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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
 Sunday 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist – Rite I

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Monday & Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Third Wednesday

9:00 AM Healing Service

7:00 PM Healing Service in the Church

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR MAY

May 5---National Day of Prayer

May 8---Mother's Day

May 8---Guest Preacher,

The Rev. Dr. Peter-Ben Smit

May 13---Golden Pipes Potluck Fundraiser

May 22---Guest Preacher,

The Very Rev. Dr. John Shepherd

May 22---ECW Bake Sale

May 29---Memorial Day Service at 10:00 AM

May 30---Memorial Day Holiday/Ofc closed

MISSION STATEMENT

To the Glory of God, the family of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, in response to the promises made at Baptism and inspired by the Holy Spirit, strives to share Christ's Reconciling Love by our Witness and Ministry in STEWARDSHIP, WORSHIP, EVANGELISM, EDUCATION, PASTORAL CARE, AND SERVICE.

GUEST PREACHERS COMING IN MAY



May 8...The Rev. Dr. Peter-Ben Smit is professor of Old Catholicism at the University of Utrecht (NL) and of New Testament at VU University Amsterdam, as well as Assistant Priest at the Old Catholic parish of Amsterdam. Before this, he was Rector of the Old Catholic parish of St. Peter and Paul in Bern, Switzerland, and was an honorary lecturer in Church History at the University of Bern as well as University Chaplain.

From 2006-2008 Fr. Smit served as Assistant Priest at St. Ann's, Sayville, while studying for a Th.D. in Anglican Studies at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, while also being a "weekday priest" at St. Thomas' Church, Fifth Avenue. In his research, Fr. Smit has focused on various aspects of the New Testament, especially meals, as well as on the history of ecumenism (the field of theology that deals with relations between churches). Various teaching and research assignments have also led him to the Philippines and different parts of Europe. Fr. Smit looks forward enormously to being at St. Ann 's again and preaching at the Eucharists of 8 May.



May 22...The Very Rev. Dr. John Shepherd is Dean of St. George's Cathedral in Perth, Anglican Diocese of Western Australia. He has degrees in Arts and Theology from the University of Melbourne, and a Master of Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary in New York. At St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, he completed a Ph.D. on the relationship between theology and

music in the English Reformation; and as Chaplain of Christ Church Oxford, taught Reformation theology and Renaissance music history. He has been Chaplain at the University of Western Australia, where he also taught in the Faculty of Music. From 1972-1977 Dean Shepherd was Choir Director, Organist and Assistant Priest at St Ann's. With his wife Joy, and three children – Andrea, Michael and Melanie – they lived in the house on Middle Road. Joy taught at Sayville High School for a year, then at the Hewlett School. Apart from the music, John assisted with services and ran the annual Day Camp. The Shepherds left in September 1977 when John went to take up further study at Cambridge. Joy is now Principal of St. Hilda's Anglican School for Girls. Andrea, Michael and Melanie are all now married, and live and work in Manhattan.

FROM THE EDITOR

You are possibly looking at *The Correspondent* right now and wondering what the heck happened?!? Yesss...there have been some changes made! The old front cover is now the new back cover, and the new page 1 is totally different. We did not do this arbitrarily. It seems one day last month it came to pass that the Parish Administrator and the *Correspondent* Editor went to Melville to attend a Post Office seminar on bulk mailings. As luck would have it, it turned out we were not complying with the PO rules, so guess who has to make changes? The Post Office? Uhh...no. We did have choices though. We could print the usual cover page in the page 1 position, but it would have to be upside down, so the folded edge would be on the right side. The other choice was to move it to the back and have a new front page. This seemed more sensible, and thus is born a new format. All your favorites are still inside, but the former back cover advertising has been moved inside, and some of the pages have been rearranged. Sometimes it's good to shake things up a bit, and maybe you'll discover things you used to pass over now that they've popped up in new places. We hope you'll like the new format. We also hope the Post Office likes the new format.

-RMD

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REFLECTIONS

EASTER, NEW LIFE



Throughout history some words have inspired hope, comforted the grieving, and motivated others to reach for new heights. You may recall the words of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address or the Preamble to the Constitution. Martin Luther ignited the Protestant Reformation with his famous declaration, "Here I Stand". Jonathon Edwards lit the revival fires of the Great Awakening with his sermon, "Sinners in the Hand of an Angry God." FDR's radio address on a "day that will live in infamy" called for courage to overcome fear and rallied support for America to enter the world war that threatened our freedom. But of all the words ever spoken, none have echoed through the ages and

changed the course of history as the words spoken by an angel at an empty grave, "He is not here. He is risen!"

This Easter we turn our attention to the resurrection. While every Sunday worship service is a testimony that Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday, Easter provides a wonderful opportunity to consider the significance of the resurrection to our faith. An interesting aspect of early Christian history is that the Resurrection, not the Cross, was the central theme of Christian preaching. Many contemporary Christians assume the Cross has always been the focal point of Christian faith. They view the Cross as the touchdown and the Resurrection as the extra point. Certainly the Cross is vital to our faith for it was the means through which Jesus atoned for our sins, but listen to Paul's words, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith...if Christ has not been raised then you are still in your sins" (I Cor. 15:14,17).

Easter season is not just Easter Sunday, but the next 50 days to Pentecost (June 12, 2011). Oh, how rich these days shall be for St. Ann's. There will be seven baptisms and one wedding. In addition we shall have:

- May 2nd -- Thrift Shop Dinner & Fashion Show
- May 8th -- Fr. Peter-Ben Smit will preach
- May 13th -- Golden Pipes Potluck Fundraiser for Haiti
- May 15th -- Intentional Communion service (First Communion)
- May 22nd --Dean John Shepherd, Perth Cathedral, Perth, Australia will preach

Details of these Easter opportunities can be found in other parts of this newsletter.

"Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed"

Gary +

Vestry Visions--Communication

Groups and individuals are often urged to improve communication. When we hear this, the concept seems quite simple. Put your idea or information into words effectively and convey them to your listener (or reader) who can then grasp your meaning. Of course, the concept isn't that simple. With any group there are the questions of who is "in charge" of communicating, when, how, and to whom. With modern communication options and expectations, the need to communicate quickly and in an interesting way are other factors to consider.

I preface my remarks this month with some of the issues of worldly communication.... Yet the simple point is that over the past two months we at St. Ann's have been finding new ways to communicate – to define what our church and parish mean to us, to share our news and plans, to both "speak" and to listen.

At the Parish meeting on March 5th, all who attended were able to share their positive experiences at St. Ann's and their hopes for our future. In the afternoon, the groups found ways to express their feelings visually or even through music. The sense of being heard and of truly participating was one of the many positives of that day.

The input from our March 5th meeting has now been used to formulate a Parish Profile which our Search Committee will send to prospective rectors. We are defined in this tri-fold profile through words and photos. [Of course we all know a picture is worth--at least--a thousand words!] Prolific thanks to Rodney Dudley, Kate Borzello, and Ray Rebholz for their work on this wonderful project.

To further describe St. Ann's to non-parishioners and to help all of us here to learn of upcoming meetings or other news of our many active groups, our website is being redesigned. The expectations for the amount of information, ease of use, and visual interest of any website have made this update essential. John Smith has worked tirelessly on this crucial project. He also has helped us to get on Facebook – which is another way to share who we are at St. Ann's along with our news and events. Please see below for John's explanation of how to connect with St. Ann's via Facebook. John's efforts on both projects is greatly appreciated!

On a much more basic level, but one that is also very important, we have a new Suggestion Box in the Parish Hall. You are encouraged to write your suggestions – whether they are about necessary improvements to be included in our Capital Campaign or they are about any other issue that the Vestry can deal with. Of course, we on the Vestry are always available to hear your suggestions, too.

Whether it is through the old fashioned one on one, the printed word, photos, or a website on the Internet, communication enables us to share who we are and what we do with others and links us more closely as a parish family.

–Pat Osarchuk, Warden

SIGNING UP FOR FACEBOOK



Signing up for Facebook is a relatively easy process. If you have email and Internet access, it will only take you a few minutes to get started. A simple Google or Yahoo search for the word "Facebook" will bring you to the Facebook home page. On the right side there is a place to sign up that will ask you for your first and last name, your e-mail address, a password, gender and date of birth. Your email address is needed so that Facebook can notify you if you get a message from someone who knows you. There is a host of menu-driven options that enable you to create a Facebook profile of yourself. The more information you add to your profile, the easier it is to be "found" by a former classmate, work acquaintance etc. as most of this information is added to a searchable database.

You can enter as much information as you like and you can also include a photo of yourself as well. Only a small portion of that profile can be seen by strangers unless you accept a "friend" request from someone that you know and you would like to contact. You can also search for friends as well by using known past or current educational institutions, places of employment, churches, etc.

As of this writing, there are over 500 million active users! If you do join Facebook, please search for "St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Sayville NY" in the search box at the top of the page. When you go to the St. Ann's page please be sure to click the "Like" button on the top of the page so that you can be better informed of all that is going on at St. Ann's.

ST. ANN'S HAS NEW LINK WITH ST. MARTIN OF TOURS IN HAITI

St. Ann's is proud to announce its new link with St. Martin of Tours in Haiti. One of the many ministries of St. Martin's is educating young men and women left destitute by the earthquake. The young people there need everything from pencils to computers to clothing. **Golden Pipes** on May 13 will be a fundraiser for Fr. Menelas' ministry. We will have the opportunity to make a truly dramatic difference in the lives of about 30 young men and women struggling for an education.

– **FDG+**



At left, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, saying that the people of Haiti know about ashes and dust, joined Haitian Episcopalians March 9 to begin the season of Lent in a place where she found signs of resurrection. [Episcopal News Service]

Electronic Contribution Survey

It has been reported in the media that more and more churches are offering an “electronic” contribution option to their parishioners.

“According to data from the Federal Reserve, the trend toward electronic transactions in churches mirrors a trend in American culture at large. By 2007, 53 percent of U.S. households used online banking. That represented a marked increase from 4 percent in 1995. Similarly, by 2007, 80 percent used direct deposit for income or benefits payments, up from 53 percent in 1995.”

The vestry would like to survey the parish before we do anymore research on the topic. We have found one firm called ParishPay which offers the service, but it would not be feasible if only a few parishioners were interested. The service would be FREE to the parishioner, but the church would incur a cost to administer it.

Another option that is available which would be FREE to the parishioner *and* the church would be to use the **Bill Pay** service that many large banks offer to their customers. I personally just signed up for that service with Bank of America and it will cost me nothing.

Right now, however, we are just looking for the level of interest in this process. So if you would like to be able to send your contributions to St. Ann's electronically, send me an email letting me know. I'll tally the results and report back to the vestry.

Tim Laffin

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	ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET TO DATE	DIFFERENCE
INCOME			
Plate	\$1,763.20	\$3,000.00	(\$1,236.80)
Regular Giving	49,819.83	45,493.00	4,326.83
All Other Income	63,234.97	64,708.50	(1,473.53)
TOTAL INCOME	114,818.00	113,201.50	1,616.50
EXPENSES			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$125,829.31	\$154,357.00	\$28,527.69
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(\$11,011.31)	(\$41,155.50)	\$30,144.19



Tim Laffin,
Treasurer

THE CURATE'S COLUMN



What Makes an Episcopalian?



Often people ask me what the difference between the Episcopal faith and other branches of the Christian Church are. Rather than make comparisons, it is simpler to state some significant aspects of the contemporary catholic faith in its Episcopal expression. Other forms of Christianity share some of the following, as well, but none have quite the same mix.

1) **Mystery**--Mystery refers to the fact that God exceeds any concepts by which we try to express God. Our experience of the world and of God causes us to form questions in what is sometimes a painful process. We are nevertheless led forward by these questions to an ever-deeper understanding of God and ever-richer existence. Our faith, therefore, simultaneously recognizes the importance of the intellect as a tool and its limitation. We value not just the intellectual, but the experiential, as well. Our faith affects our entire being, as I wrote in last month's *Correspondent*. How can our worship at St. Ann's better manifest the mystery of faith?

2) **Liturgy**--Language, though an important tool, is not only insufficient to express God, but is also insufficient to worship God. Liturgy is therefore very significant for us, as it involves our entire body and all our senses. In liturgy, moreover, we understand that we are performing worship to give thanks to and to please God. God is the audience of our worship. We are transformed through that worship as we work ever more to please God. How can we perform our liturgy at St. Ann's the better to please God?

3) **Formation**--The term for this gradual shaping of our being is "formation." We are not instantaneously saved by being born again. Salvation is not a singular experience, but a process, a path, and we long to be on that path of formation, pointed towards God. There are many paths that lead to God, stretching out in all directions, as it were. Our missteps, our imperfections are supplemented by the grace of God as God supports us in our movement forward. We can, however, stray from the path, and we need God, working through others in part, to forgive us for our transgressions and to help to bring us back. How can we better support formation at St. Ann's?

4) **Corporate Salvation**--Salvation, therefore, occurs in a group, not individually. We save each other as we help each other along the path. The concept of individual salvation reflects the general trend toward excessive individualism in our culture and is at odds with the historical understanding of salvation. The Israelites were brought out of bondage as a group, and failed as a group. The Deuteronomic understanding was that group transgression could lead to the suffering of the whole group. (Some began later to claim that suffering was the result of individual sin. This specious theology is thoroughly rebutted in Job.) The misunderstanding that salvation is strictly an individual occurrence at a unique moment in time is the result of the growth of capitalism. Salvation comes within and among the relationships of community. How can we further strengthen the community at St. Ann's?

5) **Holy Challenges**--Contrary to the claims of the prosperity gospel, this path is not always comfortable. We grow through challenges to our current attitudes and understandings, and this can make us quite uneasy. Uncomfortable experiences may also be given to us to force us to change as it challenges and undermines our presumptions. How can we better recognize our holy challenges and work to meet them at St. Ann's?

6) **Discernment**--Decisions are made not by our own independent reasoning, but by carefully discerning the will of God. As we grow, we become more and more aware of our connection with God, and that through that connection we sense God's will urging us forward. In order to increase our awareness of God, it is important to spend quiet time in which the distracting noise of our existence diminishes. Silence is indispensable to spiritual practice. Where do we need more silence at St. Ann's? (continued)

(CURATE'S COLUMN continued)

7) **Mission**--In the Episcopal Church, we are newly recognizing the importance of mission. As stated above, mutual support is essential to deepening our relationship with God. The paths to God are made clearer the more feet that tread upon them. Sharing faith is thus integral to faith development. How can we be better at St. Ann's at taking our faith into the world?

The above seven aspects merely point us in the direction of a better understanding of our faith. The questions will lead us from there.

Faithfully, *Farrell*+

Fr. Farrell delights in sincere dialogue and welcomes verbal or written responses to his articles.

LISTEN & SHARE CIRCLE FORMING

Listen and Share is a form of group spiritual direction in which people develop prayerful relationships with one another through sharing their stories. This developed out of the Lenten class on *How to Pray Unceasing*, but you need not have been a member of the class to join.

Meetings will probably be monthly.

If you are interested, please email Fr. Farrell at
fdgraves@optonline.net

Cultivating our Prayer Time

After a long, cold winter, it is time to look to spring for new-birth. Your prayer time also needs to be brought into re-birth with God. First take time to do some planning, let God help with the planting, and He will bring the rewards of harvesting to us.

Planning - Find a place and time to spend some undistracted time in prayer. A quiet place could be at home, in the garden, or at the seashore. It is your choice but make it a special place for you to meet God. The time is also your choice - morning, at noontime, in the evening. You may find God giving you hints that He wants your presence (like awakening you at 2am). Be open to His calling. Use music or candles if this is your way to be centered with God.



Cultivating - What to pray for? Start with yourself and then add family, friends, and special intentions. Making a list may be helpful. Don't forget to pray for St. Ann's parish and our search for a rector.

Harvesting - Watch for the blessings God brings to you and others you pray for. Harvesting never means an end to our prayer life but a time to look toward more planning and cultivating. Prayer should be a never-ending part of your life. Happy spring. Happy prayer life. --**Marjorie Rogers**

Upcoming prayer opportunities

National Day of Prayer - May, 5, 2011

Global Day of Prayer - June 12, 2011

O, for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's Praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace. --Thank you for the tongue I have to use for you. Amen.

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GOLDEN PIPES POTLUCK FUNDRAISER *for Relief in Haiti*

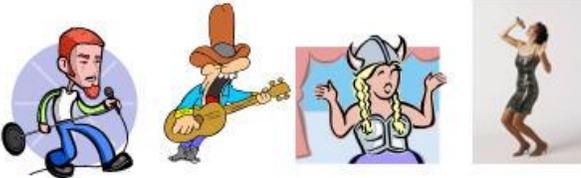
Can you sing?
Would you like to?
St. Ann's is hosting our own
version of *American Idol*



FRIDAY, MAY 13, AT 6:30 PM

in the Parish Hall

For further information, contact Kathy at the church office (589-6522)



YOU ARE ALL INVITED...

On Friday, the 13th of May, our Parish Choir will be hosting St. Ann's version of *American Idol*: THE GOLDEN PIPES. We can thank Fr. Gary for creating the name! This event is a fundraiser for St. Martin of Tours in Haiti, where the Episcopal Church is helping to rebuild after the devastation of the earthquake. They are in need of so much, and we are going to do our best to help them.

Everyone in our parish is invited to join in and sing. We welcome solos, duets, trios, quartets, etc. Please sign up in the Parish Hall or you can contact me at the church office at 589-6522 for further information. Don't be shy!

Please be sure to bring your favorite covered dish, as this fundraiser is a potluck supper. You know how much we love to eat! Bring the entire family and your friends for a night of fun and fellowship at St. Ann's. We hope to see you there! --Kathy Senese



Choir Celebrates Jean Lap's Birthday



The Choir had a cake and flowers ready at the end of choir rehearsal the last week in

March to celebrate Jean's March 31st birthday. Jean has been singing in St. Ann's Choir for more than 60 years. That's a lot of anthems! Happy Birthday, Jean! We hope it's a wonderful year for you. --Rodney Dudley

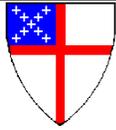
COMING SOON....

GO EAST ST. ANN'S -- GO EAST A SUMMER BUS TRIP TO THE EAST END Thursday, July 7th, 2011

Turn about is fair play, and we are taking Father Gary, who took us on a tour of New York City in 2010, out to the East End of Long Island. Pack a lunch for eating on the go. We're headed for the Paumanok Winery, a walking tour of Greenport, sea breezes on the Shelter Island Ferries (A Tour of Shelter Island) ending with a tour of Sag Harbor (quaint shops, the radio station, WLNG), and dinner at a place of your choice.

Transportation cost is only \$35.00. Paid reservations only, as seating is limited. Bring a bag lunch. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information. --Connie Currie





NOTES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

BAKE SALE! The annual ECW Bake Sale will be on Sunday, May 22nd. Please bring your labeled baked goods to the Parish Hall on Saturday morning before noon or early on Sunday morning. Small portion items are especially well received and of course cash donations are always welcome. This sale funds the achievement awards given on St. Barnabas Day to graduating high school seniors.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: Applications for the award will be available at the bake sale and in the church office and must be returned to the office by Sunday, June 5th.

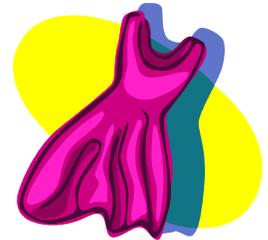
MEETING: The ECW will meet on Friday morning, May 20th, at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

--Ellen Stoll

THRIFT SHOP

NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

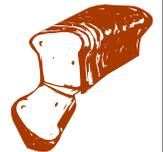
Do you have a few hours a week or once a month to donate to the Thrift Shop?



We are in need of baggers for the office--no experience needed--and bags are provided. There's good company, free coffee, and we all bring in treats to share. If you prefer, you can sort in the back room. We are very flexible! **The Shop is opened Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, We usually have 3-hour shifts in the office: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, but this is also flexible. Please think of us when you are bored or would like to socialize. And it's a wonderful way to share your time and talents for St. Ann's! We are a lot of fun, which really makes the time fly... and the bargains.....oh the bargains! Please come in to the Thrift Shop or call us 589-6220. Thank you! --Flo Chase

OUR DAILY BREAD

Jesus said in Matthew 25: "For I was hungry and you fed Me." Please remember our neighbors in need of food and bring in whatever non-perishable items you can for our Food Pantry, which will be open throughout the winter. Monetary donations enable restocking of shelves when necessary. There is a great need for Parmalat, tomato sauce, crackers, jelly and juice. Also, we need cans of fruit and vegetables which can be opened with a tab rather than a can opener. --Lynette Schulz



We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.
~ Winston Churchill



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Liturgical Arts

Oh, the beautiful colors that God created in His world - gold, white, red, green, blue, and purple! One of our main tasks is worshiping our awesome God with the colors He created. We use them in altar linens, altar frontals, chasubles, stoles, hangings, banners and in our music.



I have always wanted to learn how to make vestments to be used in the worship service at my church. After attending classes in quilted vestments at Kanuga for the past two summers it has become a reality and a great passion in my life. I have made chasubles and stoles for priests and pastors in Episcopal and Lutheran churches and for Cursillo weekends. A request came from the Embassy in Baghdad for an altar frontal to be used by Canon Andrew White in services for military personnel worshiping there. I designed and made the frontal with a picture of Canon White's stole. Only God could have made this possible. [At left is a picture of Fr. Farrell wearing the green chasuble made by Marge that was presented to him at his ordination].

Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina, is an exciting place to discover or develop your personal creative abilities in liturgical arts. It is a place to work, share and play with an encouraging Christian community. Expert instruction in canvas work, sewing church linens, quilting, photography, flower arranging and choral singing is provided. Participants from all parts of the United States have the opportunity to learn a craft they can enjoy for years to come as well as to create beautiful works of art. Liturgical Arts XIV, Artistic Expressions of Your Faith, will be held August 21-26, 2011. Check the website for Kanuga (www.kanuga.org). --Marjorie Rogers



WEDNESDAY CRAFTS GROUP

I hope everyone had a blessed and wonderful Easter. It certainly has been a busy Lenten Season for everyone at St. Ann's. Now let's hope for a little more fair weather with less wind to rebuild our spirits. Of course don't forget Mother's Day coming next Sunday.

I can't believe we crafters have been meeting for a month. We have a great group of regulars that are fun to be with, and we can always use more. There is no doubt we have had lots of laughs, a few mistakes, and several lovely, novel projects completed. We are on a roll! There is still plenty of time to join us, many projects still to be made. Come be a part of the fellowship, and at the same time serve in a ministry that will help St. Ann's.

Our "new" meeting place, *The Pine Street House* is light, airy and very soft on the eyes. This is where we can leave our projects out on our work tables, and they don't get in anyone's way, we have our own "personal space." There is storage in which to place our supplies, which is an advantage over the space in the Parish Hall we used for crafting. The only drawback in being at Pine Street is that we don't get to see Fr. Gary or Fr. Farrell as we did when we were in the Parish hall. We hope someday one or both will just drop in and say "Hi."

There are quite a lot of supplies. If you are crafting at home and need any material for your project, before going out to purchase it (Of course, the donation of that purchase is always appreciated), please call either Doris Ostrander at 589-2208 or myself at 589-3176, to see if we can help with needed items...free. And, as we come to Memorial Day weekend, never forget to display the American flag, not only on Memorial Day but daily as well. Too many died for our freedoms; never forget them. Those decorated flags are "cute" but certainly not like the real thing...God bless! --Ginny Collins, Co-Chair of Crafts



SAVE THE PEANUTS!

PS—We are still looking for Styrofoam “peanuts.” If you have any or receive packages packed with them, please remember the Craft Group. Not only will you be helping the environment by not throwing them in the trash, you will be contributing to the work for St. Ann’s Fair. We can really use them!!!

← Have peanuts like these? Save them for the Craft Group (minus the cat please).

No matter how difficult the challenge, when we spread our wings of faith and allow the winds of God's spirit to lift us, no obstacle is too great to overcome. —Roy Lessin

NEW CORRESPONDENT ADVERTISER

The Correspondent welcomes Lorraine Kuehn not only as a new advertiser for her business as an organizer, but we also welcome her as a new member of St. Ann’s congregation. You can find her ad on page 14 of this issue.

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You may not recognize my name or business yet but I think it will become familiar quickly—I have just recently joined St. Ann’s parish this spring. I currently live in Bayport with my partner, have two adult sons and been blessed with a beautiful grandson last year. I work full time for county government and have started my own home-based Professional Organizing business. I have a Bachelors Degree in Organizational Management from St. Joseph’s College. I have a natural gift to organize and unclutter efficiently, whether it be closets, cupboards, paper or electronic filing systems. With my strong computer talents, I have already volunteered to assist St. Ann’s to get its new website up live and maintain it as webmaster, as my stewardship to the parish.

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Sincerely,
Lorraine Kuehn



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baptism is recorded in the Parish Register & contributes to or participates in the worship and communal life of the congregation, regardless of how much or how little. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 631-589-6522.



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7	Herman & June Schlock	14	Mark & Wendy Schmittzeh	27	George & Nancy Koinoglou
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1	Alexa Dowling	6	Marie Madigan	10	Anthony Palmieri	21	Dana Schulz
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BARNABAS BUDDIES

Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned.

Simply stated...Barnabas Buddies is an INREACH program to assist parish families who could use help on a short term basis. We can provide help and comfort just by offering our time and a listening ear. Four ministries we would like to suggest as INREACH to those in our parish who call for help are:

- (1) Prepare a meal for someone recovering from a recent illness or fall.
- (2) Drive someone to a doctor's appointment and bring them home.
- (3) Bring someone to church (perhaps once a month) if they are unable to drive.
- (4) Make a phone call to someone homebound just to let them know they are not forgotten.

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

Warren Mengel, Sr.

1903-1976

Section 7

Lot 8

Warren B. Mengel Sr., 73, of Oakdale, died suddenly May 25 at Southside Hospital.

Born in Rome, N.Y., he had lived in this area for many years, and had recently retired from the Town of Islip as a civil engineer. He was Past Exalted Ruler of B.P.O.E. #1323, Patchogue, and Past President of the Sayville Rotary Club. He was the holder of the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, in which he was very active and was also a member of the Society of Military Engineers.

Mr. Mengel was survived by his wife, Mae; and his children Warren B. Jr., Mary Ellen Anzalone, Gordon and Florence Quinn; his sister Gladys Kilroy; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

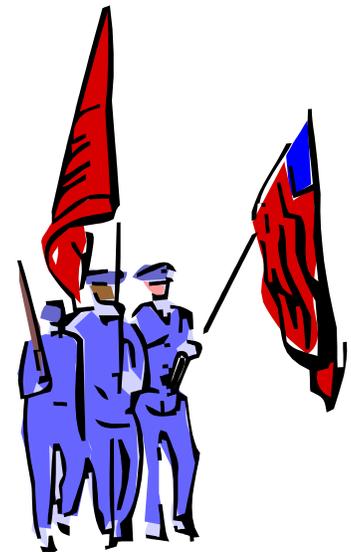
Friends visited at the Raynor & D'Andrea Funeral Home in West Sayville. A Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Lawrence R.C. Church, Sayville followed by interment in St. Ann's Cemetery, Sayville.

Memorial Day

Always Remember

We bow our heads in silent grace;
Proud to stand upon this place.
To honor those who we love and lost;
Whose lives were taken at such a cost.
Through the pain and sorrow, for all the brave and true;
To always be remembered by me and by you.
To heal the minds and hearts, of those who still live;
Always remembering what they had to give.
Live your lives with pride in hearing what I say;
May God bless and keep you on this and every day.

--Mike Baird



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NOTIFICATION OF PASTORAL NEEDS

HIPPA laws prohibit hospitals from notifying churches of parishioner admissions and conditions. Therefore, it is up to family members to contact the church office (PLEASE don't just assume we know!) advising of illness or hospitalization. The clergy will gladly visit parishioners and bring Communion if requested, but need to know whether the patient is at home or in which hospital they have been admitted. To protect confidentiality, the HIPPA laws also prohibit church staff from sharing any information unless the parishioner/patient gives his/her permission for disclosure.

WEEKLY MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS



All requests for flowers, candles, mass intentions, etc. should be sent in writing, along with your donation, directly to the Parish Administrator, at least one week prior to the requested date. Please note that flowers may not be placed on the altar throughout Advent and Lent, but candle memorials will be honored.

**AROUND ST. ANN'S
Monthly Schedule**

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.
Check out the website at www.Saint-Anns.org

Monday	
May 9	7:00 PM--Vestry
Tuesday	
Each	8:00 AM—Men's Group
Each	1:30 PM—Yoga Class
Each	7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	
Each	2:00-4:00 PM—Crafters at Pine Street
Thursday	
Friday	
May 20	10:00 AM--ECW
Saturday	
Second	10:00 AM—Historical Society
Each	11:30 AM—Children's Choir Rehearsal



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[Photo: Laura Sanchez]