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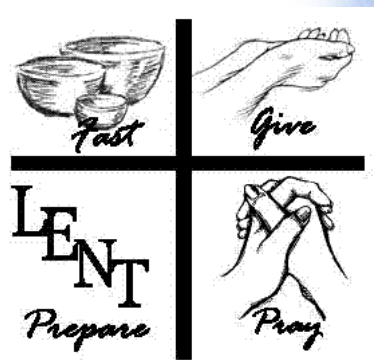
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FROM THE EDITOR

Habits have enormous power in our lives. That's one reason we like to sit down in Lent and take stock of ourselves. Habits can make our lives easier—like brushing our teeth every night or driving to work without thinking about which turns to make, but other habits can do terrible damage in our lives—second guessing ourselves, laziness, constant criticizing, not to mention smoking or drugs. A habit is neutral. You lay down the pattern, and a few days—or a few years--later it's automatic. But watch out which habits you cultivate! An anonymous author writes this:

I am your constant companion. I am your greatest helper or heaviest burden. I will push you onward or drag you down to failure. I am completely at your command. Half the things you do you might just as well turn over to me, and I will be able to do them quickly, correctly. I am not a machine, though I work with all the precision of a machine plus the intelligence of a human being. You may run me for a profit or turn me for ruin—it makes no difference to me. Take me, train me, be firm with me, and I will place the world at your feet. Be easy with me, and I will destroy you. Who am I? I am habit.

Let's take this time in Lent to weed out our bad habits and build good ones.

—RMD

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REFLECTIONS

LENT



O Lord, begin with me. Here. Now. This is the point at which I begin Lent--on Ash Wednesday--and I hope you will too. In the first months of the Christian year, we, as a community, slow down, focus on the need for God's grace and pray for our sincere preparation of the 40 days to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter and the resurrected life that we live and hope for as Christians. My sisters and brothers in Christ, we are Easter people. It is not slapped on us in our rushed lives. It is sewn in stitches into our being. It takes time and intent to give up hindrances or add a study, prayer time and/or silence. In March, the parish offers Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday services at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 7:00

PM. We have Lenten study programs on Tuesday mornings and our traditional Wednesday soup/bread suppers with study. More than anything we offer a place to *be still and know I am God*. May St. Ann's Church be transformed in the late winter and early spring to bloom as nature does. May you and I bud again. O Lord, begin with me. Here. Now.

Blessings, *Gary* +

LENTEN STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesdays in Lent: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

Fr. Gary will offer a Lenten class on *Compassion* during the Tuesdays in Lent for one hour starting at 9:30 AM. The study will cover the compassion of God, compassionate life, and a compassion way. Please add this study to your Lenten observance, if you can.

Wednesdays in Lent: March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

Randy Schulz is organizing the soup (6:00 PM) and Fr. Farrell is teaching the study (7:00 PM).



Learning to Pray Without Ceasing. Our relationship with others and our relationship with God are parallel. It is not surprising that Christ says that love of God and love of neighbor are "like" one another. In this class, we will consider our relationship with God and our neighbor in order to become more aware and more prayerful. Through exercises, reflection and discussion, we will deepen the prayerfulness of our daily lives by investigating what it means to pray without ceasing.

The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

NEW LENTEN ALTAR LINENS

Our new Lenten linens, handmade in Madeira, are given in loving memory of Lorelle Parsons, our former Altar Guild Director. The following young people made crafts for St. Ann's Fair—Brian, Matthew, and Eamon Rockwood, Nick Murphy, Sami and Reggie Elton, Megan Braat, and Alexandra Reksten. They generously donated their proceeds to help purchase these linens. We thank them and members of the parish for this lovely tribute to Lorelle. St. Ann's was a very special part of Lorelle's life—her home away from home. —Barbara Stahlberg

Vestry Visions

I have always known that Saint Ann's has a rich history. I have also believed that St. Ann's has been important in and to the local community. Yet over the past month, I have been awed by the role that St. Ann's has played for over 220 years. Our involvement in the local area and our history of caring were highlighted to me through three channels.

As I helped to prepare several grant requests for funds to help repair our church belfry, I learned more about the early history of St. Ann's and the influential citizens who made our stone church and lovely parish grounds a reality. There were the Suydams and their generous support in the earliest years of our parish and the Roosevelts who sat on our Vestry. The list of those who were part of our history reads like a who's who of the high society of the day. Yet these were not just people of means; they were people who cared for the welfare of our community. Our rector, the Reverend Mr. John Prescott, was involved in other areas of community life such as serving as a charter member of the Sayville Hook and Ladder Company and establishing the first lending library in Sayville (1880-1886).

In Jack Whitehouse's fascinating book *Sayville Orphan Heroes; The Cottages of St. Ann's*, I read of the generosity of Ida Gillette, a prominent member of our parish and community, and how she donated the gift of land on the south side of Middle Road for the Cottages. Then, through the 1920s into the early 1940s, the Reverend Joseph Bond was the spiritual leader and advisor for the children living in the Cottages which were facilities under the auspices of the Episcopal Church Charities Foundation.

Recently we held a ceremony to memorialize Nannie Dillard, a young black woman who died in 1898 and is buried in our cemetery. Connie Currie spearheaded the program; Alan Fricke Memorials donated her tombstone; Fr. Farrell spoke movingly about Nannie's story of grace and sadness. The role of St. Ann's in hosting such a moving event again reflects our compassion and our leadership in the community. Speaking to a local reporter, Connie captured the essence of what we at St. Ann's believe: "Life isn't based on class systems." Speaking of the event, Connie said, "In a small way, as a church, maybe it will do something, but in the meantime she has a marker in the cemetery. She's in there with the Roosevelts..."

In his history about the Cottages, Jack Whitehouse underscores the role of St. Ann's "strong spirit of charitable giving and civic responsibility." These are part of our essential fabric. They might make us proud, but they must make us determined to continue our legacy of charity in all senses of the word.

Pat Osarchuk, Warden

Youth Involvement

Our youth members are getting involved at St. Ann's. Members of the Young Adult Christians have expressed interest in participating in the Appreciative Inquiry on March 5, 2011. At that meeting, the church will seek to define itself and its future more clearly. The input of youth at this significant point in the process of calling a rector should better equip us in our discernment.

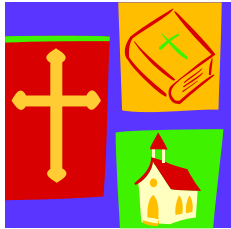
Two Young Adult Christians will represent us as youth delegates to the Diocesan Convention on November 11-12, 2011. There, they will be seated on the floor for some of the most significant business and will also participate with other youth delegates in programs created especially for them.

Members of the Young Adult Christians have also been invited by the Vestry on a rotating basis to attend and have input at Vestry meetings. Several members have already shown interest in attending. We are moving towards all voices being heard in the parish. **-FDG+**



THE SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR: KICK-OFF DAY

On Saturday, January 29, 2011, the Discernment, or Search, Committee and the Vestry met with Facilitator, the Rev. Dr. Bruce Griffith, who will be easing us through the search process for choosing a new rector for St. Ann's. I am not actually a part of the Search Committee. I am part of an offshoot called the Writing Committee, which has as its project to create a tri-fold pamphlet which will encourage the world to beat a path to our door. We have our work cut out for us!



Fr. Griffith began by saying that what we focus on becomes reality. This means, of course, that we must be very intentional about what we focus on! If we choose to focus on having a tall blond who speaks Finnish, that may be what we get—but it won't necessarily meet the needs of this parish. In a similar vein, he urged us to accentuate the positive—what's right at St. Ann's--rather than avoiding the negative—trying to fix what is wrong or has been wrong in the past. By the end of the meeting, it was obvious to all that St. Ann's has a wealth of positives to offer any potential candidate.

For those who remember the previous process for choosing a rector, things have been changed (as they always are), so this time it will be a somewhat different experience. On the surface, my impression was that it will be somewhat like *American Idol*, with hordes of people lining up (figuratively, if not literally) at our door with the goal of becoming the next Rector of St. Ann's. The Search Committee would be the panel of judges. After a broad winnowing process, to determine which of the hopefuls has the wherewithal to achieve this goal, the candidates are narrowed down (*You're going to Hollywood!*) to a smaller number, who will be more rigorously examined. We then, after a series of hurdles (and perhaps valorous deeds), arrive at the top 3 or so, who will be considered by the Vestry. No, the congregation does NOT vote for candidates on their cell phones. Of course, this metaphor does not take into account the movement of the Holy Spirit among us, leading us to discern what the Lord wants for us. It is, after all, a calling and not a talent contest. However, like the TV show, this will not happen overnight. It will take weeks and months of discussion, research, and prayer, but we will try to keep you generally informed along the way as to the progress being made. At the end of the road, we plan to be welcoming a new rector who will be the one who is right for St. Ann's.

Let us all continue to keep the church in our prayers as we go forth on this important mission.

—Rodney Dudley

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

Appreciative Inquiry

We hope all parishioners will want to be involved in the search process. On March 5th, the next phase of our search will take place in the Parish Hall. The time is from 9:30 AM to well into the afternoon, so please clear your calendars. It will be similar to the first meeting but with a broader range of people. We know from our first meeting that people bring widely varying viewpoints and unique ideas--and that one lone person in the back row might bring up an idea that no one else has thought of. You will find this an exciting process, and if you do not participate you will be missed! Please join us on March 5th and be a part of the search. The Parish needs input from you *all*.

RSVP to the Church Office: saintanns@optonline.net or (631) 589-6522

Please note, a count of attendees will help to determine the setup for the meeting. You can email or call the office to let them know if you plan to attend.

PRAYER GROUP FOR THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please join our prayer group to pray for the Search Committee and candidates. Call Marge Rogers **(631-567-1919)** for information and meeting dates. The commitment will be approximately an hour from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.





ST. ANN'S IS ON FACEBOOK!

Please come and visit us at St. Ann's on **FACEBOOK**.

We can be found by entering St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Sayville NY in your Facebook account in the search box. The new Facebook page and the forthcoming new St. Ann's website are two important components of our future.

It will enable our candidates in our search for a new Rector to get a good idea of what St. Ann's is all about.

If you have any ideas for improvements or expansion as well as any St. Ann's photos that you would like to share, please let me know! We can be reached on our Facebook page or at

jksgto@optonline.net or (631) 419-0633. —John K. Smith

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

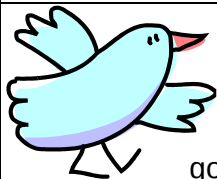
The Capital Campaign Committee will meet on Monday, March 7th, at 7:00 PM at 59 Pine Street. Please attend if you would like to help formulate the plan to raise funds for crucial repairs or renovations to our buildings and grounds on the north side of Middle Road. The most immediate need is the repair of our church belfry.

A suggestion box will be set up in the Parish Hall during the month of March for your suggestions regarding other projects which could possibly be included in this campaign. Feel free to contact Ernie DeWitt or Pat Osarchuk for more information.



EXPANDED MEETING SPACE

Because of the need for more meeting space, a number of parish groups will be meeting at the house at 59 Pine Street in Sayville (the former home of Fr. Blayer). Pine Street runs parallel to Middle Road and is one street to the south. It is the first street off of Foster Avenue.



CALLING ALL SNOWBIRDS

If you receive *The Correspondent* by mail and you are away for a significant portion of the year, as the snowbirds who fly South for the winter—or those who go North for the summer-- would you kindly notify the church office when (stop & start dates) you will be at your alternate address? The Post Office will not deliver *The Correspondent* when you are away. It is returned to the church office with an additional fee, and we want to avoid those if at all possible! Thanks for your help.

	YTD ACTUAL FOR JAN 2011	YTD BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	 Tim Laffin, Treasurer
INCOME				
Plate	\$687	\$1,000	(\$313)	
Regular Giving	\$14,287	\$15,164	(\$877)	
All Other Income	\$9,307	\$21,569	(\$12,262)	
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,281	\$37,734	(\$13,453)	
EXPENSES				
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$45,353	\$51,332	\$5,979	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(\$21,071)	(\$13,598)	\$7,374.24	

THE CURATE'S COLUMN



Choosing a Lenten Discipline



The season of Lent corresponds with the time Christ spent agonizing in the Garden of Gethsemane over his impending death. There, Christ prayed that his fate be taken away from him, but eventually was able to say, “Not my will, but Yours be done.” Christ’s ultimate acceptance of his death was a witness to integrity, love, responsibility and relationship with God. In Christ’s struggle, we therefore recognize that it is not always best to choose the easiest route. In such cases, taking the easier path, as tempting as it may be, leaves us with a hollowness as we sense (consciously or not) that we have lost the most important thing in life in order to avoid difficulty. This is not an easy lesson to learn. Escape is much easier in the moment. Following through requires the development of a larger vision.

As a spiritual practice to aid in learning this lesson, it is common for Christians to “give up” something during Lent. That is, we deprive ourselves of something to help us to understand that sometimes we have to forgo the easier path in order not to lose our integrity, that is, in order not to lose our ability to be fully present to God, to others, and to ourselves. We should choose what to do during Lent in the light of this practical goal. I knew people in seminary who chose to give up chocolate simply because they knew they would miss it. The point of Lent is not to suffer for the sake of suffering. It is instead to learn that circumstances sometimes force us to suffer if we are to remain true to who we are in relation to God. Others I knew in seminary gave up eating desert altogether because they wanted to diet. This, too, ignores the goal of a Lenten discipline; it lacks a spiritual component.

Once we grasp the goal, we realize that one need not “give up” something, but may instead “take on” a discipline. One year, for example, I took on the discipline of expressing my anger. Most of my life, I had taken the easy way out and suppressed legitimate anger in order to avoid the uneasiness of conflict. Unfortunately, I had thereby lost touch with what God was saying to me through that anger. I had been ignoring God for the sake of comfort—exactly what Christ refused to do in Gethsemane. About three weeks into my practice, a group at lunch began to discuss how their Lenten disciplines were going. I pronounced myself a Lenten failure (because I still was unable to express anger). One of the professors wisely admonished, “It’s too early to tell.” Indeed, Lent was not over, and the point of taking on a discipline is to grow over time. Even Christ, as he struggled, waffled back and forth before he came to terms with his situation and was able to accept the will of God.

In determining one’s own Lenten discipline, one should remember that Christ’s suffering was not arbitrary, but quite meaningful. It was not sought out, but thrust upon him by a world that was threatened by his message of love. So, one should take on something that will encourage one to grow in relationship with God. This could be any number of things, as varied as the number of people on the globe. What is it that keeps you from hearing God’s voice? Is it constant busyness? A life filled with clutter? Fear of something? Where are you taking the easy way out, only to lose sight of the connection between you and God? When you find that, you will have found the beginnings of a meaningful Lenten discipline.

Faithfully, *Farrell*+



May the blessed sunlight shine upon you and warm your heart till it glows like a great fire and strangers may warm themselves as well as friends. And may the light shine out of the eyes of you, like a candle set in the window of a house, bidding the wanderer to come in out of the storm.

—Traditional Irish Blessing

Remembering Nannie Dillard

Sermon preached by Fr. Farrell Graves on February 6, 2011, the occasion of the dedication of a tombstone for Nannie Dillard's grave, unmarked in the Garden of the Unforgotten for over 100 years.

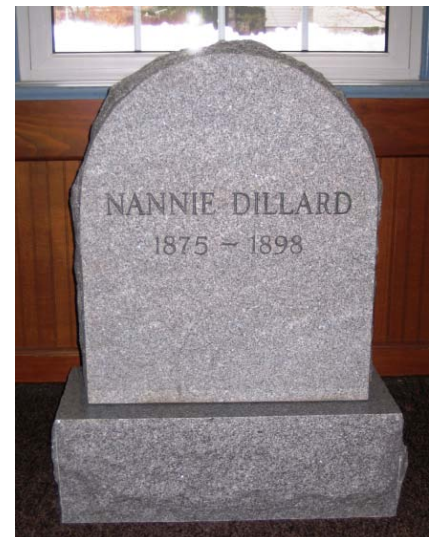
We are here today in part to give thanks for Nannie Dillard and to complete something that was begun over a hundred years ago. The story of Nannie is one of great grace and great sadness. Widowed at 23 and forced to seek work far from home by an economic system that sees only profits, not people, she came to Sayville, a vacation resort at the time. People in those days would come to work in the hotels—the Elmore, the Hamlyn, the Kensington, and many others—in the summer and would go down to Florida to work there in the winter. Back and forth they went. Back and forth. Imagine trying to nurture your family, trying to give your children the stability and sense of safety they need to thrive. Is it any wonder that Nannie left her only child in Virginia, as painful as that must have been? Sometimes love and circumstances force us to make painful choices.

Nannie, moreover, never made it to Florida in the winter. She died here in Sayville in late August, 1898, a few months after her arrival. We know from her obituary that the guests of the Delavan Hotel where she worked near St. Ann's on the west side of Foster Avenue bore the cost of her illness and funeral. Fr. Prescott, who at the time would have been called the Reverend Prescott, the Rector of St. Ann's, opened the church for her funeral and the cemetery for her burial. The obituary tells us: "Many people, not only of her own race but also of ours, were present at the church and at the grave." It makes one a little uncomfortable, does it not, that people were seen almost as a different species? Still, even allowing for self-congratulatory journalistic hyperbole, it seems that the community here in Sayville treated Nannie well, and despite her difficulties, she was "a woman sweet in gratitude" and of "gentle disposition," according to the obituary.

Being sweet and gentle, however, could not shield her from the harshness of the economic system. One must wonder if the stress of Nannie's circumstances did not contribute to her weakened condition that ended her life at 23; and how did her husband die? Was it work related? When I taught English as a Second Language in Orange County, California, to migrant laborers, they told me that they were always given the most dangerous jobs. One day, I noticed that one of my best students was missing. I found out that he had fallen from a 15-foot wall onto a cement slab. He had survived, but was broken up. Not so long after that, in the pouring rain, he came hobbling to my classroom before class began. He could walk, barely, but was bandaged and splinted on his upper body and head. He explained that he could not stay for class because he could not focus—he was on strong painkillers—but he did not want me to think that he did not want to come to class. We need not wonder what the cause of Nannie's circumstances was. It was an economic system whose very structure was uncaring and unjust.

We have the tendency to sanctify whatever system happens to be in place, to justify its outcomes, to ignore its toll on human beings. I remember when my father was laid off after many years of faithful service to a company. He had been there the longest, was the highest paid, and so he was the first to go. My uncle told him that he had read an article in the *Wall Street Journal* and that what had happened was "just good economics."

It might be good economics, but that does not make it just. Christianity demands more than simply following the rules. "For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." The conditions that forced Nannie to leave her home to wander about the country from job to job were unjust. I am glad that she found herself in a caring community that went beyond what the system demanded.



Our society invites us to conceal injustice from ourselves and presents us with methods for doing that. We can use categories like black and white to conceal economic abuse behind rhetorical prisms that prevent us from seeing people. Racism, sexism, and homophobia are used to further political and economic agendas that are far from the love and grace that Christ preached. He said love your neighbor as yourself, no exceptions. Some of our parishioners recently were scandalized to discover that female rectors are paid less than male rectors for the same work. So, if you want a bargain, hire a female—and this is within the church.

And all of use are affected by this prism no matter what our experience or what our ethnicity, gender, sexuality. I lived many years in California, where one only saw Latinos stocking shelves, and then I moved to Manhattan, where that work was done primarily by people of African descent. I then visited my friend at a seminary in a remote region of Tennessee, where I saw white people stocking shelves, and I, even I who have lived my whole life on the margin, took note. And in that “taking note,” I realized that even I have been trained to have certain expectations. I realized that I had drunk in poison unintentionally. We must be vigilant if we are to love as radically as Christ calls us to love, and we must support each other in that love. We cannot do it all alone.

The circumstances that Nannie faced are very similar to those of migrant laborers in Long Island and throughout the US to this very day. I preached two weeks ago about the head of Chaplaincy at my university's hospital denying me the privilege of visiting those who had AIDS. What I did not tell you at the time was that I persevered and found a secular organization that was formed to do just that. There, as a “buddy,” I met a migrant laborer in the hospital. He had AIDS and tuberculosis. He told me that he followed the crops, from Florida orange groves up the coast to the cucumber fields of the eastern shore of Virginia. He dreaded going back to the work camp because everything that he owned, everything but the clothes he was wearing when he was brought to the hospital, would have been stolen from the shack in which he slept by other desperate people. Now long dead, he did not find the kind of loving community like that in which Nannie thankfully ended her days. He was completely alone in the world and was surely buried in a pauper's grave and forgotten. Few receive the kindness and attention that Nannie did.

There was an article in the *New York Times* last December about the plight of migrant laborers on Long Island. It said that they suffer from a high rate of tuberculosis. They also face violence. In fact, it was not long ago that one such person was murdered in Patchogue. And once their work here is finished, then they must move down the coast as winter approaches. This life provides no stability, no security, no community, but it is, I'm sure, “just good economics.” Given the many justifications we have for exclusion and for turning a blind eye, Nannie's treatment was indeed remarkable.

Sometimes Christianity is used to lure us to sleep, into feeling comfortable in our promise of salvation and our rectitude, but sometimes it works, sometimes it encourages us to be our best, to take risks, to love. We see an example of this in Nannie's story. And what of Nannie herself? To have remained “sweet in gratitude” and of “gentle disposition” under the circumstances in which she lived, to have drawn community around her as she did, Nannie must have indeed been a remarkable person.

St. Ann's stood with Nannie then. Let us stand with all our brothers and sisters now. This beautiful story from the past calls us to do beautiful things now. We are on our way here at St. Ann's. We are on track. The Rev. Prescott would be pleased. Opportunities to love will come to us, and we have to be ready to seize them, to exceed what our society tells us is acceptable, prudent, and appropriate, so that 100 years from now, when they read about us, they will have the same feeling that we have when we read about Nannie Dillard.

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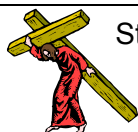
*At the critical juncture in all human relationships, there is only one question:
What would love do now? —Neale Donald Walsch*

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE



Shrove Tuesday At St. Ann's

Back by popular demand! Be sure to mark your calendar and attend St. Ann's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 8 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. You will feast on pancakes, sausage, and bacon cooked by our talented choir chefs. This year the choir will be assisted by our Young Adult Christians (YAC) who are raising funds for their Habitat for Humanity mission trip. This supper last year was a time of fun and fellowship for everyone who attended, and we expect it to be bigger and better this year. Please be sure to invite family and friends. **-Kathy Senese**



St. Ann's will once again be hosting a presentation of *The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion* on Palm Sunday, April 17, at 3:00 PM. If you are interested in becoming involved in this dramatic prayer service, please contact the Creative Ministries website: www.cmpac.com/journey.htm or contact me at the church office for further information.

As the choir prepares for Holy Week and the glory of Easter, I invite you to join us and become part of the choir family. Perhaps you play the guitar. Please consider joining our folk group. Our Children's Choir meets each Saturday at 11:30 AM. Children in grades K-6 are invited to join.



Friday, May 13: St. Ann's *GOLDEN PIPES* Potluck Fundraiser. Look for details in the April *Correspondent* as we invite anyone who would like to share their VOCAL TALENT in our version of American Idol.

I thank God for the many, many, many volunteers that make St. Ann's SING! See you at the supper! **-KS**

CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS – MARCH 16th at 2:00 PM

Start marking your calendars! As we promised, there will be an informational meeting on March 16th, at 2:00 PM, in the lower Parish Hall, for everyone who would be interested in what we have planned to create. We also want to hear your ideas for the 2011 Annual Christmas Fair. November will be here before we know it! Each following Wednesday we will meet to work on our crafting. Don't forget--it takes many hands, many hours, and many items to make the fair a success. There will be plenty of time during the weeks and months to add more projects that you may suggest. There have been many supplies donated, so there are no out-of-pocket expenses for anyone. We are looking forward to seeing many of you with your creative ideas or just willing hands; and bring a friend or two with you. If you are unable to join us but would like to make projects at home, please call 589-3176 or 589-2208 and let us know your plans and ideas. This way we will avoid duplicating items. Hope to see you there!



--Ginny Collins, Co-Chair Christmas Crafters



The Four Chaplains' Memorial Service

The annual ceremony was held on Sunday February 13th by the Suffolk County American Legion at Sayville's St. Ann's Episcopal Church with a reception followed at the Smith-Wever American Legion Post #651.

In February 1943, the Four Chaplains (a rabbi, a priest, and two ministers) gave up their life jackets while assisting Army troops aboard the troop transport Dorchester that had been torpedoed. The names of the four chaplains were Lieutenants George Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark V. Poling, and John P. Washington.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME MARCH 13 – SPRING FORWARD

We “lose” an hour this month when we set our clocks an hour ahead. Here is a great example of the many reasons we should choose to spend our time wisely!!!

Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400.00 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules, just as any game has certain rules. Here they are:

- Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
- You may not simply transfer money into some other account. You may only spend it.
- Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400.00 for that day.
- The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, “It’s over, the game is over! It can close the account, and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all people you love, right? Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every cent, and use it all, right?



Actually, this game is reality! Each of us is in possession of such a magical bank. We just can't seem to see it. The magical bank is TIME! Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life, and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us. What we haven't lived up that day is forever lost. Yesterday is forever gone. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time....without warning.

So, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think. So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply, and enjoy life! Start spending.

 Coffee Hour Coverage 2011 		
Sunday	Ministry Coverage	Notes
March 6	Altar Guild	
March 13		
March 20		
March 27	Buildings and Grounds	
April 3	Eucharistic Ministers	
April 10		



NOTES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The ECW will meet on Friday March 18 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. –Ellen Stoll



NO ALTAR FLOWERS IN LENT

If you wonder where the flowers went, There are no altar flowers in Lent.
Wait 'til Easter, then you'll see how beautiful the altar will be!

Watch for a special mailing for Easter Flowers and Music Memorials/Thanksgivings.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring. On February 6th the Confirmation Class was able to collect 80 cans of soup; six boxes of crackers; 11 cans of tuna; three cans of chicken; one box of oatmeal; eight cans of vegetables; one container of milk; two boxes of cereal; and a check for \$20.00.



BARNABAS BUDDIES

"Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned."

Simply stated...Barnabas Buddies is an INREACH program to assist parish families who could use help on a short term basis. We can provide help and comfort just by offering our time and a listening ear. Four ministries we would like to suggest as INREACH to those in our parish who call for help are:

- (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.

Call Gerry Hoek at 631-868-7278 for further information. Thanks for your help!

OUR DAILY BREAD

Jesus said in Matthew 25: "For I was hungry and you fed Me." Please remember our neighbors in need of food and bring in whatever non-perishable items you can for our Food Pantry, which will be open throughout the winter. Monetary donations enable restocking of shelves when necessary. There is a great need for Parmalat, tomato sauce, crackers, jelly and juice.



NOTIFICATION OF PASTORAL NEEDS

HIPPA laws prohibit hospitals from notifying churches of parishioner admissions and conditions. Therefore, it is up to family members to contact the church office (PLEASE don't just assume we know!) advising of illness or hospitalization. The clergy will gladly visit parishioners and bring Communion if requested, but need to know whether the patient is at home or in which hospital they have been admitted. To protect confidentiality, the HIPPA laws also prohibit church staff from sharing any information unless the parishioner/patient gives his/her permission for disclosure.



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whose baptism is recorded in the Parish Register & contributes to or participates in the worship and communal life of the congregation, regardless of how much or how little. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 631-589-6522.



Wedding Anniversaries

1	William & Joyce Hamilton	22	James & Barbara Kinkaid	30	Brian & Renee Chalmers
12	Thelma & Stanley Thuma				

BIRTHDAYS		14	Patrick Cavanagh	23	Florence Chase
			Gail Dittmar	25	Ron Sanchez
1	Peg Flanagan	15	Meaghan Gandolfo	26	Raymond Hiscock
4	Alex Klein		Stephanie Gandolfo		Jill Hughes
	Zachary Svendsen		Amanda Warren	27	Joan Palmieri
5	Laura Foerster		Taylor Whitehouse		Wesley Warren
	Brendan Mattimore	16	James Hoek	28	Sharon Vander Borgh
10	Tracy Campbell	17	Susan DeWitt		Patricia Zvonik
11	Richard Chant	18	Steven Rizzo	29	Norma McKendrick
	Addie Sanders		Ruth Garry	30	Leah Vander Borgh
12	Helen Maloney	19	Cynthia Houdek	31	Jean Lap
	Ashley Byrnes		Erin MacDonell		Wyatt Reksten
13	Sally Stoll-DePompeo		Molly Vallillo		

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. 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 AM Morning Mass on their specific day.



Count your joys instead of your woes; count your friends instead of your foes. --**Irish Proverb**

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By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

Captain William T. Collins

Section 25

Lot 3 – Downs & Collins Plot

Captain William T. Collins, born in Sayville on July 9, 1886, the son of Daniel and Martha Rhodes Collins died at his home on Collins Avenue at 5:45 on November 7, 1939. All his life had been spent here. Few of many men knew the Great South Bay better. He was a fireman most of his days and a successful one. For 25 years he was sailing master, handling the yachts of the late Frank S. Jones.

He was a handsome man, very popular, had been an active volunteer fireman, and if he had lived until the first of the ensuing year, he would have been accorded special honors by the department for his 50 years of service. He had been a member of Sayville Lodge I.O.O.F. during most of his adult life. Captain Collins enjoyed almost perfect health until he suffered a stroke six months prior to his death.

Surviving the Captain were his wife, two sons Leslie and Harold, and a daughter, Mrs. Roland Smith, who traveled from Miami to attend the funeral. He had nine grandchildren. He also left an older brother, Captain Daniel Collins, also a lifelong bayman, and a sister, Mrs. Symes Murdock. The funeral service was conducted by the Reverend D. Paul Herriot, pastor of the Sayville Congregational Church, with the burial following in St. Ann's Garden of the Unforgotten.

A GAELIC BLESSING *Words adapted from an old Gaelic rune*



Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

Deep peace of the shining stars to you

Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you

Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you

Deep peace of Christ to you



Around St. Ann's

Monthly Schedule

See **CORRESPONDENT** pages and
Bulletin for changes/cancellations
Check out the web site at www.Saint-Anns.org

Monday

Mar 14 7:00 PM—Vestry

Tuesday

Each 8:00 AM—Men's Group
Each 9:30 AM—Lenten Study
Each 1:30 PM—Christian Yoga
Each 7:15 PM—Choir

Wednesday

Mar 16 2:00-4:00 PM—1st Crafters Mtg.
Mar 16 6:00 PM—First Soup Supper
Mar 16 7:00 PM—Lenten Study

Thursday

Friday

Mar 18 10:00 AM—ECW

Saturday

Second 10:00 AM—Historical Society
Each 11:30 AM—Children's Choir



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Sunday Morning:

8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist
8:00 AM Rite II
10:00 AM Rite II, Choir Svc (Folk Mass / 3rd Sunday)
11:30 AM Rite I

Weekdays:

9:00 AM Mon & Fri — Morning Prayer in the Chapel
Tue, Wed, Thu — Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Saturdays:

5:00 PM in the Church — Taizé Service

SPECIAL EVENTS:

March 5—Parish Meeting / Appreciative Inquiry 9:30 AM
March 8—Pancake Supper 5:00-7:00 PM
March 9—Ash Wednesday 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 N, 7:00 PM
March 15, 22, 29—Lenten Class on Compassion 9:30 AM
March 16, 23, 30—Soup Suppers / Class on Prayer 6:00 PM

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