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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

Nov. 1—All Saints' Day

Nov. 3—Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov. 11-Veterans' Day/Office closed

Nov. 16--**NO 5:00 SERVICE**

Diocesan Convention

Nov. 24—Christ the King Sunday

Nov. 28—Thanksgiving Day



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to spread the gospel of Christ in thought, word, and deed

Guest Preacher at St. Ann's

Dear Parishioners,

Please join us the weekend of November 23, 2019, to hear The Rev. George Ronkowitz speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Fr. Ronkowitz will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Ordained since 1971, Fr. Ronkowitz, has served parishes in the Dioceses of Connecticut and Southeast Florida, most recently as Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Homestead, Florida. In addition to parish ministry, Fr. Ronkowitz's passion for serving the poor was also manifested in his years as the Executive Director of the Naugatuck, Connecticut Housing Authority, a position from which he retired in 2002. In addition to preaching on behalf of Food for the Poor, Fr. Ronkowitz also serves as the part-time Associate Rector at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Palmetto Bay, Fl.

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Ronkowitz.



FROM THE EDITOR

"Thanks to God"

Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered,

Thanks for what thou dost deny.

Thanks for storms that I have weathered.

Thanks for all thou dost supply.

Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure.

Thanks for comfort in despair.

Thanks for grace that none can measure.

Thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside,

Thanks for thorns their stems contain.

Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,

Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.

Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,

Thanks for heav'nly peace with thee.

Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,

Thanks through all eternity!

-August Storm, 1891

A very happy Thanksgiving this month and always. May God help us to appreciate the things he has given us!

-Rodney Dudley

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A Word from the Interim Rector **Father Hugh James**



Dream Big

Dear Friends.

November is the month when, in America, we traditionally give thanks. It's also the time that churches think about their budgets, and appeal to their members to pledge their giving for the next year. I would like you to know how much I, and the rest of the church's leadership, appreciate the way our members contribute to St. Ann's. I am constantly surprised by how many people support us in many different ways: through giving of time, talents and money. Without those contributions, we could not function as a church. We don't say "thank you" often enough, and so I want to say it now, loudly and clearly.

It is important that people pledge. Doing so enables us to set a realistic budget, and to plan for 2020. Some people think of St. Ann's as a wealthy church. There is some truth in that, as we have sizable endowments, but they are mostly limited to specific purposes. We need to support what we do with actual giving, if we are to continue successfully into the future. It is well known that we have been operating on a deficit budget for some time now. That means that our income is less than our expenditure. The vestry is committed to addressing this, which means we need to increase our overall giving. We have done well over the last year. When you see our accounts at the end of the year, it will be clear that we have achieved a very considerable reduction in our deficit during 2019. We cannot, though, be complacent, as we still have a way to go. We are in a time of transition as we search for a new Rector. To say that we have turned things around and no longer have a deficit budget would be a wonderful way to welcome our next rector. Is that a pipe dream? I don't think so, but to achieve it we as a congregation need to dig more deeply into our pockets.

Whilst we always hope that people will increase their giving, we recognize that circumstances change. For some that means they can give more. For others it means they need to reduce their giving. Only you can decide, after prayer, what is appropriate in your circumstances. Pledging is not only about the amount you pledge, but about the fact that you do pledge. It is one of the ways in which we identify ourselves as part of the church and show our participation in Christ.

I would also like you to consider the time and talents you give to the church. We are always in need of more volunteers. At present we are desperately short of teachers and chaperones for our Sunday ministry with children. Our youth club needs chaperones. The PBJ mission trips, both to New York and locally, need more help. Would you be able to pledge some time to one of those? Are there former ministries, Barnabas Buddies for example, that you wish could be given a new lease of life? Is there something you wish St. Ann's did, that you could help start? When Christians dream dreams, big things can happen. I would love to hear from anyone that would like to respond to these questions. Please call me or e-mail me, and I will be glad to have a conversation.

With all best wishes,

Hugh James+

Prayer Walk Meeting

Fr. Hugh will be holding a meeting of those interested in doing the Prayer Walk on Wednesday November 6th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. We will be arranging dates and times at that meeting.



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and together as a community we would like to gather a cornucopia to share with our neighbors in need. St. Ann's Food Pantry will be coordinating the effort to distribute food baskets for Thanksgiving.

As we give thanks for our many blessings, please don't forget those who struggle to feed their families. We will use a Giving Tree/Turkey to collect food donations. Please choose items from the Giving Turkey (located in the Parish Hall) and return item to church. Please leave Thanksgiving donations in the basket NOT the red wagon or bring to Littlejohn. Sign-up sheet also in the Parish Hall.



We need all non-perishable donations by Sunday, November 17th

- turkeys by Saturday, November 23rd
- If you are going to purchase a turkey, please leave your name & phone # on sign-up sheet and return the turkey tagged with your name.

Other ways to help:

- Help shop for groceries-week of Nov.17th
- Donation toward food purchase
- Adopt-a-Basket \$50 donation
- Assemble baskets, November 24th @ 11:00.

Thanksøivir Food Baskets

If you know somebody in need of a Thanksgiving food-basket please contact the church office @ 589-6522 or Lynette Schulz @ 472-2235 by Nov 4th. Thank you!



PREPARE FOR THE FAIR!

Preparations are underway for our Christmas fair which will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2019. Please consider donating a new item to either the basket auction or the raffle. Gift cards and cash donations will be used to purchase an item. 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 Flo Chase at 631-352-7585 (basket auction) or Nicole LaFountaine (raffle) 516-361-9813 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Where We Are

In August, the Rector and Search Committee prepared a survey to assist us in compiling a thorough and accurate parish profile based on the feedback from the entire St. Ann's community. The survey opened in early September.

The congregation was given over three weeks to complete the survey, which was made available in both an online and paper format. A total of 142 responses were submitted with a total



completion number of 99. We are in the process of reviewing the responses and creating a report for

On behalf of the Vestry and the Search Committee... Thank you for your participation and thoughtful responses! Call me if you have any questions. -Susan Knoepffler (Chair)



distribution to our parishioners.

The October 26th Clam Bake was a huge success. Thanks again to Claws Seafood in Sayville for the delicious Clam Bake dinner as well as their donation of time and some of the food and paper goods. If you haven't stopped by to see Frank and his crew, you should. The fish is fresh and the atmosphere is friendly!

The Giving Tree will be up and ready on Saturday, November 30th in the Parish Hall.

- Please take a tag, purchase the item on the tag.
- Return the item unwrapped WITH the tag attached back to the Giving Tree by December 15th.
- Once again, we will be bringing Christmas cheer to Little Flower Children's Services, Adopt-A-Family, and the children in St. John's Hospital.







DIY WORKSHOPS

Meet me at Hammer & Stain on Main Street in Savville for a Holiday Workshop on

November 13th at 6:00 PM.

Hammer & Stain is a DIY Workshop where guests transform

unfinished wood into wall-worthy pieces. I have personally attended a workshop and can honestly say, YOU CAN DO THIS!

Log into Hammer and Stain and click the Private Party for November 13th for St. Ann's to choose one of the many projects offered.



REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

CHRISTMAS TREES



The holidays are around the corner! One of our biggest events of the year will be here before we know it--CHRISTmas Trees!!!! This ministry requires many hands in the following areas:

- Yard setup November 16th at 8:00 AM (Rain date November 23rd)
- The unloading of the trees November 30th at 7:00 AM
- Shift Workers November 30th until trees are sold.



Many selling shifts need to be covered, but have no fear, these trees have sold themselves for over 40 years, which is why we have a high number of return customers every year. And the best part is, you can make it a family event or maybe an event with friends.

This is also an excellent opportunity for those in middle or high school to earn community service hours!

Many shifts need to be covered, and the more the merrier. As in the past, look for the sign-up board in the Parish Hall, or if you are a bit more tech savvy, go to the *SignUpGenius* page and you will be able to pick a day and shift time and you're good to go.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Tom Honey (631-687-7144), John Smith (631-456-3965) or Wendy Schmittzeh (631-767-3176). We look forward to seeing many "new" hands on deck!

Wendy Schmittzeh for the Vestry and Christmas Tree Committee

"God is Nigh"

The earliest official reference to using "Taps" at a military funeral is described in an 1891 manual. During the Civil War, a Union soldier "was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods." Because it wasn't safe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, Captain John Tidball decided the sounding of "Taps" would be an appropriate substitute ceremony. Previously, "Taps" signaled the end of a soldier's work day, but it has since come to honor the end of his or her earthly life. Horace Trim's lyrics remind us of God's constant presence:

Day is done, gone the sun From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky All is well, safely rest God is nigh.

Thanks, and praise for our days 'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky As we go, this we know God is nigh.



Veterans' Day November 11

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Christmas Fair

Sunday, November 24th
11am to 4pm



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Shop for jewelry, crafts, toys, and more.

Basket Auction

Buy chances that day. Must be present that afternoon to win.

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St. Ann's Episcopal Church



Sunday - December 1, 2019

Parish Hall 9:00am – 2:00pm

Please consider baking for our bake sale

Drop off baked goods Sunday morning to parish hall 7:30am – 10:00am

Gluten & Dairy free items appreciated (please be sure to indicate if there are nuts in your baked goods)



Any questions please call Pat 631-567-2203 or Nancy 631-567-4322

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

LESSONS & CAROLS

You are cordially invited to

A Festival of

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 1st 3:00 PM

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall All are welcome







Thanksgiving Service at 10:00 AM on November 28





PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MINISTRY

By Rodney Dudley

We had a wonderful day in the city on October 19! All the trains were working and we had a non-stop ride to



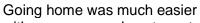
Penn Station. We met our friends from Zion Church and got the "store" set up by 8:30 AM. Mary, Rick, and I had four wagons among us, and Rick has convinced us that taking the wagons on escalators is quicker and easier than going on the elevators. Turns out he's right! And if we need help, it is surprising how quickly people step in to assist us. Even though it was the 3rd Saturday instead of the 4th Saturday, we had customers lining up as soon as we arrived.

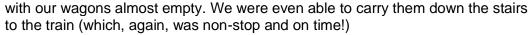
The Zion folks, Joanne, Regina, Tom, Andrea, Randy, and Carlos, brought PBJ sandwiches and oranges and other fruit. We brought blankets, toiletries, and men's and women's clothing.



In two hours, we served about 50+ people on our corner in front of Madison Square Garden, and we managed to give away most of our wares. The customers were all thankful to have us there, and we were happy to be able to help them.

We had enough time before the train to stop for a quick snack and talk over the day with our Zion friends.







The hour is early, the work of getting there is tiring, and we keep busy non-stop for several hours, but we also have a good time. There are Krispy Kreme donuts, and we have some awesome discussions on the train. And there's this great feeling that with all the sadness and anger going on in the world, you're doing your little bit to help. I'd recommend it to anyone who wants to try it!

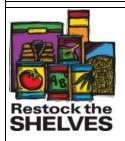
Next month because of Thanksqiving weekend, the trees, and all kinds of holiday activity going on, we'll be going in on the third Saturday, November 23rd. Blessings to you all, Rodney Dudley



The greatest healing therapy is friendship and love!

Hubert Humphrey





OUR DAILY BREAD

Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon
The food pantry is especially in need of these supplies.
Canned Meats * Soup * Chili * Peanut Butter * Jelly
Fresh Vegetables

Of course, cash donations allow us to shop for needed items.

Prayer Circle

Prayer Circle meets Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30 AM in the chapel. Please join us to pray for our church, the nation, the world and anyone in need of prayer.

Starting November 7th, we will meet from 9:00-10:30AM and include a Bible Study (*The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*). It includes many favorite Bible stories from Genesis thru Revelation and a discussion of how the stories relate to daily living. Call Marge Rogers (631-567-1919) for more information.





Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry

If you would like to donate to the PBJ Ministry, the things we are currently in need of are:

Sneakers * Sweatshirts * Sweatpants * Leggings * Backpacks * Sweaters

Shampoos * Soaps * Deodorant * Toilet Paper * Prepackaged Tuna or Chicken Salad * Cup-o-Soups



Fourth Wednesday Lunch & Meditation

"The Fourth Wednesday" group will not be meeting in November or December because the holidays fall too close to our meeting dates. Enjoy your Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we'll meet again in January!

-- Peg Costanzo

Sign up for the Sunday Coffee Hour...one of the easiest ministries at St. Ann's! It takes only a couple of hours – once or twice a year! -- and makes so many people happy! Many hands make light work, so if we all take a turn it will be easier for everyone.



Just bring some milk and your favorite breakfast foods to share! Thanks for your help!



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| Celebrating An Anniversary This Month | | | WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|-----------------------|--|--|
| 4 | Nicholas & Jean Arena | 21 | Richard & Linda Maddox | 25 | Shawn & Kara Felton | | |
| 17 | Joseph & Rachel Ferzola | 22 | Joseph & Florence Chase | 27 | John & Lynette Schulz | | |
| 20 | Paul & Christine Weeks | | David & Jacqueline Gandolfo | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |



| 1 | David Tampellini | 6 | Darrell Lichtenberger | 15 | Muriel Herold | 21 | Michael Hlavac |
|---|------------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 2 | Benjamin Richards | | Bo Messina | 16 | Leah DaSilva | | Patricia Romeo |
| 3 | Lucian Hagenlocher | 7 | Steven Vander Borgh | 17 | Barbara Stahlberg | 24 | Tim Laffin |
| | Frederick Herold | 8 | Don Baker | 18 | Florence Hiscock | 27 | Susan Knoepffler |
| | Michael Rascona | | Paddy Price-Hennessey | 19 | Tabitha Richards | | Marjorie Rogers |
| 4 | Charlotte Hlavac-Maass | 11 | Joseph Nasta | | Zachary Schulz | 28 | Cara Clark |
| | Joseph Vander Borgh | 12 | Pat Colson | 20 | Johanna Albert | 29 | Cathy Baker |
| 5 | Mary Clark | | William Streek | | Kathleen Vasquez | | Dennis Messina |
| | Kathleen Krakaur | | | | | | |

The Generosity Cycle

God makes us rich in every way so we can be generous on every occasion, which will result in thanksgiving to God. ... God doesn't bless us to provide for our own needs; he blesses us so we can be generous.



—**Rick Warren** (based on 2 Corinthians 9:11)

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

***** The Garden of the Unforgotten

CHARLES HIBBARD Section 35 – Lot 5-6-7-8

Charles Hibbard, eldest son of Mrs. Charles H. Ressler, died suddenly at the country residence of his mother in this village at the age of 36 years, on the first Monday evening of April 2903. He had been in seemingly good health and was about the village the day of his death. After returning home in the early evening, he sat down in a chair and, while in that position, was seized with heart failure. Dr. Van Deinse was hastily summoned, but it was too late, as death had been almost instantaneous. The deceased left his mother, two brothers, William and Clarence, and three sisters, Mrs. I. H. Green, Jr., of Sayville, Miss Camille M. Hibbard of Bayport; and Mrs. Elbert Terry of Port Washington. The Reverend J. H. Prescott conducted the services at the house on Thursday afternoon. Interment was in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Lifelong Saints

Rather than limit the celebration of saints to one Sunday, some churches now observe a Season of Saints from World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October) to All Saints' Sunday (the first Sunday in November).

Saints aren't merely exceptional Christians, writes worship director Taylor Burton-Edwards. Instead, they're simply believers, all of whom are undergoing a lifetime of transformation into Christ's own people.

Pointing to a saint-themed hymn by Charles Wesley, Burton-Edwards notes that the lyrics are intended to be an "anthem for a lifetime," not a once-yearly occasion.

Come, let us join our friends above who have obtained the prize, and on the eagle wings of love to joys celestial rise.

Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven are one.





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Alpha & Omega

Alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. As John of Patmos greets the seven churches in Asia, he writes: "I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8, NIV). "The Alpha and the Omega" is a metaphor that points to God's eternal nature

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 6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—Nov. 4 6:30 PM—Mission & Outreach—Nov. 18 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

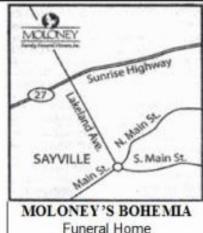
12:00-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open

Saturday

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



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