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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
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
Wednesday
12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist

[NOTE: No services on 4/7 or 4/8]

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 2—Maundy Thursday Apr. 3—Good Friday

Apr. 4—Holy Saturday

Apr. 5—Easter Sunday

Apr. 17—Golden Pipes

Apr. 19—Pancake Breakfast

MISSION STATEMENT

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





Ready for Easter

Our four stained glass Tiffany lily windows have all been repaired and are back in place behind the altar in time for Easter. Please join us for as many Holy Week services as you can. The sorrow of Holy Week only enhances the joy of Easter Morning. [Photo: Laura Sanchez]

2015 Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday – March 31, 2015

9:00 AM: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesday – April 1, 2015

12:00 NOON: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Maundy Thursday - April 2, 2015

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy: The Foot Washing, The Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar 9:00 PM – 8:00 AM Overnight Vigil in the Chapel

Good Friday – April 3, 2015

12:00 NOON – The Stations of the Cross in the Cemetery 6:00 PM- Confessions will be heard in the Chapel 7:00 PM: Good Friday Liturgy in the Church

Holy Saturday – April 4, 2015

9:00 AM: Holy Saturday Liturgy in the Chapel 7:00 PM: The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day: The Resurrection of Our Lord: April 5, 2015

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir 10:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir 11:30 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite I with Choir

FROM THE EDITOR

"We must not wish for the disappearance of our troubles but for the grace to transform them." -- Simone Weil

Who among us has not wished at one time or another to have our troubles disappear? (And we all have troubles!) When I saw the movie "Wild" a couple of months ago, Reese Witherspoon's character was hiking from Mexico to Canada along the West Coast to try to get back her "authentic self" and leave her problems behind. She is asked by a boy she meets on the trail, "do you still have problems?" "No," she replies, "but the problems don't go away; they just become something else." In the past, I have written down seemingly insoluble problems in a journal, wondering how I would get through them. A year or two later I would re-read the journal and discover that I no longer was worried about these things. Problems, difficulties, sorrow and grieving affect our lives, perhaps point us in another direction. But they do not disappear; we learn to own them and use them. This month we remember how Christ died on a cross. At the time, his friends and supporters must have felt that it was the end of the world. They would have wished it away, turned back time, done anything to change what happened. But they—and we--are human, and we see only from a human point of view. We cannot know God's plan or God's time. Now, from a distance, we can see how Christ's death was transformed from tragedy into joy and redemption for all people so that we could have everlasting life. No matter what we are going through, whatever troubles we may have, they will pass—one way or another--and we will go on, stronger than before. -Rodney Dudley

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Dear Parish Family,

With the coming of Easter we entered into a new liturgical season in the church known as the Great Fifty Days of Easter. The Great Fifty Days run from Easter Eve (the Vigil) through the Day of Pentecost (which in Greek means fiftieth day).

During the Great Fifty Days the *alleluias* are said again in the liturgy following the Fraction and in the Dismissal; and they are a welcome addition since they are omitted during the season of Lent. The Gospel readings will tell of Jesus' post resurrection appearances and focus on his teachings. The liturgical color continues to be white for vestments and altar hangings and the hymns return to songs of joy filled with alleluias. It is also customary for the Pascal Candle to burn at all services during this fifty-day season.

These fifty days are a time for us to rejoice in the fact, that through the resurrection, Christ continues to live within us, and, as his disciples, we are called to make Christ known in all the world through our words, deeds and actions.

During these Great Fifty Days, may we continue to rejoice in our Savior's resurrection and with joy do the work He has given us to do.

Blessings,

Mother Diane+

Jesus Is Our Safety Net

"The daring young man on the flying trapeze ..." Those lyrics to a popular 19th-century song come to mind when I picture aerial artists. A performer called the flyer leaps off a bar, swings a couple of times from a trapeze, then lets go to sail through the air before connecting with another swinging performer-the catcher. Life sometimes seems like a circus act, though we don't always feel so daring. Especially during transitions, we often must let go of one thing before we're secure with another. We may feel as if we're flailing through the air during a move or job change, while awaiting medical test results or just walking along the path of faith.

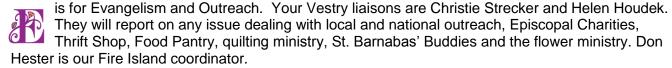
Thankfully, Jesus is our dependable "catcher." As we sail through life wondering whether there's a safety net, we needn't worry about our ability to connect with and cling to Jesus. Instead, he catches us and holds on for dear life — our earthly life and our heavenly one. —**Heidi Mann**

Vestry Visions

WE BECOME -- this is the mantra that your Vestry follows; however, your question may be, "What *do* we become?" We can choose to "sacrifice" one hour on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning and come to mass in that beautiful stone church on Middle Road and call ourselves parish members. Or, WE can BECOME part of a wonderful, supportive parish family. There is a difference. WE BECOME is an acronym representing the different organizations assigned to the vestry members. Each of these encompasses the topics on which the members report. Take a few minutes to review each one listed and consider your opportunity to join St. Ann's family and to become involved.



is for Worship. Your vestry liaison is Diane Miller-Magnani. Diane will follow-up on any issues dealing with music, altar guild, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers and acolytes.





is for Buildings and Grounds. Ernie DeWitt, Nancy Koinoglou and Tom Honey are the vestry members to go to if you have any concerns with buildings and usage, Capital Improvements and the grounds itself. CarolAnn St. Lawrence is the cemetery representative.



is for Education and Christian Formation. Any questions or concerns regarding Christian Ed, the youth program or adult classes can be directed to Wendy Schmittzeh.



is for Communication. Who better than John Smith to report on our website, Facebook page, *The Correspondent*, publicity, and the Sunday Bulletin.



is for organizations such as Daughters of the King, ECW, St. Ann's Historical Society and the Men's Group. Your Vestry liaison is CarolAnn St. Lawrence.

is for Money Matters. This one encompasses the Finance Committee, counters, Audit Committee, Stewardship Drive, Investment Management Committee, bequests and legacies, Capital Campaign donations, insurance matters, Parish Fair and Christmas Trees. Not a very popular one, but Tom Honey, John O'Neil and Don Hester volunteered. Thanks!

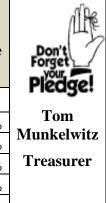
is for Events. This would be the FUN organization to be on. Jackie Gandolfo and Jill Hughes will have the very difficult task of reporting on Coffee Hour, Soup Suppers, St. Barnabas Day, Receptions, and Annual Meeting. Connie Currie will continue to work hand-in-hand with Kathy Senese to organize parish trips.

There must be one or two organizations that catch your eye. Can you hear a little voice deep inside say to you, "That sounds interesting. I think I'd like to see what it's all about." So look for announcements in the Sunday Bulletin or monthly Correspondent and BECOME a member of an extraordinary family. ST. ANN'S WANTS YOU!!

Prayerfully yours,

Gackie Gandolfo for the Vestry

Stewardship YYYYY REPORT	Actual YTD February 2015	Budget to Date	Difference	Percent Variance	FG Pi
INCOME					
Individual Giving	31,048.00	39,162.16	-8114.16	-21%	N/I
All Other Income	12,960.45	32,760.87	-19800.42	-60%	Mu
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TOTAL EXPENSES	99,735.16	99,140.34	-594.82	-1%	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-55,726.71	-27,217.31	-28,509.40	-105%	





PROPOSED HANDICAP RAMP

For many years Saint Ann's has depended on a folding metal ramp to get folks in wheel chairs into the church. But the time has come for this temporary solution to be supplanted by a more permanent one: a concrete ramp.

Architectural concept drawings have been completed and posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, and it has been one of the hot topics of conversation at Coffee Hour! You can see by the drawing at left that it would be both practical and beautiful.

We will keep you posted as we progress on this project.

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	OUR VESTRY	

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

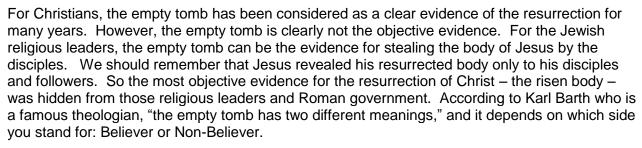


ASSOCIATE'S COLUMN

Father Jae Chung

The Empty Tomb

Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." (NRSV, Matthew 27:63)



Even though the empty tomb is not the clear evidence for all sides, it is the criterion to determine how we see Christ and his resurrection. So, we call it a sign of the resurrection. In Matthew, the religious leaders said to Pilate, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again." The original Greek word for 'Sir' here is $\kappa \omega \rho \iota \epsilon$ (Lord.) They called Pilate as *the Lord* which was only allowed to use for calling God in their tradition. If the empty tomb is not a "sign" for the resurrection, Christ obviously becomes an impostor (in Greek: $\rho lanos = Liar$.) In this case, the ruler of the World becomes "the Lord" even for Jewish religious leaders because there will be no sign for that God has overcome the World if there is no Resurrection.

Welcoming Easter, I would love to ask if the empty tomb is The Sign for the resurrection for us. Again, the answer will be different based on your stance.

However, I hope that your answer reveals that you are the believer because the resurrection of Christ has been constantly presented to us through the Body and Blood of Christ in our community and services. Even if your answer is not positive, I pray that Saint Ann's becomes the community where the Resurrection of the Body of Christ can be presented to you throughout this Easter season.

In God's peace, *Jae+*

Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. —Clarence W. Hall



Christendom has had a series of revolutions, and in each ... has died. Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave.

-G.K. Chesterton, The Everlasting Man

New Correspondent Advertisement

NEW BUSINESS FOR A SAINT ANN'S FAMILY

We are happy to announce a new advertiser in *The Correspondent*. **Tom and Cara Clark** are now the owners/operators of Network Waste Service, a company providing dumpster service and clean up assistance. They purchased the company in September 2014, fulfilling Tom's life-long dream of owning his own company. Tom worked for that company for five years when he was given the opportunity to make this purchase. A lot of hard work on their



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part, financial counseling, and prayer and support from friends, family, and other parishioners has carried Tom and Cara to this exciting and challenging phase of their life together.

The Clark family is very active in Saint Ann's parish life. Recently Tom assisted Saint Ann's staff during the transition to the Littlejohn building, helping with repairs, clean-up, etc. Cara is one of the Christian Education teachers, serving in this capacity along with their daughter Mary, who is a teacher assistant. Mary has also been an acolyte for many years and has served as a youth delegate to the Diocesan Convention for the past two years. Younger daughter Christie is in the

Children's Choir. God bless them in this new venture!

Spring weather is coming, along with spring cleaning. You may find this new business just what you need to help with construction clean-up and cleaning out your basements and attics! You can find the ad for Network Waste every month on page 14 of *The Correspondent*.

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EGG-STRA FACTS

- Although Easter eggs were once part of pagan spring festivals, they've become Christian symbols of new life. A cracked-open shell also represents Jesus' empty tomb on Easter morning.
- The early Christians of Mesopotamia began staining eggs red in honor of Jesus' blood shed on the cross. Red eggs remain part of Greek Orthodox celebrations today.
- For Lent, some families used to give up eggs and dairy, so they prepared a pancake feast on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. They solved the egg surplus by hardboiling them in various broths, which led to colored eggs.
- In some European countries, children go from house to house to collect Easter eggs.
- Each year, the PAAS Dye Co. sells more than 10 million egg-coloring kits, which consumers use to decorate 180 million eggs.

The letter below was received by the church office from Little Flower Children and Family Services to thank us for our donations this past Christmas holiday. We too are appreciative of the generosity you have shown through the Giving Tree this past year and every year.



February 6, 2015

Ms. Jackie Gandolfo St. Ann's Episcopal Church 262 Middle Rd. Sayville, New York 11782-3242

Dear Ms. Gandolfo,

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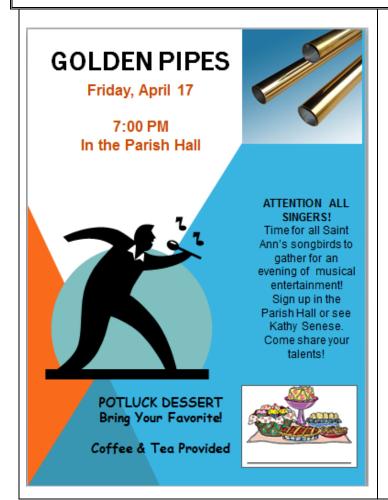
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Most sincerely,

Maureen A. Fox

Director of Development

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE



The Choir, Confirmation Class, and Youth Group invite you for a

Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast

April 19th
After the 8:00 & 10:00 Services



Come join us!





SENIOR LUNCHEON



On March 10 the seniors were served a wonderful St. Patrick's Day luncheon with reuben sandwiches (corned beef!) and many green decorations. Afterwards we were treated to an exercise session. Our leader, Lisa, took us all through a fun routine which was invigorating but allowed us to sit in chairs the whole time. Talk about having your cake and eating it too...!

APRIL LUNCHEON

This month's Senior Luncheon will be on April 14th at 12:00 Noon in the Parish Hall. Following lunch, we will have a speaker from the Seamen's

Church Institute. She is Paige Sato, Manager of the Seamen's Church Institute's Christmas at Sea Program. Since 1834, the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) has been providing for the needs of individual mariners both spiritually and physically. Come and learn the history of this organization and how their mission makes a difference in the lives of seafarers and the world. Look for the signup in the Parish Hall.

—Linda Munkelwitz and Karen McGorty





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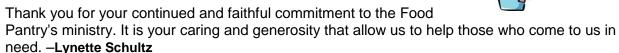
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St. Ann's Food Pantry Easter **Basket Ministry**

Many thanks to those who made the Easter food basket ministry possible. Whether you donated, shopped, assembled, delivered or reached out to someone who could use a hand our neighbors in need are grateful for your support.





OUR DAILY BREAD

Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon This month we would especially appreciate donations of the following

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 ON THURSDAYS

There is no Yoga during Holy Week, but we will be back again the week following Easter. Doesn't the warmer weather make you want to get out and move? Our Thursday afternoon yoga groups is great for exercise and relaxation. The class lasts about an hour, beginning at 1:30 and ending about

2:45 PM. All ages, both women and men, are welcome. Bring a non-skid mat and join us. For those who don't like the idea of lying on the floor... if you'd prefer, you can do most of the exercises sitting on a chair. -Rodney Dudley



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Celebrating An Anniversary This Month			WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES					
1	Mark & Candy Little	16	16 Richard & Melanie Acierno			Wayne & Karen Tampellini		
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BIRTHDAYS

1	Vanessa Sanchez	8	Brayton Smyrk	13	Emma Vallillo	21	Bruce Elton
2	Ella Patrovich		Eileen Moran		Maggie Vallillo	27	Jodie Byrnes
	Alexandra Reksten	9	Jeanne LaNatra	15	Olivia Hynes	29	David Brewer
3	Jon Svendsen		Kathleen Vetter		Gregory Jacques		Reginald Elton
6	Robert Costanzo		Christine Weeks		June Schlock	30	Ellen Stoll
	Trevor Patrovich		Katharine Weitzel	17	Quinlan Brett		Elizabeth Shelton
7	Austin McGeary	12	Ernest DeWitt	18	Diane Lichtenberger		
	Samantha Rossi		Helen Houdek	19	Kelsi LoNigro		
	Susan Verneer		Dana Munno		Patricia Osarchuk		

Mark the Evangelist

The church knows Mark primarily as the author of the second New Testament book. Penned around A.D. 70, it was the first gospel written. He may be the Mark mentioned in Acts 12:12, also called John and to whose mother's house Peter went after being miraculously freed from prison. This same John-Mark of Jerusalem went on missionary journeys with Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin, according to Colossians 4:10). Though Paul had a disagreement with Mark early on, he later called Mark "useful in my ministry" (2 Timothy 4:11) and wanted to see him.

It's thought that Mark served the church in Rome for a time, and that as Peter's scribe he wrote down the lead disciple's firsthand accounts of Jesus, resulting in the gospel that bears Mark's name.

One tradition, though uncertain, dubs Mark the father of the Coptic (Egyptian Christian) church. Martyred in Alexandria on an Easter Sunday, he's commemorated by the church on April 25.

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

H. LEWIS HERRING Section 49 – Lot 2 **ROBERT E. JOHNSON** Thompson Plot 11-12

Mr. H. Lewis Herring died at the age of 90 at Southampton Hospital on July 16, 1980. He was in Brooklyn, but had lived in Sayville most of his life until moving to Westhampton in 1962. He was a charter member of the Wet Pants Sailing Association of Sayville, a member of Connetquot Lodge No. 838 F & AM, and he had served on the Vestry and as a choir member at Saint Ann's. He had also been active in the United Fund and the Telephone Pioneers.

Mr. Herring was survived by his three children: Alice H. Fowler of Ocala, Fla.; James W. Herring of Gales Ferry, Ct.; and Barbara H. Meierdirks of Westhampton Beach; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. The Reverend Joseph H. Bond, Rector Emeritus officiated at the service and interment that followed in Saint Ann's cemetery.



Robert E. Johnson, a native of Holbrook and former Sayville resident, died at his home in Flushing at the age of 69. He moved to Flushing from Sayville many years before his death. He was the son of Alfred Johnson, former Highway Commissioner here, and Mrs. Johnson. A builder himself, Mr. Johnson built many of the fine homes on the North shore.

When he died in August of 1947, Mr. Johnson was survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Thompson Johnson; two sons, Elwood and Robert; a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Logan; a brother, Alfred H. Johnson; a sister, Miss Henrietta Johnson and five grandchildren.

His burial service was held in Flushing, and he was buried afterward in Saint Ann's cemetery.

Stewards of the Earth

In our consumer culture, it's easy to forget that "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1, NIV).

God calls us to be caretakers of his entire wonderful creation. What a huge responsibility — and privilege — to have stewardship over everything God has made!

Thomas à Kempis, writing in the 15th century, noted the proper attitude toward God's creation: "If your heart were right, then every created thing would be a mirror of life for you and a book of holy teaching, for there is no creature so small and worthless that it does not show forth the goodness of God" (The Imitation of Christ, the Interior Life).



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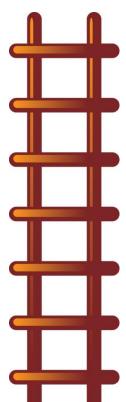
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+Christian Symbol+



THE LADDER

The ladder is sometimes pictured with a sponge at the end of a long stick, reminiscent of the soldier offering Jesus vinegar to drink on the cross (Matthew 27:48). Thus, a ladder may symbolize Christ's Passion.

In the Old Testament, Jacob dreamed of angels ascending and descending a ladder (or staircase, depending on the Bible version) set up between earth and heaven (Genesis 28:12).

Both accounts show that through Jesus, our Savior, we — like the angels — have ready access to God, now and for eternity!

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—Apr 13

Tuesdays

8:00 AM---Men's Group

9:00 AM----Holy Eucharist

6:00 PM---Children's Choir Rehearsal (except 4/7)

7:00 PM---Adult Choir Rehearsal (except 4/7)

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

ST. BARNABAS' BUDDIES

Whether you need help or can give help, call Gerry Hoek at 631-868-7278 for further information.

- (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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