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WEEKEND SERVICES

During this period of COVID-19 restrictions, we are not able to hold any in-person services for the foreseeable future. Instead we are offering regular opportunities to worship on-line, including a specially recorded service for each Sunday and a daily Morning Prayer service. Details of all these services are on our website at www.saint-anns.org.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

- God & Guinness, May 7
- Mother's Day, May 10
- Ascension Day, May 21
- Memorial Day, May 25
- Pentecost, May 31



MISSION STATEMENT

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



Pentecost--The term means "the fiftieth day." It is used in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. In the Old Testament, it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover.

The term is used in the New Testament to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching.

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. The Day of Pentecost is *one of the seven principal feasts of the church year* in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15). The Day of Pentecost is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is "especially appropriate" for baptism (p. 312). The liturgical color for the feast is red. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsun or Whitsunday, a corruption of "White Sunday." This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost would wear their white baptismal garments to church on the Day of Pentecost. The BCP provides directions for observance of a Vigil of Pentecost, which begins with the Service of Light (p. 227). The Hymnal 1982 provides a variety of hymns for Pentecost (Hymns 223-230) and the Holy Spirit (Hymns 500-516).



They were all filled with the Holy Spirit ...

Acts 2:4, ESV

FROM THE EDITOR

“To greet the day with reverence for the opportunities it contains ... to hold ever before me, even in the doing of little things, the Ultimate Purpose toward which I am working; to meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart; to be gentle, kind and courteous through all the hours; to approach the night with ... the joy that comes from work well done, this is how I desire to spend wisely my days.” -Thomas Dreier (1884-1976)

I have noticed, even though there is an angst over our current circumstances, that, like spring, good things are popping up all over. Neighbors watching over neighbors and bringing each other food; New Yorkers at 7:00 every evening clapping for the hospital workers; rainbows in windows and on fences; stories of good deeds and triumph on the news—the NEWS!—which has always led with the grizzly and the awful. There is a lot of charity with stars on TV raising money to feed hungry people and help save underserved folks in the gig economy. Wealthy folks like real estate mogul Bill Pulte is giving away money on Twitter. Hundreds of sewing machines are running to make masks for hospital workers and grocery store clerks. There are many other uplifting stories and actions. To be sure, there are others who take an opposite tack, but a crisis always brings out extremes in people. Personally, I hope the rude and the bitter folks recede into the background and the givers and the helpers rise up into a national movement! For now, we'll just have to wait and stay flexible. Stay safe, and remember to wash those hands!

-Rodney Dudley

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A Word from the Interim Rector Father Hugh James



Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are into our second month of social distancing and the experience of worshipping on-line has developed so much since we first started. For me, one of the strange things is being able to watch myself preach and preside at the Eucharist. Somehow, it feels a little unreal and rather different from normal, as there is no congregation present.

I have just been watching my own sermon for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, on the Gospel story of the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). It's one of my favorite Bible stories, because it says so much about how we encounter Christ in our own lives.

It's a story that can resonate with our own experience in many ways, and for that reason it can become our story. We can take the idea of being on a journey as a metaphor for almost any experience of change in our lives. For those disciples, Jerusalem, which they are leaving, is the place where everything has fallen apart. All their hopes had been dashed with Jesus' death on the cross. They are leaving because they want to put it behind them, to return to their normal place of life, to start again or to return to normality as they once knew it. Emmaus, to which they are headed, is where they hope to rebuild their lives. If you've ever had your life turned upside down you will know that feeling of wanting to get back to normal and you may well find you can identify with Cleopas and his companion, who may or may not have been his wife (That's a subject for another letter, on another occasion!) For many at this time life has been turned upside down by the COVID-19 virus. In fact, it's hard to imagine how there could be anyone not affected by it. What can we learn by reflecting on the story of Cleopas and his companion?

I am struck by how, when Jesus joins them, they are so wrapped up in their own anxiety that they fail to recognize him. Even though they have heard the reports that he has risen from the dead, they have failed to take that possibility seriously. They are among those who cannot believe. Jesus opens the scriptures to them, explains their relevance and answers their questions about why the messiah had to suffer and die. He breaks open the scripture and makes its meaning clear. When they reflect on this later, they describe the experience as their hearts burning within them as he talked with us on the road. Reading the scriptures and hearing them explained are places where Jesus meets us, walks alongside us, talks with us and helps us find meaning behind the events we experience.

It's why, in our worship, we always read scripture and reflect on what we have read. It's why, some years ago, I wrote a prayer that I often use before preaching, "Take my words and speak through them; take our hearts and speak to them, that each of us may hear your word today." It's not that I arrogantly think I am a mouthpiece for God, but deep down I believe that through being obedient to my calling to preach, God will use my words to speak. Sometimes, as Episcopalians, we think of the sermon as something that we just have to sit through, because it's part of what we do. By contrast, if we come to it expectant that we will hear God's voice, despite the inadequacies of the preacher, we will find that we are far more likely to leave church having encountered the risen Christ on the road where we did not expect it.

With my love and prayers,

Hugh James

Vestry Visions

A New Way of Life

What a fascinating change has happened since the onset of the virus pandemic. The church building is CLOSED. No public gatherings--including-the Vestry meetings. No baptisms, weddings, or funeral services. It Sounds like something out of a science fiction story. The old adage, “where there’s a will there’s a way,” has worked. The Vestry and church services have continued, although in a totally different way. Who would’ve believed 10 years ago that you could sit at home in your recliner chair and participate in the Sunday morning service or a Monday night Vestry meeting!

The Vestry is facing all sorts of new challenges as we continue practicing our faith, apart-yet-together. Consider our finances. At a regular service, the plate is passed for your weekly giving. What happens when there’s no plate passed? We are glad to report that many have mailed in their offerings. If you haven’t, please consider doing so. We still need to keep the lights on!

If you, like so many of us, have had extra time at home to clean out some of the closets, don’t forget to box appropriate items for donation to the Thrift Shop when It opens again. Right now those boxes can be a point of pride of how much you have been able to clean up, including some ancient precious things. Remember that one man’s trash is another man’s treasure!

How long will this home isolation last? What can we do to help others without exposing ourselves? I wonder how many talented students, trapped at home could coach some old timers in computer methods to access the NEW CHURCH? As one of the “old timers“ myself, I have tried to get favors from Siri but we don’t seem to talk the same language. (I think she needs an exorcism!) The latest Vestry meeting found several of us coaching others to “click on the button at the top left of the screen “to get the sound to work, etc. Are there parishioners young or old willing to tutor other parishioners not as computer savvy --ON THE PHONE--so they can participate in the “new computerized church services”? Someone willing to coordinate and organize this? What other things can we do for safe yet effective outreach? I suspect many of us feel the need to help, but with the pandemic don’t know how to do it safely.

The Vestry has a Suggestion Box in the Parish Hall. But how can we do this now, electronically? Send your suggestions to the church office at Office@Saint-anns.org and they will be sorted out and addressed at the Vestry meetings.

Sincerely,

Don Hester for the Vestry

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	Wardens: 2021 Thomas Honey		2022 Nancy Koinoglou
	Vestry:	2021 Wendy Schmittzeh	Carol Ann St. Lawrence
		John Smith	Mona Tobin
		2022 Greg Domoff	Paddy Hennessey
		Jill Hughes	Nicole LaFontaine
		2023 Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani
		Patricia Osarchuk	Carole Sheppard

Daily Morning Prayer

On weekdays at 7:00 AM and Saturdays at 8:00 AM, Fr Brian is broadcasting a live version of Morning Prayer. You can follow him live (or later in the day!) on his Facebook page [Father Brian's Facebook page link](#) or on St Ann's Website.



I hope and pray that you will be able to join us on-line for some of our services and worship offerings over the next few days. I would be especially glad to hear your comments on how you have found the experience of worshipping on-line. This is new territory for all of us. We are bound to make mistakes, as well as get some things right. Any feedback will help us in the future.



The first Zoom version of God & Guinness was a great success! There were 11 people attending, and the subject was about how the pandemic is affecting us personally.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7 in your living room! You can get the link either on the email blast that Fr Hugh sends out or on Fr Brian's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/597794724146337/>

THURSDAY, MAY 7, AT 7:00 PM

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CELEBRATE



Is someone in your family graduating this year from high school or college?

***The Correspondent* would like to honor St. Ann's graduates in our June issue.**

Please send a short bio of the student—high school or college name, activities, honors, if they were involved at St. Ann's, future plans. Also include a picture if you have one you'd like us to use.

Send to: stanns_editor@yahoo.com

WE ARE NOT IN THE SAME BOAT ...

I heard that we are all in the same boat, but it's not like that. We are in the same storm, but not in the same boat. Your ship could be shipwrecked and mine might not be. Or vice versa.

For some, quarantine is optimal. A moment of reflection, of re-connection, easy in flip flops, with a cocktail or coffee. For others, this is a desperate financial and family crisis.

For some that live alone they're facing endless loneliness. While for others it is peace, rest, and time with their mother, father, sons and daughters.

Some want to go back to work because they don't qualify for unemployment and are running out of money. Others want to kill those who break the quarantine.

Some are home spending 2-3 hours/day helping their child with online schooling while others are spending 2-3 hours/day to educate their children on top of a 10-12-hour workday.

Some have experienced the near death of the virus; some have already lost someone from it; and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it. Others don't believe this is a big deal.

So, friends, we are not in the same boat. We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different.

Each of us will emerge, in our own way, from this storm. It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance. Not just looking, actually seeing.

We are all on different ships during this storm experiencing a very different journey.

(Condensed from a Facebook Posting)



THE Thrift Shop



As everyone now knows, the Thrift Shop is closed until further notice, much as every other business. In light of that, we have requested that anyone wanting to take advantage of their being homebound to do their spring cleaning, please wait until we are open again to donate to the thrift shop. There is no place to put all the donations, and since we are all staying home, there is no one to clear off the deck as it piles up. (Nanci Guerra, who happens to live close by, has been handling that. It's time to give her a break!)

It would appear Mother Nature has thrown a challenge our way. We are alone in this together with many of us (hopefully most of us) "sheltering in place" so as to "flatten the curve." (So many new expressions we have learned in such a short time!) There are also many of our volunteers who live alone and are totally self-reliant. To them we stress PLEASE do not hesitate to call if you need help, want to talk, or cannot get out to get supplies. You know our contact info, Nanci at (631) 487-0190, Elsie at (631) 355-4074. We will be calling and keeping in touch also. A call and a chat can brighten anyone's day, so don't be shy.

In the meantime, everyone please take care. Remember what we have always known from years of volunteering together, we are there for each other.

To all our customers, we will be open again, that is for sure. We miss you as I am sure you miss the Thrift Shop. Keep your spirits up, take a minute to go outside and feel the sun on your face, and know, this too shall pass. **—Elsie Flanagan**



LOCAL MISSIONS

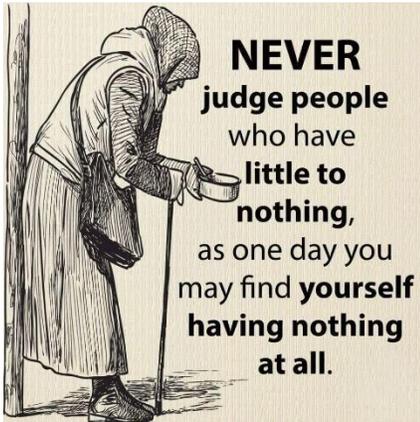
PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MINISTRY

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Greetings to my church family,

I am sure many of you would agree with my feelings, that this pandemic has been a rollercoaster! For me, it has changed—and added--many things, such as homeschooling my granddaughter, tons of extra cleaning, laundry if we venture out to the world (i wash EVERYTHING, since the virus can stay on our clothing for four hours), and more.



The thing in my life that has changed the most is the ministry to the homeless and poor. I can say with great confidence that without God's guidance and your prayers, this would not be possible. Obviously, the Ministry to NYC has been put on hold. I have been told that NYC has approved more spots for the homeless to get free food, and that hotel rooms have been rented for them, since the shelters are filled. I ask you all to pray that this is true.

So, I have been going out twice per week, donning mask, booties, gloves, and a garbage bag as a poncho, to spots around Suffolk County to hand out water, toilet paper (if I have it), and PB&J sandwiches. I have found homeless in a tent near the Shirley Burger King, LIE Exit 64 ramp, the beach, a park bench, behind the outlets, sitting at various bus stops in Riverhead, and more. They do not have transportation to go to shelters, Social Services are closed, and I doubt they are getting any kind of stimulus checks. Mental health amongst these folks, already pretty bad, is getting worse. What's so truly amazing about these souls, is that they are concerned for MY well-being, making sure I don't get too close to them, and praying with me as I stay in my car, or stand a minimum of 10 feet away. I've been sung to, smiled at, and cheered with waves and claps. In fact, I was the one ministered to, feeling better about my own circumstance.

Please consider these people, some of them sick, when you feel frustrated with this quarantine. I know, after seeing these folks, God Is truly with us in this. I know, because He sent the poor to comfort me.

With love,

The Very Festive Mary

**Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights
Of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously,
Defend the rights of the poor and needy.**

Proverbs 31:8-9

My Path to the Priesthood – Part 2

Chris McNamee

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Last month, I introduced myself to you and explained that I am at the beginning stage of discernment for the Episcopal priesthood. At the suggestion of Fr. Hugh, I am chronicling my journey here for those of you who find yourselves with an extra ten minutes a month that you might want to use up by reading about my progression through the process.



As you might imagine, due to COVID-19, there is nothing resembling business as usual going on at the diocesan headquarters. Like everything else, the work of the Discernment Committee and candidates has been delayed indefinitely, likely to resume in early summer, God and Gov. Cuomo willing.

So, in the absence of fodder for a second installment of this occasional series, I would like to talk a little bit about my experience baptizing my three young nephews last August.

Like many of you, I grew up Roman Catholic, the second oldest in a family of eight children. As in any good Irish family, we dressed up for 7:30 mass every Sunday morning, doilies on our heads, and sat in the front row at church for all the world to see. We were too afraid to misbehave, and too hungry (no eating before receiving communion!) to worry about anything other than getting home to bagels or Cap'n Crunch.

Despite outward appearances to the contrary, all was not well on the home front; by the time I was a young teen, my family had turned away from the church after the church turned its back on my mother for leaving her abusive husband. Although we had all been baptized and received First Holy Communion, my youngest siblings did not attend catechism classes and were not confirmed.

While I continued to attend mass regularly for most of my life (save a few years in my 20s, but that's another story) eventually ending up at the Episcopal church (again, another story), most of my siblings did not. Not all of my nieces and nephews have been baptized, fewer still have received Holy Communion, and well, you can see where I'm going regarding Confirmation.

Fast forward 40 years to this past summer. My youngest brother and his wife, (our cousin by marriage. Talk about another story...) are the proud parents of three beautiful sons. After deciding they wanted to raise the boys in a church, and joining one that made them feel comfortable and welcome, they realized that it was time to have the boys baptized.

Since they live down South, but both sides of the family live up here, they determined that having the ceremony on Long Island would be the most convenient thing for the extended family, despite being the most inconvenient thing for their own little party of five. Eighteen hours in a minivan with a five-year-old, a three-year-old and an infant. Who wouldn't want to make that drive?

Their non-denominational church in Florida was willing to accept any Christian baptism as valid, but finding a church up here that would baptize the boys without the parents being members of the church, currently or formerly, would prove to be an issue. After a brief discussion, it was decided that I would become an ordained minister and perform the ceremony. (continued)

Online ordination consists of nothing more than paying a fee to a legally recognized religious institution, which then sends you a Certificate of Ordination suitable for framing and, for an additional fee, some blank wedding and/or baptismal certificates, and a Clergy placard for your car. At least I had to swear to uphold Christian teachings in order to receive my ordination; not all churches even require that. The laws pertaining to the separation of church and state forbid government interference in matters of religion, so, basically, establishing a church or calling one's self a minister is a matter of paperwork, not doctrine, and especially, not training.

Which brings me back to Matthew 28. The online ordination gave me certificates that I could fill out for each of the boys, attesting to the fact that they were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. My 2005 college graduation gave me a black robe to wear. The ceremony I performed came straight out of the Book of Common Prayer. But the authority by which I baptized my nephews had nothing to do with any of these things. Rather, it came straight from Jesus himself, in what became known as the Great Commission, as told by Matthew.

You and I, and all Christians, have been commanded by Jesus to make disciples of all nations. In simpler terms, He asks that we spread the message of God to others through our words and deeds, including baptizing them. Baptism has traditionally been thought of as the ritual washing away of original sin, and is generally performed by clergy trained in a specific denomination. However, in generations past, it was not uncommon for soldiers to be baptized by their comrades on the battle field after sustaining fatal injuries, or mothers to baptize stillborn babies or miscarried pregnancies lost at home, so that they would not die with original sin still on their soul.

Yet the baptism of children can also be seen as having nothing at all to do with sin. After all, what sin can be attributed to an infant or toddler? Rather, it can be regarded as a welcoming ceremony wherein a child is symbolically marked as pure and holy, a child of God, whose parents and godparents are promising to raise with Christian values until such time as that child has matured sufficiently to make his or her own commitment to God through confirmation.



The sermon I preached that day cautioned parents and others not to discourage the boys from questioning religion, but to welcome their questions, to answer them honestly and to help the boys come to their own deeper understanding of God. I asked that they not forget that the Bible has been used to justify evil as well as to be a guide for good, and to stress the moral of each story over the literal interpretation of the words. Jesus lived his life as an example of selflessness and love for others. This is the meaning of Christianity; this is what we are baptized into; this is what I wish for my nephews. ■



I Opened a Book

*I opened a book, and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak. I've slipped on the ring.
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king,
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter,
And followed their road with its bumps and
bends
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same.
But I have a book inside me.*

-Julia Donaldson

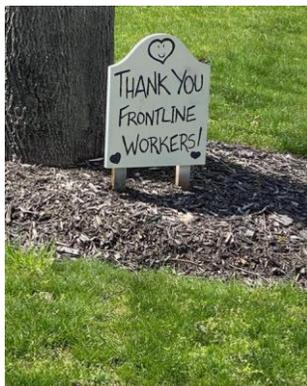
BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

With the weather still chilly and people staying inside, it has been the perfect time for catching up on your reading. Unfortunately, the Book Table in the Parish Hall is sitting alone and lonely while the church is closed, but we are hoping for an eventual big infusion of books from all the ones people have collected at home to read during the quarantine!



UPLIFTING SIGNS OF LIFE IN THE PANDEMIC

Susan Verneer has taken up walking during the pandemic. Furloughed from her job, she felt closed up in her apartment and needed to get out and do something, and so she started walking. It's safe, easy, and good for you! She is now up to 6 miles! (Maybe 7 or 8 by the time this is published). Along the way, she has been noticing uplifting signs placed by people along her route. At the sign of the "Kindness Garden" (middle photo), where people are urged to take one of the painted rocks, she chose a butterfly. That will be a memory of the quarantine that brings a smile instead of a sigh.



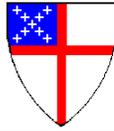
Thank You Frontline Workers!



Kindness Garden—Take One



Stay Well—Happy Easter!



NOTES



The New York State Department of Health hotline for those concerned about possible exposure or COVID-19 infection is **888-364-3065**.

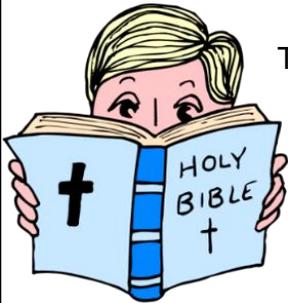


DON'T FORGET YOUR PLEDGE

The church appreciates that people are sending their pledge checks in by mail. We are very grateful, as it greatly helps our cash flow.

The church is currently considering ways to enable on-line giving. More news soon.

BIBLE READINGS



To look up any Bible passage I use the Oremus Bible Browser, <https://bible.oremus.org/> At that site you can enter the reference, choose your preferred version and it is easy to use.

To find readings for a particular Sunday, you can use <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> Here you will find links to any Sunday readings (We are currently in Year A), and a wide range of Art and Prayer resources linked to each Sunday's readings. -Fr. Hugh



St. Ann's On-Line Sunday Coffee Hour

Every week on Sunday at 11:00 AM

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 894 071 280

Bring your own coffee & tea!



Happy Mother's Day
to all the St. Ann's Moms
SUNDAY, MAY 10th



"Things turn out the best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."

-John Wooden



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	Isar & Joanna Castaneda	14	Daniel & Anna Guido	19	Christopher & Cara Kudlek
4	John & Donna Stankovich		Mark & Wendy Schmittzeh	27	George & Nancy Koinoglou
8	John & Christine Brunner	16	Ron & Laura Sanchez		Jonathan & Cameron Weybrecht
	Darrell & Diane Lichtenberger		James & Carrie Whitehouse	28	Jason & Emily Cole
		18	Chris & Julie Gerards		



1	Alexa Dowling	10	Christine Brunner	16	Lisa Castelli	24	Donald May
	Dina Madigan		Mary Fisher	18	Virginia Schaum-Sorenson		Paul Weeks
2	Ian Chung		Janet Kennedy	19	Lucia Ferzola	25	Garrett Meinsen
	Jayna Catalina		Jesse Munno		Dorothy Grodewald		Melissa Speicher
3	Amy Minerva		Anthony Palmieri	20	Ciel Guardado	26	Maureen D. Echeverria
4	Sheila Jones	11	Mary Hofbauer		Jeannette Hayes	27	Zachary Beach
6	Ethan Madigan		Garrett Klein	21	David Gandolfo		Barbara Leuly
	Marie Madigan	13	Kevin Catalina		Andrea Hanlin	28	Craig LoNigro
	Randy Schultz		Emily Lowe		Michael Russell		Kenneth Schmidt
7	Raymond Graunke	14	Skylar Johnson	23	Jesse Lasko	29	Jacob Minerva
	Austin Schutte		Thomas Munkelwitz		Brian Rockwood, Jr.	30	Sandra Immoor
8	Linda Maddox		Anthony Sanseviro	24	Josephine Leuly	31	Shirley Brown
9	Wendy Schutte		Kaitlyn Walsh				

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.

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

Mrs. Elena St. John
Erastus Root St. John
Section 10 – Lot 88 ½

Private services were held on a Monday in late July of 1961 for **Mrs. Elena St. John**, aged 73, wife of Erastus Root St. John of 272 Foster Avenue, Sayville. Mrs. St. John died on July 15th at the South Shore Convalescent Home, Patchogue, after a long illness. The St. Johns had lived in Sayville for many years. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery.



Private services were conducted for **Erastus Root St. John**, who died December 26th, 1961, in the terminal building at MacArthur Airport where he was employed as an executive with Central Aviation. The Rev. Mr. Bond, Rector Emeritus of St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Sayville, officiated at the services at St. Ann's Cemetery.

Mr. St. John, 82 years old, was a resident of the Delevan on Foster Avenue. He was survived by two brothers, John T. of Rochester and Harry W. of San Mateo, California, and a sister, Miss Maria St. John of Rochester. He was laid to rest next to his wife Elena.

CEMETERY AND LABYRINTH ARE OPEN

The cemetery at St Ann's has been kept open. Many people are visiting the Labyrinth and the Stations of the Cross and using those sites for personal prayer and meditation, as well as visiting their family graves. Burials are still taking place, but we have not been permitting services, as part our efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. I have suggested to those families and funeral directors that the clergy are ready to talk and pray with bereaved people by phone or over the internet using a program such as Zoom. In some cases, we have agreed to hold a memorial service when this crisis is over, and when anyone will be free to attend. I have also directed some people to prayers that are available for their own use. In particular, there is a form of service available for those unable to attend a funeral, which the Church of England has on its website <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/death-and-dying/funeral#mm116>. This is part of a much larger range of prayers and worship resources for use at and around the time of death. It includes devotions for use at home before a funeral and returning home from a funeral, as well as for those unable to attend a funeral. They were written some years ago for general use, when it was realized that there was a need for a wider range of devotional material, than just a simple funeral service, but I think they are particularly relevant during this time of social isolation. – Fr Hugh James



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The Violet

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

Mondays

10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry - Closed
6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—May 11 (Zoom)
6:00 PM—Mission & Outreach - Canceled
8:00 PM—AA Meeting - Canceled

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope - Canceled
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop – Closed

Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting - Canceled
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop - Closed
1:00 PM---Christian Yoga - Canceled
8:00 PM—AA Meeting - Canceled

Fridays

12:00-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Closed

Saturday

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



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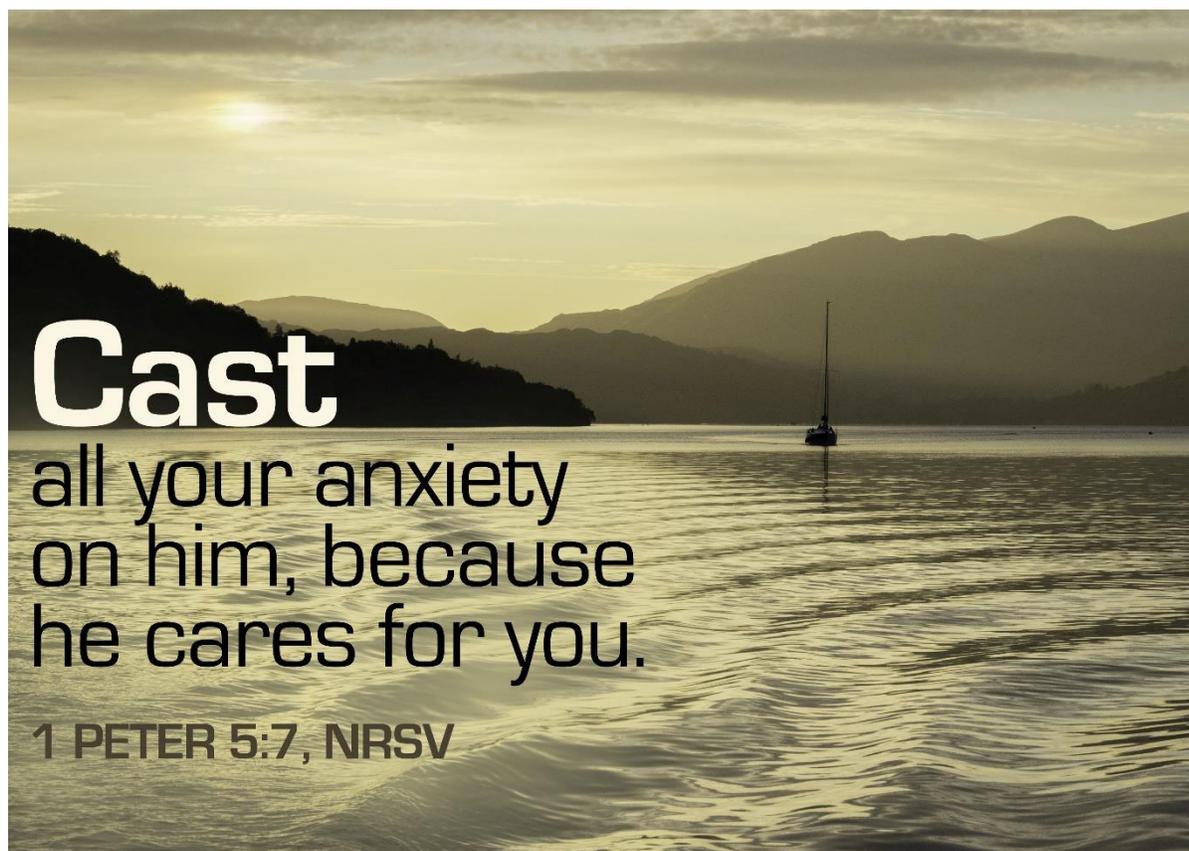
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