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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

## TUES & THURS

8:00 PM—Compline  
(Online Evening Prayer)

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mother's Day – May 8<sup>th</sup>
- String Quartet Concert – May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Ascension Day – May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Memorial Day – May 30<sup>th</sup>
- Fr. Jeff's Installation – June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Confirmation – June 4<sup>th</sup>



## MISSION STATEMENT

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

# SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>

The Right Reverend Lawrence Provenzano  
 Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island  
 Wardens, Vestry, and People  
 of

Saint Ann's Episcopal Church  
 Sayville, New York

cordially invite you to

## The Institution and Celebration of a New Ministry

for

The Reverend Jeffrey Stevenson, HoSM  
 as the Tenth Rector of Saint Ann's Parish  
 on Thursday, 2 June 2022 at 7:00 pm

Saint Ann's Episcopal Church  
 257 Middle Road  
 Sayville, New York 11782

reception to follow

RSVP by 5/27: 631-589-6522 - office@saint-anns.org

clergy: white stoles



We see and hear a lot about refugees these days—people who are for one reason or another are driven out of their homes because of war or famine or some other tragic happening in their home country. It came to my attention recently that Paddington Bear of the children’s story (and lately movies) was inspired by a real live refugee story. The author, Michael Bond, recalled when he was a child that he saw children in the train stations of his native England who were fleeing the Nazis in Europe. The children arrived in the train station of this new country, often alone, their parents missing, with a name tag and a box or bag containing their only possessions. Bond thought it was the saddest thing he had ever seen. Paddington too has a small suitcase, the universal symbol of a refugee, and a tag which says “Please take care of this bear.” Although the book doesn’t mention WWII, the sad sight had remained for 20 years in the author’s thoughts, which is when he began to write the book. Paddington went on to be adopted by a kind family, the Browns, and things greatly improved for his life.

The TV is full of news these days of all the refugees from Ukraine, one day living their everyday lives like ours, and the next day homeless and traveling by bus, car or foot with their children, pets, and a small bag of possessions to a new country to try and survive and live for better times. We all hope, as do the Ukrainians—and other refugees--that one day soon they will be able to go home and start over. Or maybe they will stay in the country they have traveled to for safety and change the course of their family, as our ancestors once did.

May it all end well for them, as it did for Paddington. May the Holy One watch over all the young bears in Ukraine—and all others who feel lost and alone.

--Rodney Dudley



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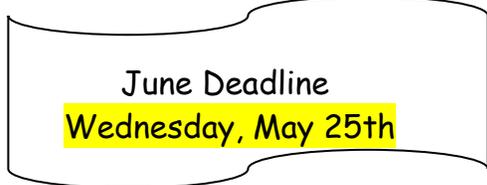
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“PRAYER” (to receive a link for making prayer requests)  
“NEW” (to join the upcoming Newcomers’ Brunch, May 15)  
“KIDS” (to get info on youth offerings & Confirmation)



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# A Word from the Rector Father Jeffrey Stevenson



## In Love We Bear Each Other Up

“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Cor 13:7)

When I was young, my grandparents were a big part of my life. I remember going to Grandma and Grandpa Bell’s house, my mother’s parents, on Sunday afternoon. Both Grandma and Grandpa grew up on ranches in Idaho and were made of sturdy stock. They were down-to-earth, practical people who showed their love for their family in practical ways. Grandpa earned a good living and never scrimped on time spent with family. He



always made sure we knew that we were loved even if he never said the words. Grandma showed her love with a gentle hug and good food set on that little kitchen table. Grandma made the best chicken noodle soup in the world... big chunks of chicken, fresh veggies, and homemade noodles. I knew if she had her soup pot on the stove on Sunday, we were in for a good dinner.

Sometime around 1998, grandma Bell was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. It was not something that we talked about. It was something that was to be kept from the outside world and even from the family. I remember knowing that she was struggling to remember things, but I did not know how difficult and isolating this journey was for both her and Grandpa. I

watched as they withdrew. I wish now I could have been more present for them, especially in that final year when she had lost so much of her history.

As we age, we hopefully gain wisdom even as our bodies begin to, let’s say, “diminish.” For some folks, as we decline the first instinct may be to withdraw. And sometimes that means pulling back from attending church. My hope is that if what I am describing sounds familiar to you that you’ll give the Saint Ann’s parishioners a chance to step forward to support you and your family.

Today medicine has worked hard to help those who suffer with Alzheimer's, Dementia, and other memory disorders. But even with what medicine can provide, we as a church have the opportunity to help make things better.

Starting the first weekend in May, I am asking everyone to wear name tags. In the past this has been part of the “Newcomer” discussion, and though I think that is important, today I am asking everyone to start wearing a nametag to help those who are struggling to remember. There are a number of parishioners who have begun to struggle with the memory issues. Sadly, one of the first memories that we lose are the names of those around us. Wearing nametags is a small gesture we each can make to help one another feel at ease.



Times sure are different from those early days in my life with Grandma and Grandpa Bell. I imagine lots of things we take for granted today would seem remarkable and downright unbelievable to them. Even so, some things never change no matter the time or place. You can bet Grandma and Grandpa Bell would recognize kindness and the willingness to help a neighbor

.Blessings,  
*Fr. Jeff+*



# String Quartet Concert



Sunday, May 22nd, 2022  
3-4pm

**St. Ann's Episcopal Church**  
**257 Middle Rd. Sayville, NY 11782**

Dolce Amore Strings presents a one hour  
String Quartet concert with well known  
gems that will keep your toe tapping.  
Bring the whole family!





## DID YOU NOTICE?

As in-person worship attendance continues to grow, we're beginning to welcome Newcomers to St. Ann's. In April we made some children's related additions to the church and Parish Hall as a way to signal to Newcomers that kids are always welcome at St. Ann's. Last month, we made a change in the lobby area between the church and Parish Hall outside Barnabas Chapel.

As with the children's additions, I collected items that were already on site here at St Ann's: from the Sunday School, from Littlejohn, from the old downstairs offices beneath the parish hall, oh! and the mugs from the Parish Hall kitchen area. I combined some classic St Ann's pictures with Bibles, BCPs, and other foundational books that can help a Newcomer familiarize themselves with St Ann's and the Episcopal

Church. I tried to put together a sort of visual message that hopefully gives Newcomers a quick snapshot of what we're about. Is it gift shop? Is it a library? You know I'm not really sure. For starters, it's a place that I hope begins to help tell a story about St Ann's, Sayville.

— Noah Stetzer

## GOD'S HANDS

Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine's own mother had done.



In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother's forehead. Afterward, the woman says, "I think I felt his touch upon my brow," referring to God.

Anna says, "God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God's hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use."



# WHO IS GRADUATING THIS YEAR?

If you or your son or daughter are graduating this year, please let The Correspondent know, so we can spotlight the graduates we are so proud of!

Names, photos, and school/church bios will appear in the June issue, so please get your information to me at [stanns\\_editor@yahoo.com](mailto:stanns_editor@yahoo.com) (that's an underscore between stanns and editor) or the church office at [office@saint-anns.org](mailto:office@saint-anns.org). Let us know the name of the graduate, name of the high school, honors/activities in high school, church activities and involvement, and what their plans are for the future (college, military, travel, etc.). And a photo as well! And remember to apply at the office for the Scholarship Award from the Episcopal Churchwomen.

## GARDENERS WANTED!



Can you spare a little time to keep St. Ann's grounds looking beautiful? We need volunteers to tend some small areas of our church grounds. This could involve a once-a-week commitment of a month or the growing season. If you're able to help, contact:

**Pat Osarchuk at 631-567-2203 or 516-297-3510**



## CONFIRMATION – JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>



Confirmation, a rite many churches celebrate each spring, has biblical roots. In Acts 8, Peter and John are sent to lay their hands on new believers and pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. In the early church, new Christians — usually adult converts — received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, pastors and priests would baptize, but only bishops would “confirm” a baptism, or make it official. Thus, the baptized were granted full membership in the church through confirmation.

Now confirmation allows young people, often after intensive Christian education, to profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Confirmation serves as an important faith milestone, as young adults purposefully embrace a life of discipleship.

### TO BE CONFIRMED:

Alex William Lorenzo  
Benjamin O'Connell  
Miranda Lynn Waters  
Emma Chung

Ian Chung

Abigail Grace Streek

Michael Brian Chalmers

Brendan Seiffert Mattimore

Michael Dylan Russell

Charlotte Cate Acierno

Daniel Alexander Limoli

Lauren Waters

### TO BE RECEIVED:

Jessica Rae Dodge

# VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

## Easter Hats



The choir was ready with Easter hats when Fr. Jeff ended his sermon with a joyful flare, and

the choir all donned the hats, which had been hidden under their seats.

Fr. Jeff also joined in the spirit of things and put on his cowboy hat (which matches his boots!) in tribute to his home state of Utah.



## THE BRASS



Thanks to Jimmy Bott and Ryan Mattimore our Easter Musicians. They made the music soar with their brass accompaniment!



Choir members Don and Cathy Baker enjoying a “young at heart” moment in the children’s corner.



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



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

### BIRTHDAYS

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

*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.*

### NAME TAGS

Starting the first Sunday in May, Fr. Jeff is asking everyone to wear name tags. In the past, this has been part of the "Newcomer" discussion, and though that is important, that is not the reason for using nametags now. There are a number of parishioners who have begun the struggle with the memory disorders that often come with aging. Unfortunately, one of the first things that we lose are the names of those around us. Wearing name tags is a small gesture we each can make to help one another feel at ease. A supply of name tags and markers will be in the narthex.



# Donate Life

The month of April was National Donate Life month, a month dedicated to encouraging Americans to register as organ donors, and to celebrate those that have saved lives through donation. Some of you may recall that our then-17-year-old niece, Julia, was the recipient of a kidney that saved her life. She had been diagnosed a year earlier with Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), a rare kidney disease with no cure. Scientists are not sure if FSGS has a genetic origin and so did not want a kidney from family.

My sister-in-law (Julia's mom) was watching her son's baseball game at St. Anthony's and shared Julia's condition with another mom, Lisa Calla. Lisa immediately went and signed up for what would be extensive medical and psychological testing to be Julia's donor.

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Lisa gave my niece the gift of life.

I write this article because of the many incredible events that have occurred after this wonderful woman gave so much of herself. About a year later, Lisa's husband Guy was so moved by what his wife had done that he, too, donated his kidney ... to a total stranger.

Last fall, my sister-in-law Shannon (Julia's mom) donated her kidney to a woman on dialysis.

And on April 5<sup>th</sup> of this year, my brother John (Julia's Dad) donated his kidney as well.

Today, more than 100,000 people are waiting for a life-saving transplant. If being a donor is something you would consider, please reach out to United Network for Organ Sharing/ UNOS at <https://unos.org/> or Live on New York at <https://www.liveonny.org/>.

Thank you and God Bless.

-- Christine Mulroy and Sue Knoepffler



# EASTER BASKETS

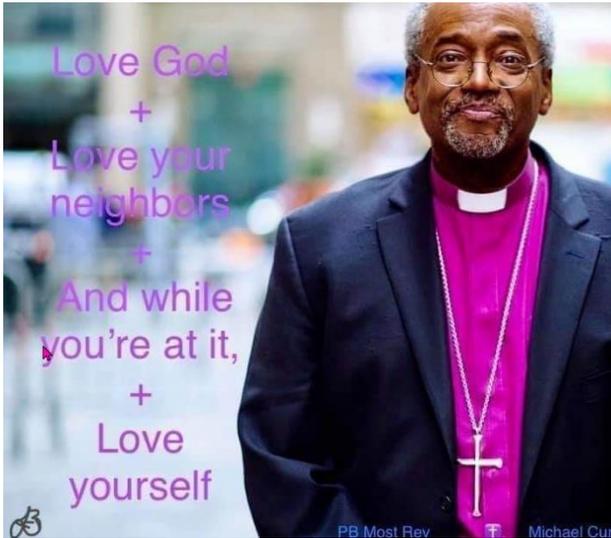
Many, many thanks to all who helped with the EASTER FOOD BASKETS. Your donations, time, and compassion make this ministry possible. The recipient families are truly grateful. We gave out enough baskets to provide Easter dinner for about 18 families. -Lynette Schulz



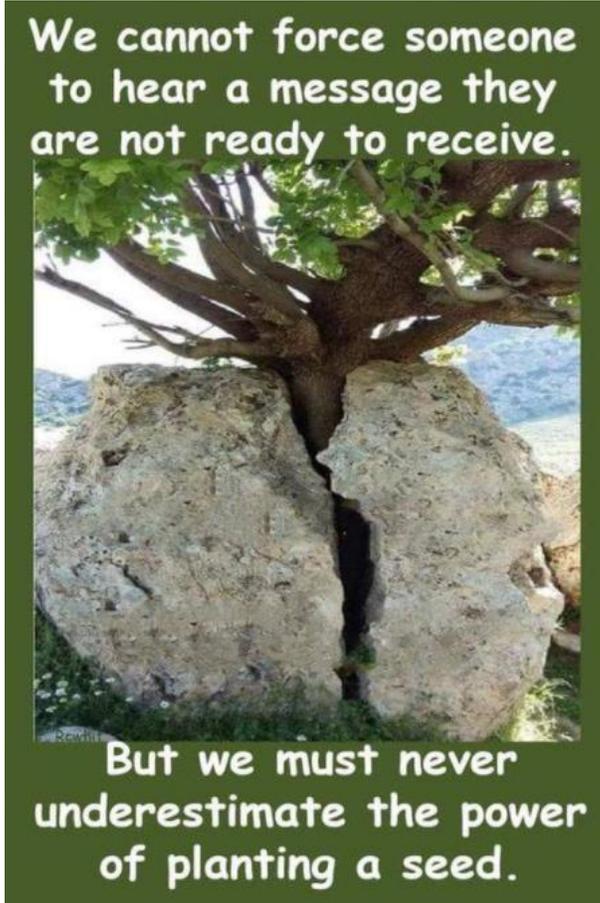
And a special shout-out to Lynette, our Food Pantry Director, without whom all this would be impossible! You are one of our angels, Lynette!



# MEMES of WISDOM FOR May



Never regret a day in your life. Good days give you happiness, bad days give you experience, and the best days give you memories.



“The first to apologize is the bravest.  
The first to forgive is the strongest.  
The first to forget is the happiest.”

## +Christian Symbol+



### ROBE

A robe, specifically one that's new and white, symbolizes the righteousness we receive through Jesus' death and resurrection. Isaiah 61:10 speaks of "the garments of salvation" and "the robe of righteousness." In Revelation 6:11, faithful martyrs each receive a white robe. People who are being baptized or confirmed often wear white robes as a sign of purity.

## AROUND SAINT ANN'S Monthly Schedule

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 – On hold  
10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist  
7:30 PM—AA Meeting

### Mondays

10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry  
6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—May 9  
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

### Tuesdays

8:00 AM—Men's Group  
6:00 PM—Children's Choir – On hold  
7:00 PM—Adult Choir  
8:00 PM—Compline (online)

### 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  
8:00 PM—Compline (online)

### Saturday

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

## Memorial Day

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom.



This year Mother's Day falls on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The official flower of Mother's Day is the carnation, the favorite flower of the mom of the holiday's founder, Anna Jarvis. Over time, the custom arose of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day if your mother has died and a red one if she's living. In fact, many carnation colors have special meanings. Pink carries the richest Christian symbolism. According to legend, carnations first appeared on earth as Mary wept while watching Jesus carry his cross. Where her tears fell, there appeared pink carnations, symbolizing a mother's undying love.

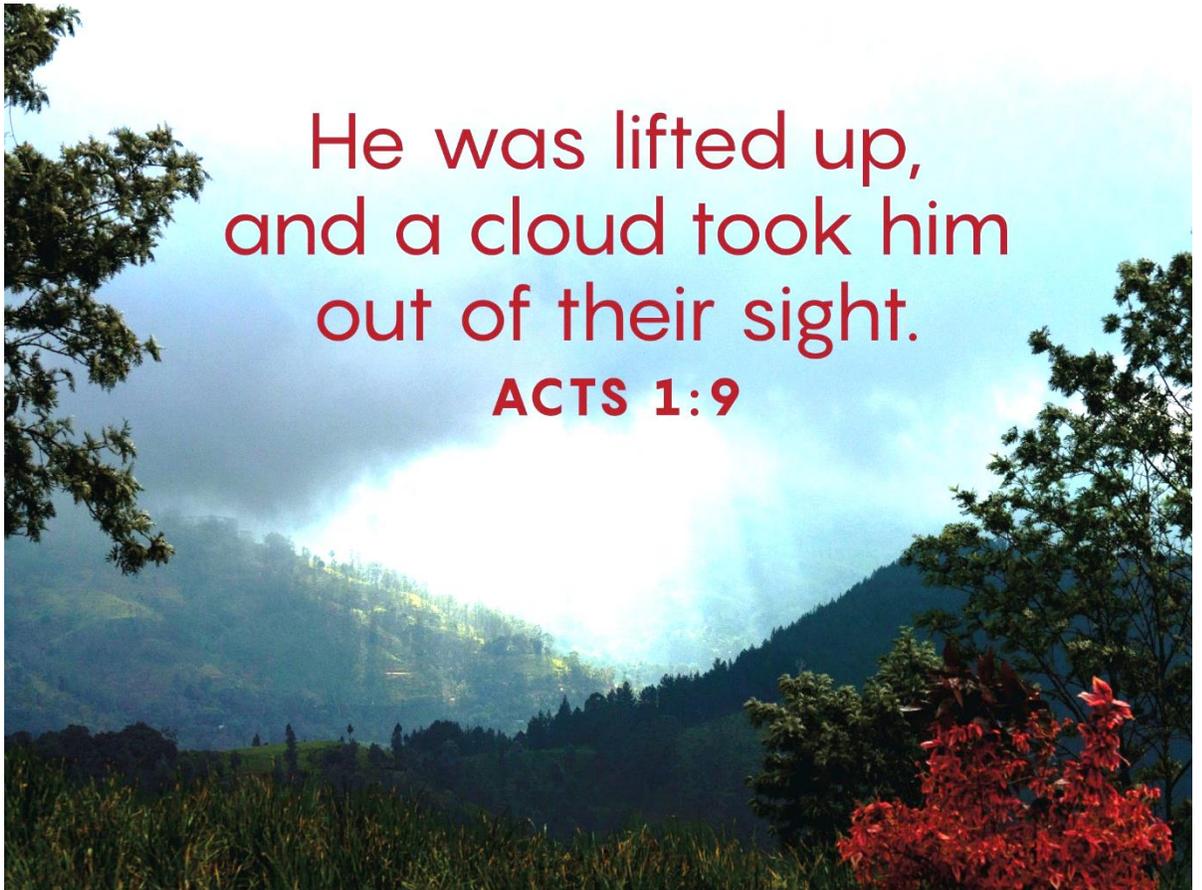
According to one theory, the English word for carnation comes from *carnis*, Latin for flesh. From the same root comes *incarnation*, God's coming to earth in flesh. Thus, carnations remind us of our loving mothers as well as our loving Savior.



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He was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him  
out of their sight.

**ACTS 1:9**