



# The Correspondent

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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

- Mother Lilo's Ordination—Sept 4
- Mother Lilo's First Eucharist—Sept 5
- Labor Day/Ofc closed – Sept 6
- DoK – Meet & Greet – Sept 8
- Memorial Svc at Common Ground – Sept 11 at 7:00 PM
- Worship at Cherry Grove—Sept 12
- Welcome Home Service—Sept 19
- Family Service—Sept 26



## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## Welcome to Fall at St. Ann's!

### A New Beginning

Mother Lilo will be ordained priest on Saturday, September 4 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City.

The following day, Sunday, September 5, will be the celebration of her first Holy Eucharist here at St. Ann's.

This begins her new status as an ordained priest and moves her a big step forward in her commitment to her calling.

We now will have two ordained priests at St. Ann's, bringing more responsibility for Mother Lilo and the opportunity of sharing some responsibility for Father Jeff.

Watch for details of how to watch the ceremony which can be streamed to your computer. If you aren't able to see the ordination ceremony, we hope you can join us the following day when she celebrates Holy Communion for the first time.

We wish her many blessings as she takes this meaningful step.

### A Cheerful What?

*Guideposts* editor Mary Ann O'Roark recalls hearing the phrase "cheerful liver" so often in church as a girl that she asked her grandmother what a liver is. "It's a part inside you, like your stomach or your heart," Grandma replied.

Rather confused, O'Roark tried to figure out how to be cheerful from the inside out. Then during Sunday school one week, a classmate explained that God loves a cheerful *giver*, not liver. Years later, however, O'Roark realized that her younger self wasn't too far off the mark. After all, God does indeed love someone who *lives* cheerfully, spreading the hope and joy that he longs for all people to know!

After all, it was Jesus who said, "I came that [all] may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10, NRSV).



In my literary travels, I have discovered that this month International Peace Day is being celebrated—on the 21<sup>st</sup> to be exact. I don't remember this particular day being celebrated before. Maybe it's because it happens to be my granddaughter's birthday, and, of course, grandchildren trump all other celebrations. It doesn't seem to have caught on in this area of the world. But I think we could really, really use an International Day of Peace! There is news overload and a number of disturbing things going on (We all know what they are!), and I for one—even though I feel stressed, and, yes, somehow guilty—could use a time out for just pulling myself together, praying for goodness and intelligent solutions for the problems of the world, figuring out the things I could actually help with, and then spending some time in the garden or with friends or an ice cream sundae or a glass of wine.



Even dramatic, serious plays have what they call “comic relief” to lighten up the somber mood. Fortunately for those of us who attend church, an hour in the pew (or YouTube church) is usually an “Hour of Peace” that gives us some armor for facing the events of the world. I know the people who are going through seriously tough times right now need help and prayers, and contributions, and yet I would hope for them, if not a Day of Peace, at least some moments every day of “comic relief” just to ease the burden.

Let us celebrate, at least in our hearts, the International Day of Peace. And let us pray that as the world turns, so difficult situations become resolved or at least manageable. And may God guide us and show us how to be helpers and not part of the problem. —Rodney Dudley

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## A Word from the Rector Father Jeffrey Stevenson



Dear Members of St. Ann's,

*"For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water"  
(Isaiah 35)*

In the year since Noah and I have joined St Ann's, it certainly feels like the waters are once again breaking forth. I think back to last September and remember empty pews and online-only services; a shuttered shirt shop and a quiet food pantry. What a difference a year makes! The Covid vaccine, along with masks and distancing, when needed, is making it possible for us to once again come together with more confidence. We have been blessed with a new assistant rector and we celebrate Mother Lilo's recent ordination. At the same time, we welcome Lauren Merkel as our new parish administrator and offer thanks for her hard work which is already helping us get organized and prepared for what comes next.

And what comes next? In the short term we will see both adult and youth formation classes resume at St Ann's this fall (to include confirmation). We will join the community to honor the fallen and lift up the heroes at the Sayville Common Ground 9/11 Memorial Service. We will invite our neighbors for a Blessing of the Animals and Pet Fair outside in October. And look for the return of our annual Christmas Market and of course the St Ann's Christmas Tree Lot. I cannot wait to hear our little stone church echo with hymns and carols when we come together to celebrate Advent and the Nativity.

This fall we will embark on the Renewal Works project, a project you've heard me mention (or read in a previous Correspondent). While at first glance it may look like the survey and groundwork that was done for your rector search in 2019, this project is different in many ways. RenewalWorks is a tool to explore our Spiritual life, a tool to help us understand how God might be moving in our lives, both as individuals and as a congregation. As we dig into our spiritual journey as a parish, we will be able to better see where God is calling us and help us chart a path to get there. As your Rector, I am very excited about this spiritual exploration. Look for details on Renewal Works inside this issue of *The Correspondent*.

I am so grateful for the blessings of God and the light God has shone on St Ann's. I am thankful and humbled by the warm embrace the parish of St Ann's has shown me during my first year here as your rector. I am excited to enter our next years together: happy we can do it a little more safely and so a lot more face-to-face. I look forward to seeing you all in the pews, at the coffee hours, joining the fun, and deepening our faith—together.

*"They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." (Isaiah 35)*

Blessings,

*Fr. Jeff+*

### Prayer Request:

If you have a prayer request, please call / Email the office or you can go to the following link.  
<https://form.jotform.com/212086636121146> Or you can text the word "prayer" to 631-212-2320.

# Vestry Visions

## Welcome to Fall at St. Ann's

I hope you had an enjoyable and healthy summer. Now that we are going into fall it is time get into a somewhat normal schedule. There are some great things planned for St. Ann's, so mark your calendars.

September 12th we will be celebrating a 10:30 mass with our brothers and sisters at Cherry Grove (the Fire Island Ministry is an extension of our Parish). Watch for announcements in the bulletin for further information such as meeting place and time.

September 19 will be "Welcome Home", we will be kicking off the year with the return of the choir.

The Christmas trees have been ordered, and will be delivered the Saturday after Thanksgiving (November 27). If you have never helped unload the trees you have missed out on having a great time. There is a lot of joking and laughing. If you can't make it that day maybe you can help in setting up the tree lot or spend an hour or two in selling trees. You really don't have to sell as the trees sell themselves.

September 8th at 7-8:30 pm in the Littlejohn building the Daughters of the King will be having a meet and greet. This is open to all women of the Episcopal Church.

Mother Lilo will be bringing back the Order of St. Luke prayer ministry. We had this ministry when Fr. Bob was here. Check the Bulletins for further information.

The Christmas Fair is coming back. Mark your calendars for December 3-4. All crafters get out your yarn, needles and hooks. We can use hats and mittens, all sizes. Any hats and mittens that are not sold will be donated to local homeless shelters.

A special thanks to Linda Munkelwitz for organizing and collecting the school supplies for the Eastern Farm Workers, and thanks to all who have donated to this great program.

*Carol Ann St. Lawrence* for  
the Vestry

## VESTRY ROSTER

 <p>OUR VESTRY</p>	<b>Wardens:</b>	2022 Nancy Koinoglou	2023 Thomas Honey
	<b>Vestry:</b>	2022 Greg Domoff	Jeanne Monasterolo
		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



## **EASTERN FARM WORKERS**

The contribution of school supplies for the children of Eastern Farm Workers was truly impressive this year! Tom and Linda Munkelwitz dropped them off with the Eastern Farm Workers in mid-August, where they were greatly appreciated as their children prepare for the coming school year. Many thanks for the generosity of St. Ann's parishioners!

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## ***New Office Manager***



Meet Lauren Merkel, our new Office Manager, who joined the office staff in July. As those who filled in during the interim can tell you, the office moves a lot more smoothly with a person in place who knows “what goes where and how to do that!”

Lauren lives in Patchogue with her husband Chris and daughter Eva, who is just starting 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. After a month or so she is feeling very happy in the job and likes the variety--and even some of the chaos--that comes with this position.

I noticed right away she was a “cat person” since the mask she had on was a cat face, complete with whiskers. She also likes interesting plants and has a corner of her desk dedicated to them—in addition to a blue betta fish named Spider Lily (named by Eva) who observes the world silently from his glass bowl.

Lauren has not had the opportunity to interact with many of the parishioners yet, what with the summer slowdown, but she's always happy to see a new face. So, if you have any questions or need help with something having to do with church, give her a call or stop by the church office. Her hours are 10:00 AM to

2:30 PM. Her email is [Office@saint-anns.org](mailto:Office@saint-anns.org).

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## Coffee Hour Sign-up:

We are still looking for people to sign up to take care of Coffee hour. There are a handful of dates still available, and because we are not serving any food right now, it is the easiest time to do it! Please call the office, sign up on the sign-up sheet at the Coffee Hour, or go to the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A8AB2BABFAC52-coffee>

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## Barnabas Buddies



**VOLUNTEERS WANTED!** 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 are compiling a list of volunteers we can call upon to bring a meal to parish members when necessary. Deliver a sandwich, pick up take-out food or cook a meal-- it would be a great help.

Please note: **This is not a huge commitment and sometimes there are months when not one person needs assistance.** You do not have to cook anything or provide all the meals. In fact, the meals can be Chinese food, pizza, or take-out from a local restaurant. Costco has many prepared meals that just have to be warmed up. The more people who volunteer, the easier it is for everyone! If you'd like to volunteer, **please call Nancy Koinoglou (631-567-4322) or email ([nvsk3@yahoo.com](mailto:nvsk3@yahoo.com)).**

We are also looking for someone who would like to chair this ministry. Again, it would not be a huge commitment of time. It just involves referring to the list of volunteers and making a few phone calls. If you'd be interested, please contact Nancy or Father Jeff. Thank you.

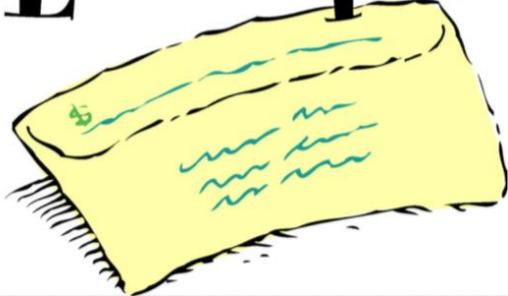
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## THE POWER OF LISTENING

"The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen," says Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, author and integrative medicine professor. "Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention."

Twice in Mark 4, while teaching, Jesus urges, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen" (verses 9 & 23, NRSV). One way we show what Jesus means to us is by truly listening to his word — not just hearing sounds but being attentive and intentional. Likewise, one way we love and serve others is by respectfully listening to them: not assuming we know what they feel or mean or will say; not planning what to say even as they're still speaking, but listening deeply to learn about them and their experience. We often think living our faith calls for great accomplishments or worldwide reach. But Remen says, "A loving silence often has ... power to heal and to connect." Don't underestimate something as basic and doable as listening as a way to practice Christlike love.

# Offering Envelopes



We are getting ready to re-order the giving envelopes, so we'd like to update our list. We know that a number of you are giving online or through your bank's bill-pay system, and you may not need envelopes anymore. Please let the Church Office know.

Also, if you are NOT currently getting giving envelopes, but would like to, please let the Church Office know with a call or email.

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## THE THRIFT SHOP IS



Saint Ann's Thrift Shop is now open! 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.**

## \*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 July date is:



**WED., SEPTEMBER 22**

We hope you can join us!

**Peg's Cell Phone Number: 631-921-0587**

**(Call or text)**

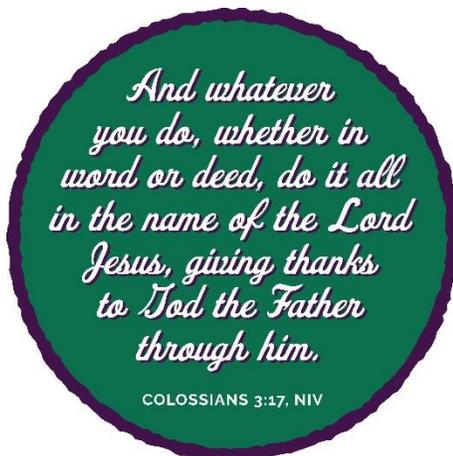




St. Ann's new landscaping service? Or just the local wildlife stopping in for a snack?

## Labor Day

For many people, the pandemic redefined work, with more employees logging hours from a home office — or kitchen table. Boundaries between job and personal life blurred, as did any sense of being “off duty.”



Most of us prefer clear divisions between our tasks and time. While such separations may help with scheduling, they are artificial human constructs. “Whatever your task,” says Colossians 3:23 (NRSV, emphasis added) — whether in public or private, family or job, spiritual or worldly activities — “put yourselves into it as done for the Lord.” Verse 17 tells us to “do everything” in Jesus’ name, “giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

That means even work and worship interlock. As Rick Warren writes, “Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence.”



# VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE



REHEARSALS FOR ADULT CHOIR STARTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

TUESDAY EVENINGS – 7:00 PM

***Hope to see you there!***

NEWCOMERS ARE WELCOME!

REHEARSALS ARE IN THE CHURCH CHOIR LOFT -- "BEHIND THE POLE"

St. Ann's has been invited to sing at The Common Ground to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11. The service will begin at 7:00 PM, and it is a Saturday.



I have said yes, but there is NO pressure for you to sing. Even if we have four choir members, it will be beautiful. If you could please send me an email so I have an idea how many I can expect to sing? That would be wonderful. We will sing God Bless America and O Beautiful for Spacious Skies. We are encouraged to spread the word and **\*\*\*bring a chair\*\*\*** to this event. –Kathy Senese



## CHURCH ON THE BEACH AT CHERRY GROVE

Sunday, September 12

The Choir will NOT be singing on September 12 as the 10:00 AM service that morning will be AT Cherry Grove (service 10:30 at the beach). But I hope that many of you will take part in the service at the beach.

Look for details to follow on the church website.

## Michael and All Angels



Many Christian denominations celebrate the festival of Michael and All Angels on September 29. While Gabriel is probably the best-known angel for announcing to Mary that she would bear the Son of God, “the archangel Michael” is named in Jude 9; in Daniel 12:1 he is called “Michael, the great prince, the protector of [the] people”; and in Revelation 12:7 we read of “Michael and his angels.” In each case, Michael is involved in a cosmic battle revealed to someone in a vision as a message from God.

In fact, whenever angels appear in Scripture, the Hebrew word is “messenger,” which in Greek is *angelos* — thus, the English “angel.” The Bible doesn’t say much about what angels looked like, but surely, they weren’t the cute cherubs of modern pop art. Given their most common greeting, “Do not be afraid,” it must have been startling to see one.

Why celebrate Michael and All Angels? First, it reminds us there is more to God’s realm than we humans can see or comprehend. No matter the exact structure or appearance of angels, God sometimes uses them to communicate with us. Second, by broadening our understanding we can serve as angels ourselves: *messengers* of God’s love and grace to the world.

## Be Still (and Silent)

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers, grass — grow in silence; see the stars, the moon, the sun, how they move in silence. ... The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. All our words will be useless unless they come from within — words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness. -- **Mother Teresa**

## A Glimpse of Grace

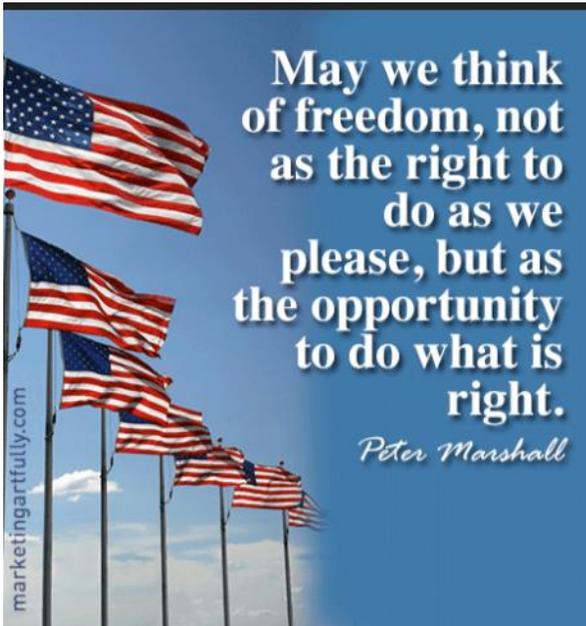
“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!” (Isaiah 55:1, NIV). I thought of this verse when I read about a seven-acre farm in Atlanta where people can pick fruits and veggies straight off the trees and vines, like a fresh-air produce market but bigger — and all free!



The Food Forest at Browns Mill, located amid a “food desert” in a city where one-fourth of the population experiences food insecurity, offers 2,500 edible and medicinal plants for anyone in need. People take only what they can use, and volunteers harvest extras to distribute in the community. It’s one of about 70 free-food forests in the United States. To me, it looks like a glimmer of God’s kingdom.

Imagine a world where everyone’s basic needs are met: food, clean water, shelter, clothing, health care, education, meaningful work, love — and the fulfillment of assisting and supporting one another. Isaiah envisions this reality coming true. Sometimes, even in our troubled world, we catch a glimpse of God’s abundant grace, tangibly lavished on all. Even better, sometimes we’re blessed with the privilege of helping it happen. —**Heidi Hyland Mann**

# Mememes of Wisdom





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



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14	William & Stephanie Streek	21	Philip & Elise Alloy	27	Don & Cathy Baker
15	Francis Jr. & Irene Bodkin		Scott & Nancy Leuly	31	Michael & JoAnn DaSilva
			David & Whitney O'Donnell		



3	Frank & Deanne Madigan	11	Paul & Caryn Wells	22	James & Patricia Romeo
4	Hewlett & Kathleen Krakaur	12	John & Theresa Smith	25	Luis & Kathleen Vazquez
5	Rick Magnani & Diane Miller-Magnani	19	Henry Lemanis & Joanne Festa	29	Charlotte Hlavac-Maass & Michael Maass
7	John & Christie Strecker	20	Sally Stoll-DePompeo & Philip DePompeo		
8	David & Nicole Rey				



2	Leo Chung	11	Gary Schaum	21	Cheryl Waters
	Lucas Chung		Andrew Schultz	22	Peter McGorty
	Gavin Lico	12	Philip Alloy	24	Aline Koinoglou
	Samara Madigan	13	Kateri Sanseviro	25	Bob Flanagan
	Philip Rascona	14	Thomas Clarke Jr.	27	Nicholas Arena Jr.
4	Gia Patrovich		Kevin Mattimore		Sloan Rivas
5	Kristin Greves	14	Layla Rey	29	Lily Dadabo
7	Trevor Hennessey	17	Charles Romano		Joseph Ferzola
	Erin Hynes		Adam Shelton		Linda Koso
8	Lauren Rascona	18	Sam Acierno	30	Donald Hester
10	Ellen Garofolo	19	Charlotte Acierno	31	Scott MacDonell
11	Eileen Fitzpatrick	20	Elise Alloy		Reina Vasquez



1	Natalie Kudlek	6	Alia Richards	19	Kenneth Smyrk
	Darroll Meyer		Grace Torgersen	23	Peter O'Connell
	John Strecker	9	Madison Espinoza	24	Abigail Streek
	Butzy Van Wyen		Karen McGorty	25	Julia Magnani
2	David Rey	12	Michael Patrovich	26	Jeffrey McLeer
3	Margaret (Peg) Costanzo	13	Nicholas Laffin	26	Laura Sanchez
4	Mary Ann Costanza	14	Elijah Koso	27	Fiona Rivas
	Salvatore Greci	19	Emily Lico	29	Patrick O'Donnell
	Christian Hagenlocher				

# Our Church History



By *Connie Currie*

## ❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

**MRS. JACOB (BERTHA) STRYKER**  
Section 47—Lot 9  
**MRS. GEORGE (LOUISE) STRYKER**  
Section 46—Lot 9

**Mrs. Jacob (Bertha) Stryker** passed away on September 14, 1928, at the age of 51. She was born in Sayville and lived here all her life. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ohlsen, she married Jacob Stryker in St. Ann's Church with the Rev. Mr. Prescott officiating. She and her husband were lifelong members of the church. Bertha was a member of the Lady Foresters of America, as well as other local groups.

She was survived by her husband and one son, Harvey. An older son, Spencer, died two years before her death. She was also survived by three brothers, Henry Ohlsen of Washington, DC, Ira Ohlsen of Rockville Center; and Frank Ohlsen of Sayville. The Rev. Joseph H. Bond officiated at her funeral, and the burial was in St Ann's Garden of the Unforgotten.



**Mrs. Louise C. J. Stryker**, wife of George Stryker, died in her home on Montauk Highway, Bayport, after a long illness in early September of 1947. Mrs. Stryker had been born in Germany 78 years prior to her death, but she had lived in and around Sayville for 50 years—in Bayport for 35 years. She was an active member of Metlakhatla Chapter O.E.S. and Star of Court, Bayside; and Lady Foresters of America, both of Sayville. These organizations held services at Raynor's Chapel for her. The Rev. Lawrence Kelly officiated at her burial and interment in St. Ann's Cemetery. She was survived by her husband; one daughter, Blanche Demarse, and two sons, Raymond and Curtis W. Stryker, of Bayport.



**A centenarian is a person who has reached the age of 100.**

In 2021, the United Nations expects the number of centenarians to rise to approximately 573,000 worldwide. The U.S. has the highest number of centenarians in the world at 97,000. Japan comes second with 79,000 Japanese who are 100 years or older.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, eighty-five percent of centenarians are women and 15% are men. By 2060, there will most likely be over 603,000 centenarians in the United States.



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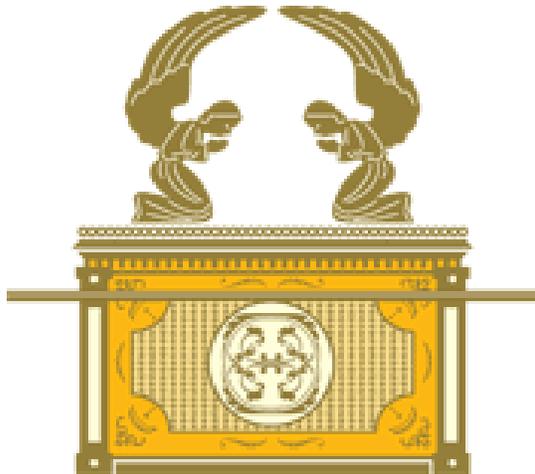
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**THE ARK OF THE COVENANT**

For the Israelites, the Ark of the Covenant was at the center of worship. It contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna and Aaron's rod. In the Old Testament, the ark was a visible representation of God's throne, or presence, on earth, where he communed with Moses and the high priests. It also represents our earthly bodies, where the Holy Spirit dwells.

**AROUND SAINT ANN'S  
Monthly Schedule**

*See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.*

*Check out the website at: [www.saint-anns.org](http://www.saint-anns.org)*

**Sundays**

- 8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 AM---Sunday School – Will resume in September
- 10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
- 7:30 PM—AA Meeting

**Mondays**

- 10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry
- 6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—September 13
- 6:00 PM—Mission & Outreach
- 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

**Tuesdays**

- 8:00 AM—Men's Group
- 6:00 PM—Children's Choir – TBA
- 7:00 PM—Adult Choir – Tuesdays

**Wednesdays**

- 9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope
- 10:00 AM-2:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open

**Thursdays**

- 10:00 AM—AA Meeting
- 10:00 AM-2:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open
- 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

**Fridays**

**Saturday**

- 10:00 AM-2:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open
- 5:00 PM – Holy Eucharist



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