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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

Oct 6—Sunday School Begins 9:00 AM Oct 6-Youth Sunday 10:00 AM Oct 26-Clam Bake 6:00 PM



MISSION STATEMENT

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

A Look at Beauty



Remember kaleidoscopes those tubes you hold up to your eye and point toward the light to see colorful shapes? When the far end of the optical instrument is turned, fragments of material inside an "object cell" shift and mirrors set at rt5frt54angles reflect light through the pieces, forming ever-changing patterns. A multi-

hued flower might become sunlight through a round stainedglass window or fireworks on a clear night.

Various materials can be placed in the cell — tiny figures, twisted bits of metal, lace, viscous liquid — but often broken bits of glass are used, to beautiful effect! In fact, David Brewster, inventor of the kaleidoscope in 1817, named it after the Greek word kalos, for "beautiful."

Everyone feels broken, twisted or shattered at times. But when God's perfect light shines in and through us, reflecting among the fragments of our imperfect lives, we, too, become beautiful. Out of our sinfulness and brokenness shines the beauty of compassion, kindness, perseverance, hope, love delightful patterns to brighten this hurting world.



FROM THE EDITOR

Why have we been put on earth? A recent Newsday cartoon says it is "to eat cheese." I don't think that's the reason, but I thought it was funny and sent it to my son-in-law, who is the proprietor of a cheese shop in Northern NY. He thought it was a great idea!

But why have we been put here? Is it to learn life lessons? Is it to get unbelievably rich and own as much stuff as we can? Is it a test, to see how long we can sustain ourselves by following God's teachings? Are we just here by accident? Is it to help others? If you ask 100 people, no doubt you will get 100 different answers.

Some people, like the young Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, seem to find out early. At the age of 16, she already seems to know it is her mission on earth to spread the message about helping to save our planet. Malala (Yousafzai), a Pakistani activist for female education, was the youngest person ever to win a Nobel prize. Even being shot and hospitalized did not stop her from her mission. I wonder what makes some people so brave and single minded about their projects, and what makes other people indifferent or just perplexed as to what they are doing here?

I admire these young women, but I know I'm not like them, so I search for other purposes. We are all different, and some of our purposes are not as visible as others. After all, as John Milton wrote, "they also serve who only stand and wait."

Whether our purpose is an obvious mission or a vague mystery, God will show us the way. And now it's time for me to go eat some cheese! -Rodney Dudley

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A Word from the Interim Rector **Father Hugh James**



Loss and Bereavement

Dear Friends.

November 1st is the Feast of All Saints. The following day is the Observance of All Souls when we remember people who have died. Coping with death and coming to terms with bereavement is something any religion ought to help people with. Being faced with death raises questions and challenges people's faith. Christianity is founded on the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We believe he rose from the dead, and promised his disciples that he would go and prepare a place for them and us in heaven.

That is something we affirm at every funeral and memorial service. We try to remind the bereaved that death is not the end of our life, but a time when life is changed. I often think we need to say this at other times as well. When death happens, it is a time of great emotion and we do not always take in what is said at a service. All Saints Day gives the opportunity every year to renew our belief and hope in the resurrection.

This year I am planning to introduce something new into our services on All Saints weekend (November 2 and 3). At the end of each service I will invite the congregation to come forward and each person will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of those close to them who have died. I have found over the years that people find this a comforting thing to do. It's a simple act to show that we remember, and that our loved ones are not forgotten.

It is an opportunity to invite people who do not often attend church to come and take part in a meaningful act of remembrance. I intend to contact the families of people whose funerals I have conducted during my time at St Ann's and personally invite them to come and take part.

Perhaps you too could consider coming and bringing family and friends who are bereaved and still feel the need to mark that bereavement.

With all best wishes,

Hugh James+

Reminder to all. UTO Sunday is October 13th this year. Thank you in advance to all who contribute to this important appeal. Extra Blue envelopes are available in the Parish Hall and church narthex if you didn't receive one via mail. Checks should be made out to St Ann's with UTO on the memo line. Thank you all.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Vestry Visions

What About the Search?

What's going on with the search for a new Rector? This is often heard by both the Vestry and the Search committee. Since I serve on both, here is my reply with comments.

The process for the search included hiring a consultant recommended by the Diocese. After the parish-wide meeting which generated your ideas of needs, problems, hopes, likes and dislikes, the Search Committee worked to create the survey, which was released September 8th. Through the miracle of data crunching, they will be able to create a very specific "help wanted" ad.

I was privileged to serve on a previous search committee and was surprised to see how much more detailed the current process has become. The consultant urged us to take a walk around our community to get feedback and to make us more aware of the local needs. We need to incorporate the results of this experience into the profile. We hope that members of the congregation will want to become involved in this "Prayer Walk."

The "Want Ads" -- exactly what are they composed of? There are two documents being created:

- 1) A "Parish Profile," which gives facts about St. Ann's -- our mission, attendance, activities, outreach services, past history, salaries and benefits, as well as providing copies of many items such as bulletins, The Correspondent, By-Laws, Vestry biographies; the list goes on and on. (You should be able to view it on our website shortly). We believe potential candidates will have a fairly good idea of St. Ann's from these documents.
- 2) The other document, called OTM, a slightly different version, which is broadcast on a national level, is also being prepared. The parishioners who have completed the on-line survey have really helped flesh out these documents. Thank You!

The "New Rector Wanted" documents are presented at the Diocesan level twice a year - in September and March. We had hoped for September, but getting the survey prepared took longer than we had thought. We expect our presentation to be ready for March, at which time it will be passed on to the Transition Ministry Conference. This is a conference of more than 40 dioceses.

Then the Search Committee begins its review of applicants and presents the top ones to the Vestry for final decisions. Because the number of church rector openings far exceeds the available number of eligible priests, we are working and praying that our Profile will attract the one that is right for us!

We also are asking that the website be enhanced with more photos. This should help us appear to be an even more desirable parish. If you haven't looked recently, you should. (www.saint-anns.org) We really have a good website, and it's getting better all the time. (Thank you, Shin Chung!)

In the meantime, we continue to appreciate Father Hugh's role in keeping us on course while we search, and we also appreciate your prayers for both the Vestry and the Search Committee.

Gratefully,

Don Hester for the Vestry

Where We Are

The Search committee has been meeting regularly since March 2019. To date several important phases of the search have been successfully completed, including:

- Meeting with and receiving guidance from our Diocesan Transition Liaison, Diane Gaidon
- Conducting a Parish Summit, led by Canon Woodley
- Developing and opening the Parish survey to solicit demographic information, feedback and suggestions from the St. Ann's Parish.



The committee is pleased to report that as of September 16th, one week into the survey, over 85 parishioners have responded to the survey online. We thank all of you who have completed the survey. Your feedback is vital to our process.

As you may know we have begun preliminary work on the Parish Profile. Parishioner input via the Summit and survey will give shape and add context to this document. The Profile is a comprehensive document that reviews our church's community, geography, history, facilities, community resources and area attractions that would be of interest to potential candidates.

In addition, we are completing the Office for Transition Ministry (OTM) Portfolio. This information will eventually be posted on the OTM website so interested clergy candidates can access and apply for the Rector position. The Portfolio advertises the position, providing details which include average attendance, the compensation package, and our last three incumbent Rectors. It also asks a dozen questions that require a written narrative. The answers to these questions describe our liturgical style, stewardship, our involvement in the wider community, pastoral care etc.

Our next steps will be to analyze the survey data and present the results to both the Vestry and the Parish.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Knoepffler (chair)



Next Senior Luncheon Tuesday, October 29th

The next Senior Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, October 29, at 12:00 noon, in the Parish Hall. Come and hear Diane Magnani and Jill Hughes speak about their recent trip on safari in South Africa!



All seniors are welcome, but please bring a donation for the Food Pantry



Sunday School begins October 6th at 9:00 AM. Please meet in the **Upper Parish Hall**.

If you have not yet registered, please contact Fr. Brian.



Our first Youth Sunday this fall will be on Sunday, October 6th, at 10:00 AM. Please attend with your kids!

The Blessing of the Animals will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 6th, in front of the church. Please--all pets must be leashed or in a cage (or fishbowl!) In the event of rain, the service will be held in the Parish Hall.





ST. ANN'S CLAM BAKE Saturday, October 26th at 6:00 PM

Watch for details to follow!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH



11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

"Prepare ye the way..."

We will have our Annual Christmas Fair on Sunday November 24 from 11-4. This year's fair will have a slightly different format than past years' but will include offerings from our Thrift Shop, craft sales from local artists, a raffle of fabulous prizes, a basket raffle, luncheon, and more surprises yet to come. If you are interested in donating an item to the raffle, or if you are—or know—an artisan interested in participating in our craft sale, please contact Nicole

LaFountaine at nlaftpines@gmail.com prior to October 13th. Flo Chase will be in

charge of the basket raffle. There are some baskets available in the Parish Hall if you would like to fill your own basket to contribute. Also looking for volunteers to set up, break down, sell raffle tickets, etc. the day of the fair. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.



ALTAR GUILD

WHERE DO ALL THE FLOWERS GO?

Everyone knows the Altar Guild takes care of setting up the altar before services and cleaning up afterwards. They prepare the palms for Palm Sunday and keep the silver and brass polished regularly. But they also have another, less well known, mission, which you can help with!



When church is over, and the flowers are taken off the altar, are they thrown away? No! The two arrangements are separated into smaller bouquets and delivered to folks who might particularly appreciate them! The Altar Guild does not always know who might be a candidate for flowers, so if you know someone who has recently been in the hospital... has recently had a special birthday...is grieving and feeling alone...or maybe had a milestone event...or just needs a pick-me-up, please call:

Barbara Stahlberg (631-589-2302) or **Linda Munkelwitz** (631-589-5417)

The flowers are delivered with a note that reads:

"These flowers have been on the altar of St. Ann's Church. They have heard the hymns that have been sung, the prayers that have been offered, and the sermons that have been preached. They have been present at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Now with their silent message they come to you with our love and prayers."

I have been the recipient of some of these flowers on various occasions over the past years. It is always so nice to see a friendly face at the door, beautiful flowers for your table, and knowing that your church is thinking about you! Be an angel, and pass the word on to our Altar Guild!

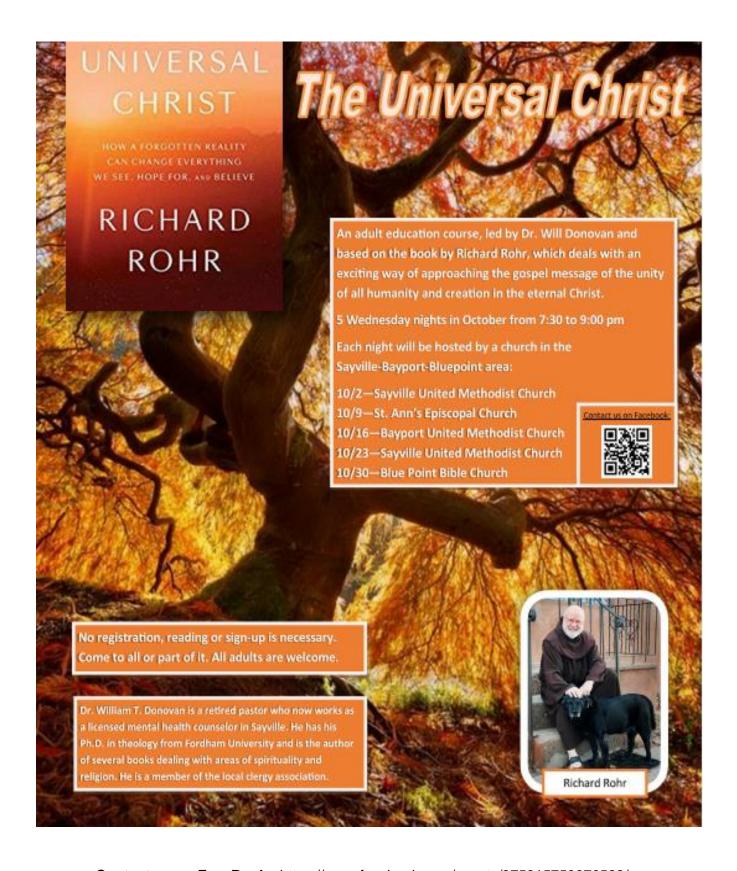
--Rodney Dudley



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VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

NEW CHORAL SCHOLAR FOR THE CHOIR

You will be seeing a new face in the Soprano section. The Choir welcomes Jaime DiChiara, our new Choral Scholar, who has joined us. You may notice that those extra high notes are being reached as we sing the anthems going forward!

Jaime is a Senior at Bayport-Blue Point High School. She loves music, and she loves to read. We think she will be an excellent addition to the Choir!



Who Is Mark Schweizer?

You may not know the name Mark Schweizer, but he has had a definite influence on St. Ann's Church. His company, St. James Press, is responsible for many of the anthems the choir sings. He provides a subscription to St. James Press for a one time per year fee, and during that year, our choir can use any or all of the music available on their website. If you remember recently hearing "The Lord Is My Shepherd" or "Take My Life and Let It Be" you have been touched by Mark Schweizer.

In addition, Mark is an author of "liturgical mysteries" and a very funny man. Some of our parishioners (I am one) have read one or more of the 15 books he has written about a little church (St. Barnabas) in the mountains of NC. They are interesting, laugh-out-loud funny, and have lots of Episcopal inside jokes! The main character (no doubt, Mark's alter ego) is the church's organist as well as the town's Chief of Police (a two-person department). Some of his titles are <u>The Tenor Wore Tapshoes</u>, <u>The Diva Wore</u> Diamonds, and The Organist Wore Pumps.* You get the idea!

All this is building up to the email that arrived recently which was startling, sad, and yet funny. Mark jokes about everything. The following is from his email"

On Monday, August 12, Donis [staff member & friend)] looked deep into my eyes and discovered there was something terribly wrong, although perhaps not for the first time. This prompted a visit with my physician, where the doctor looked into my eyes and immediately sent me to get a CT scan. Upon return of said scan, she sat everybody down in the room and said, "Everyone without a brain tumor, please stand up. Wait, not so fast, Mark."

Further reflection and a series of other tests proved the doctor right. Further testing yet revealed that it was a stage-4 glioblastoma. [A description of the operation on his "extra large brain" and his stay in the hospital followed He is currently recovering but back on the job 1.

There are two things we're known for: cheap, snooty music and good service. Kevin and I will be in charge of the cheap, snooty music, while Amy and Donis will be in charge of good service. The rest of our team will ensure that everything continues to run smoothly. Contact us at any time and thank you for your continued support.* -- Mark Schweizer

We wish Mark well and raise prayers for his continued recovery!

*www.sjmp.com



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MINISTRY

By Rodney Dudley

LOCAL MISSIONS Greeting Friends!

Well, our mission was a little different this month! Two of us (Mary & Rodney) got up early and took the 6:35

train out of Ronkonkoma. We had three wagons of wares for the homeless. However, we had failed to realize that there was construction underway on the train line, and it meant we would be changing trains (with our wagons) three times between Ronkonkoma and Penn Station. And we would be an hour late. So, we called our friends from Zion Church and told them they'd have to open by themselves, and we'd get there as soon as we could.

Next thing you know, one of the LIRR temp workers yelled for us to get off...but it was at Bethpage—wrong! We had to wait 45 minutes for the next train to Hicksville, which would take us back to Babylon, where we would switch to the train to Penn Station. I should mention that there was a nice Spanish lady who helped us with one of the wagons, since we had to go across to another track. We finally arrived at Penn Station at 11:00. We set up our goods with the help of the Zion workers, who were starting to pack up to leave. In fact, Mary needed to get the 12:12 train back to Ronkonkoma to



take care of some appointments. That left about 45 minutes. We did get to serve a few people, including some of the regulars, but it was a very short visit.

We didn't want to take everything home again. Zion took the men's jackets with them, and we packed up



the toiletries and the leftover sandwiches into two wagons, planning to leave some of the clothes we had brought behind. By coincidence (?), there was a man in a wheelchair right near us. He was homeless now, but he told us in the past he had worked to help homeless people. He offered to stay and give out the clothing that we had wanted to distribute but didn't have time. He was thrilled to be of service; we were thrilled not to carry the clothing back with us.

We rushed off to Penn Station with little time to spare. Lately, we have become adept at taking the wagons down the escalator, and we managed quite nicely on the first set of escalators. But we had one more set of escalators to navigate—and they were not working. We had no choice but to use the stairs. In the midst of our plight, two strangers, a large man and an athletic looking young woman helped us get the two

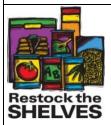
wagons down the stairs.

The track had already been announced by the time we got to the LIRR, so we managed to get ourselves and the wagons on the elevator down to Track 16 in one trip. We made the 12:12!

On the trip back East, we again had to transfer—at Babylon and Hicksville, where we would get a final train back to Ronkonkoma. We were a bit touchy after getting off at the wrong station once. At one point, the neon sign on the train said "Babylon," we panicked and yelled, "It's Babylon! We have to get off!" A dozen people jumped out of their seats before we realized that it was the NEXT station that would be Babylon. Mary then announced that "Sorry! It was just a drill, so you'll be prepared for the next station! You all did very well!" Everyone laughed and we all sat down again.

We arrived home at 2:30 having done very little but ride trains most of the day! However, there were some good things too. We found that there are many nice people in New York who are willing to help someone in need. We had some nice conversations on the train—a cab driver from Peru, a girl who had once been homeless, but was now working and off the street. Mary and I had a chance to catch up with each other. and we almost solved all the problems of the world while riding that train! We laughed a lot. We got exercise. And we knew we did our best and we didn't quit! Next month we'll be going in on the third Blessings to you all, Rodney Dudley Saturday, October 19th.





OUR DAILY BREAD

Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon
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Of course, cash donations allow us to shop for needed items.

We could use some help with shopping! If you can help, call Lynette Schulz at 631-472-2235.

Fourth Wednesday Lunch & Meditation



Join us at Peg Costanzo's home every 4th Wednesday of the month at 12:30 PM for a meditation group, which meets at her home in Patchogue. Bring lunch and enjoy some conversation, scripture reading, prayer, and meditation. Great for relaxing and dealing with stress! The next date is:

OCTOBER 23rd

We hope you can join us!
Call Peg for questions or directions

RSVP: 631-289-4689



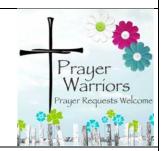
Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry

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

Sneakers * Sweatshirts * Sweatpants * Leggings * Backpacks * Dark color socks Shampoos * Soaps * Deodorant * Toilet Paper * Prepackaged Tuna or Chicken Salad

PRAYER WARRIORS

Join the Prayer Warriors while they pray for the church in its search for a new rector, for the sick, and for special requests. You will find them in the St. Barnabas Chapel on Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM. If you feel moved to join in their prayers, they would welcome you! A peaceful and meaningful way to start your day.





Book Table

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	Celebrating An Anniversary This Month	WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES			
7	Charles & Donna Romano	10	Anthony & Wendy Lico	21	Rich & Cheryl Waters
	Robert & Connie Taborsky	12	Gregory & Lisa Jacques	23	Jesse & Jennifer Lasko
9	Robert & Mary Ann Costanzo	18	Salvatore & Doreen Grenci	24	Michael & Erin Hynes
10	George & Mary Fisher	21	Thomas & Cara Clark Jr.	28	Joseph & Lisa Castelli



1	Sydney Felton	8	Scarlet Marrugo	15	Renee Chalmers	21	Virginia Spiess
	Lauren Immoor	9	Nicole Rey	16	Paul Weeks	23	Shayler Smyrk
2	Donna Stankovich	10	Melanie Acierno	17	Frank Costanzo	25	Lily Acierno
3	Kathy Senese		Hewlett Krakaur	18	Shin Kang-Chung	28	Shawn Felton
4	Donna Romano	11	Michael Chalmers		Katherine Elton	29	Richard Acierno
5	Jessica Shelton	12	Rich Waters	19	Emma Chung		Brooke Mattimore
7	John Smith	13	Olivia Hlavac	21	Janet Adam		Whitney O'Donnell
8	Henry Lemanis	14	William Verneer		Christine Mulroy	30	George Koinoglou

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.

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❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

MRS. WILHELMINA FRIEMAN SECTION 44 - LOT 11

By Connie Currie

Mrs. Wilhelmina Frieman died of a stroke in Southside Hospital during the second week of February 1937. Born in 1853 in New York, she and her husband came to Bayport in 1895, immediately after their marriage. Although a quiet, home loving person, Mrs. Frieman made many friends throughout the years here. Mr. Frieman died in 1929.

Mrs. Frieman was survived by two sons, Edward J. of Bayport and Walter of Bayside, and two daughters, Mrs. John Crawford of Richmond Hill and Mrs. E. Harrier of Harrington Park, NJ. She also left eight grandchildren and four sisters.

After services by the Reverend T. Tedcastle of the Bayport Methodist Church, she was laid to rest in St. Ann's Episcopal Cemetery.



The Labyrinth

We are so fortunate to have this beautiful labvrinth in the Garden of the Unforgotten. Father Hugh spoke recently about how it's hard to listen to the Lord when we have such an abundance of noise around us. Walking the Labyrinth is a wonderful way to experience peace and quiet and to listen to your own thoughts and perhaps hear what the Lord may be saying to you.

[Photo: Hugh James]



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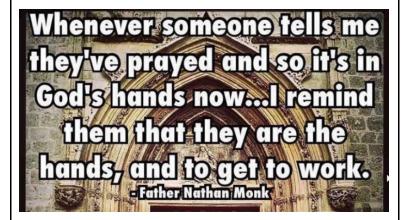
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See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.
Check out the website at: www.saint-anns.org

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 6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—Oct 13 6:30 PM—Mission & Outreach—Oct 21 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope 10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open

Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting 10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry 10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open 8:00 PM—AA Meeting Fridays

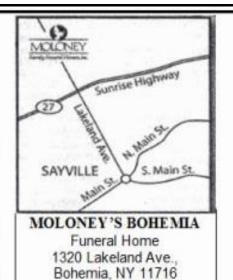
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