



ST. ANN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Correspondent

Monthly Newsletter / April 2024

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES*

Saturdays: 5 pm
Sundays: 8 am & 10 am
10 am service will also be online

WEEKLY CAMPUS SCHEDULE*

Food Pantry: Mondays 10 am - Noon
Thrift Shop: Wednesdays, Thursdays,
Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm
AA meetings: Mondays 7 pm
Thursdays 10 am & 7 pm
Sundays 7:30 pm
Choir Practice Tuesdays 6:50 pm
Men's Breakfast Tuesdays 8 am

MONTHLY SCHEDULE*

Family Service First Sunday
Senior Lunch TBD
Vestry Meeting Second Monday
Pizza Supper Third Saturday

**check our website for details, changes, and updates
www.saint-anns.org*

St. Ann's Vestry

Wardens

Nancy Koinoglou (2026)
Randy Schultz (2025)

Members

Carol Ann St. Lawrence (2027)
Joseph Castelli (2027)
Rich Maddox (2027)
Laura Sanchez (2026)
Pat Osarchuk (2026)
Don Hester (2026)
John O'Neil (2025)
Ray Busch (2025)
Roma Busch (2025)

Vestry normally meets once a month
on the 2nd Monday night.

Important Dates:

4/ 7/24 Family Service – wear sports clothing
4/ 7/24 Pancake Breakfast following 10 am service
4/ 8/24 Partial solar eclipse – use eclipse glasses to observe
4/22/24 Earth Day – see Creation Care article
4/27/24 Diocesan Meeting Daughters of the King – see article
5/ 7/24 Senior Luncheon – food pantry donations welcome
5/19/24 Pentecost Sunday – at 10 am service,
Bishop Wolf presides for confirmation & reception

Our Choir invites you to a Pancake Breakfast



**After the 10 am service on April 7th
Rock painting with Susan the Seminarian too.**

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*Our Mission is to spread the
Gospel of Christ
in thought, word, and deed
to our community
and the world.*

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THRIFT SHOP

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Open Wednesday, Thursday, &
Saturday 10am – 2pm

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A Word from the Rector Father Jeffrey Stevenson, HoSM

*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
(Zachariah 9:9)*

Easter is the cornerstone of the Church as it commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Preparation for Easter season in the Church on Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent, a period of spiritual preparation and repentance lasting 40 days. During Lent, we strive to shrink the gap that we have created between us and the divine in practices like fasting, prayer, and self-examination to prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection.

The climax of the season of lent in the Church is the Triduum, a religious observance lasting three days. This period includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, leading up to the celebration of Easter. The Triduum is a time of intense spiritual reflection and preparation for the Easter feast, marking the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Maundy Thursday, a significant day in Holy Week, marks the beginning of the Triduum. This day commemorates the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus on the night he was betrayed and the ceremony of washing feet, known as "the Maundy." The Episcopal Church celebrates Maundy Thursday with a special liturgy that includes the Eucharist and a ceremony of foot washing following the gospel and homily. In some churches the bread and wine are kept in reserve for administering Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament on Good Friday, but here at St. Ann's we consume. After these ceremonies, the altar is stripped, and all decorative furnishings are removed from the church and because we have consumed the Eucharist, the eternal light is extinguished, not be relit until the Easter Vigil. The next two days of the Triduum (Good Friday and Holy Saturday) are simple services of prayer and preparation for the Paschal mystery of Easter.

The first and primary service of Easter is the Easter Vigil, a deeply symbolic and significant worship service that marks the transition from Holy Saturday to Easter Sunday. This service is the most powerful and personal experiences in the church calendar, explaining the journey from the Passion and death of Jesus Christ to his Resurrection.

The service starts with what is often called the "Service of Light," where a new fire is kindled, and the Paschal candle representing the risen Christ is lit. This light symbolizes Christ as the "Light to the World" and is carried in a solemn procession into a darkened church. The Exsultet, a glorious chant, is sung during this part of the service, narrating the story of salvation.

Following the Service of Light, the liturgy of the Word unfolds with readings from the Old Testament that recount stories of God's people. This part of the service culminates in welcoming new members into God's family through baptism and renewing baptismal vows. The first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated during this vigil, marked by the joyous Easter Acclamation: "Alleluia. Christ is risen!" The Great Vigil of Easter encapsulates the full meaning behind the celebration of Easter and offers a profound experience for participants to delve into the wonder and majesty of this holy season.

On Easter Sunday, Episcopalians gather to celebrate Christ's resurrection with great joy and exuberance through special music, hymns proclaiming Christ's triumph over death, and readings from the Gospel of John about the discovery of the empty tomb. Throughout the 50-day Easter season, we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection through prayer, worship, acts of kindness, and charity. And, I don't know about you, but I cannot wait to usher back in the "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Peace,
Father Jeff



Photo by John Smith

Would you like to help with worship?

Text the word SERVE to 631-212-2320 to sign up. Choose from Usher, Lector, Acolyte/Crucifer, Eucharistic Minister, Coffee Hour host or Altar Guild.

VESTRY VISIONS

Alleluia! Christ is Risen... and so are we, the Body of Christ!

After a Spirit-filled Lenten season that was a catalyst for many of us in renewing our relationship with the Lord, the Easter season has much to look forward to. On Sunday April 7, the Choir will be hosting a Family Pancake Breakfast following the services. Mark your calendar to join in the fun and fellowship. While we're at it, check the Coffee Hour signup sheet and help fill in the blanks to keep the good times rolling with your help in setting up coffee and nibbles.

Warmer days and later sunsets mean most of us can get outdoors more often. If you have a green thumb and can spare as little as 15-30 minutes, there is a garden waiting for you begging to be cultivated and perhaps weeded. Pat Osarchuk would be happy to give you tips if you need advice...Thank you!!!

As this special Body of Christ, we continually place on our hearts the significant needs and wants of many in our community who struggle financially, emotionally or spiritually. There are many who are dependent on our Thrift Shop and/or Food Pantry to meet their material needs, while still others suffer from age related afflictions, drug/alcohol abuse, or loneliness and isolation. Still others are caregivers who could use a physical and mental break from the sacrifices they are making. Add to this sampling all of those who are hurting beneath the surface, this "silent majority" in our communities are those whom Christ has called us to serve. Remembering that Christ didn't just sit there waiting for those in need to come to Him, we should follow His example and seek out those He would serve in our own neighborhoods and help where we can. And yes, of course see Nanci Guerra, Linda Maddox, or Peg Flanagan at the Thrift Shop to help with sorting as needed, and Lynette Schulz at the Food Pantry to donate your time or groceries...!!!

While many members of your Vestry are engaged in familiar roles of Finance, Buildings and Grounds and Cemetery, others are responsible for "governance" of specific ministries. By governance, we mean that the Vestry member has oversight responsibilities of his ministry of interest to be sure that that ministry is equipped with the resources necessary to function, thrive and grow. Following are specific tasks undertaken by your Vestry during 2024:

Nancy Koinoglou-Buildings and Grounds

Don Hester- Finance (Chair)

Carolann St. Lawrence-Cemetery

Pat Osarchuk- Grounds (South of Cemetery Gates)

Laura Sanchez- Pastoral Care

John O'Neil- Liturgy and Worship

Ray and Roma Busch- Newcomers

Richard Maddox-Stewardship and Parish Activities

Joe Castelli- Environmental and Energy Efficiency and Creation Care

Randy Schultz-Fellowship

The Vestry is supported by Tom Munkelwitz (Treasurer) and Linda Maddox (Clerk of the Vestry) Father Jeff chairs the Vestry as Rector.

Rather than personally doing the hands-on work of the assigned ministry, Vestry members act as facilitators and contact points for those within the ministry to share needs and concerns. Look for updates from respective Vestry members in future Correspondent articles regarding their perspectives.

Make a note on your calendars for May 19, Pentecost Sunday! At the 10 am service, St. Ann's will be welcoming Bishop Geralyn Wolf to Sayville to preside at Confirmation and Reception into the Church. More details will be forthcoming in next month's Correspondent and via Parish Emails.

Enjoy your month, and make every day count in your Walk with the Lord!

Randy Schultz,

Warden

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Some thoughts from your Seminarian...



A number of years ago, in my former career as the principal of an alternative high school, we took the students to Theater Three in Port Jefferson to see "Godspell." As the show ended and the lights came up, my students were shocked to see me in tears. Trying my best to compose myself, I shakily uttered, "This is me. This is my faith. This is our story." We ARE Easter people! So, sing it, yell, it, whisper it, spread it, but no more swallowing it! Hallelujah!! Hallelujah!! Hallelujah!!

And let's usher April in with joy...

"Soccer Sunday with Baseball Blessings and Lacrosse Lift-off!" on April 7th during our 10:00 service! We're encouraging all of our young people to wear their uniforms or whatever they need for spring sports! And let's not just think teams...wear your bike helmet or the shoes you wear to run track or just to run around the neighborhood! Perhaps your warm-up clothes if you are a gymnast...you get the idea! We are going to bless you all as you get ready to enjoy the spring season! I promise...it will be youth inspired!! And do be a good sport and leave your cleats at the door? We'll bless them separately!

Also on Sunday, April 7th, after the Family Service, during the Pancake Breakfast at Coffee Hour, the children and I will be painting stones to put into our gardens and around town with short inspirational sayings like "God loves you" or "Smile" or "Flower Power!" And if the rocks get sticky with syrup...that's okay!

From your seminarian with love,
Susan

Stewardship for the New Year

This is the final installment of our four-part exploration of charitable giving strategies that both benefit your charity (i.e. St. Ann's), and yourself with potentially favorable tax treatments by the IRS.

Charitable Gift Annuities

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between a donor and a charity with the following terms: As a donor, you make a sizable gift to charity using cash, securities or possibly other assets. In return, you become eligible to take a partial tax deduction for your donation, plus you receive a fixed stream of income from the charity for the rest of your life.

Many large nonprofit organizations, including a number of universities, offer charitable gift annuities. First, you make a donation to a single charity. Then, the gift is set aside in a reserve account and invested. Based on your age at the time of the gift, you receive a fixed monthly or quarterly payout (typically supported by the investment account) for the rest of your life. At the end of your life (as well as your spouse's, if you're giving as a couple), the charity receives the remainder of the gift.

Individuals or couples can set up a charitable gift annuity. (You are the "annuitants," which is the specific name for beneficiaries of annuities and many insurance policies.) Depending on the charity, your annuity can be funded with cash donations, but potentially also securities and gifts of personal property. Minimum gifts for establishing a charitable gift annuity may be as low as \$5,000, but are often much larger.

In addition to the income stream, annuitants may also be eligible to take a tax deduction at the time of the original gift, based on the estimated amount that will eventually go to the charity after all the annuity payments have been made. A portion of the payments you receive may also be tax-free for a period of time based on your statistical life expectancy.

Charitable gift annuity donors (annuitants) receive payments for the rest of their lives. The size of your payment is determined by many factors, including your age(s) when you set up the charitable gift annuity. (For example, younger donors will typically receive more payments but they'll be smaller.) The amount is fixed and will never fluctuate or adjust for inflation. But it's also guaranteed, backed by the charity's entire assets, not just your gift, and will continue for the lives of the donors no matter how well or poorly the investments of the annuity perform.

You may be eligible to claim a partial charitable tax deduction for the year in which you set up the charitable gift annuity. Why only a partial deduction? The IRS views one portion of your contribution as a gift, to be used immediately by the charity for its tax-deductible charitable purposes. The other portion (taxable) is viewed as an investment for you, which ultimately generates your payments.

A second tax benefit may come by donating long-term appreciated stock or other property if the charity is able to accept these assets in place of cash. By donating non-cash assets directly, it is possible to reduce or eliminate the capital gains tax you'd ultimately pay if you sold them first and then donated the proceeds.

This capital gains tax benefit is not exclusive to establishing a charitable gift annuity; it also applies when you gift long-term appreciated securities or personal property to any public charity that's equipped to accept them.

Key Takeaways of Charitable Gift Annuities:

- Income stream for the rest of your life
- Immediate (partial) tax deduction, based on your life expectancy and the anticipated income stream
- Potential for a portion of the income stream to be tax-free
- Possibility of donating many types of assets: cash, securities plus personal property
- Reduced or eliminated capital gains tax liability for gifts of appreciated securities and personal property
- Supporting an organization, you care about
- Parting irrevocably with funds donated to create the annuity
- Subject to income tax on the income stream (payments from the annuity)
- Payments are fixed and won't be adjusted for any reason including inflation
- Payments may be lower than with a non-charitable annuity because the primary purpose is for nonprofit support
- Cannot be used to support multiple charities unless you set up multiple annuities

Thank you for your interest!

Randy Schultz, Stewardship Chair

Calling all knitters!!

For many years St Ann's has supported the Christmas at Sea program at the Seamen's Church Institute which distributes scarves, hats and cowls to merchant sailors. Any time is the perfect time to knit or crochet these much-appreciated gifts. Items will be collected in early Fall for distribution.

If you would like to participate, please call the office at 631-589-6522 to request patterns or needles. We also have experienced knitters willing to teach those who need instruction. If you have any acrylic yarns that you would like to donate to this program, please let us know!

Thanks.
Ellen Stoll

EARTH DAY ~ April 22, 2024

“No matter how you choose to honor nature, make it positive.
We need a healthy Planet Earth to thrive,
and Planet Earth needs us.” *

Earth Day 2024 is fast approaching. It happens every year around the world on April 22nd. It began in 1970 here in the United States when a Senator from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson, began a teach-in about environmental issues of the times.** About twenty million people nationwide attended the first Earth Day events at tens of thousands of sites across our country.*** The number of people and countries involved grows every year.

Earth Day is one day a year for us to set our focus on the beautiful gift from God, planet Earth. There are many ways to show our appreciation and extend our love for this incredible place where we live. ***I believe the more we connect with nature, the more important its care becomes to us.***

Here are ten of my favorite ways to connect:

- + Take a nature walk. [My favorite local place is Sans Souci Park.]
- + Go for a bike ride taking in the natural beauty around us.
- + Sit outside at night and observe the moon and stars.
- + Enjoy any one of our local beaches.
- + Have a picnic in a park.
- + Plant an herb garden for your kitchen.
- + Walk barefoot through the grass or sand and experience actual grounding.
- + Have a nature scavenger hunt.
- + Beautify some stretch of our surroundings by picking up trash.
- + Attend an Earth Day event in our area.

April 22, 2024 is a great day to do any or all of these activities to grow your love of where we live and so is any other day of the year. Let 4-22-24 be our collective kick off.

* <https://www.nature.org/en-us/>

** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_Day

*** <https://loc.gov/search/?in=&q=earthday&new=true&st=>

Please share your ideas...

Please feel free to email your ideas to me,

Marie Wipper at: k2wipper@aol.com, using “Creation Care” as the subject.

Celebrating Saint Patrick's Day with Irish Dancers

Thank you to Linda & Rich Maddox for bringing the talented dancers of the Mulvihill-Lynch Irish Dance Studio for a Saint Patrick's Day performance.

Their granddaughters, are the two youngest in the group.

Sophia (in black & pink) and Nora (in lime green & blue) are in the front row of the 2nd photo.



Did You Know...



Did you know that Karen McGorty is an incredibly caring person who has dedicated so much of her life to others both personally and professionally? She has shown that through her love for her children, grandchildren, late husband of 47+ years, and her parents. Even through the most challenging times, she has always displayed courage and compassion.

She has also shown the same dedication and love to her St Ann's family. She has been a part of the congregation for over 50 years. During her many years as a participant of St Ann's, she was a former clerk of the vestry and a former member of The Order of the Daughters of the King. She also was a dedicated Sunday School teacher. In the past, she was very involved in the Christmas Fair running both the toy room and baking the cranberry dessert that so many remember when thinking about the fair. She continues to devote time serving this community by providing a tasty meal for seniors and an opportunity to enjoy fellowship together regularly.

In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, walking by the water, bike riding, hiking, and traveling with her lifelong friends. She also cherishes her time with her children and two grandchildren.

Thank you, Michele Marcley, for writing this article about your Mom.

Hey everybody, please consider writing about your spouse, child, parent, sibling or friend. Suggested questions might be: Where did they grow up? Did they have a career? What experiences led them to where they are now? How did they meet their spouse? How many years are they married? What have they contributed to their community or to St. Ann's? What have they done that they are most proud of? Once you get started, I'm sure you'll get plenty of information to write about.

Articles should be emailed to correspondent@saint-anns.org

SAINT ANN'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Alex, Aniello, Ann, Beth, Betty, Billy, Charlotte, Chris, Claire, Connie, Danny, Debi, Eddie, Eileen, Erica, Heather, Helen, Jacob, James, Janet, Jean, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Kathie, Lauren, Lisanne, Michael, Miriam, Nanci, Rick, Ricky, Rod, Sophie, Susan, Terri, Theresa, Tom, & Valerie

Text the word *Prayer* to
631-212-2320 to add names
to the Saint Ann's Prayer List

Anniversaries in April. Congratulations!



- 1 Joyce & William Hamilton
- 5 Linda & Kenneth Herbert
- 15 Kristen & Craig LoNigro
- 26 Deborah & Edward Schmeider
- 30 Renee & Brian Chalmers



Guess our mystery bride & groom – answer in next month's issue.

April Birthdays:



- 1 Vanessa Sanchez
- 2 Cole Kraft
- 2 Knox Johnson
- 2 Ella Patrovich
- 2 Edward Schmeider
- 6 Robert Costanzo
- 7 Grayson Noll
- 7 Samantha Rossi
- 7 Susan Verneer
- 8 Eileen Moran
- 9 Jeanne Monasterolo



Guess the name & age of this April birthday girl. Answer in next month's issue.

- 9 Christine Weeks
- 15 Olivia Hynes
- 15 Jillian Lorenzo
- 15 June Schlock
- 18 Diane Lichtenberger
- 19 Patricia Osarchuk
- 22 Felicity Vento
- 29 Spencer Hayes
- 30 Elizabeth Shelton
- 30 Ellen Stoll



In the News

A round-up of items announced in last month's parish emails and at weekend services.
Please submit announcements to the office by Wednesday each week.

WE WILL! Baptisms in March:

This March we welcomed **William Michael Kelly** our new parishioner on his baptismal day! Members of Saint Ann's have pledged to "do all in our power to support him in his life in Christ".
Congratulations to his parents William Kelly and Dana Cook-Kelly.

Called to the Lord:

Jane M. O'Neil (mother of John & Patti O'Neil)

Jane M. Vanderborgh



On April 8th there will be a partial eclipse of the sun. In order to protect your eyes from damage, you must only look at the partial eclipse with special eclipse glasses. These may be available at your library or the Long Island Welcome Center on the LIE. With these glasses you can observe the sun as the moon blocks most of the sun. Ours is the only planet in our solar system where this phenomenon occurs. Don't miss this spectacular heavenly sight.

Binoculars/Telescopes/Cameras/Cell Phone Cameras etc. must be covered with a solar filter in FRONT of the equipment to avoid damage to your eyes and the sensors in the devices. Please do more research before using any equipment to view or record the partial eclipse of the sun.

The Order of the Daughters of the King is a religious order for women who take lifetime vows of prayer and service to do evangelism for Christ.

Daughters of the King at St. Ann's will be hosting a Diocesan meeting on Saturday, **April 27**. The Assembly will start at 11:00 am with a business meeting and lunch. The afternoon session will include Prayer Tools you can use to enrich your daily prayer life.

Please call **Marge Rogers at 567-1919** if you would like to attend this gathering and find out more about The Order.

The **Senior Luncheon will be held May 7th** at noon in the parish hall. The guest speaker, Vincent Maio, the community liaison with the SCPD 5th precinct, will talk about the current scams out there. Donations to the food bank are appreciated.

EASTER FOOD MINISTRY

Thank you to all who supported and participated in the Easter food basket ministry. With your generous support we were able to provide Easter breakfast and dinner for 18 truly, grateful families with an additional 5 extra hams for the food pantry.
We hope you had a happy and blessed Easter.





Blessed are the Soupmakers....

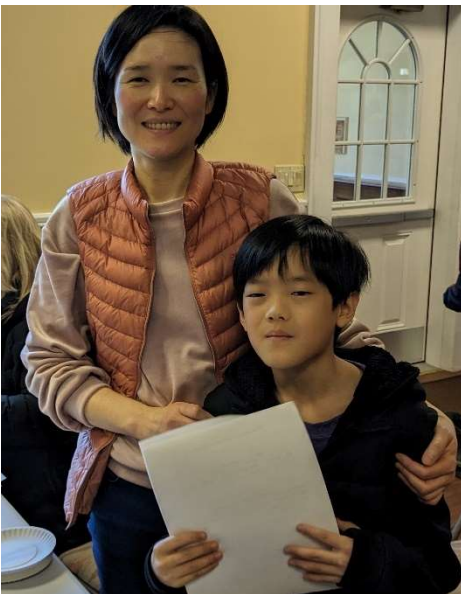
Thank you to all the soupmakers. Our soup suppers were well attended. We had delicious soup and wonderful discussions centered around **"Your Faith, Your Life - An Introduction to the Episcopal Church"** a book which pulls together everything we know (and some things we didn't know) about the cornerstones of our faith.

Randy Schultz, Soup Supper Chair





Family Breakfast March 3, 2024



View from Behind the Pole

Sandie Immoor

Singing With the St. Ann's Choir

Most people join a church choir because they like to sing hymns and other church songs and anthems during the church service. At St. Ann's, people STAY in the choir because of the closely knit "family" that the choir feels like, under Kathy Senese's leadership. We like to work together to "make a joyful noise" so that everyone feels "touched" by the music. We have "choir buddies" who look out for each other, such as collecting the new music for another person who is absent from a Tuesday night rehearsal. We send cards or make phone calls to other choir members who are ill or injured, etc. At the end of each choir rehearsal, we share prayer concerns (and happier news), and we pray together, followed by singing the Doxology before we leave for home. We also sponsor certain events at church, such as the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. (This year it will be the April 7 Pancake Breakfast after the 10:00 church service.)

During the rehearsals on Tuesday nights, we usually practice the upcoming anthems for about 2 months, and we sing the hymns for the upcoming Sunday's worship service. It's always fun to hear Kathy Senese exclaim that it's her FAVORITE hymn that we just sang. Sometimes she just says that it's ONE of her favorite hymns...Either way, Kathy is a very enthusiastic, encouraging person and choir director, as well as being incredibly talented in playing the piano and organ to accompany the choir. The "connected" feeling keeps us coming out to St. Ann's on Tuesday nights to join together in beautiful hymns and anthems.

Consider joining us! You'll be glad you did.
Sandie Immoor (I sing Alto in the choir.)

We practice on Tuesdays at 6:50 p.m. in the church. **All are invited.** If you have any questions, you can call Kathy Senese at the church office or email her at music@saint-anns.org

The Order of the Daughters of the King Evangelism Tips



Say "Hello" to 5 people each day,
Call or visit someone who lives alone,
Spread your good feelings around,
Give of your time, talent and treasures,
Pray for justice & peace in the world,
Live simply,
Be thankful,
Spread your good feelings around,
Do unto others as you would have them do unto you, and
Feed the hungry.

These are things we all can do to make a difference for our community.

Cemetery Information:

To inquire about burials/interments at Saint Ann's Cemetery, contact:

Tim Laffin, Cemetery Manager, 631-589-6522 | jtlaflin@outlook.com

March 12, 2024 – Senior Luncheon





Today is the first day of the rest of your life. I'm sure we've all heard that before but do you live like that? To me it means every day is a do-over; a chance to be a better person. It means we don't know how many more years or days or hours we have on God's beautiful earth and we have the opportunity every day to make our world a better place.

Hold a door open for someone. Say "Thank you" to a cashier or clerk. Greet people with a friendly "hello" when you pass by. Forgive someone. Say you are sorry when you've been wrong. Assume good intentions, a phrase that I first heard at the Mother's Center of the South Shore. Attitude makes all the difference. Find joy in every day.

Listen closely. Speak from the heart. Be generous with your time and resources. Consider things from other people's perspective. One of my favorite T-shirts has the phrase "In a world where you can be anything - Be Kind to everyone."

We CAN be the best people we can be, with God's help and the help of our family, friends, neighbors and everyone else we share this planet with. As Father Jeff so perfectly stated on Palm Sunday "If we can't lead with kindness, then why are we here?"

This is **OUR** newsletter so let's make it the best we can.

Send your birthday & anniversary dates. Share your good news about births, baptisms, graduations, weddings, new jobs, awards or anything else you think the parish would enjoy reading about. Send a photo. Maybe a photo of your wedding for your anniversary month or your picture for your birthday month. Contribute a poem or short essay. Write your reaction to a sermon or a hymn.

Send ideas for Marie's Creation Corner: **k2wipper@aol.com**; subject "Creation Care"

Everything else should be emailed to **correspondent@saint-anns.org**.

Documents should be in Microsoft Word format or as text in the email.

Please observe deadline which is the **3rd Friday of each month**.

Eileen Moran

Deadline for the next issue:
Friday 5/18/24

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MISSION STATEMENT

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