



The Correspondent

Monthly Newsletter / September 2023

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES*

Summer Church Schedule
(through 9/10)

Saturdays: 5pm

Sundays: 9am

(and 11am service held on Fire Island)

Regular Schedule Resumes 9/15

Saturdays: 5pm

Sundays: 8am & 10am

WEEKLY CAMPUS SCHEDULE*

Food Pantry: Mondays 10am-Noon

Thrift Shop: Wednesdays,
Thursdays,
Saturdays 10am-2pm

AA meetings: Mondays 7pm
Thursdays 10am & 7pm
Sundays 7:30pm

Choir Practice Tuesdays 7pm as of 9/5

Men's Breakfast Tuesdays 8am

MONTHLY SCHEDULE*

Family Service First Sunday (on hiatus)

Senior Lunch TBD

Vestry Meeting Second Monday

Pizza Supper Third Saturday (on hiatus)

**check our website for details, changes, and updates
www.saint-anns.org*

Important Dates:

- 9/4 Labor Day - Office closed
- 9/5 Choir rehearsals resume 7 - 8 pm
- 9/11 Vestry meeting 6 - 7:30 pm
- 9/23 Daughters of the King diocesan assembly & retreat 10 am to 5 pm
- 10/1 Family Service 10 am
- 10/9 Columbus Day - Office closed
- 10/16 Finance meeting 10 - 11 am
- 10/16 Vestry meeting 6 - 7:30 pm
- 10/21 Pizza supper after 5 pm service
- 10/21 Art Exhibition
- 11/5 Family Service 10 am
- 11/18 Christmas Fair 10 am - 4 pm
- 11/18 Pizza supper after 5 pm service
- 11/23 Thanksgiving – Office closed
- 11/25 Christmas Trees arrive

St. Ann's Vestry

Wardens

Nancy Koinoglou (2024)
Randy Schultz (2023)

Members

Don Hester (2026)
Pat Osarchuk (2026)
Carol Ann St. Lawrence (2024)
Laura Sanchez (2025)
Wendy Schmittzeh (2024)

Vestry normally meets once a month on Monday night.

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(Until further notice)

**Tim Laffin,
Marge Rogers**

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THRIFT SHOP

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Open Wednesday, Thursday, &
Saturday 10am – 2pm

CEMETERY

The Garden of the Unforgotten

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A Word from the Rector Father Jeffrey Stevenson, HoSM

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*

The church is an organization that exists not for itself. The church is a place where we comfort the troubled and trouble those who are too comfortable. We come to church on Sunday to prepare ourselves to do the work that Christ has given for us to do. We pray to make ourselves open to the movement of the Spirit.

During my first three years at Saint Ann’s, our focus has been to reach former & existing members to draw them back to in-person worship, almost a re-energizing of the “already-evangelized.” We have spent the past three years focusing on energizing the outreach programs of the Food Pantry, the Thrift Shop, the Christmas tree lot, and the Christmas fair are the outward ministries on the mainland, with summer ministry on Fire Island during the summer months.

As the rector of St. Ann’s, I see my role as the CEO (Chief Evangelizing Officer), not the one doing all the evangelizing but leading the charge for the parish. Like the CEO of a company, my job is not to do all the evangelizing but to lead with an eye to the future while not forgetting the lessons of the past. My role is to build an environment rich with opportunities to share the news; we share the Good News by sharing the beauty of faith, the joy of belief, and the strength of knowing the God that loves us.

**Blessings,
Fr. Jeff**

Stewardship in these Unsettled Times...

As summer draws to a close, we pause and reminisce on the leisurely days gone by, the gentle (albeit hot!) breezes, hopefully appreciating God's nature in abundance. Prayerfully, the summer provided renewal and restoration so necessary for anticipating the busy autumn days ahead.

Perhaps we don't realize that slowing down for the "dog days" is good personal stewardship as we care for the body, mind and spirit that is ours through the divine act of our births, as is a healthy diet, exercise regimen, and attending to our medical needs. But we also know that an important part of a healthy Christ-centered lifestyle includes giving of ourselves, in love and kindness, -without expecting anything in return.

We are often conscious of the transformational societal changes which we are exposed to on a daily basis post-Pandemic. Some of the things we witness frequently go so against God's principles and values that sometimes it is easier to "not do anything" than to be courageous and reach out to help a neighbor or stranger in need. And yet, the so, so, small voice of God urgently pleads with His Children at this critical time to share His Bountiful Love by giving of our time, talent and treasure to help those less fortunate than ourselves, whether it be through St. Ann's ministries such as the Food Pantry or Thrift Shop, or simply checking on a neighbor, or performing an act of kindness.

Perhaps we may find time to assist with the nascent Villages ministry shepherded by parishioners working with Mother Lilo to enable Seniors in the parish and community to enjoy added social experiences starting with monthly Parish Hall game events, alternating bi-weekly with Senior Luncheons. Many people remain isolated and lonely as those on fixed incomes struggle in this economy, and any assistance at all would likely be appreciated tenfold.

The arrival of Fall beckons an awakening of the Spirit, with preparations accelerating for the Christmas Fair November 18. Please contact Fair Chair Nancy Koinoglou (631) 567-4322 with your offer to help in any phase of the Fair! And yes, the Trees arrive Saturday November 25 right after Thanksgiving, so mark the calendar to help unload the trucks and assist with the tree sales during the hectic week that they are available! Strong backs are always appreciated!

After the Farewell to Summer services on Fire Island and in Sayville September 10, we should set our clocks for the Sunday "winter" worship schedule starting September 17 when we resume the 8 am and 10 AM service schedules. (Saturday evening worship at 5 does not change). With the additional third weekend service, please consider volunteering in the essential lay ministries of worship (usher, Altar Guild, acolyte, lector and Choir) as opportunities to grow in discipleship with the Lord.

And on a final note, THANK YOU for your financial support which does much more than merely keep the lights on... Your offerings enable the ongoing work of Christ in this community, providing pastoral care, spiritual support, worship, fellowship, Christ-centered ministries, mission of the greater Church, and stewardship of parish facilities and grounds to continue. The Committee hopes that the still small voice of God is heard- and you may answer "Here I Am, Lord" with love and enthusiasm in your Spiritual Journey! If you would like to receive giving envelopes in 2024 and do not already receive them, please let the Church office know, and your request will be facilitated!

“Thou shalt Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul, and all thy mind. This is the first and Great Commandment. And the Second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets”- Jesus

Amen, and God Bless,
The Stewardship Committee



In the News

A round-up of items announced in last month's parish emails and at weekend services.

Please submit announcements to the office by Wednesday each week.

WE WILL! BAPTISMS IN JULY & AUGUST:

This summer we have welcomed three new parishioners on their baptismal day! Members of Saint Ann's have pledged to "do all in our power to support these persons in their life in Christ" for: Liam Whiteman (6/25), Jack Fitzgerald (8/6), and Mackenzie Keiper (8/27).

CONGRATULATIONS!

Wedding vows were pledged by Jen Sheppard and Ray MacLean on August 12th.

CALLED TO THE LORD:

God bless Candice J. Miller.

View from Behind the Pole

Eileen Moran

Make some joyful noise to the Lord with us!

Do you love to sing? Would you like company at services? Would you like a reserved seat, even for Christmas and Easter? Are you free most Tuesday nights? If so, please consider joining the choir. We are a family within the St. Ann's family and ready to grow! Come and blend your voice with ours. Reading music is not required, in fact, I think most of us don't read music. You will be gently coached that as the notes on the music rise, so does your voice. You'll learn a few symbols that will help you to hold the note or get off of it quickly. That's about all I know and I've enjoyed singing in the choir (on and off) since about 1988. Something wonderful happens when we come together to sing God's praises. Many voices become one or harmonize in beautiful ways. The feeling of being a part of that is indescribable. We end our Tuesday practices with prayers. We'd love to include you in our choir family. **We resume practices Tuesday September 5th at 7 p.m.** in the church. I hope to see you there! If you have any questions, you can call Kathy Senese at the church office or email her at music@saint-anns.org [We sing at Cherry Grove on Sunday September 10th at the "Farewell to Summer" service at 11 am, on September 17th we will be back at our regular 10 am service at St. Ann's]

CREATION CARE CORNER
by Marie Wipper

“God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.” Genesis 1:31

Together we can make a difference. We each can make one or more small change to contribute to the large task of caring for our Earth home. Each month I will share at least one simple thing we can do to better care for our environment. It will be one of three paths to take better care of our Earth; reduce, reuse, or recycle an item!



Today’s idea..... Reuse your shopping bag!!

Facts from the Center for Biological Diversity website about single-use plastic bags..... (circa 2018)

- “Americans use 100 billion plastic bags a year, which require 12 million barrels of oil to manufacture. “
- “It takes 1,000 years for a plastic bag to degrade in a land fill.”

What can you do.....

- Always carry a bag (any bag) with you in your car or your pocketbook so you are always ready to shop.
- Carry one or two items from the store to your car or home if you find yourself without a bag.
- Take a paper or plastic bag from a recent store purchase and reuse it until it rips.
- Even if you forget one time, simply remember the next time.

Please share.....

I would like this to be a group effort and I am happy to share your ideas as well as mine.

Please forward your ideas to me, Marie Wipper at: k2wipper@aol.com; use “Creation Care” as the subject.



2023 ARTS EXHIBITION

21 October 2023 we’ll host a showcase of visual, fabric and written arts created by Saint Ann’s parishioners. Unlike the Christmas Fair, this is an exhibition only (no sales). Send word to the church office if you would like your work to be considered for the show. [Photos by Eileen Moran.]

The Parable of the Sower

The dove takes flight and scatters
Love's seed across the land
Where it rests does not matter
He sows by Love's command

It falls upon the fertile soil
It falls on muck and grit
It falls among the rocks and thorns
It falls precisely where Love intended it

No matter where, the seed takes root
Love's plant will soon appear
If it withers before bearing fruit
Love's plan is still completed here

Again and again the dove takes flight
For Love's patience has no bounds
Seed after seed erodes the stones and weeds
Until peace, joy, love is found

E Plouffé
August 5, 2023

Congratulations on your Anniversary:



- 8 - 12 Jen Sheppard & Ray MacLean
- 8 - 14 Stephanie & William Streek
- 8 - 15 Irene & Francis Jr. Bodkin
- 8 - 17 Judith & Darroll Meyer
- 8 - 21 Elise & Philip Alloy
- 8 - 21 Nancy & Scott Leuly
- 8 - 21 Whitney & David O'Donnell
- 8 - 27 Cathy & Don Baker
- 9 - 3 Deanne & Frank Madigan
- 9 - 4 Kathleen & Hewlett Krakaur
- 9 - 5 Diane Miller-Magnani & Rick Magnani
- 9 - 7 Christie & John Strecker
- 9 - 8 Nicole & David Rey
- 9 - 12 Theresa & John Smith
- 9 - 20 Sally Stoll-DePompeo & Philip DePompeo
- 9 - 22 Patricia & James Romeo
- 9 - 25 Kathleen & Luis Vazquez
- 9 - 29 Charlotte Hlavac-Maass & Michael Maass

August Birthdays:

- 2 Leo Chung
- 2 Lucas Chung
- 2 Gavin Lico
- 2 Samara Madigan
- 4 Gia Patrovich
- 7 Erin Hynes
- 8 Lauren Rascona
- 10 Ellen Garofolo
- 11 Eileen Fitzpatrick
- 11 Gary Schaum
- 11 Andrew Schultz
- 12 Philip Alloy
- 14 Thomas Clarke Jr.
- 14 Kevin Mattimore
- 14 Layla Rey
- 17 Charles Romano
- 17 Adam Shelton
- 18 Sam Acierno
- 19 Charlotte Aciemo
- 20 Elise Alloy
- 21 Cheryl Waters
- 24 Aline Koinoglou
- 25 Bob Flanagan
- 27 Nicholas Arena Jr.
- 27 Sloan Rivas
- 29 Lily Dadabo
- 29 Joseph Ferzola
- 30 Donald Hester
- 31 Scott MacDonell
- 31 Reina Vasquez



September Birthdays:

- 1 Darroll Meyer
- 1 John Strecker
- 1 Butzy Van Wyen
- 2 David Rey
- 4 Mary Ann Costanza
- 4 Salvatore Greci
- 4 Christian Hagenlocher
- 6 Alia Richards
- 6 Grace Torgersen
- 7 Charles O'Connell
- 8 Shawn Brett
- 9 Karen McGorty
- 12 Michael Patrovich
- 22 Avery Casteneda
- 23 Peter O'Connell
- 24 Abigail Streek
- 25 Julia Magnani
- 26 Jeffery McLeer
- 26 Laura Sanchez
- 27 Fiona Rivas
- 29 Patrick O'Donnell

I'm making new lists!

To ensure your birthday and anniversary is noted, please email the information to:
correspondent@saint-anns.org

Belated birthday wishes to **Michael Maass**.
And belated Happy Anniversary to **Ann & Eugene DeMott**.

Littlejohn & Burgess parking lot gets a makeover

Submitted by
Buildings & Grounds committee

We hired Stang Landscaping to clean up the parking lot on the South side of Middle Road. As you can see from the “before” photo, the parking lot was full of weeds and grass and a lot of the area was in desperate need of grading and new gravel. Stang landscaping cleaned out all the grass and weeds, regraded the entire lot and put down new gravel. They did an excellent job. Thanks to all of their hard work it now not only looks beautiful, but we also no longer have to mow our parking lot!



SAINT ANN’S PRAYER REQUESTS

Alex, Annmarie, Beth, Calvin, Christie, Danny,
Debi, Doris, Dorothy, Eileen, Elsie, Gladys,
Glen, James, Jay, Jim, John, Jonathan, Judy,
Kathy, Kelli, Kirk, Lauren, Luis, Lynn, Marian,
Mark, Mary Ann, Marty, Matt, Richie,
Robles Family, Sue and Vincent.

**Text the word *Prayer* to
631-212-2320 to add names
to the Saint Ann’s Prayer List**

*Almighty and ever living God,
ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
bear our prayers for this parish family.*

*Heal the Sick, comfort the grieving,
Strengthen our faith,
keep us in your light always.*

*Grant us peace and love,
and bring us all to be of
one heart and mind within your
holy Church
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Calls to Service

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John)



Each worship service is an enactment of the kind of community Jesus calls us to create here on earth: spreading God’s Word, sharing the Peace, breaking Bread together, and recommitting ourselves to what we believe. Lay persons participate in worship as musicians, choir members, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, readers, acolytes, chalice bearers, altar guild members, ushers, vergers, and greeters. Others do simple tasks—that often go unnoticed—that enhance our worship.

You are invited to step further into Sunday worship in deep & meaningful ways:

Usher: serve at church services throughout the year, assisting and monitoring the safety and needs of all attendees: handing out bulletins, collecting offerings, directing communion, assisting elderly & infirm, etc.

Lector: read the Old Testament, Psalm, & New Testament scriptures during the service.

Acolyte/Crucifer: bear the Cross into and out of the church for the liturgy, assist in the setting of the altar for the Eucharist and carry torches in the gospel procession; hold the gospel book during the gospel reading.

Eucharistic Minister: serve as chalice bearers at Eucharist; distribute the bread & wine to the congregation during communion.

Choir: practice 7 pm Tuesdays (starting 9/5) sing at 10 am service (starting 9/17).

Coffee Hour: set up & take down coffee hour (providing snacks is optional).

Altar Guild*: prepare the altar at St. Ann's for Saturday evening & Sunday services as well as baptisms, weddings, funerals, Holy Days & special services. **some weekday commitment needed*

When you’re ready to join in, text the word *Serve* to 631-212-2320

Confirmation Class:

We are hoping to start a new Confirmation Class this fall. There is no specific age cutoff; it depends on the individual. If you or your child is interested in starting the confirmation class this year, please text the word “Confirm” to our text line at 631-212-2320.

Christmas Fair November 18, 2023

The fair is earlier this year please help out to make OUR fair successful.

RAFFLES: We need donations for our raffle. We are asking our parish family to pitch in. Please donate an item or items. Talk to family and friends for donations and ask companies you work with or use services from. Purchasing gift cards from restaurants, tickets to sporting events, electronics, etc. also make great raffle prizes. Think about asking a friend to donate with you. The more donations, the better our raffle.

COUNTRY KITCHEN: We also need people to donate to our Country Kitchen table for the fair. If you are someone who enjoys baking, making jam/jelly, candy making, etc., please consider donating your homemade items to be sold at the fair.

CRAFTS: Are you someone that likes to craft? Please think about donating item(s) to our fair this year. Please give me a call and let me know what you will be donating so we can be sure to arrange space to display what you're donating.

VOLUNTEER: Are you new to St. Ann's? Helping out with the Christmas Fair is a great way to jump in and get involved with a joyful ministry. There are many areas that we need help with. If you are interested in volunteering, please call me and let me know.

The more people we have involved and helping out, the more successful our fair will be. The fair is a wonderful time to celebrate the Christmas season, spend time with friends and get to meet new parish members.

Nancy K.

631-567-4322



If you feel overwhelmed, you are not alone. These days I often feel overwhelmed. It's not a new feeling. Perhaps it stems from living through a world-wide pandemic. Perhaps it's just a normal part of aging. Maybe it's because of the personal losses in my life. Or more likely, my tendency to bite off more than I can chew. But then again, My Mom always said I was happiest when I was busy and I have to agree!

I have my days of unbridled enthusiasm for everything too. It must have been on one of those days that I decided to volunteer to be your next editor. I had heard the announcement several times about Rodney leaving us to be closer to family and that we would need a new volunteer to be editor of The Correspondent. I told myself that if nobody else stepped up, I would. I waited week after week to see if someone else wanted the position, secretly hoping to be editor; while being intimidated too. But once Father Jeff announced that we would not have a Correspondent newsletter at all until someone took over, I knew it would be my new role. I'm pleased to have a go at it. I will try to do as good a job as Rodney.

I'm hoping you all can help out. Send your birthday & anniversary dates. Share your good news about births, baptisms, graduations, new jobs, awards or anything else you think the parish would enjoy reading about. Maybe you would like to contribute a poem like Eileen Plouffé, or a short essay. Eileen's poem was inspired by a sermon by Mother Lilo. You could write your reaction to a sermon or a hymn. This is OUR newsletter so let's make it the best we can.

Ideas for Marie's Creation Corner can be sent to her directly: **k2wipper@aol.com**; subject "Creation Care".

Everything else should be emailed to **correspondent@saint-anns.org**.

Documents should be in Microsoft Word format or as text in the email. Photos are welcome too!

Please observe deadline which is the 3rd Friday of each month.

Eileen Moran

Deadline for the next issue:
Friday 9/15/23

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—change service requested—

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‘**LOVE** THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH
ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’

THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT.

AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT:

‘**LOVE** YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’

ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS HANG ON THESE TWO
COMMANDMENTS.

Matthew 22