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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

July 4---Independence Day

MISSION STATEMENT

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



CONFIRMATION 2015



The Rev. Deacon Anthony Jones, The Very Rev. Chilton Knudsen,
The Rev. Diane Britt, and The Rev. Jae Chung
[Photo: Laura Sanchez]

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE CONFIRMED

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Hannah Smith	Ryan Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE RECEIVED

Dorothy Grodewald	Chris McNamee
Paul Stoehr	

FROM THE EDITOR

I just finished catching up on a TV show called “The Slap.” Maybe some of you watched it. It started out with an incident at a family barbecue where a misbehaving spoiled kid, whose parents weren’t keeping an eye on him, was slapped by an adult (after he was kicked in the shin) and the consequences that came about for all the people involved. Each episode focused on a different person or couple and what the slap brought about in their lives. While it is not ever a good idea to slap a child, the mother, rather than putting the slapper in his place and then moving on, chose to bring the police into the matter. Lawyers followed, along with ensuing chaos and family members and friends being pitted against each other. The child himself had practically forgotten about it the next day, but the mother pressed on, determined to exact vengeance--so much so, that she nearly ruined a good man’s career, caused a teenager to attempt suicide, and disrupted the entire family dynamic. How much easier if everyone had looked at the other peoples’ point of view, apologized, and forgiven each other. As it was, the police and legal system were brought into what was essentially a family matter, weaknesses in every character were exposed, and everyone was revealed to be <gasp> imperfect. Of course, my scenario wouldn’t make an exciting TV show. But it’s amazing to see how one small incident can either occur and be forgotten or be blown out of proportion and change peoples’ lives. With all the changes going on in society today, remember that there is another side to every situation and that getting mad and digging in your heels is not a good way to deal with it. Better to try and see everyone’s side of things, practice love and forgiveness, and move on.

–Rodney Dudley

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“Summer afternoon – summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”

–Henry James



THE RECTOR'S CORNER



THE LABYRINTH

Dear Parish Family,

Summer is now here and many of you will be outside enjoying the warmer weather. I invite you to come and spend some of your outside time walking our new labyrinth in the cemetery. A picture of it is below.

A labyrinth is a circular maze like structure with a single path to its center. You walk the path slowly while praying and meditating. Once you reach the center of the labyrinth you simply turn around and walk the same path back to the start of the labyrinth. It is a very quiet, peaceful spiritual practice that will leave you centered and at peace in your soul! And who doesn't need that given the hectic lives we all lead.

So, give yourself the gift of time this summer to center yourself and your spirit, while enjoying the great outdoors at the same time.

Blessings,

Mother Diane+



Vestry Visions

COMMUNICATIONS

There have been many changes in the means of communication in the past 25 years with the advent of the internet, smartphones and social media. We have watched the once dominant media outlet known as newspapers steadily decline. Many may remember “back in the day” when you wanted to go to a movie, purchase a vehicle or home, you needed a newspaper. New technology has now provided us with the ability to gather an amazing amount of information in a matter of a few seconds and keystrokes on a computer or “smartphone”.

In accordance with this rapid technological advancement, St. Ann’s has developed a vibrant website offering an abundance of information of the various programs and activities that are integral to making St. Ann’s the wonderful parish we love. If you have not done so already, I invite you to visit our website at <http://www.saint-anns.org/> and review all that St. Ann’s has to offer.

Additionally, we have developed a Facebook presence (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Anns-Episcopal-Church-Sayville-NY/>) that provides an up-to-the-minute social media outlet that allows our parishioners to remain current on our activities in our rapidly evolving world at St. Ann’s. We currently have over 250 Facebook “likes”. A “like” is a Facebook term that represents individuals or organizations that follow our activities at St. Ann’s on Facebook.

I also welcome you to forward any photographs and short stories that you might have from your personal experiences with St. Ann’s that you would like to share with our Facebook followers. Please send them to me at jsmith@seaboardadj.com. If you do not follow us on our Facebook page, I invite you to join us.

John K. Smith 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



Bishop Chilton Knudsen gives a formal blessing to the Littlejohn Building after its renovation. (L to R Mother Diane, Bishop Knudsen, Deacon Anthony, and Fr. Jae)

[Photo: Laura Sanchez]

Dear People of St Ann's,

Thank you so much for your gracious hospitality as I visited on Sunday. You had a wonderful group of people to be confirmed and received. The music was glorious. Your care and love for each other is evident. You worship and pray with reverence.

It's exciting to see so many good things going on. The labyrinth is exquisite. The Food Pantry and Thrift Shop are thriving. Your Senior Luncheon program is growing in popularity. The gardens are looking good, and I know they will be finished soon (although gardens are never really finished...).

You are blessed with two talented and faithful priests, who make a good team. Your church building is beautiful and well cared-for. Congratulations on your ministries – may they thrive and may new directions come from the Holy Spirit as you continue to discover what St. Ann's is called to be in the future.

Prayers, blessings and grace to you all,

+Chilton



ASSOCIATE'S COLUMN

Father Jae Chung



Chalice & Prayer

We recently began weekly service every Monday at Bristol Assisted Living on Lakeland Avenue, and we needed a chalice for them. While I was searching for a chalice, I found one in our small chapel. This chalice had been stained and it looked pretty worn out at first glance. It was not appropriate to use it right away. So, Mother Diane asked the Altar Guild to polish the chalice. The polishing revealed an engraved message on the bottom of the chalice. It says that the chalice was given to St. Ann's in 1888. Yes, it means this chalice was one of the first chalices in the history of St. Ann's. Moreover, the chalice is silver and in great condition! This historic chalice is now ready to serve our parish in the sacristy and we will use it from time to time in our services.



This happenstance reminds me of a prayer. One of our oldest parishioners brought me The Prayer of The Chalice few months ago. I believe this prayer polishes our hearts just like the polishing of chalices. The chalice may represent our hearts that will contain the Blood of Jesus Christ which represents the "New Covenant." Thus the prayers make our hearts ready to accept God's promise by emptying our false desires from our hearts.

Today I want to share this prayer with all parishioners, and I hope this prayer can polish our hearts to reveal the beauty of God's kingdom in order to make our hearts as the chalice that carries God's love to our neighbors with joy,

wholeness and peace here at St. Ann's and throughout our community. —Jae+

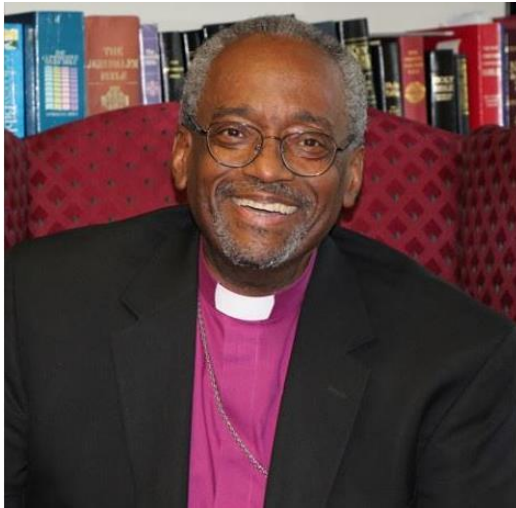
THE PRAYER OF THE CHALICE

Father, to thee I raise my whole being
- a vessel emptied of self. Accept, Lord
this my emptiness, and so fill me with
Thyself — Thy light, Thy Love, Thy
Life — that these Thy precious Gifts
may radiate through me and over-
flow the chalice of my heart into
the hearts of all with whom I
come in contact this day
revealing unto them
the beauty of
Thy Joy
and
Wholeness
and
the serenity
of Thy Peace
which nothing can destroy.



The 78th General Convention The Episcopal Church

NEW PRESIDING BISHOP



The Right Reverend Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina, is the new Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. He will replace Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, the current Presiding Bishop, who is finishing up her 9-year term. The election of Bishop Curry, which took place at General Convention on Saturday, June 28, makes history in two ways. First, he is the first African American bishop ever elected to the post; and second, he is the first presiding bishop ever to be elected overwhelmingly on the first ballot! He not only has superior credentials, but is a charismatic preacher. You can hear him preach some of his very engaging sermons on YouTube if you search for his name. He is the author of a book called ***Crazy Christians***, a term which you will hear referred to in his sermons. He feels that people who are “crazy” and not afraid to be fools for Jesus are the

ones who get things done because they are the ones who attract attention, and people hear their message.

Mother Diane is particularly excited at Bishop Curry’s election since she came from the Diocese of North Carolina, and it was he who ordained her to both the Diaconate and the Priesthood.

To read further about the new Presiding Bishop, you can go to this website:

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/06/27/north-carolina-bishop-michael-curry-elected-as-27th-presiding-bishop/>

In one particular sermon I listened to, there was an especially poignant story which points out the immense meaning of a small moment. A student studying for the Baptist ministry and his girlfriend attended an Episcopal church. The young lady was an Episcopalian and she wanted her boyfriend to experience her church. When it came time for communion, the man did not go up. He was a guest there, and it was not his tradition. He watched his companion go up and noticed that everyone was drinking from the same cup. This couple were the only two black people in the church, and it was a time when separate restrooms and separate drinking fountains were the norm. The man watched in trepidation wondering what would happen when the priest got to his friend. Would he humiliate her by passing her by? Send her back to her seat without the wine? Use another cup? But nothing happened. The priest served her the wine, and then moved on to the next person as if nothing were unusual. The man was astounded that this should happen in a church in the South, and he decided that he wanted to be part of such a church. That couple eventually married and became the parents of Michael Bruce Curry, who would grow up to become Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Imagine what a different outcome it might have been if there had been a different scenario! --Rodney Dudley



Episcopalians Against Gun Violence March in Salt Lake City

On Sunday morning, June 28, in Salt Lake City *Episcopalians Against Gun Violence* gathered before Sunday Eucharist at General Convention to bear witness against the culture of violence in the United States. In the picture above you may note a familiar face in the front row! Bishop Chilton Knudsen—pictured earlier in this issue—is marching second from the left. Next to her is Bishop Michael Curry.

The Deseret News reported that a group of 60 Episcopal bishops led a procession through downtown Salt Lake City on Sunday morning calling for an end to the “unholy trinity” of poverty, racism and gun violence.

“Hundreds of people, many of them taking part in the Episcopal Church’s 78th General Convention, walked from the Salt Palace Convention Center to Pioneer Park, joining in song and prayer. Utahans from anti-gun violence groups and civil rights organizations also took part.”

A God-Created Super Star

“God made ... the greater light to rule the day ...” (Genesis 1:16, NRSV). The first biblical description of Creation reveals that God made the sun – a truly amazing body of light.



At the sun’s center (where the temperature reaches 15 million degrees!), every second, 600 million tons of hydrogen fuse into 596 million tons of helium. The 4 million “missing” tons become sunshine, making life on earth possible. The sun’s magnetic field (which reverses direction every 11 years) and the resulting sunspots and solar flares impact the earth in ways most of us rarely think about.

Writes Dennis Overbye in the New York Times: “In all of recorded history, as far as scientists have been able to tell, the sun’s output has varied by only a tenth of a percent.” If the sun were more volatile, like many stars, earth would either burn up or freeze at regular intervals.

As you spend time outside this summer, give thanks for this bright marvel that God designed.



ECW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mary Clark Wins Achievement Award

The ECW is pleased to announce that Mary Clark was awarded the ECW Achievement Award for a graduating high school senior who has been active in the life of St. Ann's. The award was presented at the St. Barnabas Day outdoor service. Thanks to all who contributed to the No Bake Bake Sale monies from which the award is funded. Congratulations to Mary for this well-deserved award!



BRAG BOX

GOOD TEACHER

Saint Ann's is so proud of **Diane Miller-Magnani**, who was selected as Teacher of the Year for 2015 at her school. She also won Suffolk County Health Educator of the Year. Our congratulations!

Diane is also a Vestry member, an EM and acolyte, and altar guild member here at Saint Ann's.



JUNE'S SENIOR LUNCHEON



The June 30th Senior Luncheon at St. Ann's was a lively and festive affair with 40 people in attendance. The Fellowship Hall was decked out in red, white and blue for Independence Day, and Linda Munkelwitz and Karen McGorty prepared and served a wonderful and tasty variety of salads with homemade pecan pie for dessert.

We were joined by Ms. Elaine Kiesling Whitehouse (daughter-in-law of our own Betty Whitehouse), who shared the real Long Island history behind her new historical novel *Hart's Tavern*. Set in the autumn of 1775, Ms. Whitehouse's novel tells the tale of four women who came together prior to the Battle of Long Island. In a world in which history is typically dominated by men, it was interesting to hear about some of the many women who played a part in the creation of our country.

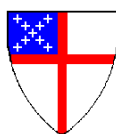


Pax, Fr. John Jeffrey+



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

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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**



St. Anne, Grandmother of Jesus

Though never mentioned in the Bible, St. Anne (or Ann) is traditionally known as the mother of Mary and grandmother of Jesus. Her name comes from the Hebrew *Hannah*, meaning "grace."

Legend holds that she believed herself barren until finally, after 20 years of marriage, she gave birth to the baby who would become Jesus' mother. As the story goes, Anne later had two more daughters, Mary Cleopas and Mary Salome, each of whom gave birth to boys who came to be followers of their cousin Jesus: James the Younger and James the Elder, Simon, Jude and John the Evangelist.



Statues and pictures of Anne often show her teaching Mary to read. Others show her with both her oldest daughter and her grandson Jesus. Commemorated on July 26, Anne is considered the patron saint of grandmothers.



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1	Raymond & Betty Graunke	6	Dennis & Bo Messina	22	Peter & Jenny O'Connell
3	Patrick & Karen Cavanagh		Adam & Jessica Shelton	24	James & Marilyn Tartaglia
	Juancarlos & Lara Espinoza	10	Justin & Wendy Schutte	29	Keith & Heather Johnson
	Donald & Barbara MacKenzie	15	Shaun & Jessica Brett	31	Stephen & Jeanne Vander Borgh
5	Ryan & Christina Schroeder	15	Phil Potestio & Addie Sanders		Christopher & Kyle Wolfe
	Christopher & Annmarie Zanchelli	19	Richard & Alissa Williams		

BIRTHDAYS

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

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 ❖

MRS. WILLIAM (ALICE ALTA) WESTERBEKE
WILLIAM WESTERBEKE
Section 30 – Lots 3 & 4

Alice Alta (Otto) Westerbeke was born on October 12th, 1862 in the Ludlow farmhouse in Oakdale. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Otto, and Alice lived her entire life in Oakdale, West Sayville, or Sayville. She was christened in St. John's Episcopal Church, which stands on Montauk Highway in Oakdale on what was formerly the Ludlow estate. On April 19th, 1884, Alice and William Westerbeke were married and enjoyed 39 years of a very happy marriage. Mrs. Westerbeke was a devoted member of the first Reformed Church in West Sayville, taking in part in many of its organizations.

Besides her husband William, Alice was survived by four daughters, Mrs. William LaMantha of Bayport; Mrs. Frank Rogers of Patchogue; Mrs. Matthew DeGraff, and Mrs. Josephine Skinner of West Sayville; one son, William H. Westerbeke of West Sayville; her mother, Nellie Otto; a sister, Mrs. William Otto of Bayport; and two brothers, Edward Otto of Yonkers; and the Reverend Cornelius Otto of Patterson, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

Her funeral services were held from her home. The Rev. A.E. VanWerpen officiated, with the burial following at St. Ann's Cemetery.

William Westerbeke died in his home on Main Street, West Sayville, in late March of 1931 at 72 years old. He was the son of John and Nellie Westerbeke, natives of Brutnesse, Holland, who immigrated to this country in 1849. The family started out in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where the father, John, farmed. In 1861 they relocated to Oakdale, N.Y. where John began working in the oyster industry along with many other Dutch emigrants who were settling in this area.

Before long, John started an oyster shipping business that was later built up by his three sons, William, Edward and John, to become one of the foremost of the industry on Long Island. John Westerbeke went into politics and became Islip Town Supervisor. Eventually, as the sole survivor of Westerbeke Brothers, John established a highly successful oyster processing plant in West Sayville. The brothers had also owned a plant in Greenport, and owned other important oyster interests in Long Island Sound. William took charge of the packing and shipping in West Sayville plant which gave employment to a large force of men. They sold that business to the Sealscript Company around 1911 at which time, William retired.

William and Alice Otto, daughter of Edward Otto of West Sayville were married in April of 1884. From that marriage, five children and five grandchildren survived. There were four daughters: Mrs. William Mantha of Bayport; Mrs. Frank Rogers of Patchogue; Mrs. Matthew DeGraff and Mrs. Josephine Skinner of West Sayville; and one son, William H. Westerbeke who was an attorney in Bay Shore and resides in Brightwaters. Mrs. Westerbeke died in 1923, and in September 1927 Mr. Westerbeke married Mrs. Minnie Skinner, widow of the late Captain Andrew Skinner of Sayville, who survived him.

Mr. Westerbeke was for many years a member of the First Reformed Church of West Sayville and at the time of his death was a member of the Consistory and he taught Sunday School for many years. He was a devoted family man. Funeral services were conducted at his West Sayville home by Reverend J.H. Joldersma of the First Reformed Church. After which, burial was in the family plot in St. Ann's cemetery.

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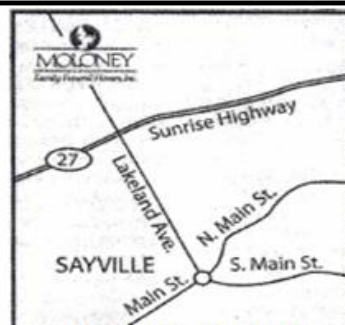
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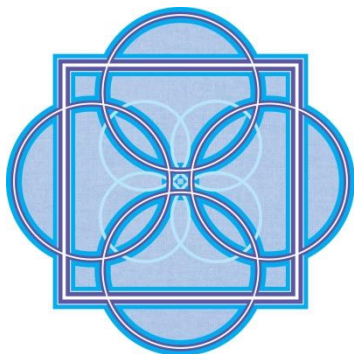
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The word *quatrefoil* comes from the Latin for "four leaves." A quatrefoil in art or architecture is the outline of four partially overlapping circles of the same diameter. In Christian tradition, it represents the writers of the four gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — which overlap one another partially but not entirely, and are equally important to our understanding of Jesus.

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

8:00 PM—AA Meeting

7:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—July 13

Tuesdays

8:00 AM—Men's Group

9:00 AM—Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays

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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PSALM 25:1

