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WEEKEND SERVICES

((In Person and Online))

- Saturday 5:00 PM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II
- Sunday 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II
- Sunday 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II
(Online Only)
- Nightly 8:00 PM—Compline

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Barnabas Day—June 13
- Father's Day—June 20



MISSION STATEMENT

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

BISHOP PROVENZANO VISITS ST. ANN'S PRESENTS MEDALS

We had a very festive Pentecost on May 23, with the Bishop's visit and a host of parishioners outside on the Great Lawn. Many of the parishioners wore red in honor of Pentecost.

During the service, the Bishop also presented the Bishop's Medal to both Marge Rogers and Carol Ann St. Lawrence. This is quite an honor and is traditionally given to people who have given many years of distinguished service to their parishes and to the Diocese of LI., which perfectly describes Carol Ann and Marge.

So, congratulations to our honorable medal recipients! And thank you for all your care, love, and service over the years!



This was our first outdoor service since Easter, and there was plenty of room for anyone who was hoping to see the Bishop. Fortunately, it was warm, sunny and a festive day for us all!



I was reading recently that Finland is now the “happiest country on earth.” That title seems to move back and forth around Scandinavia; those countries seem to have some knowledge that the rest of the world’s countries don’t have. The gist of the article is that Finns do not value being rich or owning a lot of things. They value having just enough and teach their children that greed and hoarding is not a good thing. There is no ego involved in one’s economic system, such as having the biggest house or the fanciest car. They feel they should look out for their neighbors as much as themselves. They want everyone to have enough. No judgments here, but I can’t imagine the Finns with 6 dozen rolls of toilet paper or a dozen plastic bags full of gas in the trunk of their car. It’s not that they don’t worry, but they worry for everyone. (If I take too much, the others won’t have any...) This way of living sounds suspiciously like what Jesus taught. That we should love our neighbors as ourselves.

We are not all on our own. Many people seem to think, “I did it all myself!” But if you look around at various families, you may see that we learn from the culture around us. If we have a healthy, happy culture we are given help along the way...friends, connections, knowledge, financing. But not all are lucky enough to grow up in a nurturing culture. If we want to climb the “happiest country ladder,” we need to start early and have a long reach. The pandemic has shown us many areas of weakness in our society. Now that we know, we should do better. There are many areas where we at St. Ann’s can be of help or learn to be of help to others.

–Rodney Dudley

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A Word from the Rector Father Jeffrey Stevenson



A New Curate for St. Ann's

Dear Members of St Ann's,

It is with joy in my heart and much excitement I can finally announce that our new curate is on her way! The Reverend Liselotte "Lilo" Carr Rivera is native of the Boston area who has lived in New York City most of her adult life. Raised in the UCC-Congregational church, soon to be Mother Lilo attended an Anglo-Catholic parish in Brooklyn for over 20 years.

The Rev. Carr-Rivera holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Massachusetts College of Art (MassArt) in Boston, MA, and worked in corporate America for nearly ten years as a graphic designer. In 2006, Mother Lilo earned her Master's degree in social work (MSW) with a concentration in groupwork from the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College.

She has worked on the psychiatric inpatient units at Bellevue Hospital and as a family and individual therapist for the Jewish Board for Family and Children. She served as the palliative care chaplain for three years at NYU Langone Brooklyn. A graduate of the General Theological Seminary with her Master of Divinity, Mother Lilo considered herself "spiritual but not religious" for most of her 20's and 30's. Working as a chaplain helped Lilo appreciate the powerful benefits of entering deeply into the presence of Christ by embracing the richness of the Christian tradition in which she had been raised.

In her ministry, Lilo aims to create spaces for every person to seek Christ, individually and in our lives together. My passion is to empower people toward personal intimacy with Jesus Christ, as they live into their call as agents of God's love and justice in the world.

The Rev. Lilo will be living in the Bayport house with her husband of 19 years, Francis Rivera, a project manager with an information security firm, and her 12-year-old son, Gabriel. They serve on the staff of two Siberian cats, Kira and Lev. She enjoys icon writing, knitting, art-making, singing and Irish fiddle music. She is very excited to be joining St. Ann's as we create a vibrant ministry together!

Blessings,

Fr. Jeff+

PS: The Riveras plan to join us for St. Barnabas day on 13 June for a bit of fun and music, and would love to meet all of you... we hope to see you all there.

Vestry Visions

Fire Island Summer Ministry

Summer is finally upon us at St. Ann's, and with summer comes a usual decline to in-person worship at our little parish. It is perfectly understandable that with our modern, busy lives, vacations, warm weather activities, etc., we see a decline in our numbers on Sunday mornings. There is, however, a wonderful way to combine your weekly worship with a fun and relaxing beach adventure and that is by attending one of the Fire Island Ministries' Sunday Services.

Fire Island Ministries began many years ago when Rev. Charles Whipple used to hold services at his home in Cherry Grove. Robert Wilshire, the rector at the time, thought that this should be an official outreach and with the assistance of Don and Judy Hester, residents of both Sayville and Cherry Grove, the ministry was born at the Cherry Grove Community House. After a while, Fire Island Pines wanted a service as well, so Dick Van Brunt from the Pines offered transportation to the rector to have alternate services in his community and the alternating Sunday schedule has continued ever since. A long-time Pines resident Laura Eastman was a regular attendee and when she died, she left a significant bequest to continue to support the FI Ministry.

This summer, Sunday services begin Memorial Day weekend and run through Labor Day Sunday on the barrier island just to our south. Starting in Cherry Grove on May 30, 2021, and alternating every Sunday with a service in Fire Island Pines, (beginning June 6, 2021). All are welcome to attend a Sunday Episcopal Service unlike any other. Mass is presided over by supply priests from across Long Island and also from Episcopal dioceses throughout the country, so you never know who you will meet, and what new and interesting perspective he or she might have on the readings of the week.

Ferries depart from Sayville Ferry Terminal on Sunday mornings at 9:25 AM from either the Cherry Grove or Pines terminals depending on where services are that week. (A worship schedule will be posted on the church website.) I can think of no better way to prepare for worship than by being out in nature, and the ferry ride is a wonderful and relaxing way to spend 20 minutes, sailing across the bay, with the wind and sun on your face.

If you are attending mass in Cherry Grove, once you arrive at the dock and are greeted with the iconic American and Pride flags the community is known for, you will take your first right and the Cherry Grove Community Center is on your right side. You will arrive with plenty of time to grab a hymnal and prepare for worship. If you are interested in attending a service in Fire Island Pines, once you arrive in the Pines Harbor, the Whyte Hall Community Center is a short walk from the dock on Fire Island Blvd. Turn right from the harbor and follow the dirt road to Coastguard Walk.) Whyte Hall is the large, modern building on Coastguard Walk so close to the ocean that you can see and hear the waves from the building. Mass is usually inside in the Solstice Room.

Both services are very beach casual and after worship, plan to spend some time in either of these unique communities by having brunch, touring the shops, or just relaxing on the beach. As much as these two communities are known for being LGBTQ friendly, they are warm and welcoming to all. I hope you will join the Fire Island Ministries at one of their intimate services this summer. It is a unique worship experience you will always remember.

Nicole La Fontaine for the Vestry

THE THRIFT SHOP IS



Saint Ann's Thrift Shop is open as of Wednesday, June 2.
Days of operation will be

- **Wednesday -- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 PM.**
- **Thursday -- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 PM.**
- **Saturday --10:00 a.m. to 2:00 PM.**

It has been over a year since we closed (March 2020) and I think everyone will agree it has been one of the longest, saddest for some, juxtaposed with overwhelming gratefulness for others. If you had been a shopper at the Thrift Shop over the years you undoubtedly are familiar with many of the faces of the volunteers. You will notice quite a few that do not return but the ones that do will meet and greet you with welcome eyes and big smiles on their faces. I know we will all -- customers and volunteers alike -- be happy to be reunited once again. We are grateful for the ability to continue our outreach for the community and hope to continue uninterrupted long into the future.

You will notice some changes -- wider aisles to give more space to our shoppers. We have done away with tags, and most departments will have consistent pricing for like items, with a few exceptions. The shop has been cleaned, cleaned and then cleaned and disinfected some more. We will all be wearing masks, and shoppers will be required to wear masks at all times (as well as children over two years of age). Children **MUST** be attached to their caregivers at ALL time, the Toy department will be scaled down considerably to prevent tempting little hands.

We, of course, will not be using plastic bags, and shoppers will need to bring their own bags; but most of us have gotten used to that since it has been the rule for over a year in retail stores.

All donations will need to be left on the back porch and not brought into the thrift shop, as we did in the past. We do have bins for drop offs. We also have volunteers in the shop on Monday and Tuesday usually until around 12:00-1:00 PM doing the sorting, cleaning etc. We will take in any donations left on the porch before we leave. You may also drop off any day we are open, just knock on the back door and we will take them from you, or just leave them on the porch.



We so look forward to opening and seeing all of you once again. In the meantime, stay well.

-Elsie Flanagan



Barnabas Buddies Re-Launch

We are going to get Barnabas Buddies going again and are looking for volunteers. Every now and then we have a parish member who is temporarily unable to prepare meals for themselves and would appreciate a little help. We will be compiling a list of volunteers we can call upon to bring a meal to parish members when necessary. Whether you deliver a sandwich, pick up take-out food or cook a meal, it would be a great help.

This is not a huge commitment and sometimes there are months when not one person needs assistance. It would be wonderful to have a group of people we could call upon when one of our parishioners needs some assistance. The more people on this list, the better. If you'd like to volunteer, **please call Nancy Koinoglou (631-567-4322) or email (nvsk3@yahoo.com).**

We are also looking for someone who would like to chair this ministry. If you'd be interested, please contact Nancy or Father Jeff. Thank you.

Saint Barnabas Day Is Back!

June 13, 2021



Outdoor Worship Service



COVID restrictions can't dampen our annual celebration as a church family! Make plans now to join us.

We will celebrate this year with an outdoor service on the Great Lawn. Please bring your own lawn chairs. The service will be followed by a picnic lunch (Bring Your Own). We will supply drinks and ice cream. There will be a band to provide musical entertainment. Mark your calendars. Don't miss this wonderful event! Bring family and friends; all are welcome!



2021 GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL



ROBERT HONEY, son of Kelly and Tom Honey, is graduating *Summa Cum Laude* from Bayport-Blue Point High School, where he has been active in athletics, snowboarding, participating in multiple school groups such as band, Student Council, and the Board of Education. At St. Ann's, he has been active in the Youth Group and the annual Christmas Tree Sale fundraiser, and has regularly served on the altar as an acolyte, torch bearer, usher or lector. Throughout high school he was active in Boy Scout Troop 130, Bayport, NY, and became an Eagle Scout in November 2018. He is still active in Scouting, where his most memorable experience was an 18-day backpacking trip through New Mexico mountains at Philmont High Adventure. Robert will be attending the University of Utah in Salt Lake City where he'll be a cadet in the Army ROTC battalion. He will be studying Kinesiology on a pre-medical track, and is planning on pursuing a career as a doctor in the Army.

TAYLOR SCHMITTZEH, daughter of Wendy and Mark Schmittzeh, is graduating from Sayville High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society, World Language Honor Society, and the band, where she was a member of the select Wind Ensemble. At St. Ann's she was an assistant Sunday School teacher and very involved with the PBJ Ministry (Peanut Butter & Jelly Homeless Mission). She was also involved with the Youth Group and Christmas Tree sales, and spent many years serving on the altar as an acolyte and lector. Taylor will be going to Millersville University in Millersville, Pennsylvania, in the fall where she plans to major in Social Work and Minor in Psychology.



SAM ACIERNO (pictured with puppy Loki), the son of Rich and Melanie Acierno (and brother to Lily and Charlotte), is graduating from Bayport Blue Point High School this June. Sam completed four years on the High Honor Roll and the Track Team and will graduate as an AP Scholar with Distinction. Sam will be studying Computer Science with a focus in Software Development at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, where he received a Chancellor's Award Scholarship.

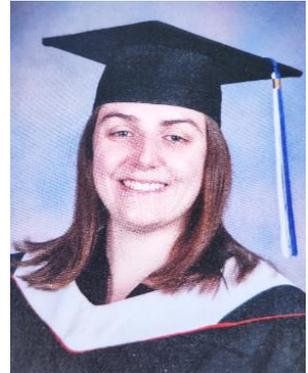
Sam was active with the Youth Group at St. Ann's under Father Brian's mentorship and has also served as a lector.

Congratulations!

2021 GRADUATES

COLLEGE

PATRICIA SHIEBLER, daughter of Tim and Christine Shiebler and granddaughter of Marjorie Rogers, graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics and minors in Math and Education. She presented her Senior Thesis for the National Physics Teachers Conference in January. She participated in varsity swimming and was a co-captain for the swim team during her senior year. She also served on the Peer Review Board. In June she will start her Master's Program in Physics Education at Brown University. Her future plans are to teach high school physics in Providence, Rhode Island.



JULIA STOLL-DePOMPEO graduated from Oswego State University with a Master's degree in Trade Education. Julia is the daughter of Sally Stoll-DePompeo and granddaughter of Ellen Stoll.

Julia is currently serving as the Teacher Aide at BOCES in the culinary program.

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.”



VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

The Choir is Back!

The Choir was so happy to learn that choir rehearsal has resumed on
Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM!

Our seats are socially distanced, and we wear our masks,
but we can still make a joyful noise!

As in previous years, our official singing duties will continue
through the end of June.

PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFT WITH ST. ANN'S!

The Music Ministry would like to invite advanced musicians to share their talent at our services. Adding different types of instrumental music gives us a broader appreciation for the variety instruments provide and enhances our choir's singing. This would not be every week—just an occasional appearance with the choir—but we'd love to have high school or any age musicians join us to make beautiful music! We are also looking for instruments to enhance our Taizé service at 5:00 PM on Saturday.

Please contact Kathy at the church office or stop by the organ after church on a Saturday or Sunday.



We are looking for violins, clarinets, flutes, guitars, and any instrumental talent that you may want to share at the 5:00 PM Saturday and the 10:00 AM Sunday services

Fourth Wednesday Lunch & Meditation

Peg Costanzo is continuing her Prayer and Meditation group which meets at her home in Ridge on the Fourth Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM. It starts with lunch (bring your own bag lunch) and some conversation. After lunch there is a Bible reading and a few minutes of meditation, followed by discussion. Great for relaxing and dealing with stress! The June date is:



JUNE 23rd

We hope you can join us!

**Peg's Cell Phone Number: 631-921-0589
(Call or text)**



Any man can be a father; it takes someone special to be a Dad!
--Anne Geddes

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived and let me watch him do it. – Clarence Budington Kelland

Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story tellers, and singers of song. –Pam Brown

Happy Father's Day to all our dads!

SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH

SEE THE LIGHT – BE THE LIGHT

In January 2021, National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman presented her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the presidential inauguration. The final lines read: "For there is always light, / if only we're brave enough to see it. / If only we're brave enough to be it."

Jesus says, "**You** are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14, emphasis added) and calls us to brighten the gloom. That requires bravery, as Gorman notes, but as Christians we're urged to look for light not just to make our own lives better but to shine into others' lives too. The Holy Spirit gives us the needed courage — to both see and *be* light.



A HISTORY OF WEDDING RINGS

June has always been considered one of the most popular months for weddings. Possibly it's because in the Church people do not usually get married during Lent (March/April), and once Easter comes, there is a rush for the weddings which have been put on "back order." Besides, weather can be tricky, and the trees and flowers are usually not in full bloom until late May or June. Flowers and warm weather seem a perfect time for a wedding!

The Western traditions of wedding rings can be traced to ancient Rome and Greece, and were first associated with the marital dowry and later with a promise of fidelity. The modern exchange of rings derived from the customs of Europe in the Middle Ages as part of Christendom.



While wedding rings are not mentioned in the Bible and bands don't directly have any historical religious significance, there are many modern spiritual interpretations to their usage.

The roots of the modern-day wedding ring in America have an interesting tie to a thimble. Puritans who colonized early America considered jewelry frivolous and renounced wedding bands. A common practice among these early Americans was for a man to present a thimble to his fiancée, which was symbolic of his wish to marry her. The thimble was considered (by men) more practical and of significantly more use to the women. However, the women had the last word. After the wedding, women would cut off the rim on the thimble, which created a wedding band. Thus, the practice of using wedding bands was renewed in America.



Today the wedding ring is an emblem of love through time, a symbol of devotion and an agreement between two parties to love and cherish one another for the rest of their days. Wedding rings are, of course, circular in shape and this in itself carries a symbolic meaning for the couple getting married.

NO BOUNDARIES

Love is a commitment to seek the good and to work for the good and welfare of others. It doesn't stop at our front door or our neighborhood, our religion or race, or our state's or our country's border. This is one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth, as the hymn goes. It often calls us to step outside of what we thought our boundaries were, or what others expect of us. It calls for us to sacrifice, not because doing so feels good, but because it's the right thing to do.

—Bishop Michael Curry, *Love Is the Way*



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



Celebrating
An Anniversary This Month

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Joseph & Ellen Garofolo	5	Anthony & Andrea Sanseviro	21	Marc & Lisa Vertichio
	Mark & Barbara Leuly	8	Raymond & Maureen Echevarria	22	Ken Smyrk & Scarlet Marrugo
	Leonard & Melissa Speicher	9	Kevin & Jonna Catalina	23	Ryan & Valerie Meinsen
2	Paul & Alison Golofaro	10	Edward & Eileen Moran	24	Martin & Leann Barone
	Glen Stubblebine &	14	Stephen & Sharon Vander Borgh	26	Michael & Amy Minerva
	Jacquee-Ann Gustafson	15	Frank & Peg Costanzo		Daniel Henn & Theresa Labella-Henn
5	Robert & Joan Belfield	20	Robert & Peg Flanagan	30	James & Jill Hughes
					Susan Knoepffler & Christine Mulroy

BIRTHDAYS

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

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Our Church History



❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

GEORGE ADAM HILLENBRAND
KATHERINE HILLENBRAND
Section 19—Lot 8

George Adam Hillenbrand, for 44 years a resident of Bayport, died in the Veterans' Memorial Hospital in Northport, in mid-June of 1953. He was 76 years old. Mr. Hillenbrand, who was a native of New York, made his home on McConnell Avenue in Bayport.

A veteran of the Spanish-American War, he was a retired carriage painter by trade. He was a member of the Junior Order of Mechanics and of the Spanish American War Veterans Camp of Patchogue.

Surviving him were his widow, Mrs. Katherine Haberman Hillenbrand; a son, Otto Hillenbrand of Bayport; two stepsons, Jacob and Edward Densing of Patchogue; a brother, Otto, of Jamaica; a sister, Mrs. August Schreiber, Jr. of Tappan, NY; 16 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Hillenbrand were held in the Isaacson Funeral Home, with the Reverend Mr. Joseph H. Bond officiating. Interment was in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Katherine Hillenbrand, widow of Spanish American War Veteran, George A. Hillenbrand, died in the first week of July 1956. She was a member of the Spanish American War Auxiliary of Patchogue. Born in New York, she moved first to Holbrook, then to Bayport, where she lived for 63 years.

She was survived by three sons, Jacob and Edward Densing of Patchogue; and Otto Hillenbrand of Bayport; one sister Mrs. Amanda Roubal of Brentwood; 18 grandchildren, and 27 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Isaacson's Funeral Home, with the Reverend Mr. Joseph H. Bond officiating. Burial was later in St. Ann's Cemetery, next to her husband.



Ancient Egyptians believed that upon death, they would be asked two questions, and their answers would determine whether they could continue their journey in the afterlife. The first question was, "Did you bring joy?" The second was, "Did you find joy?"

--Leo Buscaglia



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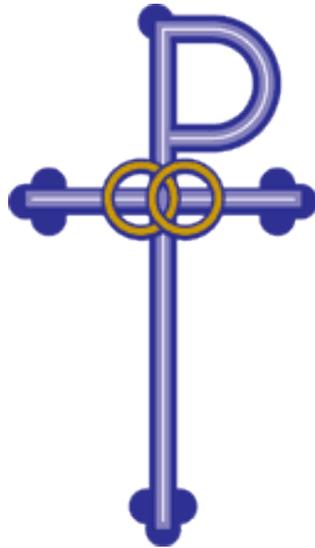
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WEDDING SYMBOL

This version of the Chi Rho features two interlocking rings on a cross. It symbolizes the partnership a husband and wife make with God as they unite. The Wedding Cross also symbolizes a couple's commitment to grow together in God's grace and love.

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

Mondays

- 10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry
- 6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—June 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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

- 10:00 AM—AA Meeting
- 10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open
- 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Fridays

Saturday

- 10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open



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