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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

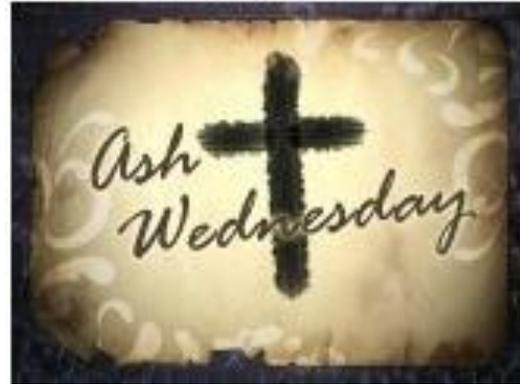
SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb –African-American History Month
 Feb 14 – Transfiguration Sunday
 Feb 14 – St. Valentine's Day
 Feb 16 – Shrove Tuesday
 Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday



MISSION STATEMENT

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



FEBRUARY 17

Ash Wednesday Services will be virtual and times are:

8:00 AM – 12:00 noon – 8:00 PM

By comparing love to everything from oxygen and fire to wind and war, songs and poetry emphasize its immense power — for good or for ill. Christian author Patrick Morley uses



metaphors that focus on love's practicality in everyday life: "Love is the glue that holds us together and the oil that keeps us from rubbing each other the wrong way." He also calls love "the WD-40 of relationships" because it "can seep into tight places where logic, threats and even promises just can't seem to penetrate."

St. Augustine, who predated WD-40 by centuries, knew that love not only eases friction in personal interactions but, with God's help, can change hearts and lives. "Love all [people], even your enemies," he advises. "Love them, not because they are your brothers, but that they may become your brothers. Thus, you will ever burn with fraternal love, both for him who is already your brother and for your enemy, that he may by loving become your brother."



I am not a fan of winter. I do not ski, snowboard, or build snowmen. My first response to snow is to hunker down in my bedroom with blankets, pillows, TV or a book, and a cup of hot tea. I don't like being cold. Truthfully, I don't even have an air-conditioner for the summer. I'm so happy then not to be cold! Unfortunately, New York is cold in the winter. Why don't I move to Florida where it's warm? I grew up in Florida—school, college, and my first job. But I like NY better. I am an inner New Yorker. Part of it is the seasons. How can you enjoy the warmth of summer if you haven't been through the cold of winter? And after experiencing some of the hotter-than-usual summers we've had the past few years, I really appreciate the fall when things cool down.

The penitential season of Lent is close on the horizon. In a way, it's like winter. It's necessary to go inward and take stock of ourselves, to spend some time concentrating on our spirituality. We have Mardi Gras (or Shrove Tuesday Pancake suppers) right before Lent because we feel the need to get together and celebrate before we settle down for a serious time. Unfortunately, it has felt like Lent for the past year as we continue to fast from visiting friends and family and public entertainment, from hugs and crowds and singing in public. As we search for an appointment to get the vaccine! But we know all things come to an end eventually. Winter becomes spring; the virus will be wrestled into a manageable disease; and Lent will become Easter.

I hope we can all be engaged together in the Lenten activities, even though it may be on a computer instead of in person. And then Easter will come. We can see that light at the end of the tunnel! So, I wish you a blessed Lent, and I look forward to a time when we can celebrate together the coming of warmth, health, and the joy of Easter! **–Rodney Dudley**

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A Word from the Rector Father Jeffrey Stevenson



Preparing for Spring; Living in Winter

Dear Members of St Ann's,

As I sit on my porch, I am looking out at a whole bunch of snow. I am remembering being here at the church for my interview: the church was surrounded in grand foliage, bright flowers, and luscious grass. But today, after an enormous blizzard, all of that seems to be gone. I see the black of the asphalt just peeking through the plowed parking lot. The flowers are gone, and the grass is covered. The green of the grounds is there, but spare and muted. I find myself longing for the beauty of spring, tired of the cold, frustrated with the struggle that comes with winter. And yet, there is beauty in the snow-covered grounds and a peace in the quiet that comes with a heavy snow.

As we keep finding ways to worship in the face of this pandemic, we are called to keep finding ways to be together, even as we are separated by distance and walls. We are called to find ways of reconciling in the midst of deep divisive politics. We are called to recognize our racial struggles and raise loud voices in protest. With all that I think, it's easy to forget to look around at the glorious here and now that the LORD has provided. This time of trial might keep us either so focused on the negative that we get stuck in the present day or so overwhelmed that we can't help but to look to what might be. In the depths of winter, I often find myself immobilized by the dreary cold nights or daydreaming about the spring to come. But, maybe...just maybe, we can stop to recognize the quiet of the heavy snow fall and still dream of the flowers that will come in Spring.

In the months to come, I hope that we will spend much time dreaming big of the St. Ann's of tomorrow. I think it is important that we do that dreaming in the context of our history and our present. We may be struggling with church that feels as though we are wandering alone in the desert, but we can also recognize the great strides that we have made because of this struggle.

The strides we have made over the past few months will be leading us into the future, stronger than we are today. Not trying to be the church that we were sixty years ago, but figuring out how that church became the current St. Ann's and will transform into the church of tomorrow.

The snowstorm made me wonder why winter is necessary. This is some of what I found: many plants need shorter days and low temperatures to become dormant. This way plants can store up energy for new growth. If a fruit tree doesn't have enough chilling time, it will produce fewer, weaker buds. Winter is good for people as well. Studies show that people can think more clearly in cold temperatures. People sleep better in the winter as well, because as people go to sleep, their body temperature lowers. It seems to me this is the perfect season to pause and figure out how we got here as a church and to dream about where we go next. Maybe not completely "dormant" but more "at rest" as we store up energy to become the St. Ann's for our children and grandchildren.

Blessings, *Fr. Jeff+*

Vestry Visions

We have all had so many challenges in our personal lives as a result of the ongoing pandemic. Many of us are struggling with balancing social activities we once freely enjoyed with the social distancing requirements we must follow to in order to control the spread of COVID-19.

Personally, one of the activities I miss most is the social interaction with the beloved members of St. Ann's. As a parish, we are working to keep contact with our parishioners and seek to find meaningful methods of communicating with all of you. It is my hope that many of you are able to connect by viewing Father Jeff's nightly Compline video. It gives us a nightly opportunity to be "in community" with our church friends and realize that in spite of the current circumstances, we will continue to move forward as a church the best we can.

Another means of spending time together is to join Father Jeff with his regularly-scheduled church services that are available to be viewed on a variety of platforms. For those that are not Facebook inclined, the services are also available on You-Tube. Links to services are available on the St. Ann's website at <https://www.saint-anns.org/>. I commend Father Jeff for his hard work to bring the church to us at home in a safe environment. We often have an online greeter (thanks Taylor!) to reach out to those who choose to comment on the ongoing service which is a great personal touch.

Going forward, we as a Vestry with guidance and support from Father Jeff are seeking additional means to reach out to our parishioners in a safe and meaningful way.

I encourage all that read this to reach out to Father Jeff (frjeff@saint-anns.org) and/or myself (jsmith@seaboardadj.com) for any suggestions you may have to expand our programs creatively to maintain meaningful and safe contact with all of you.

Stay safe and be well.

Prayerfully Yours,

John K. Smith for the Vestry

NEW VESTRY ROSTER

	Wardens:	2022 Nancy Koinoglou	2023 Thomas Honey
	Vestry:	2022 Greg Domoff	Paddy Hennessey
		Jill Hughes	Nicole LaFontaine
		2023 Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani
		Patricia Osarchuk	Carole Sheppard
		2024 Wendy Schmittzeh	Carol Ann St. Lawrence
		John Smith	Rich Acierno

CONGRATULATIONS TO VESTRY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2024!

Wendy Schmittzeh, Carol Ann St. Lawrence, John Smith, and Rich Acierno



Join us at

6:00 PM on Wednesdays in Lent

For many years, St. Ann's has hosted a Wednesday evening soup supper program as a prelude to Clergy-led teachings appropriate for this penitential season. This year, our fellowship gatherings will shift from the Parish Hall to your dining room table as the electronic miracle of Zoom will make it convenient for all parishioners to engage in soup, libation, and shared fellowship prior to Father Jeff's Zoom Lenten teachings. **There will be four Soup Supper nights this year, on March 3, 10, 17 and 24,** so mark your Google and Church calendars for fun evenings and Lenten introspection.

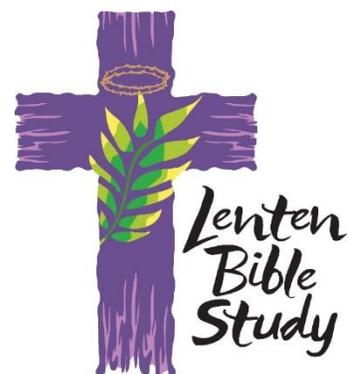


So that we may prepare at home for a soup supper evening in front of the laptop, a suggested soup "theme" (Soup du Jour) will be emailed several days in advance with a link to the Zoom format. For example, one week, we would suggest a clam chowder theme, another week split pea, or chicken, and so on, the idea being that many folks would enjoy preparing the same variety of soup for the Zoom meal. No obligation, of course!

Each of the four weeks, one of our beloved Soup Makers will volunteer as the Master Chef du Jour and, while we are enjoying our home-made version of his specialty, he/she will do a Zoom demonstration of their Master Recipe. As you may realize, soup making is an art that often takes several hours of preparation, simmering, seasoning and tasting before it receives the Master Chef's blessing and approval. Therefore, as Sous-chefs, we may be entertained and enlightened by the presentations as we learn nuances that enhance our enjoyment of our favorite soups.

March Wednesday Soup suppers begin on Zoom at 6:00 PM at your dining room table on your laptop or phone. May we enjoy fellowship and renew friendships with folks we may not have seen in a while because of the pandemic.

For the program this year, Father Jeff will speak on the Rite of Reconciliation of the Penitent, better known as Confession. The Rite of the Reconciliation of the Penitent is a sacramental rite, which is to say that it is an extension of the Christian baptism. Over the 4 weeks we will explore different aspects of preparation by exploring scriptural context of Sacrament, theology of repentance, sin, Grace and forgiveness. The program will start at approximately 6:30 PM, following the soup segment on the same Zoom link. As always, our popular Wednesday evening programs are a major Parish "happening," and with Zoom, virtually all of us can have the opportunity to participate in the fun!



See you on the laptop March 3!

--Randy Schultz, Soup Supper Coordinator



Looking for something different to do during Lent? Sign up for Lent Madness at LentMadness.org Here's a fun and entertaining way to study about some of the many saints in the Episcopal pantheon. It works the same way March Madness does for basketball. You have a chart of 32 saints, paired in contests, one against the other. Starting Feb. 18 (Mon-Fri) you get two saints' biographies in your email inbox. You vote on which one you think is the saintliest, and the winner squares off with the winner of another pairing to

create The Saintry Sixteen. The winners of those 8 contests become The Elate Eight, followed by the Faithful Four. More evidence is presented about the two winners of the Faithful Four to help you decide who to vote for as the ultimate winner –on March 31st-- of THE GOLDEN HALO! Past winners of the Golden Halo have been as varied as Francis of Assissi, Charles Wesley, Frances Perkins (Sec of Labor under FDR), and last year's winner Harriet Tubman. They have the honor of having their picture on a mug, which you can purchase, if you are so inclined. You can print out a copy of the Lenten Bracket Poster (seen above) or order a large sized poster for your wall!



Lent Madness, sponsored by The Forward Movement, has been going on for more than 10 years. Will there be enough saints left to vote on? Below is a list of this year's match-ups (if your eyes aren't quite sharp enough to read the tiny writing on the scorecard above)! The bios of the saints are written by talented clergy (you can read about them on the website) with interesting facts and a good sense of humor. Who will win? YOU be the judge!

- Camillus de Lellis -vs- Matthias**
- Hermione -vs- Melangell**
- Evagrius the Solitary -vs- Euphrosyne**
- Nino of Georgia -vs- Benedict the Moor**
- Jacapone de Todi -vs- Ives of Kermartin**
- Dunstan -vs- Maryam of Qidun**
- Arnulf of Metz -vs- Vincent of Saragossa**
- Tarcisius -vs- Egeria**

- Albert the Great -vs- Leo the Great**
- Theodora of Alexandria -vs- Theodora the Empress**
- Isadora the Simple -vs- Simeon the Holy Fool**
- Catherine of Bologna -vs- Catherine of Genoa**
- Henriette Delille -vs- Absalom Jones**
- Bartolomé de las Casas -vs- Marianne Cope**
- Joan of Arc -vs- Catherine Booth**
- Miguel Pro -vs- Constantine**



VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE



By Laura Stewart Sanchez

HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY TO JUDY & DON HESTER!

January 21, 2021

It's hard to celebrate during a pandemic, but Judy & Don's kids managed to prepare something wonderful for them. Robert lives in Sayville, but Joseph and Annie had to visit via Zoom. And they also brought Zoom greetings from many of the exchange students who the Hesters worked with via the Rotary Club's Exchange Program. It was a memorable and far-flung celebration, bringing back many memories. Don says, "In these Covid days when keeping track of what day it is can be problematic, seeing the high school aged "kids" thirty and forty

years later, was a real time warp! Seeing some wrinkles, gray hairs, and balding heads put a smile on our faces. How lucky we truly are!

CHOIR (PUN) HUMOR

APPROXIMENTO: A musical entrance that is somewhere in the vicinity of the correct pitch.

A PATELLA: Music accompanied by knee-slapping.

DILL PICCOLINI: An exceedingly small wind instrument that plays only sour notes.

FIDDLER CRABS: Grumpy string players.

FRUGALHORN: A sensible and inexpensive brass instrument.

GAUL BLATTER: A French horn player.

GREGORIAN CHAMP: The title bestowed upon the monk who can hold a note the longest.

PLACEBO DOMINGO: A faux tenor.

TEMPO TANTRUM: What an elementary school orchestra is having when it is not following the conductor.





IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 631-589-6522.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3	James & Jeannette Hayes	16	David & Angelica Russell	17	Robert & Carole Sheppard
5	Thomas & Linda Munkelwitz	17	John Cerillo & Kimberly Schaum-Rodriguez	18	Robert & Sandra Immoor
11	Randy & Susanne Schultz		Kevin & Brooke Mattimore		

BIRTHDAYS

1	Madison DaSilva	9	Honey Weiner	13	Mark Leuly	21	Thomas Rascona
2	Michael Dowling	10	Kara Felton		Jane Vander Borgh		Theresa Smith
	Ryan Schaum-Rodriguez		Kyle Wolfe	14	Nancy Koinoglou		Chelsea Whitehouse
3	Karen Tampellini	11	Sadie Hynes	15	Lara Espinoza	23	Jenna Jacques
4	Angelica Russell	12	Joseph Chase		Paul Stoehrer	26	Valerie Field
5	William Streek		Donald MacKenzie	16	Hugh James	27	Ryan Mattimore
6	Heather Johnson	13	Alexandra Barone	17	James Hayes		
7	Natalie Bosse		Dorothy Lamens	17	Patricia MacDonell		
	Susan Conklin		Garrett Leuly	20	Debora Schneider		

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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God of love, as we share valentines this month, remind us also to share practical expressions of your love for all: food, shelter, clean water, acceptance of differences, a helping hand.

Our Church History



❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

William H. Jost
SECTION 72 – LOT 3

By Connie Currie

William H. Jost of Patchogue, father of Howard T. Jost of Bayport, died on a Tuesday in January of 1945 in Meadowbrook Hospital, East Hempstead, where he was taken after becoming ill on the train on his way to work in the Grumman Aircraft Plant in Bethpage.

Mr. Jost was born in Germany but had lived in Patchogue for the past 24 years. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha Jost of Patchogue, two sons—Wesley of Yardley, Pennsylvania and Howard of Bayport; a brother Timothy of Great River; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 8:30 PM on Friday evening in the R. M. Sharp Funeral Chapel, Patchogue, and were conducted by the Rev. Carl G. Garnaut of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Interment was at St. Ann's Cemetery.

The Gift of Desperation

In a 2012 interview with NPR, author Anne Lamott shared: "I've heard people say that God is the gift of desperation, and there's a lot to be said for having really reached a bottom where you've run out of anymore good ideas, or plans for everybody else's behavior; or how to save and fix and rescue; or just get out of a huge mess, possibly of your own creation. And when you're done, you may take a long, quavering breath and say, 'Help.'"

Amid the pandemic and life's other, more typical trials of life, have you found a silver lining — a gift that has arisen out of your desperation? Sometimes we're more open to God during times of struggle than when all flows smoothly. As long as we think our ideas and plans for ourselves and our loved ones are pretty good, we don't feel we need a Savior. But when life is so challenging that we call to God for help, "the gift of [that] desperation" is finding that God's loving arms have embraced and strengthened us all along.



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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 -- Online
- 9:00 AM---Sunday School – Temporarily suspended
- 10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist -- Online
- 7:30 PM—AA Meeting**

Mondays

- 10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry
- 6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—March 14
- 6:00 PM—Mission & Outreach - Temporarily suspended
- 8:00 PM—AA Meeting**

Tuesdays

- 8:00 AM—Men’s Group - Temporarily suspended
- 6:00 PM—Children’s Choir - Temporarily suspended
- 7:00 PM—Adult Choir - Temporarily suspended

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

- 10:00 AM—AA Meeting
- 10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop - Temporarily closed
- 8:00 PM—AA Meeting**

Fridays

- 12:00-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop - Temporarily closed

Saturday

- 10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop - Temporarily closed
- 5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist -- Online



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