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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 SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday
 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5—Ascension Day
 May 8—Mother's Day
 May 15—Pentecost
 May 22—Trinity Sunday
 May 30—Memorial Day/Office closed

MISSION STATEMENT

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



NEW INTERN AT SAINT ANN'S Welcome Terrence Buckley



You may have noticed; we have a new intern in our midst! Terrence Buckley joined us at St. Ann's on April 17. He lives in East Islip with his wife Bonnie and two children—Caroline and Rory. Terrence is a police recruiter by day and at night a theology student at Mercer School of Theology in Garden City. His home parish is St. Mark's, Islip; he has most recently been working at St. Mary's, Lake Ronkonkoma; and we are very happy to have him here at Saint Ann's.

He will be at Saint Ann's for about a year and a half and will be an intern until he completes his studies at Mercer, after which he will be ordained as a transitional deacon—on his way to becoming a priest. Some in the parish already know him from the Cursillo community. He made his Cursillo at weekend #88, about six years ago.

WEAR RED FOR
Pentecost May 15

FROM THE EDITOR

Ruth—a Pentecost Story?

The disciples were celebrating Pentecost, originally a Jewish festival, when the Holy Spirit descended on them and birthed the church. Pentecost, which began as a harvest festival, had come to commemorate the giving of the law. The book of Ruth became integral to festival worship.

Why Ruth? This short story doesn't mention the law, let alone God giving it to Moses. Yet in Ruth's devotion to her mother-in-law ("Where you go I will go Your people will be my people ... " [Ruth 1:16, NIV]), she fulfills not just the letter but the spirit of the law: loving kindness — all the more remarkable because she's a foreigner. Boaz, too, demonstrates exorbitant kindness to Ruth.

As Christians celebrate the Spirit bridging differences in Jerusalem, uniting all nationalities by making the gospel message intelligible to all people, we too can remember Ruth's story. For in it, God unites two enemy peoples for his grand purpose: Boaz and Ruth's marriage leads to King David and, ultimately, to King Jesus. Today, the Holy Spirit continues to unite all categories of people under Christ's reign for the good of the world.*

This story demonstrates the power of the Holy Spirit bringing people with differences together in a loving and welcoming way. If only we could use the power of the Spirit to dissipate fear and recognize others who are foreign or different as kindred spirits. All human beings want the same thing—to be loved and accepted. This Pentecost let's magnify the Holy Spirit in our lives.

-Rodney Dudley

*Story from our Newsletter source.

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THE RECTOR'S CORNER



The Ramp Is Coming

Dear Parish Family,

We have finally received all the necessary approvals to begin work on the handicap ramp for the church and the work will begin the end of May! I am told the work will take about six weeks, but I always put in a fudge factor of a couple additional weeks just to be on the safe side.

Part of the project will include the removal of the existing plants that are currently on both sides of the front of the church, as well as the east and west sides of the church. The removal of these plants is necessary for the construction of the ramp; however new plantings will be put in to replace the old ones.

Installation of the ramp will mean we have to dig up a section of the driveway on the west side of the church, and while that is dug up we will be taking the opportunity to install French drains on the west side driveway to help improve drainage on the parking lot.

For a few weeks there will be some logistical challenges for entering the driveway, but we will be keeping you informed as to how to enter the church parking lot, where to park, etc. I have been working with the contractor and the architect to ensure we will have safe front door access to the church throughout this construction process.

There will be short term inconveniences, but the end result will be worth it! People who are now unable to come to St. Ann's, because of wheelchair or walker needed assistance, will once again be able to join us for worship, and those who currently use the old ramp will now feel much safer coming into the church.

Your Vestry and I will keep you informed on the project as it progresses and I hope you will share with us in the joy of being able to open our doors to more people in our community.

Blessings,
Mother Diane+

Disciples Needed

The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who, by profession or culture, are identified as "Christians" will become disciples — students, apprentices, practitioners — of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the kingdom of the heavens into every corner of human existence. —Dallas Willard, *The Great Omission*

Vestry Visions

CONFIRMANDS ATTEND VESTRY MEETING

I thought that church was a place where they talked about church stuff, you know, God, Jesus, and events in the Bible. It is, on Sundays, but there's way more than just theology involved in church. It's like a high tech operation!

In the confirmands' recent visit to the April vestry meeting, I was overwhelmed by all the stuff that went on behind the scenes of our church. We learned that Vestry members are elected by the congregation every two to three years to serve as the governing body of the church. They make decisions on behalf of the parish. There are committees of the Vestry that focus in on certain topics. Sort of like how the President has cabinet members that inform him on topics currently being discussed in their branch of government. In the Finance Committee, budgets are produced, and if it isn't in the budget, we can't do it. It is a way of organizing how the church's money is spent.

The Outreach branch told us how we help others in our community. When I listened to all the events being planned at Saint Ann's, I realized that planning an event takes a lot of work. There is a whole committee itself that is set up to organize and plan St. Barnabas day! In Christian Ed, there is a lot of organizing that goes into Sunday School and the Christian Ed curriculum.

While the church is a very busy place that does way more than just theology and church services, if you really look into everything that goes on, whether it is planning events or financing a budget, it all relates back to one thing--God. Everything that the church does, all the work being done inside and outside of our church community is all a perfect example of God's work. So let the financiers keep financing, let the educators keep educating, and let's all worship God, together.

The main thing we confirmands learned at the meeting is that our church is not just God's house, but God's business as well!

Robert Honey for the Confirmands

	Wardens:	2017 Ernest DeWitt	2018 Nancy Koinoglou
	Vestry:	2017 Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani
		Thomas Honey	John O'Neil
		2018 Helen Houdek	Carol Ann St. Lawrence
		Wendy Schmittzeh	John Smith
		2019 Jackie Gandolfo	Jill Hughes
		Nicole LaFontaine	Constance Currie

*Holy Wind, Spirit of Life, blow fervently enough to rouse us to justice
and gently enough to teach us grace.*

Preparation for Worship

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides (Psalm 26:8). Let us prepare to worship our glorious God.



One of the joys of attending church at Saint Ann's is to see our friends and socialize, but when we go into the church before the service, please remember that this is the time when we need to have silence, in order to prepare for worship. Please be aware that there are folks praying and trying to focus in those few minutes before the service starts and try to keep a quiet atmosphere.

In the past, newcomers, upon entering the church and not being warmly greeted by people in the pews, may have started that rumor that Episcopalians are the "frozen chosen." However, they didn't understand that church is for worship, and the Coffee Hour is when Episcopalians let loose with all those friendly greetings they were looking for. That's probably why the Coffee Hour has often been dubbed "The Eighth Sacrament." It's a wonderful place to meet and greet as well as eat!

Our lives are often so chaotic, Lord, but like Elijah (1 Kings 19), we hear you best in silence. Help us be still and listen to you.



June is a time for graduations. Saint Ann's would like to celebrate those among us who are graduating from high school and college and moving on to bigger things.

If there is a graduate in your family, please contact *The Correspondent* with the information below. Email: stanns_editor@yahoo.com. Graduates will be listed in the June issue.

- Graduate's name / Parents' name
- High School or College graduating from
- Future plans: College? New job? Travel? What's next?



In Athens, the apostle Paul responded to the people's worship of "an unknown god" by declaring, "[God] is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being'" (Acts 17:23, 27-28, NIV).

Author Diana Butler Bass echoes that sentiment: "If the water is invisible to the fish, is God, as the One in whom we swim, also invisible?" (*Grounded: Finding God in the World*, Harper One).

I, in turn, am reminded of Dory, the blue tang fish in *Finding Nemo*. Feeling overwhelmed and alone, she chants to herself, "Just keep swimming, just keep swimming." When we feel alone and can't see God, it's not that he doesn't exist or can't be known; rather, he surrounds us so closely that sometimes we miss the fact. God is the Living Water in which we swim. Some-times we need to just keep swimming until we become aware of that again.

—Heidi Mann



LOCAL MISSIONS

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MINISTRY

By Mary Mattarella

Happy Spring to all my sisters and brothers in Christ! Once again, thank you for all of your continued support, for my visits with all our homeless sisters and brothers, who reside in and around Penn Station.

I am currently preparing for my next trip, on May 21st. With each trip, I prepare by reading my notes from the last trip, which includes items that I have already distributed, and items that are needed. I have established a relationship with several of the regulars, and I am happy to report, that these people are now enjoy listening about the wonderful sermons that we hear at St. Ann's, and our weekly Bible readings that we enjoy at church.

These kind, humble people, also give me some sound and sometimes very funny advice, and we also share a chuckle or two! I thought that it would be fun to share some of this advice with all of you good folks.

- Don't be afraid of the devil; he cannot touch you if you know and follow Jesus.
- Never throw away your leftover food when you eat out; a sister or brother on the street considers your leftovers a blessing.
- Your mother was right, always wear clean underwear; you never know what could happen. Besides, its just more comfortable!
- Walk with your head up high. People see your self-respect, before they see your dirty and mismatched clothes.
- Don't be afraid to dance—anywhere--because regular people may think you're nuts, but God sees your joy!
- Always see the good in your life because everyone on earth has some type of problem.
- Share everything, no matter what.
- Always carry extra toilet tissue; you never know.
- Please be nice to the servers in Penn Station Starbucks, they speak to us like human beings, and let us drink our coffee just like regular customers.
- Don't wear flower prints with stripes, even if you're homeless. It's just bad fashion!

I hope all of you enjoyed the clips from my mission notes, and next trip I will report back with more joyous news! Before I sign off, many of you have requested a list of things I need for my next trip.

- I am short of peanut butter and jelly.
- I could always use hand soap. The homeless use it to wash their clothes in the sink.
- If any of you donate cash, it will be used to purchase two pairs of men's diabetic type sneakers.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I'll see you in church!

Love, *Mary*

PS—I'm doing coffee hour on May 15th. Please come by and sample my homemade (from scratch) cupcakes. Remember: calories don't count, if you eat them standing up on church ground!

ECW Bakeless Bake Sale Sunday May 22nd!

A bit of new we have today--a bakeless bake sale is underway!
In these busy days who wants to bake? Pies, cookies or even a cake?
You'd be surprised if you counted cost--materials, heat, and the time you lost.

Baking for sales is extra work, and nobody really wants to shirk.

So we have a plan we think is grand and feel quite sure you'll understand.

In a little envelope please put the price of a pie or cake or something nice.

Without fuss or bother you've done your part. We hope you'll give with
a willing heart. On this idea we hope you'll pounce, and just think you
won't gain an ounce! This is the end of our little tale.

Wish us success for our **BAKELESS BAKE SALE**.



The ECW will hold its annual Bakeless Bake Sale to fund an achievement award
for Saint Ann's graduating high school seniors.

Please return your donation to the church by May 22nd.



Applications for the award are available in the church office and
on the Parish Hall bulletin board. They must be completed and
returned to the office by Monday, May 23rd.

The award will be given at the St Barnabas Day outdoor service.



On April 26, attendees at the Senior Luncheon were treated to a hearty lunch and a tour of Saint Ann's Church led by parish historian Connie Currie. Our sanctuary is rich in local history, and Connie is our very own expert!

The date for the next Senior Luncheon is TUESDAY, JUNE 14. We will have our Second Annual Salad Lunch and a program to be announced. You are welcome to bring guests, but please **be sure to sign up in the Parish Hall** so we will be prepared with enough food to provide for all our guests!

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 14 (Flag Day)
Watch for Details!

A Taste of God's Love

In *Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise* (Abingdon Press), John Killinger describes a mother's love — and how it offers a tiny foretaste of God's love:

"It is stronger than steel, softer than down and more resilient than a green sapling on the hillside. It closes wounds, melts disappointments and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight in the fields of adversity. I believe that this love, even at its best, is only a shadow of the love of God, a dark reflection of all that we can expect of him, both in this life and the next."



Memorial Day Reflection

We who are left, how shall we look again
Happily on the sun or feel the rain
Without remembering how they who went
Ungrudgingly and spent
Their lives for us loved, too, the sun and rain?
—Wilfred Wilson Gibson



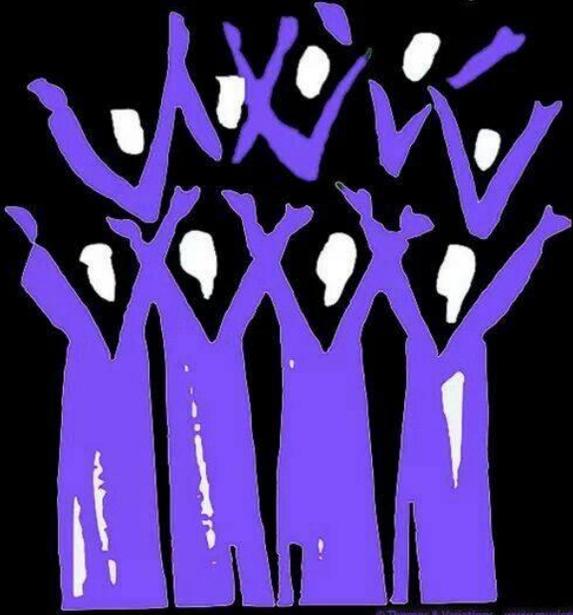
Not what I get, but
what I give,
this be the gauge by
which I live.
Not merely joys that
come my way,
but the help I give to
those astray.
Not the rewards of
money and fame,
but the loads I lift in
mankind's name.
This be the pay at the
end of the day,
not what I keep, but
what I give away.

—Author Unknown



VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

*Singing in a choir
is cheaper than therapy,
healthier than drinking,
and more fun than working out!*



TRUE STORIES ON BEING OLD HEARD IN THE CHOIR

Peg Flanagan's granddaughter had been learning in church about first communion. She asked Peg, "Did you know that God loves you?" "Of course!" said Peg. Her granddaughter went on..."Yes, God loves ALL old people!"

Marie Madigan remembers one of her children asking why old people read the Bible so often. "Is it like studying for a final exam?" she was asked!

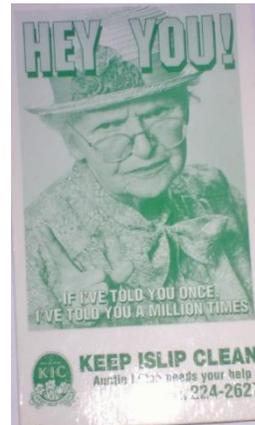


JEAN LAP HAS A BIRTHDAY

Recently, after a short choir rehearsal, the choir held a surprise birthday party for Jean Lap, who turned 95 on March 31st. When Jean Lap joined the choir—65 years ago—the rector's name was Mr. Joseph Bond. Jean has been singing a long time!



Jean has lived in Bayport most of her life. She married a sea captain and raised 8 children, most of whom still live in the area. You'll see her in church with daughter Mary Jean. She majored in drama at college and was part of the Sayville Musical Workshop. She has taught yoga classes—both earlier in her life and later at Saint Ann's when she was in her 80's. That last class was once a feature story on Cable Channel 12.



She was the head of Saint Ann's Thrift Shop for many years, and in charge of putting on the annual Thrift Shop Fashion Shows. Perhaps some will remember when she was the face of Islip

Town's "Keep Islip Clean" initiative as the stern "Auntie Littah."

Still keeping active, she attends senior exercise programs and loves singing in the choir. She says she'd also like to learn to tap dance!



Throughout the years Jean has been an active member of Saint Ann's Church. We are so lucky to have her with us!

Planting Your Spring Garden



For the Garden of Your Daily Living, plant three rows of Peas:

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant four rows of Squash:

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant four rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be Faithful.
2. Lettuce be Kind.
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce really love one another.

No garden is complete without Turnips:

1. Turnip for meetings.
2. Turnip for weekly services
3. Turnip to help one another.

To conclude our garden, we must have Thyme:

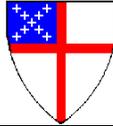
1. Thyme for each other.
2. Thyme for family.
3. Thyme for friends.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow!



What We'd Like to Hear in Church

- Hey, it's my turn to sit in the front pew!
- I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon ran longer than usual.
- I'll volunteer to be the permanent junior high Sunday school teacher.
- I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.
- Because we're all here, let's start the worship service early.
- Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
- Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign.



NOTES



Car Wash

May 21 at the Sayville Fire House

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Youth Group Fund Raiser

THRIFT SHOP OPPORTUNITIES!

Here's your chance to volunteer at our fabulous Thrift Shop! A few volunteers are needed to help with sorting and tagging and to help in the office. Thrift Shop hours are 10:00-3:00 from Wednesday to Saturday. If you have a few hours to fill, consider joining this lively group of volunteers. **Call 589-6220** with questions or to sign up!



Food Pantry Donations Needed

OUR DAILY BREAD

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

For May we would especially appreciate the following donations:

Canned Chicken * Tuna * Shelf Stable Milk * Juice *

Canned Fruit * Toilet Paper * Cold Cereal * Butter

Leave donations in the wagon in the Parish Hall or across the street in the Food Pantry kitchen.

Of course, cash donations are always welcome!



GIVING RECOGNITION TREE

GIVING RECOGNITION TREE A reminder: When you want to give a donation to St. Ann's to honor loved ones--living or deceased, your gift of \$500 may be acknowledged on a leaf on our Giving Recognition Tree in the Chapel lobby. Other options for larger donations are available. Contact the Church office for further information.



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MAY



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4	John & Donna Stankovich	14	Mark & Wendy Schmittzeh	18	William III & Kay Lembeck
8	Darrell & Diane Lichtenberger	16	Ron & Laura Sanchez	27	George & Nancy Koinoglou

BIRTHDAYS

1	Daniella Madigan	10	Janet Kennedy	19	Dorothy Grodewald	24	Josephine Leuly
2	Ian Chung		Anthony Palmieri		Lucia Ferzola		Paul Weeks
6	Ethan Madigan	14	Skylar Johnson	21	David Gandolfo	27	Tamralynn Dorsa
	Marie Madigan		Thomas Munkelwitz		Andrea Hanlin		Barbara Leuly
	Randy Schultz	16	Lisa Castelli	23	Jesse Lasko	30	Marilyn Dassau
7	Raymond Graunke	18	Virginia Schaum-Sorenson		Brian Rockwood, Jr.		Sandra Immoor

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Ascension

Forty days after Easter (May 5 this year), we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. This occurred 10 days before Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' followers, as he had promised.

Jesus' ascension reminds Christians that although his body couldn't remain present everywhere, we can universally experience his spiritual presence. In fact, Jesus' final words to his disciples — and to us — contain this key promise: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20, ESV).



Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

THE CHILDREN OF WALDRON KINTZING POST AND
MARY LAWRENCE PERKINS POST

THE POST FAMILY – A CONTINUING SERIES

Charles Kintzing Post, the oldest child, was born on Long Island and was a longtime friend of Blue Point and Bayport. Charles Post graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1919 and was present at the surrender of the German High Seas Fleet.

Following his resignation from the Navy in 1921, he served in various capacities in the carpet industry. With the outbreak of World War II, Charles served as assistant Naval Attaché in Madrid and Lisbon, was Commanding Officer of the USS Siren, and escort vessels C.O. of the Fourth Fleet escorting convoys in the South Atlantic. Upon his return to inactive duty, he was O.I.C. of the Frontier Base, San Pedro, California, and of the Fleet Boat Pool.

Charles Post was with the Seamen's Church Institute of NYC from 1948 to 1953 where he did counseling. He was the holder of the Bronze Star, USNR Ten Year Medal, and the Chinese Order of the Wen Hu, 5th Class. He was Master of Holland Lodge No. 8F and AM, Secretary of the Board of Visitors at Central Islip State Hospital, Director of the Suffolk County Navy League of the U.S., member of the Advisory Council of Southside Hospital, and an honorary director of the Samaritan Home for the Aged in NYC. He also was a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and a member of the Board of Directors of the LI Council on Alcoholism. He was a 50-year member of the Bayport Fire Department. Because of his dedication to alcoholic rehabilitation, the Charles K. Post Center for the rehabilitation of alcoholic women at C.I. State Hospital was named in his honor.

Lina De Trobriand Post (B 7/02/1901; D 10/3/1913) Twelve-year-old Lina died of what doctors thought to be infantile paralysis.

Robert Perkins Post (B 9/08/1910; D 2/26/1944) Robert Perkins Post was born in Bayport. He went to the front in World War II as a correspondent for the NY Times. He was killed in an air attack over Williamshaven and interred in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium. His memory was inscribed here where he grew up.

Mary Lawrence Post Wallop (B. 3/05/1898) Mary was the eldest daughter and married an Oxford underclassman, Gerard Wallop, who was the eldest son of the Honorable and Mrs. Oliver Wallop of Sheridan, Wyoming, in early August 2910.

Five years later, upon the death of the Earl of Portsmouth, Mrs. Post Wallop's father-in-law received his title which made his son Viscount Lyminster. The young Post is still in England, parent of two children—a son and a daughter.

[Thus ends the Posts' historical record, as given.]

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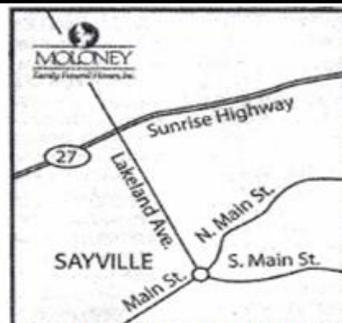
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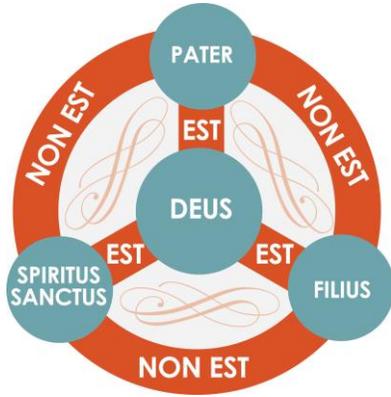
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+Christian Symbol+



Shield of the Trinity

This symbol consists of a triangle with a circle at each point, labeled in Latin with the three Persons of the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A circle in the center is labeled God. Six lines show the relationships formed, with inner lines marked "is" and outer lines marked "is not." The resulting sign declares that God is Father, God is Son and God is Spirit, yet the three Persons are not the same.

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—May 2
7:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—May 9
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
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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