

# The Correspondent

Monthly Newsletter / April 2026

## WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES\*

Wednesdays: 11 am (Chapel)  
 Saturdays: 5 pm (Church - live streaming on Facebook)  
 Sundays: 8 am (Church)  
 10 am (Church - live streaming on Facebook)

## WEEKLY CAMPUS SCHEDULE\*

**Grief Group:** Following Wednesday Service  
**Food Pantry:** Mondays & Wednesdays 10-12  
**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** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1 pm  
 All other Tuesdays 6:45 pm  
**Men's Group** Tuesdays 8 am Breakfast

## MONTHLY SCHEDULE\*

**Family Service** First Sunday (Oct-June)  
**Senior Lunch** March 10th  
**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 (2028)

## **Members**

Ray Busch (2028)  
 Joe Castelli (2027)  
 Laurin Clemens (2028)  
 Kaitlyn Crevoiserat (2029)  
 Don Hester (2029)  
 Joan Siedlecki (2029)  
 Rich Maddox (2027)  
 Carol Ann St. Lawrence (2027)  
 Laura Sanchez (2029)

Linda Maddox, clerk of the Vestry

## **HOLY WEEK with the GREAT SOUTH BAY DEANERY**

**Holy Wednesday** April 1<sup>st</sup> 7 PM Christ Church, Bellport  
**Maundy Thursday** April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Saint Andrew's, Yaphank, Agape Meal 6 PM and Service 7 PM  
**Good Friday** April 3<sup>rd</sup> 11 AM  
 Saint Ann's, The Stations of the Cross in the Saint Ann's Cemetery  
 Led by the Daughters of the King in the Garden of the Unforgotten  
 (weather permitting)  
 Saint Ann's, Monolingual Service 12 PM  
 Saint Paul's, Patchogue, Bilingual Service 7 PM  
**Holy Saturday** April 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Saint Ann's, Morning Prayer with the Altar Guild, in the Saint  
 Barnabas Chapel, 9:15 AM  
**The Great Easter Vigil** April 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Saint James' Brookhaven, 5 PM



## **Other Important Dates:**

April 5 **Easter** Sunrise Ecumenical Prayer (page 9)  
 April 5 **Easter Sunday** – 8 am & 10 am service  
 April 5 Egg Hunt to follow 10 am service  
 April 13 Service at The Bristol 10:30 am  
 April 19 First Intentional Communion 10 am  
 April 19 Presentation by Rev. Patrick Malloy  
 April 26 Presentation by Tom Dwyer  
 May 3 L'Amour de la Flute – concert at 2 pm (page 12)  
 May 5 High Tea 12:30 pm  
 May 13 Spring blood drive 1 – 7 pm  
 May 15 Communion by Matt La Banca 7 pm  
 May 19 Senior Luncheon 11:15 am chapel, 12 pm lunch  
 June 13&14 St. Barnabas Weekend & Dcn. Bob's Ordination

More information about events on pages 9-10

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CEMETERY

*The Garden of the Unforgotten*  
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## From the Desk of the Rector Elect: Hearts on Fire



To the Faithful People of Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries,

Alleluia, Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia. If you are like me, you entered into the Lenten Season encumbered by an increasingly chaotic world and unsettling geopolitics. Chaos is disruptive. Chaos disturbs peace. Chaos limits access to introspection due to the noisiness of the kerfuffle. Suddenly and quickly, as if gravity felt heavy like a tether the liturgies of the Triduum and Easter pulled us through the sacred mysteries of Jesus Christ's entrance into Jerusalem, through His Last Supper, His death and His

Resurrection. We left betrayal behind for the promises of the empty tomb. We Eastered and are now Eastering.

Jesus Christ's vision for us is that we become people that intentionally live their faith as contemplatives in action. The effect of Jesus Christ's vision for us is the creation of the Beloved Community. Still, as human beings our attention spans are increasingly short; in our Post-Eastertide consider the question: How might we concentrate on the sacred heart of Jesus Christ and form our life of prayer and service?

*Age quod agis* is a Latin maxim meaning "do what you are doing" or "do it well", another translation reads, "come as you are". It is an injunction to focus entirely on the present task, avoiding distractions and half-hearted efforts. Often associated with Saint Ignatius of Loyola, this principle signifies mindfulness, diligence, and finding spiritual meaning in everyday responsibilities. Ponder: What might *Age quod agis* mean to you?

Pope Francis, the first Jesuit Pope, remarked in his Encyclical from 2015, *Laudato Si*, "In reality, those who enjoy more and live better each moment are those who have given up dipping here and there, always on the look-out for what they do not have. They experience what it means to appreciate each person and each thing, learning familiarity with the simplest things and how to enjoy them." How might you live in the moment? This Post-Easter Season ask for the grace: How might I be less distracted and more empowered to develop my faith and spirituality?

Dick Clifford, a Jesuit priest and scholar of the Hebrew Scripture, reminds us, "None of us coast through life on the faith we had when we were young or first converted. We are repeatedly asked a variant of Jesus's question (cf. the Gospel of John, Chapter 9), "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man born blind provides us with a prayer, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe?"

At Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries we seek to become people of faith who dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to whatever they engage in. This requires discernment, self-awareness, derived from prayerfully reflecting upon one's gifts and directions, and bringing a joyful fervor to those efforts. This closely relates to another Ignatian call, *to Go forth and set the world on fire*.

This Post-Easter Season, focus on the present, trust the present, spend time in prayer, practice the Examen; seek to live a life as a contemplative in action as one who desires a faith that does justice. That is a powerful framework for moving through the Post-Easter season. Shifting from the "event" of the Resurrection into the daily practice of being a contemplative in action suggests that spiritual renewal is not just a feeling, but a way of moving through the world. By grounding yourself in the present and in prayer, you are essentially "sharpening the tool" to better serve others. It is the Ignatian ideal: finding God in all things so that your external work is fueled by an internal stillness.

Gerard Manley Hopkins, the Jesuit poet penned his poem God's Grandeur in 1877, it was published after his death in 1918. Hopkins writes,

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;  
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;  
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;  
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;  
And though the last lights off the black West went  
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright  
wings.

May your Post-Easter experience be one focused on the present just as you draw deeper into the practice of prayer and the integration of a generative and personal spirituality. All for the greater glory of God.

With gratitude, joy and in prayer,

Fr. Ben



## Some thoughts from your Deacon...



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has risen; the Lord has risen indeed!

Can you tell that I love "Alleluia"...to me there is nothing so wonderful as hearing those words as we conclude our worship services. I really believe that when the spirit moves among us, it just seems so apropos to shout it out! But, and isn't there always a "but"...

In seminary I took "Rites and Rubrics" which was an amazing class that focused on our prayer book. All the things I thought I knew became crystal clear, and then muddled, at the same time. Apparently, I'd skipped over quite a few parts; like the fine print and the parts in italics to name a few! For instance, on page 366, "*From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost* "Alleluia, Alleluia" **may** be added to any of the dismissals." Notice I highlighted **may**. Who would not want to shout it out? That's crazy to even think about, however, that still wasn't enough for me, so I asked around. It was explained to me, very patiently, that if we did, in fact, shout "Alleluia" every Sunday, it would lose its significance. SO grudgingly, I must agree, that makes sense...and that is the reason why I will be the loudest person shouting "Alleluia" during this Easter season!

As you put your Lenten Fast in the past, take a moment to examine and reflect on it. You are a different person for having gone through it. Is there part of it that you want to take forward and make a part of your life? If so, do it! Embrace the change! Let the glow of the Holy Spirit continue to shine in you!

Alleluia!

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, Deacon Susan, or Deacon Bob  
to schedule a visit.

## VESTRY VISIONS

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As we are approaching the end of our Lenten journey, I like to take this time to reflect on all I hoped to accomplish and where I have fallen short. At the beginning of Lent, coming off the fun-filled holidays I was full of fortitude and vigor to not only abstain from some of my favorite foods but also to really try and be a better person and ultimately grow closer to God. As most of us can say, I truly did my best but have left plenty of room for improvement. This time in our liturgical year never ceases to amaze me at how much I learn about myself and the world around me.

St. Ann's Church and Fire Island Ministries itself has grown in many ways these last few months. I feel great joy that Fr. Ben will be serving as our permanent Rector. The Vestry has been witness to Fr. Ben's deep faith and pastoral care. We are excited for this new chapter in our parish. We wholeheartedly look forward to the formal Celebration of New Ministry.

Let us not forget that our diocese of Long Island has an election coming up. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, clergy and lay delegates from across the Diocese of Long Island will gather for the Election Convention for our 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Long Island. This day is an important milestone and we hope you all will pray as we move toward it together.

Lots of wonderful things to look forward to this Spring. The Vestry wishes you and family a blessed and joyous Easter. May the light of the risen Christ bring peace and hope to your homes this season.

Respectively,

Ray Busch

Vestry Member

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Linda Maddox and grandchildren Nora (left) and Sophia (right) – see more pages 11-12

## **Thinking About:**

### **Our Great South Bay and an Organization Trying to Save It Cleaning Up Our Creeks**

As I mentioned in last month's Creation Care Article, I signed up (along with my wife, Lisa) to take part in a 'Creek Defender Program' organized by 'Save the Great South Bay' 503(C) organization. This non-profit organization is dedicated to the restoration of the Great South Bay and currently has a membership count of over 13,000. The purpose of the 'Creek Defender Program' is to enlist local community volunteers to take part in creek clean-ups (removing litter, debris and invasive species), and initiatives that involve habitat restoration and native species plantings for the approximately fifty creeks that feed into the bay. The health of these creeks affects the health of our bay.

This morning (March 15<sup>th</sup>) at 9 am, Lisa and I put on our waterproof boots and work clothes to meet about fifty other volunteers in the Target parking lot off Broadway Avenue in Sayville. The volunteers were an eclectic group – young, old, couples, families with children and everyone in between. There we received bright yellow vests, gloves, a large clear garbage bag and a trash picker upper. After a group photo and a short talk, we walked across Broadway Avenue to the park. Our goal: to pick up the trash in Sans Souci Park, along Broadway Avenue opposite Target. And a lot of trash there was! I would say just about all the garbage there originates from the Target parking lot and from cars on Broadway that discard their car trash from their car windows. You know – plastic drink bottles, candy wrappers, potato chip bags, etc. The sad thing is, if that garbage is not picked up a fair amount of it will end up in our bay via the storm sewers. The volunteer sign-up commitment for the morning was two hours, and by eleven o'clock the entire area was cleaned up. The contrast between the before and after clean up were amazing! It was so nice to see families with their young children volunteering. What a great way for parents to instill in their children a sense of stewardship – not only for our bay, but also for our public spaces which belong to us all.

Our day didn't end there. After a delicious breakfast at a nearby diner, and the running of a few errands, we ended up at Sayville's best kept secret: Loughlin Vineyard where this Italian kid and his Italian-German wife toasted our Irish family members and friends on Saint Patrick's Day weekend! Cheers!

Peace and Fellowship to All,

Joe Castelli 😊

## In remembrance of The Very Reverend Father Robert Wilshire

In response to the article in last month's issue by John Vestigo, I've had two responses from parishioners:

From Ellen Stoll:

A couple of remembrances of Robert Wilshire who was a great friend!

Hired me to organize & expand the thrift shop.

Great bridge player. Once substituted at our house in our five couples' group.

Called me from Raynor's in West Sayville – "where are you?" After arriving one of the men said "if you visited parishioners more often you would have known."

After our children were in grade school, I switched teaching nursery (2 hours on Sunday) to grade 3 class. In those days, each grade had two sections. He gave me all the boys and the other teacher would only have the girls!!! I complained. His answer was – "well that's how we do it in England!!" I replied "This is New York!!"

From Tom Munkelwitz:

Linda & I were married at Trinity Episcopal Church in Rutherford, New Jersey by the Venerable Mr. Pease & Father Bob Wilshire. Father Bob kindly drove over to Linda's family's home parish to participate in the service. He always claimed that he did the important part!

After we moved into our house in Sayville, we invited Father Wilshire for dinner. On the morning of the occasion, he called and asked if he could bring a friend who was stopping in New York on his journey from Australia to London.

Father Bob & his friend showed up in shorts. We were feeding Ken Mason, the Bishop of The Northern Territory! Bishop Mason was scheduled to make this trip on the day after Christmas. However, on Christmas morning, 1974, Darwin was struck by Cyclone Tracy. The recorded wind gusts recorded 135 miles/hr. before the anemometer was destroyed with maximum gusts estimated to 150 miles/hr. The cathedral, like much of Darwin, was destroyed. All that remained was the porch, where it remains today, but the church hall and the rectory were rubble. The Bishop had to postpone his trip until the following summer. A good time was had by all!

**Father Wilshire** was Rector of Saint Ann's for 9 years. After that he was Dean of The Cathedral of the Incarnation for 20 years. In 1999 he retired. He died on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1999 at his home in Wilmington, NC. God bless him & his family.

Please look up his obituary in the New York Times for more details. If you have any photos, information or stories about Father Wilshire please email them to:

John Vestigo at [jcvestigo@gmail.com](mailto:jcvestigo@gmail.com) and

The Correspondent at [correspondent@saint-anns.org](mailto:correspondent@saint-anns.org)



## 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: **Janet Perlman Kennedy, and Caroline Schiller (Barbara King's twin).**

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.

**Easter Sunrise Ecumenical Prayer** – Arrive at the Sayville Ferry Dock by 5:30 am sharp!

Our **EASTER EGG HUNT** will take place following the 10am Service on **Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>**. All youth are invited and encouraged to participate in this annual event.

One Monday a month - 10:30am - Holy Eucharist – Rite II - Healing Service - at **The Bristol Assisted Living Sayville**, next Service is **April 13**.

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> A presentation from **Rev. Patrick Malloy**, former Dean, Cathedral of Saint John the Divine and Professor, General Theological Seminary. Topic: *The Liturgy and Church Space*. 11:15am from the Fr. Jae Chung Parish Hall or by ZOOM.

Join the ZOOM via <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84496353075> and Meeting ID: 844 9635 3075.

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> **Tom Dwyer**, President and Executive Director of **A Faith That Does Justice** presents to our community following the 10am Service. “A Faith That Does Justice is an interfaith organization that challenges people to experience God by living their faith intentionally in service to others. We do this by showing how unjust societal structures marginalize people and by acting to help those in need. Our vision is people intentionally living their faith in action.” For more information visit: <https://faith-justice.org>.

May 5<sup>th</sup>: **High Tea** in the Father Jae Chung Parish Hall at 12:30pm. Reservations are required; \$10.00 per person payment at the door. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or you can call the Church Office. Peggy Flanagan is the Chair of the event.

May 13<sup>th</sup> **Spring Blood Drive** in the Father Jae Chung Parish Hall from 1:00pm to 7:00pm. Give the gift of life and enjoy the Lorna Doone cookies!

May 14<sup>th</sup> **Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist** at St. Andrew's, Mastic Beach. Details will be announced.

May 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm, The Off-Broadway play **Communion by Matt La Banca** from the Father Jae Chung Parish Hall, RSVP at the Office, suggested donation \$40.00.

May 19<sup>th</sup> **Senior Luncheon** in the Father Jae Chung Parish Hall. Eucharist at 11:15 in St. Barnabas Chapel and luncheon served at noon. Quiche and salads followed by an ice cream social.

June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> **Saint Barnabas Weekend and Deacon Bob's Ordination** to the Priesthood. Details to follow, but we are planning a potluck dinner, outside eucharist, hot dogs, sack races, egg in the spoon race, pie eating contest, watermelon, lemonade....

June 15<sup>th</sup> **Mobile Mammogram** at Saint Ann's. Appointments are required.

We need individuals and families to sign up for the **Sunday Coffee Hour**. The list is in the Fr. Jae Chung Parish Hall. Thanks!

The People's Arc is now helping with our **Food Pantry Ministry**. This has enabled us to open an extra day. We are now open on **Mondays & Wednesdays** from 10 am to noon. Donations placed in the little red wagon in the Fr. Jae Chung Parish Hall are always appreciated.

Our website now has a **calendar of events** to review. Check it out: <https://www.saint-anns.org/>

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

**Need a Helping Hand: *Just call Joe Libardi!***

631-804-3064 or 631-563-5131.

Twenty-five years of serving the community. Transportation available, personal care and light cooking.

## Irish Step Dancing

On March 15th we enjoyed a wonderful display of **Irish Step Dancing** featuring Linda and Richard Maddox's granddaughters (photo page 6 & below) and their fellow dancers from the **Mulvihill-Lynch School of Irish Dance!**



Thank you to Linda & Rich Maddox for bringing us this spectacular event for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.



## L'Amour de la Flûte Choir in Concert

Sunday, May 3, 2026

2:00 p.m.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church

257 Middle Road

Sayville, NY 11782



### Featured Works

Blue Skies

Moon River

Irish Aire

Der Mirjambrunnen

Hopak

Amazing Grace

Arirang

Let There Be Peace On Earth

With joy and gratitude: **The Fire Island Ministries Program** begins Memorial Day Weekend and ends Labor Day Weekend. Fr. Ben and soon-to-be-Fr. Bob, along with Supply Priests will preside at the Services. There will be an 11am Service on June 14th in The Pines for those that cannot join us for Saint Barnabas Day. If you want to join the Fire Island Ministries Committee, please see Fr. Ben.

## ~ Fire Island Ministries Schedule of Services, Summer Program 2026 ~

May 24, 11am: Cherry Grove, Community Center (Summer Program Starts)

May 31, 11am: The Pines, Whyte Hall Community Center

June 7, 11am: Cherry Grove, Community Center

June 14, 10am, Saint Barnabas Day ~ Cherry Grove and The Pines Invade Saint Ann's Sayville

June 21, 11am: Cherry Grove, Community Center

June 28, 11am: The Pines, Whyte Hall Community Center

July 5, 11am: Cherry Grove, Community Center

July 12, 11am: The Pines, Whyte Hall Community Center

July 19, 11am: Cherry Grove, Community Center

July 26, 11am: The Pines, Whyte Hall Community Center

August 2, 11am: Cherry Grove, Community Center

August 9, 11am: The Pines, Whyte Hall Community Center

August 16, 11am: Cherry Grove, Community Center

August 23, 11am: Saint Ann's Sayville Invasion @ Cherry Grove, Community Center

August 30, 11am: The Pines, Whyte Hall Community Center

September 6, 11am: Cherry Grove, Community Center (Summer Program Ends)

### **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: 929-445-3781 to sign up.

Did You Know...

Did you know that Sue Verneer is president of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority? This is a sorority that is not affiliated with a college but rather is an international women’s friendship sorority. One of the service projects they participate in is to donate to MercyFirst. Serving over 3,000 children, teens, and families in the New York metropolitan area, MercyFirst is a not-for-profit human and social service agency. They are known for providing help with poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, substance abuse and mental illness. Merc First has been serving the community since the late 1800’s. Learn more at <https://www.mercyfirst.org/our-history>



Sue’s Dad, Angelo Prisco orphaned at 9 months, was raised in the Angel Guardian House in Brooklyn. When he was in elementary school, he was transferred to Saint Mary of the Angels Home, in Syosset, which is now part of MercyFirst and is coed. After her father’s death, Sue and her mother would donate gift cards for the children of MercyFirst in her Dad’s memory. Later her sorority sisters took up the torch and make an annual donation to this very worthy cause. Gift cards to Wendy’s, McDonald’s and chick-fil-A are

purchased with the funds raised, and are given to approximately sixty children at their Christmas celebration in Syosset.



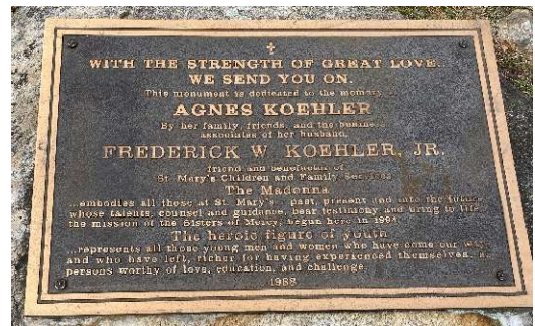
Sue would like to thank **Father Ben** who donated to MercyFirst in 2025.

Sue was born in Brooklyn and grew up on Long Island attending Saint William The Abbot church in Seaford. She began her adventure at Saint Ann’s around 1989 when her son Billy was pre-school age. Sue assisted in Sunday School, and participated in Cursio, a 3-day Christian retreat. Currently she serves in the Altar Guild and as an acolyte. She’s volunteered at the Fair for many years and our first fall festival last year. Saint Ann’s is her safe space.



**My mom is a literal angel. Every December in honor of her dad she donates time and money to the Boys Home my grandfather was in! She went today, and they had a history board! I spy my my little eye... My Pop Pop! This was the sweetest! 🥰 @susanverneer**  
**Theres one last thing I have to say LOL! You make me want to be the best version of myself everyday. ❤️ You make him proud every day! Love you Mama! @mercyfirst\_ny**

Facebook post by Sue’s son Billy.



PLEASE PRAY

**The Saint Ann's and Fire Island Communities pray especially this week for: Barbara, Beth, Billy, Bob, Christine, Charlotte, Cindy, Colleen, Debi, Emily, Florence, John, Jon, June, Kathy, Lauren, Lily, Linda, Lynn, Mark, Marlin, Megan, Robert, Russ, Scott, Sharon, Steve, Sue and Wayne.**

Let us also pray for peace in the Ukraine, Somalia, the Middle East, for those affected by addiction and violence involving guns, and for the least and the marginalized, the poor and the scapegoats amongst us.

*Please submit the name(s) of a loved one going forward to the parish office, text PRAYER to 631-212-2320 to receive a link for making prayer requests, or submit the form on the Saint Anns website - [saint-anns.org](http://saint-anns.org).*

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

April Anniversaries:

- 13 Jessica & Devon Brown
- 20 Karen & Wayne Tampellini

If you want to see your birthday or anniversary on this page, send an email to [correspondent@saint-anns.org](mailto:correspondent@saint-anns.org)

Birthday and anniversary photos are appreciated too. Your photos can be current or past celebrations.

The office would appreciate updates on address, phone numbers, birthdays & anniversaries too. Contact them via email [office@saint-anns.org](mailto:office@saint-anns.org) or by phone: 631-589-6522

April Birthdays:



- 1 Vanessa Sanchez
- 2 Ella Patrovich
- 7 Susan Verneer
- 8 Eileen Moran
- 15 June Schlock
- 19 Patricia Osarchuk
- 23 Harriet Gerards
- 30 Elizabeth Shelton
- 30 Ellen Stoll

## View from Behind the Pole



Come worship with us!  
We would love to have some new voices!

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](mailto:music@saint-anns.org)



Troop 130  
Eagle Project

# CAR WASH

All proceeds will help St. Ann's  
Church build a community garden.



April 12, 2026

St. Ann's Episcopal Church  
1251 Middle Road Sayville, New York  
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Donations accepted through  
Venmo @Mairead-McInnes



*Let There Be Peace On Earth*



*Tuesday, May 5th at 12:30 in the afternoon*

*In the Fr. Jae Chung Parish Hall.*

*Reservations are required*

*Cost is \$10.00 per person collected at the door*

*Funds raised will support Breast Cancer Research*

*Only 42 cups and saucers are available!*

*The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall or call the Church Office at*

**631-589-6522**

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# COMMUNION

A STORY OF FAITH, IDENTITY & LOVE



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**LOVE. FAITH. HOPE.**

**MAY 15, 2026 • 7pm**

**SAINT ANN'S CHURCH**

**SAYVILLE, NY**

SEATING IS LIMITED • **\$40** SUGGESTED DONATION

RSVP FOR SEATS BY **MAY 10:**

**office@saint-anns.org**



Happy Spring! I am longing for bright sunshine and walks in nature. I wish you the same. God bless us all and please bring peace and love to this world.

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Have your kids longed to see their photo or story in The Correspondent? Have you? There is a very easy fix: email me at **[correspondent@saint-anns.org](mailto:correspondent@saint-anns.org)**. I am always looking for kids to feature in our Saint Ann's Stars page and people for our "Did You Know" page.

This is OUR newsletter so let's make it the best we can. Send your birthday & anniversary dates. Share your good news about births, baptisms, graduations, weddings, new jobs, awards or anything else you think the parish would enjoy reading about. Send a photo. Contribute a poem or short essay. Write your reaction to a sermon or a hymn.

Send ideas for "Creation Corner" to **Joe Castelli at [53jcas@gmail.com](mailto:53jcas@gmail.com)**  
**subject: Creation Care**

Everything else should be emailed to **[correspondent@saint-anns.org](mailto:correspondent@saint-anns.org)**.

Documents should be in **Microsoft Word format or as text in the email**. Photos can take many formats but be sure to send them as "large files" or originals depending on your equipment. These options will produce the best printed photos.

Please observe the deadline which is **always the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month**. Exceptions may be made for events that happen after the 15th – just ask.

*Eileen Moran*

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Deadline for the next issue:  
4/15/26

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## 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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