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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

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 7—Clam Bake

Oct. 8—St. Francis/Blessing of Animals

Oct. 20—Star Search

Nov. 1—All Saints' Day

Nov. 4—Christmas Fair



MISSION STATEMENT

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

St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

St. Ann's Episcopal Church will host the Blessing of Animals at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 8th on the front lawn of the church. All kinds of pets and animals in fur, feathers, or even scales are welcome to celebrate God's grace and love in all creatures. +++



Man will have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.""(NRSV, Genesis 1:28b)

This means not that we are the owners of all creations, but stewards over them. St. Francis may be the first and the most famous saint who became an icon of the stewardship for all creations in God's perspective. According to the stories of St. Francis, he preached to

attentive flocks of birds, dissuaded mosquitoes from biting him, and even convinced a wolf to stop harming people and livestock. The main concept of his attitudes is to "communicate" and "co-exist" with animals while respecting the value of God's creation

The Episcopal Church inherits his pro-animal stance as the 76th General Convention, in 2009, reaffirmed that animals are part of creation and that humans must be "responsible stewards" over them.

At the Blessing of the Animals, people remember and emulate the example of St. Francis of Assisi and his love for animals in appreciation for God's creations. [This is excerpted from an article by the Rev. Jae Chung, The Correspondent, Oct. 2015]

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in Manhattan has one of the most famous Blessings of the Animals. You may be able to catch it on the evening news on October 1st this year. The Cathedral is huge, and in addition to parishioners' pets, they have some more exotic animals, which are supplied by an animal sanctuary—such as camels, sheep, Madagascar cockroaches, and even the occasional elephant. To read more, see this article from a previous year: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/animals-recive-blessing-

in-new-york-church_us_5612d264e4b0dd85030cec0b

FROM THE EDITOR

What's in a name? Quite a lot, I'd say. You have to live up to a name or live it down, depending on what your parents decide for you. You don't get a choice! Yet Dale Carnegie says the sound of a person's own name is the sweetest sound in the world to them. I was recently reading an article about baby names people regretted choosing for their children, and I was surprised at the choices. I thought I would see names like Apple or Hashtag or Moon Unit for girls and Titan, Danger, and Jor-El for boys. Instead, I found Sofia, Emily, Anne and other similar names for girls, and for boys it was Jack, James, David, and Thomas. What? Those names are classics! Popular and on top-10 lists for years! Oops, Apparently, that's the problem. Parents want a unique name. I myself have a "Christopher" who was born during the "Jennifer/Christopher" year of 1972. But when one woman went for Astrid, a popular girl's name in Sweden (but unusual in the US), her mother-in-law thought she had named her "Ashtray!" Other people called her Ashley or Asterix (People are notoriously bad at pronouncing unusual names). Those of you who are on Facebook with me or who have run into me any time in the past week, will know that I have a new granddaughter because I have forced them to endure the showing of many baby pictures. This lovely child's name is Lilith Juno. Her parents chose the name before her brother was born, a year and a half ago, and they've stuck with it. They feel that she looks exactly like a Lilith Juno shoulda strong, independent minded feminist baby who should carry herself like a goddess. So far, there are only a modest number of Liliths, so it won't be overused. And I think it's kind of hard to mispronounce. I hope she'll like it, since she'll have to live with it for a long time! -- Rodney Dudley

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Dealing with Disaster

Lately, we have witnessed a string of disasters – one more terrible than the next. Hurricane Harvey in Texas flooded the fourth largest city in America and devastated the lives of thousands of people. Hurricane Irma destroyed the better part of Florida, wiping out homes and livelihoods, and flooding cities. Mexico City experienced a major earthquake and first responders continue to look through the rubble for survivors. And just this week Puerto Rico and other Caribbean islands experienced the wrath of Hurricane Marie. Some islands were totally destroyed, others say it will take months or years to rebuild, and as of this writing the entire country of Puerto Rico has been ravaged and has no power, being plunged into darkness as a result of Marie's wrath.

It is all too much for us. It is scary and depressing to see these disasters coming at us one right after the other. But as I watched these catastrophic events take place, I also saw grace, and I saw God in action. I saw the best of the human spirit show up in each of these disasters.

I think that we human beings are hardwired to do good. I think that's the way God created us, and when disasters--like the ones we have just been through--happen, the good side of humanity shows up. Time and time again I saw and heard stories of people helping others in desperate situations, first responders--often volunteers-- putting their own lives at risk to save a total stranger in need. People opening their homes to strangers who suddenly found themselves without a place to call home. donations sent to help in whatever way the funds could be used. I even saw a reporter save two dolphins that had been washed ashore.

And all of this makes me wonder, why do we only pull together for each other's care in the midst of a disaster? If we are hardwired to do good why don't we do it all the time? Why don't we seek to help our brother and sister anytime they are in need? Clearly, we are capable of acting the way God wants to act. Clearly, we are capable of selfless acts of helping our brothers and sisters in need.

So, I have a challenge for us. I invite each of us, to begin seeing each day as an opportunity to do a selfless act for someone in need. I invite us to look at each other with compassion and a heart that is open to helping and not judging. As we have witnessed recently, we are capable of living our lives this way. The question is, will we do it every day? I think we can!

As we take on this challenge, may we remember this truth: God is not only in the event...... God is also in our response to the event.

Blessings.

Mother Diane+

Where we are rightly following you, Lord, keep us strong; where we are in the wrong, healing Spirit, please reform us.

Vestry Visions

The monthly Vestry meeting is a wonderful way to see into the heart and soul of St. Ann's. We get to see the financial underpinnings of the church: This month there was some good news and some bad news. We were pleased to note that the pledge giving this year is up. Bad news: we're still having to spend more than we get, causing us to continue to make withdrawals from our savings. Fortunately this is less than the withdrawal we made for 2016. A big *thank you* to all of those who have kept current with their pledges. It really helps in our financial planning!

We reviewed the ongoing expenses for refurbishing and repairing our facilities. Our physical plant is old, and we have done a lot of "catch up" in maintenance that was deferred. The repair and renovation of the sacristy and foyer located below our tower is getting into the final stage of completion. Our Buildings and Grounds chairman advised that while doing her inspection recently she failed to note the time, [a minute or two before 6 PM]. She went up into the tower to inspect the work being done, when the eight minutes of serenade by the bells began. She advises that they are *really* LOUD, especially when heard from within the confines of the tower!

The Christmas fair and Christmas tree sales were discussed. The Youth Group is now active and the Vestry was pleased to hear that they are committing time to help at the fair and to sell Christmas trees. Don't forget to do your part as well! The Christmas fair will be held on November 4. Christmas tree unloading is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Mark your calendars!

The Food Pantry needs donations of canned goods etc. Please consider bringing some as extra offering. The wagon will be put out.

The suggestions from the Suggestion Box were reviewed. Don't hesitate to make your own suggestions. Be sure to sign so we can reach out to you if we have any further questions

The Vestry meetings cover the very broad spectrum of activities undertaken by the congregation. It is amazing to see the variety of things our congregation helps within the church family and within the little part of the world we inhabit, but there is always room for more outreach.

Sincerely,

Donald Q. Hester, for the Vestry

OUR VESTRY	Wardens:	2018 Nancy Koinoglou	2019 Thomas Honey
	Vestry:	2018 Helen Houdek	Carol Ann St. Lawrence
		Wendy Schmittzeh	John Smith
		2019 Jackie Gandolfo	Jill Hughes
		Nicole LaFountaine	Constance Currie
		2020 Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani
		Chris McNamee	John O'Neil

Christmas Fair Saturday - November 5, 2016

Preparations are underway for our Christmas fair which will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Please consider donating a new item or items to either the **basket auction** or the **raffle**. Think about asking family, friends and any businesses you frequent to donate as well. Gift cards and cash donations (which will be used to purchase an item) are



always welcome. It's not too early, we have already started to receive donations! Donations can be dropped off on Sundays during services 8:00am – 11:00am. Make sure your name and basket contents are listed with each donation. Please contact Nancy Koinoglou at 631-567-4322 (Basket Auction) or Jackie Gandolfo 631-472-1436 (Raffle) if you have any questions. Thank you.

Christmas is coming! We need your help!



Let me introduce you to the Whitehouse Cleaners and Laundry. This business used to



have a location in Sayville, but is now located at 1628 Union Blvd. in Bay Shore. It is easily accessible by car. I like to support family-owned businesses, and this one has been going on for 40 years! I mention it because the generous owners dry clean all of St. Ann's vestments at no cost! When the mold problem was discovered in the sacristy, all of the vestments had to be dry cleaned to make sure they were mold-free. We went into the Whitehouse Cleaners with an armload of priests' copes! When I picked them up, I was cringing at what the bill might be, only to hear "no charge." I spoke to Claire Whitehouse recently, and she said they just like to take care of the community. She has not forgotten that Sayville and St. Ann's were also her community at one time. In other words, the Whitehouse family is a local family business that deserves our patronage! Next time you need dry cleaning or laundering done, please consider paying them a visit. Be sure to tell them you are from St. Ann's in Sayville and appreciate their generosity towards us. --Linda Munkelwitz for the Altar Guild



Thoughts from the Front Porch Father Brian Barry



Fall has arrived, school is back in session, and St. Ann's programming year has kicked into full gear. September is an exciting time at St. Ann's. Committees begin meeting regularly again, Sunday School lessons commence, I get to meet the new Confirmation Class, and the Youth Group dives into its own ministry with a passion and an energy that most of us could only envy. As I sit on my front porch in the mornings and in the other quiet times, enjoying the cool autumn air and the sound of leaves falling, my thoughts have paradoxically turned to what is now harder to attain: Stillness. In the whirlwind of activity, it is hard to keep in my heart the words of the Psalmist: "Be still, and know that I am God." But, in the rare still and silent moments, I hear the quiet voice of God saying, "I've been waiting for you."

We all lead very busy lives. The work week tends to dominate our lives, and even at home we are often overwhelmed with activity. Bills, yard work, housework, homework, soccer games, dance recitals, obligations, friends, family, and email are among the many things competing for our attention. While it is hard to stay productive all the time, it seems to me that it is harder still to cease all productivity. We always feel like there is too much to do, too little time, and too high a price to pay to leave work undone. But what are we to make of that when we follow a Savior who says "I will give you rest?" In our Scripture, we are told that God ordained a Sabbath rest- it was so important that God made a commandment out of it. Are we missing something important?

In seeking God in stillness and in silence, I have found that in some ways I become more "productive," rather than less. God the Father whispers to me, and reminds me that he has no expectations. My anxiety starts to go away. Jesus stands with me, and holds my hand, and I find the courage to face my day. The Holy Spirit moves in my heart, and helps me see what is most important to me. Some obligations start to seem less like obligations, and more like "options." When we learn to rest in God, we begin to see that God will do the heavy lifting for us. When we learn to be still with God, we realize sometimes inactivity is more productive than endless toil. When we let God love us in silence, we realize that our own expectations of ourselves outstrip anything God would ever require from us.

As we consider our busy schedules, and a world that demands productivity, we might want to pause for a moment each day. Just a short break. Because if we do, we might be able to finally hear the still, small voice that is always whispering: "Be Still, and Know that I am God."

MAKING CONTACT

Prayer is ... a personal contact between embryonic, incomplete persons (ourselves) and the utterly concrete Person. Prayer in the sense of petition, asking for things, is a small part of it, confession and penitence are its threshold, adoration its sanctuary, the presence and vision and enjoyment of God its bread and wine. In it God shows himself to us. —C.S. Lewis

Spanish author Miguel de Cervantes wrote, "Truth will rise above falsehood as oil above water."

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Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 4th 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

Activities for the kids, including a Petting Zoo!

Basket Auction

Buy chances that day - must be present at 3:00 PM to win

Shop for jewelry, toys, holiday items, "this & that" collectibles, and baked goods

Raffle

Buy chances for a great selection of prizes before or on the 4th - Winning tickets drawn at 3PM

Delicious Food for Sale - Plan on Having Lunch

WELCOME TO ST. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

It recently came to my attention that many, if not most, of St. Ann's parishioners have never seen our food pantry! We are located in the Littlejohn building on the first floor near the kitchen. Thanks to our new space we are able to store more items, as well as offer our guests refrigerated staples like milk, bread, eggs, butter and frozen vegetables.



In October, we will have an open house and all are encouraged to come by to see what happens to your food donation after you drop it in the red wagon.

Let me start by thanking all who make this ministry possible: those who donate food weekly, monthly a few times a year, those who contribute funds, those who have had food drives for us, the Senior Luncheon folks who donate to us each month. We even have a food pantry in Connecticut that helps us out when they are able, and, of course, our faithful and dedicated volunteers!

The food pantry is open Monday & Thursday from 10:00-12:00.

We feed 14-16 families--approximately 45 people--per week. In order to meet this need there are many tasks we need to complete each week.

To prepare for open hours:

- 1. Food must be brought over from the Parish Hall, sorted, and put away.
- 2. Bread donation is picked up one or two times per month and individually wrapped.
- 3. Shopping is done weekly.
- 4. Bulk foods are repackaged into smaller portions.
- 5. Shelves are stocked, organized, and rotated.

If you can give an hour a week to help out with any of the above PLEASE call **Lynette Schulz at 631-472-2235.**





Volunteers (L to R): Lili Dadabo, Dorothy Grodewald, Joe and Ellen Garofolo.

Not pictured: Karen McGorty and Jo Leuly.

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE



The choir gets back to Tuesday night rehearsals. The pole remains silent.

Star Search 2017

Friday, October 20 at 6:30 PM

Bring a dessert * Enjoy the fun * Free will offering

Sign up with your talent in the Parish Hall or see Kathy Senese







Who will win The Golden Pickle this year?

The Morans Go to Wyoming!

Eileen Moran, choir tenor, and her husband Ed had an exciting vacation this August when they traveled to Wyoming. Not only did they experience the wild west, see fascinating scenery and rock formations, but they had a chance to watch the eclipse on August 21 at 100%. It was quite the event! Here are some photos of their trip.



Operation HOPE - Prayer Square Ministry



- •5" fabric square
- Red heart for God's love
- Prayer card attached

Through the ages of Christian prayer life, many people have used tangible tools to grow closer to God or seek His love and healing during times of need. Rosary beads, Anglican prayer beads, prayer quilts and shawls, and now prayer squares have been developed. As the prayer quilt ministry is winding down after many years from the Daughters of the King, we are left with a large fabric stash. Some of it is being used for the Operation HOPE – Beacon of Hope twin size

quilts. Some of it will be sent to the Lakota Reservation in South Dakota for their quilting projects. Fr. Brian, Holly and Marge Rogers have done mission work on the Reservation. But we still have more fabric left so it is being turned into Prayer Squares to aid others in their prayer life.

The story of the unclean woman who sought healing after years of suffering is found in Matthew 9, Mark 5, and Luke 8. It must be important to be found in all three Gospels. The woman humbly touched Jesus' garment. This is like the touch of hope one can receive when using the prayer cloth while talking to God in prayer and supplication.

An article in Sharing Magazine for the Order of St. Luke told about a Prayer Cloth Ministry and included a great prayer to attach to the cloth. I have been making prayer squares for DOK and Cursillo Retreats so the ministry will be expanded to use up more fabric.

A basket of Prayer Squares will be available at the entrance of the church. Take them for yourself and other people in need of prayer. Give them to shut-ins or people in the hospital. Carry them in your pocket to give to others you can pray for. You may never know how they will be blessed, and you will be blessed also.

God's will for us is wholeness and health of mind, body and spirit. The prayer square is an outward and visible sign of the inward grace of God's love and

O God, bless me as I hold this prayer square,

May I find peace when I am troubled or anxious,

May I find healing when I am hurting,

May I find comfort when I am lonely,

May I find hope when I am in despair,

May it be light when I am in darkness,

May I find joy when I am sad,

May I find insight and wisdom when I feel lost,

Mostly, may I feel love and peace thru your love.

AMEN

--Marge Rogers – The Order of the Daughters of the King healing power.

Operation HOPE

Workshops - Wednesday mornings: 9:30-Noon St. Ann's Church, Littlejohn Building

Join us to make hats, plastic bag sleeping mats, and other items for the Eastern Farm Workers and the PBJ Ministry. No skills are needed and it is a great fellowship time working on ministry projects to help others in need.





OUR DAILY BREAD

Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon This month we would especially appreciate donations of the following items:

Canned Meats * Tuna * Chili * Juice * Shelf Stable Milk * Toilet Paper * Paper Towels * Bread

Of course, cash donations allow us to buy whatever is needed!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please see Jackie Gandolfo for advanced ticket sales or call 631-472-1436 to make a reservation. This is one of the year's most popular events. It will be catered by Claw's of West Sayville.



THE OPIOID CRISIS

The Opioid Crises is something that affects many of us. In cooperation with other churches in Sayville, we will be participating in a prayer service at New Life Church on Wednesday, October 4th, at 7:00 PM for those affected by the opioid epidemic. All are invited to attend.

THRIFT SHOP OPPORTUNITIES!

Here's your chance to volunteer at our fabulous Thrift Shop! A few volunteers are needed to help with sorting and tagging and to help in the office. Thrift Shop hours are 10:00-3:00 from Wednesday to Saturday. If you have a few hours to fill, consider joining this lively group of volunteers. Call 631-589-6220 with questions or to sign up!



ST. BARNABAS' BUDDIES



Whether you need help or can give help, call Gerry Hoek at 631-868-7278 for further information.

- Prepare a meal for someone recovering from a recent illness or fall. (1)
- (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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Celebrating An Anniversary This Month			WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES		
4	Charles & Kathleen Vetter	10	Anthony & Wendy Lico	23	Jesse & Jennifer Lasko
6	Kenneth Herbert & Ioana Radu	12	Gregory & Lisa Jacques	24	Michael & Erin Hynes
7	Charles & Donna Romano	17	William & Audrey Fridrich	28	Joseph & Lisa Castelli
8	Robert & Connie Taborsky	18	Salvatore & Doreen Grenci		
9	Robert & Mary Ann Costanzo	21	Thomas & Cara Clark Jr.		
10	George & Mary Fisher		Rich & Cheryl Waters		



1	Sydney Felton	8	Scarlet Marrugo	16	Paul Weeks	23	Shayler Smyrk
	Lauren Immoor	9	Nicole Rey	17	Frank Costanzo	25	Lily Acierno
2	Donna Stankovich	10	Melanie Acierno	18	Shin Kang-Chung	28	Shawn Felton
3	Kathy Senese		Hewlett Krakaur		Katherine Elton		Alexander Miller
4	Donna Romano	11	Michael Chalmers	19	Emma Chung	29	Richard Acierno
5	Layla Pantano-Gibbs	12	Rich Waters	20	Elajah Koso		Brooke Mattimore
	Jessica Shelton	13	Olivia Hlavac	21	Janet Adam		Whitney O'Donnell
7	John Smith	14	William Verneer		Christine Mulroy	30	George Koinoglou
8	Henry Lemanis	15	Renee Chalmers		Virginia Spiess		

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

***** The Garden of the Unforgotten

AMELIA FRIEMAN WILHELMINA FRIEMAN Section 44 / Lot 11

Mrs. Amelia Frieman died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Otto, in the first week of February 1899. She died of heart failure at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Frieman was born in Germany in 1826 and has resided for 42 years in this country. Three children, Mrs. Otto, William Frieman (proprietor of the Frieman House), and Charles Frieman (proprietor of the Bayport Bottling Works), survived her.

The funeral took place from the German Lutheran Church on Green Avenue, Sayville, where she was a member. The Rev. Herman Zoller officiated, and burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery.



Mrs. Wilhelmina Frieman died of a stroke in Southside Hospital during the second week of February, 1937. Born in New York in 1853, she and her husband came to Bayport in 1895, immediately following their marriage. Although a quiet, home loving person, Mrs. Frieman made many friends throughout the years here. Mr. Frieman died in 1929.

Mrs. Frieman was survived by two sons, Edward J. of Bayport and Walter of Bayside, and two daughters, Mrs. John Crawford of Richmond Hill and Mrs. E. Harrier of Harrington Park, NJ. She also left four sisters and eight grandchildren.

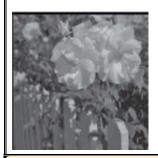
After services by the Rev. T. Tedcastle of the Bayport Methodist Church, she was laid to rest in St. Ann's Episcopal Cemetery.

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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

A Prayer for Neighborliness

O God, we pray for a broader vision of the needs of humanity, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs; for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity. May we live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt. May we be gentle, walking softly with one another. May we be understanding, lest we shall add to the world's sorrow or cause to flow needless tears. May we be as anxious for the rights of others as we are for our own. May we be as eager to forgive as we are to seek forgiveness. May we know no barriers of creed or race or sex, that our love may be like Yours — a love that sees all people as Your children and our kin. May we be ministers of humanity. —Peter Marshall



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-Ilan Shamir

AROUND SAINT ANN'S **Monthly Schedule**

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations. Check out the website at: 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 7:00 PM-EfM 6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—October 9 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Tuesdays

8:00 AM—Men's Group 9:00 AM—Holy Eucharist 6:45 PM---Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM---Adult Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays 9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope

7:00 PM---8:15 PM Youth Group **Thursdays**

10:00 AM—AA Meeting 10:00AM—12:00PM Food Pantry 1:30 PM----Christian Yoga Class

7:00 PM—God and Guinness / Portly Villager—Oct. 5, 19

8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Saturday

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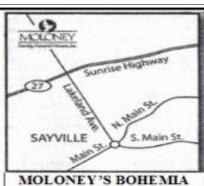


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