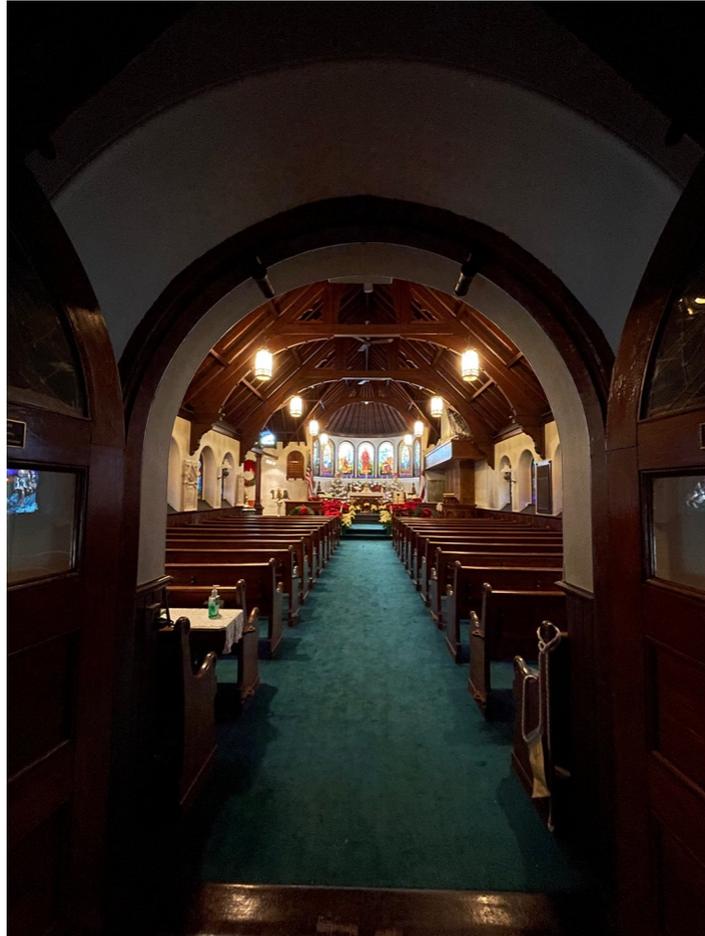


The 155th Annual Meeting St. Ann's Episcopal Church



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Agenda

- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer
- The Appointments of the Clerk and Parliamentarian
- Approval of Agenda
- Election of Vestry Members
- Appointment of Tellers
- Approval of the Annual Meeting Minutes from the 154th Annual Meeting
- Resolution of Change of Date
- The Annual Report
- Rector Report
- Wardens Report
- The treasurer's Reports
- The Declaration of Election for Vestry Members and their Installation
- The Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Mission Statement

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

Statement of Vestry Policy

The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God. BCP p. 856.

As a member of the Vestry, you are a leader and an example to the entire parish and community. It is therefore expected that you will fulfill the above expectation as stated in our Prayer Book, and will also commit yourself with God's help and to the best of your ability to the following:

1. Regular attendance and participation in Sunday worship services.
2. Regular attendance at the scheduled monthly meetings, and any other called meetings as shall be necessary to carry out the responsibilities of parish leadership. These meetings may be brief, but usually will last one and a half hours. Your presence throughout the meeting is imperative. You will notify the clergy and/or Senior Warden in the case that you will not be able to attend and will pick up minutes and monthly reports from the missed meeting as soon after as possible.
3. Support and participate in parish activities in as far as you are able to do so and will take on responsibilities for areas of parish life as may be needed and requested of you in so far as you are able.
4. Regular prayer for the clergy, Vestry, ministry of the parish, and parishioners (as may be needed.)
5. Support the financial needs of the parish by pledging, and by fulfilling your pledge commitment unless making other arrangements with the treasurer.
6. Study and learn the responsibilities of the Vestry as laid out in the *Vestry Handbook* and other literature as may be distributed by the clergy.
7. Attend and participate in an annual planning retreat and an annual organizational meeting (this to take place following the election of new vestry members).
8. To be a public example for the entire community.

Qualifications for Voters & Vestry

Article III St. Ann's bylaws:

A. Presiding Officer of Annual or Special Meeting

1. The Presiding Officer of the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting shall be the Rector, or if there is no Rector, or if the Rector is absent, one of the Wardens elected for this purpose by a majority of duly qualified voters present, or if no Warden is present, a Vestryperson elected in like manner.
2. Such Presiding Officer shall:
 - i. Be the judge of the qualifications of the voters and the validity of the ballots;
 - ii. Receive the votes cast;
 - iii. Declare the results of the votes cast; and,
 - iv. Enter the proceedings of the meeting in the "Book of the Minutes of the Vestry", and affix his or her signature.

B. Qualifications of Voters

1. Voting members of the Parish are those who are eighteen years of age or older, who have been baptized, and are regular attendees at the services of the Parish for six (6) calendar months before the meeting, and are regular contributors for six months to the current expenses of the Parish.

C. Qualifications and Election of Warden and Vestrypersons

1. Wardens and Vestrypersons shall be elected by ballot from persons qualified to vote at such election.
2. No person shall be a candidate for election as Vestryperson or Warden unless that person is a voting member of the Parish. (See Article III-D)
3. No person shall be eligible for election as Warden unless that person is also confirmed in the Episcopal Church.
4. The Election of Warden shall be by a majority vote, except if both Warden positions are to be elected, then the Election shall be by plurality.
5. The Election of Vestrypersons shall be by a plurality vote. In the event that a vacancy is to be filled for an unexpired term, the candidates receiving the greatest numbers of votes would be elected to vacant expired terms. Then, after all vacant expired terms have been filled, remaining candidates receiving the greatest number of votes would be elected to vacant unexpired terms.

Current Vestry

Rector

Rev. Jeff Stevenson (Rector and Chair of the Vestry)

Wardens

Tom Honey (term expiring 1/2021) standing for re-election

Nancy Koinoglou (term expiring 1/2022)

Vestry

Class of 2021 (Outgoing/Re-Election)

Wendy Schmittzeh

Carol Ann St. Lawrence

John Smith

Mona Tobin

Class of 2022

Greg Domoff

Paddy Hennessey

Jill Hughes

Nicole LaFontaine

Class of 2023

Donald Hester

Diane Miller-Magnani

Patricia Osarchuk

Carole Sheppard

Nomination for Consideration

We are electing one warden for a two-year term and four vestry members for three-year terms. If there are nominations from the floor, then the names will be added.

Warden standing for election/re-election

Thomas Honey – Standing for election as Warden

I've been a member at St. Ann's since 2008. While helping to sell Christmas trees in 2011, I realized that I would like to become more involved in parish activities. To that end, I was elected to the Vestry in 2014. During that time, I was a member of the building and grounds committee as well as the finance committee. In May of 2016 the position of Warden became vacant and I was elected by the Vestry to fill that position until that term expired in 2017, at which time I was elected to the position of Warden at the annual meeting. I have been honored to be in that position ever since. Besides continuing on the building and grounds and finance committees, I also am a member of the investment committee and of course, the Christmas tree committee.

Vestry members standing for election/re-election

The following are eligible for re-election and have indicated that they are willing to stand as candidates:

“The Election of Vestry persons shall be by a plurality of vote. In the event that a vacancy is to be filled for an unexpired term, the candidates receiving the greatest numbers of votes would be elected to vacant expired terms. Then, after all vacant expired terms have been filled, remaining candidates receiving the greater number of votes would be elected to vacant unexpired terms.”

(St. Ann's By-laws Article III, C, 5)

Wendy Schmittzoh - Standing for re-election as Vestry member

I have been an active member of St. Ann's for 12 years. Currently I am the Sunday School Coordinator, part of the Christmas Tree Committee and have served on the vestry for nine years. I have been a Sayville resident for over 22 years and have been married to my husband, Mark, for 26 years. We have a 17-year-old daughter, Taylor, who serves at St. Ann's as an Acolyte, EM and assistant Sunday School teacher. I am a graduate of Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School and have been an Executive Assistant/Office Manager for over 30 years. Along with my church activities, my other hobbies include camping and long-distance cycling.

Carol Ann St. Lawrence - Standing for re-election as Vestry member

I am a fourth-generation parishioner of St. Ann's. I was married at St. Ann's on January 26, 1963. I have one son, and two daughters, one step grandson and two granddaughters, and 3 great grandsons and one great granddaughter. I am the diocesan treasurer of the Daughters of the King. I am a vestry member and report the happening in the cemetery to the vestry. As a "Daughter" I work on various outreach projects that benefit St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, Hope House ministries in Port Jefferson and the Eastern Farm Workers .

John Smith - Standing for re-election as Vestry member

My wife Theresa first discovered St. Ann's in 2003 as we were seeking a spiritual home in which to raise our daughter Hannah. We began with the Sunday morning family services and we quickly fell in love with the church and the welcoming parishioners. Our involvement increased over the years and I served my first 3-year term in the vestry in 2011. After taking a year off to purchase and take over a new business in 2014, I returned to the vestry in 2015. We have expanded our involvement to joining the "Tree Wiseman" with a few other wonderful church families selling CHRISTmas trees, running church communications and Theresa is also active in the Altar Guild ministry. I respectfully request to renew my 3-year term as vestry member of St. Ann's Episcopal Church.

Rich Acierno - Standing for election as Vestry member

I grew up on Greene Avenue in Sayville and have lived in Bayport with my wife Melanie and my 3 children: Sam (17), Lily (16) and Charlotte (11) for the past 16 years. I studied Architecture and received my Bachelor of Architecture from the New York Institute of Technology in 1993. After graduating I worked for firms in NYC and then moved to the eastern end of Long Island in 1995. I founded my Architectural firm in Southampton in 2001 and completed many projects throughout the Hamptons, Fire Island and NYC. The rich architectural history of the Sayville / Bayport area continues to inspire me as I have a fascination with the numerous works of Isaac H. Greene (local Sayville Architect and designer of St. Ann's Church).

Melanie, the family, and I have been parishioners at St. Ann's for 11 years and I recently served on the Rector Search Committee. They were initially impressed by the warm welcome our family received when we began attending services at St. Ann's and continue to enjoy the fellowship of the other parishioners as well as the continued excellence of the sermons, music program and outreach programs. Sam and Lily participate in the mass by periodically performing the readings and they enjoy being part of the youth group which until this year was overseen by Father Brian. Both have been confirmed at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City and Charlotte will follow next year. Charlotte enjoys helping as an "assistant" Usher with her Mom.

Minutes of the 154th Annual Meeting

Minutes of the 154th Annual Meeting of St. Ann's Episcopal Church

January 19, 2020

The Reverend Hugh James called the 154th annual meeting of St. Ann's Episcopal Church to order on January 19, 2020 at 11:21 AM. The meeting was opened with a prayer. Fr. Hugh appointed Karen McGorty to be the Clerk of the meeting and Tom Munkelwitz to be the Parliamentarian. He also appointed Gayle Brady and Tim Laffin to be the tellers.

Fr. Hugh requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion made by Marge Rogers and seconded by Valerie Field. Motion carried.

Fr. Hugh then asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the positions of Church Warden or Vestry. There were none. Fr. Hugh then asked for a motion to close the nominations. Motion made by Don Hester, seconded by Marge Rogers.

The voting procedure was then explained. The polls will remain open during brunch. Fr. Hugh then proceeded to advise all that the last paragraph of Carole Sheppard's bio had been inadvertently left off, and he read aloud what was missing. The voting commenced, and brunch was served. The meeting resumed after a delicious meal.

At 12:04 a last call for voting was made. There being no additional ballots, the polls were declared closed.

Fr. Hugh asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 153rd Annual Meeting. Motion made by John Strecker, seconded by Wendy Schmittzeh. Motion carried.

The Resolution to change the date of the Annual Meeting – The following Resolution was read:

Resolved, that the annual election/meeting of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Sayville, New York be changed from the 3rd Sunday to the 4th Sunday and be it further resolved that the Vestry of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Sayville, New York recommends that this resolution be ratified at the next annual election/meeting to be held January 19, 2020.

After the reading of the resolution, Fr. Hugh asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Motion made to ratify. Carried. (This was agreed to at last years' annual meeting, although to change the bylaws it had to be ratified at this meeting.)

Fr. Hugh then reviewed the Church Statistics. Attendance is down. This is a trend that has continued for many years now.

Treasurers Report – Tom Munkelwitz began by thanking all of our counters, who each week commit their time and energy to provide this service to the church.

Next, he expressed a large thank you to the Thrift Shop, which in the past year produced a record breading income of \$65,000. Also, a big thank you to the Christmas Fair and the Christmas Tree organizers and salespersons. Together they raised in excess of \$33,000.

Tom reviewed the Treasurers Report, emphasizing our deficit is getting less every year. Transfers out of our savings account this year were \$55,000 (significantly less than our budget had predicted), and next year proposing a decrease to \$35,000. He asked if there were any questions, none. If later anyone has any questions, please contact me. If I don't have the answer, I will get it.

Annual Report continued with Fr. Hugh bringing attention to all the reports contained in the booklet:

Interim Rector's Report – my report is printed here, but I want to verbally thank so many people. The congregation who has always made Susan and me feel very warmly welcomed. Sue Knoepffler, and all those involved, for the wonderful job they have been doing on the Search Committee. My colleague, Fr Brian Barry, who is currently on paternity leave, and will be moving in the upcoming months taking on a position of P.T. Priest in Charge of another parish. A thank you to the lay leadership of the church, the vestry and all those who give of their time and talent, preforming the different ministries of the church. (He also spoke of the need we have for volunteers and asked all to think about what time they give to whom.) And lastly a tribute to our paid staff: Terry, Gayle, Kathy, Lou, Janet, and volunteers Nancy, and Wendy (who voluntarily runs our Christian Ed). It is wonderful to have such a dedicated and hardworking team of people. Thank you to all, for it is you who make us the very successful church we are.

- Altar Guild – Nothing to report
- Cemetery Report– Nothing to report
- Christian Formation – Nothing to report
- Music Ministry – Nothing to report
- Fire Island Ministry – Judy Hester asked all to consider coming to the beach for a Summer Sunday service at the Pines or Grove (alternating weeks). The service starts a 10:30 am which is compatible with the ferry service. When in Cherry

Grove the service is at the theatre, and at the Whitehall Building when in the Pines.

- Grounds – Nothing to report
- Christmas Tree Committee – thanks to our tree wisemen
- Christmas Fair – a thank you to Nicole for taking it on and making it the success it was
- Stewardship – Nothing to report
- Episcopal Church Women – Nothing to report
- PBJ Ministry – Sal Greci asked that we all recognize the amazing work that Mary Mattarella does. She not only serves the city but does so much locally as well.
- Search Committee – Sue reported that they are finalizing the parish profile. It is a large extensive document that will show prospective applicants exactly who we are. The final product will be going to Cannon Wooly, and then will be posted on our parish website, giving prospective candidates the opportunity to view. A special thank you to Diane Miller-Magnani, Don Hester and Pat Osarchuk, the writers of the profile, and the entire committee, for a job well done.
- Food Pantry – Nothing to report
- The Correspondent – Nothing to report
- Mission and Outreach – Nothing to report
- St. Ann's Thrift Shop – Nothing to report
- Tree of Remembrance – Nothing to report
- The Order of the Daughters of the King St. John the Apostle Chapter – Marge Rogers reported that currently our chapter consists of Carol Ann St. Lawrence and herself. They are always looking for new members. No special spiritual attributes are needed to become a Daughter, only a sincere desire to draw nearer to God, and to help others do the same. There is a discernment period to prayerfully help one decide if they would like to become a Daughter.
- Christian Yoga Class – Nothing to report
- Lenten Soup Suppers – Nothing to report
- St. Ann's Men's Group – Nothing to report
- St. Ann's Historical Society – Connie Currie reported that we used to have an active historical society at St. Ann's. Unfortunately, many are now in our Garden of the Unforgotten. Our parish is on the National Registry. We are looking for volunteers to join with us and continue relaying our history to future generations. We would like to begin giving tours of the Church, and possibly cemetery.

Commissioning of Warden and Vestry Persons – the following persons were elected:

Warden:

Nancy Koinoglou – Warden – 2-year term

Vestry

Don Hester – 3-year term

Diane Miller Magnani – 3-year term

Pat Osarchuk – 3-year term

Carol Sheppard – 3-year term

Greg Domoff – 2-year term

Paddy Price-Hennessey – 2-year term

Mona Tobin – 1 year term

The vestry meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. A thank you to all those coming off the Vestry, and those who ran.

Fr. Hugh invited all the vestry members existing and newly elected to come forward for the Commissioning.

Adjournment – after a closing prayer, a motion to adjourn was made by Bob Sheppard and seconded by John Strecker. Meeting adjourned at 12:57pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karen McGorty, Clerk of Vestry

Current Year Church Statistics

	2018	2019	2020
Attendance	9,413	8,381	TBD
Communion	8,496	7,812	TBD
Baptisms	5	6	3
Receptions*	0	0	0
Weddings	2	2	1
Burials	17	22	6

*A person who was either formally Roman Catholic or Lutheran who decided to become Episcopalian through the confirmation process.

Rector's Report

I am a dreamer. That's right, I sometime find my head in the clouds, daydreaming about what could be. If you see me walking the dog, lost in thought, I am probably daydreaming about what possibilities lay just around the corner. Maybe it is because I am a dreamer that I believe the work of the church is to dream of a better world and to find ways to make that dream come to pass. Dreaming is the first step in Kingdom work: imagine what the kingdom of God might look like and then find ways to bring us closer to that vision.

This year it has been hard to dream. It has been one that has challenged us. It has been a year of unrest and of revelation. Our national life has been turned on its head, our community lives have been stifled, and our worship lives have been changed forever. This has been a hard year for so many reasons. On top of the pandemic, racial unrest, and political strife, you lost an interim rector Fr. Hugh, that many of you came to love. Your long-time assistant rector, Fr. Brian accepted a call to be the rector. After a long search, you hired a new rector, but because of the pandemic, most of you haven't even met him yet. Yet even in the face of a tough year, you came together over the past months in incredible ways. Your welcome of Noah and me has been heart-warming. We felt embraced from the first week we arrived and had our drive-by welcome parade. St. Ann's returned to in-person worship, even though it was brief, and each week we saw new people visiting. We had our pet blessing with a yard full of pets ready for their blessing. We had an incredibly successful Christmas tree lot this year, selling 650 trees in the first weekend. We were not able to have our Christmas Fair this year, but we continued the tradition by having a raffle that was a raging success with participants from across the country. We delivered a candle to many of you so that we could celebrate Christmas Eve with a unified "Silent Night" during our online service.

Looking ahead to 2021, I do not expect the year to come to be much easier than the year that has passed, yet I see possibilities. In the year ahead I hope to lead us through a season of exploration and dreaming. We are a parish that is breathtakingly beautiful and heartwarmingly welcoming. I want us to dream about how we can grow our presence in the community, by exploring who we are as a parish family.

This year we will expand on the Rector Search Committee work by taking a spiritual inventory. This spiritual inventory will help us to identify our strengths and guide us to make the best use of them. My hope is that this will help us see where God might be leading us. Once we choose a direction, it is time to dream. Let us dream about how we can participate in the God's mission in the world. Let's dream about how we can do the Kingdom work. Let us dream about all the things that we can do and let's dream big!

Wardens' Report

Treasurer's Report

Church Operating Budget

Operating Income	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Regular Giving - (envelopes& online)	156,573	147,918	141,300
All other individual contributions	30,234	27,431	21,144
Outreach donations	2,882	4,107	3,625
Thrift Shop income	65,861	13,734	42,000
Fund Raising	61,681	65,012	65,827
Parish Functions Income	3,352	3,123	1,685
Building Usage	5,450	2,416	2,800
Other Operating Income	7,581	7,622	0
Legacy Support for Operations	151,361	179,290	141,777
Transfers From General Investment Fund	33,272	30,000	107,233
Transfers From Endowment Fund	80,000	80,000	80,000
Transfers From Other Restricted Funds	8,862	2,456	5,097
Total Operating	607,109	563,109	612,488

Income

Operating Expenses	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
Diocesan Assessment	50,537	50,532	53,585
Personnel	295,579	290,469	310,348
Physical Plant	119,849	114,066	120,379
Office Expenses	45,681	50,614	49,810
Liturgy & Worship	7,966	3,582	9,067
Christian Education	4,954	615	2,928
Outreach	19,196	12,051	17,082
Music	7,750	2,824	6,546
Stewardship	825	434	496
Other Parish Programs	2,304	1,023	0
Parish Functions	5,682	1,651	4,800
Parish Organizations	110	0	0
Fire Island Ministry	8,000	303	1,300
Thrift Shop Expenses	5,682	1,270	3,659
Fund Raising Expenses	32,993	36,562	32,488

Miscellaneous & Contingency Expenses	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses	607,109	565,997	612,488
Net Operating Income - Expenses	0	-2,888	0

2020 Church Capital Expenses	Total Cost	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
Fence for Littlejohn parking lot	\$1,725	\$1,725	\$0
Parish Hall gutters	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Rectory Painting	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$0
Video Equipment	\$1,954	\$0	\$1,954
Security Cameras in Thrift Shop	\$4,850	\$4,850	\$0
Fence for Burgess	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$0
Total 2019 Church	\$38,429	\$36,475	\$1,954

Capital Expenses

General Capital Campaign	
Opening Balance	2,814.91
Additions	50.00
Expenses	1,954.16
Closing Balance	910.75

Statement of Accounts

Fund Name	Balance as of 12/31/2019	Balance as of 12/31/2020	YTD Change
Church - Unrestricted			
General Fund Checking - TD Bank	\$57,958.39	\$71,317.85	13,359.46
General Fund Investment	\$308,852.16	\$296,797.87	(12,054.29)
Sub-Total Church Unrestricted	\$366,810.55	368,115.72	1,305.17
Church - Restricted			
Church Endowment Fund	\$1,833,442.65	\$2,016,141.31	182,698.66
Legacy Fund	\$547,267.31	\$610,533.52	63,266.21
Book of Remembrance Fund	\$58,326.14	\$67,788.25	9,462.11
Memorial Fund	\$41,240.37	\$45,676.71	4,436.34
Flower Fund	\$10,740.36	\$13,757.30	3,016.94
Fechter-Cass Fund	\$47,279.29	\$58,120.37	10,841.08
Eastman Legacy	\$231,339.69	\$256,983.72	25,644.03
Bayport House Fund	\$62,312.14	\$67,570.27	5,258.13
Record 611 - St. Ann's	8,112.68	8,040.56	(72.12)
Record 333 - Sunday School	12,206.90	12,744.23	537.33
Sub-Total Church Rerestricted	\$2,852,267.53	\$3,157,356.24	305,088.71
Total Church Funds	\$3,219,078.08	\$3,525,471.96	306,393.88

Ministry Reports

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild of St. Ann's serves the parish and God in liturgy and worship. We prepare the altars of St. Ann's for scheduled weekday, Saturday, and Sunday services, as well as baptisms, weddings, funerals, holy days, and special services.

At present, the following serve on the Altar Guild: Rodney Dudley, Judy Hester, Cindy MacDonell, Diane Miller-Magnani, Linda Munkelwitz, Pat Osarchuk, Theresa Smith, Barbara Stahlberg, and Susan Verneer.

Cathy Baker and Doris Ostrander faithfully polish the brass. Twice a year, Doris Ostrander organizes the polishing of the silver, with the help of Altar Guild members. Marge Rogers takes care of the vestments. Each week, Pat Osarchuk, Doris Ostrander, Linda Munkelwitz or Barbara Stahlberg delivers the altar flowers to cheer members of St. Ann's and others in the community.

This year, at the Thanksgiving Day service, Father Jeff blessed two new cruets, given in loving memory of Marion Maybury, as well as a blue chalice veil, handmade by Marge Rogers, for Advent.

The Altar Guild is a dedicated group who are generous and flexible with their time. Serving on the Altar Guild is a humble and rewarding experience. If you (male or female) would like to join our ranks, please call either Barbara or Linda.

Linda Munkelwitz and Barbara Stahlberg

Buildings & Grounds

Buildings

We were able to complete many projects this year around the campus of St. Ann's. We installed air conditioning into the Food Pantry kitchen in the Littlejohn building, installed cameras inside and outside of the Burgess building, painted the entire interior of the rectory, steam cleaned all carpets in the rectory, painted handrails and church signs, painted interior of both upper and lower parish hall. Projects approved and scheduled but not yet completed are: new fencing in the cemetery area, repair of the brick wall that was damaged during a recent storm and roof repair for rectory and chapel roofs.

Repairs scheduled for 2021 include cleaning carpet inside church, cleaning all woodwork and ceilings inside church and painting the interior of the church. Legacy has generously offered to help pay for these projects.

Nancy Koinoglou-Buildings & Grounds

Grounds

Our new planting project during 2020 was the sign garden immediately in front of the church ramp. Some of the bushes were diseased or overgrown and had to be replaced. Sue Knoepffler and Chris Mulroy, who have cared for this area for years, worked with Bayport Flower Houses to select bushes and plants to upgrade this area.

Looking forward, we plan to replant the east side of the garden by the Welcome Sign on the great lawn and to probably reseed the new lawn area by the new fence in front of the Burgess Building. We will also further research ways to improve the irrigation system by the church.

During 2020 we were fortunate to have several new volunteers to focus on certain planting areas along with our “regulars.” Because of the dedication of our volunteers, the gardens around the church were lovingly maintained. Thanks go to Cindy and Dave MacDonell, Doris Ostrander, Jill Hughes, Tim Laffin, Barbara Stahlberg, Chris Mulroy, Sue Knoepffler, and Sandie Immoor.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Osarchuk, grounds chairperson

Cemetery Report

There were twenty-six (26) burials of which sixteen (16) were vault and eight (8) were cremations, one (1) crypt entombment and one (1) niche entombment.

There were eight (8) full plot and three (3) niches sold.

The ladies from "I'll Tend Your Garden" did a fantastic job keeping the cemetery looking beautiful.

The various storms we had during the summer months took its toll on a lot of our large older trees. Some of them fell on the chain link fence and one large one fell on the brick wall surrounding the Suydam plot. We have contracted to have them repaired/replaced when supplies and weather permit.

Carol Ann St. Lawrence

Christian Formation

At the beginning of 2020, the Christian Education curriculum moved back into the Burgess building from the Parish Hall. With the teaching staff we had, classes were divided into two groups, K-2 and 3-6. Being back in our Sunday School location was more comfortable and familiar to our students and provided a sense of comfort.

The Whirl Program continued to be the teaching tool used each week. Through Whirl, kids can learn about their biblical faith ancestors, be introduced to the gospel message,

and grow up with an appreciation for liturgical colors, symbols, and faith practices. Whirl also helps connect what kids are learning in Sunday school to what they hear and see in worship. Whirl makes the lectionary fun too. Hilarious, animated videos help kids connect the biblical theme of the day and real life. The characters model both faithfulness and failure in a way that children can both relate to and learn from. Every lesson in Whirl gives kids hands-on opportunities to interact with the selected reading of the day, the theme, and the church year seasons' colors and symbols.

Unfortunately, just as we were heading into the Lenten season, we had to shut the program down for the safety of all and currently have not been able to gather since. This outreach is important and believe time has come to reevaluate how to move forward in teaching and church participation; a way to involve the children and their families to enrich their learning and become vital participants in the congregation. With Father Jeff now at the helm, we look toward his guidance to steer us in directions that we might not have envisioned, along with the help and support of the congregation.

As always, a special thank you and appreciation to our volunteer teachers, assistants and the parents that make the Christian Education program successful.
Wendy Schmittzeh, Sunday School Coordinator

Christmas Tree Sales

Our annual tree sale, the largest fundraising event of the year, was a great success. Even though we were no able to open the yard on two nights and one day on a weekend due to rain, we sold all our trees by the Sunday of the second weekend, just 9 days. Even with our supply of trees being limited to 750 (instead of our normal 800) due to the continuing tree shortage, and our supplier raising the wholesale price on some sizes, we made a net profit of almost \$24,000. A great job by our Christmas tree committee, a big thank you to the members of the congregation that helped with the unloading and sales, and to the local community service kids that have become essential members of the operation.

Tom Honey

Christmas Fair

As you all know, we were unable to have our Christmas Fair in the way we usual do because of COVID-19 restrictions. We were, however, able to have a virtual raffle and 50/50 raffle. There were some fabulous prizes, we had a lot of fun and we raised funds for our church. Our plan is to come back stronger and better for next year's fair.

Nancy Koinoglou, Christmas Fair Chair

The Correspondent

The Correspondent is the newsletter of Saint Ann's Church. It is published monthly, except for the month of August, and contains regular contributions from the Rector, assisting clergy, and the Vestry as well as general announcements, publicity for upcoming events, ministries, anniversaries and birthdays of current parishioners, and occasionally some theological wisdom.

All parishioners are welcome—and encouraged—to contribute to *The Correspondent*. People have exciting adventures, experience amazing things, and are often able to provide inspiration to others through the stories they present.

The Correspondent is posted at the beginning of each month on the Saint Ann's website (www.saint-anns.org). This past year, there have not been printed copies available in the Parish Hall because of the pandemic. We hope to begin mailing copies to the congregation sometime in the New Year, so that all will have access to our current events. Those who live out of town and who still wish to receive *The Correspondent* in the mail, can arrange with the church office to have this done for a small contribution.

Please contact the editor at stanns_editor@yahoo.com for further information on contributing an article or advertising in the newsletter.

Rodney Dudley, Editor, *The Correspondent*

The Order of the Daughters of the King

Due to the COVID crisis we have been confined to home but are doing a lot of prayer and keeping our fingers nimble making hats, mittens, and quilts for our mission work. Starting on Sept. 1, we prayed for our country and the world. Nehemiah was the basis for praying to God for 52 days to save Jerusalem. Many prayers were answered during that time. We will save our many handmade items for delivery when we are able. Stay well and safe.

Marjorie Rogers - Chapter President

Episcopal Church Women

The ECW does not hold formal meetings. When possible, some women attend diocesan meetings and participate in numerous functions. This year we did not have our annual No Bake Bake Sale to fund an achievement award to be given to graduating high school seniors at the St Barnabas Day celebration. Nor did we participate in the fall United Thank Offering appeal or Book of Rembrandt service in the cathedral. However, names of 2020 departed St Ann's Parishioners were forwarded to Garden City to be read at the service. In November through media and bulletins we asked that monetary contributions be made to fund the Adopt a Family appeal of Episcopal Health Services which St Ann's has enthusiastically participated in the past. This was generously supported. Our knitters and crocheters have continued to support the Seamen Church Institute Christmas at Sea appeal which provides hat, scarves and cowls to merchant

seamen. (If anyone would like patterns or yarn, please call the office and we will meet with you).

Thank you all for your support, Ellen Stoll

Fire Island Ministry

Attendance at the Fire Is ministry was limited to one service. It was held on what is usually our end of the season (last) service. All socially distanced 24 had communion in part, with it being the first communion of the year for many of the congregant. As we all have discovered, absence definitely makes the heart grow fonder, and missing Sunday services was no exception!

Food Pantry

St. Ann's food pantry continues to be supported by the generosity of our parish family. Although we have had limited in person worship, we did continue to receive monetary donations.

I am thankful for the donations from our steadfast contributors and for our seven volunteers who manned the food pantry even as the church buildings were closed. We served fewer families in the beginning of the 'pandemic' but have seen our numbers come back in recent months.

This year we spent \$2727.22, which is less than half of last year's expenses. We had two donations around Thanksgiving from local nursing homes

On February 2nd, we participated in the 'Souper Bowl of Caring'. We collected 80+ cans of soup and crackers to help fill the increased demand for soup during the winter months.

During the month of February, we also collected frozen vegetables and fruits for Heart Health month. This was well received by our guests as they most often get canned veggies. We continue to supply frozen vegetables, when able, throughout the year.

We were regretfully unable to distribute Easter food baskets.

Our Thanksgiving food basket ministry helped provide a special holiday meal for 20 thankful families (over 50 people) and also gave our parish family an opportunity to share in the joy of giving. Much of the food was donated by parishioners. Four additional baskets were donated by

Good Samaritan nursing home which we shared with St Paul's Episcopal Church in Patchogue.

Although it has been a difficult year, we have been committed to helping those who come to us in need. I am truly grateful for the support of our faithful volunteers.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to share food and lend an ear with those in need. The Pantry is open Monday 10:00-12:00 and Thursday's by appointment.

Pantry Manager, Lynette Schulz

Lenten Soup Suppers

Continuing a tradition spanning more than 15 years, St. Ann's offered a Soup Supper program in conjunction with a Clergy-led Lenten study program following the supper. With Ash Wednesday on February 26 this year, Soup Supper programs were scheduled for the five intermediate Wednesdays prior to Holy Week.

The Soup Supper ministry offers an opportunity for fellowship and Lenten reflection, with multiple soups prepared weekly by attending parishioners and their families. Others were generous donors of tasty desserts or cookies to add spice to life... Meals were complemented with available coffee (decaf), tea and ice water.

Complementing the soups were tasty selections of bread offered generously by Wenner Breads of Ronkonkoma. Wenner has been a long-time donor of breads suitable for local charitable functions, as they are wholesale bread manufacturers to local supermarkets' "bakery" displays. For many years, St. Ann's soup supper participants have enjoyed a bonus of having extra bread to take home for French toast or to complement dinner the next day.

Our tradition has been to commence with supper at 6 PM and begin a Lenten program at 7 pm. This past year, Interim Rector Fr. Hugh began a study on "how to pray" which encouraged small group participation and discovery. It was unfortunate that our Lenten programs were only able to meet for two weeks (March 4 and March 11) prior to being cancelled thereafter as Covid-19 ended Diocesan-wide in-person worship services and group activities.

Although we were only able to meet for two weeks in 2020, at least we WERE able to meet and benefit from an enjoyable program. With Ash Wednesday in 2021 falling on February 17, the ongoing pandemic will determine whether we can resume in-person programs, but the Chair is hopeful and ready to implement a Soup Supper program when it is permissible to do so.

The ministry is intentional so that parishioners, their friends, neighbors and families may gather in weekly fellowship at a normally quiet time of the year. The evening can

and should also be a form of outreach that welcomes those whom Christ has asked us to serve and allows for reflection and spiritual growth in this season of penitence.

Please stay healthy and get vaccinated when available. We look forward to sharing together soon in Christ's name!

Yours in Christ, Randy Schultz, Soup Supper Chair

Men's Group

In the past year, the Men's Group continued its 28-year tradition of meeting Tuesday mornings from 8-9 AM in the Parish Hall over coffee and bagels to discuss whatever came to mind. Formerly a Parish service-oriented committee, the Group currently includes two nonagenarians, an octogenarian, and three Members in their 70's. The Chairman's ghost writer is not quite 70.... We always welcome the Rector to join us in our prayerful deliberations, although current conditions have not allowed us yet to share the Men's Group experience with Fr. Jeff.

Our group prides itself in its caring and intimacy. We looked forward with great joy in celebrating monthly birthdays at the Seacrest Diner (including 4 of the 7 Members' in January and February). Our last Parish Hall meeting was unexpectedly March 10 2020, after which the Parish was closed to religious and social gatherings. We continue to stay in touch frequently via email, although it is not the same as Parish Hall fellowship!

We mourn the passing of our most senior member, Fred Herold who entered new life only 35 days prior to his 100th birthday (just in time to make things ready for his wife of 71 years, Muriel, who joined him in November....). Fred was a cornerstone of the Group who enjoyed sharing stories from his life experience which, over time became more and more familiar to the rest of us.

The Men's Group goals for 2021 are (a) stay alive through God's Grace, and (b) to meet, again through God's Grace. When Parish organizations are again cleared to resume in-person gatherings, presumably after widespread vaccinations, we look forward to a lot of catch-up conversation, and a lot of monthly breakfasts at the diner (culinary field trips) to make up for this past year.

When we resume, all men are welcome to share a cup of coffee and an hour of conversation with us. In this era of "work from home" many folks have that spare hour between 8 and 9 AM on Tuesdays where we can afford to get out of the home and start the day with a "work from Church" mentality that can help set the tone for a productive and successful day. We look forward to sharing that productive start to your day with you!

Who are "we"? Joe Garofolo is our Chair who facilitates the bagels and coffee, assisted by Randy Schultz. Ray Graunke, Bob Sheppard, Peter Leis and Horst Schiez often share books, magazines and artifacts from their collections, and Steve Birkeland is our Group Photographer

and Town Reporter who enlivens the conversation with first-hand accounts of local events. Father Hugh was a regular participant during his time with us, and we look forward to resuming with Father Jeff in our company.

Until we meet again, (a) may the Lord be in our midst at all times, (b) may we avoid the virus and get the vaccine when available, and (c) let's get ready for fellowship at its best!

Respectfully submitted, Joe Garofolo, Chairman

Music Ministry

How many times have we heard in the last few weeks that 2020 was a year like no other? Too many! Our Parish Choir was so excited and busy preparing for Holy Week and Easter when we heard those very sad words that the church was closing! NO In Person church on Easter? How could that happen? Yes, we miss our choir, and we miss singing and we miss each other. We look forward to the day when we will all be back together in church again!

And then we learned about Zoom. And we heard our beautiful church bells and our organ and that brought us back to church again in the comfort of our homes. For me, to be sitting at home -watching church- not at the organ was a little strange! I thank the Chung family, Christie and John Strecker, Christine Mulroy, Rick Magnani and Ryan Mattimore for sharing their musical gifts with us.

And now our new Rector Fr. Jeff is doing such an outstanding job bringing all of our services Online each week. We were able to have our annual Advent Service of Lessons and Carols Service Online and In Person. I thank the soloists and lectors for making it so memorable. Fr. Jeff introduced St. Ann's to The Blue Christmas Service which brought much hope to many struggling during the Christmas season. Thank you too Don Baker, cantor. This service was so well received it will become an annual service Christmas week.

Now it is Christmas! Christine Mulroy and Rick Magnani brought much joy to our Christmas services as they sang many of our favorite Christmas carols. At 7:00 PM we were joined by Margery Fitts, a gifted harpist adding to the beauty of our 7:00 PM service. I have to thank the wardens and vestry for the candles that were lovingly wrapped and distributed to the congregation for Silent Night. That was just the most touching and beautiful idea. Thank you. It is a time of thanking God for our many blessings I thank the many volunteers that give of their time and talent. Thank you, St. Ann's! Stay well and safe. It continues to be a joy and privilege to serve you at St. Ann's!

Kathy Senese, Minister of Music

Stewardship Report

Every year we, and every church, holds a “stewardship campaign” when we ask each of the church’s members to participate in support of the church by pledging to give of their time, talent, and treasure to the mission of the church. Usually, these campaigns aim to remind us who we are as a church and call us to mission. These campaigns are usually started in the fall and well underway by the Advent season. The finance committee then takes those pledges and together with the church leadership, we build a budget for the coming year. To be frank, this year has been a very different year, a year that has made any type of planning difficult, this is true in building the budget as well. Because I arrived just as a pledge campaign may have started and because we have been in the middle of such a difficult season of waiting, the finance committee and I made the decision to bypass the stewardship campaign this year; however, we still need to build a budget for the year to come. In the face of the unknown, we have decided to copy forward last year’s pledges, in order to build the budget. This means whatever amount you pledged to give in 2020, is the number that we will use for your pledge in 2021. We understand this is not perfect, but it gives us a base line. If you want to increase or decrease your pledge amount from last year, contact me directly or the office to let us know. – Fr. Jeff

St. Ann’s Thrift Shop

2020 the awful year we kept saying it could not get any worse...and it did. I first need to grasp that we have lost has lost 2 volunteers and many personal family members. The healing hasn’t begun because as long as COVID-19 is taking the lives of so many we are unable to join together to mourn those we have lost.

99% of the volunteers are in the vulnerable category for this deadly virus and until this pandemic is under control, we cannot allow any of them to be in harm’s way.

My point is, I don’t know what else will happen in 2021. I look forward to when this awfulness eventually ends, we can all be together to what brought us together in the first place, our outreach and fellowship.

Nanci Guerra, Store Manager

Announcing Results of Election (if necessary)

Commissioning of Vestry Persons

Liturgy: Commissioning of Vestry persons to serve at St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Sayville, New York

Presenter - Warden I present to you these persons to be admitted to the Vestry of the parish.

Celebrant Are the persons whom you present prepared by quality of life, regular attendance at Divine worship, evidence of good stewardship, and knowledge of their duties to exercise their special ministries to the honor and glory of God in this place?

Presenter – Warden I believe they are so prepared.

Celebrant Have the persons you present been duly elected to the offices to which they are to be admitted?

Presenter – Warden They have been duly elected.

Celebrant
To Vestry Persons

Will you be faithful in prayer, fellowship, and witness? Will you be diligent in your ministry as Vestry person, seeking Christ in all persons and giving of your time, talent, and treasure in his Name?

Response I will.

Celebrant By your affirmative response to the ministry set before you, you are hereby commissioned to Christian service as Vestry persons. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do in God's will in the service of the Kingdom of His Christ. Amen.

The Closing Prayer

Adjournment