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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

Feb. 11—Transfiguration of Our Lord
Feb. 13—Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Supper
Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday
Feb. 14—Valentine's Day
Feb. 18—First Sunday in Lent
Feb. 19—Presidents' Day
Feb. 25—Second Sunday in Lent



MISSION STATEMENT

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

Meeting Needs

"My neighbor's material needs are my spiritual needs," said 19th-century theologian Israel Salanter. In other words, when someone else suffers hunger and poverty, when people endure a natural disaster and lack shelter, when another human being is sick or injured — in all such cases, God calls us to action. And God knows that whatever we do to meet those material needs will meet our spiritual needs at the same time.

It might be our spiritual need to expand our horizons into neighborhoods, cultures or situations where we're uncomfortable. We might need to grow in love for people different from us. By serving others, we might find our own sagging spirits nurtured with a sense of well-being or even joy. And as we reach out to help, surely we'll notice others doing the same thing, and our spiritual need for renewed faith will be met. —**Heidi Mann**

Lenten Suggestions

Fasting

1. Fast from watching TV one night a week and spend that time praying, reading the Bible, or doing something to help others.
2. Fast from bad language and put-downs and begin affirming others with positive language. Use your speech to encourage, rather than discourage, others.
3. Fast from gossip and dishonesty. Begin the practice of honesty and truthfulness.
4. Fast from feeling guilty or angry with yourself. (Remember that St. Ann's is a "no guilt" zone).

Praying

1. List 3 blessings you have been given. Say a prayer of thanks for each of them.
2. Participate in Wednesday night Lenten study groups and Soup Suppers.
3. Pray for a forgiving heart, and ask those you have hurt to forgive you.

FROM THE EDITOR

Sometimes the calendar plays tricks on us. We had some evidence of this in December when the 4th Sunday of Advent fell on Christmas Eve. I would call this a “whiplash holiday,” since we came to church Sunday morning in a solemn Advent mood and returned several hours later to find the church decorated with garlands, wreaths, and flowers! We sang joyful Christmas carols accompanied by brass instruments! The calendar is fooling with us again this month when Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day fall on the same day. In addition, our celebratory Pancake Supper is on Tuesday, February 13th (the day we use up all our luxury foods--butter, sugar, eggs, and bacon and sausage in preparation for fasting). (Up!) The next day we are solemn in church as we receive ashes and remember that we came from dust and to dust we shall return. (Down!) Then comes more whiplash: we are expected to celebrate Valentine’s Day—a nice dinner out, flowers, chocolates, wine! (Up again!) It’s so at odds with the ashes and fasting! Alas! There is more whiplash in April when April Fool’s Day falls on Easter! What to do? Put broccoli in the plastic Easter Eggs? A note in the Easter Basket proclaiming “April Fools?” I’m sure we’ll work it out sensibly. Episcopalians are known for taking the *via media* (the middle way). Perhaps celebrate Valentine’s Day on the weekend instead. We’ll Celebrate Easter and forget about pranks until next year when the calendar sorts itself out. After all, it seems like the calendar is having a run of April Fools jokes already.

--Rodney Dudley

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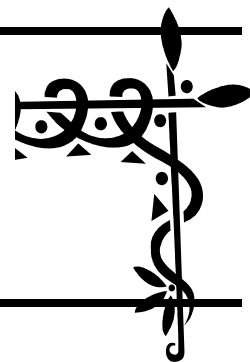


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THE RECTOR'S CORNER



Preparing for Lent

Dear Parish Family,

As I write this, it is January 30 and believe it or not Lent starts February 14th. As is my custom for the February newsletter, I want to speak with you about the importance of the season of Lent.

Lent comprises the forty days immediately preceding Christ's passion and resurrection and begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. These forty days serve to remind us of Jesus' withdrawal to the desert immediately following his baptism by John, during which time he fasted and was tempted by Satan.

For Christians, these forty days are a penitential season, during which time we have the opportunity to reflect and take stock of our lives, through the reading of scripture, sacrifice, prayer and self-examination in preparation for Christ's coming again in power and great glory.

A question I am often asked is this; *do I have to give up something for Lent?* My answer is always the same. If it has spiritual meaning to you to give something up, then do so. For others it may be more helpful to incorporate something new into your spiritual life; doing the daily office, reading the Bible on a daily basis or volunteering to those in need on a more frequent basis. Whatever you decide to do is between you and God; just make sure it's meaningful to you spiritually and isn't being done as a required discipline with no meaning.

In our services during the season of Lent, you will notice the liturgical color changes to purple to signify a season of penitence. There will also be some changes in the tone of our liturgy. The services will have a more somber penitential tone than we are currently experiencing. The service music and hymns will be more somber in tone. The scripture readings will focus on our covenant with God, our baptism, our salvation made possible through Christ's death and resurrection, and the coming judgment of humanity. The Alleluia's following the Fraction and at the Dismissal will be omitted during this penitential season, so that we can with renewed joy in our souls sing Alleluia at his most glorious resurrection.

In short, Lent is a season to be taken very seriously and with great solemnity, and so I end this letter with the words from our Book of Common Prayer: *"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."* (Book of Common Prayer, page 265).

With Blessings for a Holy Lent,

Mother Diane+



Thoughts from the Front Porch

Father Brian Barry



The weather has been a bit unpredictable of late. I feel like we are experiencing sub-arctic cold spells coupled with early spring warmth on a weekly basis. This, of course, has been affecting just how much time I've been spending on my front porch. I love spending time outside, but when Sayville starts to feel like South Dakota, I am in the house with the doors closed and the heat on. In addition to the odd weather, our calendar is quite odd as well: a very short Epiphany leading into an Ash Wednesday on Valentine's Day, with Easter around the corner on April Fool's Day. Wasn't Christmas just yesterday? Just the same, with Ash Wednesday coming up soon, my front porch thoughts have turned to Lenten observances. In particular, I've been thinking about prayer.

Prayer is one of the defining characteristics of a Christian life. We realize, when we've accepted Jesus Christ into our lives, that we are never expected to go it alone. Indeed, when we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and try to model our lives after his, we realize that Jesus himself never tried to do it alone. We are told time and again, in the Gospels, of how Jesus would go off to a deserted place to pray. Do we think about that? We give Jesus many titles: Jesus the Miracle Worker, Jesus the Great Teacher, Jesus the Son of God, Jesus the King of Kings. But do we ever remember the Jesus who just wandered off on his own from time to time, simply to pray? Jesus interspersed his very active ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing with periods of silence, prayer, and contemplation. Are we not, as his followers, called to do the same? Or do we think we can do it all without ever taking a break?

Prayer is a way to "recharge" in our very active lives. No matter how busy we are, we should always have time to pray. An old monastic saying (found among both Christians and Buddhists) is that if you do not have time to take a half an hour a day to meditate, then you need to take an hour. To that end, I plan on teaching a class on Christian Prayer and Spirituality on Tuesdays in Lent. We will be talking about the differences between various different types of prayer, Christian forms of meditation and contemplation, and how to create a rule of life that makes room for prayer so that we have time to rest in God. It is in finding rest that we will find the energy to be who God calls us to be. The class begins on Tuesday February 20th, at 1:00pm, in Littlejohn. All are invited to attend.

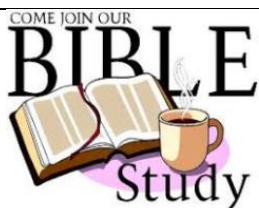
LENTEN ACTIVITIES



Our Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on Wednesday, February 21st and continue through March 21st. Parishioners are urged to volunteer homemade soup and desserts for the suppers. There will be signup sheets in the Parish Hall.

6:00 PM - Soup Supper

7:00 PM - Mother Diane will be discussing the Gospel of St. Mark



Starting on Tuesday, Feb. 20th, at 1:00 PM, Father Brian will be teaching a class on Christian Prayer and Spirituality. They will meet every Tuesday of Lent in the Littlejohn Building. The topics will include improving your prayer life, different methods of prayer found within the Christian tradition, and meditation workshops. Bring a Book of Common Prayer and a Bible with you.

OUTREACH



February is Heart Health Month

WHO: St. Ann's Food Pantry

WHAT: Collecting FROZEN vegetables and fruits

WHEN: The month of February

WHY: To provide heart healthy food to our Food Pantry clients.

- During the month of February, the Food Pantry will be asking for donations of heart healthy FROZEN vegetables and fruits.
- Please leave donations in the Parish Hall freezer on Sundays or during the week in the kitchen freezer of the Littlejohn Building.



THE JOYFUL EXPERIENCE OF GIVING

On December 15th Marge and Carol Ann delivered the "ditty bags" to the Friary. We were met by a young man that helped us bring in all our bundles. He then went out with us to make sure we didn't fall, as there was ice and snow on the ground from the previous snow fall.

Our next stop was to PAX Christy, the homeless outreach center behind the Port Jefferson train station. They were very happy to receive our packages. It was an interesting visit. There was a lady there who was arguing with a dot on the wall and a man who was cleaning the same spot on the window when we went in and after we left.

Our last stop was to the Hope House center for women. This is a shelter for abused and battered women. We had a nice talk with a young woman who works there. A young man from the friary was working there and brought all the packages in for us. When we told him what they were he thanked us for helping people who we don't even know. When we said we also brought packages to the friary and told him what was in them he got excited to know that he would be getting his own toothpaste. Thanked us again and again.

It was a delightful morning to see smiles on so many faces for such small gestures.

We will not be meeting at Littlejohn during the winter months but will be working at home. If anyone would like to help in any way contact Marge or Carol Ann.

Vestry Visions

Happy New Year to all! Each year, as we usher in the new year, we often take time to think through the year behind us, reminisce about things, both good and unfortunate that took place in our lives during that year, and make resolutions to make the new year as, or more successful than, the one we just left behind.

This is not only true in our personal lives, but also in our church community. And so, it was, at our vestry meeting in January, that we reviewed the year behind us, and as a group, we all felt grateful that we seem to be moving in a positive direction, in many ways. Then, in making our resolutions for the church family for the coming year, we decided, among other things, to focus on the aspect of volunteerism. There are many wonderful ministries at St. Ann's, as you know. However, these ministries are only successful because of the help of many kind volunteers, who see, and yes, feel, the good that comes from their hours of service to our St. Ann's community, and our larger community. Over the next few months, we are going to highlight some of these ministries, and give you an inside view of what goes on in the church "behind the scenes", so that our ministries can thrive as they never have before, in the year 2018!

This month's highlight will be of St. Ann's Thrift Shop.

Thrift Shop history – where it all began: In speaking with several seasoned parishioners, it seems that our Thrift Shop has been around for about 50 years, from the information I have been able to gather! Wow! It started after a rummage sale that the church had. Several of the rummage sale volunteers were trying to decide what to do with all of the items left over after the sale, and one of the parishioners suggested maybe starting a thrift shop. From that simple idea, it has since become a part of our long history of service to the community.



The Thrift Shop was originally housed in the Littlejohn Building, but it eventually moved over to the Burgess Building as the need grew greater and they needed more room. It was originally open only on Saturdays, but as the Thrift Shop became more established, they realized that they needed to make this available to the community more than one day a week, so they made it available on several weekdays as well. It currently is open to customers three days a week, but as I learned, volunteers are in the shop doing "behind the scenes" work a few other days to make the Thrift Shop a great

place for so many people. As I learned from my conversations with several of the volunteers, and even a few customers, the Thrift Shop is more than just a place to get a good price on much needed clothing or household items, but it also provides warmth to many, both "inside and out".

In speaking with Nanci, the current manager (who is excited and full of ideas for the future of the Thrift Shop), Peg, a former manager and still an integral part of the workings of the Thrift Shop, and volunteers like Lorraine, Marian, Linda, Kathy, Lee, and Megan, who are just a few of the volunteers I was lucky enough to meet, they all told me that they get so much more out of volunteering there than they could ever express to me. Each person I spoke to warmed my heart by telling me what made their personal experiences as volunteers so special to them. They all know from experience, that they are not just providing clothing and housewares to the customers, but they are also providing a warm place to be for a little while, perhaps a hot cup of coffee, good conversation, and even more importantly, a feeling of being safe, understood, and valued.



Vestry Visions

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I interviewed two of the workers while I was there – their personal testimonies follow:

My first interview was with Nanci -- **Thrift Shop – “What inquiring minds want to know”**

Question: What made this ministry something that you wanted to get involved in?

Response: I needed frames for a project I was working on, and was amazed by everything they had there, like the size of the shop, the quantity and the quality of it all. It was a Wednesday, and it was so busy! I went back the following week and again, it was so busy! I remember thinking “these ladies who volunteer need an extra set of hands!” Once I started volunteering, I realized the scope of the help you can give. There are people who need that winter jacket they could not afford, regulars who come in to just talk, and what struck me most was the volunteers who selflessly gave up their time to be at the shop for all this to happen.



Question: What are the different parts of the job?

Response: There are so many different parts. Behind the “scenes” is where it starts -emptying donation bins so we can sort them and then getting them tagged and priced to go out on the floor. The register is where some of the best customer interaction happens...you get to know all the customers. We have a lot of repeat customers! Also, there is straightening up the different areas on the floor. As a volunteer you can change your “hat” all day long, because there is always something that needs to be done!

Question: What is your favorite part of working at the Thrift Shop?

Response: The family we have with all the volunteers. Helping each other to be able to help others.

Question: What is the most difficult part of working at the Thrift Shop?

Response: The lack of volunteers. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to make this all happen. There is always something to do!! I’m surprised that more young people aren’t getting involved. Thrifting is in right now! They would have such a great time volunteering and might not even realize all the good they are doing.



Question: When and how did this ministry come to be?

Response: I have the pleasure of learning new details about how the ministry came to be every time I’m at the shop. There are volunteers who have been here 30+ years! I don’t believe I’ve heard everything yet!!

Question: Who benefits from this ministry?

Response: Everyone! The families who need a hand, the families that lost everything in a flood or fire who need essentials just to get by, people who need a familiar face to see each week, volunteers and the community! It seems instinctual that as people sharing this world that we should all be willing to lend a hand to each other.

Question: What would you like us to know?

Response: The Thrift Shop is for everyone! Helping, shopping or volunteering- every time someone walks in the door, they can touch someone else’s life in a positive way! Oh- and the weekly specials on our “white board” are a special treat for everyone!!



Vestry Visions

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My second interview was with a former student of mine, Megan, of whom I am so proud! I ran into her by accident a few Christmas fairs ago. She was helping with the Thrift Shop table, while I was helping with the Raffle Table. Megan was originally introduced to the Thrift Shop by her job coach, and now has become a regular worker there three days a week, taking the SCAT bus to get to work, and according to several volunteers, being a whiz on the register, and doing several other jobs!

Question: How did you become involved in the Thrift Shop?

Response: First, my job coach brought me here. Then, I just kept on coming!

Question: What are the different parts of the job?

Response: There's the cash register, then there's sorting, tagging, and hanging the clothes, and then bringing them out to the racks.

Question: What is your favorite part of working at the Thrift Shop?

Response: I don't have a favorite – I like it all!

It's a lot to digest, I know. On a personal note, I spoke with so many wonderful people, and found out that many of our volunteers are from outside of our wonderful St. Ann's. We are also sharing our dream and working with other groups like other churches, Dress for Success, veteran's groups, the Shinnecock Reservation, as well as others. My hope is that, as we are making our own personal resolutions for this coming year, and by "tugging at your heartstrings", that we will make resolutions that enrich our mind, our body, and our soul. This is clear evidence to me that volunteering is good for all three, but especially for our soul!

Jill Hughes for the Vestry

	Wardens: 2019 Thomas Honey		2020 Nancy Koinoglou
	Vestry:	2019 Jackie Gandolfo	Jill Hughes
		Nicole LaFontaine	Constance Currie
		2020 Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani
		Patricia Osarchuk	John O'Neil
		2021 Helen Houdek	Carol Ann St. Lawrence
		Wendy Schmittzeh	John Smith

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

Shrove Tuesday — Then and Now

The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, sometimes called “Fat Tuesday” (*Mardi Gras* in French). Centuries ago, Christians often stuffed themselves with food before beginning 40 days of fasting for Lent. In those days, many Christians used up all the food containing fat, including dairy products. Because so many foods, including pancakes, used those fat products, many churches had huge feasts. A lot of people ate until they could hold no more — the beginnings of all-you-can-eat dinners. Today many congregations still keep at least a semblance of the tradition. In communities around the world (particularly in the Anglican Communion), churches serve pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. But today the purpose is to have Christian fellowship, not to devour everything in sight!



SHROVE TUESDAY



FEBRUARY 13TH

5:00 to 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Free Will Offering



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH 12:00 NOON



Senior Luncheon

Our February Senior Luncheon is coming up soon. Save the date for February 20th. Visit with friends and enjoy another delicious lunch prepared by Chef Linda and Chef Karen. The program will be “The Art of Relaxation and Rejuvenation Through Tai Chi” presented by Gerry Senese of Ryu Shu Kan of Farmingville.



Sign up in the Parish Hall!



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MINISTRY

By Mary Mattarella (631-590-0076)



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I've been continuing with my mission work, and it's taken on an amazing twist! My car finally gave out, and God used this situation to bring new souls into my life. I work less than two miles from my home, so not having a car did not stop me from getting to work. I packed up one of our blue mission wagons with an assortment of things and pulled that along as I went to work. I was able to speak to many people whom I might have otherwise missed as I drove by.

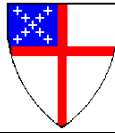
A young woman was at the bus stop, and it was pretty cold. I stopped to take a break, and we smiled at each other and began to speak. She is a single mother, working two jobs, receiving no government assistance. I noticed she had no gloves or scarf, so I reached into my blue wagon of God's Love, and handed her some. These pretty items, were hand made by sisters at St Ann's! She began to cry and told me to say thank you! I also gave her some crackers, as she was hungry, and a business card so she could keep in touch with me. One day, my blue wagon and I took off towards Stop and Shop, and God placed an elderly man in my path. I found him in front of Dunkin Donuts--huddled in a ball and freezing. I had a gift card from Dunkin Donuts with \$5.00 left on it, so I invited my new friend inside, and we shared some coffee and conversation! This gent is a US Vietnam Veteran who had never adjusted when he came home from the war. You guessed it! I reached into my blue wagon, and found him some warm pants and socks, donated from St. Ann's! Things like this happened to me every day that I walked to work! The young lady and I have met twice since then, and she says that those items of love donated by you, my church family, gave her hope again! She and I are now meeting once a week, for coffee at the bagel shop near my job. The Vietnam Vet called me from the business card I gave him, and he told me now has an interview at Stop and Shop to be a bagger. All of these items—hats and scarves, crackers, gift cards, business cards, clothing...were donated by friends at St. Ann's. You know who you are! So, the next time any of you donate small items, large items, food, or money, know that your kindness and love is spreading far beyond the doors of St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Sayville

Today, as I write, it is January 27th, and it was quite a remarkable day! The Ronkonkoma train service was out, so we had to leave out of Sayville, which is quite the challenge. We are hauling many wagons piled with boxes and bags of clothing, food, and toiletries, and we have to switch trains in Babylon. We get many stares, smiles, and questions--most of which are (fortunately) complimentary. In Penn Station, we go up the elevator in shifts, regrouping in front of Madison Square Garden. Our "regulars" are happily and eagerly waiting for us to begin, as we set up our wares. No matter what the weather is, people know we are coming and they depend on us. We help an average of 60 people each time, and that's not counting those that we come upon who are making the sidewalk their home.

We had an amazing nine workers in our group and four from Zion Douglaston (Check the St. Ann's Facebook page)!. Zion Church, brought 200 PBJ sandwiches, clothes, shoes, and coats! I am planning to visit their church to talk about our mission, so if any of you are interested, please let me know!

The leftover sandwiches, were picked up by friends of mine, and brought to a meeting for DACA immigrants, who are working on government paperwork, so that they can stay in the U.S. I invite you--my sisters and brothers--to consider coming along, and doing whatever is in your comfort level. I promise you, it will be an unforgettable experience! Our current needs are: men's and women's underwear, SOCKS, sneakers/boots, and toilet paper for February. We've also found that the Cup o' Soups are good for winter when hot water is added (Thanks, Starbucks!). Thank you! Your prayers and generosity keep me strong!

With Love, *The Very Festive Mary*



NOTES



Prayer for Presidents' Day

Lord of heaven and earth, we offer you our deepest appreciation for this blessed land. Stir up a sense of stewardship in every citizen so we all may care for our nation and each inhabitant of it.

We pray especially for our leaders. Prompt everyone in a position of authority, from local to national leaders, to strive for righteousness, justice and the welfare of all citizens. Amen.



Attention Cemetery Plot Owners:

Please be aware that when it snows only the Main Asphalt Road gets plowed. The other gravel/dirt roads will be plowed only if needed to conduct service for a new burial. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

—Janet Croce



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

at St. Ann's – February 4th

We will be celebrating the SOUPER BOWL of CARING by collecting soup & crackers to share with our food pantry guests.

Donations will be collected through Feb 11
Look for the giant soup pots!

Thank you for your generous support.



Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry

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

Underwear (men's & women's) * Socks * Scarves * Toilet Paper * Sneakers/Boots *
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3	James & Jeannette Hayes	11	Randy & Susanne Schultz	17	Kevin & Brooke Mattimore
5	Thomas & Linda Munkelwitz	16	David & Angelica Russell		Robert & Carole Sheppard
11	Michael & Debbie Dowling	17	John Cerillo & Kimberly Schaum-Rodriguez	18	Robert & Sandra Immoor



1	Madison DaSilva	7	Linda Bunten	12	Christine Wilson	17	James Hayes
2	Michael Dowling		Susan Conklin	13	Alexandra Barone		Patricia MacDonell
	Mark Little	9	Honey Weiner		Dorothy Lamens	20	George Fisher
	Ryan Schaum-Rodriguez	10	Kara Felton		Garrett Leuly		Debora Schneider
3	Karen Tampellini		Kyle Wolfe		Mark Leuly	21	Thomas Rascona
4	Angelica Russell	11	Sadie Hynes		Jane Vander Borgh		Theresa Smith
5	William Streek		Joyce Mogelnicki	14	Nancy Koinoglou		Chelsea Whitehouse
6	Jonah Carter		Hanna Munno		Trevor May	23	Jenna Jacques
	Heather Johnson	12	Joseph Chase	15	Lara Espinoza	26	Valerie Field
7	Natalie Bosse		Donald MacKenzie		Paul Stoehrer	27	Ryan Mattimore

These names are offered each month as an opportunity to extend to our brothers and sisters the love of Christ on these special days and to express our thanks for the gift of their presence in our midst. They are also offered as an opportunity to pray for each one of these individuals and couples on these significant days in their lives.

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God of love, as we share valentines this month, remind us also to share practical expressions of your love for all: food, shelter, clean water, acceptance of differences, a helping hand.

Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

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Mrs. Ethel Gallant died Tuesday at Southside Hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Gallant was born in New York 59 years ago and had lived for the last 12 years on Rose Street in Sayville. She was employed by the Grace Church School in New York and was a member of the Smith-Wever Post 651 American Legion Auxiliary, which held services for her at the funeral home. Mrs. Gallant was survived by her husband Joseph, two daughters, Mrs. Mildred DeMott of West Sayville and Mrs. Margaret Mersereau of Huntington; a son Joseph R. of New Jersey; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Doyle of New York, and seven grandchildren.

The Rev. Peter MacLean of St. Ann's Episcopal Church officiated at her interment in the Garden of the Unforgotten.

Joseph Gallant, 71, of 5 Rose Street, Sayville, died in Southside Hospital. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA, but he lived in New York prior to moving to Sayville 18 years before his death. Mr. Gallant was a barge captain for the Erie Railroad, and he retired in 1960. He was a veteran of World War I, having served in the US Navy. He was a member of the VFW in Sayville and the Smith-Wever Post American Legion and the East End Republican Club. His wife, the former Ethel Kaiser, died in May of 1961, and he left one son, Joseph R. Gallant of Cranford, NJ; and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Mersereau of Sayville, eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild. The Rev. Charles Van Tassel, of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, officiated at the interment. He was buried next to his wife in St. Ann's Garden of the Unforgotten.

The Limited Power of Ashes

"The cross, with which the ashes are traced upon us, is the sign of Christ's victory over death," wrote Thomas Merton. "The words 'Remember that thou art dust and that to dust thou shalt return' are not to be taken as the quasi-form of a kind of 'sacrament of death' ... It might be good stoicism to receive a mere reminder of our condemnation to die, but it is not Christianity."

Perhaps we should structure Ash Wednesday worship with the imposition of ashes early on. Then their dusty symbolism can be supplanted by the forgiveness-flavored bread and wine of Holy Communion. Yet even if the service you attend is laid out differently, remember that ashes mark you only temporarily. Jesus' resurrection — and the empty cross of victory — assures you already of everlasting life, which begins now.



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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—February 12
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Tuesdays

8:00 AM—Men's Group
9:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
6:00 PM—Children's Choir
7:15 PM—Adult Choir

Wednesdays

9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope
7:00 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 (TBA)
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Saturday

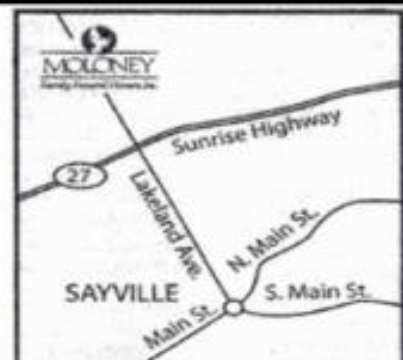
5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist



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Ash Wednesday Prayer

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

—*Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*