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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 SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 – Independence Day / Office closed

MISSION STATEMENT

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



NEW DEACON THE REV. BRIAN BARRY

This month we welcome The Rev. Brian Barry who will serve as a transitional deacon at Saint Ann's until his ordination to the Priesthood, when he will continue as Assistant to the Rector.

Brian is newly married to his wife Holly—so new that when he starts at Saint Ann's they will have just returned from their honeymoon in Ireland and Spain!



Brian has recently graduated from Yale Divinity School and has a particular interest in Education and Outreach. He will also be working with the Youth Group and, no doubt, learning many good things from Mother Diane! Holly is an attorney with the City of New York. They (and their cat Karma) will be living in the Bayport House.

Their first official Sunday is July 3, and Saint Ann's is planning a special welcome for them on July 10 after services.

The picture above was taken on St. Barnabas' Day when they visited for the first time.

FROM THE EDITOR

Ever wonder what God is doing in your life? Or what—if anything—he's accomplishing through you? You aren't alone! Many people in the Bible surely felt the same way, from Joseph as a prisoner in Egypt to Mary as a young, unwed expectant mother.

Answers may come in time...or may need to wait until we get to heaven. Meanwhile, like missionary Elisabeth Elliot, we can take comfort in this truth: "God is God. Because he is God, he is worthy of my trust and obedience." Elliot proclaimed, "I will find rest nowhere but in his holy will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to." [From the *Newsletter Newsletter*]

Sometimes events get so out of hand in this world, we wonder how we will get through it all. Sometimes, after watching the news on TV, I feel like I'm in the classic movie *The Princess Bride*, where the main characters Wesley and Buttercup are traipsing through the Fire Swamp and are constantly set upon by spontaneous fires and attacked by Rodents of Unusual Size! It is hard not to be afraid, but we try to have faith in God's plan, avoid the bad, and be a force for good in our own way. Keep up the good work! We never know when God will call on us to help carry out his plan. —Rodney Dudley

PS—No Correspondent in August. See you in September!

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THE RECTOR'S CORNER



Mother Diane is on vacation, but we're pretty confident that she'd be happy if you signed up for...

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your service to St. Ann's in helping with Coffee Hour. As you are aware, Coffee Hour serves as an opportunity to welcome visitors, spend time with friends and enjoy fellowship. Your donation of time and talent help to continue this long tradition.



Setting Up

Coffee Hour set up must be done during a time when the Parish Hall and Kitchen are open and accessible. For many, the most convenient time is just before (or during) the 5:00 PM service on Saturday. Others prefer to set up just before (or during) the 8:00 AM service on Sunday. Please be aware that everything needs to be ready to serve at the conclusion of the 8:00 AM service (approximately 9:00 AM).

Coffee and Hot Water

Coffee (regular and decaf) is usually made in the large urns. In general, one cup of coffee grounds is sufficient for twenty to twenty-two cups of water as marked on each urn. Twenty-five to thirty cups of each type of coffee is usually sufficient. A small drip-style pot of hot water gets set up for tea water. **Place small pitchers of milk, cups, sugar packets, tea bags, napkins and stirrers by the coffee set-up area.**

Cakes and Cookies

You may bake or purchase cakes or cookies. Please slice and plate up the goodies. They can be covered with plastic wrap or foil and placed in the refrigerator overnight if you are setting up Saturday evening.



Cleaning Up

Any left over coffee can be discarded; the pots washed and put to the side. Other supplies should be put away in the cabinets under the coffee area. Please wash and dry all plates and serving pieces and return them to the cabinets.



Vestry Visions

CHRISTMAS IN JULY?

At June's meeting, the Vestry discussed our annual Christmas fair. It is always smart to look ahead and we are trying to be proactive! The format we followed last year seemed to be successful so we will stick with it.

However, we do need volunteers to run the different departments and assist those folks as well. And wouldn't it be great to bring back the crafts? Do you have a craft idea? Or some free time this summer? We could get together and do some workshops over the next few months. If you are interested in helping out or want to join a craft group, call or text me at 631-987-5712.

And speaking of volunteers, we are in need of people to assist in all the services. Ushers, acolytes, crucifers, Eucharistic ministers and lectors are all necessary for the proper presentation of the liturgy. And these jobs are incredibly easy and rewarding. Training will be provided to anyone who wishes to help out. Won't you consider giving one service a month to the glory of God? You would only be scheduled for the service you regularly attend. If you would like to help, please email Terrence Buckley at serversrota@yahoo.com and he will add you to the rotation! Thanks so much in advance.

Please remember that all of the wonderful activities and worship services at St. Ann's cannot happen without the help of volunteers. Please consider which ministry you want to join and contact us.

Have a blessed summer,

Diane Miller-Magnani for the Vestry

Rest in Peace - Brother Dunstan, SSF



Photo: Phil Geliebter

Sad news that Brother Dunstan (Wendell Walton) went home to God on Sunday evening, June 26. Brother Dunstan had served as an interim priest at Saint Ann's in the 1980's before Fr. Robert Schwarz came to us. He was a friar at Little Portion Friary in Mount Sinai and was a friend to many in this parish. He will be sorely missed.

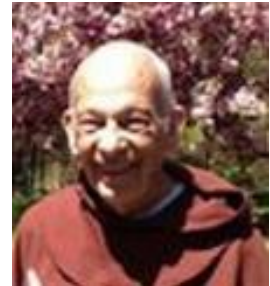


Photo: Terrence Buckley

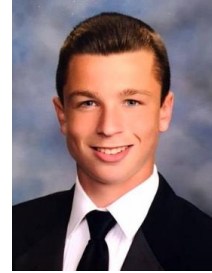
A vigil will be held at St. Mark's Church in Islip on Thursday, July 7 at 7:30 PM, reception to follow.



Wardens:	2017	Thomas Honey	2018	Nancy Koinoglou
Vestry:	2017	Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani	
			John O'Neil	
	2018	Helen Houdek	Carol Ann St. Lawrence	
		Wendy Schmittzeh	John Smith	
	2019	Jackie Gandolfo	Jill Hughes	
		Nicole LaFontaine	Constance Currie	

ECW Scholarship Award

Thanks to all who contributed to the ECW No-Bake Bake Sale appeal! This year's ECW Scholarship Award was presented to **Zach Schulz** at the St. Barnabas Day outdoor service. Congratulations to Zach who has been active at Saint Ann's and in Sayville High School outreach endeavors. --Ellen Stoll



SAVE THE DATE: SENIOR (NOT) LUNCHEON – JULY 19th

Our next Senior Lunch will not be lunch!!

To keep cool in the summer, we will host an **Ice Cream Social** on Tuesday, July 19th in the newly air-conditioned Parish Hall at 2:00 PM. The program will be all of us socializing with one another.

Bring news of your families all your activities and just share. Feel free to bring friends, but please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall so we have plenty of ice cream and all the toppings!

--Linda Munkelwitz



SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS



The attendees of the Senior Luncheons have enjoyed the exercises which have been a part of the activities at some of the luncheons this past year. A weekly exercise class is now being planned for the fall-- Thursday Mornings at 11:00 AM on the main floor of the Littlejohn Building across from the church.

Ellen Chiappetta, known to many senior gym goers, will run the class, which is intended for parishioners 55 and up. There will be a deposit of \$25.00 per registered attendee followed by \$5.00/week. This will always keep us paid up front.

The class will start mid-September. Plan to get your friends together, as we will need a group of 15-20 registered attendees to make the class a success.

Call JoAnn Festa with any questions you may have: 631-495-8008.



A Good Place

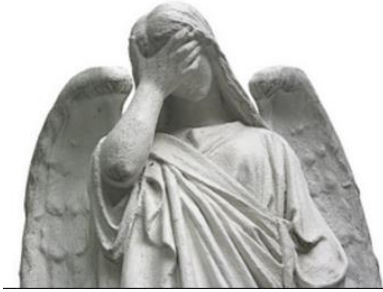
This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in. --**Theodore Roosevelt**

Sermon of June 19 by Terrence Buckley

In the early morning of June 12, shots rang out at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida. Yet another mass killing was occurring in our country. In Terrence Buckley's sermon of June 19, he responds to the thoughts, theories, questions, and fears we all have in these sad times.

Looking for God in the Dark

Well, this has been something of a hard week, hasn't it? As I wrote the words of this sermon, the first funerals for the victims of the mass shootings in Orlando were being organized. By the time they're over, forty-nine families, perhaps eventually more, will have bid a gut-wrenching goodbye to those they love. A nightclub filled with young people dancing and having a good time one minute, turned into a war zone the next. It all just seems so despairingly senseless.



That a single person could carry out such an immense act of hatred and savagery seems beyond our comprehension. We struggle to find reasons why it happened, because if we don't, we're left in a state of incomprehensibility, and that's never a good place.

We look desperately for someone to point the finger at. The gunman, of course, is responsible, but surely he alone cannot be held accountable. This act of violence is simply too huge to lay on one little person, however evil that person may be. It's the gun lobbies, we say. Or no, we may say, it's an ideology that spews hatred through the internet. Perhaps it's homophobia, we may opine. Maybe it's the failure of the mental health or criminal justice systems. Yes, the fingers are pointed, because surely someone must be held accountable for suffering on this level. We may even hear people say, "Where was God in all of this?"

In today's first reading from Isaiah, we hear of another suffering society--the Israelites. This was written at the time when the first groups of Jewish exiles were returning to their homeland from their long exile in Babylon. They must have been very thankful that their long captivity was over, and surely expected that a paradise awaited them when they returned to their homeland. However, the Hebrew scriptures tell a different story. Although earlier in the Book of Isaiah God had promised them a future filled with happiness and prosperity, the exiles who returned found only hardship and famine, and soon descended into political in-fighting. What happened to God's promise? Where was his blessing? Even though the promised liberation had occurred, the Jewish people felt themselves deserted by God. Why had he abandoned them? Isaiah has an answer: God is angry because the people of Israel have lost faith. Many of them had apparently forgotten the covenant, and today we hear the voice of God, coming through Isaiah, sounding very frustrated, "I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;" (Is. 65:3-4)

These verses most likely refer to the repatriated Israelites falling back into their idolatrous ways, such as practicing fertility rituals, attempting to communicate with the dead, and disobeying the Jewish dietary laws, among other things. Is it any wonder, Isaiah seems to imply, that Israel is suffering so badly? The opening lines of this passage reveal God's disappointment with his people, in which Isaiah relates God's lamentation, "I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name." (Is. 65:1-2)

Seeing the carnage in Orlando last Sunday, it's not hard to come to the conclusion that God has abandoned our society as well. Many people may feel that, like ancient Israel, our country, once filled with hope and promise, is in a lot of trouble. It feels as though lately there's nothing but bad news. What *do* we say to those people who ask derisively, "Where was God during all of this?"

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To answer them, who better to turn to than Fred Rogers, perhaps better known as Mr. Rogers, who was, incidentally, an ordained Presbyterian minister. He once said, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." As difficult as it may be to see, God was indeed in the Pulse nightclub last Saturday night amid all the carnage. Where, you ask? As Mister Rogers said, with the helpers.

God was present in the person of **Josh McGill**, who pulled a bleeding stranger behind a car and ripped off his shirt to make a tourniquet to help stop the bleeding from the man's numerous bullet wounds. McGill told the man, later identified as bartender Rodney Sumter, "I promise you, God's got this, you'll be okay". Sumter is alive and was likely saved because of McGill. Josh McGill, who is a nursing student, later said, "For whatever reason, God put me at that club...maybe God will help us all now in this time of need."

God was certainly with **Brenda Lee Marquez McCool** last Sunday, as she was enjoying a night of dancing with her 21-year-old son. When the shooting started, she quickly shoved him out of harm's way. Her son, Isaiah Henderson, managed to escape and survived. Unfortunately, McCool, a mother of eleven, was killed. Her son later said, "I want my mother to be remembered as a great person, a person who loved you no matter what color, no matter what ethnicity, no matter what sexual orientation. I want her to be remembered as a loving and caring person."

God was present in the person of **Edward Sotomayor**, a 34-year-old world traveler who was shot in the back while pushing his friend through a door to safety. A manager for an LGBT travel agency, Edward Sotomayor's boss told reporters that he had warned his employee of the risks of traveling as a gay man, but Edward would say, "We can't be afraid."



God was present in the person of **Police Officer Omar Delgado**, who, after arriving at Pulse, ran inside four separate times while the gunman was still shooting and pulled a wounded victim out each time.

Yes, my friends, even in the darkest hours, God is present with us. It's sometimes easy to feel that we are abandoned by God, or are being punished for the same arrogance that God found so repugnant among the Israelites returning from Babylon over two thousand years ago. But God's love is eternal, and if we occasionally look beyond the chaos of our busy world, and listen closely, we will find God, and know that he has not abandoned us. ■

LOVE'S FREEDOM

Love is the power to grant freedom without desiring to limit or inhibit its exercise. It is the power to give freedom without any will to take it back. And it is only Omnipotence that can refrain absolutely from trespassing upon freedom. Only God can give and not take back ... [God] suffers within himself the entire consequence of allowing man absolute freedom. That is his love

Thus, the existence of evil and suffering in the world is a proof, not that God is either good but powerless, or all powerful but not good. On the contrary, it is a proof that God is both loving and omnipotent. Only absolute love could grant unhindered freedom, and only omnipotence can endure the operation of that freedom. —D. R. Davies



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MINISTRY

By Mary Mattarella

On my May trip to Penn Station, I was happily loaded down with 80 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, summer clothing for men and women (donated by the lovely ladies of our Thrift Shop), band aids, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, and two pairs of brand new men's diabetic sneakers, which were purchased with the generous \$40 two of you lovingly donated.



Once I arrived in Penn Station, I disembarked from the train, with six large bags of "love", wondering how I would get up the stairs. I simply put it into God's hands, waited about two or three minutes, and my Travel Guide (God) sent two homeless ladies, whom I've never met before. They were surprisingly very young, too skinny, and carried smiles that would rival the sunshine! They introduced themselves and asked if I needed help. Of course I did. I thanked them, and the three of us took the bags upstairs.

There was a McDonalds there, and I invited them to breakfast, so that we could talk and I could get a handle on their situation. I learned that these two girls (one 21 and one 26), actually lived together in Central Park. They had walked to Penn Station, because they had heard that there would be a college graduation ceremony that morning at Madison Square Garden. These two girls had both been turned out of their homes (one due to a drug problem, and one left because her stepfather was abusing her, and her mother did not believe her), simply wanted to see happiness. So you see, homeless people do have many of the same hopes and dreams that we do. I gave them some of my pre-made info sheets, we prayed together, and then I used my cellphone to call a Muslim girlfriend of mine, who is a drug counselor, and knows of some really cool private shelters. My friend Fatima, came down within an hour and took over. After that wonderful meeting, I set out to the Amtrak side of Penn Station, where I knew my two ailing and shoeless gentlemen friends would be. I found them right near the Krispy Kreme Donut Store. They waited there, because the last time we met, I bought a donut each for them, and we had such a fun time together! When they saw me approach, their eyes lit up like Christmas Trees. They had waited there for me every day since my last trip, as I had promised them that when I came back I would bring the shoes with the correct wide size that they needed. Also, I had read one of Father Ellis's sermons to them, and one of the men said " Hey, that Italian guy is pretty good! Maybe, Miss Mary, you could read us some more the next time!"

These two wonderful men, though they both admit to mental illness, and alcohol abuse, are BOTH United States War Veterans, who gave up on our government. Hard to believe that veterans could end up like this. After we shared some donuts, and they happily put on the new shoes, I asked them to help me hand out my wares. You see, I had a secret motive, I have established a relationship with a few of the young soldiers that guard Penn Station, and I thought it would be cool for them to meet, and I was right! I left my two friends in the very capable hands of two soldiers, who promised me they would help.

The rest of my trip, was great! I handed out all of the items I brought, and met some new friends. Before I got back onto the train for my trip home, I decided to take a break at Starbucks. I sat first, and just took a deep breath, satisfied with the trip. Just as I got up to purchase a small cup of much needed coffee, a complete stranger came over to me. He was a very well dressed man, who introduced himself simply as James. James told me that he wanted to buy me my coffee, because he noticed me with the homeless, helping them by myself. I thanked him, and told him that I was not alone, I had God with me, and my entire family from St. Ann's! (Another of Mary's adventures follows on page 9).

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It's a month later, and for my June trip, I had prepared 60 or so Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches, ladies' beauty and hygiene products, 25 pairs of socks, men's and ladies' undergarments, men's toiletries, summer t-shirts and shorts for men and ladies, travel packs of laundry soap, fact-help sheets from my LGBT community friends, fact-help sheets for homeless vets, and \$54 in cash, thanks to your many generous donations! This day started out, at the 7:40 AM train, out of Ronkonkoma. As usual, I prayed for help with my bags, and after purchasing my ticket, I was approached by a kind young man—Shane—who offered me his help. Once on the train, Shane and I got into quite the lively conversation.

Now, before I go on with this story, I must share with you, something I have been praying about. My son, Matthew, has recently been released from prison, for crimes he committed due to his heroin addiction. After four years, Matthew has become clean and sober, earned his GED, and an Associates' Degree in Business. I have been praying for him, asking God to help him find a job, and keep his spirits up. Well, my new friend Shane, shared a similar story of his own with me, and offered help to my son! Shane is now a personal trainer, and he has opened a gym in NYC, where all clean and sober convicts, are welcome to work! Shane has offered to get in touch with Matthew, and help him with his difficult journey, and--get this—he is going to help me with my homeless mission! Wow! How about that, friends? God not only sent me help to carry my bags of joy, but also answered my prayers about my son!

Shane and I exchanged information and parted ways. At this point, I set up in my usual spot, near the Police Post by the LIRR. I prayed for direction, and God sent me to the Amtrak waiting area. I was overwhelmed, seeing so many (too many!) homeless young people. I was able to pray with several, and hand out items and food to many.

As I sat for a moment to take a break, a young homeless man named Larry, came over to me in a wheelchair. He accepted my wares, but was more concerned with his elderly Chinese friend, Lucy. Larry told me that she was not doing well and could use a sandwich and some help. He took me to her, but "Here's the catch," he explained, "Lucy does not speak any English!" I had a silent chuckle with God, and thanked him for this unique challenge. As we approached Lucy, Larry smiled at her, and pointed to me. I was struck by her condition, as she sat in the very middle of the congested travel path, no shoes, yet her smile was as bright as the sun. For me, it was as if time itself had stopped, as I looked around, and saw many finely dressed people, literally walking around her, shaking their head in disgust at her, or saying vile things. I simply just sat down next to her, and took her hand, and we both smiled thru tears. Larry stood guard in his wheel chair, right in front of us. I took a tote bag, and started filling it with items and food. I knew I needed to move her, so Larry took all my things onto his wheelchair, and I helped Lucy onto her feet, and moved her to the side, out of foot-traffic.

Larry held all of my things, and waited with Lucy, as I ran to KMart, and bought Lucy some flip flops for her raw feet. When I returned, Lucy was standing, and with the graciousness of an angel, folded her hands and bowed to me. I took a picture of Jesus out of my wallet and gave it to her. To my surprise, Lucy, who cannot speak English, spoke Our Lord's name. I hope to see Lucy and Larry again, and I ask you to pray for them. At this point, I was out of sandwiches, so I purchased hamburgers with the donated cash, and handed them out to a group of homeless folks who congregate near the Penn station entrance. Tired, yet happy, I realized it was time to go home, so I did, with joy in my heart and a real desire for an ice cream cone! And yes, I sure did buy one when I got home!

For my next trip, I would also like all of you to be very proud of our Youth Group, who have graciously offered their services to help me make sandwiches and pack hygiene bags!

Again, I thank you all for your many donations—food, sundries, and cash. You are all with me in spirit when I go on my visits, and If anyone would ever like to go with me (or donate), my phone number is 631-590-0076 and my email is elojoitaliano@yahoo.com.

Thank you all for your love and support.

Love, *Mary*

Around Saint Ann's

For more photos and activities, check out the Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/St-Anns-Episcopal-Church-Sayville-NY

or follow the Facebook link on our web page: <http://www.saint-anns.org/>

PAINT NIGHT



On June 9 nearly 40 of us came together for Paint Night and spread ourselves across the first floor of Littlejohn Building. There were artists of all degrees, but we were there to have fun, and that was definitely accomplished! Even though we all had the same paint colors and painted the same picture, they all came out slightly different. The wine and appetizers helped us enjoy the festivities too.

ST. BARNABAS' DAY

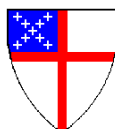
Newly ordained Father Ellis celebrated his first mass as an Episcopal Priest and joined in the festive St. Barnabas activities with his family. It was a perfect day to be outdoors, and the picnic was a great success!



THE NEW RAMP

You will, no doubt, have noticed that construction on the new handicap ramp has begun! In fact, as of this writing, no one can enter the front door of the church! But looking at the big picture, this will be an amazing addition, with access to everyone.





NOTES

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 589-6220** with questions or to sign up!



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

OUR DAILY BREAD

Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon

For July and August, we would especially appreciate the following donations:

Canned Chicken * Tuna * Fresh Milk * Juice *

Canned Fruit * Toilet Paper * Cold Cereal * Butter

Leave donations in the wagon in the Parish Hall or across the street in the Food Pantry kitchen.



GIVING RECOGNITION TREE

GIVING RECOGNITION TREE A reminder: When you want to give a donation to St. Ann's to honor loved ones--living or deceased, your gift of \$500 may be acknowledged on a leaf on our Giving Recognition Tree in the Chapel lobby. Other options for larger donations are available. Contact the Church office for further information.



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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	6	Dennis & Bo Messina	22	Peter & Jenny O'Connell
3	Patrick & Karen Cavanagh		Adam & Jessica Shelton	29	Keith & Heather Johnson
	Juan Carlos & Lara Espinoza	10	Justin & Wendy Schutte	31	Stephen & Jeanne Vander Borgh
	Donald & Barbara MacKenzie	15	Shaun & Jessica Brett		Christopher & Kyle Wolfe
5	Ryan & Christina Schroeder		Phil Potestio & Addie Sanders		
	Christopher & Ann Marie Zanchelli	19	Richard & Alissa Williams		

BIRTHDAYS

1	Terina Imperato	13	Jillian Waters	20	David Gandolfo III	28	Joyce Hamilton
2	Joanna Castaneda	14	Rodney Dudley		Salvatore Senese	29	Jonna Catalina
3	Doreen Greci		Leon Kushmock		Justin Schutte		Carole Sheppard
	Christopher Wolfe	15	Lisa Montemarano	22	John Schulz	30	Patricia Madison
4	Joanne Festa	16	Barbara Gaito	23	Ella Chalmers		Victoria Speicher
	Roland Russell	17	Michelle Beale	24	Susanne Schultz		Richard Williams, Jr.
5	Emily Cole		Eleanor Cheslak-Wilkins	26	Stacy May	31	Nathan Casaburi
	Samantha Elton		John Greves	27	Rachel Ferzola		Constance Currie
8	Giulietta Imperato		Donald Russell		Gerhard Pagels		Joseph DePompeo
9	Jonas Stankovich	18	Robert Immoor		Patricia Shiebler		Caroline Sweezy
11	Meredith Espinoza		Shane Leuly		Joel Wolfe		Christina Schroeder
	Taylor Schmittzeh	19	Jean Arena		Callie Williams		

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Our Church History



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❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

THE SUYDAMS—DESCENDANTS OF
HENDRICK SUYDAM

~
ANN MIDDLETON LAWRENCE SUYDAM
JOHN R. SUYDAM II

THE SUYDAM FAMILY – A CONTINUING SERIES

Ann Middleton Lawrence Suydam was the daughter of John L. Lawrence (1785-1849) and Sarah Augusta Smith Lawrence (1794-1877) of New York City and Mastic, Long Island.

John L. Lawrence was a man of great ability and talents. He was Comptroller of the City of New York in 1840. He served as Treasurer of Columbia University and, at the time he died, was a state senator. Ann's mother Sarah Smith Lawrence was the daughter of General John Smith, who served 12 years in the New York Assembly, in Congress from 1799 to 1804, and then became a US senator. He was US Marshall of the Southern District of New York from 1814 until his death in 1816.

The Smiths were descended from Tangier Smith, the Master of the Manor of St. George and from "Bull" Smith, founder of Smithtown. The history is intriguing, as Sara Smith Lawrence's mother, Elizabeth Woodhull Smith, was the daughter of General Nathaniel Woodhull of Mastic. General Woodhull's wife was Ruth Floyd Woodhull, a sister of General William Floyd, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. And it goes on...but back to our St. Ann's history and the occupants of our "Garden."

After her marriage to John R. Suydam on April 19, 1854, and after the establishment of a summer home in Bayport, Ann Suydam was a faithful communicant of St. John's in Oakdale and of St. Barnabas' Chapel in Sayville. They had two children, Jane Mesier Suydam and John R. Suydam II. Mother Ann died in New York City on January 16, 1870. After St. Ann's Cemetery was set up in 1876, her remains were removed to the Suydam plot. In honor of his wife, John R. had a marble tablet set in place in the chapel. It is now on the east wall of the church.

John R. Suydam II, the younger of John and Ann Suydam's children was born in New York City on May 1, 1858. He was confirmed in St. Ann's by Bishop Littlejohn on May 3, 1875. In 1879 he graduated from the Columbia University School of Mines and became a Civil Engineer. He went on to become a surveyor of the US Government, in and around New Jersey. On January 23, 1883, he married Harriet Penrose Cochrane of Philadelphia in her family home. They spent winters in New York City and summered in Bayport.

John devoted himself to managing the family estate. He followed the Suydam interest in sailing and had many sailboats. John was elected to the Vestry of St. Ann's after his father's death in 1882. He served as a vestryman for many years. The Suydams sold the Bayport estate in 1920. Mr. Suydam died on October 27, 1928.

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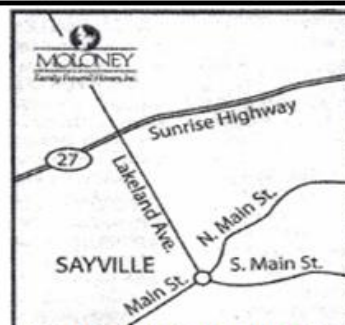
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AROUND SAINT ANN'S

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
10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM—AA Meeting

Mondays

7:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—July 11
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Tuesdays

8:00 AM—Men's Group
9:00 AM—Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays

Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting
7:00 PM—AA Meeting

Friday

Saturday

5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist

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- (1) Prepare a meal for someone recovering from a recent illness or fall.
- (2) Drive someone to a doctor's appointment and bring them home.
- (3) Bring someone to church (perhaps once a month) if they are unable to drive.
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