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WEEKEND SERVICES

Saturday 5:00 PM - Holy Eucharist-Rite II Sunday 8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist-Rite II Sunday 10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist-Rite II

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSION STATEMENT

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



Easter is eternal



If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that eternal truth is eternal. You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again.

Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow ... but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn. -Donald H. Tippet



Why We Need Easter

No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment — even God was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way out of the unfairness, but rather a way through it to the other side. Just as Good Friday demolished the instinctive belief that this life is supposed to be fair. Easter Sunday followed with its startling clue

to the riddle of the universe. Out of the darkness, a bright light shone....

The cross of Christ may have overcome evil, but it did not overcome unfairness. For that, Easter is required, a bright clue that someday God will restore all physical reality to its proper place.

—Philip Yancey, Disappointment With God

FROM THE EDITOR

I had an interesting thing happen to me last month. I grew up an only child, and my parents were estranged. I wondered about my father from time to time, but essentially, my family tree had many branches on one side and only a twig on the other. I've always been interested in family trees and TV shows like "Finding Your Roots." So, as many people are doing these days, I had my DNA tested a couple of years ago by Ancestry.com. The results of my ancestry were not surprising: Irish, Swedish, and English—no native Americans or surprising threads connecting me to Africa or Asia. And for a couple of years my somewhat boring DNA results sat unnoticed at the Ancestry website. Then one day in March I got an email forwarded from Ancestry from someone who said she was looking for her father's daughter from a previous marriage, a daughter named Rodney (How many of us can there be?). This woman said she had just had her DNA tested, and I came up as a close match to her DNA. Long story short: I have discovered that I have a half-sister, a halfbrother, and five new first cousins! (Not counting their children and grandchildren!) They all grew up in California, but are now spread out in various California cities, Chicago, Boston, and Arizona. I have received wonderful emails and Facebook messages from my newly discovered relatives welcoming me to the family! I have found out names (and seen photos of) an aunt, an uncle, and grandparents I never knew about. I've seen wonderful pictures from the present and the past! It's a lot to take in. Sometimes I feel as though it's a novel I've stepped into. I don't know what happens from here, but I somehow feel more firmly rooted in the universe. So, I finally found that surprise in my DNA! Another surprise: my new half-sister's name is Randy.

--Rodney Dudley

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The clergy are on vacation following Easter. Their columns will return in May.



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JOHN K. SMITH - PHOTOGRAPHER



Congratulations to John Smith, who not only pleases his Facebook friends with his beautiful sunset and landscape photos, but he has been recognized on News12 TV! His beautiful photo pictured at right was featured on News12 in March.

John is also on the Vestry and in addition uses his talents to keep the Saint Ann's Facebook page updated.

Thanks, John, for sharing your love of nature, and for keeping us up to date with Saint Ann's activities!



TAYLOR SCHMITTZEH – SHARING AN OPEN ATTITUDE



Congratulations to Taylor Schmittzeh! Taylor has been an acolyte at Saint Ann's and currently teaches Sunday School. She is also a "regular" in the Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry, which goes into the city monthly to distribute food, clothing, and other items to those who live on the street. Taylor's specialty is Toiletries, which includes toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, hand creams, and, on occasion, makeup for some of the ladies.

Recently, at Sayville High School, where Taylor is a Freshman, they held an Anti-Bias assembly in the auditorium and invited students, on a

volunteer basis, to come up on the stage and share some of their thoughts on bias and bigotry in our society.

Taylor went up on stage and talked about her experiences with PBJ and the homeless people she has met and helped in New York. Taylor is probably one of few teens who have had this opportunity to get to know the homeless who—with a run of bad luck—could be any one of us. Thanks, Taylor, for your witness!

Vestry Visions

This month's Vestry Visions is going to highlight a small but mighty group of women whose presence and service is seen and felt in so many aspects of life here at St. Ann's. They are ever present both "behind the scenes" or out on the grounds, helping in whatever ways they can, as well as up at the altar or up and down the aisles, participating in the services, whenever needed. Their commitment to serving in whatever way they can is at the core of the doctrine of the Daughters of the King. In addition, they are a living testament to the power of prayer and how it can transform the lives of those less fortunate than us, as they have already helped so many, with only a small number of hands doing the work. As you read the following, just imagine how much more they would be able to do with your help and prayers...

<u>Daughters of the King_- "What inquiring minds want to know"</u>

1. What made this ministry something that you wanted to get involved in?

We have always been firm believers in prayer and service to others, and the MOTTO of the daughters is: "For His Sake..."

I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do. Lord, what will you have me do?

In other words, just get out there and help however you can. You can be young, old, able or disabled in some form, just get out there and do something. It keeps you young in mind and spirit.

2. What are the different aspects of the Daughters of the King, that people might be able to participate in?

We take vows for Prayer and service to show others the loving power of God. We are strong believers in prayer and using the talents that God has given all of us. We all have a talent of some kind and it does no good if we keep it to ourselves. Everyone can pray. There is no right or wrong way of doing it. Prayer is a state of being, not just a physical or verbal thing. It is amazing how it can bring such peace of mind, especially in the hectic world we now live in.

3. What is your favorite part of working with the Daughters of the King?

We enjoy being with like-minded women and working in the community. Our common goal is to bring others into a loving relationship with Jesus, and to strengthen our spiritual life.

Vestry Visions

(continued)

4. What is the most difficult part of working with the Daughters of the King?

The most difficult part is that we do not have chapters near St. Ann's, so it is important to attend Diocesan and Provincial meetings and retreats. We also make a commitment to work with Daughters in our chapter, to do projects to help the needy and homeless in our community. We work on projects for The Eastern Farm Workers, the Hope House in Port Jefferson, our own PB &J ministry, and for St. John's Episcopal Nursing Home in Far Rockaway.

5. When and how did this ministry come to be?

The Order was founded on Easter Eve 1885 by Margaret Franklin, at the Church of The Holy Sepulcher in New York City. It grew out of her Adult Women's Bible study. It is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church and churches that are in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it. Today our membership includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA), and Roman Catholic churches. Members undertake a Rule of Life, which incorporates the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. International chapters are found in many countries around the world.

6. Who benefits from this ministry?

Everyone can benefit from this ministry. You must just follow the promises that we make every time we reaffirm our Baptism and Confirmation.

7. Is there any other information that you would like us to know?

Every Daughter wears the same cross, either on a chain or as a pin. It is a constant reminder of our vows. The horizontal Latin inscription on the cross, "MAGNANIMETER CRUCEM SUSTINE", broadly translated means "with heart, mind, and spirit uphold and bear the cross". The initials FHS at the base of the cross mean "FOR HIS SAKE". Our chapter has been working on "being covered in Prayer". We make the small prayer quilts, the larger quilts, and prayer squares that we hand out at funerals, nursing homes, as well as to the sick and needy, or whoever needs some prayer in their life. We also make hats and scarves for the needy and homeless. We have

these items blessed before we give them out, with the hope that the prayers and blessings will bring comfort and hope to those who receive them.

We would like to encourage other women in our parish to join us in this ministry. Doing mission work to help others in need is so rewarding and makes a difference to our community. We can teach

you to knit, crochet, quilt or cut bags for sleeping mats. We are also in need of quilting and flannel fabrics. We will be meeting on Wednesday mornings in the Littlejohn building from 9:30 - 11:30 starting April 11th until the middle of June. You can also work on projects at home, if you can't make it to our meetings.

> Please contact Carol Ann St. Lawrence or Marge Rogers for ways you might be able to help.



--by Carolann St. Lawrence

We have been busy at home during the winter months, even though we haven't been meeting on our regular Wednesday mornings. We have been working on Christmas presents for some of the various Hope House missions.

We are making wheel chair quilts for St. John's nursing home in Far Rockaway.





In June we will be starting to collect school supplies for the Eastern Farm worker's children. This seems a bit early, but they need them by the 2nd week in August so they can be distributed to the children before the start of school.









- We are still making sleeping mats and will continue until we run out of bags. Thank you all who have donated the bags.
- In April, we will start meeting again on Wednesday mornings, from 9:30 to 11:30. All are welcomed, and you do not have to belong to the Daughters to attend.
- If any one likes to knit or crochet and doesn't have someone to make things for, we have many in need! You do not even have to come to our workshops. You can do the work at home and just leave your items at the church office. We will distribute them in the late fall and just before Christmas.



We need hats, scarves, gloves and mittens—for men, women, children, and babies.

I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE



JEAN LAP'S BIRTHDAY

During choir rehearsal the last week of March, the Choir presented Jean Lap with flowers in honor of her 97th birthday on March 30! She has been singing in Saint Ann's Choir for close to 70 years now, and she has a long and distinguished history in the Sayville community. Jean is shown here with her daughter Mary Jean Lap-Bohanick, who also sings in the choir with her Mom.

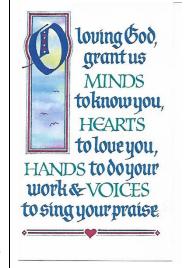


Holy Week and Easter Sunday are a very important time in the church calendar for the Choir. We started rehearsals for this music in January, and Palm Sunday and Easter morning were the culmination. Thank you also to Christine Mulroy for her beautiful solo on Maundy Thursday. And tremendous thanks to Andrew Scheibler, who was our trumpeter for the Easter hymns!

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are the only Sundays during the year that the Choir sings at both 8:00 and 10:00 services. Of course, the Choir needs fuel to get through two services, so we have to give a big "thank you" to Don and Judy Hester for providing wonderful hot breakfasts in the kitchen for both Sundays—ham and eggs on a roll for Palm Sunday, and French toast and bacon for Easter! We were most grateful!

The Children's Choir was a special treat at the 10:00 AM too! And a special thanks to our Minister of Music, Kathy Senese, for pulling it all together!

The Choir wishes everyone a blessed Easter Season!



Thanks, Linda Maddox, for bringing these bookmarks to all the choir members for their hymnals!



THRIFT SHOP CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

Beginning March 29th and continuing through April 11th, St. Ann's Thrift Shop is temporarily closed. Nancy Guerra, our new Manager, has arranged for the Thrift Shop to be repainted, repaired, and renewed! We thank all our patrons (and donors) for their patience.

Please join us for our **GRAND REOPENING** on Thursday, April 12th. Days/Hours will remain the same: Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY **MINISTRY**

By Mary Mattarella (631-590-0076)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am elated to report, that this past mission trip to NYC was nothing short of amazing! Between our joyous group from St. Ann's, a couple of new ministry friends from Stop and Shop, and Zion Episcopal Church, we had a total of 15 missionaries to serve God's Saints who call the sidewalks of NYC their home. We boarded the 6:35 AM train out of Ronkonkoma, with five wagons filled with all of your generous donations of clothing, toilet paper, snacks, Easter Eggs, shoes, and hygiene products.



We were blessed with decent weather, and those conditions brought out over 100 souls in need--many regulars, and many new people. As we set up in front of Madison Square Garden, we were joined by our friends from Zion Church, also bringing an amazing amount of supplies, along with much needed peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. We were met with many hungry people, many coming back for more sandwiches. One of the most popular items is the Cup o' Noodle Soups, because they are filling, and hot water to prepare them can be obtained in any public restroom. The joy of the recipients was truly contagious. I was really happy to receive many

requests for prayer, and we were all happy to begin with a prayer circle.

Many of you heard of me speak of Donna, a lady who I have known for more than several years (and our missionaries have come to know her too). Donna lived on the street during the day and slept in a shelter at night. You see, most shelters have a mandatory rule, that people must leave by 6:00 or 7:00 AM. For the past 5 months, Donna had been missing. I was worried, and called around several shelters, and asked several people about her. It was believed that she had gone home to God. As sad as I was, I was relieved that she no longer suffered. Well, I am happy to report, that Donna was actually in the hospital. She had become very ill, and has spent the last several months, being treated for spinal cancer. As we were packing up to walk the streets to minister, Donna came rolling up in her wheelchair!! You see, Donna had been hurriedly



rolling her wheelchair towards out spot, remembering that we would be there, the last Saturday of the month!!!! Her face was bright with joy when she spotted us, and we had tears of joy in our eyes, as we all rushed towards her for reunion hugs! Donna looked healthy and happy, and she is working with a new shelter for residency, soon to receive housing!



So, no matter how cold, hot, or whatever uncomfortable weather conditions are happening, keeping our promise of going to help, is a beacon of hope and love. It's really tough getting up early, constantly asking for donations, packing up wagons and dragging them on the train, but I bet my bottom dollar, it's nothing compared to Christ's suffering for us to have eternal life, or for people like Donna. Please consider joining us, in prayer, donations, or coming along! The sunshine of Christ's Face in the homeless, will stay in your heart forever. PS if you would like to donate, please consider sweatpants and sweatshirts, Cup o' Noodle Soup, toilet paper, shoes for men and women, and we desperately need backpacks, for the homeless to

carry their items. Thank you! Love, The Very Festive Mary

PS—We talk about how the PBJ mission helps our friends on the street, but it helps the givers as well. One new missionary brought her 9-year old daughter with her, and we were wondering how she'd feel about this experience. When we had been working for about an hour, I heard her whisper to her mother that she wanted to come again because she loved seeing the people so happy when she gave them their bag of sandwiches, soup, snacks, and an Easter egg! What a loving attitude! (And a little child shall lead us!)

Sometimes when you're feeling anxious, overwhelmed, sad, discouraged or otherwise down, we need a little word of encouragement. Here's a little "cheat sheet" of uplifting advice from the Bible.

Where to Look in the Bible	When You
Need rest and peace	Matthew 11:28-30Matthew 6:19-34Psalm 23 n 14:27, Philippians 4:6-81 Corinthians 13Psalm 51, 1 John 1Psalm 34Psalm 139Psalm 90Psalm 41John 14, Psalm 46Psalm 91Joshua 1:1-9Romans 8Psalm 103Psalm 121Mark 10:17-31 Matthew 5-7, Romans 12
Need to know God's will for your life	

Following God's Lead

Jazz musician Thomas Dorsey traveled an unlikely road to become the "father of black gospel" music." At age 11, he dropped out of school to be a vaudeville performer and blues pianist. While Dorsey recovered from a nervous breakdown at age 21, his mother urged him to serve the Lord with his talents. It took several years, but the musician committed to composing spiritual songs — rejected by many mainstream churches as "the devil's music."

In 1932, after Dorsey's wife and infant son died during childbirth, he channeled his grief into the piano, writing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Known to be a favorite song of Martin Luther King Jr., it ends with these lyrics: "Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home."





EASTER EGG HUNT

Angela Koh and Sal Grenci hang out with the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg hunt on the Great Lawn, following the 10:00 AM service on Easter Morning.

The "Easter Bunny" hid about 300 eggs, which were rapidly collected by the excited young churchgoers.

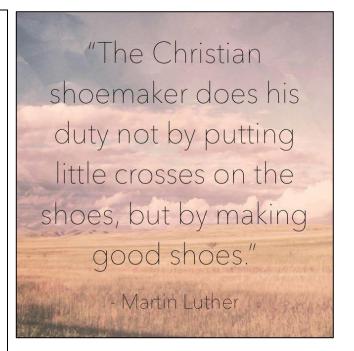
Fortunately, the rain which began in the morning, stopped in time for the egg hunt. Timing is everything!



MISERY BE GONE!

On the Sunday after Easter, some churches celebrate "holy humor." Laughter is a gift from God, who wants us to be joyful. A happy disposition is also an effective — and infectious way to share our faith.

"I cannot think that when God sent us into the world, he had irreversibly decreed that we should be perpetually miserable in it," said John Wesley. "If ... taking up the cross [implies] bidding adieu to all iov and satisfaction, how is it reconcilable with what Solomon expressly affirms of religion, that 'her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace'?" (Proverbs 3:17, KJV)



CHANGE AGENTS

A cartoon depicts a man at a podium firing up a crowd. "Who wants change?" he shouts. You can almost hear the excitement and urgency. "We do!" the listeners cry, all raising their hands. But the next frame features a follow-up question: "Who wants to change?" The audience is silent and somber, with their hands down.

The gospel Jesus announced and lived out promises monumental change: life instead of death, healing from sickness, hope to replace despair, peace and justice instead of war and oppression. Although God could wave his hand and make the world perfect, he chooses to work through humans. That means we must be willing to change too.

Change can be scary, but God's newness will so transform the world — and us — that we'll never miss our old, broken reality. -Heidi Mann





OUR DAILY BREAD

Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon The food pantry is especially in need of these supplies. Canned Meats * Soup * Chili * Eggs * Shelf Stable Milk * Cereals * Peanut Butter * Jelly * Toiletries



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

OPERATION HOPE

Prayer squares are available in the Narthex of the church. You are invited to take them for yourself and others who are in need of prayer. Help is greatly needed for the Operation Hope workshop on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-12:00 Noon to cut bags for the plastic bag mats for the homeless.



CHRISTIAN YOGA

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3:00 in the Parish Hall



Our yoga group is back to regular sessions! We have yoga mats if you'd just like to visit, and we do basic stretching exercises, breathing and relaxation. All ages welcome! There is no charge.



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.

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



Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry

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

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Celebrating An Anniversary This Month		WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES				
	16	Richard & Melanie Acierno			20	Wayne & Karen Tampellini



1	Vanessa Sanchez	6	Trevor Patrovich	12	Helen Houdek	21	Bruce Elton
	Rachael Coiro	7	Samantha Rossi		Dana Munno	22	Dane Svendsen
2	Cole Kraft		Susan Verneer	15	Olivia Hynes	27	Jodie Byrnes
	Knox Johnson	8	Eileen Moran		June Schlock		Richard Garry
	Ella Patrovich		Brayton Smyrk	17	Quinlan Brett	29	Reginald Elton
	Alexandra Reksten	9	Jeanne LaNatra	18	Diane Lichtenberger		Spencer Hayes
	Edward Schmeider		Kathleen Vetter	19	Raymond Echevarria	30	Elizabeth Shelton
3	Jon Svendsen		Christine Weeks		Kelsi LoNigro		Ellen Stoll
6	Robert Costanzo		Katharine Weitzel		Patricia Osarchuk		

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.

"Don't start looking in the Bible for the answers it gives. Start by listening for the questions it asks." -Frederick Buechner

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

WILLIAM H. JOST Section 72 - Lot 3

WILLIAM H. JOST of Patchogue, father of Howard T. Jost of Bayport, died on a Tuesday in January 1945 in Meadowbrook Hospital, East Hempstead, where he was taken after becoming ill on the train on his way to work at the Grumman Aircraft Plant in Bethpage.

Mr. Jost was born in Germany, but he had lived in Patchogue for the past 24 years. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha Jost of Patchogue; two sons, Wesley of Yardley, PA; and Howard of Bayport; a brother Timothy, of Great River; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 8:30 on Friday evening in the R. M. Sharp Funeral Chapel in Patchoque and were conducted by the Rev. Carl G. Garnaunt of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Interment was in St. Ann's Cemetery.

The only way to take the sorrow out of death is to take the love out of life. -Unknown

MRS. MARIANNA JORDAN **Section 47 – Lots 1-12**

Sayville's oldest native-born resident, Mrs. Marianna Jordan, 98 years old, died Saturday at the Ursuline Nursing Home in Oakdale during the last week of March 1961.

Born in 1862, the daughter of Howell D. and Ellen Hampton Smith, she lived here until her marriage to Stephen Jordan, and then resided in Patchogue and Port Jefferson. Seventeen years ago, she came back here to make her home with her niece, Mrs. Helen M. Grayson, at 383 Hillside Avenue, West Sayville.

Mrs. Jordan was born in the family homestead on what is now the Montauk Highway, about where the Sayville Ford agency is located, and took in the property down Foster Avenue to the meadows.

Besides Mrs. Grayson, she was survived by Mrs. Olive Auringer of West Sayville; and a brother, Charles Z. Smith of Sayville. Services were in Raynor's Chapel in Sayville, with The Reverend Philip H. Dodd, Pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating. Interment followed in St. Ann's Cemetery.



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Phoenix

According to ancient legend, the phoenix lived for 500 to 1,400 years (depending on the version of the myth), at which time it would set its nest ablaze and be consumed in the flames. After three days the bird would be reborn and was said to repeat this cycle, "rising from the ashes" again and again. Early Christians saw in the phoenix a symbol of Jesus' resurrection and of eternal life.

AROUND SAINT ANN'S **Monthly Schedule**

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.

Check out the website at: www.saint-anns.ora

Sundays

8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM---Sunday School 10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist 7:30 PM—AA Meeting

Mondays

10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry 7:00 PM-EfM

6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—April 9

8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope 7:00 PM—Youth Group

Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting 10:00AM—12:00PM Food Pantry 1:30 PM----Christian Yoga Class 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Saturday

5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist



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