

ST. ANN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Correspondent

Monthly Newsletter / May 2024

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES*

Saturdays: 5 pm
Sundays: 8 am & 10 am
10 am service will also be online

WEEKLY CAMPUS SCHEDULE*

Food Pantry: Mondays 10 am - Noon
Thrift Shop: Wednesdays, Thursdays,
Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm
AA meetings: Mondays 7 pm
Thursdays 10 am & 7 pm
Sundays 7:30 pm
Choir Practice Tuesdays 6:50 pm
Men's Breakfast Tuesdays 8 am

MONTHLY SCHEDULE*

Family Service First Sunday
Senior Lunch TBD
Vestry Meeting Second Monday
Pizza Supper Third Saturday

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

St. Ann's Vestry

Wardens

Nancy Koinoglou (2026)
Randy Schultz (2025)

Members

Carol Ann St. Lawrence (2027)
Joseph Castelli (2027)
Rich Maddox (2027)
Laura Sanchez (2026)
Pat Osarchuk (2026)
Don Hester (2026)
John O'Neil (2025)
Ray Busch (2025)
Roma Busch (2025)

Vestry normally meets once a month
on the 2nd Monday night.

Important Dates:

5/5/24 Family Service with Breakfast following
5/7/24 Senior Luncheon – food pantry donations welcome
5/13/24 Science Symposium at Sayville H.S.
5/19/24 Pentecost Sunday – at 10 am service,
Bishop Wolf presides for confirmation & reception
6/2/24 Family Service with Breakfast following
6/4/24 Senior Luncheon – food pantry donations welcome
6/9/24 St. Barnabas Day – picnic follows 10 am service

Easter Vigil



From left: Fr. James Reiss, Mthr. Lilo Carr Rivera,
Fr. Hickman Alexandre and Fr. Jeff Stevenson

Photo by Laura Sanchez

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Gospel of Christ
in thought, word, and deed
to our community
and the world.***

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Open Monday 10am - noon

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

The Bishop is coming, everyone look busy!

As many of you already know, Bishop Wolf will be joining us on 19 May for our annual visit. We plan to have a wonderful day with confirmations, followed by a family style breakfast. With the bishop coming, I thought I would pull something together that talked to the importance of the role of bishop in our tradition. The Episcopal Church has bishops primarily because it retains the traditional Anglican structure, which includes the threefold ministry of bishops, priests, and deacons. This structure is rooted in historical and theological reasons, reflecting the church's continuing the long-held traditions of the early Christian church and the broader Anglican Communion.

Historically, the role of bishops in Christianity dates to the early days of the church. The term "bishop" derives from the Greek word "episkopos," which means "overseer," and is where the name Episcopal is derived. In the early Christian communities, bishops were seen as the apostles' successors, tasked with maintaining doctrinal integrity and providing pastoral oversight. This role evolved over time, and by the third century, it was generally accepted that a bishop had pastoral responsibility for a geographical area, ordaining priests and deacons to serve local congregations within that area.

Theologically, bishops are responsible for guarding the faith, unity, and discipline of the church, ordaining new clergy, and symbolically preserving continuity with the apostolic church. This includes administering rites such as confirmation and ordination, which are reserved for bishops.

In the Episcopal Church, specifically, bishops play a crucial role not only as spiritual leaders but also in church governance. The Episcopal Church is structured with a hierarchy that includes the General Convention, composed of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. While legislative authority resides with the General Convention, bishops have significant influence in doctrinal, disciplinary, and worship matters as part of the House of Bishops. This structure ensures that bishops have a collective voice in the church's decision-making process, although they cannot act independently of the House of Deputies unless specifically authorized by the General Convention.

Thus, the presence of bishops in the Episcopal Church reflects historical traditions, theological beliefs, and the church's structured governance, which seeks to balance authority and communal discernment within the church's polity. This system underscores the Episcopal Church's identity as part of the wider Anglican Communion, which historically values the episcopal form of governance while adapting it to the context of a democratic and modern ecclesiastical framework.

In conclusion, the role of bishops in the Episcopal Church is multifaceted and significant. From providing pastoral care to administering sacraments, bishops play a crucial role in **maintaining** the faith, unity, and discipline of the church. The Episcopal Church's hierarchical structure ensures that bishops have a collective voice in decision-making, while also balancing communal discernment and authority. As we prepare for Bishop Wolf's upcoming visit, we can reflect on the historical and theological significance of the episcopate and its importance in our life together.

Cheers,
The Rev Jeff Stevenson, Rector



Photos by Noah Stetzer and Laura Sanchez



VESTRY VISIONS

Like any business, St. Ann's has to have someone working behind the scenes to keep the doors open. That's what the Vestry does in our monthly meetings and periodic zoom or emailing for the more urgent matters that need action before the next Monthly meeting. Sometimes we have no choice in our spending as it is dictated by the diocese policy, but we do have a lot of discretion on other things. We have an older campus and most of our buildings are significantly over 100 years old. When you come to services the lights are on, the heat or air conditioning hopefully is on, the organ is tuned, etc. That's the physical plant, but you our readers are the "real" church. It's you who fund all this. You do this with your time, talents and your treasure. When all three are involved many of the vestry's problems are solved. But, and there's always a but, there is the lack of time talent or treasure volunteered. We the congregation make the Vestry act; we require the Vestry to hire someone to do it. And that's where the deficit comes in.

A little extra of our volunteer time or our treasure can make a difference. Have you considered how much a few hours of volunteer labor by members of the congregation can help beautify the church and the grounds?

Do you have a special talent that might be used?

Your treasure can be money, but it also can be donations of unused things to the thrift shop, which in turn helps keep the lights on.

Don Hester
For the Vestry

Calling all knitters!!

For many years St Ann's has supported the Christmas at Sea program at the Seamen's Church Institute which distributes scarves, hats and cowls to merchant sailors. Any time is the perfect time to knit or crochet these much-appreciated gifts. Items will be collected in early Fall for distribution.

If you would like to participate, please call the office at 631-589-6522 to request patterns or needles. We also have experienced knitters willing to teach those who need instruction. If you have any acrylic yarns that you would like to donate to this program, please let us know!

Thanks.
Ellen Stoll

Some thoughts from your Seminarian...



“With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all.” Acts 4:33

As we move forward into this glorious spring season and all it has to offer, I cannot help but feel that this piece of scripture so perfectly describes our St. Ann's family. We are resurrection people and each week I witness the way you all show the world the power of God's love. I see it from the simple greetings you share as you enter the church to the myriad activities and events which are coming up! I know the hard work that you put into each...and God sees it, too! Well done! Fantastic! Let your love shine!

Our "Soccer Sunday with Baseball Blessings and Lacrosse Liftoff (plus our fabulous fencers and grace-filled gymnasts) was a wonderful success. The painted Blessing Rocks are stunning and we are beginning to place them around our town and our campus. In May, our young people will keep up the theme of creation and will be planting seeds in little cups to take home. And looking toward June and St. Barnabas Day- please consider bringing your bike in for a "Blessing of the Bikes" and if you are so inclined, decorate it for a little bicycle parade around the grounds!

With love and gratitude for each of you,
Susan the Seminarian



Photos by Noah Stetzer

THANKS TO JIM WIPPER FOR THIS MONTH'S IDEA!

“The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden as its gardener, to tend and care for it.” Genesis 2:15*

After the cold months of winter, we are all getting excited for the signs of spring. Tiny buds on bushes appear. Trees are adding color to our landscapes. Birds can be heard in abundance as you walk outdoors. Nature is starting its spring regrowth everywhere you go.

Our attention is naturally drawn to our lawns. How can we get the lush green look going? It's natural to think we have to throw down fertilizer and the earlier we start and the more fertilizer we use, the better. Chemical fertilizers do the job. So why aren't we doing just that? Fertilizers do boost the green grass look we all love. But they have negative side effects not only for the grass, but they can harm the water we drink and swim in, as well.

“When . . . grasses “wake-up” in the spring, they enter a natural growth cycle when the root system begins growing and building . . . (energy) reserves.”** “Lawn fertilizers divert the plant's energy into leaf development.”** *Our lawns look fabulous*, BUT the root growth is cut short. Healthy grass needs a strong root system to obtain nutrients and water, and battle weeds.

“... excess fertilizer can runoff into streams and lakes causing toxic algal blooms that are harmful to aquatic life and even people and their pets. Excess fertilizer runoff from lawns and agricultural applications also contribute to aquatic “dead zones” in coastal areas.”***

The homeowner can “wait until the late spring (late May or early June) just before the heat of summer begins and after the grass is thriving before you fertilize the lawn. Feeding your lawn at this point prepares the grass for summer.”** You will use less fertilizer product and your lawn will be healthier.

Another option is “... leaving grass clippings on your lawn can have several benefits for your lawn's health and appearance. By providing a natural source of fertilizer, conserving water, saving time and effort, and improving the overall appearance of your lawn, leaving grass clippings on your lawn can be a simple and effective way to maintain a healthy and beautiful lawn.”**** Again you will use less fertilizer.

The very water system that we depend on to live will thank you for delaying the application of fertilizer or foregoing it altogether. Our lawns will also begin to thrive on their own as the root systems strengthen.

*<https://www.biblegateway.com>

**<https://www.thespruce.com/when-to-apply-spring-fertilizer-2152974>

***<https://indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org/pledges/lawns/fertilizer-impacts/>

****<https://www.lawndoctor.com/blog/grass-clippings-for-lawns>

Please share your ideas...

Please feel free to email your ideas to me,

Marie Wipper at: k2wipper@aol.com, using “Creation Care” as the subject.

Celebrating Easter with an egg hunt on the lawn



Photos by Laura Sanchez

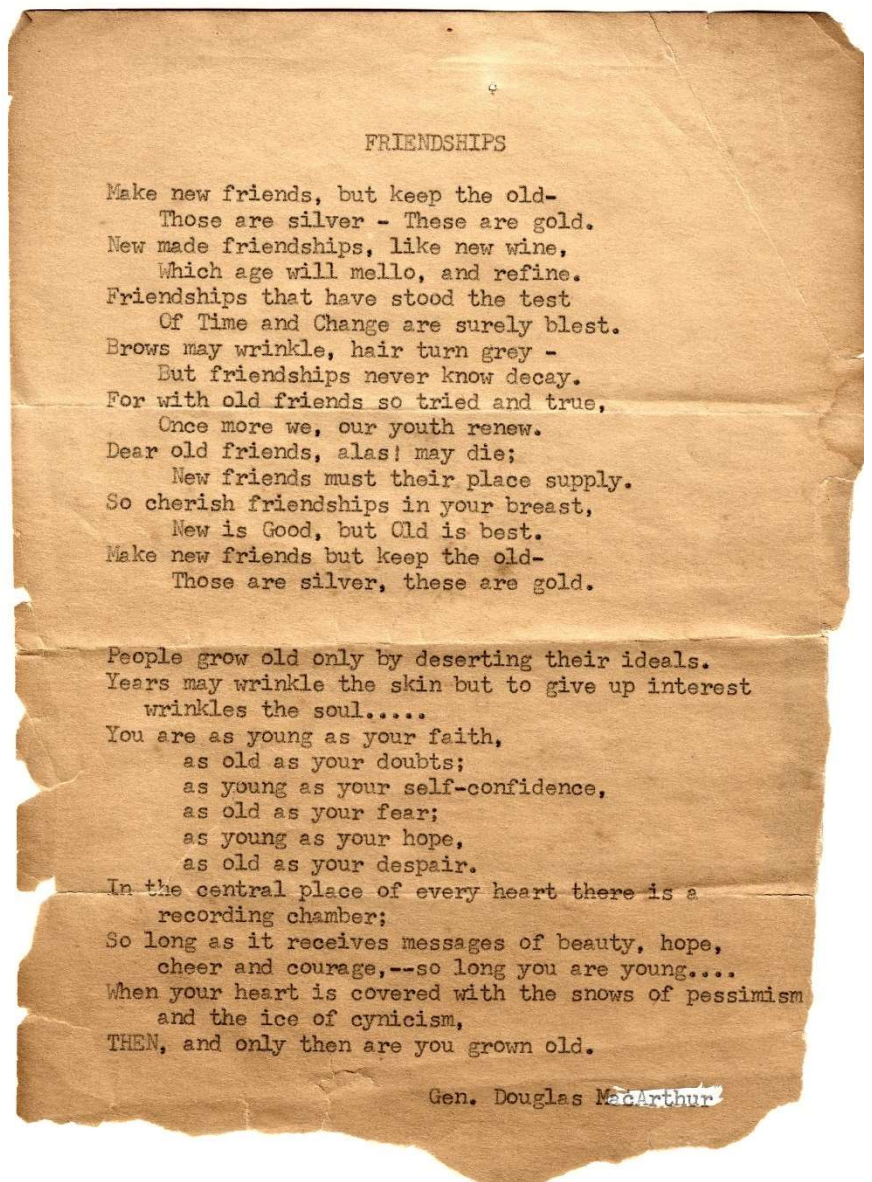


Photo by
Linda Maddox

It was so nice to receive a hand written note containing this clipping in the mail from Ellen Stoll. She said it probably came from her mother, whose brother was a graduate of West Point and that her mom had a great admiration for the men.

The top half brings me lots of fond memories of 4-H camp as a camper and counselor singing it loud and clear. From the internet I discovered that the Girl Scouts also sing it.

The quote from General MacArthur is very inspirational. Enjoy it.



FRIENDSHIPS

Make new friends, but keep the old-
Those are silver - These are gold.
New made friendships, like new wine,
Which age will mello, and refine.
Friendships that have stood the test
Of Time and Change are surely blest.
Brows may wrinkle, hair turn grey -
But friendships never know decay.
For with old friends so tried and true,
Once more we, our youth renew.
Dear old friends, alas! may die;
New friends must their place supply.
So cherish friendships in your breast,
New is Good, but Old is best.
Make new friends but keep the old-
Those are silver, these are gold.

People grow old only by deserting their ideals.
Years may wrinkle the skin but to give up interest
wrinkles the soul.....

You are as young as your faith,
as old as your doubts;
as young as your self-confidence,
as old as your fear;
as young as your hope,
as old as your despair.

In the central place of every heart there is a
recording chamber;

So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope,
cheer and courage,--so long you are young....
When your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism
and the ice of cynicism,
THEN, and only then are you grown old.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur

Did You Know...

Did you know that **Linda Munkelwitz** was born in Hackensack Hospital? She lived her early years in Greenwich Village, Peter Cooper Village (Manhattan) & western Virginia. She lived in Owensboro, Kentucky until her graduation from high school. Her father died from MS when Linda was in ninth grade. Growing up in the segregated South gave her a lifelong aversion to any kind of discrimination.

When Linda began attending Harwick College Rutherford, New Jersey area where the rest together while in college upstate! Both of us February 5th, 1972, in Grace Church, Robert Vidal Hillary Havelock Wilshire, Rector legal assistant, she became one of the first various law firms for 50 years she still works

For two years we lived in an apartment in St. in Sayville in January 1974. And here we were able to share our home with four Venezuela, and Norway. After graduation Christopher T. DelGiorno – they were in Ann’s in September 2010. Chris became a provided us the opportunity to travel to Our first granddaughter, Maya Miku, was Hawaii in 2018.



in Oneonta, New York, her mother returned to the of her family was located. A blind date brought us were cradle Episcopalians. We were married on Rutherford by the Venerable Mr. Pease & Fr. of St. Ann’s at the time. After a short stint as a paralegals in Suffolk County. After working for one day week and will do so “until it is not fun”.

Ronkonkoma and then bought our home on Erwin stayed. Our daughter Jane was born in 1980. We Rotary exchange students from Finland, Russia, from Boston University, Jane reunited with nursery school together! They we married at St. JAG in the Air Force and their postings have Dayton, Ohio, Turkey, Japan, Hawaii, and Germany. born in Japan in 2016 and Lana Linda was born in

We enjoy travelling – Holland America cruises, Viking River cruises, Road Scholar tours and visiting our granddaughters and friends. Linda is currently the treasurer of the Sayville Garden Club and is a past president of the Sayville Pilot Club. In the past at St. Ann’s, Linda has been:

- Clerk of the Vestry
- Vestry member
- Treasurer of the parish
- Organizer of SAPS (St. Ann’s People Society – a former adult social group)
- Taught Sunday School for 2 years
- Head of the Sunday School for 5 years
- Chairman of the search committee that brought us Mtr. Diane
- Served several times on the Audit Committee

She is currently:

- Co-directress of the Altar Guild
- Co-organizer of the Senior Lunches
- Volunteer at the Food Pantry

Thank you, Tom Munkelwitz, for writing this article about your wife.

Hey everybody, please consider writing about your spouse, child, parent, sibling or friend. Suggested questions might be: Where did they grow up? Did they have a career? What experiences led them to where they are now? How did they meet their spouse? How many years are they married? What have they contributed to their community or to St. Ann’s? What have they done that they are most proud of? Once you get started, I’m sure you’ll have plenty of information to write about.

Articles should be emailed to correspondent@saint-anns.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Alex, Angelo, Ann, Ari, Beth, Billy, Bonnie, Carmela, Cody, Cole, Danny, Debi, Eileen, Erica, Heather, Helen, Jacob, James, Jean, Jim, Joan, Joe, Kathie, Kenneth, Kun Ho, Lauren, Linda, Lisanne, Lyn, Sarafina, Sophie, Susan, Theresa, Timothy and the Cesarino Family.

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

Anniversaries in April & May.
Congratulations!



April

- 7 Christine Kelly-Smimmo & Mark Smimmo
- 13 Jessica & Devon Brown
- 16 Melanie & Richard Acierno
- 20 Karen & Wayne Tampellini

May

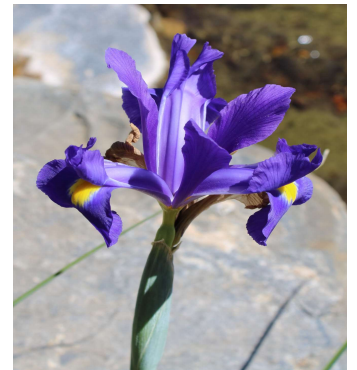
- 2 Joanna & Isar Castaneda
- 4 Donna & John Stankovich
- 10 Ann & Eugene DeMott
- 14 Wendy & Mark Schmittzch
- 16 Laura & Ron Sanchez
- 16 Carrie & James Whitehouse
- 18 Julie & Chris Gerards
- 19 Cara & Christopher Kudlek
- 27 Nancy & George Koinoglou
- 27 Cameron & Jonathan Weybrecht
- 28 Emily & Jason Cole

I apologize for mistakenly re-printing March's
anniversaries in April.

May Birthdays:



- 1 Sophia Lorenzo
- 1 Dina Madigan
- 1 Gabriel Rivera
- 2 Ian Chung
- 4 Luca Cesarino
- 4 Shelia Jones
- 6 Ethan Madigan
- 6 Marie Madigan
- 6 Randy Schultz
- 7 Raymond Graunke
- 8 Linda Maddox
- 10 Christine Brunner
- 10 Mary Fisher
- 10 Janet Kennedy
- 10 Anthony Palmieri
- 13 Emily Lowe Hart



- 14 Skylar Johnson
- 14 Thomas Munkelwitz
- 14 Anthony Sanseviro
- 14 Kaitlyn Walsh
- 16 Lisa Scrima-Castelli
- 19 Lucia Ferzola
- 20 Ciel Guardado
- 21 Michael Russell
- 23 Connor Loeffler
- 24 Josephine Leuly
- 24 Donald May
- 26 Maureen D. Echeverria
- 27 Barbara Leuly
- 30 Sandie Immoor
- 31 Shirley Brown



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 April:

This April we welcomed **Cole Fitzgerald** our new parishioner on his baptismal day! Members of Saint Ann's have pledged to "do all in our power to support him in his life in Christ." Congratulations to his parents **Katelyn & Caitlin Fitzgerald**.

Called to the Lord:

Aniello Cesarino (father of Michael Cesarino)

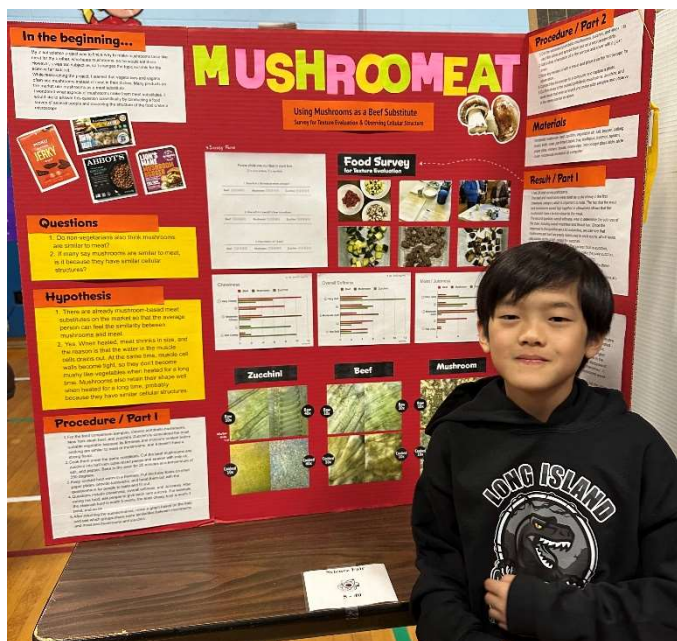
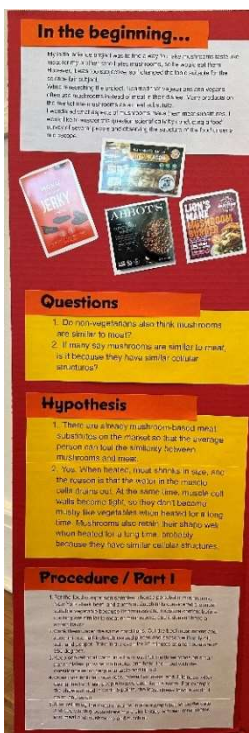
Grace H. Torgersen

Janet Draffin

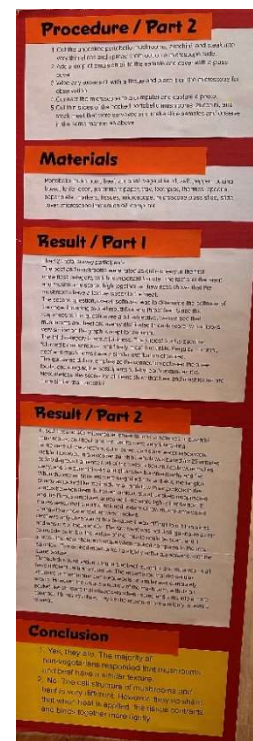
The **Senior Luncheon** will be held **May 7th** at noon in the parish hall. The guest speaker, Vincent Maio, the community liaison with the SCPD 5th precinct, will talk about the current scams out there. Donations to the food bank are appreciated.

Congratulations to Leo Chung for being chosen as one of the winners in his school's science fair (see photos below). He will be participating in the **Science Symposium** at the Sayville High School on **May 13th** from 5 pm to 7 pm. The program will be in the cafeteria. You are invited to come see Leo and the other talented students of Sayville.

Pentecost Sunday is May 19th. The 10 am service will include **confirmation** presided by **Bishop Wolf**. There will be a breakfast in the parish hall following the service. Please join us.



Leo's winning science fair project (Photos by Shin Chung)





Some Altar Guild Members:
Linda Munkelwitz, Doris Ostrander, Barbara Stahlberg, Cindy MacDonell and Linda Maddox
Splitting the palms for Palm Sunday
Photos by Linda Maddox and Laura Sanchez



View from Behind the Pole



Sing with us behind the pole.

We practice on Tuesdays at 6:50 p.m. in the church. **All are invited.** If you have any questions, you can call Kathy Senese at the church office or email her at music@saint-anns.org

Choir sponsored Pancake Breakfast 4/7/24





Photos by Laura Sanchez



Evangelism Assignment

1. Call someone this week who needs to hear from you.
2. Be kind, especially when you don't want to be.
3. Pray for 5 minutes every day.

Cemetery Information:

To inquire about burials/interments at Saint Ann's Cemetery, contact:
 Tim Laffin, Cemetery Manager, 631-589-6522 | jtlaflin@outlook.com



In April my husband Ed and I traveled to Texas to see the total solar eclipse which occurred on my birthday. We had beautiful blue skies the first few days after we arrived. Then the weather started to deteriorate. The forecast for the eclipse was cloudy for anywhere we could reasonably drive to from our hotel.

Ed had studied the historical weather for April 8th all along the eclipse path that stretched from Mexico to Maine and selected Fredericksburg as being the most likely to have clear weather in the United States. Still, the chance for a clear sky was only about 47%. In March of 2021 we flew to Austin Texas, and drove to Fredericksburg to scope out where we could get the best view.

We were well prepared and hoped for clear skies. We drove to Fredericksburg from our hotel in San Antonio. The weather was cloudy with patches of sunlight. Luckily the Sun came out sporadically during the partial eclipse phase and for quite a bit during the 4 minutes of totality when the Moon completely blocked the Sun. What a site it was! It looked like a hole in the sky with the bright light of the Sun's corona around it. Our planet is the only planet in our solar system that experiences this incredible phenomenon thanks to our large Moon. We were twice blessed to see two total solar eclipses, our first in Wyoming in 2017 and a few weeks ago in Texas. (photo by Ed Moran)

So, I promised to reveal our mystery couple and the birthday girl from our April issue. Did anyone guess that Linda & Rich Maddox are the couple? How about me at 7 years old as the April birthday girl?

I'm really hoping that YOU will send me wedding photos & birthday photos so we can play this game each month. Unfortunately, I don't have submissions for May.

This is **OUR** newsletter so let's make it the best we can.

Send your birthday & anniversary dates. Share your good news about births, baptisms, graduations, weddings, new jobs, awards or anything else you think the parish would enjoy reading about. Send a photo. Maybe a photo of your wedding for your anniversary month or your picture for your birthday month. Contribute a poem or short essay. Write your reaction to a sermon or a hymn.

Send ideas for Marie's Creation Corner: **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.

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

Eileen Moran

Deadline for the next issue:
Friday 6/21/24

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MISSION STATEMENT

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