

Lay Preacher Program at Saint Ann's Episcopal Church and Fire Island Ministries



The Lay Preaching Program at Saint Ann's is a vibrant spiritual ministry rooted in the Holy Scripture, reflection, and personal experience. Through study, prayer, and mentorship from our clergy, lay preachers at Saint Ann's develop their own voices to share God's Word in meaningful, diverse and insightful ways during Services.

Since 2023, participants have grown in their ability to exegete and interpret the Holy Scripture, craft sermons, and connect theological insights with everyday life. Guided by Saint Ann's Clergy and supported by a Lay Preaching Customary developed by Father Jeffrey Stevenson, and continued with Fr. Ben our Priest-in-Charge, each preacher brings a unique perspective that enriches our congregation's understanding of faith, while igniting a deeper joy of the Gospel. As Ignatius of Loyola says, All for the greater glory of God. A.M.D.G.

We look forward to continuing this journey and invite anyone drawn to a deeper exploration of the Holy Scripture to consider joining the Lay Preacher Program. If you feel called to preach or simply want to learn more, please speak with Fr. Ben or Deacon Susan, or any of our lay preachers. We'd love to walk this path with you. Thanks be to God.