

# The Correspondent

## Monthly Newsletter / June 2025

### SUMMER WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES\*

Wednesdays: 11 am (Chapel)  
 Saturdays: 5 pm  
 Sundays: 9 am (online too)  
 11 am (Fire Island-page 10)

Sunday, May 25th through Sunday, September 14

### WEEKLY CAMPUS SCHEDULE\*

**Grief Group:** Following Wednesday Mass  
**Food Pantry:** Mondays 10 am – Noon  
**Thrift Shop:** Wednesdays, Thursdays,  
 Saturdays 10 am-2 pm  
**AA meetings:** Mondays 7 pm  
 Thursdays 10 am & 7 pm  
 Sundays 7:30 pm  
**Choir Practice** Summer break no meetings  
**Men's Group** Tuesdays 8 am Breakfast

### MONTHLY SCHEDULE\*

**Family Service** First Sunday (Oct-June)  
**Senior Lunch** Summer break no lunches  
**Vestry Meeting** Second Monday  
**Pizza Supper** Third Saturday

*\*check our website for details, changes, and updates  
[www.saint-anns.org](http://www.saint-anns.org)*

### Saint Ann's Vestry **Wardens**

Randy Schultz (2027)  
 Roma Busch (2026)

### **Members**

Ray Busch (2028)  
 Joe Castelli (2027)  
 Laurin Clemens (2028)  
 Kaitlyn Crevoiserat (2026)  
 Don Hester (2026)  
 Pat Osarchuk (2026)  
 Rich Maddox (2027)  
 Carol Ann St. Lawrence (2027)  
 Laura Sanchez (2026)

### **Important Dates: (details page 9)**

June 1 Family Service  
 June 7 Confirmation & Reception at Saint Mark's  
 June 8 Pentecost & Saint Barnabas Day (10 am only)  
 June 10 Stories Told in Stone: 6:30 pm at Saint John's  
 June 14 Saint Ann's Day of Service  
 June 18 Juneteenth Mass 11 am Chapel  
 June 21 Pizza following 5 pm Service  
 June 28 Saint Ann's Day of Service  
 June 28-29 Pride Month Celebration  
 Sept. 7 St. Ann's mainland & Fire Island get-together (Cherry Grove)  
 Sept. 19 Sayville Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting  
 Sept. 19 CM Performing Arts Ctr - Journey Cross & Crucifixion  
 Sept. 20 Saint Ann's Fall Festival  
 Sept. 21 Confirmation Classes Begin



### **Saint Barnabas Day is coming!!**

**June 8, 2025**

Holy Eucharist at 10am ~Great Lawn



**ST. ANN'S**  
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rorie Kelly Band  
 Bring your own yard games, chairs and picnic foodstuffs  
 with Ice Cream Truck

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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## Companions-in-Christ: A Word from the Priest in Charge



Dear Saint Ann's Family and Friends,

P.C. As I celebrate my one-year anniversary with you, I take a moment to express my deep love and affection for the entire Saint Ann's community. The past 12-months have grown my vocation, challenged me to be a priest for others and to respond to Jesus' enigmatic question: *Do you love me?* from the Gospel of John (Chapter 21). Yes, I love you; and I pray for the grace to continue to feed the sheep of Saint Ann's and beyond, such is the call of a missionary priest, one who is eager to build programming and help others draw closer to the sacred heart of Jesus.

One of the most important qualities of a person who enters into the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola is "openness, generosity, and courage" (Sp. Ex. 5). The one hope and desire of the same retreatant "is that God will place us with his Son so that in all ways we seek only to respond to that love which first created us and now wraps us round with total care and concern" (*Ibid.*). Such has been the disposition from which I have entered into the unfolding narrative of my nascent priesthood. Such is the grace that I have prayed for oft and on through these recent 365 days.

Of memory: listening to Bishop Geralyn Wolf's homily at the 2024 Confirmation, the sounds of the choir, the cheer of the Thrift Store Volunteers, the humility of the Altar Guild, awarding Linda and Tom Munkelwitz the Bishop's Medal for Distinguished Service, helping to augment The Correspondent, developing the new Saint Ann's Website and signage for the South Campus, restoring the Great Lawn and the lighting on our North Campus, the sounds of children at our Family Services, the smells of Fire Island, the saying hello and goodbye to Fr. Jeff and Noah, my work with all our volunteers, the Vestry and the Priest-in-Charge's Committee Members, the Lay Preaching Program, the Saturday Night Pizza Fellowship, Baptisms, Eucharists, the Littlejohn and Burgess Parking Lot Construction Project, funerals, starting the grief group and weekday service, moving the Parish Administration Offices to the Rectory, framing the original Church blueprints, the Christmas Tree Lot Sale and Fair, the visits of my family, hosting the Vestry at the Bayport House and my work with Saint Ann's Trustees and Conservators. I have loved pastoral visits, one-to-one conversations with Lynne, Kathy, Tim, Lou and Deacon Susan; I have loved being challenged by the flock at Saint Ann's to adapt more and to become an even more engaged Priest-in-Charge, as I say often, *Saint Ann's Strong. Sayville Stronger. Together Strongest.*

During Pope Francis I's papacy he often encouraged his fellow priests to smell like the sheep, specifically saying, "I wish you to be shepherds with 'the smell of the sheep'" (the Pope said in 2021), repeating once again the analogy he used in his homily at the Chrism Mass on March 28, 2013, just a fortnight after his election.

This month Saint Ann's draws deeper into the Summer Program, including Confirmations and Receptions at Saint Mark's, Islip (June 7th) Saint Barnabas Day (June 8th) and the Saint Ann's Days of Service (June 14th and 28th). These are service opportunities to get to know people that we are not familiar with, while also building up and celebrating our community, enkindling our fellowship, and emphasizing our tradition of being Episcopalians. The Episcopalian Bishop, Barbara Harris is often acknowledged as reminding *the people in the pews* that others recognize that we are Christian by what we do and do not do on Monday. How prescient!

In the middle of May, old, new and in the middle members of Saint Ann's engaged their Wardens and Vestry members in a Forum in the Parish Hall. We looked at that trifold Ignatian inquiry: What have I done for Jesus Christ? What am I doing for Jesus Christ? What will I do for Jesus Christ? (Sp. Ex. 53) and hoped towards a discernment of ministries and passions to come. *How the People's Arc and our bi-vocational ministry has already fed us! Nourished us! and informed us about who Saint Ann's is in 2025.*

As you head into the Summer with prayer, the sacraments, vacations, travel, time with family and friends and self-care, I pray that you each receive the graces that you desire. I encourage you to think of ways that you might engage ministries at Saint Ann's, like helping to grow our Food Insecurity and Food Pantry ministry, by engaging in programming for Young Adults, joining the Counters, Altar Guild or becoming a Lay Preacher or Lay Eucharistic Minister. In September, our Religious Education Classes will resume, our Capital Campaign will be in full swing and Saint Ann's will be led in song by our Minister of Music, Kathy. In three years, Saint Ann's will celebrate 140-years.

Charles G. Stevenson emphasized the words of The Reverend Dr. Ralph W. Stockman, Minister Emeritus of Christ Church, Methodist who reinforced that history preserves for posterity the "personalities whose achievements and character" gave religious direction to Saint Ann's, Saville; he did so on Saint Barnabas Day 1967 in *But as Yesterday: A History of Saint Ann's Church*. May Saint Ann's continue to offer our world and society something that feeds their souls, leaving them truly fed by the body and blood of Jesus Christ, satiated for work and play in a world hungry for peace, thirsty for common sense, yearning for human flourishing.

All for the greater glory of God. With gratitude and joy, in love and through prayer,

Fr. Ben

Anniversary blessing on May 4<sup>th</sup> (Kaitlyn & Mike's very first anniversary)



### Will you help?

We are in need of volunteers to support our **live stream ministry**, which nourishes the spiritual life of our parishioners who cannot make it to the Church for the service.

Please see Joe Castelli or Father Ben to learn more about this important ministry.

We are also looking for more Ushers, Lectors, Acolytes/Crucifers, Singers, Eucharistic Ministers, Coffee Hour hosts and Altar Guild members. Talk to Fr. Ben or Text the word SERVE to 631-212-2320 to sign up.



## Some thoughts from your Deacon...

When I was younger, the green season that we are entering was known as Ordinary Time. Today, each Sunday is unique and is more appropriately referred to by the number of Sundays removed from Pentecost ...I know this for sure because I did a year-long project on the Liturgical Calendar for one of my courses...but, as always, I digress.

Part of me is a bit sorry that we no longer use "Ordinary Time", for it was anything other than ordinary. The late spring and summer are a wonderful time of rebirth, of color, of nature offering itself to us simply for our enjoyment! Think of the ordinary things we savor- sea and sand, ice cold lemonade, fresh cut grass, walking around in bare feet, flip-flops, waves gently lapping on the shore, and the smell of suntan lotion...you get the picture! Enjoy this time, celebrate the ordinary, and always be thankful to God for giving it to us!

I know there have been some questions about where I am when I am not in my usual place on Sunday mornings. Though I am assigned to St. Ann's, and fiercely proud to be here, the fact is that Deacons are responsible to the Bishop and as such, when the Bishop needs us, we are there. In the Diocese of Long Island, Bishop Provenzano has three assisting and assistant Bishops; Bishop Franklin, Bishop Wolf, and Bishop Allotey. Bishop Wolf is the assistant Bishop, while both Bishops Franklin and Allotey are assisting. Thus far, I have been called to serve with three of the four, and as I write this, I had the experience of serving with the three all in one week! I've been to St. James in St. James, All Saints in Bayside, the Cathedral of the Incarnation, and even served with Bishop Provenzano during our Clergy Retreat. Sometimes I am there for Confirmation; other times it's a visitation. Each of these has been an amazing experience. Not only am I learning how everyone does things just a little differently, but I am also getting to see these other churches and meeting their clergy.

As our program year comes to an end, I look back with great joy and pride in what we have accomplished! Our senior luncheons have been a joy! This year we started with our Chrysanthemum Casserole luncheon, then Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup with Christmas caroling, onto Corned Beef Stew for St. Patrick's Day, and we ended with the Spring Salad luncheon and Ice Cream Social all in one! We are hoping to incorporate a fifth luncheon next year and it seems everyone is hoping for an Italian Pot-Luck!

Our young people are enjoying the crafts and storytime with Miss Kaitlyn on Family Sundays! I hope you've noticed the area we've set up for the youngsters on the east end of the Upper Parish Hall. That white children's altar was dedicated to The Reverend Mr. Bond's wife! Next fall our children will be able to learn more about the Eucharist using their own little altar!

I'm always sorry to see one program year end, but I look forward to what the new program year will bring!

With love and blessings,  
Deacon Susan

### **Communion where you live**

If you are unable to attend church, regardless of the duration, and would like a Lay Eucharistic visitor to bring communion to you at home or in a facility, please call the church office, Father Ben or Deacon Susan to schedule a visit.

# Saint Ann's Stars – Maci Moylan

Grade: 3rd School: John Pearl Elementary

1. What did you do over vacation?

This summer I went to Aruba for my aunts wedding!

2. What is your favorite book?

My favorite book is the "I Survived" series.

3. What is your favorite sport?

My favorite sport is gymnastics.

4. What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a teacher when I grow up.

5. Where is your favorite place in the world?

Italy is my favorite place in the world.

6. What is your favorite food?

My favorite food is pizza!

7. What is your favorite holiday?

My favorite holiday is Christmas.

8. What do you think you are the best at?

I think I am the best at gymnastics because I

9. What makes you SOOOO happy? do it every week.

My dog makes me sooooo happy!

10. What do you LOVE MOST about St. Ann's?

I love how St. Ann's is so kind and patient with everyone.

11. Do you do any volunteering at St. Ann's?

Yes, I volunteered at the Christmas tree lot.



## VESTRY VISIONS

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Good Day!

I grew up in Sayville and attended St. Lawrence Church, where my mother sang in the choir. Like many, I drifted away from the church after confirmation, thinking, "I'm done!" When it came time to marry, I faced an unexpected obstacle—St. Lawrence would not perform the ceremony because my husband-to-be had been raised Jewish, despite his conversion to Christianity. That led me to St. Ann's, where I was warmly welcomed by Father Bob, who simply said, "ALL are welcome!" In 2002, we were married at St. Ann's, and I felt such a deep connection to the church that I spent several years teaching Sunday School.

Unfortunately, the marriage did not last, and in its aftermath, I walked away from the church, feeling deflated and unworthy—thinking I was no longer a good example. I convinced myself I could navigate my faith on my own, believing personal prayer would be enough. Yet, over time, I came to realize something was missing. My journey back to St. Ann's would eventually reveal just how much I needed the support, community, and spiritual grounding that church life offers.

Returning to church—especially to St. Ann's—filled that void, bringing a renewed sense of belonging, purpose, and spiritual fulfillment. Being part of both the Vestry and the Lay Preacher program at St. Ann's is an incredibly rewarding journey—one that intertwines faith, leadership, and personal spiritual growth. These roles provide a unique opportunity to serve the church, deepen my connection with God, and contribute meaningfully to the community.

As a Vestry member, I embrace the responsibility of stewardship, ensuring that St. Ann's remains a thriving place of worship and fellowship for generations to come. This role allows me to engage in governance and decision-making, overseeing resources and initiatives that strengthen our congregation. More than just a leadership position, serving on the Vestry is a profound act of faith—an opportunity to foster unity, inclusion, and care within our church family. Through this service, I live out the values of compassion, generosity, and humility, working alongside others who share a common vision of faith.

Likewise, being part of the Lay Preacher program has been transformative, offering me the chance to delve deeply into Scripture and share its wisdom with the congregation. Crafting sermons and leading worship has strengthened my ability to communicate God's word, allowing me to connect with others on a spiritual level. This program has enriched my understanding of ministry and given me the privilege of guiding others in their faith journeys. The act of preaching is not just about delivering messages—it is a humbling and fulfilling experience that fosters personal reflection, growth, and a deeper bond with the church community.

Together, these roles have helped me grow as both a leader and a servant of faith. They challenge me to listen, guide, and serve with integrity while reinforcing the importance of trust and shared purpose in building a vibrant spiritual home. Ultimately, my involvement in the Vestry and Lay Preacher program is not just a responsibility—it is a calling to be a steward of God's work, to uplift and inspire, and to contribute to the legacy of a church that has been a cornerstone of faith and hope for so many.

I share these experiences not to elevate myself or seek recognition, but in the hope that my journey resonates with you and inspires deeper reflection on your own path in faith. Each of us has unique gifts and callings, and perhaps something in my story will ignite a desire within you to serve, lead, or engage more fully in the life of the church. If sharing my experiences encourages even one person to step forward—whether in the Vestry, the Lay Preacher program, or another ministry—then it has been truly worthwhile.

I feel incredibly blessed to have married my best friend and soul mate, Jim, in this remarkable church in November of 2024. With the unwavering support of this loving congregation, we look forward to growing in faith and continuing our journey of stewardship together.

With gratitude,  
Laurin Clemens, for the Vestry





## In the News

Parish news and a round-up of items announced in emails and at weekend services.

Send stories and/or photos for *The Correspondent* to [correspondent@saint-anns.org](mailto:correspondent@saint-anns.org) by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month.

Please submit announcements to the office by Wednesday each week.

Called to the Lord: **Vincent Joseph Burling, Joan Ann Schollmeyer, and Morgan Brouillard Parton.** May all those who have passed from this life, find peace in heaven and may their loved ones on earth be comforted by cherished memories.

Congratulations to the newly baptized and their parents:

**Ronald Leo Pecoraro** - May 3<sup>rd</sup>, son of Stephanie DeGennaro and Ronald Pecoraro

**Aiden Bechhoff** - May 4<sup>th</sup>, son of Michelle & Sean Bechhoff

**Chase River Hart** on May 18<sup>th</sup>, son of Emily & Kevin Hart

God bless them and their families!



Aiden Bechhoff



Chase River Hart

**Wednesday services**, at 11 am in our Saint Barnabas Chapel, includes **Anointing of the Sick and Eucharist**. It is followed by the **Grief Group**. Through pastoral counseling, many will receive the graces they need to find God in all things, and to begin to find in others a community of love and mutual support.

**Olivia Greci**, daughter of Doreen & Salvatore Greci is graduating from Connetquot High School with a Life Skills diploma in June. Congratulations Olivia! We wish you the best and please send us a photo to include in July.

Let's welcome our **new Warden, Roma Busch** and our **newest Vestry member, Kaitlyn Crevoiserat**. We now have a fully seated Vestry. Roma and Kaitlyn's term runs through the next Annual Meeting in January 2026.

**Sue Nappo** has stepped up to be our new Treasurer. Thank you to Roma, Kaitlyn, Sue and the rest of the Vestry for your service to Saint Ann's.

**Randy Schultz** has been selected as the co-chair of the diocesan bishop's transition committee. Way to go Randy! Thanks for your service to Saint Ann's and to the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. Read more at: <https://www.dioceseli.org/news/members-selected-bishop-search-committee-and-transition-committee>



**Confirmation and Reception** is at Saint Mark's Islip on **June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am**. Saint Ann's has three confirmands and two receptions! Please send photos to include in July's issue. You know who you are!

**Saint Barnabas Day (June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am)**, is our annual Saint Ann's flagship event. The only service that day will be the 10 am outdoor service on the Great Lawn (weather permitting). Bring your lawn chairs, yard games and picnic lunch. Saint Ann's is providing the ice cream! There will be fellowship, games and music from the Rorie Kelly Band. The band features Rorie Kelly - Guitar and Vocals, Danny Kean - Keyboard and Vocals, Matt Sullivan - Drums, Jack Licitra - Bass and Parker Fohner - Guitar. They play a mix of pop, R & B, modern country, folk classics, some Stevie Wonder and soul. Visit Jack Licitra's website: [www.artspharmacy.com](http://www.artspharmacy.com) His teaching practice has one central idea: "Connection." Private Lessons are available for Voice, Piano, Guitar, Bass, Drums, Songwriting and Accordion.

**June 10th: Stories Told in Stone** 6:30pm at Saint John's Church in Oakdale. Program given by George Munkenback, Town of Islip Historian (see page 20).

**June 14th and 28th are June Days of Service.** Saint Ann's will benefit from some helping hands to discard old items from the Lower Parish Hall, Burgess shed, and the 2nd Floor of the Burgess building. Time: 9am to 12pm; lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Students in high school can receive Community Service Hours. Please contact Father Ben through the Parish Office.

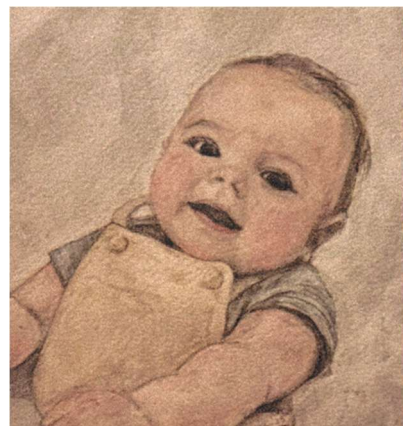
**Juneteenth Mass:** Saint Ann's will celebrate the holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States on Wednesday June 18 at our 11 am chapel service.

**Celebrate Pride Month with Saint Ann's:** In support of our LGBTQIA+ Community, Saint Ann's will celebrate Pride during the services on June 28th and 29th.



**Meet Patrick Callum Crowley!** He is six months old and the great grandson of **Peg & Bob Flanagan**.

His dad, **Connor Crowley**, is a plastic surgeon at Long Island Jewish Hospital. **Robin Lynn**, his mom, is a marine biologist. They live in Long Island City. Patrick has given great joy to his family!



**The Saint Ann's Tree of Life/Wall of Remembrance**, located outside the Chapel, is a great way to acknowledge a loved one, friend, neighbor or colleague. For more information call us at the Parish Administration Offices.

The **Annual Fall Festival** will be on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Mark your calendar and watch for more details to come. Please email **Christine Cesarino** [ccesarino83@gmail.com](mailto:ccesarino83@gmail.com) if you would like to help. Our Fall Festival, a new event this year, will be a community facing event with a solemn mass, pumpkin patch, vendors, food trucks, and guest honorees.

Saint Ann's seeks members for the **Altar Guild** and a **Counter** to join our volunteers who account for our stewardship, tithing: various offerings and plate giving. Please contact Lynne at the Parish Office if you would like to learn more about how to get involved, her email is [office@saint-anns.org](mailto:office@saint-anns.org).

## Summer Sunday Services on Fire Island

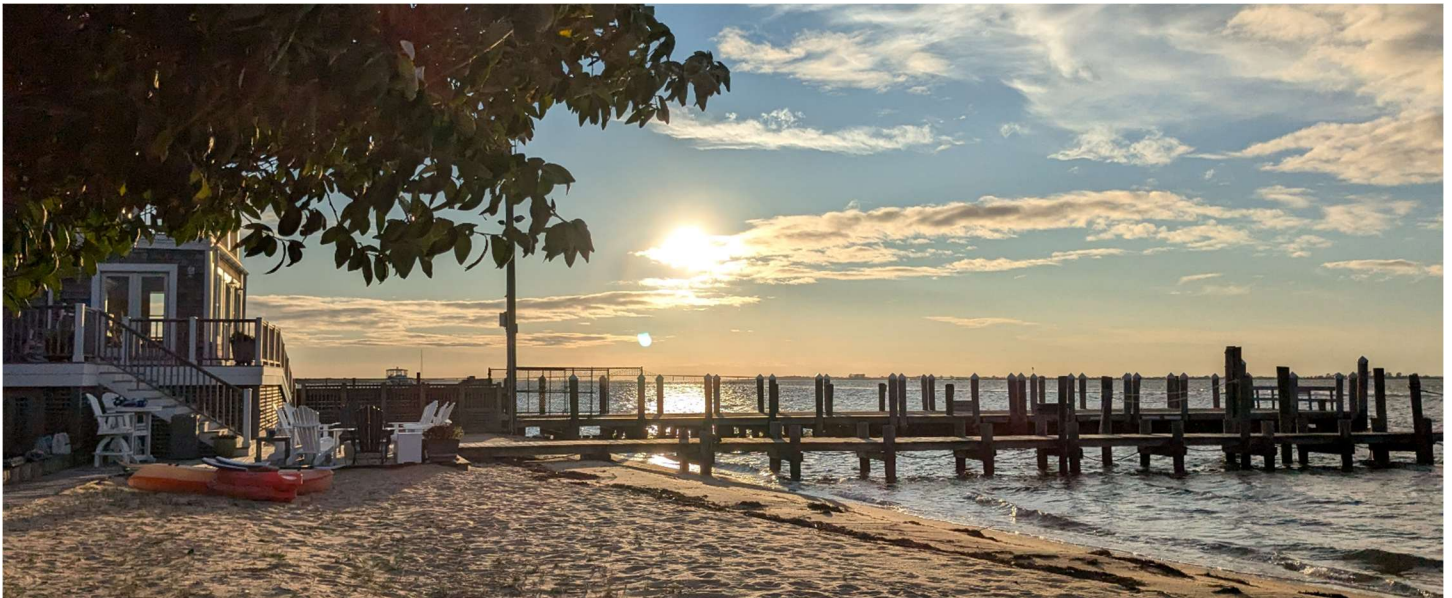
May 25: Cherry Grove Community Center,  
June 1: The Pines Community Center,  
June 8: Cherry Grove Community Center,  
June 15: The Pines Community Center,  
June 22: Cherry Grove Community Center,  
June 29: The Pines Community Center,  
July 6: Cherry Grove Community Center,  
July 13: The Pines Community Center,  
July 20: Cherry Grove Community Center,  
July 27: The Pines Community Center,  
August 3: Cherry Grove Community Center,  
August 10: The Pines Community Center,  
August 17: Cherry Grove Community Center,  
August 24: The Pines Community Center,  
August 31: Cherry Grove Community Center,  
**September 7: Cherry Grove Community Center  
(Saint Ann's/Fire Island Fellowship Weekend),**  
and  
September 14: Cherry Grove Community Center



Our website has been updated, but the address remains the same:

**<https://www.saint-anns.org/>**

You will find us on **Instagram** at:  
st.anns.sayville



Photos of Kismet Fire Island by Eileen Moran

### Will you help?

We need volunteer parishioners to photograph various parts of our campus as we re-value and appraise our property with our insurance carrier. If you can help, please contact Father Ben at [frbenjamin@saint-anns.org](mailto:frbenjamin@saint-anns.org) or contact Lynne, our Parish Administrator at the Parish Office (631-589-6522).



## PRECEPTOR BETA DELTA FUNDRAISER

Imagine what it would be like to have extra “play money”, be able to celebrate yourself and indulge in your wildest dreams. Our Chapter Preceptor Beta Delta Sigma Phi, is giving you a chance to win with our Wildest Dreams Spring Lottery Basket! You would also be helping a child with cancer and their family at the same time! Our chapter is sponsoring a family for the holidays from Stony Brook Hospital. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Zelle, cash or check payments made out to Beta Sigma Phi accepted (Zelle: Sue (631) 235-8643). Please place your name and phone number in the memo. Grab your chance to win big and help a child and their family have a magical holiday. Drawing will be held on June 7th. Good Luck!

**Note:** You can Zelle money to Sue Verneer at the Zelle number above, or mail cash or checks to her at 264 Clubhouse Drive, Patchogue, NY 11772. Or give cash or checks to any Beta Sigma Phi member in our chapter to pass on. The scratch off cards will be given or mailed to the winner after June 7th.

**PRECEPTOR BETA DELTA OF BETA SIGMA PHI PRESENTS:**

# **WILDEST DREAMS SPRING LOTTERY BASKET**

**SPRING INTO LUCK! A LITTLE SCRATCH COULD MAKE  
YOUR FORTUNE BLOSSOM!**

**\$100 WORTH OF LOTTO TICKETS**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO CREATE A MAGICAL  
HOLIDAY FOR A CHILD WITH CANCER FROM:  
STONY BROOK HOSPITAL**

**1 TICKET \$5  
5 FOR \$20  
DRAWING HELD  
6/7**



## SAINT ANN'S PRAYER REQUESTS

**Alex, Amelia, Andrew, Ann, Anthony, Barbara, Barbara B., Beth, Betty, Billy, Bob, Brendan, Brian, Bruce, Cal, Carmela, Carrie, Cathy, Charlene, Charlie, Chris, Christian, Christine, Cody, Connor, David, Debi, Denn, Diana, Doug, Elizabeth, Ellen, Florence, Frances, Gene, George, Gerry, Gladys, Irene, James, Jeannie, Joan, Joanne, Joe, John, Josephine, Josh, Judy, Julia, Karen, Kat, Kathie, Kathleen, Kerrin, Kristen, Kun-Ho, Laura, Lauren, Lisanne, Linda, Lisa, Lou, Mariana, Michael, Nick, Nicole, Peg, Peter, Peter S., Rich, Rick, Rocco, Roseanne, Rosellen, Sal, Scott, Sharon, Siana, Sophia, Steven, Sue, Susan, Susan H., Suzanne, Timothy, Tom, Tony, Val, Valerie & Yani.**

To add names to the Prayer List either text the word Prayer to 631-212-2320,  
call the office at 631-589-6522 or

Use this link: <https://form.jotform.com/212086636121146>



Ed & Eileen Moran – Grand Canyon 2019

Please send your birthday or anniversary  
picture to  
[correspondent@saint-anns.org](mailto:correspondent@saint-anns.org)

### June Birthdays:



- 1 Ann DeMott
- 1 Jacqueline Gandolfo
- 1 Judy Hester
- 8 Hannah Smith
- 8 James Romeo
- 10 Oliva Greci
- 16 Garret Moran
- 28 Christopher Gerards
- 28 Lynette Schulz

### June Anniversaries:

- 1 Ellen & Joseph Garafolo
- 1 Barbara & Mark Leuly
- 10 Eileen & Ed Moran
- 20 Peg & Bob Flanagan
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***Remember: our Parish Administration Office address is 251 Middle Road, Sayville, NY 11782.***



## **Thinking About: Itching For a Better Way!**

The signs of summer are around us! I know this by the advisory card we received in our mailbox the other day, and by all those little yellow flags my pal Nya (Arf, Arf!) and I observe when we take our walks through the neighborhood. Yep, you guessed it! It's those mosquito control companies (which will remain nameless here) who spray your property with the goal of eliminating those pesky mosquitoes, and unfortunately in the process do a lot more consequential damage.

How times have changed in dealing with this problem! When I was young, our method of keeping mosquitoes at bay was to use the 'Wack and Slap' method, along with that pink calamine lotion for all those attackers who got us before we got them. But as time progressed, the desire for a better mouse trap (eh, make that mosquito trap!) would take us through numerous iterations. You remember them: trucks that would spray neighborhood streets, bug lights (that seemed to kill every critter except mosquitoes!), and lotions like Avon Skin so Soft and tiki torches, to name a few. So how has technology in recent years helped in our quixotic quest to rid ourselves of these annoying pests? A quick check of the internet helps provide some answers: lotions and oils for your skin, small portable units that use heat activated repellent pads, wearable ultrasonic gear, improved zappers and traps, and larger units that can pass for a small outboard boat engine. Another option: a system that allows the homeowner to mist selected areas of their property (deck, porch, patio) on demand with a mosquito repellent (ugh!).

It seems like more and more people now days are turning to commercial spraying companies to do the work. From the information I found on the various websites I visited, to the websites of the mosquito abatement companies themselves, all mention that they offer a standard property spraying option or an eco-friendly one. The eco-friendly application process uses chemicals found in chrysanthemum flowers (called pyrethrins) which are highly toxic to insects. The standard application process on the other hand, uses synthetically manufactured chemicals (called pyrethroids) which possess the same properties as the pyrethrins chemicals. When sprayed, both families of these chemicals (synthetic and natural) kill anything that wiggles, crawls, flies, buzzes, scampers, or shuffles on contact – and then for about thirty days after the application, continues to kill mosquitoes and also pollinators (like butterflies, bees, moths, etc.) which pollinate many of our agricultural crops, and in the case of honey bees, produce our honey. Another problem created by all this spraying is the eventual runoff of these chemicals into our bay and streams.

### **There's Got to be a Better Way!**

Maybe, before going with the property spraying option, it would be better to first try a more pollinator / environmentally friendly option first. Over the last several years, we've used a product which includes a heating element and a repellent pad. When the pad is heated, it releases a chemical repellent which does a good job in clearing our patio of mosquitoes. I understand that maybe in areas awash in mosquitoes (like properties near a marsh or the bay) spraying (and hopefully using sprays that are the eco-friendly option) may be the only way to go. But hopefully for the rest of us, trying and using one of the less impactful ways to control our mosquito problem will go a long way to help our pollinators and reduce the amount of chemicals that reach our bay.

Regards,

Joe Castelli 😊

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**Please share your ideas... Marie Wipper at [k2wipper@aol.com](mailto:k2wipper@aol.com) subject: Creation Care**

## Looking for a Ministry Partner

This new section of our newsletter is where people from Saint Ann's or the greater Saint Ann's community can post their needs for help. Readers will have the opportunity to respond and assist the needs of others through corporal and spiritual works of mercy to ease the burden of other human beings. These could be volunteer or paid positions.



If you or someone you know has a need for help – however small or large, please allow us to post it on this new page. Examples of things we could post: read to me for an hour, play a musical instrument & sing with me, pray with me, give me a ride to church or the store.

**Please send your requests for help to Eileen Moran via [correspondent@saint-anns.org](mailto:correspondent@saint-anns.org)**

### Thank you to all our ushers and lectors:

Joe Castelli, Lisa Castelli, Olivia Cesarino, Dom Cesarino, Christine Cesarino, Ian Chung, Emma Chung, Leo Chung, Lucas Chung, Christie Clark, Jim Clemens, Laurin Clemens, Greg Domoff, Melissa Escobar, Matthew Gaskowitz, Susan Knoepffler, Tim Laffin, MaryJean Lap-Bohanick, Marie Madigan, Sean Mattimore, Diane Miller-Magnani, Fran Moylan, Maci Moylan, Rich Mugno, Christine Mulroy, Tom Munkelwitz, Gary Nappo, John O'Neil, Joelle O'Neil, Eileen Plouffe, Marge Rogers, Laura Sanchez, Randy Schultz, Gary Schaum, John Smith, Theresa Smith, and Susan Verneer.

Sorry if we left anybody out accidentally.

From **George Munkenbeck** CDR, USCGR (Ret), Registered Historian  
Town Historian, Town of Islip

In the month of June there will be two events that will celebrate the unique history of Islip Town and its residents. We would like to invite you to attend these events.

**On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Living History Day** will be held at Islip Grange Park in Sayville at the corner of Broadway Avenue and Montauk Highway starting at 10 AM. As this year marks the beginning of the celebration of 250 years since the start of the American Revolution and for Islip Precinct a seven-year occupation by Crown forces it is a great time to celebrate Islip history. Several new groups will be displaying this year as well as the Farmer's Market. There will be two walking tours of the Grange buildings with the story of the founding of the Town of Islip and the experience of its residents during the Revolution.

**June 19<sup>th</sup> (Juneteenth holiday) at 4:00 PM a ceremony of rededication and remembrance will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in Bay Shore.** This ceremony will honor the service of three Civil War veterans at rest there - Private William Treadwell, Private Lewis Jackson both veterans of the 11<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Heavy Artillery and Private William Carpenter veteran of the 31<sup>st</sup> United States Colored Infantry. Private Carpenter was stationed in Texas at the time of the reading of the Juneteenth order. He was also present at the Battle of the Crater, several other battles in and around Petersburg and was present at the surrender of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox. Privates Treadwell and Jackson served as occupation forces in Louisiana and Texas and were some of the first men of color to volunteer for service during the Civil War. Also resting nearby is another Civil War veteran Charles Alfred Dearborn, a veteran of the 27<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry who died indigent and was to be buried in Potter's field when residents of the Town of Islip claimed his remains and had him buried here in Oakwood.

The effort to research the lives of these veterans has been ongoing over the last six months by the Town Historian's Office that has involved records from the National Archives, the State of Rhode Island, local experts on Native and African American History and our own Town records. Investigative and cleaning work was carried out by Oakwood Cemetery and the Society of the Grand Army of the Republic in preparation for this day. All have worked to make the day one of honor and recognition of the sacrifice these veterans made on our behalf.

### **Daughters of the King**

From the DOK Corner:  
God's Little Book of Guarantees  
By Heather Kopp

**"The Songs of God's Love are EVERYWHERE AROUND US, All the time."**

The Order of the Daughters of the King, Inc. is a Religious Order for women in the Episcopal Church. We invite women at St. Ann's to join us for prayer and service.  
Call Marge Rogers (631-567-1919) for more information.

## Did You Know...



Did you know that Congratulations are due to **Rup Christensen**? He just received the Suffolk County Legislature EMS Award for 2025.

As quoted from the slideshow presentation: “Rup Christensen has been a proud resident of Bayport for 74 years and is deeply dedicated to public service. He first started with the Bayport Fire Department in 1969. However, plans changed in March 1971 when he was drafted to the United States Army and assigned as a Military Police Officer in Bangkok, Thailand. There he earned the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon. Upon his return, he continued his fire service where he served as Chief of Department from 1982-1984 and achieved Fireman of the Year. Still striving from more, Rup joined Community Ambulance Company in



2007. In his time there, he has proven to be a dependable and driven member to both his brothers and sisters in service, and the community. His hard work and willingness to help has earned him numerous awards such as Member of the Year, Chiefs Award, and several Top Responder awards. Lately when he is not assisting with EMS runs, he is leading Bayport Fire Department’s project to restore their 1924 Mack Fire Truck. Rup has been able to give so much to his community with the love and support of his wife of 52 years, Wendy, their three daughters, and six grandchildren.”

Rup typically responds to well over 300 EMS calls per year. He has also a beloved Saint Ann’s parishioner and dedicated choir member for many years.

## SUMMER CHOIR

In July the choir will be casual and open to all.  
There won’t be Tuesday rehearsals and there won’t be choir robes!  
Just show up at 8:30 on Sunday mornings to go over a favorite hymn or two.  
Then we’ll sing those during the service at 9 am.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



### Farewell and Best Wishes for a wonderful College Experience!

**Sophia Maiorano**, our truly talented choral scholar, will be graduating from Bayport-Bluepoint High School. We will miss her sweet voice. The State University of New York at New Paltz is where she is headed for adolescent education with a concentration in English. Perhaps she will become a High School English Teacher. We know she will do well in whatever path she chooses.

She was selected for and attended the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) All-State honors choir in Saratoga last summer. Students from all over New York State vie for a spot in one of 8 choral groups.



She was the student director of the Junior production of **Cinderella the Musical** at her school last year and also played the part of the Queen.

She's been singing in the Metropolitan Youth Chorus for six years and has been studying singing professionally for about ten years. Her first opera was "Madame Butterfly" at the Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor.

She likes the beach, ocean and fishing. Her favorite book series is "Little House on the Prairie" by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Christmas is her favorite Holiday. As a Ranger fan, Sophia enjoys watching hockey. Spending time with her family and friends is also a high priority.

When asked what she loves about Saint Ann's she reported "The community. Everyone is so nice and welcoming."

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Choir practice in the church runs September through June. On the first Tuesday of each month, we practice at 1 pm, all other Tuesdays we practice at 6:45 pm.

**In July we will meet in the church at 8:30 am** for a quick rehearsal of hymns to sing at the 9 am service. We won't be in choir robes so wear what you like. We hope some new faces will join us. We won't pressure you to join the choir permanently even though that would be great!

If you have any questions, you can call Kathy Senese at the church office or email her at [music@saint-anns.org](mailto:music@saint-anns.org)





**Family Service  
May 4th**



Photos by Eileen Moran







Inspire others by sharing your experience with volunteering. It can be something you do for St. Ann's or for another organization. Do you enjoy helping at your child's school, or scouting group? What about the food pantry or Fire Department?

Send your article to [Correspondent@saint-anns.org](mailto:Correspondent@saint-anns.org)







# *Stories Told in Stone*

*Tuesday, June 10, 2025*

*6:30 pm @ St. John's Church*

*Montauk Hwy, Oakdale*

Each grave in a cemetery contains a story. While it is common for headstones to carry the deceased's name, birth and death dates and perhaps a phrase or Bible verse, some have hints as to the person's life in symbols. What does a wheat sheaf mean? A weeping willow? A "Days Eye?" Also, does a type of memorial give us additional information. Join us for this program given by **George Munkenbeck, Town of Islip Historian**, which will give the answers to these questions and will concentrate on the symbols found in St. John's churchyard.



Congratulations to **Rich Maddox and Mark Schmittzeh** for being awarded “Fireman of the Year” presented by Chief Fazio at the Sayville Fire Department’s Annual Installation of officers at Lands End on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Together, Rich & Mark coordinated the 2024 Islip Town Fire Department Parade hosted by the Sayville Fire Department. They have been dedicated members serving our community for many years. Rich also earned his 50-year award.



## Saint Ann's and The People's Arc: A Bi-Vocational Ministry Journey

The People's Arc program begins on Monday June 2, 2025. Below are some photos of the construction that needed to be done.



Photos by Randy Schultz



**Thank you to those who have already mailed donations toward the Littlejohn Construction project.** A continued call for some financial support in uncertain times. In order to facilitate our bi-vocational ministry, the Town of Islip has mandated that we complete an Americans with Disabilities Act compliance-construction project at Littlejohn. While not something Saint Ann's discerned or anticipated when planning the 2025 fiscal budget, nor "something pretty", it is required to pass Town inspections. The People's Arc is contributing money towards this required project. Some of you may know that Saint Ann's has some endowments, consider them a savings much like a university or college endowment that is used prudently. Still, our Parish cannot always rely on these monies for our projects. **We will be heading into some needed campus improvements after May; more to come from Rich Maddox and Laurin Clemens about our upcoming capital campaign.** *If you are able to donate some money towards the Littlejohn Construction project please contact me, our Warden, Randy Schultz, Deacon Susan or Lynne Robinson, our Parish Administrator.* Please write "Littlejohn Construction" on the memo of the check to indicate the intention of your generous donation. As always, I thank you for your time, talent and treasure.

Randy, Warden of Saint Ann's Vestry.



FIRE ISLAND  
MINISTRY  
MAY 25TH



Please send information about your graduate to be included in the July/August issue. Include a photo if you would like to.

**[correspondent@saint-anns.org](mailto:correspondent@saint-anns.org)**

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# The Correspondent

## MISSION STATEMENT

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



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