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WEEKEND SERVICES

Saturday 5:00 PM – Holy Eucharist – Rite II
Sunday 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist – Rite II
Sunday 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist – Rite II
Sunday 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist – Rite I

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
Monday, Thursday
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
Third Wednesday
9:00 AM Healing Service

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 2 – Office closed for New Year holiday
Jan 6 – Feast of the Epiphany
Jan 15 – Annual Meeting
Jan 16 – Office closed for MLKing, Jr. Day

MISSION STATEMENT

To the Glory of God, the family of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, in response to the promises made at Baptism and inspired by the Holy Spirit, strives to share Christ's Reconciling Love by our Witness and Ministry in Stewardship, Worship, Evangelism, Education, Pastoral Care, and Service.

*** A NEW RECTOR FOR ST. ANN'S ***

It is with great joy that your Vestry announces the election of the Reverend Diane Britt to be the ninth Rector of St. Ann's Episcopal Church. Mother Britt has been the Rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Katonah, NY since 2006. She is letting her parishioners know of her move to St. Ann's now as we tell all of you the good news.

The Reverend Ms. Britt will be moving into the Rectory and then officially beginning her work with us in mid-February.

The search and discernment process which we have just completed has been one of amazing cooperation, unity, and hopefulness. Last January, the newly-commissioned Search Committee and the Vestry met with Fr. Bruce Griffith to discern our sense of what St. Ann's *is*, not what St. Ann's *needs*.

This process of Appreciative Inquiry was repeated at the Parish Meeting in March during which our common values and hopes were the focus. The goal was to describe St. Ann's' unique characteristics so that we could find the priest who would be the best match with us in terms of spirit and values. Through that meeting, a Parish Profile was created and the position was publicized.

The Search Committee met numerous times and read over 40 applications. From those, eight applicants were interviewed by phone. The five who seemed to be the best match then came to St. Ann's and met with the Search Committee. They celebrated a mass and were interviewed.

By early November, the Search Committee determined the top candidates and notified the Vestry. These candidates again came to St. Ann's, shared a meal with us, celebrated a mass, and were interviewed. They also met with Bishop Provenzano. The Vestry was able to get a sense of who each one is, who would be the best match. We were blessed by being able to choose between such wonderful priests, and we believe that the Holy Spirit helped us as we came to our unanimous decision. Our choice is Mother Britt.

She is a warm and energetic person. Her pastoral and outreach skills are very strong. She is in tune with children. The list goes on and on. We are eager to have her come to St. Ann's; we are eager to have you get to know her.

The Vestry extends its heartfelt praise and appreciation to the Search Committee, led by Linda Munkelwitz, for their exceptional commitment of time and energy. The support of the Diocese--the Bishop, staff, and particularly the Rev. Canon John Betit, has been invaluable throughout the search process. We thank him and all who have made this such a positive, wonder-full journey. And we thank all who have prayed for St. Ann's during this year. We believe we've found that "faithful pastor, who will care for us and equip us for our ministries."

Pat Osarchuk, Warden & Ernie DeWitt, Warden

FROM THE EDITOR

It's a new year, and we're all thinking about things we'd like to change in our lives. I read an article posted on the Internet last month by T. Kelly, whose job is to spend time with people in hospice during the last weeks of their lives. When the patients were asked if they had any regrets or if they would do anything differently in their lives, common themes surfaced again and again. Here is a brief summary of the five most common:

1. **I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself and not the life others expected of me.**
Try to honor at least some of your own dreams along the way. Be yourself.
2. **I wish I hadn't worked so hard.** *Simplify your lifestyle. Create more space in your life.*
3. **I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings.** *Speak honestly about how you feel. Many people suppressed feelings which caused illness, related to the bitterness and resentment they carried.*
4. **I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends.** *Sometimes we do not realize the full benefits of old friends until it is too late. It all comes down to love and relationships in the end.*
5. **I wish I had let myself be happier.** *Many do not realize that happiness is a choice. We fear change, and stay stuck in old habits, worrying about what others think of us.*

We are alive now. Let's realize that life is a choice. It is YOUR life. Choose consciously; choose wisely; choose honestly. Choose happiness. Happy New Year!

[Source: <http://www.activistpost.com/2011/11/top-5-regrets-of-dying.html>]

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February Deadline:
 Thursday, Jan. 19, 7:00 PM



THE CURATE'S COLUMN

THE HOW'S AND WHY'S OF GOD AND DINOSAURS



One of our younger members recently asked me which came first, dinosaurs or the Garden of Eden. What an excellent question, I thought. I gave her a brief explanation and promised her that I would answer it more fully in my next *Correspondent* article. The story of the Garden of Eden in Genesis and the story of the geological history of our planet explain two different things. Geological history explains the events of our planet as they happened in real time. We have found that insects, amphibians, bony fish, and spiders appeared from 438 to 408 million years ago. Dinosaurs did not appear until 208 million years ago and were extinct by 147 million years ago. The first humans appeared much more recently, only 1.8 million years ago, and co-existed with mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed cats until those animals' extinction. This is a story about earth's history. We continue to improve it as new fossil evidence is found.

The Genesis stories (there are two creation narratives in Genesis), on the other hand, are not about the historical succession of events. They are about our relationship to God. They tell us that God created the world, for example, and that we were created in the likeness of God, which means that we have a special relationship with the Creator. In the first account, human beings were created after all other things were completed, as the crown of creation. Once God finishes creating and pronouncing everything good, God rests. This story suggests that the universe is exactly as God intended.

In the second creation story, a man is created before plants and rain and animals. After the creation of Adam, God then plants a garden, and only then does God create woman because it is not good for people to be alone. Though this story suggests that women were an afterthought*, at least it recognizes that human beings are essentially social creatures. We need relationships with other humans and with God. It is also in this second version of creation that we find the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The story explains how knowledge of good and evil is related to our partial separation from God. If we were one with God, we could not choose. It is our partial separation from God that allows us the freedom to do what we wish. This story explains why there is evil in the world.

Space does not allow me to explore more fully the meanings of these two stories, but the point here is to show how they differ in their intentions from the story of geological history. Geology explains *how* things came to be. Genesis explains *why* they came to be.

Faithfully, *Farrell*+

Fr. Farrell delights in sincere dialogue and welcomes verbal or written responses to his articles.

*In the spirit of sincere dialogue, the [woman] editor of this newsletter would like to suggest that perhaps God was just practicing when He made Adam...??

Vestry Visions

At the Annual Meeting this month, along with the review of yearly reports and the election of Vestry members and Warden, we will present the ministry plan (or budget) for 2012. This represents the most realistic vision your Vestry and Treasurer have for our finances in this new year. By considering the pledges from our stewardship drive and planning very carefully, we are presenting a ministry plan that projects less of a deficit than in recent years and less of a deficit than we feared. We are moving in the right direction, and we are thankful! Special appreciation goes to our Treasurer Tim Laffin, to our Parish Administrator Linda Hay, and to the Finance Committee led by Don Hester for their diligence in putting together this budget.

On a very different note, during this period of transition, it seems relevant to think about the nature of St. Ann's. Who are we?

In last month's edition of *The Correspondent*, our editor Rodney described an impressive number of ministries and those who have made Saint Ann's a special place while doing Christ's work. This brought to mind the essential nature of our parish community. All who participate in these ministries are St. Ann's. So are those who simply worship here. The people who have worshipped here for years and years are St. Ann's, but so are those who are new or relatively new to our parish. The children and the nonagenarians are St. Ann's.

With our infinite variety but communal spirit, who we are as a parish doesn't change. We have a sense of the identity of St. Ann's. This has been true not only while we've had a Rector (or Interim Priest in Charge) but also while we wait for the new one to arrive.

Pat Osarchuk, Warden



...and BRUNCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH
BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM
(No 11:30 service)

	Actual YTD October 2011	Budget to Date	Difference	
INCOME				
Plate	\$7,304.90	\$11,000.00	(\$3,695.10)	
Regular Giving	190,971.00	166,807.67	24,163.33	
All Other Income	210,461.11	238,847.83	(28,386.72)	
TOTAL INCOME	408,737.01	416,655.50	(7,918.49)	
EXPENSES	436,469.77	564,532.58	(128,062.81)	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(\$27,732.76)	(\$147,877.09)	\$120,144.33	

Is Your Pledge Up To Date?

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

LESSONS AND CAROLS

I would like to give you a peek behind the scenes of our Advent Service of Lessons and Carols and thank those who helped to make our service so beautiful and spiritual. Thank you to our readers Hannah Smith, Taylor Schmittz, Emily Lowe, Kathleen Dreelan, Tom Munkelwitz, Pat Osarchuk and Fr. Farrell. Thank you to Rick Magnani and Avalon Fox for your beautiful instrumental solos. Thank you to our wonderful Altar Guild for assisting us and to Nancy Koinoglou for making our flyer for advertising purposes and thank you to Linda Hay for our beautiful bulletin.

Wow! We had standing room only at Lessons and Carols and a packed house at our celebration honoring Fr. Gary! The reception was lovingly prepared by Marge Rogers, Tony and Joan Palmieri and assisted by Laura Sanchez and Bob Flanagan. We thank them and we thank the many leaders who gave moving (and some funny) tributes to Fr. Gary!

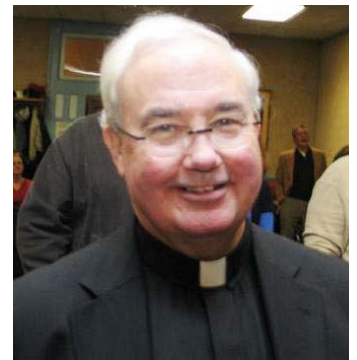
As you can see it takes more than a choir for Lessons and Carols. Now I would like to thank the greatest and most dedicated choir in the world. Your hard work and dedication and love for the Lord and St. Ann's is a beacon of light, love, and hope to the parish and community. Thank you, Choir, and thank you parish family for coming out and giving Fr. Gary the greatest sendoff! We will miss you Fr. Gary! It has been FUN!

--Kathy Senese

CELEBRATION OF A MINISTRY

After an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols on December 11, a reception was held in the Parish Hall to celebrate the ministry of Fr. Gary Parker here at St. Ann's. When you read this, Fr. Gary will have made his way across country in his car, heading for Colorado Springs.

The Venerable Hickman Alexandre, Archdeacon of Suffolk County and the Very Rev. John Walker, Dean of the Great South Bay Deanery, were also present to honor Fr. Gary. Archdeacon Alexandre, opening the festivities, remarked that the job of an Interim Priest-in-Charge is to "love 'em and leave 'em." Although we knew in advance that Fr. Gary's time with us was limited, it was still hard to see his ministry here coming to an end. Dean Walker also had some kind (and amusing) words to say to his fellow clergyman.



We heard various speakers "roast" Fr. Gary as we enjoyed refreshments. Gene Wehrenberg, unofficial Poet Laureate of St. Ann's, wore a Christmas tree shaped hat as he read a poem that made us all laugh and cry at the same time.



The Thrift Shop gave him a Colorado sweatshirt for his early morning jogs. The ECW presented him with hand-knitted gloves for those cold Colorado mornings. The Choir gave him a piece of Fire Island driftwood decorated with three stones in the style of a cairn (see the Dec. 2011 *Reflections* column). The stones read: F-U-N, which was Fr. Gary's motto. The presentation ended with the Choir, adorned in festive Christmas hats, singing *The Lord Bless You and Keep You with Irish Blessing*, a favorite and very appropriate anthem.

January 1st, Fr. Gary left at first light, his car packed with essentials and memories. As the church's rule goes, we cannot contact him by phone, email, smoke signal or in any other manner for one year. We will have our own sort of contact though, as I know he will be in our prayers. We were fortunate to have him here among us for the past 2+ years.

"Have fun!" said Fr. Gary; and we did. He left us with this quote: **F.R.O.G. = Forever Relying On God**. We will. Farewell, Fr. Gary. And thank you. --Rodney Dudley

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS COMING SOON

Confirmation is one of the sacraments of initiation, along with Baptism and Eucharist. The Sacrament of Confirmation draws us into a greater awareness of the Holy Spirit, which we received at Baptism. Through this sacrament, we confirm the presence of the baptismal gifts we have



already received; we are sealed with the gift -- undeserved and unearned -- of the Holy Spirit. Some adults want to learn about the Church before they become involved in community life, while others get involved and then desire a way to formalize their relationship to the Church and God.



As this is an ongoing process, all who are interested would be welcome. Some want to refresh their understanding of the Church and some might just wish to find out what the Episcopal Church is all about. For those who wish to be confirmed or received, attendance is mandatory.

Those interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church should call the church office and speak to Fr. Farrell. Instruction will begin in early February and run through April. The date for Confirmation this year is May 5th.



THE CATHEDRAL IN HAITI

← Before and After ↓



SPECIAL COLLECTION

REBUILD THE CATHEDRAL IN HAITI

January 29th

When the earthquake hit Haiti in January 2010, it effectively leveled the most populous diocese of The Episcopal Church. Seventy percent of church buildings were considered a total loss. Diocesan-run schools, clinics and hospitals that served over 100,000 Episcopalians, as well as countless community members, were wiped out in thirty-five seconds.

Many of the services we expect from the government—healthcare, education, culture—are provided in Haiti by The Episcopal Church. And many governmental agencies and NGOs have rushed to fill these needs in the aftermath. Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with the Church in Haiti to provide short-term employment, provisional homes, and sanitation systems in addition to other community-focused recovery programs. The Clinton- Bush Haiti Fund sponsored mobile health clinics, and a United Nations fund has underwritten the clean-up of six neighborhoods in Port-au-Prince. But there is one thing no one else can rebuild for The Episcopal Church: Holy Trinity Cathedral. Home of the famous murals that depicted the Biblical narrative, the Cathedral was a beacon in a land where strength of faith is inversely proportional to economic development.

Holy Trinity Professional School and the primary and secondary schools also located on the Cathedral grounds, raised up future leaders in an environment of cultural and spiritual grace. In 35 seconds, it was all reduced to rubble.

Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin and the people of Haiti have asked for our help. The Episcopal Church, acting through the Executive Council, asks every Episcopal diocese and congregation to join in this initial phase of rebuilding the Diocese of Haiti. As the walls of a new Cathedral rise, so too will the hearts and fortunes of those who have depended on Holy Trinity for spiritual succor, for education, and for income. We have the chance to resurrect the spirit of a nation.

As they say in Haiti, *Men anpil chay pa lou*, or many hands make the load lighter. Working together, we can complete this project brick by brick, and **\$10 buys a brick**.

The new Cathedral will serve as an anchor to the expanded Episcopal presence in downtown Port-au-Prince, offering worship space for 1,000, housing diocesan offices and a rectory, and incorporating the former cathedral ruins as an historic memorial garden.

Brick by brick, you can raise up the walls of a new cathedral over the ruins of the past.

The Diocese of Haiti has conducted initial strategic planning, and engineers are already at work in Haiti instructing masons in earthquake-safe methods that are no more costly than the masonry that failed.

To begin, all we need is a brick or two, or ten, or a thousand.



A special collection will be held for this project on Sunday, January 29th. Please be generous.

Checks should be made payable to St. Ann's Episcopal Church. Write "Haiti" on the memo line.

More information can be found on the Episcopal Church website:

www.EpiscopalChurch.org/HaitiAppeal

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee has selected the following parish members for the open Warden and Vestry positions:



PAT OSARCHUK FOR WARDEN

I began attending St. Ann's when my second son was born and have become very active over the last ten years or so. I am a retired teacher, having spent over 30 years teaching high school English at Sachem North. I am also a widow, the mother of Andrew and Dan, and the grandmother of Loken and Kolbe.

Throughout the years I've been an active member of community groups such as the PTA, Sayville Village Improvement Society, and Sayville Rotary. I was on the Sayville Library Board, serving as president for a number years, and I am now the president of Sayville Garden Club. It's pretty clear that I don't hesitate to 'get involved'! Over the past year as Warden, I stepped forward to help organize our Capital Campaign at St. Ann's. This has involved doing research, planning, writing, and – hopefully- motivating.

I would like to serve as the Warden for another term because I want to help our parish as we move forward with our new Rector and with renewed enthusiasm. I believe that my leadership skills are very helpful in this position, but it is my love for St. Ann's which makes me want to help as much as I can.



CONNIE CURRIE FOR VESTRY

I have been a parishioner at St. Ann's since 1960 when my husband Jim, and I moved here from Hicksville. I grew up there, graduated from St. Ignatius Loyola Elementary School and went on to graduate from St. Dominic's High School in Oyster Bay. I later graduated from Empire State College.

After High School I worked in the Hicksville School District, the Long Island Lighting Company, and I finished out my full time working career as a Senior Library Clerk managing the children's room in the Sayville Library, from 1961 until 1968. From that time on I was a stay at home Mom, to Jeanne.

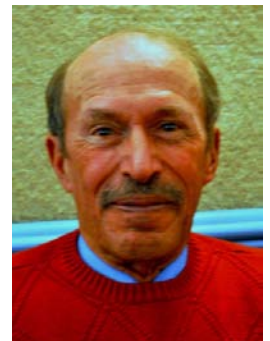
Among my fill in jobs I can list puppetry, storytelling and writing. I was a contributing editor on the staff of the Long Island Forum. Currently I am President of the Sayville Historical Society, the Long Island Wireless Historical Society and St. Ann's Historical Society. I also work some summer weekends as a guide at Meadow Croft.

As a parishioner of St. Ann's, I am an usher, a lector, I write the obit every month for *The Correspondent* and I am currently on the Vestry. I hope to continue giving my very best to my church.

DONALD MacKENZIE FOR VESTRY

My name is Don Mackenzie, and I have been a lifelong resident of the Sayville-Bayport area. Prior to my retirement in 2004, I was an educator in the Sayville School District for 39 years. I have two children, Don and Kristin, and I am a proud grandfather of four wonderful grandchildren" Sonja, John, Alexander, and Isabella.

If given the opportunity, I would love to serve as a member of the Vestry. In this capacity, I could contribute to the continued success of the St. Ann's Episcopal Church community.



LAURA SANCHEZ FOR VESTRY

I was born in Mastic Beach, NY and was raised in Brookhaven Hamlet. I am a graduate of St. John's University and have been employed as a registered pharmacist for thirty three years. My husband Ron, daughter Vanessa and I have worshiped at St. Ann's since 1993 and we have resided in Bayport since 1982. My involvement in parish life include singing in the choir, serving as Eucharistic Minister and Lector, Parish Fair, Christmas tree sales and member of the recent Search Committee. Photography is one of my hobbies, and I often contribute photos to *The Correspondent* that I take at our various functions.

In my professional career I have a strong background in employee and fiscal management and as well as organizational skills. I would like to serve as a vestry member as we grow together and seek the will of God in our lives.



KEN SMYRK FOR VESTRY



First of all, I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Ann's for asking me if I would like to add my name to the Vestry nomination list. If selected, I will serve St. Ann's faithfully and responsibly.

I am a new member of the parish as of June of this year. As a result, my involvement with the parish has so far has been somewhat limited. However, in the past few months, I have sold Christmas trees, have volunteered as a reader for Sunday services, and have enrolled my two sons, Brayton and Shayler, into the parish Sunday School. Most of all, I enjoy the community of St. Ann's and look forward to continuing my service to the parish at a greater level.

My wife Scarlet and I have been married now for 15 years, and we have two young sons, both of whom are enrolled at the River Elementary School in Patchogue: Brayton is in the second grade, and Shayler is in kindergarten. Scarlet is a stay home mother, and I am employed at Half Hollow Hills H.S. East in the English Language Arts department. I have a B.A. and an M.A. from Queens College CUNY. My Masters degree had a focus in Comparative Medieval Literature with a discipline in Liturgical Drama. I was also a matriculated Masters Degree candidate for Theology at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Lloyd Harbor, NY. Teaching is my second career. Prior to this, I was involved in retail sales and management in Boston and New York. Teaching has afforded me a great opportunity for sharing and working for a community and spending more time with my family, especially during the summer when we sometimes have the opportunity to travel. My family is the focus and love of my life.

I'm also a man of a thousand hobbies (you can ask Scarlet), but my most active hobby is amateur radio (ham radio), in which I am an FCC licensed Amateur Extra license holder. I'm active in communicating with people around the world using both voice and Morse code. Other hobbies I enjoy are cooking, gardening, and trap/skeet and target shooting.

Once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve St. Ann's Parish

I try to avoid looking forward or backward, and try to keep looking upward. —Charlotte Bronte



Capital Campaign: *It's Our Turn*



Nearing the end of December, pledges to the Capital Campaign total approximately \$79,000 and we have actually received \$57,250. This is a very encouraging first phase of the campaign. The leaves and acorns requested in the last ten weeks of 2011 will be installed on our Giving Recognition Tree by the end of January.

Those who have not yet been able to help our endeavor to repair and renovate our buildings can always do so when they are able. The support of those who have been able to give in 2011 has been wonderful. We thank you.

--The Capital Campaign Committee

To the Tree Wise Men—Bob, Ed & Joe,

Thanks for all your hard work! In two short weeks every one of the 800+ trees was sold. Thanks to all the people who unloaded the trees the Saturday after Thanksgiving. And thanks to all the people who signed up to sell trees. And thanks to Sal Greci who paraded St. Ann's trees through Sayville in his antique car in the Christmas parade. Publicity is always good!



ECS Adopt-a-Family

THANK YOU!



Once again, the outpouring of St. Ann's generosity overwhelmed the folks at Little Flower Children's Services. The donated gifts were delivered to a very appreciative group of ladies to be distributed among the very needy children and disabled adults who would not have had a Christmas celebration if not for our parish family and others like us. A little goes a long way when you see the gifts piled into the back of my "sleigh."

Thank you for your spirited and generous donations. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. --**Jackie Gandolfo**

NEW YEAR'S TIPS



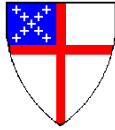
Always try to help a friend in need.



Believe in yourself.



Don't waste food.



NOTES

EPISCOPAL CHURCHWOMEN

Thank you to all who contributed to the Adopt a Family and Little Flower Children's Services Christmas gift appeal. Many beautiful boxes of clothing items, toys and Christmas cookies and candies were delivered. A special thank you to Nancy and George Koinoglou who took the gifts to Garden City.

The ECW will not meet during January and February 2012, BUT we hope that all are knitting and crocheting with the annual fair and Seamen's Church Institute in mind. –Ellen Stoll

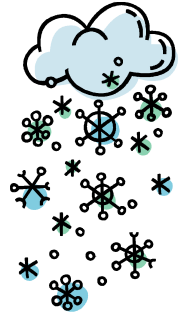


EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check the Website: www.saint-anns.org

In case of inclement weather (snow, hail, hurricane...), you should check the website to find out if the church will be open.

This will avoid any unnecessary trips to the church to find the doors locked!



ADVERTISING IN *THE CORRESPONDENT*

If you would like to advertise in *The Correspondent* for the coming year, please get in touch with the Editor at Stanns_editor@yahoo.com. Advertising helps offset the cost of printing *The Correspondent* and lets the congregation know what services are available from their fellow parishioners. Our annual rates start at \$150.00 (only \$12.50/month) and go upwards according to the size of the ad. We welcome all inquiries.

OUR DAILY BREAD

We need food and we need a few more volunteers as well! We need cheerful people to man the pantry during the week. Please see the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like to help out. 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. Also, we need cans of fruit and vegetables which can be opened with a tab rather than a can opener. Thanks for all you do.



–Lynette Schulz



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4 Rudy & Laura Foerster	15 Kevin & Janet Adam	21 Anthony & Joan Palmieri
6 James & Patricia Beedenbender	19 Roland & Lynne Russell	26 John & Carol Ann St. Lawrence
8 Charles & Barbara King	21 Donald & Judith Hester	



BIRTHDAYS

2	Charles King	13	Brian Chalmers	20	Sonja Greves	27	Daniel LaPenna , Jr.
	Bryan Scudero		Janet Neale		Geraldine Hoek		Jennifer Sheppard
3	Alissa Williams		Carol Ann St. Lawrence		John St. Lawrence	28	Michael DaSilva
4	Trudy Nasta	14	Robert Sheppard	21	Andrea Sanseviro		Mary Ann Davis
	Oliver Rivas	15	Daniel Limoli	22	Nancy Bevelander		Robert Keeney
5	Diane Miller-Magnani	16	Danielle Mueller	23	Dawn Fisher		Jennifer Lembeck
6	Nancy Britts	17	Kevin Adam		Jenny O'Connell		Angharad Rebholz
	James Deegan		Elizabeth Campbell		Stanley Thuma	29	Maryann Augusta
	Stephanie Streek		Joseph Castelli	24	Christie Clark		William Kraft
9	Rolland Rogers		Alberta Sawyer		Avalon Fox		Cassidy Weeks
	Thelma Thuma	18	Eugene DeMott		Edward Houdek		Courtney Weeks
	Stephen Vander Borgh	19	Albert Dechen	25	Mikaela Bany	30	David Keeney
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	Theresa McGee		Evan May	27	JoAnn DaSilva		

BARNABAS BUDDIES

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.

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

WILHELMINA COLLINS
[Groh Plot]
Section 44 Lot 6

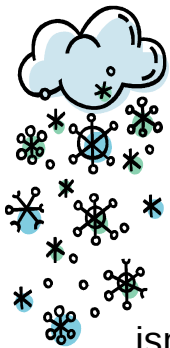
WILHELMINA COLLINS,

The *Suffolk County News* reported the May 9th death of 24 year old Wilhelmina Collins, a bride of three weeks. Wilhelmina died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Groh. The young woman had long suffered from valvular disease of the heart and long before her death, the family had been warned by their physician that Wilhelmina could be struck down suddenly. In spite of this fact, she was of a bright and happy disposition, and she insisted upon going on with the arrangements for her wedding which took place on April 30th. The young husband, Jarvis Collins worked as a chauffeur for Mrs. T.J. Clark of Brooklyn, a position that required him to make daily trips to Brooklyn, leaving at an early hour.

When at 9:00 AM, Wilhelmina had not come down stairs, Mrs. Groh went up to see how she was. Sadly, she found her daughter dead. It was a terrible shock, for as one who for years had to be cared for and shielded, she was especially beloved by the members of the large family, all the others of whom were sturdy and strong.

The young husband could not be reached, so he did not learn of his loss until he arrived home. The funeral took place at St. Ann's Episcopal Church, The Reverend John H. Prescott, who had performed the marriage ceremony, only three weeks before, officiating. The funeral was largely attended, the flowers, beautiful. She was laid to rest in the Groh plot in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Attention Cemetery Visitors:



Please be aware that when it snows only the Main Road of the cemetery is plowed. Last winter, we had a few people whose cars became stuck in the snow because they went off the Main Road. Do not drive on any of the others roads even if you think the snow isn't very deep. —Janet Croce, Cemetery Manager



We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential. —Ellen Goodman



One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things.

—John Burroughs

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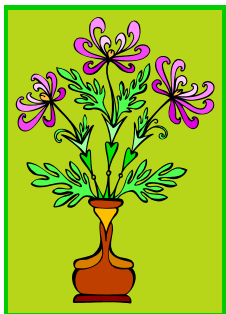
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NOTIFICATION OF PASTORAL NEEDS

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 HIPAA laws also prohibit church staff from sharing any information unless the parishioner/patient gives his/her permission for disclosure.

WEEKLY MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS



All requests for flowers, candles, mass intentions, etc. should be sent in writing, along with your donation, **directly to the Parish Administrator**, at least one week prior to the requested date. Please note that flowers may not be placed on the altar throughout Advent and Lent, but candle memorials will be honored.

AROUND ST. ANN'S Monthly Schedule

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.

Check out the website at

www.Saint-Anns.org

Monday

Jan 9 7:00 PM--Vestry

Tuesday

Each 8:00 AM—Men's Group

Each 1:30-2:30 PM—Yoga Class

Each 6:00-6:45 PM—Children's Choir

Each 7:15 PM—Adult Choir

Wednesday

Thursday

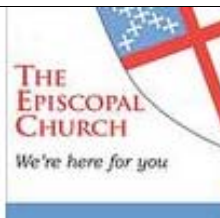
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Saturday

Second 10:00 AM—Historical Society



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