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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

Jun 4--- Pentecost
 Jun 11—Trinity Sunday
 Jun 11---St. Barnabas' Day
 Jun 18---Father's Day



MISSION STATEMENT

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

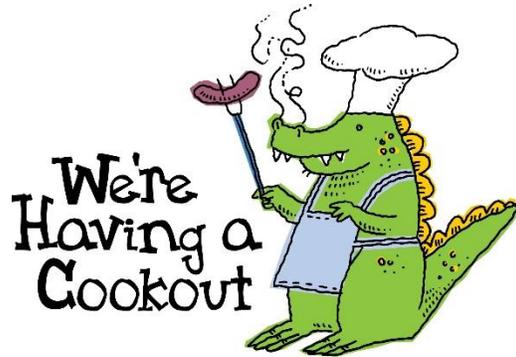


St. Barnabas' Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH at 10:00 AM

Join us on the Great Lawn as we celebrate Saint Barnabas, the namesake of our original parish chapel and the patron saint of Christian teaching, with a special outdoor family worship service, followed by a BBQ/picnic and a game area for our children.

Look for the signup sheet in the Parish Hall.



FROM THE EDITOR

Although I strive to meet deadlines and often harass other people to meet them for this paper, I have to confess to being a procrastinator myself. The comments “From the Editor” are the last words written for nearly every edition. In addition, I have projects around the house that are awaiting my attention. I love to buy plants at this time of year—but they don’t always get planted right away. I managed to get most of my vegetables planted over Memorial Day weekend (after a week of waiting), but I still have “a flat of good intentions” waiting in the garden. Last summer I decided I wanted to paint my front door. I thought a red door would look nice on my blue house, and I went to the hardware store and bought the paint. This summer is coming up, my front door is still white, and I’ve misplaced the paint. I may end up buying more and hoping I get to it this year!

Books are another thing! I have books on my tablet waiting to be read. I have a stack of books on the table beside my bed. I have a list of books on my phone that have been recommended to me, books I’ve spotted in a bookstore, or books I haven’t read by authors I like. As the saying goes, “so many books, so little time.”

I also procrastinate going to sleep because there’s always something that keeps grabbing my attention until suddenly it’s 1:00 AM. Then I procrastinate getting up in the morning because I’m too tired!

Truthfully, I think I’ve always worked better under pressure. I confess that my term papers in college were usually all-night affairs the night before they were due. But they were on time!

I know I’m not alone. There are other procrastinators out there. But as long as we manage to get things done on our timetable, it works for us.

--Rodney Dudley

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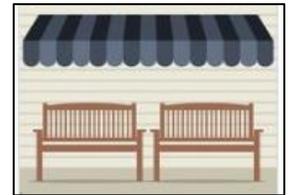
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“You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.” –Mahatma Gandhi



Thoughts from the Front Porch Father Brian Barry



This has been a very comfortable spring so far--at least in my estimation--and I've been spending a lot of time in my rocking chair on the front porch. It's a good time of the year to just sit back and watch the neighborhood, as more people are jogging, cycling, or just walking by. My thoughts have naturally turned toward our place in a community, and life with our neighbors.

Archbishop William Temple once said that the Church was the only organization that existed for the benefit of its non-members. I think that, while that is not always the case, it is certainly a good ideal to aspire to. This is not just a question of serving the needy of the community--though that is incredibly important--and we at St. Ann's, without a doubt, have been very active in that aspect of Church life. It is also a question of being a welcoming community, a community that invites others to participate in our common life. This is not about getting new members so we can pat ourselves on the back. It is about recognizing that our common life at St. Ann's has value. If it didn't, we wouldn't be there ourselves every Sunday. That value, of course, is in being in relation with Jesus Christ, who gives new life and meaning to every aspect of our existence.

Now, some don't like to invite others, saying it's "too personal." While I understand that impulse, I would suggest we ought to think about it another way: would you go to a party that you were not invited to? How do people know they are welcome here, unless we invite them? And so, that is my challenge for us, and myself. We have Barnabas Day coming up. We should be inviting our wider community to attend, because even if they are unsure of how they feel about God, they are *very* sure of how they feel about barbeque. So, invite a friend. Another mission, that I am personally undertaking, is my *God and Guinness* night at the Portly Villager. Not only am I inviting our congregation to attend and have a casual discussion with me, but it will be a chance for St. Ann's to be out in the community. Just by being there, being friendly, and having fun, we might draw others in. Isn't that what we all want: a fun and loving community to be a part of? And that is why we must invite others, particularly those in search of community, so they can share in the joy we feel as members of the Body of Christ.

Mother Diane is on Sabbatical

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH APRIL 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Over / (Under)
Regular Giving	\$47,293	\$51,859	\$4,566
Net Deficit	\$65,628	\$50,571	\$15,057

Regular giving continues to be better than planned, for which we are grateful.

However, we still have more work to do to overcome our \$50K net deficit.

We continue to utilize our savings to cover our excess costs.

Vestry Visions

As I sit at my laptop which overlooks my backyard, it is a sunny and almost windless day, and I have a “bird’s eye” view of trees and shrubs with their bright, shiny leaves just beginning to bud, and bulbs and plants breaking new ground. This is a visual reminder, to me, of nature’s promise for a beautiful summer, and my outlook on life is very positive at this moment. There’s nothing like a beautiful day to lift one’s spirits, is there?

Well, I think your Vestry is feeling this promise of good things to come, right here at St. Ann’s, as we get together to discuss the “happenings” each month with our clergy. This month alone, some highlights of our meeting were:

- Although we are still running at a deficit, giving was up a little bit, most recently.
- Several young adults from our parish family received confirmation, showing a commitment to our parish family (as well as the larger church family) through both words and deeds.
- Social events such as Golden Pipes, and a performance by Sister Act, brought members of our parish together to enjoy some musical talent as well as good entertainment.
- An organic farm out East is going to assist our food pantry with the growing needs of our friends and neighbors, by providing food to support those in need who frequent our food pantry.
- The PB & J ministry is showing tremendous promise as an ever-expanding ministry, being supported in part by our wonderful thrift shop, and by our very generous church family members. The ministry now has a place in the Littlejohn Building to collect the donations, as the lower parish hall was getting too packed with all the donations!

Of course, these are just a few highlights of the positive things that we see happening at St. Ann’s. And, just like in our gardens at springtime, not everything in our yard is beautiful. With the beauty of springtime in our backyards, there is also a visual reminder that it’s time for a good spring cleaning. There are leaves and twigs that need to be cleaned up, grass to be mowed, and things to get rid of. So, it is also, at our meetings each month, as we realize that we have some work to do. These are some of the things that we, as a parish, need to “spring clean”:

- There is a growing need to help others who are less fortunate through our outreach ministries.
- For all these wonderful programs to continue to thrive and even expand, we need YOU and ME!
- And we are still running at a deficit.

So, as you do your spring cleaning outside, please consider some spiritual and emotional spring cleaning, as well. In other words, what can be done at St. Ann’s, to make us feel good about ourselves, to help others in need, and to make us the wonderful parish family that we strive to be? Can I give an hour to assist in the Thrift Shop? Or the Food Pantry? Or volunteer to help at one of our many events? Instead of just quickly disposing of unused items, can I donate them to those less fortunate than me? Can I NOT purchase that latte, and support our church just one latte more? I think I can!

Jill Hughes for the Vestry

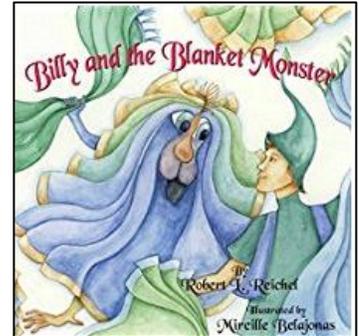
	Wardens:	2018 Nancy Koinoglou	2019 Thomas Honey
	Vestry:	2018 Helen Houdek	Carol Ann St. Lawrence
		Wendy Schmittzeh	John Smith
		2019 Jackie Gandolfo	Jill Hughes
		Nicole LaFontaine	Constance Currie
	2020	Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani
Chris McNamee		John O’Neil	



The Senior Luncheon on May 2, was attended by about 40 people, who enjoyed a delicious spring-themed luncheon. The guest speaker was children’s book author Robert J. Reichel who, along with book illustrator Mireille Bellajonas, walked us through the joys and woes of creating a children’s book for today’s market. The book, which is his first, is *Billy and the Blanket Monster*, a clever fantasy about how a wise mother gets her son to cooperate in keeping his room clean.



Many folks took advantage of the opportunity to purchase books signed by both author and illustrator. You can buy this book at Weeks and Reichel, and it is also available on Amazon.com.



Robert Reichel may be better known as the owner of Weeks and Reichel Printers on Railroad Avenue in Sayville. We do like to support local talent, and it was a pleasure to have Robert and Mireille at the Senior Luncheon.

Watch for information on an upcoming summer luncheon—coming soon!



Thrift Shop Thank You Tea



Thanks to Peggi Flanagan for arranging a Thrift Shop Thank You Tea to appreciate the work of our volunteers. Attendees enjoyed varied hot teas in beautiful teacups, scones, sandwiches, dessert, and a Hat Contest! They deserve thanks for all their hard work!



Beginning...and Beginning Again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end, or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello—and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

“God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but

commencements,” writes Bernie Siegel. “Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease.”

Of course, we can “create a perfect world” only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness, and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

HIGH SCHOOL



SAL LaNATRA III Sal, the son of Jeanne Currie LaNatra and the late Sal LaNatra, Jr., and grandson of Connie Currie, will graduate from Sachem High School where he played on the lacrosse team.

Sal will attend Suffolk Community College in the fall, where he was accepted into the Fitness Specialist program.



EMILY LLEWELLYN We have been pleased to have Emily Llewellyn as a Choir Intern this past year where many of you have enjoyed her beautiful soprano voice. She has won many awards for her singing, and has also starred in several plays at Sayville High School, the most recent one being “Catch Me If You Can” in which she had a lead role.

Emily will be attending college in the fall at SUNY New Paltz where she will be majoring in Psychology and minoring in Theater Performance.



ALEX REKSTEN Alex, the daughter of Howard Reksten and Diane Fabel-Reksten is graduating from Patchogue-Medford High School. She will be attending SUNY Binghamton in the fall, where she will be studying Leadership and Consulting.



SAMANTHA ROSSI Samantha, daughter of Jennifer and Nestor Rossi of Medford will graduate from Patchogue-Medford High School. She is a life-long parishioner at St. Ann’s and is pleased to have been a teacher in St. Ann’s Sunday School.

Samantha is ranked #12 in a class of 630 students. In the fall, she will be attending Boston University where she is planning to study Arts Administration.

COLLEGE



Joseph Stoll De Pompeo Joseph graduated *magna cum laude* from the Honors Program at Bentley University, Boston, in three years with a degree in Finance and Economics. The graduation ceremony was held Saturday, May 22nd and attended by several family members, including proud parents Sally Stoll-De Pompeo and Phil De Pompeo and grandmother Ellen Stoll.



Garret Moran Garret, son of Eileen and Edward Moran, graduated in May from Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont. He received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Game Programming.

A Life-Filled Prayer

A high school senior in Washington, D.C., offered this graduation prayer, which applies to people of all ages:

“Dear God, grant us one thing before we leave the sheltered reassurance of our childhood. Show us life. Not an empty, shallow world of shallow people and shallow dreams, but real life. For we have known the bliss of childhood as well as the passion of adolescence.

“We want to make the world a better place, but we don’t know how. We want to throw our arms around our brothers and our sisters, but our hands cannot reach. We want to break the cycle of violence and the bonds of injustice in our society, but we’re not strong.

“Smile on us when we drink from the waters of truth. When we are old, reassure us that our struggle helped make the world a kinder, gentler and more peaceful place. And please, God, don’t let us die without ever having lived.”



LOCAL MISSIONS

MISSION EXPLORATION TRIP

By Rodney Dudley

When the Peanut Butter and Jelly crew goes into Penn Station to minister to the homeless, we have a handout sheet prepared, which tells our homeless clients where they can go to get a meal, take a shower, or get medical help among other things. Since it is important for this list to be up to day, there need to be periodic checks to make sure the places still exist and to check on their status and ability to deal with clients. On a sunny Wednesday in May, Mary Mattarella, Pat Madison, and I got on an early morning train to the city with an agenda of three services to check out.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

Our first stop was an Episcopal Church located in Chelsea. Holy Apostles has a flexible worship space—chairs for worship on Sunday—and a room full of tables set up restaurant style for weekday lunches. We arrived at lunch time, and it felt like a combination of high end restaurant and high school cafeteria. The beauty of the



church surrounds you, and there is a concert grand piano available for anyone who wants to play—as one gentleman did. Customers get a meal ticket on the way in and pick up a tray of food. That day they were serving chicken, potatoes, salad (with ingredients grown in local gardens), bread and desert. Every week at the soup kitchen they transform unwanted, often "ugly" produce into nutritious meals for their guests. (A new study on food waste says that the amount of food discarded in the US annually is enough to feed 80% of the nation's adults a healthy diet!).

We spoke with the Executive Director, Bishop Andrew St. John and other church officials as well as several of the chattier guests. The church gets volunteers from many churches in the Diocese of NY and other neighboring areas. There is a website where volunteers can sign up. <http://holypostlessoupkitchen.org>

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RC CHURCH

It was early afternoon when we got to St. Francis Church. We were fortunate to run into a man named Patrick, who took us on a tour of the food pantry (photo at right). This is open 3 times a week and has food available for marginal customers who have access to a kitchen. They also have a Bread Line, which operates daily from 6:00 AM to 7:30. It is open 365 days a year, and is the longest continuously running bread line in New York at 86 years and counting! Patrick says the line usually goes down the block and around the corner.



THE ANTONIO OLIVIERI DROP IN CENTER



Unlike the two churches, the Antonio Olivieri Drop In Center is almost invisible, But, once we saw the address, we went in to check it out. It is different from the other two facilities in that it does not provide meals, but is rather a sort of check in center where the newly homeless go to be referred to appropriate services. Plain but clean, they offer an emergency one night's stay, a shower, and a meal; the guest leaves in the morning and returns at an appointed time when they can officially sign in and discuss their needs and the services that are available for them.

All of these institutions operate cheerfully and efficiently solely on donations and create miracles on a shoe-string. It was truly inspiring to observe.

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

Golden Pipes



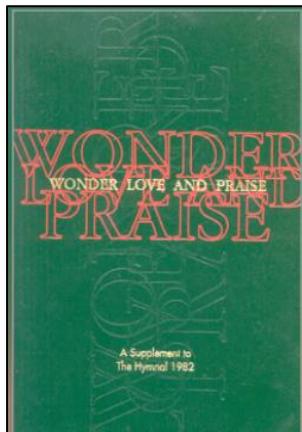
A group of devoted “Golden Pipers” gathered in the Parish Hall on Friday, May 5, for a table full of deserts and a musical program which included Christie and John Strecker who invited us to sing along as they sang and played



“Pass It On” and “Shine Jesus Shine.” Nick Greci surprised us with an excellent rendition of “My Favorite Things” which he had performed at NYSSMA. Charlotte Hlavac-Maass channeled Mary Tyler Moore, singing “You’re Going to Make It After All” and topping it off with a toss of her beret. Lauren Waters played the ukulele and sang a beautiful cover of “I Don’t Know My Name,” the song made famous by Grace VanderWaal, winner of last summer’s *America’s Got Talent* contest. Leo and Lucas Chung, looking adorable in dinosaur costumes, sang “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” and then marched about



while big sister Emma Chung sang “The Dinosaur Song.” Laura Sanchez treated us with “Sunrise, Sunset” from “Fiddler on the Roof.” Mary Mattarella and the “Maryettes” aimed to re-create Our Gang, playing kazoos and singing “The Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze.” The show was topped off with the Children’s Choir singing “A Spoonful of Sugar” with Christie Strecker doing a fine impression of Mary Poppins! All in all, a fun and entertaining evening for all! Thanks to all who participated.



WONDER, LOVE, AND PRAISE

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE
HYMNAL 1982

You may have noticed a new hymnal in the pews. **Wonder, Love, and Praise** is actually a supplement to our current hymnal, which has 720 hymns; the new book begins with hymn 721. Through the generosity of an

anonymous donor, we were able to acquire these new hymnals, which include “an eclectic collection of two hundred hymns, songs, and spiritual songs including a large selection of service music and devotional pieces.”

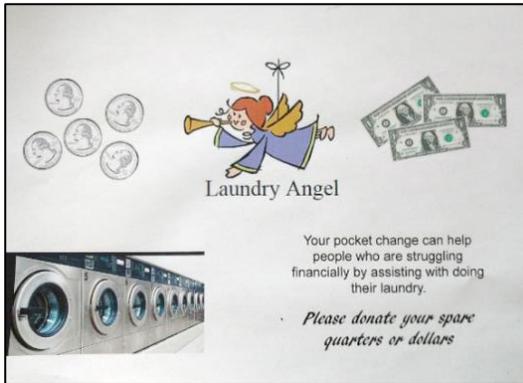
There are hymns for all the usual theological occasions as well as for mission, unity, and peace. It includes selections of music from Taizé as well. We hope you will enjoy the hymns in this book, many of which may be familiar to you. We will be integrating it into the music schedule throughout the year.



MOTHER'S DAY TREAT

At the choir rehearsal the week before Mother’s Day, the Choir presented a bouquet of Mother’s Day flowers to Jean Lap, our most senior choir member.

Jean has been singing with the Choir for almost 70 years, and is obviously a very special lady!



Laundry Angel

As one more aspect of our outreach to those on the margins of our community, we have established the "Laundry Angel." This is an easy way to be part of Saint Ann's outreach. When you see the Laundry Angel jar at Coffee Hour, just drop a couple of quarters or a dollar in the jar. It all adds up. The money will be redistributed to people who patronize laundromats in needy areas. Sometimes it means clothes can be dried as well as washed. Sometimes it means clothes can be washed

more often. Even though it's a small amount of money, it means a lot in a tight budget.

The Wooden Shoe of Worry

The word *sabotage* has a fascinating history. *Sabot* is the French word for a wooden shoe. Sabotage was the act of throwing a shoe into machinery to stop work. Now it means any attempt to hinder production or spoil a product.

Satan tries to cast a wooden shoe into our souls to prevent us from accomplishing God's plan. That shoe is worry, which can crush the spirit, sour our disposition and interfere with Christian service. That's why Jesus instructs: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself" (Matthew 6:34, NIV). Jesus isn't promoting laziness or indifference; instead, he encourages us to trust our Father, who provides for all our needs.

Be on guard, and don't let worry sabotage your faith!

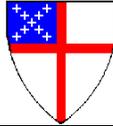


Father's Day – More Than a Day

Father's Day was first observed in America in 1910. In 1923, the third Sunday of June was set as the official day, and in 1924 President Coolidge recommended its national observance. Today it has a fixed place in the calendar of special days in our country.

But devotion to and pride in fathers does not need to wait for official approval. As long as there have been families, love and respect for fathers has existed.





NOTES

Big Thank You!

ECW NO-BAKE BAKE SALE

A big thank you to all who contributed to the No-Bake Bake Sale appeal! The money from this event will go towards a scholarship award, which will be given out at the St Barnabas Day service on June 11 to a graduating high school senior who has been active at Saint Ann's.

-Ellen Stoll



Restock the **SHELVES**

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!

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 631-589-6220** with questions or to sign up!



LOST & FOUND GLASSES

Have you misplaced your glasses? We have a growing collection of lost reading glasses in the Sacristy! If you are missing a pair of glasses and recognize yours in this photo, please stop into the Sacristy after the service. The Altar Guild will be glad to reunite you with your lost glasses!



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		WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES			
1	Craig & Michelle Beale	5	Anthony & Andrea Sanseviro	21	Marc & Lisa Vertichio
	Joseph & Ellen Garofolo	6	Robert & Nancy Britts	22	Ken Smyrk & Scarlet Marrugo
	Mark & Barbara Leuly	8	Raymond & Maureen Echevarria	23	Ryan & Valerie Meinsen
	Leonard & Melissa Speicher	9	Kevin & Jonna Catalina	24	Martin & Leann Barone
2	Paul & Alison Golofaro	10	Edward & Eileen Moran	26	Michael & Amy Minerva
	Glen Stubblebine & Jacquee-Ann Gustafson	14	Stephen & Sharon Van der Borgh		Daniel Henn & Theresa Labela-Henn
4	James & Marilyn McLeer	15	Frank & Peg Costanzo	27	Bruce & Carole Elton
	Joseph & Trudy Nasta	20	Robert & Peg Flanagan	30	James & Jill Hughes
5	Robert & Joan Belfield		Frederick & Carolyn Leyboldt		Susan Knoepffler & Christine Mulroy



1	Ann DeMott	8	James Romeo	14	Irene Bodkin	24	Sarah Hlavac
	Jacqueline Gandolfo	10	Olivia Greci		Marilyn McLeer	25	Henry Knoepffler
	Judith Hester		Michael Maass	15	Christina DiTusa	26	Barbara MacKenzie
	Addison Schroeder		Nicholas Sturiale	16	David Close	27	Cassidy Beach
4	Kay Lembeck	10	Louise Terry		Christopher Kudlek	28	Craig Fleetham
5	Robert DiTusa		Jake Walch		Garret Moran		Abigail Hynes
	Lars Gustafson	11	James Hughes		Jeanne Van der Borgh		Thomas Jacques
	Caelyn Speicher		Carolyn Leyboldt	17	Arlene James		Alex Lasot
6	Barbara King	12	Dylan Hayes		Mikayla Wolfe		Lynette Schulz
	Wayne Tampellini		Anthony Limoli	18	Kellie Miller		Liam Walsh
7	Jaclyn Roppelt	13	Craig Beale		Elizabeth Teague		Jaidyn Wolfe
8	Francis Bodkin, Jr.		Delaney Felton	22	Anthony Lico	29	The Rev. Diane Britt
	Hannah Smith		Linda Herbert		Gloria Moynihan	30	Helen Deegan
9	Evelyn Graham		Grace Wempe	23	Jessica Brett		Betty Graunke

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ **The Garden of the Unforgotten**

JOHN H. WHITEHOUSE
October 15, 1921 to December 22, 2003

A tribute by his wife, Elizabeth

I first saw John H. Whitehouse as the crucifer at St. Ann's on a Sunday morning in July 1938. I was in church on that beautiful day because I was escorted by my mother. It wasn't until months later that my parents figured out why I suddenly became a loyal voluntary churchgoer!

The Rev. Joseph H. Bond liked having John help with the activities and small jobs around the church. He was not only a good worker and a Sayville High School star athlete, but his presence attracted many families with teenage children.

The year was 1940; war appeared to be a frightening prospect. By luck, John and I had the same summer jobs, and our friendship grew. Two college years went by. John and his brothers, Henry and Gil, decided to enlist. John (sometimes called Jack) and Gil were the second pair of brothers in the United States to graduate together with Navy wings. Gilbert was killed, but fortunately John, who was in every Naval air battle in the Pacific, came home safely. As stated at his funeral on Christmas Eve 2003, he was a local hero. This is not a complete picture of the life of a man.

John H. Whitehouse, like any others, should be remembered for his life with his family, with his many friends, and with his contributions to his community. He was a wonderful husband and a great father to three sons and two daughters. He served the community as President of the Sayville School Board, as a member of St. Ann's Vestry, and as President of Sayville Rotary. He was active with the Boy Scouts and with Little League. This was accomplished after commuting to his job as Manager of Traveler's Garden City office. In his spare time, he carved beautiful water birds, some contributed to St. Ann's Fair and many given to friends.

In conclusion, we all come to the realization that the true essence of a life is not one splashy event, but rather the culmination of many things performed with love and care during a lifetime.

Glimpsing God?

A December 2014 *New York Times* article profiled Alberto Cairo, an Italian man who for 25 years has run orthopedic centers in Afghanistan. Woven throughout was the story of a chrysanthemum bouquet in Mr. Cairo's office. He told the reporter that his dearest friend, Sergio, had recently died. "His birthday was a few days ago," Cairo shared. Had he been in Italy, he would've placed yellow mums, his friend's favorite, at the grave. Instead, that very day, an Afghan staff member had brought yellow flowers to his office, saying, "I thought you might need these."

Cairo said, "[He] had never come to my office before, knew nothing about Sergio, and ... I have never seen these flowers in Afghanistan before." He concluded, "I believe that when the dead are dead, they're dead. But what am I supposed to think about this?"

I'll never know whether Mr. Cairo comes to believe in life beyond death, but coincidence is said to be God remaining anonymous. Maybe he's at work — through yellow mums. —Heidi Mann



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The bee symbolizes various traits across cultures and faiths, including community, industry and resurrection. Its sting may represent judgment, while its honey calls to mind the sweetness of divine riches. Multiple times in the Old Testament, the Promised Land is described as “flowing with milk and honey” (e.g., Exodus 3:8), and the Psalms declare God’s words “sweeter than honey” (19:10; 119:103).

**AROUND SAINT ANN’S
Monthly Schedule**

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.

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Sundays

- 8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 AM---Sunday School
- 10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
- 7:30 PM—AA Meeting

Mondays

- 10:00AM—12:00PM Food Pantry
- 7:00 PM—EfM
- 6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—June 12
- 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- 7:00 PM—Youth Group

Thursdays

- 10:00 AM—AA Meeting
- 10:00AM—12:00PM Food Pantry
- 1:30 PM---Christian Yoga Class
- 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Friday

Saturday

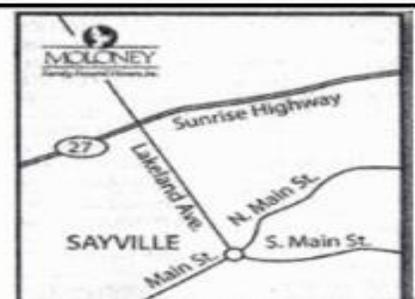
- 5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist



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"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV

PENTECOST—JUNE 4

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit descended onto Jesus' disciples. While they were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost, the disciples saw flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began talking in many languages. As a result, the disciples were able to share the good news of Jesus in the native tongues of all the pilgrims assembled in the city.

Even today, the power of the Holy Spirit fuels the "flame" that ignites Christians' outreach efforts. Only by the Spirit's power can we know Christ and make him known throughout the world.

***Remember to wear RED on
Pentecost Sunday!***