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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
Wednesday
12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

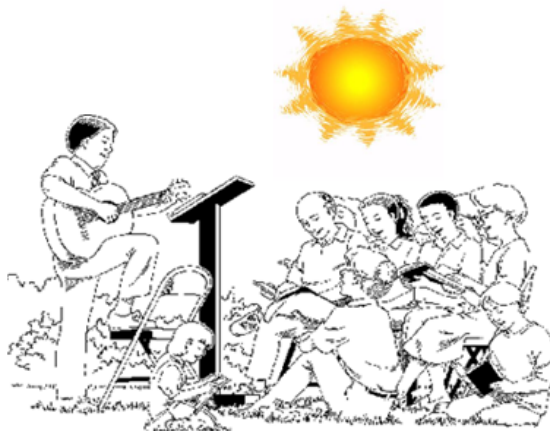
June 14---St. Barnabas Day/BBQ Lunch
June 21---Confirmation/Bishop Knudsen
June 21---Father's Day
June 30---Senior Luncheon

MISSION STATEMENT

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



Coming Soon!



St. Barnabas' Day
June 14

**JUNE 14TH
At 10:00 AM**

Join us on the Great Lawn as we celebrate St. Barnabas, the namesake of our original parish chapel and the patron saint of Christian teaching, with a special outdoor family worship service, followed by a BBQ/picnic and a game area for our children.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL - JUNE 7

CONFIRMATION AND BISHOPS VISITATION



The Right Reverend Chilton Knudsen, Assistant Bishop of Long Island, will be at Saint Ann's on June 21st and will confirm all those who have completed the preparation classes for Confirmation. This will be Bishop Knudsen's first visit to Saint Ann's. Please come to welcome her.

June 21st

Please join us after the service for a reception in the Parish Hall.

FROM THE EDITOR

The Episcopal Church is structured much like the United States government. Instead of a President we have the Presiding Bishop and instead of Congress we have the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops.

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church is held every three years in different locations across the US. This year the Convention will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, from June 25-July 3. The General Convention is the Church's highest temporal authority. As such, it has the power to amend the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church; to amend the Book of Common Prayer and to authorize other liturgical texts; to adopt the budget for the Church; to create covenants and official relationships with other branches of the Church; to determine requirements for its clergy and other leaders; to elect its officers, members of the Executive Council, and certain other groups; to delegate responsibilities to the committees, commissions, agencies, and boards (CCABs) of The Episcopal Church; and to carry out various other responsibilities and authority. If you are interested in reading more, the official website is: www.generalconvention.org/

One of the tasks at General Convention is to select a new Presiding Bishop. The current Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori will have completed her term of office. There are four nominees for Presiding Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal (Diocese of Southern Ohio); The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry (Diocese of North Carolina)—who, incidentally, ordained Mother Diane to both the Diaconate and the Priesthood; The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas (Diocese of Connecticut); and The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith (Diocese of Southwest Florida). To learn more about these nominees, their background, education, photos...go to:

<https://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/13096.pdf>

Once the Convention starts there will be news updates to let us know what is happening, but if you want to do some research in advance, check out these websites. —Rodney Dudley

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THE RECTOR'S CORNER



Dear Parish Family,

While the calendar says the lazy days of summer are approaching, we have many exciting projects in the works this summer around Saint Ann's!

Even as I write, the cemetery is getting a landscape facelift which includes new plantings in various parts of the cemetery, such as the entrance area and around the mausoleum. A new labyrinth made of paver stones in the Meditation Garden, along with benches and a botanical garden as well will be built. The trees on the far north side of the cemetery were being choked by vines; the vines have been cut from the trees and the trees are thriving again. In this area we will also have some new planting along the perimeters of the cemetery. The greenery surrounding the large cross at the end of the Stations of the Cross were overgrown and took away from the beauty of the cross itself. So, they have been removed and will be replaced with smaller boxwoods which will complement the cross but not overpower it.

The Outreach Committee has come up with some wonderful ministries that serve not only the people of Saint Ann's, but also open our doors to the Sayville community. These include our very popular senior luncheons with over forty people on a regular basis attending. We are exploring doing a community lunch for the people in Sayville and the surrounding areas, who are in need of a healthy and balanced meal one day a week. We are also looking at planting a community garden in the backyard of the Littlejohn Building that would provide fresh produce for our luncheons, and provide fresh produce to our guests at the Food Pantry.

To that end, we need to renovate the kitchens in the Parish Hall and in the Littlejohn Building to bring them up to code. A committee has been formed and is now meeting to ascertain what those renovations would entail. The first kitchen to be done will be in the Parish Hall, and we hope to begin this summer. I will keep you posted as we move forward.

In late July we will begin work on the handicap ramp in front of the church. The drawings have been posted in the Parish Hall for a few months now, and I am pleased to say there has been nothing but positive energy around this project! We plan on having it completed by September!

All of the above projects are being paid for in full from one of our endowments. The endowment sees these projects as our commitment to outreach, and as such they will be paid for in full from these designated funds. Not one penny is being spent from the general operating fund (which is where your pledge goes) for these improvements.

Finally, we will install a draining system on our parking lot (there currently isn't one) and then re-pave and stripe the parking lot this summer as well. Those funds are coming from the Capital Campaign (to which you have already generously given) as well as one of our endowments. Again, not one penny is being spent from the general fund for this project.

So we are busy at Saint Ann's this summer caring for one another and building up the Kingdom of God outside the doors of our church as well. Come and join us in this new and exciting time at Saint Ann's!

Blessings,

Mother Diane+

Vestry Visions



June is busting out all over. Birds are singing, flowers are blooming, and warm weather is here. All of this signals the change of season. Summer is within reach and the possibilities of vacations and fun-in-the-sun are looming large. This is a wonderful time to take a look at all of the exciting changes that are occurring around St. Ann's.

In May, we bid *adieu* to our friend Linda Hay. Her years of service to St. Ann's as Parish Administrator are greatly appreciated. We will miss her and wish her the best of luck in this new phase of her life. But endings afford us opportunities for new beginnings. The Vestry members wish to extend a warm welcome to our new Parish Administrator, Diane Scaturro. We all look forward to working with her for a long time to come. We are so happy she has joined our parish family!

Also in May, we saw a big change in our Sunday worship schedule. It was a difficult decision, which was not entered into lightly, but the 11:30 Rite I service is no longer offered. The Vestry revisited this discussion many times, hesitating to end this iconic service. Unfortunately, in the end we knew it was the right thing to do. As we close this one door, we are confident that God will open a new window for us.

Our cemetery and labyrinth are getting a long-overdue make over. Take a look out back and enjoy the wonderful landscaping job that is being done there. Our gardeners are busy all over our campus and our grounds are looking lovely! Take time from your busy schedule and spend a few moments in the meditation garden.

We have a committee working on plans to update our Parish Hall kitchen. We hope to renovate soon and make it a more user-friendly space. This will make the building a more inviting place for functions of all kinds. Many new possibilities are around the corner. You will be hearing more about this from Mother Diane in the near future.

Our Christian Education program is winding down and will soon begin the summer hiatus. The Vestry wishes to extend a sincere thank you to all the wonderful people who donated their time and effort to this rewarding ministry. The program has grown over the past year or so and it is truly inspiring to see the early stages of the formation of faith in our young parishioners.

Congratulations to all our graduates! The Vestry members are proud of you as you begin the next phase of your lives. We are sure you will go out into the world and do great things.

As the warm sunshine and long lazy days beckon, do not forget that St. Ann's is still here and open for worship all summer long! Traditionally, the coming months are more laid back and relaxed for many of us. We all need a break from our hectic lives. And many take a break from coming to services as well. The serenity, peace and love that our faith gives us are wonderful gifts we receive when we come to our church home. Why deny yourself the benefit of an hour of respite each week? Come, worship, greet friends, enjoy fellowship and continue to strengthen your relationship with God.

Diane Miller-Magnani for the Vestry

	Wardens:	2016 Nancy Koinoglou	2017 Ernest DeWitt
	Vestry:	2016 Jackie Gandolfo	Jill Hughes
		John O'Neil	Constance Currie
		2017 Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani
		Thomas Honey	Christie Strecker
		2018 Helen Houdek	Carol Ann St. Lawrence
		Wendy Schmittzeh	John Smith

SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS

May



The May Senior Luncheon was held on a beautiful, warm Tuesday, May 26th, at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum. After a sandwich and dessert lunch in the gatehouse (across the way from the mansion), some took a tour of the mansion and others



took a guided tour of the grounds, which are lovely at this time of year. [Photos: Susan Verneer and Rodney Dudley]

June



Calling all Seniors! Come and cool off with a buffet of summer salads at the next Senior Luncheon on

Tuesday, June 30th at 12 noon in the Parish Hall.

We are pleased to announce that our speaker will be Elaine Whitehouse, author of ***Hart's Tavern***, a Revolutionary War era historical novel. A Hart's Tavern actually did exist in that time period at or near what is today the Lakeview Cemetery on Montauk Highway in Patchogue!

Please let us know that you are coming by signing the sheet in the Parish Hall.

—Linda Munkelwitz and Karen McGorty

The Reptile Guy – June 6

CANCELLED

Sorry to all who signed up.

The show will not go on.



The Origin of Father's Day



One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.



ASSOCIATE'S COLUMN

Father Jae Chung



The Thin Place

"The Thin Place" is a famous Celtic Christian metaphor for a place where you can experience God. According to Rev. Dr. Mark D. Roberts, "the metaphor assumes a worldview in which heaven and earth are, in general, separated by a considerable distance. But some places on earth seem to be thin in the sense that the separation between heaven and earth is narrowed. Thus, people sense God's presence more readily in so-called thin places."

I personally warn myself about possible *dualism*, a term which means we set Heaven and Earth against each other, thereby underestimating the value of Earth. However, I would love to gently accept the dreams and visions in the metaphor of Celtic spirituality because the Church should be "the thin place" where God is presented for all kinds of people. When I say about "the Church", it is not only for the building where we gather but also for the group of people who present Christ to the world. "Moreover, when we realize that the Spirit of God dwells within us, we will come to believe that we are called to be thin places, as God makes God's presence known through us" as Dr. Roberts also once said.

I believe that Saint Ann's has a lot of "thin places" where we experience God's presence: Worship Services, Choir, Senior Programs, Food Pantry, Thrift Shop, Youth Group, the Vestry, *The Correspondent*, and so on. At the end of the academic year of our Sunday school, however, I believe that we should especially remember and deeply appreciate our Sunday school teachers and volunteers for creating and sustaining the safe and sacred "thin place" for our young Christians. Our Sunday school teachers, Ann Marie, Samantha, Jennifer, Maureen Casaburi, Maureen Rockwood, Alex, Cara, Mary, Janet, and Trudy, well deserve our roaring applause for their faithful services in our Sunday school. Indeed, their volunteering hearts and presences have been truly "thin places" for all Sunday school students and parents.

In God's peace, *Jae+*

Staying Spiritually Fit

Prayer is like exercise: Neither is an end in itself. Just as exercise is intended to make us physically fit by strengthening our muscles so we can manage more activity, engaging in prayer leads to more prayer. The harder one works at exercise, the greater the results. But if we give up the routine, the results won't hold. The same goes for prayer.

Writes Rev. Kate Braestrup in *Beginner's Grace* (Atria Books), "There will be no moment — in this life, anyway — when I will be able to say, 'That's it! I've prayed, and the prayers have paid off: I'm a fully conscious, totally grateful, and unstintingly generous person. I can just start stuffing myself as soon as the plate hits the table.'"

Rather, she notes, "The more you give, the more you will be able to give; the more you receive, the more you will be willing to receive; and the more you pray, the more you can ... pray."

THRIFT SHOP CELEBRATES



After many years of evening dinners and fashion shows, the Thrift Shop changed it up this year and celebrated the work of its volunteers with an afternoon high tea, served from “soup to nuts” (or Earl Grey to cucumber sandwich) by Simply Elegant Caterers. Peg Flanagan, organizer of the event was pleased with the turnout and with the generous servings of delicious goodies. It was a relaxing and sociable time for all attendees who enjoyed



High Tea

chatting, tasting the different teas, and nibbling sandwiches and scones.

Thrift Shop workers enjoyed the elegant setting and were able to choose a favor, as in the past, from the tchotchke table. There was a basket raffle as well, with the proceeds going to St. Jude's Hospital for Children. [Photos: Rodney Dudley]





HIGH SCHOOL



Mary Clark

Mary Clark is a graduating senior at Connetquot High School. She will be attending the State University of New York College at Old Westbury, majoring in Computer and Information Sciences. At Connetquot High School she is a member of the National Honor Society. Mary recently received notification that she will be the recipient of both academic and athletic scholarship awards to be presented at the upcoming Connetquot Award Ceremony. Mary has played the flute in the Connetquot Symphonic and Marching bands throughout her four years at Connetquot. She marched in the NYC St. Patrick's Day and Columbus Day Parades, and participated in the Newsday Marching Band Festival all four years. Mary was a member of the Art Club and has had artwork displayed each year in the district wide art show. In addition Mary was one of the goal keepers on the Connetquot Thunderbirds Varsity Soccer team. Her love of soccer began with participation at an early age in the St. John's CYO Soccer League, continuing on the Bohemia Soccer Club travel team, and is currently playing on a U25 soccer travel team with players ranging from 17 to 24 years of age. She continues as a goal keeper but also plays in a forward position for half of each game. Her hope is to continue playing soccer with the Old Westbury Panthers. At Saint Ann's Mary has served as an acolyte since the fifth grade, assisted with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter outreach projects, and was a Youth Delegate to the Diocesan Convention for two consecutive years. For the past two years she has also served as an assistant teacher in the Christian Education program.



Sarah Clive



Sarah has been a welcome presence in the Saint Ann's choir this year joining as a choir intern during the past few months. In addition to singing with the choir, Sara sang the lead part of Rosa this year in Sachem High School's presentation of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." Sarah will be graduating from Sachem High School East and will be attending the University of South Carolina for Vocal Performance, concentrating in Opera, in the coming fall. Over Sarah's four years of high school she has become a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, Foreign Language

Honor Society, Science Honor Society, and National Honor Society. Sarah is very excited to begin the next chapter of her life.

Meghan Gunther

Saint Ann's has been pleased to have Meghan Gunther as a choir intern this past year. In addition to her singing in the choir, some of you may have seen her singing the lead in "Kiss Me Kate" at Sayville High School. Meghan will be graduating with National Honor Society recognition from Sayville High School. She has a talent scholarship from the BFA Musical Theatre Program at the Hartt School of Music, Dance, and Theatre in Hartford, Connecticut, where she plans to attend in the fall. She would like to thank the Saint Ann's Church Choir family for their endless support.



Ethan Madigan

Ethan Madigan will graduate from Bayport-Blue Point High School. He has been a long-time acolyte at Saint Ann's and has also been a Youth Delegate to the Diocesan Convention. He will be attending Suffolk County Community College in the fall.



COLLEGE

Connor Crowley



Connor Crowley, son of Karen (Flanagan) and Jim Crowley and grandson of Peg and Bob Flanagan, has graduated from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he was a member of the All-ACC Men's Cross Country Academic Team. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry with a concentration in Biochemistry. Connor has done a great deal of hospital volunteer work and plans to continue his education at Emory University Medical School in Atlanta, Georgia, where his goal is to become an oncologist.

Dow Moran

Dow Moran, son of proud parents Edward & Eileen Moran of Bohemia, graduated from SUNY Binghamton, with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering. After a family vacation on Cape Cod, he will be starting a new job in July--joining IBM in Poughkeepsie as a Software Engineer.



Phillip Rascona

Phillip Rascona, son of proud parents Lauren and Michael Rascona of Holtsville, has graduated from SUNY Cortland. Phillip graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Phil was also a member of *Phi Kappa Phi* Honor Society. He plans to attend graduate school in the fall of 2016, after working and deciding what discipline he will pursue.

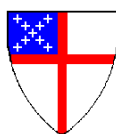
Advice for Grads

The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well. —**Ralph Waldo Emerson**



The contractors who worked on the Littlejohn renovation have been so helpful and generous to us. We want them to know how much we appreciate them, and we hope you will remember them when you have need of their services.

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NOTES

GARDENING THANKS

A special thank you to those you have volunteered to maintain a number of the gardens around St. Ann's this year. Some have been helping for years; one is a brand-new and very dedicated "recruit." All are giving us a gift by beautifying our grounds. The volunteers so far this year are: Carol Ann Vocolka, Sandie Immoor, Susie and Ernie DeWitt, Sue Knoepffler, and Chris Mulroy.



There are still ways you can help with this ministry. Just call the church office or me at 516-297-3510. **Pat Osarchuk**



OUR DAILY BREAD

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

This month we would especially appreciate donations of the following items:

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

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



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.



**YOGA 1:30 PM every Thursday
in the Parish Hall**



NEW GEESE

Our resident Canada goose pair, sometimes known as "Fred & Ethel" have increased their family. You may notice them in the church parking lot with two goslings following along behind. Congratulations to the new parents.



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1	Craig & Michelle Beale	6	Robert & Nancy Britts	20	Robert & Peg Flanagan
	Joseph & Ellen Garofolo	10	Edward & Eileen Moran		Frederick & Carolyn Leyboldt
	Mark & Barbara Leuly	14	Ernest & Susan DeWitt	22	Ken Smyrk & Scarlet Marrugo
	Leonard & Melissa Speicher		Stephen & Sharon Vander Borgh	28	Gene & Caryn Wehrenberg
4	James & Marilyn McLeer	15	Frank & Peg Costanzo	29	Edmund & Janet Neale
	Joseph & Trudy Nasta	18	Charles & Suzanne Vallillo	30	James & Jill Hughes
5	Robert & Joan Belfield	19	Adam Zeidler & Tamralynn Dorsa		Susan Knoepffler & Christine Mulroy

BIRTHDAYS

1	Ann DeMott	9	James Romeo	14	Irene Bodkin	25	Henry Knoepffler
	Jacqueline Gandolfo	10	Olivia Grenci		Marilyn McLeer	26	Barbara MacKenzie
	Judith Hester		Michael Maass	15	Elizabeth Whitehouse	27	Cassidy Beach
	Addison Schroeder		Louise Terry		Christina DiTusa	28	Craig Fleetham
3	Christie Schrank-Krupa		Jake Walch	16	Jeanne Vander Borgh		Thomas Jacques
4	Kay Lembeck	11	James Hughes		Christopher Kudlek		Lynette Schulz
5	Robert DiTusa		Carolyn Leyboldt	17	Arlene James		Liam Walsh
	Lars Gustafson	12	Dylan Hayes		Mikayla Wolfe		Jaidyn Wolfe
	Caelyn Speicher		Anthony Limoli	18	Kellie Miller	29	Mother Diane Britt
6	Barbara King		Webb Morrison		Elizabeth Teague		James Tartaglia
	Wayne Tappellini	13	Craig Beale	22	Gloria Moynihan	30	Helen Deegan
7	Maggie Rice		Linda Herbert	23	Jessica Brett		Betty Graunke
8	Francis Bodkin, Jr.		Delaney Felton		Beatrice Wageli		
	Hannah Smith		Grace Wempe	24	Sarah Hlavac		

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. Prayers will be offered at worship for each listed above on the Sunday of the week of their birthday and/or anniversary, and also at the 9:00 a.m. Morning Mass on their specific day.

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

DR. CHARLES CHANDLER HAINES

Section 4 – Lots 7 & 9

HOWARD E. HEDDIK

Section 46 – Lot 7

On April 15, 1921, much to the shock and sorrow of his Sayville friends and acquaintances, the *Suffolk County News* published the news of the sudden death of **Dr. Charles Chandler Haines**. Dr. Haines died in Lenox Hill Hospital after an emergency surgery for a critical abdominal problem. Only 45 years old, Dr. Haines was a graduate of the Long Island Hospital, class of 1906.

About 1909, he married Miss Ann E. Foster, daughter of the late Andrew Foster who was known for the Delevan Hotel and Foster House, as well as Foster Avenue. Dr. Haines began the practice of medicine in the Bronx, making his residence at 1136 Jackson Avenue, where he built a very successful practice and became widely known and highly regarded.

The funeral service took place at his home on April 15 and was followed by graveside prayers at St. Ann's. Dr. Haines was survived by his wife Ann and two brothers.



Howard E. Heddink died suddenly in February 1960 according to the *Suffolk County News*. Mr. Heddink, 57 years old, died of an apparent heart attack. Born in Patchogue, he lived locally most of his life. His last address was 194 Suydam Lane, Bayport.

Howard Heddink was a police officer and served 25 years with the New York State Police. Most of his duty was served on Long Island. He joined the force in 1926, and he was a plainclothesman, holding the rank of sergeant. When he retired in 1951, he served as a security guard for the Fairchild Engine and Aircraft Corporation, Stratos Division, for several years. He was a member of the Suffolk County Police Association and of the Connetquot Lodge 838, F. & A. M.

At the time of his death, he was survived by his wife, the former Marie Meyer, and a nephew, William Heddink of Brookhaven. Masonic services were held at the Reylek Funeral Home. The Rev. Landon K.. Owen of the Bayport Methodist Church conducted the funeral service on Sunday, which was followed by interment in St. Ann's Cemetery.

We Remember...



CAN YOU HELP WITH THE UNFORGOTTEN FILES?

We are assembling files on as many of our unforgotten as possible, making a folder for each one. We hope to put as much information as possible, as well as a photograph of each person, for the benefit of family members. Please, call the church office if you can help us with this project. **—Connie Currie**

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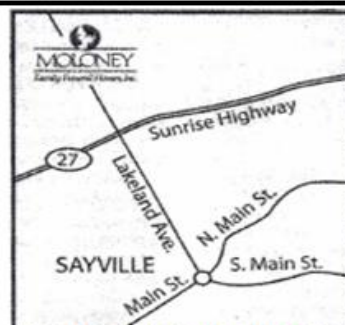
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AROUND SAINT ANN'S

Monthly Schedule

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.
Check out the website at
www.saint-anns.org

Sundays

7:30 PM—AA Meeting

Mondays

6:30 PM—EfM in the Littlejohn Building
8:00 PM—AA Meeting
7:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—June 8

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

12:00 Noon—Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM—Youth Program in Littlejohn Bldg.

Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting
1:30-2:30 PM---Yoga Class
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Friday

Saturday

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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.
- (4) Make a phone call to someone homebound just to let them know they are not forgotten.

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(The Imitation of Christ, the Interior Life).