



The Correspondent

Monthly Newsletter / September 2025

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES*

Saturdays: 5 pm
Sundays: 8 am & 10 am

10 am service will also be online

See website for Summer Schedule thru September 14

WEEKLY CAMPUS SCHEDULE*

Weekday Mass: Wednesdays 11 am (Chapel)

Grief Group: Following Wednesday Mass

Food Pantry: Mondays 10 am – Noon

Thrifty Shop: Wednesdays, Thursdays,
Saturdays 10 am-2 pm

AA meetings: Mondays 7 pm
Thursdays 10 am & 7 pm
Sundays 7:30 pm

Choir Practice

Men's Group Tuesdays 8 am Breakfast

MONTHLY SCHEDULE*

Family Service First Sunday (Oct-June)

Senior Lunch October 21

Vestry Meeting Second Monday

Pizza Supper Third Saturday

**check our website for details, changes, and updates
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)

Linda Maddox, clerk of the Vestry

Important Dates:

Sept. 7 St. Ann's mainland & Fire Island get-together (Cherry Grove)
Sept. 9+ Religious Education – see page 4
Sept. 14 Blessing of the backpacks
Sept. 19 Sayville Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting - 5:15 pm
Sept. 19 CM Performing Arts (at St. Ann's) - Journey Cross & Crucifixion - 5:30 pm
Sept. 19 Deadline for October's Correspondent issue
Sept. 20 Saint Ann's Fall Festival - 11 am to 3 pm
Sept. 21 Back to regular church schedule
Sept. 21 Confirmation Classes Begin
Sept. 28 Protecting Seniors and Estate Planning with
Christine Scheibler, Esq. and Officer Vincent Maio
Oct. 5 Family Service & Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 5 Fall Fish Fry
Oct. 18 Art Exhibition - Parish Hall – 1pm to 4pm
Oct. 21 Senior Luncheon – Throwback Lunch
Nov. 7 Parish preview of the Christmas Fair
Nov. 8 Christmas Fair



Fire Island Service

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.

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CEMETERY

The Garden of the Unforgotten

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



Dear Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries Friends and Family,

P.C. In my 2025 Summer Program rearview mirror are not only the scorching heat and humidity from July and August, but the festiveness of the summer choir whose song is enhanced by our new mics, the many infant Baptisms, the Schadt and Donnelly Wedding, the ferry rides to Fire Island, the installation of our Food Pantry's Blessing Box, office and sacristy laughter, and iced coffees. I meditated on the busyness of our Thrift Store Shop, a new plaque in our Cemetery, our new Saint Ann's car decals, our first Saturday Pizza Fellowship Crafting event, campus tree trimming, and that the People's Arc at Saint Ann's will celebrate

about 4 months of operations as our bi-vocational ministry partners. Willy and I welcomed a new bird, a Galah Cockatoo named Walter Joseph to our home. (This will be my first September in many moons without a back-to-school as a School Social Worker!)

I watched our nearby Eagles nesting and nestling in our trees, bell tower and around our campus. We blessed stuffies and retirees and held summer movie nights. We toured Meadow Croft, and visited with so many of ours impacted by illness and aging. On September 16th some of us from the Men's Group visited Coney Island. Who doesn't remember the Cyclone! I am also aware that students are returning to school, and that we will joy in the success of our community-facing Fall Festival by September 19th and 20th. (We even lowered the speed bumps!) *Who cannot be excited about the coming election of the 9th Episcopal Bishop of Long Island!*

This summer, we prayed together: Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries Strong. Sayville Stronger. Together Strongest. Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries are thriving! What amazing people sit in our pews, work or volunteer for our ministries, sit on our Vestry or our other Priest-in-Charge Committees. This Priest-in-Charge could not be more full of gratitude or fed by Jesus in prayer.

By September, 21 our Program Year returns with Youth Education, Young Adult programming, the continuation of our Wednesday 11am service and Grief Group. More to come!

Around us, our world is increasingly complex and messy, choose the joy: The power of prayer and community leads us to form relationships ignited by Agapetic love. That's the love of the Gospel, the love that creates and fosters the Beloved Community. As our Program Year unfolds, look ahead with anticipation to our Fall Fish Fry, the Christmas Fair, the Tree Lot, to our Caroling and Lessons and Carols Evening Prayer services, look to Advent toward the birth of Jesus. Pray often and always. Pray for your neighbors, coworkers, loved ones, each other and so forth and so on.

This Program Year, I encourage you to pray the Suscipe Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola:

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.

If you would like to meet with me, for any reason, e.g., for spiritual conversation, spiritual direction, pastoral counseling, the Sacraments of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick, to pray, to schedule a pastoral visit, to discuss renting a space on campus for an event or to talk about getting involved in the life of the Parish, please contact me after one of our services, stop by the Parish Office, or by calling me at the Parish Office. You can also email me at frbenjamin@saint-anns.org. Please remember to take your Service Program and Weekly Bulletins home.

All for the [greater glory of God](#). [A.M.D.G.](#)

With gratitude, joy and in prayer,

Fr. Ben,
Priest-in-Charge,
Saint Ann's Episcopal Church and Cemetery and Vicar of Fire Island.

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Religious and Spiritual Year Formation and Education Offerings

Please identify your child for the **All Kid Religious Crafts and Discussion Program** which runs on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month by emailing Deacon Susan at dcnsusan@saint-anns.org. This program begins September 21 following 10 am service. All are Welcome!

Confirmation Class for youth in 7th or 8th grade, will meet the second Tuesday night of each month, starting September 9 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This formation and service program leads to the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 8th graders, which will take place in the Spring (2026). Please contact Fr. Ben, who will co-teach the course, at frbenjamin@saint-anns.org to register your tween or tweens. Please register by August 25.

Religious Education for children will take place in grade bands, e.g., grades 3-4 and 5-6, these classes will be co-taught and provide our children with religious and spiritual formation in preparation for the receiving of the sacraments, to grow their prayer life and to help them mature in their faith. This program will meet monthly, the third Tuesday night of each month, starting September 16, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Please email Kaitlyn Crevoiserat at office@saint-anns.org to register your child or children. Please register by August 25.

Young Adults During 2025-2026, the Young Adults of Saint Ann's, ages 25 to 40, will meet periodically to engage theologically inquisitive topics at a nearby restaurant for dinner. To participate in this formation program, please contact Fr. Ben at frbenjamin@saint-anns.org. Registration is ongoing.

Some thoughts from your Deacon...



Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Happy September!

I pray that as you are reading this you can look back with joy and satisfaction on a summer well-lived. It always makes me grin to think about September and how we tend to bemoan the "Back to School" feeling we may be subject to. I find that summer is just as busy as the upcoming fall season; in fact, one might say it is even busier as we try to cram so much into those lovely months of July and August! But here we are, looking ahead with anticipation to all the fall has to offer... and as Paul wrote to the Phillipians, we CAN do it all through the strength of Christ and always, his love for us!

I am excited about the new program year! So many events and activities to participate in!

The Fall Festival, Fish Fry, Christmas Fair, and the annual Christmas Tree lot are all set to go! Many hands make light work - please consider volunteering to help at just one?

Christian Education

Sunday School and preparation for First Intentional Communion classes will begin on September 21st. We are still in need of some helping hands. No need to plan lessons, Miss Kaitlyn and I have taken care of that! On that note- First Intention Communion will be held on Sunday, November 23rd!

Senior Luncheons

Our Senior Luncheons will begin again in October! We will start with Holy Eucharist in the Chapel and then proceed to the Parish Hall for a lovely meal. The menus have been planned; activities and speakers are still being arranged.

- October 21st Throwback Menu! (it's a secret...only the chefs will know!)
- November 18th Welcome to Italy!
- December 16th. Soup, Sandwich, and Sing Along!
- March 10th St. Patrick's Day celebration!
- May 19th End of the Year Salad Luncheon and Ice Cream Social!

Help Wanted

Please remember the various ministries which help our St. Ann's community to grow and flourish, to offer Hospitality, and to worship in such a warm and loving environment. Many hands make light work, so if you can spare even an hour or two a month, would you consider helping with the:

Altar Guild - preparing the items which we use to dress the altar and set the table

Thrift Shop- open on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, but there are sorting days, too

Ushers - the first to offer a welcoming smile to our congregants

Acolytes- adults and children are welcome

Lay Eucharist Ministers and Lay Readers- see Fr. Ben for details

Having been restored and refreshed, let us hit the ground running with renewed energy and enthusiasm!

I thank you in advance for any help you might offer!

With love and prayers,
Deacon Susan

CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

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A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of The Cross.
Join us as we experience the trial of Jesus,
his *Journey* through the streets of Jerusalem,
carrying the burden of the *Cross*,
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257 Middle Road, Sayville, NY 11782
on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2025, at 5:30pm

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



The People's ARC at Saint Ann's – Grand Opening



VESTRY VISIONS

September is here! There is a touch of autumn in the air as we look forward to beginning our program year at St. Ann's. I think that we would agree that this time of year brings thoughts of the harvest of the bounty of our earth. To many of our brothers and sisters the reality of food insecurity is a year-round challenge. We are very fortunate to have a very dedicated group of volunteers led by Lynette Schulz helping those in need. Our Daily Bread Food Pantry is available on Mondays from 10 am until 12 noon to help bridge the need for food in our community. Currently there is a team of 8 volunteers that rotate manning the pantry, two at a time. Several volunteers come in monthly to help set up the pantry. Recently we have joined with ARC to help with the weekly shopping. The food that is distributed is donated by our parish family and the community. In addition, funds are donated and the foodstuffs are purchased to maintain a healthy and varied inventory.

You might be interested to know how the pantry came about. It all began with a Thanksgiving food basket collection in response to the growing need in our community in 2008. At that time, it was a single shelf of canned goods. With the renovation of the Little John building the pantry moved to the kitchen there and this allowed the addition of perishable foods. Our guests are very grateful for this. The pantry is now back to the parish hall serving an average of ten people and feeding approximately 25 people.

Look for the red wagon in the parish hall should you care to donate. The following items are always needed:

Canned chicken
Tuna
Chili
Canned beans: red, black & chickpeas
Jar pasta sauce
Pasta
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Juice
Cereal
Crackers
Mayo
Mustard
Ketchup
Cooking Oil
Toiletries
Canned Soups.
Chef Boyardee canned pastas
Canned Stew



In addition to our weekly hours at the pantry we now have an outdoor Blessing Box that has nonperishable foodstuffs 24/7. It is located adjacent to the Great Lawn next to the exit driveway. This allows more folks to avail themselves of food at a time that is more convenient to them.

The Thanksgiving and Easter Basket ministries continue to this day. There are many folks who would not be able to celebrate these occasions without the generosity of others.

A very heartfelt thank you to Lynette and the volunteers of the pantry. This is a major outreach and essential service to our community.

Yours in Christian Love,
Laura Sanchez.

Stewardship 101

We hear a lot about “Stewardship”, and have a generally good idea about what it means. But sometimes it is helpful to go back to “basics” to be sure we’re all on the same page. For this purpose, I have consulted the all-knowing Great God of “Artificial Intelligence” (AI) for its “wisdom”, and what I found and share with you is “not bad”, (maybe worth a B+). So here goes:

In religious contexts, stewardship generally refers to the concept of responsibly managing and caring for something entrusted to one's care, often with a sense of accountability to a higher power. It emphasizes that all resources, including time, talents, and possessions, ultimately belong to God, and we are called to be faithful caretakers.

Core Principles of Stewardship:

- **God's Ownership:**

Stewardship recognizes that God is the ultimate owner of everything, and humans are entrusted with its management.

- **Responsibility:**

This involves taking ownership and acting with care and diligence in managing what has been entrusted.

- **Accountability:**

Stewards are ultimately accountable to God for how they manage these resources.

- **Generosity:**

A core aspect of stewardship is sharing generously with others, particularly those in need.

- **Gratitude:**

Stewardship is rooted in recognizing and appreciating God's gifts and expressing gratitude through responsible management.

- **Eternal Perspective:**

Stewardship encourages a focus on eternal rewards and investing in things that are pleasing to God.

Examples of Stewardship:

- **Financial Resources:**

Managing money wisely, giving generously to charitable causes, and avoiding excessive materialism.

- **Time:**

Using time purposefully, prioritizing activities that align with God's will, and avoiding time-wasting activities.

- **Talents:**

Developing and using one's gifts and abilities to serve others and glorify God.

- **Creation:**

Caring for the environment and all of God's creation.

- **Relationships:**

Nurturing relationships with others, practicing forgiveness, and showing love and compassion.

All of this is good. However, I believe that ***the measure of our personal stewardship lies in our faith and relationship with the Lord. As we grow in faith and prioritize Him in our daily lives, we will want to give joyfully and generously in thanksgiving for the blessings He has bestowed on us.***

But how much to give? This question inevitably leads to an answer that includes the “T-word”, which turns folks off... We recall that Jesus said “to give unto Caesar what is Caesar’s and unto God what is God’s”. (Luke 20 v. 25). Therefore, I believe it is most reasonable to form a basis of giving by considering annual income **after** paying all those federal, state, and property taxes and the mandatory mortgage, car and student loan payments. *What you have left is what you are asked to steward.* A percentage of this “discretionary” income given to the Glory of God is the best yardstick for measuring personal faith growth from one year to the next, as no two years’ incomes are identical, in many cases.

If you are moved by faith through our experiences together at St. Ann’s to offer a non-binding pledge for the current year, please visit our website <https://www.saint-anns.org/pledge-form> to enter your information. Or, you may conveniently make an online offering with multiple options at <https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=e513d1c2-6864-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11> As stewardship is ongoing and year-round, look for the window to open to make pledge offerings for next year (2026) in late October.

We hope you will mark your calendar to join us **September 19-20** for a special Creative Ministries production of ***“Journey of the Cross and Crucifixion”*** and **Fall Festival**, and the following weekend on **Sunday, September 28** during Coffee Hour for Estate Attorney Christine Schiebler’s presentation introducing Wills and Estates, offering opportunities to provide meaningful stewardship of our resources for our loved ones during our lifetime and beyond.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding support of St. Ann’s Christ-Centered ministries, please do not hesitate to reach out to Father Ben or Deacon Susan! ***Thank you for your generosity and all you do in service to the Lord!***

Randy Schultz
Stewardship Chair

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

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SAINT ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HAS JOINED THE
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JOIN US IN OUR JOYFUL CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
THE GREAT LAWN AT ST. ANN'S
5:15PM
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
5:30PM
CM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER'S
PRESENTATION OF:
JOURNEY
CROSS AND CRUCIFIXION
BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR AND PICNIC DINNER

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Episcopal Church

CM PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER

THE GREATER SAYVILLE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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 by the 3rd Friday of each month.

Please submit announcements to the office by Wednesday each week.

Called to the Lord: Our Assisting Bishop, the **Right Reverend Daniel S. Allotey**.

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:

Shea Jones - July 6th daughter of **Taylor Foerster-Jones & Douglas Jones**, sister of **Remy**

Luke & Madeline Bentley - July 12th Children of **Jacqueline S Bentley & Michael Bentley**

Beckham D'Arcy - July 27th – son of **Brittany & Ashley D'Arcy**

God bless them and their families!



Shea Jones

Congratulations to... **Colson Schadt** of Saint Ann's Church, Sayville and **Danielle Donnelly** of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst who were married on August 2nd at Saint Ann's. With every blessing!

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.

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.

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.

Volunteers Wanted for People's Arc Dances

People's Arc of Suffolk is always looking for volunteers to help at our monthly dances. The dances run from 7-9 pm but you should arrive between 6 and 6:30 pm. The assistance would consist of helping to set up, prepare snacks, assist with clean-up at the end of the night and then just help where needed during the dance along with chatting with the people attending and having fun during the dance.

The remaining 2025 Dance Dates:

September 12th

October 24th

November 21st

December 12th

The dances are held at 2900 Veteran's Memorial Highway, Bohemia

Please reach out to **Doriann Adams (DAdams@suffahrc.org)** if you have any questions and to confirm your volunteer attendance.



Guest Speaker – Lauris P. Wren
Report by Sue Schultz



On August 10, 2025, St Ann's Parish hosted guest speaker, Lauris P. Wren, director of Hofstra Law School's Immigration Rights Clinic, in the Parish Hall following conclusion of 9:00 AM Sunday Worship. She came at the invitation of Rev. Ben Brenkert to give a talk on current immigration policies and how these affect people living on Long Island. Approximately 30 people were in attendance, mostly parishioners.

She directs Immigration Rights Clinic in Hempstead, NY and oversees the University's law students who assist clients concerned about what might happen to themselves, their families, including their children born either in their native countries or in the United States.

According to Professor Wren, there are increasingly much information, non-information, concerns about President Donald Trump's executive orders. One of Professor Wren's primary concerns is about how fast the Administration and local governments are moving to carry out executive orders. According to her, the current administration is moving quickly to carry out executive orders, and that the speed of carrying out President Trump's campaign promises is creating much fear in immigrants who have been here two or more years, especially through the use of expedited removals. She explained that expedited removal means the use of lower-level immigration offices to deport those non-citizens if these individuals cannot provide the documentation that they've lived in the United States for two+ years. She discussed the speed at which this is being done. Expedited removals may not allow those individuals time to prove that they do not meet the criteria for expedited removal.

She stressed that it appears that, far more often, ICE (Immigration Customs Enforcement) officials tended to question more non-white individuals than those who are more obviously white, aka racial profiling.

Prof. Wren answered many questions from those in attendance. Some questions included what-ifs: such as what to say if asked where one was born (her answer: don't say anything, that any individual has the right not to answer). Another was whether if ICE had any right to come onto St Ann's property and follow patrons of the Food Pantry into the church hall (her answer: the parish hall is a public space rather than a private home and ICE can enter).

A similar question was if a homeowner had hired landscape maintenance workers to service her property and if ICE agents had the right to enter her property or should she invite only the workers inside her house so that ICE cannot enter her home.

Another question included the qualifications for ICE agents and if these employees have any training for the work they are hired to do. The answer was that only a minimum of a high school diploma was needed to be hired as ICE employee, that training in police work or criminal justice was not needed. She said that some agents are former police who were enticed to become ICE agents because the starting salaries are higher than those for police trainees.

Prof. Wren indicated that part of her beliefs in protection for all individuals living in United States come from the New Testament, reminding the audience that Jesus and his parents became immigrants in the country of Egypt in order to escape Herod, the king of Judea, when he ordered that all baby boys under the age of one year to be killed. That Jesus and his parents were trying to escape government-sanctioned persecution that put their lives in extreme danger, and she reminded the audience that many immigrants had faced forms of severe persecution. That even in the New Testament, there is mention of what people had tried to do to protect their families and lives.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alex, Beth, Billy, Carmela, Cathy, Chris, Christine, Colleen, Connie, Debi, Diana, Ellen, Eileen, Florence, Germaine, Hap, Harry, Jo, Judy, June, Kathie, Kathleen, Kathy, Laney, Lauren, Linda, Lissy, Marie, Rosemarie, Scott, Sharon, and Tina.

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>

September Anniversaries:

- 4 Kathleen & Hewlett Krakaur
- 5 Diane Miller-Magnani & Rick Magnani
- 7 Barbara & John Hoek
- 7 Christie & John Strecker
- 12 Theresa & John Smith
- 20 Sally Stoll-DePompeo & Philip DePompeo
- 22 Patricia & James Romeo

September Birthdays:



- 1 Darroll Meyer
- 1 John Strecker
- 1 Butzy Van Wyen
- 4 Salvatore Grenci
- 4 Christian Hagenlocher
- 8 Barbara Hoek
- 9 Karen McGorty
- 18 Joe Libardi
- 25 Julia Magnani
- 26 Laura Sanchez

St. Ann's Episcopal Church & CLAWS: *presents...*

FISH FRY...

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

Oct. 5, 2025 – 5pm - Parish Hall

\$25 all you can eat FISH FRY

\$12 children (3 to 12 years)

Includes beverage: Soda/Water/Beer/Wine

Hot dogs available for non-fish eaters

ALL food provided by CLAWS Seafood Market

Tickets can be purchased Mon-Wed at the church
business office, in the parish hall after all services, as
well as at CLAWS for two weeks prior to the event.

LIVE MUSIC

50/50

RAFFLE BASKETS

Thinking About: Our Dreaded Visitors

And who can these dreaded visitors possibly be, you ask? Well to start with, they are probably not as feared as the Dreaded Pirate Roberts (of course you remember him from that great classic *The Princess Bride*) but in my mind they should be dreaded, because they're much more destructive. These visitors we unfortunately have are those sap sucking, energy stealing, honey dew excreting, color changing, wing growing, invasive insect. Yep, you guessed it: The Spotted Lantern Fly.

If you're not familiar with these critters, they look different during the various stages of their life cycle. In mid spring (late March to early April) they emerge from their egg sacks as nymphs and resemble beetles with shells that are black with white spots. As they grow, they become slightly larger with their shells turning from black with white spots to red with white spots. Their final stage is the adult stage where they grow upper and lower wings and look more like moths, measuring roughly an inch in length. It's during this adult stage of life, around mid-September, where the females lay their eggs that will hatch the following spring. These eggs are laid on trunks and branches of trees and bushes in clutches of 30 to 50 eggs which are covered with grey looking cement or mud.

Photos: US Fish and
Wildlife Service

Nymphs



Adult



The spotted lantern fly doesn't present a health issue to people through bites, stings or disease transfer, but can be devastating to over one hundred and seventy types of plants and crops. In the nymph stage they feed on a wider variety of these plants, and as they mature into adults they feed mainly on crops, one type being grapevines. They damage these plants and crops by feeding on their nutrient rich sap, and then leave excrements of honey dew on the plant's leaves. These honey dew deposits reduce the plant's ability to photosynthesize and attract insects like ants and wasps to the plant.

It seems in our Sayville – Bayport community there are areas that have been hit hard by these lantern flies and others that have not spotted any. At our house in Sayville, we've had quite a few of these visitors. I would estimate at a high point in the summer, Lisa and I (each of us) would kill about fifteen to twenty of these nymphs per day – and that's on a property that measures fifty by a hundred feet in size! We haven't used any commercial companies to rid ourselves of these pests, because they tend to use chemicals that also kill friendly pollinator insects. Our weapons of choice have been dish detergent cut with water, and a standard fly swatter. That combination seems to be doing the trick. As of this writing we kill only about one or two per day, if that!

It's so important that we all try to minimize the population of these lantern flies so we can help reduce the likelihood that they will impact the vineyards out east, but most importantly Sayville's gem of a vineyard, and "Best Kept Secret," the Loughlin Vineyard at Meadowcroft Estate.

Regards,

Joe Castelli 😊

Please share your ideas... Marie Wipper at 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

View from Behind the Pole



We get to use our beautiful St. Barnabas Chapel to change into our choir robes. We also keep our books and robes in the closets there. Don't you want to spend more time in the Chapel? If so, please join the choir! Everyone is welcome.

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.

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

A note from your editor: This issue may be lacking some items that happened in the summer but I plan to put them in the October issue. I had a total knee replacement nearly 6 weeks ago and am still not able to sit at my computer for extended amounts of time. Please read Father Ben's weekly emails so you don't miss any upcoming events that I may have missed in this issue.

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.

2025 ARTS EXHIBITION



A sample of items from 2024's show

We'll host a showcase of visual, fabric and written arts created by Saint Ann's parishioners on **Saturday October 18, 2025** from 1 pm to 4 pm in the parish hall. Unlike the Christmas Fair, this is an exhibition only (no sales).

Everyone is welcome to join us and submit Art work. Contact Kathy Senese at the church office if you would like your work to be included.

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.

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