

The Correspondent

Monthly Newsletter / October 2025

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES*

Saturdays: 5 pm
Sundays: 8 am & 10 am
10 am service will also be online

WEEKLY CAMPUS SCHEDULE*

Weekday Mass: Wednesdays 11 am (Chapel)
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 1st 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 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:

Oct. 5 Family Service & Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 5 Fall Fish Fry
Oct. 17 Deadline for the next Correspondent Issue
Oct. 18 Art Exhibition - Parish Hall – 1pm to 4pm
Oct. 21 Senior Luncheon – Throwback Lunch
Oct. 24 Movie Night – “Monsters Inc.”
Nov. 1 Change clocks before you sleep
Nov. 2 Stewardship Commitment Sunday
Nov. 7 Parish preview of the Christmas Fair
7-8:30 pm with music review, wine and cheese
Nov. 8 Holiday Fair – 10 am to 3 pm
Nov. 23 First Intentional Communion



In celebration of Saint Ann's joining the Sayville Chamber of Commerce, a contingent of prominent members of the Community gathered at St. Ann's Parish Administrative Offices for a ceremonial ribbon cutting. Commerce members and Town of Islip officials shared proclamations and awards commemorating St. Ann's ministry leadership and community presence.

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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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. It always mesmerizes me that the Correspondent article is written a month ahead of time, which means: forward looking and leaning retrospection! We kicked off the 2025-2026 Program Year with our Fall Festival. The themes for this program year are: let mutual love and mutual respect continue, and dialoguing with all our neighbors. ***All for the greater glory of God. A.M.D.G.***

I write with gratitude for Chrstine Cesarino, Linda Elton, Nicki D'Amico, Joan and Lorraine Van Ness, Marie Wipper and Diane Magnani-Miller: community leaders who joyfully and dedicatedly transformed annual events for the greater good of the community.

I write with gratitude to Rich Maddox and Laurin Clemens who co-chair our Capital Campaign, for Randy Schultz and Roma Busch, the co-chairs of our Stewardship Committee and our Wardens (we will partner with Neil Watkins and Arthur Scully from Carter Global to ensure the success of our Capital Campaign). This Program Year we will embark on the renovation and preservation of our historic bell tower, we will also discern the placement of a baptistry in the chancel ~ meaning, no more Baptismal font on-wheels! Baptism is the very center of our faith as Christians; it is the Sacrament of Initiation emphasized in the core of our being Episcopalians. ***Pray: What about the Sacrament of Baptism moves you closer to God, Jesus, self and others?***

I write with gratitude for Sally Stoll who presented me with a wonderful bouquet of flowers at the 1-year anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood (9/14/24).

Last month, we welcomed Liz Madigan, a BSW student intern from Stony Brook University; she will be with us until May 2026. To request social work services, please contact me at the Parish Administration Offices.

We are growing our ministry: On October 15th, our Food Pantry will open on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm. On Wednesdays guests on our 13-acre campus will have an opportunity to be fed by the Eucharist at the Service at 11am, to be relieved of food insecurity from our Food Pantry, to be consoled through our Grief Group, to be empowered through social work services, and to be clothed by the corporal works of mercy at our Thrift Shop. ***Remember, we show the world who we are as Christians each and every day of the year.***

I offer a challenge to each of us to create the Beloved Community. As you know, Willy, my husband has been in El Salvador since September 15. ***Reflect: Do we need to separate families to complete the mundane task of citizenship? Is this how we let mutual love and mutual respect continue?***

As I often remind us at our Services, our world desperately needs and benefits from prayer. By praying we grow in greater intimacy with God, self and others. ***Ask: What have I done for Christ? What am I doing for Christ? What will I do for Christ?*** Those are the three questions Saint Ignatius of Loyola asks retreatants to consider about their lives lived in Jesus Christ in his *Spiritual Exercises*.

Our website now features a calendar, where our members and visitors can review our activities, ministries, e.g., the many ways (*tantas cosas*) that Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries desires to give of our time, talent and treasure to ignite corporal and spiritual works of mercy in our greater Sayville Community and in our Great South Bay Deanery.

On October 18, our Vestry will go on retreat with the Right Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. At the retreat, the Vestry will ponder Who Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries are in the 21st Century. **The adjacent question is: Who will you become?**

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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Blessing of the backpacks, briefcases, students and school employees

Some thoughts from your Deacon...



A note from me to you...

Welcome back!

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." Proverbs 16:9

There is no doubt that the new program year has us all busy and doing the Lord's work in myriad ways! I'm sure that you, like me, want to do everything, but let's be honest, there are not enough hours in the day...and that's okay. The beauty of our new program year is that you can pick and choose the things you'd like to do, always keeping in mind that when we over-commit, we aren't doing anyone any favors, including ourselves. How often have you found yourself looking at a laundry list of "TO-DOs" and feeling your energy slowly ebbing away. "How can I possibly finish all of this today or this week or this month..." My questions go on and on and I start to worry, until I realize that God will show me the way; He always does. It isn't easy to give up the illusion of control, but we need to remember that He is in charge...and He can recharge us in ways that Starbucks never could!

Our year is off to a wonderful start! Sunday School has begun as has our Christian Education Program for First Intention Communion. It's been great meeting the students and their parents, many of whom remember coming here to Sunday School when they were young! I think that's one of the most beautiful aspects of St. Ann's and Sayville; so many can count back to their grandparents being members of the church! Generational traditions are simply priceless!

The first **Senior Luncheon** of the program year will be held on Tuesday, **October 21st**. We'll begin with Holy Eucharist in the St. Barnabas Chapel and then proceed into the Parish Hall for a "Throw-Back Luncheon"...I'm not telling anyone but our chefs what it is on the menu! If anyone can volunteer to cook, please let me know. I will provide recipes and ingredients! Our speaker will be Officer Maio from the SCPD to talk about the scams which are gaining in number and how we can protect ourselves. The sign-up for the Senior Luncheon will be in the Parish Hall. You can also call the office and leave a message for Deacon Susan, or if you prefer- text me at 516-381-5485. For October, we are asking for donations of cereal, peanut butter and jelly, or crackers for our Food Pantry. Thank you!

On Friday evening, **October 24th**, we will be having our Family Film Night in the Parish Hall. Little ones may certainly come dressed in costumes or scary PJs! I'm not sure what the menu will be, but the film is "**Monsters, Inc!**" Please join us! Bring a comfortable chair; no bug spray necessary! Doors open at 7:00pm!

And in case you still have more time...please consider the various ministries which are available here on campus:

Thrift Shop
Food Pantry
Choir
Ushers
Acolytes and LEMs
Altar Guild...

With love and blessings,
Deacon Susan

VESTRY VISIONS

While talking to a lot of you I was surprised to learn that so many did not know what to do at the labyrinth. Walking and Praying the labyrinth gives us the opportunity to meditate and communicate with GOD and our inner self. A labyrinth is not a maze. It does not have dead ends. It has a single circuitous pathway that winds its way to the center and back out again. The pathway is in full view which allows you to meditate and meditate and communicate with GOD. It can quiet a distracted or over active mind.

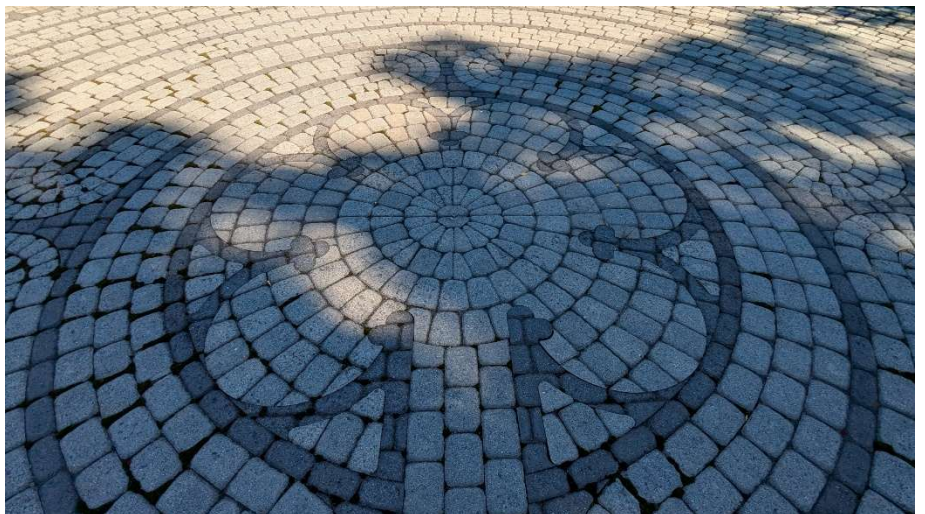
Generally there are three stages to walking a labyrinth. Releasing on the way in, receiving in the center, and thanking when you follow the path back out.

Before you begin your journey stand at the entrance of the labyrinth and state your intention as clear as possible. Example: I need/want a solution to my problem. Take a few deep breaths to calm your body, mind and soul. Start your walk by keeping your mind quiet, concentrate on the placement of one foot before the other. You can also say a prayer while walking at an even pace. When you reach the center, stop for a while. This is the place for meditation, and prayer, and to receive whatever there is for you to receive from GOD. When you feel ready, begin your journey out. This is a good place to say thanks to GOD, and to be mindful of others and circumstances in the world that need prayers.

There is no right way or wrong way to walk or pray a labyrinth. Use it in any way that meets what you need at the time. You may want to go directly to the center and sit or stand quietly. Some people come with questions and seeking answers, others come to slow down and take time out from a very busy life. Some come to find strength to take the "next step". Many come during the times of grief and loss.

Peace and Blessings,

Carol Ann St.Lawrence for the Vestry



Stewardship - Giving Thanks for God's Blessings- In Multiple Ways!

As we grow in faith, we become increasingly aware of our need to express gratitude for the many gifts our Lord has provided in this earthly life. There are so many things we often take for granted because our busy lives demand our focus and concentration, that we often miss them. Sometimes, it is necessary to put down the cell phone and turn off the TV to practice the long-lost art of conversation with loved ones, or to appreciate sunsets flowers, birds, or walks in the woods to clear the mind and acknowledge God's role in our lives.

Stewardship is not something we just merely talk about at this time of year...Stewardship is a way of life, recognizing with joy and gratitude that everything we have comes from God. Stewardship puts faith into action...Good personal financial stewardship demands accountability-we need to know what we have in order to know what is proper to give.... Furthermore, when we give to God through St. Ann's, we expect transparent communication about how our precious resources are used, with a commitment to honoring God by the proper management of these resources.

Stewardship, of course, is more than just about money. Stewardship is living our faith through sharing our time and God given gifts (talents) in conscious efforts to better the lives and well-being of those less fortunate. For example, we live our faith by sharing fellowship with the lonely and homebound and directly supporting the food insecure in our community with pantry donations. We are grateful to collaborate with the People's Arc, our ministry partner in enabling ministry to the disabled and for their participation with our Food Pantry so that it may be open on Wednesdays starting October 15th (in addition to Mondays) to better reach those in need!

In the month ahead, we will hear Lukian Gospels about faith. On Fish Fry Sunday (October 5) we will consider Luke 17 5-10, "Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed", October 12, Luke 17 11-19 "Your Faith has Made you Well", October 19, Luke 18 1-8 "When the Son of Man Comes, will He find Faith on Earth?" and October 27, Luke 18 9-14 "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted." We will hear stewardship sermons from our Lay Preachers, Laurin Clemens (October 5) and Greg Domof (October 19), Father Ben (October 12)and Deacon Susan (October 27)...Our discernment questions for October: "What recent experiences have helped me grow in my faith?" "How can I best express my faith through my stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure in 2026?"

During the third week of October, we will receive our annual Pledge Card asking us to pray into place our offering to St. Ann's for 2026... A pledge is a non-binding confidential communication that helps the Vestry prepare the ministry focused budget for the year ahead. Pledges are offered joyfully in gratitude, and believe me, they are received with equal joy and gratitude! We ask that pledge cards be completed and returned either by mail or in the plate offering on or before Sunday, November 2, which is "Commitment Sunday". OUR GOAL IS 100 PERCENT PLEDGE PARTICIPATON!!

A convenient pledge option is to use the online pledge form on the website www.saint-anns.org which sends a confirmation both to your email and to the Stewardship Team. The form is a replica of the paper form to be received in the mail.

You may elect to give your offering weekly through the plate, or monthly/annually as you prefer. Many people use their bank's BillPay feature to have a pledge sent on their schedule directly to St. Ann's (251

Middle Road, Sayville, NY 11782.) Others go to the website (www.saint-anns.org) and select the Donate button which allows payment via checking account or credit card via the online Tithely program.

As a reminder, those of us over 70 and a half, can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from our Traditional IRA to St. Ann's Church. The QCD counts against the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) but is not subject to any taxes.

If you do not already receive weekly giving envelopes and would like to, please write a note on the pledge card requesting them so that our staff can add you to the envelope system.

Please also know that, as of this writing in mid-September, the Vestry has authorized its Capital Campaign Committee to launch a multiple-year Special Gift campaign for the generational restoration of our beloved historic Bell Tower. The work on the Tower is to be scheduled imminently guided by a comprehensive scope of work prepared by an architect experienced in historical stone structures. While we will hear more details in the weeks ahead, please know that those of us who may wish to contribute above and beyond our generous support of St. Ann's ministry budget towards this generational opportunity may do so when the campaign launches. Much more to come!

Again, thank you for your faith, love and joy for all we share together! Know that although your joyful financial support is categorized as "Regular Giving" on our budget lines, there is nothing "regular" about it. Every gift is "special" and speaks volumes in enabling God's Work to be fulfilled. May we continue to grow in Faith and God's Love in these special weeks and months ahead!

The Stewardship Committee

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:

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.



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.

Congratulations to the newly baptized and their parents:

Layne Kelly - September 14th daughter of **Dana Cook & William Kelly**



Olivia Gallo – September 21st – daughter of **Caitlin and Zachari Gallo Sr**, sister of **Zachari**
God bless them and their families!



Please welcome **Elizabeth Madigan** to Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries. Elizabeth is a Bachelor of Social Work student at Stony Brook University; she will complete a social work internship with us during the upcoming Program Year.

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.

Holiday Fair

The St. Ann's Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 8th. Doors open at 10:00 am and close at 3:00 pm.

A Wine & Cheese Raffle Preview will be held exclusively for Parishioners on Friday, November 7th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Please join is for fun and fellowship, have a wine some cheese and review the raffle baskets in a relaxed format.

In addition to the raffle tickets you received via mail, there will be volunteers selling tickets during coffee hour after the Sunday morning services.

If you would like additional raffle tickets to distribute/sell to friends, please see Father Ben or contact Lynne in the Parish Office 631-589-6522.

Looking forward to a great event!!!!

**Thank you to the following merchants for their advance support of our upcoming
Holiday Fair on November 8, 2025. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
Saint Ann's Family - Please show your thanks by your patronage.**

A list of Saint Ann's paishoners will be printed in the November issue. Thanks to all who donated.

From the Patchogue Community:

**Alternative Approach
Birdies
Bobbique
Catch Oyster Bar
Gino's Pizza
Goldberg's Bagels
Harbor Crab
Hot Chicken Mama
ITA Kitchen
James Joyce
Locale
Lombardi's on the Bay
NY Spice & Tea
Ruta Oaxaca
Shands General
Southdown Coffee
Spy Coast Kitchen & Cocktails
Standard Rec
The Meetball Place
Tap Room
TJ's Hero
Toast
Virgola Oyster & Wine Bar
Whiskey Neat**

From the Sayville Community

**Aegean Café
Bagel Delox
Blackbird's Café
Brownstones
Café Joelle
Clam Power
Claw's Seafood Market
Gary Worrell Drum Studio
Local Burger
Off the Block Kitchen & Meats
Portly Villager
Sayville Bait & Tackle
Sayville Bean
Sayville Ferry Service
Sayville Pizza & Metros on
Main
Shabby Tabby
The Cull House
The Shed
Umberto's of Sayville**



July Movie Night "SING"



Did You Know...

Did you know that Melissa Escobar, our parishioner and community member received the Hispanic Heritage award from the Town of Islip following a nomination from our staff on behalf of Saint Ann's?

As Quoted from the Town of Islip Press release:

Town of Islip Supervisor and members of the Town Board, paid tribute to 5 residents of Hispanic descent, all members of the community that make Islip a better place, at September's Town Board meeting. The event marked the Town's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Honorees included Iris Cruz, Pastor James Diaz, Maureen Diaz, Diosalma Melgar, and **Melissa Escobar**.

"Congratulations to all the honorees of this year's Hispanic Heritage awards, and a sincere thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our community," said Supervisor Carpenter.

Councilman Guadron added, "Both their achievements and their character that shines through them, prove the dedication these residents have to their neighbors, family, friends, and our Town."

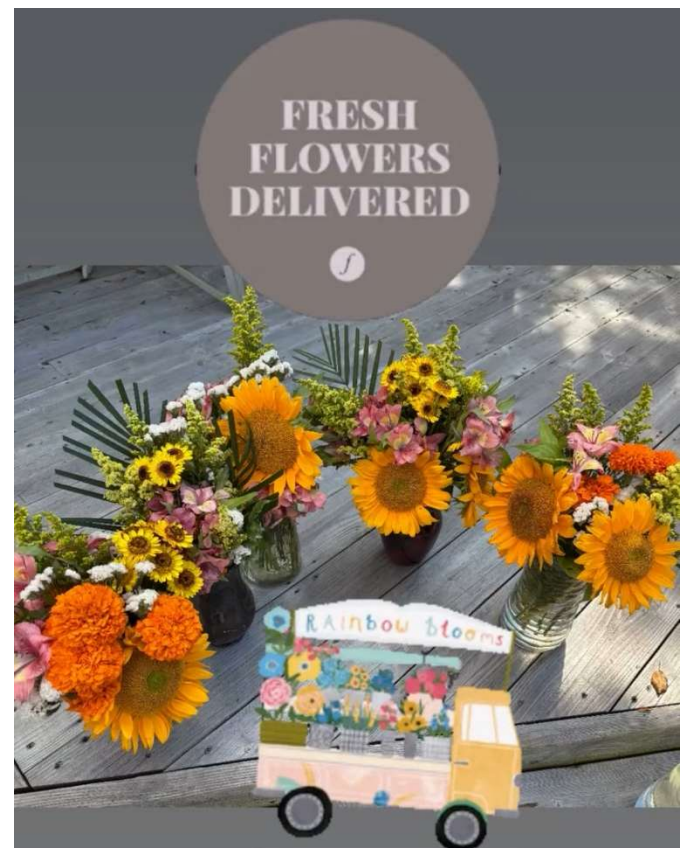
"These honorees embody compassion, faith, and advocacy, their work has enriched countless lives around Islip and beyond," Councilman O'Connor said.

"Commitment to the community is at the center of what these honorees do, and the warmth and kindness they provide to those around them every day continues to inspire and uplift," said Councilman Lorenzo.

"We are proud to recognize these honorees for their achievements and passion," said Councilman McElwee. "We appreciate every resident who has this much drive and passion to get involved and make a difference in Islip."



Throughout the month on Mondays, “The Flower Girls”
(**Barbara Stahlberg, Linda Munklewitz, and Sally Stoll-Depompeo**) take turns
delivering the altar flowers to people celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other
milestones, as well as those needing comfort or joy.
It brings joy to “The Flower Girls” too! (No delivery during Advent and Lent)
Thanks “Flower Girls” for all you do to brighten someone’s day!



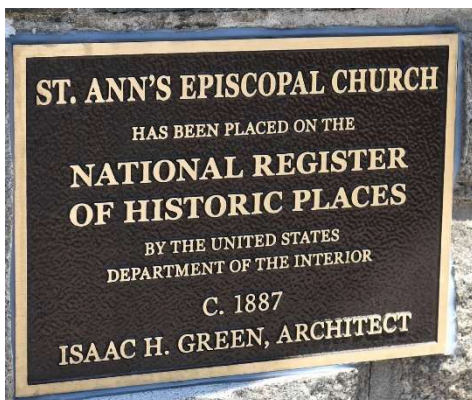
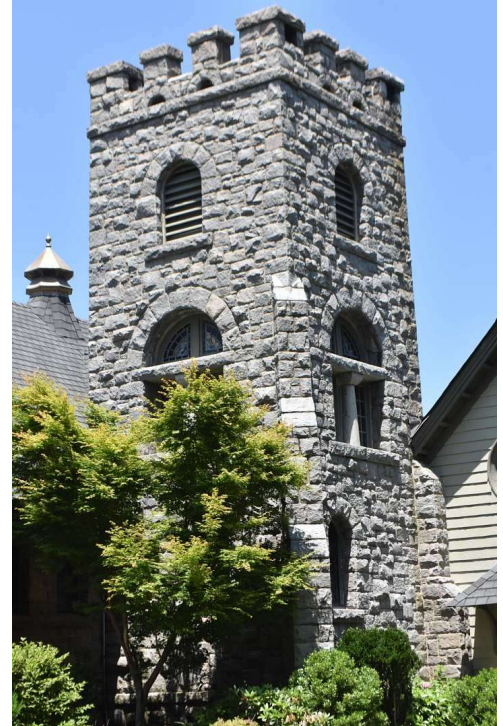
SAVE THE CHURCH TOWER

The Saint Ann's Episcopal Church was designed by the renowned architect Issac Green (1859-1937). Construction started in 1897 when Mr. Green was only 38 years old at the time and a member of the parish. Since the cornerstone of this beautiful stone church was laid, Saint Ann's has been an important part of the lives of the parishioners and community.

Personally, church has been a major part of my life, as I am sure it is to the majority of the parishioners. My parents were married here in 1953, I was baptized in the original baptismal font in 1956 and received my first communion with Father Bond. I was a member of St Ann's Youth Group and made lifelong friends. In the 1981, my future wife, who was from Lindenhurst fell in love with our little stone church and announced we would marry here. We raised our three lovely daughters in this warm and loving parish.

Over the years the building has faced many challenges and repairs but it still serving as a beacon to this parish and community. Recently it has been noted that there has been some water intrusion in in the sacristy. The Vestry hired the architectural firm of Hoschler-Grazioisi who have extensive experience with historical churches to investigate the water damage. Working closely with the Saint Ann's Building Committee, The Vestry, and The Long Island Episcopal Diocese Facilities Director of Buildings we believe we have developed a plan to repair the current damage to ensure no further damage. We have three bids for the recommended repair work. All bidding companies have extensive experience in historical building repair and construction.

In the coming weeks each parish family will receive in the mail a request to pledge for this important project to ensure the future of the beloved historic tower. The Tower construction committee is requesting that each family look into their heart and pledge what they can to help with the costs of this major project. Pledges can be made weekly, monthly, yearly or a one-time donation.



Richard C. Maddox
Vestry Member
Co-Chairman
Tower Construction Campaign



August Summer Movie Night
"Angels in the Outfield"



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alex, Beth, Billy, Carmela, Carrie, Cathy, Chris, Colleen, Connie, David, Debi, Diana, Ellen, Eileen, Father Mike, Florence, Germaine, Gerry, Gladys, Hap, Harry, Jean, Jim, Jo, Judy, June, Kathy, Laney, Lauren, Linda, Lissy, Marie, Rosemarie, Scott, Sharon, Steven and Tina.

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.

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

October Anniversaries:

- 7 Donna & Charles Romano
- 18 Doreen & Salvatore Grenci
- 21 Cara & Thomas Clark
- 21 Susan & Bob Ellinghaus
- 28 Lisa & Joseph Castelli

October Birthdays:



- 1 Lauren Inmoor
- 3 Kathy Senese
- 4 Donna Romano
- 5 Jessica Shelton
- 7 John Smith
- 14 William Verneer
- 18 Shin Kang-Chung
- 18 Katherine Elton
- 19 Emma Chung
- 21 Janet Adam
- 21 Christine Mulroy
- 21 Virginia Spiess
- 29 Brooke Mattimore
- 30 George Koinoglou

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

“The Earth is what we all have in common.” — Wendell Berry

Long Island has magical moments each and every summer for Jim and I. Attending a Jones Beach concert is top of the list for me. We were blessed with two concerts this year. The weather was perfect. The sun painted a beautiful picture on the ocean. The music was fabulous. It could not have been better.

A couple of years ago we were at a show there and we went to get water bottles. We were baffled because we could not find a single one. Finally, we asked a cashier if there were any water bottles to be found. She handed us two metal bottles of LIQUID DEATH Mountain Water. We assumed that all water bottles were plastic. They're not. The company, Liquid Death has a catchy phrase about murdering your thirst, but I'm not trying to market the product here. The company uses only metal cans for their drinks so as to reduce plastic pollution. Not only that, they also donate part of their proceeds to address the plastic pollution problem.* I was thrilled to find such a company exists.

What spurred me to look for companies like Liquid Death happened when I was helping a student with research on a paper on the environment. I learned there are several Giant Garbage Patches in existence in our oceans. To give perspective, “Researchers from [The Ocean Cleanup](#) project claimed that the (Great Pacific) patch covers 1.6 million square kilometers (620,000 square miles)^[5] consisting of 45,000–129,000 metric tons (50,000–142,000 short tons) of plastic as of 2018^[6]”** This information has stayed with me ever since.

As Wendell Berry said, “The Earth is what we all have in common.” So, whether you are an individual shopping for a product, a company packaging a product, or an arena selling the product we all have that common thread. We can all be on the lookout for products that look to the future.

*<https://liquiddeath.com>

**https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Pacific_Garbage_Patch

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.

Nourish Babylon at Christ Episcopal Church:

Nourish Babylon serves a weekly community meal for the elderly, disabled and disadvantaged guests in a fine-dining restaurant style experience with an atmosphere of kindness and dignity.

They are looking for volunteers to help with meal prep, dining room set up, cooking, serving, cleaning and to Meet & Greet Guests.

Dinner is served every Monday night from 5PM - 6:30PM, located at Christ Episcopal Church 12 Prospect Street in Babylon.

For more information, please contact **Anne Balfour** at **annebalfour.nourishbabylon@gmail.com** or **631-661-5757**

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

Kaylee Doris, a junior at Bayport-Blue Point High School, is our newest Choral Scholar. Welcome Kaylee to the Saint Ann's Choir family.

In her own words: "I love to sing and act because it is how I express myself. I will be in the SCMEA Jazz Choir and the NYSCAME Choir, both all county choirs through my school. I am in my school choir along with Jazz Choir and NYSSMA throughout the year. Over the summer, I participated in two musicals and am always looking forward to singing more."

We look forward to singing with Kaylee and wish her the best with her upcoming school year.



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

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).



Blessing of the Stuffedies. And God bless the children too!



CM Performing Arts of Journey Cross & Crucifixion.



Fall Festival September 19 & 20
Thanks to **Christine Cesarino** and the other
volunteers & vendors for a successful Festival.





My wish and prayer for our world: That all people would treat everyone else as they would want to be treated. Assume good intent instead of jumping to hostile conclusions.

I think most of our congregation follows this plan, but as I know I can do better, I thought a gentle reminder was in order. Even if it's as simple as letting a car merge in front of you when you could beat him to it. What about going out of your way to complement a stranger on their good work or their nice outfit? Set a good example for your kids and people around you, especially when away from our dear Saint Ann's.

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**. I am always looking for kids to feature in our Saint Ann's Stars page and people for our "Did You Know" page.

Thank you to **Father Ben, Kaitlyn Crevoiserat, Lisa Marie Scrima Castelli, Randy Schultz, Sue Schultz, Laura Sanchez, Linda Maddox, and Sally Stoll-Depompeo** for the wonderful photos they shared with us all. I hope I didn't forget anyone and that nobody minds that I didn't attribute specific photos to specific people.

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 Marie and Joe's Creation Corner: **k2wipper@aol.com**; subject "Creation Care".

Everything else should be emailed to **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 deadline which is the **3rd Friday of each month**.

Eileen Moran

Deadline for the next issue:
Friday 10/17/25

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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