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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

July 4.....Independence Day
 July 5.....God & Guinness
 July 12.....God & Guinness



MISSION STATEMENT

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

Gargoyles and Grotesques



Did you know there is a Darth Vader gargoyle at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC? Well, technically it's not a gargoyle; it's a grotesque.

Most of us have heard of gargoyles, which are on many European cathedrals and are meant to scare away evil spirits; but there is another way that gargoyles protect cathedrals. They are part of the drainage system that carries water away from the building and prevents erosion. Therein lies the difference: Grotesques are decorative images that adorn the building but are not part of the drainage system. Gargoyles are grotesques with water spouts.

Darth Vader, who has been placed on the dark, north side of the cathedral, was designed several years ago by a 13-year-old boy, Chris Rader, in response to a contest held by National Geographic.

The picture on the left is a gargoyle, which, as you can see, is an elaborate water spout. On the right is an example of a grotesque, which is merely a decoration and serves no functional purpose (except, of course, to scare evil spirits).



This picture shows a model of a gargoyle from the National Cathedral. If you look closely, he is carrying a briefcase and wearing a suit—a businessman gargoyle! And he is a gargoyle, as you can see that the water is meant to flow from his mouth. Even though cathedral architecture has an ancient history, the architects of the

National Cathedral like to keep it relevant and up to date.

If you want to read more, see the National Cathedral website at: <http://gargoyles.cathedral.org/gargoyle/>

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FROM THE EDITOR

I think we all like to think of ourselves as law-abiding people. Even if we come up with a few (surely minor) sins every now and then, we all are pretty confident (I hope) that we follow the law faithfully. Well, just to prove me wrong, I recently got some trivia in my email that strains credibility. It seems that some laws are made, perhaps for really specific situations, that really don't seem to make sense at all. I suspect you could break these laws without ever being indicted or locked up. It also makes you wonder what legislators were thinking when they came up with these crazy laws!

If you live in Alabama, leave your fake mustache at home when you go to church. It's illegal to wear one with the intention of making people laugh. No kidding! According to lawyers.com, there's an archaic law in Alabama that makes it a crime "to wear a fake mustache that causes laughter in church."



Alabama is not the only state with dumb laws on the books. It's illegal in Rehoboth, Delaware, to whisper in church! I think there may be quite a few St. Ann's parishioners (yes, including myself) who might find themselves hiring a lawyer because of an over-abundance of low-voiced chatting, especially since they apparently don't differentiate between the bad whispering that goes on when you're not listening to the sermon and the good whispering that goes on when the new acolyte forgets and needs whispered help.



You are not supposed to eat peanuts while attending religious services in Boston. (I'd have to check on whether peanut butter is OK). And, supposedly, in Ohio, it's against the law to kill a housefly within 160 feet of a church--unless you have a license. [Tell me, who's going to measure the distance? Who's watching all these housefly swatters? And who, by the way, wants to save the lives of all these houseflies and will thus complain to the police? Is there a PETA for houseflies? And where do you get a license to kill houseflies?]



So, by and large, it's better to be a law-abiding citizen. Laws make a society run more smoothly, if they're good laws. But it seems there are a few laws that shouldn't be followed because they're either dumb or they're wrong. So, if you see someone wearing a fake mustache in church, it just might be me! --Rodney Dudley

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THE RECTOR'S CORNER



And a Pair of Geese Shall Lead Them

Dear Parish Family,

As many of you know, we have a lot of Canadian Geese around the church. Two of them, for the over six years I have been here, like to hang out on the great front lawn. I named them Fred and Ethel (which shows my age!) and every year they migrate North and then return to the great front lawn to take up residence.

A few weeks ago, Fred and Ethel had three goslings, and they are precious little things with their new down feathers and waddle-y walk. I have taken to carefully watching Fred and Ethel and how they handle being new parents to these three little creatures. They take them out several times a day to various locations on the church property. In the mornings, I usually find them on the great front lawn, in the afternoon they're strolling on the back parking lot, and in the evening, they like to take their brood to the side yard of the rectory to let them get some sun and fresh air, I suppose.

But here is what I find interesting. On every outing, *both* Fred and Ethel are with the goslings, one walks in front of the babies, and the other brings up the rear so that the goslings are protected front and back by the parents. Every once in a while, the parents will give them a little lead and let them wander off no more than a few feet. But once the goslings realize their parents have started walking away, they run to them so as not be left feeling abandoned.

Which made me start thinking that all of God's creatures have the natural instinct to feel safe and protected, and we all have the natural instinct to not want to be abandoned. All of God's creatures also have the natural instinct to provide safety for their young. God has hardwired us with the desire to love, care and protect our families and loved ones. It's true for all of God's creatures – animal and human. I have seen the geese protect their young and I have heard the wailing of the geese when one has died, and it is a sound I don't ever want to hear again. It is mournful and bone chilling, and it leaves no doubt in the mind as to what has just happened to one of them. And it makes my heart hurt.



My heart is also hurting now, as we witness what has been happening to the young children on the border towns, being separated from their families--some children and parents not knowing if they will ever see their loved ones again. It breaks my heart because as God's people we are better than this. As God's people, we are called to care for one another, to love one another as God loves us, not to tear families apart. As Christians, surely, we can find a better solution to this crisis. Children need their parents, and parents need their children. It's a simple core value of life.

And it makes me wonder, if geese know the value of family, why don't we?

Blessings, *Mather Diane+*

Vestry Visions

Communications



Communications in our fast-paced society continues to evolve at a rapid rate. We have watched many traditional methods of communication continue to decline as we evolve in to the digital era. Sadly, *Newsday* that in the 1980's enjoyed the greatest market penetration in America, printed the last paper in their Long Island headquarters on Saturday June 8th. *The New York Times* plant in College Point will take over *Newsday's* greatly diminished printing responsibilities.

As a church, we too must evolve in order to keep pace with the community we serve. We have been endeavoring to create a new website that will help us stay more current with the ongoing activities of the church. The new platform will enable our Webmaster Rich Mugno to more easily update the St. Ann's webpage.

Additionally, the updated website will be more flexible and able to reflect the recent current events that are a vital part of what makes St. Ann's such a wonderful spiritual home. We will be expanding our coverage of our ministries and look to our parishioners to support us in this effort with ideas and photos.

We have been using Facebook as the primary mechanism to communicate up-to-the-minute information due to its inherent flexibility and domination in the realm of social media. We currently have 412 followers of St. Ann's on Facebook. It is our hope that the new webpage will provide up-to-the-minute information for those who are not inclined to use Facebook.



We will be rolling out our new webpage in the coming weeks and we hope that you find it useful in staying informed. I am always seeking photographs from others engaged in St. Ann's activities. Please send any photographs to me at jsmith@seboardadj.com, and we will be sure to share them with the parish.

Respectfully Submitted,

John K. Smith for the Vestry

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent
about things that matter.”

—Martin Luther King Jr.



Marge Rogers, Ellen Stoll, and Carol Ann St. Lawrence went to the Suffolk County Annual Meeting of ECW on Wednesday June 6, at St. Boniface Episcopal Church in Lindenhurst.

It was also the Installation of Officers for the coming year. Marge was installed as the D.O.K. representative for the Suffolk County Board. It was a lovely service and a delicious luncheon.



We came home with ideas for the parish to get involved in outreach projects, such as Church Periodical Club (CPC) -- Miles of Pennies, which helps to supply theological and educational materials for mission efforts around the world. What they suggest is to put a big jug out and have the parishioners drop their extra change in it each week.

Another project is to help stock St. John's Hospital with baby gifts for newborns. They are looking for items to create gift bags for babies delivered at the hospital. A lot of these babies are born to single mothers, the working poor families, and immigrant families.



Operation Hope, which has been meeting on Wednesday mornings, is taking the summer off and its final meeting was June 13. They will start up again in September. We will still be working on our various outreach projects throughout the summer, but on our own.

And finally--thanks to the ladies from the Sayville Methodist Church Thrift Shop who sent us some fabrics and yarn to use in our various projects!

School Supplies for Eastern Farm Workers

We are starting early on collecting school supplies to be given to the children of the Eastern Farm Workers. This will give everyone time to look for sales in Staples, Target, and K Mart.

Supplies needed are 1" and 2" binders, notebook paper and dividers, pencils and pens, and lunch bags.



A blue bin has been placed in the Parish Hall for donated items.



Thoughts from the Front Porch

Father Brian Barry



Summer has been lovely so far, allowing me to sit on my shady front porch and read for hours on end. I am not a fan of the heat, but it's been fairly mild, and the shade keeps me out of the sun (which has never agreed with my fair Irish skin). When I am not reading, I am sitting and thinking. And because it is summer, my front porch thoughts have turned naturally to one of my favorite ministries at St. Ann's: God and Guinness.

I started God and Guinness so that we could have relaxed fellowship time. I've always found a cozy bar is a great place for discussion, and a pint of Guinness (or whatever is good that day) is an excellent conversation starter. One thing I have noticed about Episcopalians (and a lot of Christians in general) is that we are uncomfortable talking about our faith. We don't want to proselytize, we don't want to thump people about the head and neck area with our bibles, and we don't want to be like those other "crazy Christians." I can understand that. From watching the news, to encountering very aggressive evangelizers in public, a lot of Christians don't want to be identified with those other types of Christians. But I'd like to suggest that we often go too far in the other direction. We not only don't try to spread the faith, even by invitations to church or fun parish events, but we don't talk about what we believe, and what questions we have, with each other. And that is what I'd like to correct with God and Guinness.

I have often said from the pulpit that Jesus does not expect us to go it alone. We are called to be the Body of Christ in community, not by ourselves. That means not only worshipping together but talking together. It means sharing our faith stories, talking about the times and places God has been active in our lives, and encouraging one another. It also means asking questions, and actively learning more about our faith (hence our current topic: "what they never taught me in Sunday School").

It is my hope that when we get together on a Thursday evening at the Portly Villager in Sayville, we take the opportunity to actually ask questions about our faith. It is my hope that we get to hear about other peoples' faith journeys. Finally, it is my hope that when we hear about those journeys, and discuss our own difficulties, that we would realize that we are not alone in our walk of faith, but we have an entire community walking with us. Amen.



THE PORTLY VILLAGER

Here are a few St. Ann's parishioners from our last get together. We had about 12-14 people and a lively discussion. Needless to say, we found out some things we didn't know before and why things are done the way they're done. If there's ever been anything that happened in church that you've wondered about, bring your question down to the Portly Villager. Bar food, beer, and soda are available for purchase. Next meeting is July 12th, and watch the bulletin for future dates.



Education for Ministry

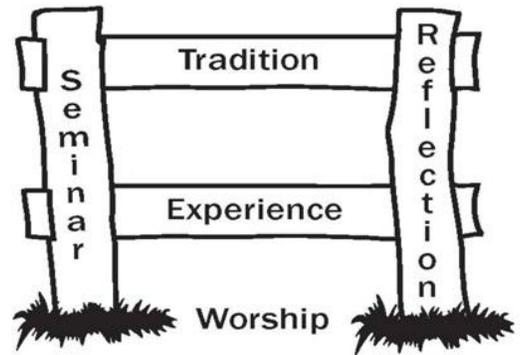
Students from the EfM Program at St. Ann's Church are graduating after completing the 4-year program.

John O'Neil and Marjorie Rogers from St. Ann's, Jeannine Cranor and Michael Daly from St. Paul's, Patchogue, and Mentor Daniel Petersen-Snyder, St. Thomas, Farmingdale.

Basically, participants have studied the basics of theological education, the Hebrew and Christian Testaments, church history, liturgy and theology to prepare for lay ministry.

Through **study, prayer, and reflection**, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom. This process can be illustrated by a two-rail fence. One rail is the Christian tradition. The other is the collective experience of the group's members. The rails are linked by fence posts which represent the seminar sessions where life and study meet. The fence is grounded in the soil of regular worship which is vital to the life of the group.

If you want to read more about EfM, you may go to the website <http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm/about-efm> from which this article is excerpted.



Congratulations to John O'Neil, Marge Rogers, Jeannine Cranor, Michael Daly, and Daniel Petersen-Snyder



SENIORS TO MEET FOR ICE CREAM IN JULY

It's summertime, so no luncheon this month. Even better—make your own ice cream sundae! Come out to the Parish Hall at 2:00 PM for socializing and sundae-making.

2:00 PM Tuesday, July 24th



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MINISTRY

By Mary Mattarella (631-590-0076)



Greetings to my Church Family and Friends!

This past Saturday, was an amazing day, despite the blazing heat. Myself, my son Matthew, Rodney, Paddy and Trevor, climbed aboard the 6:40 AM train out of Ronkonkoma. Along with the obligatory cup of coffee, we had five wagons full of hygiene products, shoes, and clothes. We were all in great spirits, talking laughing and wondering what God had in store for us that day! Arriving before our friends from Zion Episcopal Church, we began setting up our wares in front of Penn Station on 7th Avenue. As we set up, our homeless sisters and brothers began lining up. Joanne, Tom, and Helena arrived shortly, bringing an amazing number of PB&J sandwiches, clothes, and much needed flip flops. God sent us around 60 souls, sometimes all at once, sometimes one at a time. Being organized is essential, having our recipients start at the beginning at our food station, working down the line through the hygiene, clothes and shoes. With this system, it gives everyone a chance to look and take what they need. I am still in awe, of how this mission has grown over the years, starting with myself dragging garbage bags through the streets, to such a wonderful team from St. Ann's and Zion Church, choosing to give up their days, serving others, seeing Christ in each face. After a couple of hours on 7th avenue, we then packed up and headed through the streets, seeking souls that others choose to not see.

On this particular day, we learned that a lady who we have ministered for at least two years will receive housing in July! She let me know that we gave her hope, with our clean clothes, food, and toothpaste! Isn't it amazing that a simple tube of toothpaste can give someone hope? On second thought, I'm pretty sure it is the love behind that toothpaste!

After our "street work," our team always goes for lunch, and it is here that we go over suggestions and needs for our next trip. Your money and donation of items feed the soul and give people hope. Homeless people seem to do better and try harder to improve their station in life if they believe someone cares. After our lunch, we headed into Penn station, and right in front of Krispy Kreme people come out of all corners, looking for something to eat or something clean to wear. I must admit, I love this part of the day, since I am partial to Krispy Kreme donuts! On this particular day, I really missed my friend Taylor, who is on vacation. She is a very special young lady, wise beyond her young age. Plus, we love to get donuts together! Taylor and Paddy head up the hygiene department in our mission, spending countless hours organizing products, which makes it easier to pack and hand out. Trevor and Matthew head up the handing out of men's items, and also is the literal muscle in our mission! These two guys CARRY heavily laden carts down the stairs to the train! Rodney is my friend who supports the mission by collecting donations, and supporting me by just being there, ready to do whatever I need. I must also mention my friends from Zion church, being ever so generous in bringing much needed prepared sandwiches and always collecting from their generous church family, whatever is needed in any particular season. I am also grateful to my very generous church family at St Ann's! Christ's call for us to take care of the poor, is made easier with all of you.

After a long train trip home on this very hot day, we were met with three people in need at the Ronkonkoma train station, who needed food and water. You never know who God will send our way. How awesome is that? After we all said our goodbyes for the day, I took the leftover items to a small group of homeless people who live behind Walgreens in Shirley. I was taken aback, by two who were obviously stricken by the heat. I loaded up my new friends and took them to Peconic Bay Hospital. I am grateful to the compassionate staff, who lovingly admitted all six. They will be seen by a social worker, who will help out with housing.

Thank you to all of you for your prayers and generosity! If you would like to donate, we desperately need flip flops (size Med and Large), and T-shirts (sizes Med, Large and XL), easily purchased at Dollar Tree. If you wish to donate cash, my friend Paddy said she will order it for you online. Please keep praying, and

consider joining us, we need help. Thank you! Love, *The Very Festive Mary*

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

CHOIR PARTY MARKS THE END OF THE CHOIR YEAR



Thank You!

To Christine Mulroy and Susan Knoepffler for opening your home and garden to the choir for another wonderful party! Yes, another choir season has come and gone, and we celebrated with an outdoor potluck dinner at Chris and Sue's home in Bayport. The weather was beautiful, the garden was spectacular, the food was delicious, and the company was sparkling!

Here are a few scenes from our evening.



That's all for this year, but starting in September, you too could be a part of this wonderful group! Think about it, and we'll see you all in September!





The Episcopal Church Women



NO GRADUATING SENIORS THIS YEAR

Thank you to all who responded to the No-Bake Bake Sale appeal. This year--for the first time--we had no graduating high school seniors! Therefore, there was no Achievement Award presented this year. We will carry the funds over to next year and look forward to next June and presenting the award to deserving high school seniors.

KEEP KNITTING

Have a good summer and keep knitting for the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea program.

-- Ellen Stoll



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS?

The new Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up for this important fellowship ministry. During the summer—July and August—we will have a modified coffee hour. A small pot of coffee will already be made for each Sunday.

Please provide something small like cookies for a treat between services and milk for the coffee.

And don't forget--CLEAN UP IS REQUIRED.

Thanks, and have a great summer!

AMAZON SMILE

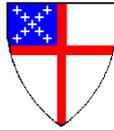
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NOTES



OUR DAILY BREAD

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

The Food Pantry continues to see new guests each week. We are in need of the following items: canned chicken and tuna, jelly, peanut butter, beef soup, pasta sauce, chili, juice, cereal, sugar, frozen vegetables, and toiletries. Thank you for helping those in need!



OPERATION HOPE

Prayer squares are available in the Narthex of the church. You are invited to take them for yourself and others who are in need of prayer. Help is greatly needed for the Operation Hope workshop on **Wednesday mornings from 9:30-12:00 Noon** to cut bags for the plastic bag mats for the homeless.



CHRISTIAN YOGA

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3:00 in the Parish Hall

Our yoga group is back to regular sessions! We have yoga mats if you'd just like to visit, and we do basic stretching exercises, breathing and relaxation. All ages welcome! There is no charge.



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.

Make a phone call to someone homebound just to let them know they are not forgotten.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry



If you would like to donate to the PBJ Ministry, the things we are currently in need of are:

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1	Raymond & Betty Graunke	6	Dennis & Bo Messina	22	Peter & Jenny O'Connell
3	Patrick & Karen Cavanagh		Adam & Jessica Shelton	29	Keith & Heather Johnson
	Juan Carlos & Lara Espinoza	10	Justin & Wendy Schutte	31	Stephen & Jeanne Vander Borgh
	Donald & Barbara MacKenzie	15	Shaun & Jessica Brett		Christopher & Kyle Wolfe
5	Ryan & Christina Schroeder		Phil Potestio & Addie Sanders		
	Christopher & Ann Marie Zanchelli	19	Richard & Alissa Williams		



1	Terina Imperato	13	Jillian Waters	20	David Gandolfo III	28	Joyce Hamilton
2	Joanna Castaneda	14	Rodney Dudley		Salvatore Senese	29	Jonna Catalina
3	Doreen Greci		Leon Kushmock		Justin Schutte		Carole Sheppard
	Christopher Wolfe	15	Lisa Montemarano	22	John Schulz	30	Patricia Madison
4	Joanne Festa	16	Barbara Gaito	23	Ella Chalmers		Victoria Speicher
	Roland Russell	17	Michelle Beale	24	Susanne Schultz		Richard Williams, Jr.
5	Emily Cole		Eleanor Cheslak-Wilkins	26	Stacy May	31	Nathan Casaburi
	Samantha Elton		John Greves	27	Rachel Ferzola		Constance Currie
8	Giulietta Imperato		Donald Russell		Gerhard Pagels		Joseph DePompeo
9	Jonas Stankovich	18	Robert Immoor		Patricia Shiebler		Caroline Sweezey
11	Meredith Espinoza		Shane Leuly		Joel Wolfe		Christina Schroeder
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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ **The Garden of the Unforgotten**

Charles Lux and Anna Lux Section 11 – Lot A

Charles Lux died at the age of 74 on February 7, 1962. He had lived on Willett Avenue in Sayville. Charles had been born in Czechoslovakia. He came to the United States in 1907 and had resided in Sayville since 1914. For many years, Charles worked for the Long Island Railroad, and, more recently, he had been a landscape gardener.

At the time of his death, Lux left his wife, the former Miss Anna Patsovsky, three daughters, Helen Zajicek of Islip, Viola Mussler of Sayville, and Camille Wilson of Massapequa, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The Rev. Mr. Joseph Bond, Rector Emeritus of St. Ann's, conducted the funeral service in Raynor's Chapel, Sayville. The interment followed at St. Ann's Cemetery.

Anna (Mrs. Charles) Lux, died at the age of 80 in late April of 1968. She had lived at 92 Willett Avenue, Sayville. Mrs. Lux passed away at the Sayville Nursing Home, after a long illness.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Anna Patsovsky came to this country at the age of 15 and settled in Astoria. In 1910 she moved to this area and later she and Mr. Lux were married.

In 1958 Mrs. Lux was honored by a testimonial dinner given by her many friends in the Sayville School District upon her retirement. She had served for 19 years on the cafeteria staff of the elementary school. She was also a member of the Rainbow Lodge of Bohemia.

Mrs. Lux was survived by three daughters, Helen Zajicek of Islip, Viola Mussler of Sayville, and Camille Wilson of Massapequa; by two sisters, Mrs. Louis Reylek, and Mrs. Josephine Hozwicka, both of Sayville; and by nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Rector Emeritus, the Rev. Mr. Joseph Bond, conducted funeral services in Raynor's Chapel, followed by burial in St. Ann's Garden of the Unforgotten, next to her husband Charles.

A death is not the extinguishing of a light, but the putting out of the lamp
because the dawn has come.

--Rabindranath Tagore



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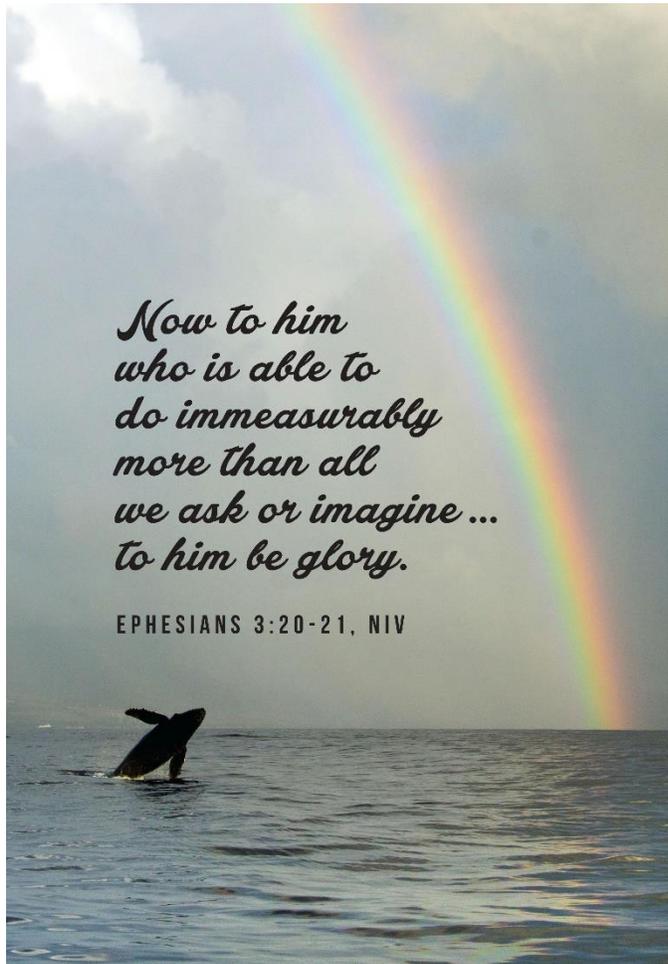
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who is able to
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we ask or imagine ...
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AROUND SAINT ANN'S Monthly Schedule

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—12:00 PM Food Pantry
6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—July 9
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

Wednesdays

9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open
7:00 PM—Youth Group

Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting
10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open
1:30 PM----Christian Yoga Class
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Saturday

5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open



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—Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate

