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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

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday
 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 6—2nd Sunday of Advent
 Dec. 6---Service of Lessons & Carols
 Dec. 10—Fund Raiser "On the Border"
 Dec. 13—3rd Sunday of Advent
 Dec. 20—4th Sunday of Advent
 Dec. 24—Christmas Eve
 Dec. 25—Christmas Day
 Dec. 31---New Year's Eve

MISSION STATEMENT

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



The holy season of Christmas is upon us, and we will once again gather to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please join us at Saint Ann's for one of the following services:

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Children's Christmas Pageant
 7:00 PM Family Eucharist with Soloist
 9:00 PM Choral Eucharist with Brass Trio and Choir
 11:00 PM Traditional Choral Midnight Mass with Brass Trio and Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols



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FROM THE EDITOR

The Advent and Christmas seasons are seasons of hope and joy, but this year it's difficult. There seems to be a fight going on all around us between love and fear. We hear the words of our hymns: "Do not be afraid I am with you..." and "Love, love, love, love, Christians, this is our call..." but with the bombings in Paris and police on high alert, and the bad news streaming daily from the TV, we are more likely to feel like the words of the Christmas carol "I heard the Bells on Christmas Day":

*But in despair I hung my head. There is no peace on earth, I said.
For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth good will for man.*

It all seems overwhelming. Perhaps this is why people worry about how Starbucks chooses to decorate their coffee cups? It's something that can be "fixed." But no matter how hard it is to resist fear, we must remember our call to love. It is better to live in the light than hide in the dark. The Bells hymn continues on:

Then rang the bells more loud and clear, God is not dead nor does he fear. The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will for men.

As we decorate our homes, gather together with friends and family, and attend Advent and Christmas services, we need to be strong and hold fast. We need to ring out the bells and stay joyful—and fearless—in our faith. Remember the words of our recently installed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry: "If it's not about love, it's not about God."

– Rodney Dudley

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THE RECTOR'S CORNER



Saying Yes to God's Call

Dear Parish Family,

As the sacred season of Christmas approaches, I was thinking about the birth of Christ and with that birth, God in human form entered the world. The entrance of the Incarnate God (God made man) into this world could not have ever occurred unless Mary had said yes to God's desire to come and live among us as flesh and blood.

Exactly nine months prior to Christmas Day, on March 25, the angel Gabriel came to Mary with the preposterous announcement that she had been chosen to be the *Theotokos*, the God bearer. As is always the case when God calls us to do something, Mary could have said no, and who could have blamed her! But, she didn't. Instead, Mary's response was *Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. (Luke 1:38)*.

The world was forever changed with her yes, and the fruition of her yes to God will be celebrated on December 25 as we once again gather to remember the birth of Christ and gaze in awe at the helpless infant human God lying in a manger.

This Christmas season, I invite you to listen to God's call for your life. What does God want you to do that will make this world a better place for all of God's children? Just remember, saying yes to God in your life is very powerful stuff, and it *will* literally change your heart and your life. But God needs more bearers of the good news in this world, and it might as well start with us!

Blessings for a holy and sacred Christmas,

Mother Diane+



[Photo: Laura Sanchez]

ANNUAL CONVENTION November 13-14

Representatives of churches throughout the Long Island Diocese met in Melville for their annual convention last month. Items discussed, among others, were funding for mission work, youth and young adult ministries, communications, congregational development, and budgets to meet their goals. Mother Diane and Father Jae are pictured here with Youth Delegates from St. Ann's, Eric Gustafson and Alex Reksten. Not pictured are our lay representatives Laura Sanchez, Connie Currie, and John O'Neil.

Vestry Visions

About a year ago I was contacted by a former Vestry member who asked if I would be interested in being a member of the Vestry. I took some time to think and pray on the decision. Would I be able to fulfill the responsibility? Would I have anything to contribute and what is expected of me? My role was defined as a liaison between Father Jae and the youth of the church. Ok, I say. I think I can do this, and having a daughter that is involved in many of the church activities, it wasn't a difficult decision. And I am glad I did! I didn't know what to expect, but after attending my first meeting I found that there are decisions to be made, finances to review and programs to discuss that require the input of the 11 other Vestry members, two Wardens, and our clergy. What's that saying? It takes a village! Yes, our church and parishioners are the village, and our goal is to discuss, reflect, and decide what is best for our village.

Like many organizations--or in this case our village--they run on volunteerism. Everyone who contributes, no matter what the job, is an invaluable asset. St. Ann's has an abundant amount of outreach programs that not only supports our church village, but our community at large. Here are a few of our programs that you may consider to offer your time to: St. Barnabas' Buddies, Our Daily Bread food pantry, the Thrift Shop, Altar Guild, the choir, or maybe sponsoring Coffee Hour one weekend, or ushering or reading at a service. If you have a spare hour or more, please consider how not only you are helping your village and community, but enjoying the time doing God's work.

On a personal note, this is my favorite time of year. Why? CHRISTmas Trees!!!! For the past two years our family has enjoyed this spectacular fundraiser. Spectacular you say? YES!!! I have enjoyed watching families come and continue their traditions of purchasing a tree at St. Ann's. They take their annual Christmas card picture on the lucky chosen tree. Some come the very first day of the sale. One tradition that we adopted last year was to purchase a tree that has not been unwrapped for all of God's work is glorious and deserves to be loved and taken home regardless of its flaws, even a tree! So please consider signing up during the various shifts that we have. Not every job is physical; we can use a greeter to direct families to the sections of their choice, someone to help with the register and to take a minute to enjoy the excitement of those that come to fulfill their tradition. There are sign-up boards in the Parish Hall and we have gone hi-tech with a link to Sign-Up Genius, just click below, choose your date and time and you're in. We need several people for each shift so maybe recruit another family to help out. And bring the kids! Exposing them to volunteerism and doing God's work helps them learn that they have a place in the village.

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Merry Christmas,

Wendy Schmittzeh for the Vestry

	Wardens:	2016 Nancy Koinoglou	2017 Ernest DeWitt
	Vestry:	2016 Jackie Gandolfo	Jill Hughes
		Christie Strecker	Constance Currie
		2017 Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani
		Thomas Honey	John O'Neil
		2018 Helen Houdek	Carol Ann St. Lawrence
		Wendy Schmittzeh	John Smith



SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

On Thursday, December 10th St. Ann's will be holding a fund raiser at On The Border Mexican Grill located within the Island 16 movie theater parking lot in Holtsville, (631) 317-2657.

Come in for lunch, dinner, or take-out on December 10th, and St. Ann's will receive 10% of your ENTIRE check as a donation. Win! Win! You don't even have to do the dishes.

YOU MUST PRESENT THE FLYER that will be available for pick up starting November 28 in the St. Ann's Christmas Tree Lot and the Parish Hall between services on Sundays.

THE FLYER IS ALSO ON PAGE 10 OF THIS ISSUE

ST. ANN'S CHRISTMAS TREE DELIVERY



Early in the morning on the Saturday after Thanksgiving a hardy group gathered by the tree lot and unloaded—and sorted--800 Christmas trees in just over an hour. Over 100 were sold the first day, and the trees continue to fly out of the lot. St. Ann's Christmas trees are a real tradition in the Sayville community.

“Star light, star bright ...” Oh, Bethlehem star of Christmas night, lead us to the humble stall to worship Christ as Lord of all. Amen.



ASSOCIATE'S COLUMN

Father Jae Chung



The Birth of Jesus and the Holy Family

Christmas is to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. There is no doubt about it, and, many people believe that Christmas is one of the most important seasons for family gathering. Some may say, "It is not biblical. Christmas is only for Christ." When I hear this or see a bumper-sticker about it, I believe they forgot what happened to the family of Jesus.

Let's take off our glasses of "faith" for a while. Let's pretend that we are not Christians. Then, let's see the birth of Jesus again. What do we see? A young girl was pregnant. Her fiancé was not the biological father. Moreover, her fiancé knew that he was not the father. He decided to get married to this young girl even though he had a chance to cancel the wedding. According to the Bible, this young girl made no mention about her situation to her fiancé. The baby was in her womb before the marriage. It was the hardest case to form a family--especially in the first century.

Now, let's wear the glasses of "faith" again. Through faith, we see not only an infant but also God incarnated. We see the faith and wisdom of Joseph who believed in the angel who appeared and announced about Jesus in his dream. We also see the mystical courage, strength and joy in Mary. Moreover, we can see God who creates a family through God's grace in Jesus Christ. Therefore, in my perspective, the birth of Jesus was also the birth of a family. Thus I truly believe that Christmas is the most important season for all families when we see God's grace in each family. Moreover, Jesus was not alone when he was born. He was in a family and God's grace brought many people to him – The three kings, the shepherds and so on. There were even some animals around the manger. With Jesus, the family is extended to all people and all creation in the silent and holy night. So, all of them became a part of "Holy Family" which was born with Jesus in that most blessed night.

In this Christmas season, I invite you to see God's grace in each family and to embrace others as your family in Christ: St. Ann's, your neighbors, your community, and even all God's creations in the name of Jesus. In this way, all of us will be a part of "Holy Family" as well.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas,

In God's peace, *Jaet*



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Members of the Youth Group are pictured here at the Christmas Fair selling homemade bean soup "kits" in a jar. They had hoped to make enough money to donate a water buffalo (up from last year's goat) to Heifer International (www.heifer.org) an organization which believes that empowering people around the world to change their lives is the key to ending hunger and poverty. The result of their efforts? TWO water buffalos!! Way to go!!

[Photo: Laura Sanchez]



Mission Quilts

Twenty-five twin-sized quilt coverlets were blessed at the 5:00 PM service on November 21. They were made by Daughters of the King and students of the Bayport Blue Point National Junior Honor Society. The quilts will be used for the mission work done by Fr. John Jeffrey Purchal in Mastic Beach.

—Marge Rogers



[Photos:
Laura Sanchez]



RETURN OF THE SENIOR LUNCHEONS!



Now that our kitchen is remodeled and available for use, we will begin hosting Senior Luncheons beginning on Tuesday, December 1st at 12:00 noon. Following lunch, we will have a carol sing-along led by our own Kathy Senese. Please remember to sign up in the Parish Hall. You will have the opportunity to make a purely voluntary cash donation to benefit the Eastern Farm Workers.

The next Senior Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, January 19th. Please come at noon dressed for a work-out! Ellen from the Patchogue YMCA will lead us in easy chair exercises to work up our appetites. Bring two canned goods of equal weight. After you use them as substitute exercise weights, please leave them in the wagon for our Food Pantry. Lunch will follow the exercise session at 1:00 PM.

Give the Gift of Life This Holiday Season!

SAINT ANN'S 3rd ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

For the third year, Saint Ann's, in conjunction with the LI Blood Services, will be holding a blood drive on **Wednesday, January 20, 2016**, between 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

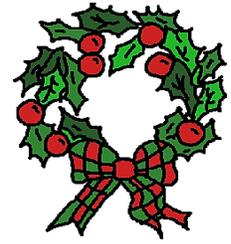
Any person, ages 16-75, weighing at least 110 pounds, who is in good health and who has not donated blood in the past six weeks, is eligible to give blood. Sixteen-year olds must have an official Blood Drive Permission slip signed by a parent. Adults over the age of 76 must have a note from their physician that they are able to donate blood. All donors must provide photo ID.

Keep an eye out for further information to follow. We will be scheduling appointments in December.





*St. Ann's Episcopal Church
Christmas Fair*



*That was the Fair that was! Thanks to all who came to work
and all who came to buy!*

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE



LESSONS & CAROLS

You are cordially invited to

A Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 6th

3:00 PM



*Reception to follow in the Parish Hall
All are welcome*



Laura Sanchez is out rubbing shoulders with celebrities once again! First it was Josh Groban, and just recently she was with Sir Andrew Lloyd Weber (who has a new show on Broadway (*School of Rock*)). Keep it coming, Laura! We enjoy your adventures.

ST. ANN'S CAROLERS SERENADE ON MAIN STREET



Kathy Senese and a devoted band of carolers from the choir dressed in Dickens fashion previewed "Miracle on Main Street" on Saturday, Nov. 28. We are so pleased to be invited each year by the Sayville Chamber of Commerce, and we hope the store employees and shoppers enjoy it too!

O music ... thou hast taught us to see with our ears and hear with our hearts. —Kahlil Gibran

OTB GIVES BACK



SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

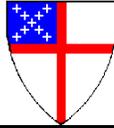
Please join us to help raise money for the

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Bring this flyer 12/10/15 and **10% of sales will be donated** to the charity.

For more details contact:

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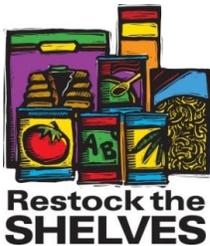
THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

We would like to thank those who generously donated and gave their time to support the Thanksgiving Food Ministry. This year we distributed 22 food baskets providing Thanksgiving dinner for over 85 people. The recipients were truly grateful and sent wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to our caring parish family.



Many thanks to all the participants. God bless you and those we serve.

-Lynette Schultz



OUR DAILY BREAD

Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon

This month we would especially appreciate donations of the following items:

Canned Meats * Tuna * Chili * Juice * Shelf Stable Milk *

Toilet Paper * Paper Towels * Bread

Of course, cash donations allow us to buy whatever is needed!

ECW

The ECW will be supporting a family this Christmas as well as the newborn ministry at St John's Hospital in Far Rockaway. Look for the tags on the giving tree.

Gifts do not need to be wrapped, but please bring them to the Parish Hall by Sunday, Dec. 6th. Thank you in advance for your help.



-Ellen Stoll



Attention Cemetery Plot Owners:

Please be aware that when it snows only the Main Asphalt Road gets plowed. The other gravel/dirt roads will be plowed only if needed to conduct service for a new burial. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. -Janet Croce



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3	Michael & AnnMarie Hlavac	13	Christian & Melanie Hagenlocher	22	Lars & Jill Gustafson
6	Sal & Kathy Senese	17	Albert & Mary Dechen	26	John & Barbara Stahlberg
7	Robert & Barbara Gaito		Michael & Lauren Rascona	27	Louis & Lily Dadabo
11	Brian & Maureen Rockwood	18	Richard & Bettye Chant	28	John O'Neil & Richard Mugno

BIRTHDAYS

1	Kyle Burke	6	John O'Neil	13	Marian Winter-Bartsch	24	Raymond Coiro
	Richard Williams III		Kristen Welte		Scott Leuly		Keren Lasot
2	Rick Kaiser	7	Sophie Fisher	14	Ava Gustafson	26	Ryan Schroeder
3	Isar Casteneda		Robert Hindla	15	James Bosse		Melanie Hagenlocher
	Cara Kudlek		Holli Koso	16	Leann Barone	27	Bettye Chant
4	Brett Krakaur	8	Christopher Teague	20	Valerie Meinsen		Jordan Stankovich
	Linda Munkelwitz	9	Daniel Miller		Douglas Teague	29	Ethan Schmeider
5	Jack Adam		Nancy Miller	21	John Stahlberg		Connor Teague
	Jacqueline Gibbs	10	Jonathan Greci	22	Mark Schmittzeh		Lydia Thompson
	Anne Savage		Nicholas Greci		Cody Rodriguez	30	Robert Belfield
	John Stankovich		Ryan Hughes	23	William Fridrich		Mary Funaro
6	Joseph Garafolo	12	Carolann Gaites		Jill Gustafson	31	Kimberly Rodriguez-Cerillo
	Brayden Lasko		Parker Cole		Ronin Kashdan		
	Richard Magnani	13	Phyllis Barber	24	Wendy Schmittzeh		

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. They are also offered as an opportunity to pray for each one of these individuals and couples on these significant days in their lives. 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 a.m. Morning Mass on their specific day.

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By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

WALDRON KINTZING POST
B July 7, 1868 – D February 9, 1955
Section 31 – Lots 1-2-3

THE POST FAMILY – A SERIES

Waldron Kintzing Post, the eldest son of Albert Kintzing Post and Caroline de Trobriand Post was born in New York, at the residence of his great grandfather Waldron Blaau Post, with whom his parents were living.

He attended St Mark's School, Southborough, MA, and received the Founder's Medal in 1884. He passed his examination for Harvard at age 17, but at his parents' request didn't start until 1886. He graduated with the class of 1890. While in college, he wrote several plays performed by the "Dickey" and "Hasty Pudding Clubs" and was named Class Poet. After graduation he took a year off to travel the world.

Waldron then went on to study law at Columbia University, receiving an LLB degree, and was admitted to the Bar in New York in 1897. He served a clerkship in the office of North, Ward, and Wagstaff, and became a junior partner with the successors of that firm—Ward, Hayden, and Satterlee—in 1907. In addition to his law practice, he was a director of the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company.

He loved Bayport, having arrived there around 1890. He and his wife, Mary Lawrence Perkins Post, were active in the Fire Department, the local Red Cross, and they followed school affairs closely. Waldron was instrumental in founding the Islip Town's Volunteer Firemen's Association and served as its president. In 1893 he followed his literary bent and published "Harvard Stories," and in 1899 "Smith Brunt, U.S.N." a story of 1812, and also "Verses of 90."

In 1951 he was awarded the American Legion Community Service Plaque for lifetime achievement by the Smith Weaver Post.

Waldron Kintzing and Mary Lawrence Perkins Post had seven children, all of whom are listed on the marker at the gravesite. They were: Charles Kintzing (January 11, 1897); Mary Lawrence (March 5, 1898); Langdon Ward (April 10, 1899); Lina de Trobriand (July 2, 1901); Elizabeth West (June 14, 1904); Waldron (August 28, 1908); and Robert Perkins (September 8, 1910).#

[Series to be continued next month]

Now *That's* News

In 1809, with Napoleon sweeping through Austria, the world was in such upheaval that nobody paid much attention to baby news. Yet during that year, Abraham Lincoln, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Charles Darwin, Alfred Tennyson, Edgar Allen Poe and William Gladstone were born.

Although the attention was on an Austrian battlefield, "history was actually being shaped in the cradles of England and America," writes Charles Swindoll. "Similarly, everyone thought taxation was the big news when Jesus was born. But a young Jewish woman cradled the biggest news of all: the birth of the Savior." —Adapted from *Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life*

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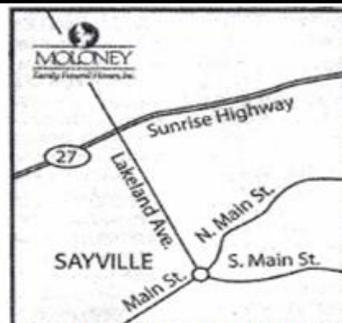
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This Latin word for peace is frequently seen in Christmas art and decorations, reminding us that Jesus came as the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). After announcing the Savior's birth to the shepherds, the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace ..." (Luke 2:14, NKJV).



AROUND SAINT ANN'S

Monthly Schedule

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.

Check out the website at www.saint-anns.org

Sundays

8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
7:30 PM—AA Meeting

Mondays

7:00 PM—EfM—December 7
7:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—December 14
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Tuesdays

8:00 AM—Men's Group
9:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
6:00 PM—Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays

7:00 PM—Youth Group

Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting
1:30-2:30 PM—Yoga Class
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Friday

Saturday

5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist

ST. BARNABAS' BUDDIES

Whether you need help or can give help, call Gerry Hoek at 631-868-7278 for further information.

- (1) Prepare a meal for someone recovering from a recent illness or fall.
- (2) Drive someone to a doctor's appointment and bring them home.
- (3) Bring someone to church (perhaps once a month) if they are unable to drive.
- (4) Make a phone call to someone homebound just to let them know they are not forgotten.

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[Detail of the Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Church in Barcelona, Spain.
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