



# The Correspondent

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Fall Hours Beginning September 18

## 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 (in person & online)

TUES-THURS  
 8:00 PM—Compline  
 (Online only)

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Christ the King  
Sunday, November 20, 2022
- Thanksgiving Day, November 24
- First Sunday of  
Advent, November 27



## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## Thanksgiving Food Basket Ministry

**Give Thanks to the Lord**  
 ... for God's gifts are abundant  
 and our blessings are many.



Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and together as a community we would like to gather a cornucopia to share with our neighbors in need. St. Ann's food pantry will be coordinating the effort to distribute food baskets for Thanksgiving.

As we give thanks for our many blessings, please don't forget those who struggle to feed their families in these

challenging times. We will use our traditional Giving Tree/Turkey to collect food.

Please choose items from the Giving Turkey (located in the Parish Hall) and return item to the church. You can leave Thanksgiving donations on or under the giving tree table or in the refrigerator.

**We need all non-perishable donations by Sunday, Nov. 13th  
 Turkeys by Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @10:00 AM.**

If you are going to purchase a turkey, **please leave your name & phone number on the sign-up sheet and return the turkey tagged with your name.**

### Other ways to help:

- Help shop for groceries-week of Nov.13th
- Donation toward food purchase
- Adopt-a-Basket \$50 donation
- Assemble baskets, November 20th @ 11:00.

If you know somebody in need of a Thanksgiving food-basket ~ **Contact the church office @ 589-6522 or Lynette Schulz @ 472-2235 by Nov 4th.**

Thank you and *Happy Thanksgiving!*



A post caught my eye on Facebook the other day. It said, "Every marriage has one person who throws things out, and a garbage-loving \*chaos goblin\* who says, 'But I was saving that!'" It was posted by my daughter-in-law, teasing my son Jeff because he likes to throw-things-out. Then I saw HIS comment: "I was raised by a chaos goblin—Rodney Dudley." Well, that made me sit back and think. And, while this was all in good fun, I think he's right.

When he was in high school, I still had all the art work and projects my three kids had made in school and Scouts. I had a terrible time throwing things out. Everything had sentimental value. I have clothes from the '60's (Well, not ALL of them!) and collections of things which start as soon as I get two of them. One day he told me he was going to clean out two of the bedrooms. He told me to go shopping, and when I got back, there were about six full garbage bags on the front porch, ready to go out to the garbage. "Don't look in the bags, Mom!" he said. So, I didn't. Thirty years later, I'm still not sure what he threw out, but the bedrooms were neater, and frankly I never missed anything.

I am still a chaos goblin, with no person who throws things out to oppose me, but I have finally reached a point in my life where I would prefer not to have so much stuff. Perhaps I'm evolving! It seems that my son didn't mind being raised by a chaos goblin, because he married one. We all have our good points and bad points, and hopefully it all evens out in the end --**Rodney Dudley**



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"KIDS" (to get info on youth offerings & Confirmation)

"NEW" (to join the upcoming Newcomers' Brunch)

"YOUTH" (info on programs & offerings for teenagers)



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 COME TO SHOP  
 COME TO VOLUNTEER

**Wed, Thu, Sat 10AM to 2PM**



## A Word from the Rector Father Jeffrey Stevenson



*Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return. (Luke 6:38)*

First, let me thank you for all that you have given in support of Saint Ann's. Even in the midst of challenging and uncertain times, Saint Ann's parishioners continue to give generously to our mission here in Sayville. Be sure to look for annual giving statements to arrive closer to the end of the year. Right now, we are working on the yearly process of budgeting for 2023 and so it is once again time for our Stewardship Campaign. Stewardship is the offering of one's time, talent, and treasure in thanks for and care of all that God has given us. Results from this campaign will direct our plans for worship, pastoral care, Christian Formation, outreach, and all the workings of the church.



In the coming week you will receive a piece of mail from St. Ann's with a version of this letter and a pledge card. The enclosed pledge card looks a little different. As in years past, you will find the annual call for your financial pledge of treasure. This year you will also find a call to pledge your time & talent. The pledge card will list areas most in need of your participation. I ask that you prayerfully consider the places at Saint Ann's where you can see yourself sharing some of your time & your unique skills. There is always more to do in service to the Body of Christ.

Year after year, the pledges of Saint Ann's family of faith have kept the doors of this church open. Each week we walk through those doors to worship together and afterwards we walk out those doors into our community to be a beacon of God's love, serving our neighbors, known and unknown. Saint Ann's has played a vital role in the lives of her parishioners and also in the larger communities of Sayville, Bayport, and surrounding towns for over 125 years. Your pledge allows the mission of Saint Ann's to continue.

Now it's our turn to pledge as generations of Saint Ann's families have done before us. It is time for us to give back a portion of that with which God has so graciously blessed us. In these uncertain times the work of the church is even more critical to those who are in need - spiritually, emotionally, and financially. I pray that you will make a generous pledge to give of your time, talent, and treasure.

Blessings

*Fr. Jeff+*

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# Vestry Visions

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## The Trees Are Coming



On November 27<sup>th</sup>, we will officially enter into the Advent season. Advent starts the liturgical year and is the time to prepare internally for the true meaning of Christmas. There are many ways to celebrate such as reading a special Advent devotional, listening to Advent hymns and spending time serving others. We hope you join us as St. Ann's prepares for this beautiful season.

Over the past two years, we have learned that even the best-laid plans sometimes don't go the way we hope but we have learned that change brings new ideas and events that may become new traditions for years to come. Some of our new events have been breakfast on Family Sunday, pizza mid-month after the 5 pm mass and a new Family Fall event planned for early November.

St. Ann's is excited to continue some of the other traditions that we have enjoyed in the past. Currently scheduled are the Thanksgiving Baskets, Lessons & Carols, and the highly anticipated return of our Christmas Fair which has now been moved to December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am – 4 pm. Generous raffle prizes have been donated, lunch will be available to purchase, photos with Santa, and shopping for toys, crafts, jewelry and so much more. We look forward to welcoming the community back to the Parish Hall. So the next two months will be busy so keep your eye out for these announcements and other information in the bulletin, website, emails, and Facebook.

But wait, there's more!!! Our BIGGEST fundraiser for St. Ann's, the CHRISTmas Tree lot. The history of this event and the beautiful stories families share about how they use this event as part of their tradition are always a joy to hear. We have families from around the corner and those that travel from as far as Nassau County for our spectacular trees. However, it is an enormous undertaking from setup, unloading, selling, and breaking down. The yard set up will be on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am (the rain date is Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>) in which the fencing will need to be put up and the shed to be prepared. The big day will be on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 am when the trees arrive from Pennsylvania. Thanksgiving is late this year, and after the last year's experience, we know the first weekend will be EXCEPTIONALLY busy and can use all the hands we can get. Our committee needs assistance from greeting visitors, cutting open trees, cashiers, tagging and bagging the trees, and tying the trees on cars. Community Service hours are available for all high school students. Many hands make light work, so please consider signing up for a few hours. Please be on the lookout for more information and sign-up sheets. For additional information, you can contact me at 631-767-3176/wschmittzeh@gmail.com or John Smith at 631-456-3965/ jsmith@seboardadj.com.



Please prayerfully consider using this Advent season to assist in the various ministries and outreach programs that St. Ann's has to offer to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wendy Schmittzeh*

For the Vestry

# **St. Ann's Christmas Fair**

**December 3, 2022**

**10:00am – 4:00pm**

**Mark your calendar and plan on  
visiting the Christmas Fair.**

**Lunch available to purchase  
Photos with Santa Claus  
Raffles**

**Shop for toys, crafts, jewelry and  
so much more.**





## EASTERN FARM WORKERS CELEBRATE 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



On Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Tom and I attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration dinner for the Eastern Farm Workers. We sat with these three ladies from St. Boniface, Lynbrook ECW. It was well attended with over 200 people.

The evening included addresses by organizers from all over the country. Entertainment included a steel drum group, gospel singers, and liturgical dancers. It was a lovely evening, and I'm so glad that St. Ann's provides the school supplies for children who really need our help.  
—Linda Munkelwitz

## Calling All (Christmas Fair) Bakers!

Are you planning to donate to the Bake Table at the Christmas Fair?  
The Fair starts at 10:00, so please bring your donations to the church Parish Hall the morning of the Fair—around 9:00 AM.



**BRING DONATIONS EARLY DEC 3**

# First Sunday Family Breakfasts



The first Sunday of the month is now Family Sunday, and breakfast—a hot breakfast—will be served in the Parish Hall. Wendy and Mark Schmittzeh, pictured here, prepared this luscious feast for those who came back to More-Than-Coffee-Hour on Oct 2. A big thanks to them!

If you missed the first one, be sure to be there on Sunday, Nov. 6 for the next one.

Please consider hosting next month's breakfast, and sign-up to help out during Coffee Hour the other Sundays. The sign-up sheet will be in the Parish Hall.

## Senior Lunches

The first Senior Luncheon in two years was held in the Parish Hall on October 20. It was wonderful to be back! Our hostesses, Karen McGorty and Linda Munkelwitz prepared a delicious luncheon. They served "Hot Browns," a renowned sandwich developed at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Father Jeff was the speaker, and he talked about his background and the long and winding path he took to get from a Mormon household in Utah to St. Ann's Church. Very interesting indeed!

There were fewer tables set up than in the past, but it has been awhile, and we're just warming up.

Our next Senior Luncheon will be on **Tuesday, November 1**. **SAVE THE DATE!** You'll enjoy seeing old friends, having a lovely meal, hearing an interesting speaker, and—**BONUS**—we got quite a lot of canned goods for the Food Pantry (the price of entry!)



# VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

## Choir is Back!

As of Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 PM, the Choir is back in the church rehearsing. In Kathy's absence, Ben Berdone is filling in. Ben is a Senior at Sayville High School, and he answered when we sent out the call for our urgent need of a piano player. Although not previously a churchgoer, he is very musically talented and is learning fast—music and liturgy. He has been playing the piano on Sundays since Labor Day weekend (when he had 48 hours' notice). At choir rehearsals we have Father Jeff or Mother Lilo with Ben at the piano. We all welcome him and always hope we can make beautiful music together!



Kathy will still be out for a while, but we are happy to report that she's home and on the mend. She will be back when she can. (I know she can hardly wait!) Of course, we all miss her!

We are happy to be getting back to our choir routine, and we are all thankful to Ben who joined us midstream to keep the music going. —Rodney Dudley

Everything is good for SOMETHING!





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

# OCTOBER 2022



7	Charles & Donna Romano	10	Anthony & Wendy Lico	21	Rich & Cheryl Waters
	Robert & Connie Taborsky	12	Gregory & Lisa Jacques	23	Jesse & Jennifer Lasko
9	Robert & Mary Ann Costanzo	18	Salvatore & Doreen Greci	24	Michael & Erin Hynes
10	George & Mary Fisher	21	Thomas & Cara Clark Jr.	28	Joseph & Lisa Castelli

# NOVEMBER 2022



4	Nicholas & Jean Arena	21	Richard & Linda Maddox	22	David & Jacqueline Gandolfo
17	Joseph & Rachel Ferzola	22	Joseph & Florence Chase	25	Shawn & Kara Felton
20	Paul & Christine Weeks			27	John & Lynette Schulz

# OCTOBER 2022

## BIRTHDAYS

1	Sydney Felton	8	Scarlet Marrugo	15	Renee Chalmers	21	Virginia Spiess
	Lauren Immoor	9	Nicole Rey	16	Paul Weeks	23	Shayler Smyrk
2	Donna Stankovich	10	Melanie Acierno	17	Frank Costanzo	25	Lily Acierno
3	Kathy Senese		Hewlett Krakaur	18	Shin Kang-Chung	28	Shawn Felton
4	Donna Romano	11	Michael Chalmers		Katherine Elton	29	Richard Acierno
5	Jessica Shelton	12	Rich Waters	19	Emma Chung		Brooke Mattimore
7	John Smith	13	Olivia Hlavac	21	Janet Adam		Whitney O'Donnell
8	Henry Lemanis	14	William Verneer		Christine Mulroy	30	George Koinoglou

# NOVEMBER 2022

## BIRTHDAYS

1	David Tampellini	5	Kathleen Krakaur	16	Leah DaSilva	21	Michael Hlavac
2	Benjamin Richards	6	Darrell Lichtenberger	17	Barbara Stahlberg		Patricia Romeo
3	Lucian Hagenlocher		Bo Messina	18	Florence Hiscock	24	Tim Laffin
	Michael Rascona	7	Steven Vander Borgh	19	Tabitha Richards	27	Susan Knoepffler
4	Charlotte Hlavac-Maass	8	Don Baker		Zachary Schulz		Marjorie Rogers
	Joseph Vander Borgh		Paddy Price-Hennessey	20	Johanna Albert	28	Cara Clark
5	Mary Clark	12	William Streek		Kathleen Vasquez	29	Cathy Baker
							Dennis Messina



# MEMES of WISDOM FOR October/November



This is your gentle reminder that one time in the Bible Elijah was like "God, I'm so mad! I want to die!" so God said "Here's some food. Why don't you have a nap?" So Elijah slept, ate, & decided things weren't so bad. Never underestimate the spiritual power of a nap & a snack.



Rev. Benjamin Cremer  
@Brcremer

Part of the greatest commandment Christ gave to his disciples is to "love your neighbor."

Not control your neighbor.

Not mock your neighbor.

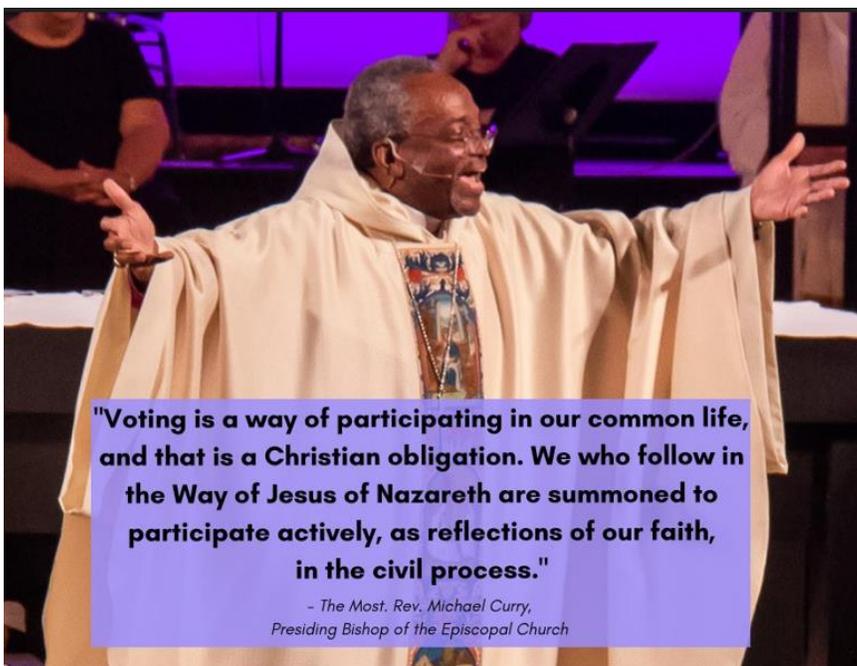
Not shame your neighbor.

Not dehumanize your neighbor.

Not demonize your neighbor.

Not defeat your neighbor.

Love your neighbor.



**"Voting is a way of participating in our common life, and that is a Christian obligation. We who follow in the Way of Jesus of Nazareth are summoned to participate actively, as reflections of our faith, in the civil process."**

- The Most. Rev. Michael Curry,  
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

To laugh often and much;  
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;  
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;  
To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;  
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;  
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded.

## +Christian Symbol+



### TRUMPET

In the Old Testament, trumpets, often made from ram's horns, called people to worship or war (and often promised victory). Joshua and the Israelites used trumpets to fell the walls of Jericho. Under Gideon, the small Israelite army blew trumpets and smashed jars to confuse the Midianites into surrender. The New Testament says trumpets will sound at the Last Judgment and the resurrection of the dead. In Revelation 11, a seventh trumpet proclaims God's final and complete triumph.

## AROUND SAINT ANN'S Summer Monthly Schedule

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

### Sundays

9:00 AM—Holy Eucharist

7:30 PM—AA Meeting

### Mondays

10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry

6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—November 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 PM—AA Meeting

### Tuesdays

8:00 AM—Men's Group

8:00 PM—Compline (online)

### Wednesdays

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

8:00 PM—Compline (online)

### Saturday

10:00 AM-2:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open

5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist

## A VETERAN'S SERVICE



American hero Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973) led a life of daring and risk, from racing cars as a teen to piloting warplanes. Throughout his experiences, Rickenbacker grew in faith while discovering that "life had no meaning except in terms of helping others."

In the first issue of *Guideposts* magazine, Rickenbacker described spending four agonizing months of 1941 in the hospital after an accident. While recovering, he pondered life and death, concluding that he couldn't give up because he still "had work to do, others to serve."

Less than two years later, that ordeal came in handy. After crashing in the South Pacific, Rickenbacker and "seven other starving men" were adrift on a raft for 21 days. Most were "so young they needed the strength and understanding of a man who had been down in the valley of the shadow, who had suffered and made sense out of his suffering," he said. "It was clear to me that God had a purpose in keeping me alive. ... I had been saved to serve."

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