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WEEKEND SERVICES

Saturday 5:00 PM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II
 Sunday 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II
 Sunday 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II
 Sunday 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite I

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 5—Blessing of the Animals
 Oct. 17—Star Search Entertainment/Potluck
 Oct. 18---Littlejohn Open House
 Oct. 19---UTO Sunday
 Oct. 21---Senior Luncheon
 Nov. 7-8—Christmas Fair
 Nov. 11---Veteran's Day/Office closed
 Nov. 15---Wine & Cheese Tasting
 Nov. 22—Holiday Photos



MISSION STATEMENT

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

Help Needed for Fair!

Basket Auction

We will be having our gift basket auction at the holiday fair on Friday, November 7, 2014. We are asking parish members to please donate a gift basket for this auction (new items only please



If you need help wrapping the basket we can do it for you. Please ask your friends, family or businesses you visit to donate services or items also. All donations can be delivered to

Parish Hall on Sundays 8:00-11:00 AM. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Koinoglou at 567-4322.

Deadline is Sunday, October 19.

Attention All Saint Ann's Crafters!!

The Fair is Coming!!

If you are interested in completing one of the many craft kits available, we have them in the Parish Hall on Sundays at Coffee Hour—or--call Sally Stoll-De Pompeo at 589-0556 or 513-2725. Leave a message, and I will get right back to you with options and inventory. If you have been working on projects please let me know so that we can make room for you on the table!!



--Sally Stoll-DePompeo

COUNTRY KITCHEN



Please consider baking for our Country Kitchen table at the fair this year on Saturday, November 8. Not a baker? How about jams, jellies, or candy?

Pickles or home-canned goods? All homemade goodies are welcome. Please label your items and indicate if they contain any type of nuts. If you have any questions, please call Lynne Abrams at 567-1998.



Please deliver all items to the Parish Hall kitchen on Saturday, November 8, before 10:00 AM!

FROM THE EDITOR

Halloween--these days, children associate it with trick-or-treating and candy. But centuries ago, it began as a Celtic celebration (Samhain) in Ireland, almost like New Year's Day. But it was also, as the last day of the year, the time when they believed the souls of the departed would return to their former homes and when possibly evil spirits were released from the Otherworld and could be seen by the living. To ward off the evil spirits, the people lit bonfires and wore ugly masks and disguises to confuse the spirits to keep the dead from those they might hold a grudge against.

When Christianity came to Europe, the church wanted to change the celebration into a more acceptably Christian event. In the 7th century Pope Boniface declared November 1st to be All Saints Day or All Hallows Day to honor those who had passed on. The evening before became known as All Hallows' Eve...and eventually Halloween.



As the faithful prepared to remember people who were entrusted to resurrection life, they adopted various traditions to poke fun at death, such as Jack-o-lanterns, ghosts, and skeletons. In Mexico, they celebrate the "Day of the Dead" with decorated images of skeletons.



Around the world, Christians observe Halloween differently: In Poland, kids pray aloud while walking through forests to comfort souls of the dead. In Spain, tolling church bells remind people to remember the saints. In Finland, so many people light candles in cemeteries that the observance is called "seas of light." Although some Christians steer clear of Halloween, others use it as an evangelism opportunity and provide entertainment alternatives such as harvest parties. One book suggested children dress as saints when they go trick-or-treating.

No matter what your views are, you can remind children that though it's fun to pretend, we can always be ourselves with God. Whatever our features and flaws, we need not and cannot hide from God behind masks. God made us in his holy image and loves us all as his holy--*hallowed* -- children.

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THE RECTOR'S CORNER



STEWARDSHIP

Give Thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; Make his deeds known among the peoples.

Dear Parish Family,

This month you will receive your pledge card for 2015. Your Stewardship Committee and I chose Psalm 105:1 as our theme: *Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; Make his deeds known among the peoples.* We chose this as our theme because it exemplifies what Saint Ann's stands for in our outreach efforts and our call to make Christ known in thought, word and deed to our community and the world.

We do this through the open doors of Saint Ann's. Through these open doors, we have welcomed the homeless and the helpless, the spiritually hungry and those who are left feeling, for whatever reason, no one cares about them. We also walk out of our open doors into our community to be a missionary, a beacon of God's light and to serve those who need our help.

And yes, it takes money to keep the doors of the church open and the lights on in order to provide the ministries we offer. But, the lights are kept on so that we can make a difference in the lives of those who enter our doors, or are helped by the ministries we offer to our community. And that is why we need your pledge.

Saint Ann's has been blessed with several endowments. But, the vast majority of them (actually 85% of our investments) are restricted funds, meaning they may only be used for the specific purpose given (Christian Education, Cemetery, Flower Fund, etc.). They may not be used to pay for the general operating expenses of Saint Ann's such as the electric bill, staff and clergy salaries, heating oil, etc.

We also have unrestricted funds which are our savings and checking account, and they comprise 15% of our investments. These are the funds which may be used for any purpose and are used to pay the electric bill, staff and clergy salaries, heating oil, etc. Your pledges go into the unrestricted funds of the church so that we may pay for the general expenses to keep the church running on a daily basis.

For several years, we have been running a deficit budget; which means we are spending more than we receive in pledges. The difference, for several years, has been made up by taking money from our savings account (unrestricted funds) to balance the budget. We cannot continue to do that or we will deplete our savings account within a few short years.

So, if you are not yet pledging, we need your pledge. If you are currently pledging, please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge. If you are currently giving, but not pledging, please convert your giving to a pledge so a clearer financial picture may be developed for Saint Ann's.

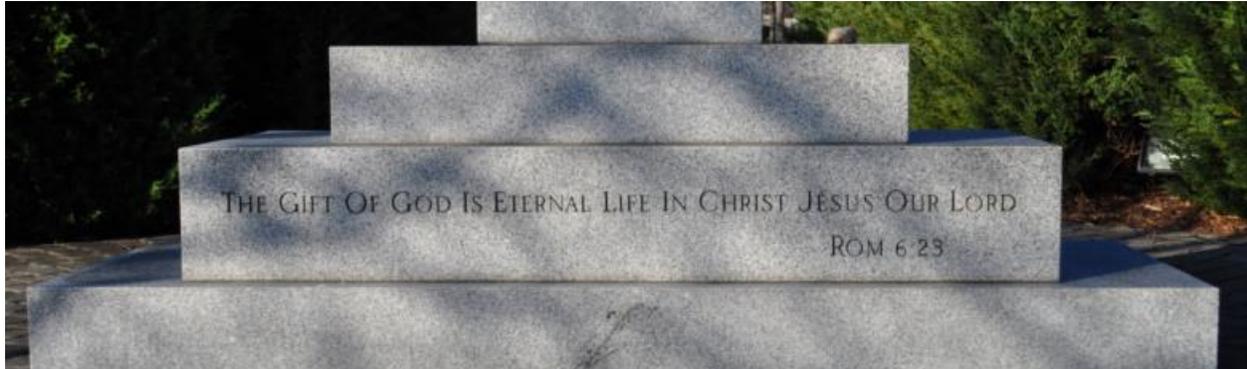
When you receive your pledge card, please prayerfully discern your commitment to the life and ministry of Saint Ann's and fill out your pledge card giving as generously as you are able.

Blessings,

Mother Diane+

Vestry Visions

THE GIFTS OF SERVICE



THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD

I am a photographer, not a writer; but it is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Your Vestry and various committees and committee chairs have been hard at work for the new program year at St. Ann's. There are so many wonderful opportunities to get involved with our parish family.

Please know that each and every one of you has the potential to share your God-given talents and treasures. We welcome your gift of service and all suggestions that you might want to share.

Before we know it the winter will be upon us; hopefully the polar vortex won't be visiting us again in the coming months. Let your light so shine!

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Sanchez for the Vestry

Come and See the Littlejohn Building



The Clergy and Vestry extend an invitation to an open house at the Littlejohn building. Come and see the transformation for yourself on

Saturday, October 18th between 3:00 and 5:00 P.M.

Light refreshments will be served.

FIRST FRUITS

Throughout Scripture, "first fruits" signifies people giving their best back to God because he first gave the best of himself to humanity. In response to this gift of life, we give our own first fruits to God; for example, we might spend early-morning time in prayer, set aside an offering as our first budget item, and make sure our first words to family each day are sweet ones.





SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, October 21st

Seniors' Luncheon There's a new activity in the wind. On Tuesday, October 21st the first Senior Luncheon, of what we hope will be many, will be held starting at 12:00 Noon. The immediate plan is to have lunch, a short planning meeting, and then some time for games and puzzles. At this writing all the details are not in place, so please watch the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for a sign-up sheet. Further information will be forthcoming as the time gets closer.



A Bottle of Red and a Bottle of White

Please join us for an evening of wine tasting.

November 15, 2014, in the Parish Hall

7:00-9:00 PM.



Helen Houdek will be our sommelier as we taste the wines and learn a little background about four different red wines, two different white wines and two different dessert wines.

Light snacks will be served to help cleanse the palate between tastings.

Tickets will be \$5.00 per person and will be on sale between services in the Parish Hall starting Sunday, October 19th.

PLEASE be sure to purchase your tickets ahead of time if you would like to attend this special evening.



HOLIDAY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 22, 2014

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$10.00 per photo



We will be offering holiday photos in the Upper Parish Hall.

Make a lasting memory! Come have your picture taken in front of our beautiful holiday themed backdrop. Bring your family, friends, and well behaved pets.

Please call Nancy Koinoglou 567-4322 and schedule a time for your photo.



ASSOCIATE'S COLUMN

Father Jae Chung



Youth Room and Youth Event

Our Youth Group recently decorated their room in Littlejohn. It is one of the smallest rooms in the building. However, it became the most “youthful” place at St. Ann’s after the Youth Group proclaimed their ownership of the room by painting and decorating the walls.

The Youth Group now meets in the room every Wednesday. They have fun with social and spiritual activities throughout the academic year. Today, young kids have a lot of stresses in their schools and their own social networks with peer and academic pressures. When you come to the Youth Room, you will see what they are shouting from their hearts as they wrote on each wall: “Carpe Diem (Seize the day)”, “**L**ive, **O**pen Doors, **V**oice of, **E**veryone!”, “Enjoy Life!”, “Follow God and God will follow you”, and so on.

Our goal is to provide a “room” for them to breathe and to be welcomed as who they really are. All kids are welcomed to explore the program at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays. Moreover, all parishioners are welcomed to see the room in Littlejohn any time. If you are not a youth, however, you may be not allowed to write or draw things on the walls ☺ because the room belongs to our Youth Group.

Please keep our Youth Group in your prayers and bring your kids to our Wednesday Youth Program, “Young Seekers @ St. Ann’s!”

“Don’t you worry, don’t you worry, child; See heaven’s got a plan for you.” – From a wall of the Youth Room

In God’s peace,

Jae+



COMING SOON!

Saint Ann's Annual Parish Fair

Gifts
 Toys/Books
 Gift Basket Auction
 Crafts
 Cranberry Shortcake
 Knitted, Sewn & Crocheted
 Handcrafts
 Raffle Prizes
 Baked Goods
 Soups/Lunch
 Accessories
 Collectibles



Friday, November 7: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Gala Fair Night

*Donation: \$5.00 per person
 (or \$4.00 with Admission Ticket—see below)*

Adults Only Please

*Wine and Cheese Reception and Preview Shopping
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Saturday, November 8: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Gala Fair Day!

Free Admission

*Crafts – Toys – Books – Silver – Collectibles – Knitted Goods
 Country Kitchen offering baked goods and Luncheon
 Drawing of Raffle Prizes at 3:00 PM
 List of Prizes and Raffle Tickets Available at St. Ann's Church*

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INCOME					
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Regular Giving	110,107.85	133,333.33	(23,225.48)	-16%	
All Other Income	231,385.29	115,325.41	116,059.88	88%	
TOTAL INCOME	344,963.28	255,325.41	89,637.87	30%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	381,780.32	388,630.79	6,850.47	.05%	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(36,817.04)	(133,305.38)	96,488.34	28%	



EAGLE SCOUT CELEBRATION

Joseph Stoll De Pompeo completed his Eagle Scout project for BSA Troop 184 in June and passed his review board in July. Joe and his proud family invite you to his Eagle Honor Board.

Saturday, October 25
7:00 PM in the Parish Hall



NEW

ADDRESSES FOR CHURCH STAFF

Please note that since the move to the Littlejohn Building, the email addresses of the clergy and staff have changed. Update your cell phones and directories!

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VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

9/11 at the Common Ground

Thanks to all those who came out to sing on September 11 for the memorial service, and thanks to all who came out to be with us as well. Rick Magnani began the service with “The Star Spangled Banner. The Saint Ann’s Choir came next, singing “America the Beautiful” and “My Country Tis of Thee.” We were all proud to come together to with the community of Sayville and to be a part of this special ceremony.



The *Feste Burg*

“A Mighty Fortress,” the hymn written by Protestant reformer Martin Luther in 1529, is powerful in English but even better in its original German. Historian Michael Streich notes that Luther compares God not only to a fortress but to a completely secure stronghold, or *Feste Burg*.

“A burg was a fortified town,” Streich says. “When invaders approached, the surrounding populace fled to the safety of the walls” — sometimes to layers of walls within walls. Luther’s hymn compares God to the most powerful of all burgs, with eternally unbreakable walls.

When we need a place of refuge, God offers his Mighty Fortress, his *Feste Burg*. Within this refuge, with our value based on our relationship to God rather than on earthly achievements, we’ll never be put to shame. Inside this fortified town, the God who desires an eternal relationship with us delivers, rescues and saves us.

—*Homiletics*



STAR SEARCH TALENT SHOW

2014!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
6:30 PM IN THE PARISH
HALL

POTLUCK SUPPER
(Please sign up)

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WHAT’S YOURS?**



PLEASE NOTE KATHY’S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Music@Saint-Anns.org



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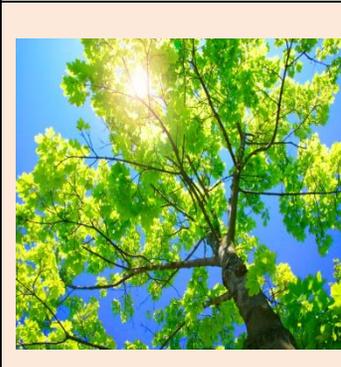
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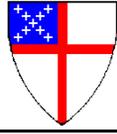
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NOTES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

UTO Sunday will be October 19th this year. "Blue Boxes" are available in the Parish Hall. Please be Generous in your support of this worthwhile endeavor. The UTO Ingathering will be on Saturday, November 15th during the Diocesan Convention.



Please continue to work on items suitable to sell at the Lad and Lassie table at the annual fair. Call 589-6386 if you need supplies, ideas, patterns, or wish to complete a project!! We also need help setting up for and working the weekend of the fair. —Ellen Stoll

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—Sunday, October 5th

All God's
Creatures



The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals, will be celebrated on the lawn in front of the church on Sunday afternoon, October 5th at 2:00 PM.

All animals are welcome at St. Ann's, but please note that *proper restraints are requested!*

OUR DAILY BREAD



Please remember our neighbors in need of food and bring in whatever non-perishable items you can for our Food Pantry. Monetary donations enable restocking of shelves when necessary. Thanks for all you do. Food Pantry hours are Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon —Lynette Schulz

TUESDAY YOGA



If you've made a vow to get more exercise now that the cooler weather is here, come on down to Saint Ann's Tuesday Yoga session. Our Christian Yoga routine involves listening to a tape of relatively low impact exercises narrated by the Rev. Nancy Roth, an Episcopal priest. The class begins at 1:30 and ends a little before 3:00 PM. All ages, both women and men, are welcome. Bring a non-skid mat and join us. —Rodney Dudley



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4	Charles & Kathleen Vetter	12	Gregory & Lisa Jacques	21	Rich & Cheryl Waters
7	Charles & Donna Romano	17	William & Audrey Fridrich	23	Jesse & Jennifer Lasko
8	Robert & Connie Taborsky	18	Salvatore & Doreen Greci	24	Michael & Erin Hynes
9	Robert & Mary Ann Costanzo	20	James Hoek & Cathy Olsen	28	Joseph & Lisa Castelli
10	George & Mary Fisher	21	Thomas & Cara Clark	29	Thomas & Maggie Rice

BIRTHDAYS



1	Sydney Felton	9	Rose Weeks	18	Raymond Wempe	24	Mark Casaburi
	Lauren Immoor	10	Hewlett Krakaur	19	Brennan Cole	25	Lily Acierno
2	Donna Stankovich		Melanie Acierno		Emma Chung		Joyce Wilson
3	Kathy Bedka-Strain	11	Michael Chalmers		Suzanne Vallillo	27	Maureen Casaburi
	Kathy Senese	12	Rich Waters	20	Kelly Cavanagh		Tina Hedrick
4	Donna Romano	13	Olivia Hlavac		Elajah Koso	28	Shawn Felton
5	Rita Lawrence	14	Audrey Fridrich	21	Janet Adam		Alexander Miller
	Jessica Shelton	15	Renee Chalmers		Christine Mulroy		Leonard Speicher
	Joyce Whitby	16	Paul Weeks		Virginia Spiess	29	Richard Acierno
7	John Smith		Barbara Bartlett	22	Ken Mueller		Brooke Mattimore
8	Henry Lemanis	17	Frank Costanzo	23	Elizabeth Hutchins		Whitney O'Donnell
	Scarlet Marrugo	18	Katherine Elton		Fr. John Jeffrey Purchal	30	George Koinoglou
	Vanessa Munno		Shin Kang-Chung		Shayler (Shy) Smyrk		
9	Nicole Rey		Donna Welte	23	Albert Wageli		

These names are offered each month as an opportunity to extend to our brothers and sisters the love of Christ on these special days and to express our thanks for the gift of their presence in our midst. Prayers will be offered at worship for each listed above on the Sunday of the week of their birthday and/or anniversary, and also at the 9:00 AM Morning Mass on their specific day.

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WOODWARD

SECTION 46—LOTS 1 & 2

Benjamin Franklin Woodward was born in Sayville on July 25, 1896, the son of Benjamin F. Woodward, whose ancestors owned what is now known as Meadow Croft, the Roosevelt estate. The older part of that house was built by Benjamin's Grandfather. Benjamin's grandmother was a native of India who married a Long Island sea captain and came to Long Island with him around 1855.

His father died while the younger Benjamin was serving in the Navy during WWI. His sisters, Violet and Sadie, who married servicemen, and became Mrs. Gilbert Bowman and Mrs. Charles Hart respectively, moved to Texas. A half-sister Flora Woodward lived in New York City.

After leaving school, young Woodward worked for Thomas N. Otto, after which he was employed by the Long Island Lighting Company. Although small in stature, Benjamin was muscular and energetic and became a foreman in the construction department. Woodward volunteered early in the war entering the Navy on August 17, 1917. He trained at Pelham Bay Naval Training Station and served with the secret service in naval communications. He did not go overseas, but was mustered out in New York on August 17, 1919.

Benjamin F. Woodward was living with his cousins, Mr. and Mr. A.C. Myers through his final illness in December of 1930. Mr. Woodward, known as Bennie, had many friends. He was known for his smile, and the fact that he never complained--two things that endeared him to many. He was buried from the Congregational Church, the Reverend D. Paul Herriot officiating. Burial was at St. Ann's in the family plot.

What a Wonder!

If ever I reach heaven I expect to find three wonders there: first, to meet some I had not thought to see there; second, to miss some I had expected to see there; and third — the greatest wonder of all — to find myself there. —**John Newton**

Christian Symbol



Altar

This central furnishing in a Christian worship space is usually fairly large, with a solid front that may be decorated with symbols or words. The flat surface, often covered with a cloth, is where the Communion elements are prepared and placed, reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God. In some churches, the altar looks more like a table, with open legwork. We remember that Jesus invites us into fellowship with God now and to the heavenly banquet for eternity. We place offerings on the altar to symbolize our sacrificial response to God's redeeming love.

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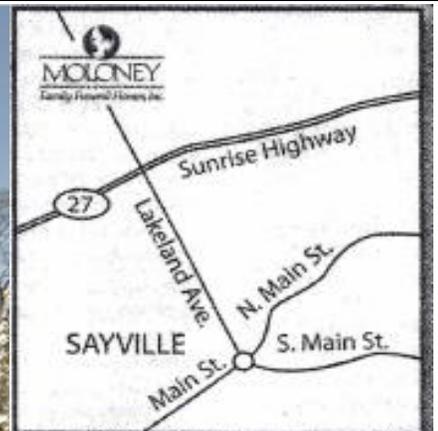
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When Ed and Janet Neale visited Canada on their vacation this summer, they noted this sign along the way. There's another Saint Ann's out there—even though they spell in differently. Ed says he doesn't think of our Saint Ann's as exactly a "Chapel of Ease" though it might be at certain times and places like the Chapel on a weekday morning or the Saturday Taizé service.

AROUND SAINT ANN'S Monthly Schedule

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.
Check out the website at www.saint-anns.org

Sundays

7:00 PM—AA Meeting

Mondays

6:30 PM—EfM in the Littlejohn Building
7:00 PM—AA Meeting
7:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—October 13

Tuesdays

8:00 AM---Men's Group
12:00 PM—Senior Luncheon—October 21
1:30-2:30 PM---Yoga Class

Wednesdays

7:00 PM—Youth Program in Littlejohn Bldg.

Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting
7:00 PM—AA Meeting

Friday

Saturday

3:00-5:00 PM—Littlejohn Open House—October 18

TRUE HEROES

We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes. —Fred Rogers, Presbyterian minister and "hero" of *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*

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