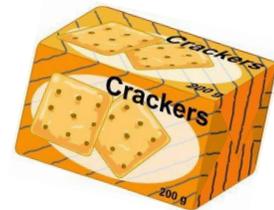
- During the month of February, the Food Pantry will be asking for donations of heart healthy FROZEN vegetables & fruits.
- Please leave donations in the Parish Hall freezer or during the week in the kitchen freezer of the Little John building.

Thanks for making a difference



February 2nd

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY at St. Ann's**



We will be celebrating the SOUPER BOWL of CARING by collecting soup (especially beef) & crackers to share with our food pantry guests. **Donations will be collected Feb 1 - Feb 9, look for the giant soup pots!**

Thank you for your generous support.





Daughters of the King had a very successful holiday season! For a small group, this group has made an amazing impact in outreach for St. Ann's. Marge Rogers reports on their December accomplishments: "Carol Ann and I made a delivery to Hope House in Port Jefferson on Wed. December 4, 2019. We had a fully packed van after picking up an order at Pride Products. It was a job to pack all the supplies in and still see in the rearview mirrors! The men at Hope House helped to unload the van. They told us repeatedly how much

they especially appreciated the toilet paper. It is always a hoot when we go out to do a mission delivery!"

Hope House Delivery

Toilet Paper	335 rolls	Tissues	12 boxes
Napkins	912	Hot Cups	160
Paper Towels	14 rolls	Cutlery	360 pcs (spoons/forks/knives)
Sheets	4 sets	Feminine Products	25 cases

St. Ann's Food Pantry

Toilet Paper	18 rolls
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**Daughters of the King**

*Marge Rogers & Carol Ann St Lawrence*

## THRIFT SHOP



St. Ann's Thrift Shop is currently looking for energetic, upbeat, motivated volunteers. Join our close-knit, friendly team to promote an outreach that stands the test of time. We are proud to offer flexible hours in a dynamic, fun environment with opportunities for leading roles! Auditions are held at the Thrift Shop on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10:00-3:00 or Fridays 12:00-3:00.



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*Thank you!*



**LOCAL MISSIONS**

# PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MINISTRY

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Our monthly trip into the city for January is actually on Saturday, February 1, past the deadline for *The Correspondent*. We will be going in at the end of this month too—on Saturday, February 29 (Leap Day!). Some good news: due to a generous donation, we were able to buy two new wagons to shore up our fleet of aging wagons. We are still hoping to get our wagon with a missing wheel back in service soon! We also have four new tarps so we can easily spread out our wares on the sidewalk. We had been using large black plastic bags, which we had torn open and then threw away at the end of the day.

Meanwhile, I've been doing a lot of local mission work among the "working poor." They all work so hard, but it's hard to stretch their small salaries, and we're able to help by providing warm clothing—jackets, scarves, hats, gloves--and other clothes. I have been working in Patchogue, Wyandanch, Brentwood, Central Islip, Riverhead, Bellport during different days of the week. On a recent Saturday, Paddy Hennessey and I set up in Patchogue. Several people, who were ice cold standing in line for food from



Lighthouse Mission, were able to take gloves and scarves, from all of your loving donations! We are using the new tarps to set clothes on the ground. It is a lot more dignified for the people picking out clothes. Please consider joining us in local mission work. As you can tell, we have a lot of opportunities in a lot of different places!

We are currently in need of men's pants (medium and extra-large); women's pants (all sizes); diapers, formula, laundry soap, gloves, hats, scarves, and snack cakes.

Love you all,

*The Very Festive Mary*

## DONATION "ETIQUETTE"



If you plan to donate items for the PBJ Ministry, please place donations in the large white collection bins labeled "PBJ Ministry DONATIONS" in the Parish Hall under the coat rack—or-- in the Littlejohn building in the East Dining room. Please do not leave donations anywhere else.

Also, we have been receiving donations of medical equipment--crutches, canes, walkers, etc. Please do not bring these items to the church! If you wish to donate these items, please take them to the **Sayville Cabinet for the Sick**, located at 24 Collins Avenue in Sayville.



Thank you.



# VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

You can see Jaime DiChiara, our Choral Scholar, in *"Pirates of Penzance"* (she plays Martha), which will be playing at Bayport-Blue Point High School the first weekend in February. Times are:

**Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7:00 PM**  
**Friday, Feb. 7 at 7:00 PM**  
**Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7:00 PM**

There is also a special discount showing for senior citizens on  
**Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 5:30 PM**  
(free for seniors who live in the Bayport-Blue Point District)



## CHORAL SCHOLAR ALUMNA EMILY LLEWELLYN...

...is now at SUNY New Paltz in her Junior year. She had exciting news recently about her latest acting/singing opportunity:

*"Haven't fully accepted it yet, but happy is an understatement! So excited to announce that I will be playing Martha in SUNY New Paltz's production of SPRING AWAKENING! It's a life-long dream to be in this show and I'm beyond excited to work with this cast."*

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY – FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>



We're so accustomed to hearing the Bible's "love chapter," 1 Corinthians 13, at weddings and other occasions that we may not really hear its meaning anymore. It can help to listen to something familiar said in different words. What new understandings of love does this paraphrase from *The Message* Bible reveal to you?

"Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always 'me first,' doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, MSG).



## George Washington Trivia

Presidents Day celebrates all presidents now, but back in the day, George Washington's Birthday had its very own day. So, let's remember our first president with a bit of trivia. You might learn something new!

**That Cherry Tree Story? It's a Myth** The story was invented by Parson Mason Weems who wrote a biography of George Washington shortly after Washington's death. Since so little is known about Washington's childhood, Weems invented several anecdotes about Washington's early life to illustrate the origins of the heroic qualities Washington exhibited as an adult. Introduced to countless schoolchildren as a moral tale in the McGuffey Reader textbook, the parable has become a persistent part of American mythology.

**He Tried to Refuse the Presidential Salary** Washington decided to forgo the presidential paycheck during his time in office, but in the end, he was forced to accept it because of its implications on presidential precedent. Article II of the Constitution states that the chief executive is required to be paid. This rule was established to ensure that less wealthy people could run for office without relying on bribery or corruption. Congress decided at the time that the president would be paid \$25,000 a year. Presidents now are paid \$400,000, which some have pledged to donate to charity.

**He Did Not Have a Middle Name** Many people are given three names at birth, but not Washington. Middle names weren't that common in the colonies until the start of the 19th century. According to his Mt. Vernon estate, only five of the first 20 US presidents had middle names.

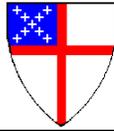
**He Created His Own Dog Breed** George Washington loved dogs, and he loved fox hunting, so it was only natural for him to want to breed the perfect foxhound. Because of his work, he is occasionally called the father of the American Foxhound, according to Animal Planet. He owned 36 of these pups, and gave them unusually mushy names like Sweet Lips, Topsy, Venus, and True Love.

## The Transfiguration

Our omnipresent God shows up in some unexpected places. People have "miraculously" seen Jesus' face on everything from junk food to a rusty water tank. We don't know what Jesus looked like, of course, but Scripture indicates his appearance was rather ordinary: "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him" (Isaiah 53:2, NIV).



On one occasion, however, Jesus' face was majestically transformed. At his Transfiguration, observed by many churches on the Sunday before Lent, Jesus' "face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light" (Matthew 17:2, ESV). Some disciples witnessed Jesus' glory — which will be ours, thanks to his death and resurrection. As 1 John 3:2 (NIV) promises: "When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."



# NOTES



## Attention Cemetery Plot Owners:

Please be aware that when it snows only the Main Asphalt Road gets plowed. The other gravel / dirt roads will be plowed only if needed to conduct service for a new burial. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



—Janet Croce



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**FEB. 2**

## OUR DAILY BREAD

**Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon**

The food pantry is especially in need of these supplies.

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### SOUPER BOWL IS COMING:

The Food Pantry needs SOUP & CRACKERS for Souper Bowl  
Of course, cash donations allow us to shop for needed items.



## Christian Yoga

**Relax and Stretch with us...**

**Thursdays at 1:00 in the Parish Hall**

*All welcome!*



## \*Fourth Wednesday\* Lunch & Meditation

Join us at Peg Costanzo's house every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12:30 PM for a meditation group, which meets at Peg's home in Patchogue. Bring your lunch and enjoy some conversation, scripture reading, prayer, and meditation. Great for relaxing and dealing with stress!



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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

3	James & Jeannette Hayes	16	David & Angelica Russell	17	Robert & Carole Sheppard
5	Thomas & Linda Munkelwitz	17	John Cerillo & Kimberly Schaum-Rodriguez	18	Robert & Sandra Immoor
11	Randy & Susanne Schultz		Kevin & Brooke Mattimore		



1	Madison DaSilva	9	Honey Weiner	13	Mark Leuly	21	Thomas Rascona
2	Michael Dowling	10	Kara Felton		Jane Vander Borgh		Theresa Smith
	Ryan Schaum-Rodriguez		Kyle Wolfe	14	Nancy Koinoglou		Chelsea Whitehouse
3	Karen Tampellini	11	Sadie Hynes	15	Lara Espinoza	23	Jenna Jacques
4	Angelica Russell	12	Joseph Chase		Paul Stoehrer	26	Valerie Field
5	William Streek		Donald MacKenzie	16	Hugh James	27	Ryan Mattimore
6	Heather Johnson	13	Alexandra Barone	17	James Hayes		
7	Natalie Bosse		Dorothy Lamens	17	Patricia MacDonell		
	Susan Conklin		Garrett Leuly	20	Debora Schmeider		

*These names are offered each month as an opportunity to extend to our brothers and sisters the love of Christ on these special days and to express our thanks for the gift of their presence in our midst. They are also offered as an opportunity to pray for each one of these individuals and couples on these significant days in their lives.*

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**God of love, as we share valentines this month, remind us also to share practical expressions of your love for all: food, shelter, clean water, acceptance of differences, a helping hand.**

## Our Church History



By Connie Currie

### ❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

**CAPTAIN GEORGE ROGERSON**  
**MRS. GEORGE (DELIA) ROGERSON**  
Section 11 – LOT 11

**Captain George Rogerson** passed away suddenly in mid-November of 1914. The Captain was a quiet, modest, manly man whose life was given in service to his family and against whom not an ill word was known to have been spoken. Soon after his marriage, he came to Bayport where he lived twenty-four years. Well built and of a powerful constitution, the Captain was never ill.

A fisherman by trade, he was accustomed to long hours and all kinds of weather. For that reason, his death was a shock to all. Captain Rogerson, who was born in Vermont fifty-two years prior to his death, was survived by his wife Delia, his sons, George, Hugh and John Thomas; three daughters, twins Dell and Delia, and Elizabeth.

Captain Rogerson was buried in St. Ann's cemetery with the Rev. John H. Prescott officiating.

**Mrs. George (Delia) Rogerson**, widow of Captain George Rogerson, died at her home in Bayport at the age of 74. She was born in the North of Ireland, but had made her home in Bayport for fifty-two years. A pleasant woman, Mrs. Rogerson raised six children—three girls, twins Delia and Dell, and Elizabeth; and three sons—George, Hugh, and John Thomas. All but George survived her. He died of the results of gassing during World War I. Her husband, Captain George Rogerson, passed away in 1914.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Rogerson's son Hugh was in Southside Hospital, just having had an operation, and his brother John Thomas was about to have surgery in Florida. Neither son was able to attend their mother's funeral.

Mrs. Rogerson was a member of Pride of Bayside Circle of the Lady Foresters of America, and members of that organization held services at the Isaacson Funeral Home. She was also a member of the Auxiliary Unit of American Legion Post #651. For many years she had been a devout parishioner of St. Ann's Episcopal Church and was laid to rest in the parish cemetery.

The Rev. Joseph H. Bond officiated at her funeral service.





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## +Christian Symbol+



### The Shepherd's Crook

The shepherd's crook is a symbol for Jesus, the Good Shepherd. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). The crook also symbolizes the shepherds who visited the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. It's also used in connection with King David, who worked as a shepherd when he was young.

## AROUND SAINT ANN'S Monthly Schedule

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.

Check out the website at: [www.saint-anns.org](http://www.saint-anns.org)

### Sundays

8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist  
9:00 AM—Sunday School  
10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist  
7:30 PM—AA Meeting

### Mondays

10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry  
6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—Feb. 10  
6:00 PM—Mission & Outreach—Feb. 17  
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

### Tuesdays

8:00 AM—Men's Group  
9:00 AM—Holy Eucharist  
6:00 PM—Children's Choir  
7:00 PM—Adult Choir

### Wednesdays

9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open

### Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting  
10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open  
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

### Fridays

12:00-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open

### Saturday

10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open  
5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist



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