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## WEEKEND SERVICES

Saturday 5:00 PM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II

Sunday 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II

Sunday 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II

Sunday 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite I

## WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Monday, Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 20—Annual Meeting/Brunch

Jan. 21—Office closed for MLKing, Jr., Day

## MISSION STATEMENT

To the Glory of God, the family of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, in response to the promises made at Baptism and inspired by the Holy Spirit, strives to share Christ's Reconciling Love by our Witness and Ministry in Stewardship, Worship, Evangelism, Education, Pastoral Care, and Service.

## Are You Ready?



It is a solemn thing to part company with the old year," said J.C. Ryle (1816-1900), the first Anglican bishop of Liverpool. "It is a still more solemn thing to begin a new one. All before us is uncertain; we know not what a day may bring forth, much less what may happen in a year."

Ryle offered this challenge for the days and months ahead:

"Walk more closely with God, get nearer to Christ, seek to exchange hope for assurance. Oh that you may endeavor so to grow in grace every year, that your last things may be far more than your first, and the end of your Christian course far better than the beginning!"

We can start with the Annual Meeting when we will elect a warden and four new Vestry members. Hope to see you all there!

## Happy New Year!

## St. Ann's Episcopal Church January 20, 2013



## ANNUAL MEETING

Pursuant to the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island and the Religious Corporation Laws of the State of New York, notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Sayville, New York, at 11:00 AM on Sunday, January 20, 2013.

## FROM THE EDITOR

### A New Year's blessing

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;

Not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

--Author Unknown

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# REFLECTIONS

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## A NEW YEAR



Dear Parish Family,

I have had several requests for my sermon of December 16 to be re-printed and I thought *The Correspondent* would be a nice vehicle in which to do that. I thank you for all the kind words you had regarding the sermon, and I pray it will continue to give you comfort as we move forward.

**Advent 3 - December 16, 2012**

**Sermon in the Aftermath of the Tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut**

I wrote a sermon earlier this week, a sermon that followed the propers for Advent 3. But, given the unfathomable horror of Friday, it seems inappropriate to preach that sermon; because today, we find ourselves trying to wrap our minds around the unthinkable actions of an individual whose actions forever altered the lives of so many.

The first question that comes to everyone's mind is WHY? Why did this happen? And the truthful answer is: no one except God can answer that question. Regrettably, there are well intentioned people who are saying *it was God's will*. I have unfortunately heard this several times. And I am here to tell you nothing could be further from the truth! It was NOT God's will for this to happen to the innocents. That is not the God of my understanding. The Episcopal understanding of God is this: God is love. And all life is precious to God, because God created those lives. And the God of love does not will such devastation.

After WHY, the question I have heard most often is *Where is God in the midst of this tragedy?* I believe, to the deepest fibers of my being, that God is here.....in this place with us as we pray; and with all who grieve the loss of their loved ones. I believe God is in every tear that is being shed; and I believe God wept too on Friday.

Our emotions and reactions have run the gambit; from shock to disbelief to anger and to rage. And I want you to know these are normal feelings and it's OK to be having these emotions. It's part of how we try to wrap our minds around the unthinkable.

As we move through the emotions of the coming days and weeks, if you would like to talk with either me or Father Farrell, know we are here for you; and will give you a safe place to express your emotions.

For now, please continue to pray for those who need our prayers, and *May light perpetual shine upon those who have gone to God; and may their souls through the mercy of God rest in peace.* AMEN

Blessings,

*Mother Diane+*

*God refuses to give up on us. When we lose hope, when we fail and fall short, his mercy never runs out. Tomorrow is full of promise and our Lord's unceasing love.*

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# Vestry Visions

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As a very busy year at St. Ann's ends, your Vestry looks forward to a new year of some change and, hopefully, few challenges.

We plan to refurbish the Littlejohn Building as early as possible so that our church offices can be moved there. We also hope to renovate that building so that much-needed meeting space can be made available there.

The other major project we will face is the restoration and protection of our Tiffany windows. Because of the cost and the intricacy of this type of work, this project will have to be undertaken in phases.

Of course, any major undertakings require funding, and so the Vestry may need to limit these and any other necessary projects because of financial limitations.

Each January we look forward to welcoming new Vestry members, but we also have to say good-bye to those Vestry members who have chosen not to run again. We thank Tom Munkelwitz, Caryn Wehrenberg, Scott MacDonell, and John Smith for the many ways they've helped St. Ann's through their selfless and valuable work on the Vestry. The latter three will be sorely missed at our meetings.

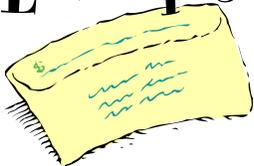
We also sincerely thank Tim Laffin who is stepping down as Treasurer. Tim has devoted countless hours, created innumerable spreadsheets, and attended many, many meetings in his role as our Treasurer. His patience and diligence have been boundless, and we are so very grateful.

Fortunately, Tom Munkelwitz has volunteered to serve as our Treasurer. He and Tim have worked together over the past month to insure a smooth transition. Fortunately too, we will be welcoming new members to our Vestry at the Annual Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Those who have worked and will work for the benefit of St. Ann's as part of our Vestry embody the faith, spirit, and determination which make St. Ann's a growing, vibrant community of worship.

With my best wishes for your many blessings in 2013,  
*Pat Osarchuk*, Warden

## Offering Envelopes



Please note: We have changed our offering envelope company, and envelopes will no longer be mailed to you. Your one-year pack of offering envelopes is now available in the Parish Hall. Please pick them up if you haven't already done so.

# VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

The 2012 Christmas Pageant was presented on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 23, at the 10:00 AM service to a packed church. Thanks to all for their help and participation.



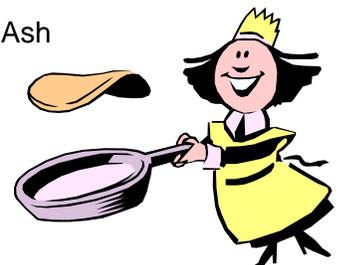
Thanks to Ed Neale (photos 1 and 2) and Sal Greci (photos 3, 4, and 5) for their on the spot photography.



The Choir held their annual Christmas potluck dinner party in the Parish Hall on December 18<sup>th</sup>. For one Tuesday, the rehearsal was suspended and we ate, drank, and made merry! Especially enjoyable were the vivid impressions of the gifts named in *The 12 Days of Christmas*. Time to get out the Lenten and Easter music now, Choir. Vacation is over.

## COMING SOON: SHROVE TUESDAY!

Hard to believe with Christmas so soon past that Lent is right around the corner. Ash Wednesday comes on February 13<sup>th</sup> this year. This means our SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will be coming up on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to save the date for this night of fun preceding the Lenten Season.





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# THE CURATE'S COLUMN

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## Church and State



Formally, “the separation of church and state” is a reference to the first amendment to the constitution, which states that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment Amendment specifies that *no religious test shall ever be required* as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.” That is, unlike the United Kingdom, which has a national church (known as an *established* church), The Church of England, the government cannot establish a national religion, nor can it prevent people from exercising their religion, as long as it does not conflict with the law. Article VI of the Constitution, on the other hand, prohibits requiring that federal employees subscribe to a certain faith. This contrasts with 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century England, where the Test Act mandated that all government officials be members of the Church of England. This was primarily to exclude Roman Catholics and nonconforming Protestants from holding office.

The phrase, “the separation of church and state,” is nevertheless often cited to claim a much broader distinction between the two entities than is the case. Contrary to what many assume, a senator may legitimately cite his or her own religion as a reason for voting a certain way in congress. Prayer at the opening of congress also does not violate the Constitution. Even “In God we trust” on money cannot be said to be in violation in that it does not establish any specific religion as that of the nation. (Atheists can argue on moral grounds, however, that it violates their sense of belonging to the nation.)

This misunderstanding of the extent of the separation too often contributes to the clergy's abandonment of their responsibility to speak out on matters of ethics. It is the duty of clergy to address social ills and to advocate for justice. For this reason, for example, the Diocese of Long Island voted in support of a resolution “Concerning Support for Occupy Wall Street and All Peaceful Movements for Economic and Social Justice” at the 2011 convention: “BE IT RESOLVED that the 145th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island supports the October 23rd resolution of Executive Council stating that 'the growing movement of peaceful protests in public spaces in the United States and throughout the world in resistance to the exploitation of people for profit or power bears faithful witness in the tradition of Jesus to the sinful inequities in society' and calling upon 'Episcopalians to witness in the tradition of Jesus to inequities in society.’”<sup>1</sup> In a similar vein, the U.S. Conference of [Roman] Catholic Bishops opposed Paul Ryan's budget proposal. In one of a series of letters sent to congressional committees, they stated: “I write to urge you to resist for moral and human reasons unacceptable cuts to hunger and nutrition programs [that would] hurt hungry children, poor families, vulnerable seniors and workers who cannot find employment. These cuts are unjustified and wrong.”<sup>2</sup>

If churches wish to maintain their tax-exempt status with the IRS, however, certain limitations must be observed. The IRS exemption requirements for 501(c)(3) organizations states that churches, “may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates.”<sup>3</sup> Support from the pulpit or in church newsletters for

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1 [http://www.dioceselongisland.org/convention/2011\\_convention\\_resolutions.html](http://www.dioceselongisland.org/convention/2011_convention_resolutions.html), retrieved December 14, 2012.

2 [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/she-the-people/post/paul-ryan-introduced-as-faithful-catholic-on-human-life-was-rebuked-by-bishops-over-cuts-to-poor/2012/08/11/368ad78a-e3c5-11e1-98e7-89d659f9c106\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/she-the-people/post/paul-ryan-introduced-as-faithful-catholic-on-human-life-was-rebuked-by-bishops-over-cuts-to-poor/2012/08/11/368ad78a-e3c5-11e1-98e7-89d659f9c106_blog.html), retrieved December 14, 2012.

3 <http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Charitable-Organizations/Exemption-Requirements-Section-501%28c%29%283%29-Organizations>, retrieved December 20, 2012

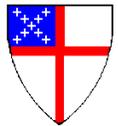
## Church and State (continued)

a candidate would clearly violate Internal Revenue Code. A church may, however, attempt to influence legislation, but that must not comprise “a substantial part of its activities.” What would constitute “substantial” is somewhat gray. This is still governed by a 1934 regime which “applies facts and circumstances criteria to determine substantial part.”<sup>1</sup> In other words, the IRS would look at the overall activities of the church and decide on a case-by-case basis. As a church, we must advocate for justice in the world. If we do not, we are ignoring our responsibility to our brothers and sisters.

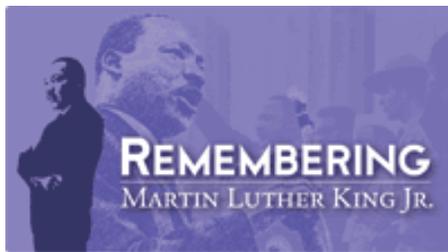
Faithfully, *Farnell+*



## Become an Episcopalian Confirmation/Reception Preparation



The Diocesan Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th. If you are interested in instruction for Confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church, please contact the church office by January 23 so that Inquirer’s Classes may be scheduled.



A little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but a lot of faith will bring heaven to your soul." - Martin Luther King Jr.

Transitory gods are not able to save or bring happiness to the human heart. Only God is able. It is faith we must rediscover.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

 FINANCIAL HEALTH	Actual YTD November 2012	Budget to Date	Difference	 Tim Laffin, Treasurer
<b>INCOME</b>				
Plate	7,495.32	9,166.67	(1,671.35)	
Regular Giving	181,313.49	183,333.32	(2,019.83)	
All Other Income	305,157.65	252,429.98	52,727.67	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	493,966.46	444,929.97	49,036.49	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	472,182.20	527,389.96	55,207.76	
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	21,784.26	(82,459.99)	104,244.25	

1 “Lobbying Issues,” by Judith E. Kindell and John Francis Reilly; <http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Charitable-Organizations/Exemption-Requirements-Section-501%28c%29%283%29-Organizations>, retrieved December 20, 2012.

# VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee has selected the following parish members for the open Warden and Vestry positions:



## ERNIE DeWITT FOR WARDEN

I was born and raised in Bethpage, NY, and was a member of the Bethpage Fire Department. I worked at Grumman Aircraft as a tool and die model maker, at Sears Automotive as a manager and was a store manager at Auto Barn until my retirement. I was also an assistant Scout master for over 20 years.

I started attending St. Ann's in January 2009 with my wife of 47 years, Susie. We started to help host the coffee hour which gave us the opportunity to meet so many wonderful parish members. As a result, we became involved with gardening and joined the Buildings and Grounds Committee, of which I became the chair in 2010 when I was elected to the Vestry. I was elected Warden in 2011 and have served happily in that

capacity for the past two years. I look forward to continuing my work as Warden and working for and with the people of St. Ann's.

## JACKIE GANDOLFO FOR VESTRY

Twenty-six years ago Dave and I were married at St. Ann's. We have three children, Meagan and Stephanie who are twenty-one and David, seventeen. I enjoy my job as a court reporter working in Manhattan. Dave is an air-traffic controller and, when his schedule allows for it, he is next to me at the 8:00 service on Sunday mornings.

As a former Associate and Vestry member, I realize the duties and responsibilities that are involved in accepting the position. In the past I headed up the Fun, Faith and Fellowship ministry, the Giving Tree Christmas gift ministry and, most recently, I served on the Search Committee for the new rector. I found my time teaching Sunday School very rewarding, and I also enjoyed participating in the organizing and publishing of a parish directory. I have also volunteered at the Christmas Fair, St. Barnabas Day, providing donuts and hot chocolate around the Christmas tree lot, and even selling Christmas trees on some of the coldest nights.

Next year Dave and I will be entering into the empty-nest phase of our lives. This will allow me to devote more of my spare time to my parish family. I look forward to the privilege of serving on the Vestry and thank you for this opportunity.



## JILL HUGHES FOR VESTRY

My name is Jill Hughes, and I have been a member of St. Ann's for the past 23 years. I am a Special Education teacher in the Sachem school district and have been married to my husband Jim for 27 years. We have 3 sons – Tyler (23), Ryan (21), and Kyle (17).

I first became involved at St. Ann's through the Moms and Tots group, and through this wonderful group, my entire family has been fortunate enough to make several lifelong friends who are also members of our St. Ann's community. I have been involved in many activities and ministries in the church, including being a facilitator for an Active Parenting program, being a member of the social group Fun, Faith and Fellowship, a teacher in the Christian Education program, helping out at the church fair (including being a crafter, as well as helping to run the wine & cheese portion of the fair), selling Christmas trees, and have also acted as usher. Most recently I was a member of the Search Committee for the new rector.

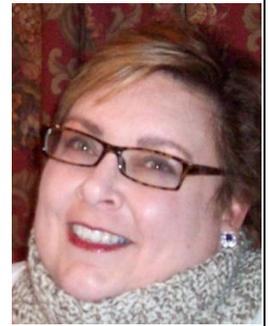
I would like to become a Vestry member in order to build upon the work that's been done by the current Vestry, as well as to bring fresh ideas and further enhance St. Ann's long history in our community.

## NANCY KOINOGLU FOR VESTRY

My history with St. Ann's began in 1992 when my husband George and I were looking for a church to join. Once we starting attending St. Ann's, it didn't take us long to realize this was where we wanted to be. That same year, we had our daughter Aline baptized in this beautiful church and have remained here ever since.

Over the past twenty years I have been involved in many of the events at St. Ann's, including working in the church office and helping out with the holiday fair. I believe my twenty years experience as administrator of a women's health corporation and thirty plus years running my husband's architectural office have given me many skills I can use to help support our vestry.

I enjoy helping out and being involved, and as a vestry member I will continue to support St. Ann's church in a positive and useful way.



## CHARLES VALLILLO, JR. FOR VESTRY

I am honored to be asked to serve on the Vestry at St. Ann's Church. My family and I have been members of St. Ann's for 17 years, during which time we have made many new friends and neighbors.

I was brought up in the Protestant faith, attending the First Congregational Church of Patchogue. I have lived all of my 48 years in Patchogue, except for the four years I spent at SUNY Oswego, where I received a degree in Criminal Justice in 1986, and where I met my wife, Suzanne. We will celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and we have three beautiful daughters, Molly, Emma, and Maggie, who have all served as acolytes at St. Ann's since they were seven years old. All three daughters are presently attending college. I have been an usher at St. Ann's, and, as a family, we have enjoyed volunteering during Christmas tree sales and working on the Annual Fair Committee.

I have been employed for 24 years by the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, first as a Corrections Officer, and presently as an Investigator with the Sheriff's Office. In my spare time I enjoy golfing, traveling, and spending time with my family. I hope to be able to serve St. Ann's faithfully and give back what support I have been given by the St. Ann's community.

## Brand New Year

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last 12 months.

All you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination. All the good you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all you hoped but did not will, all the faith you claimed but did not have — these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to him who said, "See, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5, NRSV). —Author unknown

## A SAILOR'S-EYE VIEW OF A STORM AT SEA



*This is a parish whose heart is close to the sea, and we have quite a few sailors on our roster. Judy & Don Hester passed this on to me, which was written by their son Joe, who is Captain of a Coast Guard ship. We can enjoy some vicarious excitement and be thankful that this storm is at sea and not in our back yards. -RMD*

### SIGNS THE SEAS ARE PICKING UP

Notes from last departure from the Beaver Inlet.

Main Gas Turbine begins to hunt slightly as propeller lifts higher in water with quartering sea. CO desk makes this weird, rocking, thunk-thunk noise.

Bilge keels begin rolling out when she goes into the trough, roll back with a muffled "boom!"

Chairs begin to drift away from the cabin table.

Hand soap on head sink dives into sink.

HF whips on forecastle begin to hum. Forward sewage bilge flooding alarm triggers.

Really heavy weather? Desk clears itself.

Secured in/out boxes empty themselves all over the deck.

Bridge head gets frequent, rapid use, often audible from the cabin.

Cabin chairs all lay flat, then roll around.

HF whips shimmy back and forth up to one foot at bridge level.

After a few hours, water intrusion triggers out one of the ship's general alarms (chemical or collision so far), blocking ability to pipe "stand down."

Flying bridge structures moan and hum, audible down two decks.

Occasional seas slap side of hull, flooding up to -2 deck.

Gun nets, if not removed, get bent backwards onto the gun deck.

Hand soap and plastic drinking cup race out of sink and roll around deck.

Dishes stowed in special racks come out.

Everyone looks like zombies and climb their way around, moving only one limb at a time.

You can see the rubber joint in the overhead actually flexing near the gun mounts.

Other trivia:

Maximum witnessed roll this tour? 45 degrees, Bering Sea, SAR case 2011.

Worst sustained seas: probably three days in Gulf of Alaska, October 2012.

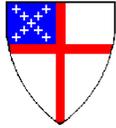
Even most likely to foul laundry: stepping out on bridge wing to gauge coming about while escorting fishing vessel through "Storm of the Century," seeing following sea looming about height of stacks.

Coldest day: 5 degrees F, Arctic Sea Smoke rising in feathery plumes, boat crew encased instantly in ice from light spray. Found rapidly-expanding ice edge nearby. Two steam lines failed.

POC: Capt. Joseph F. Hester

11 December 2012

God guides us through life's storms, and the psalmist calls us to "extol him in the congregation of the people" (Psalm 107:32, NRSV). We praise you, God, for being our safe haven.



# NOTES



## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The ECW will not meet in January and February. However we hope that all are working on knit and crochet projects for the annual fair and Seaman's Church Institute Christmas at Sea appeal. Yarn, ideas and directions are available. Thank you to all who responded with gifts and helped with the wrapping and distribution and visiting. —Ellen Stoll



## ATTENTION, CEMETERY PLOT OWNERS!

Please be aware that when it snows, *only the main asphalt road* in the cemetery gets plowed. The other gravel roads will be plowed only if needed to conduct service for a new burial. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but Spring will be here before you know it! —Janet Croce, Cemetery Manager

## THE GIVING TREE



The Parish Hall looked like Santa's workshop with all his helpers wrapping the donated Christmas gifts for the ECW Adopt-a-Family, Little Flower, and the families in need after the hurricane.

We coordinated with Barbara Whitbread at Seafarer Gift Shop in Sayville to distribute the gifts and gift cards to local families. As Barbara and I were chatting, she happened to mention at least three families whose homes were condemned due to the flood waters. A young boy in one family lost \$25,000 worth of medication because they didn't have power and couldn't keep it refrigerated. And, no, insurance won't replace it.

These families welcomed our generosity, love and prayers with open arms. Thanks to your kindness we have made it possible for gifts to be around their Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

I hope you all had a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year. Thank you for your gift of giving. --Jackie Gandolfo

## CHRISTMAS TREE SALES



Thank you to all parishioners and friends of St. Ann's for a successful 2012 CHRISTmas Tree season! The trees were sold out down to the last one, bought by a man who hailed Mother Diane as she took Kookie for her morning walk. Thanks especially to the Men's Group who helped take down the tree lot and put away the lighting systems and the shed. We hope all enjoyed their St. Ann's Christmas trees during this beautiful and blessed season and look forward to a Happy New Year in 2013. —Ed Neale.



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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4 Rudy & Laura Foerster	15 Kevin & Janet Adam	21 Donald & Judith Hester
6 James & Patricia Beedenbender	19 Roland & Lynne Russell	Anthony & Joan Palmieri
8 Charles & Barbara King	20 Donald & Stacy May	26 John & Carol Ann St. Lawrence

### BIRTHDAYS

1 Juancarlos Espinoza	12 Caitlyn Wolfe	19 Albert Dechen	25 David O'Donnell
2 Charles King	13 Mark Andres	Danielle Lichtenberger	26 Ryan MacDonell
Brian Scudero	Brian Chalmers	Evan May	27 JoAnn DaSilva
3 Alissa Williams	Janet Neale	Ryan Meinsen	Daniel LaPenna, Jr.
4 Trudy Nasta	Carol Ann St. Lawrence	Katherine Mackie	Jennifer Sheppard
Oliver Rivas	Ryan Lasko	Jaxon Weybrecht	28 Michael DaSilva
Jennifer Rossi	Zoe Lasko	20 Sonja Greves	Mary Ann Davis
5 Diane Miller-Magnani	14 Evan Meinsen	Geraldine Hoek	Jennifer Lembeck
Julia Pandolf	Robert Sheppard	John St. Lawrence	Angharad Rebholz
6 Robert Andersen	15 Daniel Limoli	21 Andrea Sanseviro	Caryn Wells
Nancy Britts	16 Christian Duszak	22 Nancy Bevelander	29 Maryann Augusta
James Deegan	Dorothy Meyer	23 John deLagarde	Beau Kraft
Barbara McGeary	Danielle Mueller	Dawn Fisher	Cassidy Weeks
Stephanie Streek	Carrie Whitehouse	Jenny O'Connell	Courtney Weeks
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## Our Church History



By Connie Currie

### ❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

**ISAAC HENRY GREEN**  
**SARAH AMELIA SNEDECOR GREEN**  
Section 34 – Lot 4

Sayville lost one of its outstanding and most respected citizens on February 2nd, 1907, when **ISAAC “HENRY” GREEN, SR.** died. Henry Green, born December 6, 1827, was one of thirteen children born to Isaac Green and Charity Newton Green. Of these children, two died before reaching adulthood. The grandfather of this family, Willett Green, a Quaker, was an early settler of what is now Sayville, along with John Edwards. After the Revolution, Willett Green purchased, for 500 lbs, half of this land, which he had farmed as a tenant, from the British patent, of the Nichols family. As his five sons reached adulthood, Willett gave a piece of the land to each one. Some farmed; Henry did farm, but he also managed some of the property as real estate, and soon made a success of this.

Aside from a few years spent in the menhaden and fish oil factory business with his brothers, I. Henry Green kept his interests in Sayville. He married Sarah Amelia Snedecor, daughter of Captain Isaac Snedecor of Bayport, and fathered a son, Ralph C. Greene, who became a noted and prosperous lawyer, and a daughter, Lila.

Henry Green was a Warden of St. Ann's, he and his brother, Samuel Willett were on St. Ann's first Vestry. Henry's nephew, Isaac Henry Green Jr., Son of Samuel Willett Green, joined with his father and uncle on St. Ann's Vestry. The Greens were important, in that they helped in the growth of the church, particularly in the community.

Isaac Henry Green's funeral was a moving event, led by one of his closest friends, the Reverend Mr. Prescott, who preached the sermon at the deceased's home on Candee Avenue. Mr. Green was then interred in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Sixteen years later, in May of 1923, **SARAH AMELIA SNEDECOR GREEN** joined her husband. She died at the home of her daughter, Lila Robinson, in Babylon. A quiet funeral, conducted in the Robinson home, attended by her children Lila and son, U.S. District Attorney, Ralph C. Greene. She joined not only her husband, but many of her family and friends who were by then deceased.



### + CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS +

#### The Lighthouse

Lighthouses are now a popular decorating theme for living rooms, calendars, cards, screen savers, towels and more. Many images are infused with shimmering light to symbolize Christian faith and hope. Yet the purpose of a lighthouse isn't to look pretty against a sunny sky — although it does — but to illumine a ship's way beneath heavy, dark clouds or a moonless night. Indeed, the lighthouse itself doesn't even light up until its surroundings grow dark!

Surely Jesus loves to share our joys, and we praise his glory during life's bright times. But God's primary purpose for coming to live among us was to save us from the storm of sin; to illumine our path through the darkness of death, in all its forms; to be the light guiding all people safely home. Jesus' light shines for us day and night, rain or shine, to bless us with faith and hope.

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## THE EPISCOPAL FLAG



We see the flag every Sunday in church, but as so often with things that are constant in our lives, we do not really see it. I was surprised to find out recently that the Episcopal Church flag actually has its roots in the Diocese of Long Island, and the original flag now rests in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City! It was designed by William

M. Baldwin, a diocesan delegate to General Convention. The original was sewn from a child's bedsheet. You can read the entire story from *The Diocesan Archives*, <http://www.crwflags.com/fotw/flags/rel-epis.html>.

The red cross is a Christian symbol dating back the the third century. The white represents purity, and red the blood of Christian martyrs. The blue recalls the clothing of the Virgin Mary and represents our Lord's human nature. The nine mini-crosses in the corner represent the nine dioceses that met in Philadelphia in 1789 when the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church was adopted. These crosses are set in the form of a St. Andrew's cross ( X ) to remind us that our first bishop, Samuel Seabury of Connecticut, had to go to Scotland (St. Andrew being the patron saint of Scotland) to be consecrated by Scottish bishops so as to avoid dealing in any way with the British Royal Crown.

Next time you see the Episcopal flag on the altar or in the Parish Hall or see the Episcopal shield, take a second look and be reminded of our history. —Rodney Dudley



## AROUND ST. ANN'S Monthly Schedule

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.  
Check out the website at [www.Saint-Anns.org](http://www.Saint-Anns.org)

### Sunday

**Jan 20** 11:00 AM—Annual Meeting/Brunch  
**Each** 7:00 PM—AA Meeting

### Monday

**Jan 14** 7:00 PM—Vestry  
**Each** 7:00 PM—AA Meeting

### Tuesday

**Each** 8:00 AM—Men's Group  
**Each** 1:30-2:30 PM—Yoga Class  
**Each** 6:00 PM—Children's Choir  
**Each** 7:15 PM—Adult Choir

### Wednesday

### Thursday

**Each** 10:00 AM—AA Meeting  
**Each** 7:00 PM—AA Meeting

### Friday

### Saturday

**Jan 13** 10:00 AM—Historical Society  
**Each** 10:00 AM—OA Meeting

## ST. BARNABAS' BUDDIES

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- (1) Prepare a meal for someone recovering from a recent illness or fall.
- (2) Drive someone to a doctor's appointment and bring them home.
- (3) Bring someone to church (perhaps once a month) if they are unable to drive.
- (4) Make a phone call to someone homebound just to let them know they are not forgotten.

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