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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

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 — Independence Day
 July 5-12 – General Convention
 Indianapolis, Indiana

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.

Suffolk Summer Summits



St. Luke's, East Hampton

All Episcopalians
in the Archdeaconry of Suffolk
are invited and welcomed to attend!

*Join us for fun, food and fellowship
as we explore what God is calling us to do
in this part of the vineyard!*



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Please bring a beverage, side, salad or dessert.
Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and other furniture.

SUMMIT I

July 19, 2012

5-8 PM

St. Luke's
East Hampton

SUMMIT 2

August 16, 2012

5-8 PM

St. Lawrence of Canterbury
Dix Hills



St. Lawrence, Dix Hills

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By Jul. 17 for East Hampton

By Aug. 14 for Dix Hills

FROM THE EDITOR

On June 20, for the third year in a row, I journeyed into Manhattan to celebrate the First Day of Summer by joining in the *Mind Over Madness* Yoga-fest in Times Square. This year I was accompanied by two friends who were attending for the first time. My daughter would meet us there as well. The temps were in the 90's, and as we stood in line waiting to check in, we had a lot of sympathy for the fellow dressed head to toe in a Statue of Liberty outfit. Better off, we considered, was the costume of the Naked Indian (we've all seen the Naked Cowboy, but this was a new twist). Dressed in red underwear and an awesome feather headdress, he looked relatively cool. We checked in early and managed to get a good spot near the podium where we could actually see the teacher. Our mats were across the street from the Bubba Gump Shrimp Factory, where I'd eaten dinner a few weeks earlier.

I do Yoga every week on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall, so I'm not a total novice, but sitting on my mat in Times Square I seemed to be surrounded by lots of younger, hard core devotees with bones like jellyfish who work out daily in more advanced positions. Granted, I could get into *most* of the positions, but I took considerably longer. And I took a lot of rests in between. One of the spotters asked if I was OK. I told her I was just used to a slower pace. She said, "Fine! The most important thing is that you're here." I had to agree. Even though I knew it was going to be a challenging 90 minutes, which would leave me breathless and exhausted, I just wanted to be part of it. Over 14,000 people were signed up to attend four classes that day (morning, noon, mid-afternoon, and evening). Our 7:00 PM class was the most crowded—probably about 4,000 people. We are all there raising our arms together, holding hands together, even hopping on one foot together, shouting, "I'm free!" The teacher tells us we are all one and we can change the world with our love for one another.

Towards the end, lying on my back, I had a new perspective of the familiar buildings in the area. Instead of just doors and windows, their varied architectural shapes soared upward like mountains. I felt lucky to have this chance to appreciate them. There were many people watching from the sidelines and taking photos. It would have been easier to just observe, but I think you appreciate something more if you put forth some effort and jump in with both feet. My rubber limbed daughter was feeling fine at the end. My two friends raved about how great it was and thanked me for convincing them to sign up. I was too tired to do anything but drink more water. But Summer—for me and 13,999 other people—had officially started. —RMD [See the photo on page 5].

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August Deadline:
Thursday, July 19, 7:00 PM

REFLECTIONS

SETTLING IN



Dear Parish Family,

I am finally coming back down to earth after a beautiful installation service and reception and a dinner party where I danced like I haven't danced in years! At both of these occasions, I felt your love pouring out to me and I fully embraced it and you. I only hope you felt my love pouring out to you as well. There were a lot of people who helped make these evenings possible. I especially want to thank Pat Osarchuk, Tom and Linda Munkelwitz, Kate Borzello, Laura Sanchez, Nancy and George Koinoglou, Diane Miller-Magnani and Rick Magnani for his great jazz saxophone, Tony and Joan Palmieri, Grace Torgersen, Nancy Owen, Nancy Howland and Caryn Wehrenberg.

Thanks to each of you and everyone who helped and all of you who came! It was a holy and blessed week and one that will live in my heart forever.

Now, it's time to settle down and start doing the work Christ has given us to do. I agree with Bishop Provenzano that the mission of the Church lies outside its doors; and I look forward to our moving together into the mission field that exists outside of our doors. I would like to hear your ideas and thoughts on what we can do locally or globally to help others and to spread the Gospel of Christ through our thoughts, words and deeds; and I will be coming up with some ideas of my own to share with you in the fall.

During the summer I will also be working on developing a Youth Sunday service and I will be writing to you about that in greater detail next month. In the meantime, know of my love for each of you and my joy in being your rector.

Blessings,

Mother Diane+

ST. ANN'S HAS A QR CODE

We already are used to the ubiquitous UPC codes (bar codes) which are on the packaging of virtually everything we buy, unless it is handmade and sold at a craft fair, or old and sold as an antique or at a garage sale. St. Ann's is now joining the QR Code crowd with the symbol you see below that looks like a tiny alien crossword puzzle. These symbols have started popping up everywhere; those of you with *smart* phones already know what this is. Much like a fingerprint, no two are alike. The symbol below is uniquely ours. You scan the QR Code with your smart phone, and it takes you directly to the St. Ann's website. Those of us who have phones that aren't "smart" – or no cell phones at all—will have to access the webpage in the old fashioned way: sit down at a computer and type in www.saint-anns.org.



Vestry Visions

The beginning of June at St. Ann's was so busy but wonderful. Within four days we celebrated three times. First was the moving ceremony of Mother Diane's Institution as our 9th Rector with Bishop Provenzano officiating. Two nights later many were able to celebrate in a different way at the party in Mother Diane's honor. Then we enjoyed a very pleasant and well-attended St. Barnabas Day. Thanks go to all who helped make each of those events so special.

Now the lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us, the days where traditionally people relax and take it easy. Yet at St. Ann's this summer, there will be more *action* than one might expect.

Along with the continuing work to insure that all drainage issues around the church and belfry are solved, the Buildings and Grounds committee is planning to have at least part of our parking lot redone within the next few months. Other projects are in the planning stages and may well begin by August. You'll be apprised of them once they are approved by the Vestry in July.

Also, the Vestry has determined that we won't be able to renew our lease with the Sayville Project as of October 1st because of our parish's need for more space. The plan is to eventually move our Church offices to the Littlejohn Building.

These planned projects and changes are needed to insure not only the upkeep of our grounds and buildings but also the growth of our parish. Of course, your input, suggestions, and questions are always welcome.

Pat Osarchuk, Warden

	Actual YTD May 2012	Budget to Date	Difference	 <i>Tim Laffin, Treasurer</i>
INCOME				
Plate	3,682.51	4,166.67	(484.16)	
Regular Giving	86,966.77	83,333.33	3,633.44	
All Other Income	64,370.89	111,409.98	(47,039.09)	
TOTAL INCOME	155,020.17	198,909.97	(43,889.80)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	206,098.66	242,449.98	36,351.32	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(51,078.49)	(43,540.00)	(7,538.49)	

UPDATE: ST. ANN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Have you ever wondered how our church began? Do you know how and when we got to 257 Middle Road? If you have thought about these questions, then you are interested in the history of St. Ann's Episcopal Church. Perhaps you'd like to learn the answers to these and other questions. Then perhaps you would like to become a part of St. Ann's Historical Society.

Here is our Mission Statement:

- *To study, write and publish the history of St. Ann's and her communicants*
- *To work with the cemetery -- records, tombstones and grounds*
- *To maintain, keep up to date and make easily available the cemetery records and obituaries*
- *To create a map of the cemetery, noted graves marked*
- *To undertake an Oral History, transcribed and made available*
- *To maintain, preserve and present the Archives*
- *To set up, maintain and exhibit Church's history*
- *To conduct Tours and Programs, and encourage Church School Projects and Junior Membership.*



What we are *not* is a group of stodgy old folks! We use modern technology to investigate and record our history and to communicate it to others. If you attended our special *Titanic* presentation on the Sunday that Edith Corse Evans was remembered, you know that we enjoy bringing history to life and sharing it with the community at large.

Upcoming plans are: a trip to Greenwood Cemetery for those of us interested in genealogy; erecting signs containing maps of the cemetery that will direct visitors to graves of their loved ones; and duplicating and preserving St. Ann's records of baptisms, marriages and burials.

Do consider joining us. We meet on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is on **September 9th**.



YOGA IN TIMES SQUARE

To illustrate the page 2 Editor's Comments, here is a photo of a cross section of *yoginis* doing their thing in Times Square and welcoming the Summer Solstice.

YOGA IN THE PARISH HALL

The St. Ann's Yoga Group doesn't stop for the summer! We're there in the Parish Hall at 1:30 every Tuesday afternoon. If you're off work for the summer, drop in and take a Yoga break. Or just come and see what we're all about. Bring a mat or a towel and join us.--RMD



THE CURATE'S COLUMN

God Is Good



It is often said that God does not give us anything we are not strong enough to handle. Though this may be intended to be comforting, and may offer some comfort in the abstract, when someone is actually experiencing a crisis, such words fall hollow and do more to comfort ourselves than to comfort those suffering. I also find it theologically confused.

First, I do not believe that God causes us to suffer. (In Job, it is not God, but *The Satan* who tests Job). What is clear is that *we* cause a great deal of the suffering that human beings experience and then justify it by saying that it is simply the way of the world. Dickens wrote a novel exploring this very issue called *Little Dorit* in which Mr. Dorit and others who experience financial collapse and poverty are placed in

debtors prison. The common refrain throughout the novel is that "it's nobody's fault." This is just the way things work out economically. An acquaintance, Mr. Clenham, however, rejects this notion and surrounds himself with likeminded friends who take responsibility for their brothers and sisters.

After twenty years in prison, Mr. Dorit discovers that he is the heir to a tremendous fortune. Released from prison, he invests all his money with Mr. Myrtle, a member of "society" who promises fantastic returns. Mr. Myrtle receives investment money from "all the best people." Unfortunately, Mr. Myrtle is running a ponzi scheme that finally collapses, sending many of "the best people" into poverty. Even the kind Mr. Clenham suffers and is put in debtors prison. He is removed through the intervention of Mr. Dorit's once again impoverished daughter. Dickens shows in this novel that it is indeed somebody's fault. We are all responsible for how our society works. The fact that something is legal does not make it right.

When we discuss suffering not caused by others, we usually refer to some form of illness and death, which we all face. God has ordered the world so that our time here is temporary. We eventually go back to God. As painful as it is to lose someone, and as scary as that transition may be for most of us when we face it ourselves, death is not ultimately a bad thing. As for illness, God grants freedom even to viruses and cells, and that freedom sometimes infringes upon our own in emotionally and physically painful ways, but God never abandons us during our suffering, and it is greatly lessened when those around us also show love and compassion.

Second, the fact is, sometimes things happen that are indeed too much for us to bear. There are cases of people who have been broken by their experiences. In *Little Dorit*, Mr. Dorit cannot handle his good fortune, goes insane, and dies before his family is returned to poverty. People die of broken hearts. People lose their grip on reality when events are too much for them. Sometimes we experience more than we can bear. We blind ourselves to this fact, however, by swallowing comforting pabulum, but God is the God of truth, not placebos. This is not to say that God will not support us if we ask. Had Mr. Dorit had the comfort of faith in God and a loving faith community, he could have borne his experiences with greater grace and would not have been brought to financial ruin a second time by his greed. God strengthens the tested and does not test our strength.

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(CURATE'S COLUMN *continued*)

In other news, people have been asking about Bostwick, the garden, and my hair. Bostwick is doing well after an initial perilous reaction to a rabies vaccine. He loves to climb on the rafters in my kitchen while watching me make dinner. We recently went for a relatively successful walk on a leash from the Bayport Residence to McConnell Avenue. The more comfortable he is on his leash, the more we can do together.

The garden has been fighting back with shade, poison ivy, and attack mosquitoes. The whole process is less like gardening and more like battling an evil forest in a B-grade horror movie. People have offered to help, but they do not have the right equipment (*i.e.*, military).

People were concerned that I changed my hairstyle because the bishop was expected at St. Ann's. I have great trust in the bishop and was not concerned about my hair. In fact, he and the priests in the diocese saw my hair at convention three days after I first got the mohawk when it was still blue. I received several compliments from my colleagues. I do miss it, but it was much harder to maintain than my present hairstyle.

Faithfully, *Farrell*+



FIRE ISLAND MINISTRY

At left Fr. Farrell celebrates the Eucharist at Fire Island Pines, while Judy and Don Hester participate from the front "pew." You can join them this summer at a 10:30 service at either Cherry Grove or the Pines. Mother Diane will be celebrating July 15 at the Pines, and Father Farrell will be celebrating July 8 at the Grove and July 29 at the Pines. Or you can check the schedule for a number of other LI priests who participate in this summer ministry.

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE



SUMMER GOSPEL CHOIR

The Choir is officially on vacation for July and August, but it doesn't mean we won't be singing. Our Summer Gospel Choir will sing on July 1, 8, 22, and 29 at the 10:00 AM service. All (yes, all) are welcome!

The Summer Gospel Choir is a loose collection of enthusiastic people who just like to sing. Some are from the regular choir. Some sing only in the summer. Some folks might be interested in the regular choir, but they want to try it out first. This is a great opportunity! There are no rehearsals, except for the one immediately preceding the service, starting at 9:15 AM sharp! We sing familiar hymns—nothing too complicated (It is summer after all!). No robes necessary. Come once, twice...or come every week in July; Kathy is on vacation in August. The regular choir starts Tuesday evening rehearsals again in September.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 631-589-6522.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1	Raymond & Betty Graunke	10	Justin & Wendy Schutte	20	Albert & Beatrice Wageli
3	Patrick & Karen Cavanagh	13	Ken Smyrk & Scarlet Marrugo	22	Peter & Jenny O'Connell
5	Christopher & Annmarie Zanchelli	15	Phil Potestio & Addie Sanders	29	Keith & Heather Johnson
8	Dennis & Bo Messina	18	Lee & Marion Rosché	31	Stephen & Jeanne Vander Borgh
9	Jeffrey & Nicole Raymond	19	Richard & Alissa Williams	31	Christopher & Kyle Wolfe

BIRTHDAYS

1	Michael Jasaitis	11	Taylor Schmittzeh	20	Emily Dolan	27	Joel Welte
3	Jasmine DePompeo		Kathleen Schultz		David Gandolfo III		Callie Williams
	Doreen Greci	14	Rodney Dudley		Salvatore Senese	28	Joyce Hamilton
	Christopher Wolfe		Tyler Hughes	21	Robert Roden	29	Jonna Catalina
4	Joanne Festa		Leon Kushmook	22	Jaimee DePompeo		Carole Sheppard
	Roland Russell	16	Barbara Gaito		Rebekah Mennonna	30	Victoria Speicher
5	Samantha Elton	17	Eleanor Cheslak-Wilkins		John Schulz		Richard Williams, Jr.
	June Milewski		John Greves	23	Ella Chalmers	31	Nathan Casaburi
6	Deidre Byrne		Ronald Mediatore	24	Susanne Schultz		Constance Currie
7	Peyton Weybrecht	18	Robert Immoor	27	Jason Fisher		Joseph DePompeo
9	Rudy Foerster		Jay Krupa		Claire McFadden		Caroline Swezey
	Jonas Stankovich	19	Jean Arena	27	Gerhard Pagels		
11	Meredith Espinoza		Shawn Madden		Patricia Shiebler		

ST. BARNABAS' BUDDIES

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. Some INREACH examples of those in our parish who might 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.

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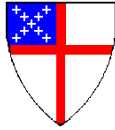
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Congratulations to the three winners of our Achievement Award! The presentation was made at the St. Barnabas Day service. The winners are:

Emma Vallillo * Maggie Vallillo * Avalon Fox

The ECW will not meet in July or August. Have a good summer!

MAKE AND PRAY THE ANGLICAN ROSARY

Father Farrell will teach a class on how to make and pray the Anglican rosary on

Thursday, July 12, 9:30-11:30.

A signup sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

You must sign up so that materials will be available for you to make the rosary.



A SERIES OF SUMMER CLASSES ON THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER



Father Farrell will teach a series of three classes on the Prayer Book, its history and its uses, on Thursdays at 9:30 AM, following the morning Eucharist.

July 19 * July 26 * August 2

A signup sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

****We need new assistants to help the teachers
in the classrooms****

Assistants help the teachers and need to be in the classroom each time class meets so that we can meet the requirements of church policy. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact me (fdgraves@optonline.net). I'm looking forward to another successful year starting in the fall. -FDG+



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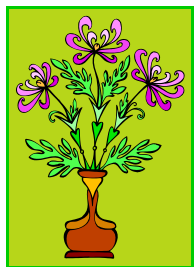
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HIPPA laws prohibit hospitals from notifying churches of parishioner admissions and conditions. Therefore, it is up to family members to contact the church office (PLEASE don't just assume we know!) advising of illness or hospitalization. The clergy 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 HIPAA 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

Sunday	
Each	7:00 PM—AA Meeting
Monday	
July 9	7:00 PM—Vestry
Each	7:00 PM—AA Meeting
Tuesday	
Each	8:00 AM—Men's Group
Each	1:30-2:30 PM—Yoga Class
Thursday	
Each	10:00 AM—AA Meeting
Each	7:00 PM—AA Meeting
Saturday	
Each	10:00 AM—OA Meeting

Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

ANN FOSTER HAINES
Section 24 - Lots 4 & 9

Ann Foster Haines passed away the last week in May, 1928 at the family home on Foster Avenue. One of the oldest of Andrew D. and Ann Eliza Brown Foster's eight children, she was born in Sayville in 1859. The Fosters were one of the best known and well liked families in Sayville. Andrew and his wife, Ann Eliza were the proprietors of both the Foster House on Middle Road and later the Delevan on Foster Avenue. The family attended St. Barnabas Chapel and later St. Ann's Episcopal Church on Middle Road. They were among the founding families of St. Ann's. The Foster girls were all accomplished. Louise wrote novels using her father's original name, Forsslund, Amy was a Broadway actress and singer; Minnie kept a prizewinning garden and Amelia married Dr. George Robinson of Sayville.

Ann married Dr. Charles C. Haines in the Fall of 1907 and began housekeeping in New York where the doctor had his practice. When Dr. Haines died in mid-January of 1921, Ann brought his body back to Sayville and St. Ann's cemetery. She then moved with her sisters into the family home on Foster Avenue.

Amelia, Minnie and Amy survived her. She is buried with her husband in the Foster plot on the main road through the cemetery.

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patron saint's day! The
outdoor service was a
nice change for all as we
got to bask in the glory of
nature and the beautiful
spring weather. After-
wards, the congregation,
toting their folding chairs,
assembled by the picnic
tables set up in the back
where burgers and hot
dogs were grilled, salads,
side dishes, cold drinks,
and desserts were
consumed, and a pleasant
buzz of conversation kept
all entertained.



[Photo by Laura Sanchez]