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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

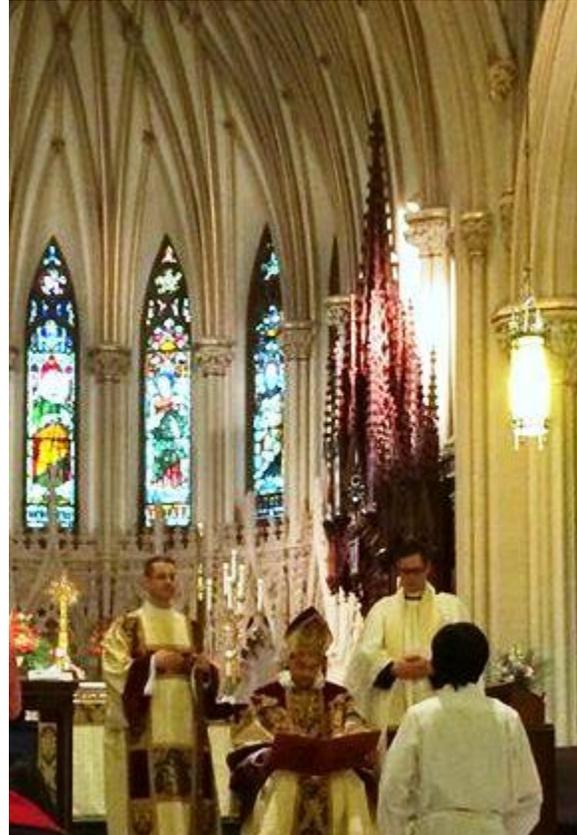
SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 2-The Rev.Deacon Jae Chung—1st Sun.
 Feb 9—Visitation by Bishop Provenzano
 Feb 14--St. Valentine's Day
 Feb 17—Office closed for Presidents' Day
 Mar 4—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 Mar 5—Ash Wednesday/Lent begins

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THE REV. DEACON JAE CHUNG



On Saturday, January 11, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, Jae Wook Chung was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons. There was a large contingent of parishioners from St. Ann's who were on hand to wish him well, along with his family and friends.

Deacon Jae will join the staff of St. Ann's on February 1, and he and his family have moved into the Pine Street residence. We are looking forward to his first official Sunday with us on February 2 and are so happy to welcome him, his wife Shin, and their four children—Ian, Emma, Lucas, and Leo—to the St. Ann's family. [Photo: Laura Sanchez]

FROM THE EDITOR

This morning I had a doctor's appointment, and when I returned to the parking lot there was one of those buses that transport people from nursing homes to doctor appointments positioned right smack in back of my car. "Oh no," I thought. "Will I be trapped in this parking lot for another hour or more?" As I got closer, I could see that there was a driver in the bus, so I mimed through the closed window with points and smiles that I'd sure like to get out of my parking space if she would please move her bus. To my surprise, she rolled down the window, smiled and said, "Anything for that Christ-like woman!" And then she moved the bus. For a moment, we shared a smile and a laugh, but I was left wondering, "Why in the world would she say I'm Christ-like?!? What does she know that I don't?" Then I remembered the bumper sticker on my car. It's not a fish or a Christian or denominational sticker. It says simply, "COEXIST" and includes symbols of various world religions and ways of thinking. It implies that whatever I may think or you may think, let's just get along and live in peace. We don't all have to think alike. I can imagine the bus driver in the parking lot, biding her time waiting for the patients to return from their appointments and seeing this bumper sticker. I guess it gave her something to think about, and she probably wondered what sort of person would put this on their car. I'm glad it gave her a good impression, or I might still be sitting in that parking space! But I'm glad my bumper sticker philosophy reached out to someone. The point is, you may not get along with everyone, but you don't have to hate them, beat them up, or shoot them to drive home the point. You may not understand why someone doesn't think the way you do (You mean not EVERYone wants to be an Episcopalian? Why not?), but hating them for it is certainly not going to change their minds. But it sure is nice when you meet a stranger who is a kindred spirit. —Rodney Dudley



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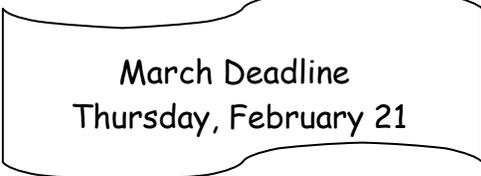
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THE RECTOR'S CORNER



WHAT IS A PASTORAL VISITATION?

Dear Parish Family,

On Sunday, February 9th Bishop Provenzano will make his pastoral visitation to Saint Ann's at the 10:00 service. But do you know what this visit means and why they are made?

A pastoral visitation by the bishop to each congregation in the diocese is one of the principal responsibilities of a bishop, as outlined in the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church. In this diocese a parish may expect a pastoral visit from the bishop every three years.

During a pastoral visit the bishop always preaches and celebrates the Eucharist. If there are Confirmations, Receptions, Reaffirmations or Baptisms the bishop conducts these sacraments as well on this day. The bishop also meets with the Rector and other clergy during the visitation and the Rector presents the Sacramental Registry (the register in which we record weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc) and the Worship Register (in which we record attendance for all services) to the bishop for his review and signature.

In addition, a standard part of Bishop Provenzano's visit is to meet with the Vestry. The purpose of this meeting is to hear from the leadership about the mission and ministry of the parish, what we are doing beyond our doors to spread the Gospel of Christ into our community, and how we care for one another as a family in Christ.

Our pastoral visit is also a wonderful opportunity not only for the bishop to talk with you, but also for you to talk with the bishop and share your thoughts on all the wonderful things that are happening in the life of Saint Ann's.

A pastoral visit is a very important day in the life of our parish and this is a beautiful service which I hope you will make every effort to attend. Following the 10:00 service there will be a special reception in honor of Bishop Provenzano's visit. Please note, on this Sunday there will be no 11:30 service.

Blessings, *Mother Diane*

What does the Lord require of us? Simply this: to do justice, to love kindness
and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). May it be so.

Vestry Visions



Mother Diane commissions Vestry members at the Annual Meeting.

On January 19 our Annual Meeting was held in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 service. Don Hester and his kitchen crew provided a delicious brunch for the attendees, which preceded the meeting. Mother Diane opened the meeting, and after appointments of Clerk and Parliamentarian, Treasurer Tom Munkelwitz led off with the Financial Report and Budget for the new year.

Mother Diane gave the Rector's Report on our eventful and exciting year in 2013. There have been quite a few changes with Father Farrell leaving, and Father John Jeffrey joining the staff. Deacon Jae Chung was hired and will have his first official Sunday with us February 2. Youth Sunday has been a great success. The Sayville Project has moved out of the building across the street, and the offices will be moving over there after some refurbishing of the buildings. We have begun the restoration of the Tiffany windows.

Father John Jeffrey spoke about building the parish's outreach ministries over the past year. Both these reports, along with the Wardens' Report are included in the Annual Report distributed at the meeting. Written reports from 28 other ministries serving St. Ann's were also included. St. Ann's is indeed a busy place! An updated 2014 Parish Directory was also distributed at the meeting.

As to the Vestry election, Nancy Koinoglou was elected as Warden. Pat Osarchuk completed her term as Warden, but will continue for one year as a Vestry member. Christie Strecker was elected to a 2-year term; and Don Hester, Diane Miller-Magnani, Thomas Honey, and John O'Neil were elected to 4-year terms. The meeting ended with the Vestry members being commissioned by Mother Diane. (Not pictured above are Thomas Honey and John O'Neil who had previous commitments). The meeting was closed at 12:30.

The newly configured Vestry plans to meet with the Bishop when he makes his visitation on February 9.

 <p>OUR VESTRY</p>	Wardens:	2015 Ernest DeWitt	2016 Nancy Koinoglou
	Vestry:	2015 Constance Currie Laura Sanchez	Pat Osarchuk Kenneth Smyrk
		2016 Jackie Gandolfo Christie Strecker	Jill Hughes Charles Vallillo
2017 Donald Hester Thomas Honey		Diane Miller-Magnani John O'Neil	

 FINANCIAL HEALTH	Actual YTD December 2013	Budget to Date	Difference	Variance	 Tom Munkelwitz, Treasurer
INCOME					
Plate	7,189.35	10,000.00	-2,810.65	-28%	
Regular Giving	190,086.95	200,000.00	-9,913.05	-5%	
All Other Income	234,609.67	163,902.00	70,707.67	43%	
TOTAL INCOME	431,885.97	373,902.00	57,983.97	16%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	530,428.63	538,532.00	8103.37	2%	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-98,542.66	-164,630.00	66,087.34	40%	

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has three prayers for this year. They are listed in the Annual Report for 2013, but they bear repeating. We hope you will consider this in your financial planning for this year.

Prayer ONE: Please let most of the families make a written pledge commitment. As of December 6th, only 38.5% have done so. Most of these pledges continued at the same level as last year, with only 31 families increasing their pledge for 2014.

Prayer TWO: Let those who can consider raising their pledge this year. We will gladly accept your revised pledge if you already responded. For those who forgot, please remember to send in your pledge card. It will make our budget planning much easier!

To date, 145 people have returned pledge cards and plan to give an average of \$1005.06 a year or \$19.32 a week. If they gave \$26.50 more a week (on average) our deficit of \$164,630 would be virtually eliminated for 2014. If they gave \$13.25 more a week (on average) the deficit would be half of what is now projected. And if the remaining 230 pledge card recipients would send in their pledge cards, everyone could be more comfortable knowing we don't have to dip into our savings accounts. Fortunately, some pledge more than the average so we don't have to dip into our savings as much, but some recent repairs are really straining us.

Prayer THREE: We hope that you may consider both pledging AND raising your pledged amount. Help us to make our finance planning easier.



The Sojourner Priest's CLERGY COLUMN

The Missional Church

The word “missional” is a term that is used frequently in regards to ministry and parish mission. At its core, it is a missionary outlook in regards to our lives in Christ. To be missional means that we embrace and live into a way of life that includes the behaviors, thinking, and practices of a missionary, reaching out to others with message of Christ's Good News. By becoming missional, our main focus becomes less internal, and more outward. In a nutshell, Jesus had a mission, so we as followers of Jesus (aka Christians) also have a mission, which is outlined in the Great Commission:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. [Matthew 28:19-20]

As a missional people we proclaim a Gospel that is not only words, it is also a way of life. As followers of Christ, we understand that that his Good News is first and foremost a message of God's infinite love, and God's desire to be in relationship with us. In his earthly ministry Jesus did more than just talk about this love, he lived it. By going to those who were often seen as less than loveable, Jesus taught us about a love that neither discriminates or judges, but lifts up and celebrates the light within each of us.

Going out into the world, instead of cowing to those who question the logic of his work, or made disparaging remarks about those he spent time with, he opened his arms and his table to all who came to him. Whenever his own disciples tried to stop him, he made it clear that they should get out of his way and follow his example of love. Throughout his ministry Jesus made it clear, teaching with both words and actions, that if we too should follow his example, proclaiming the Gospel through our own words and actions. He is not only encouraging us, but commanding us to go outside of ourselves, to look beyond the needs of our own community, and go out into the world in Christ's name to share and proclaim God's love. In other words, he calls us to go out into to the world as missionaries.

The Episcopal Church is a missionary church, and St. Ann's is missional community in which all of us are commissioned by our Baptism to be missionaries of Christ. Yes, we are here for one another, and we care for those within our walls, but we do not stop at our door. As Christians, we know that our mission field begins outside our door. We also know that God's love is too big to be contained in one place. So, my friends, go out and proclaim the Good News to all God's People. Be the Church.

In God's peace,

Fr. John Jeffrey+

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Eternal God, thank you for bringing us once again to the threshold of a new year. Help us dedicate each day of 2014 to following your will for our lives. Guide us, Lord, in all our decisions and actions, day by day and hour by hour. Help us accomplish all that you desire for us to do, until our mission on earth is finished. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

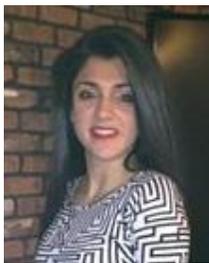


BRAG BOX

Patricia Romeo Appointed in Patchogue

Congratulations to Pat Romeo who has been appointed by the Mayor of Patchogue, Paul Pontieri, to Acting Village Justice in Patchogue! According to the *Newsday* article by Deon Hampton on January 15, she will be the first woman to serve as the municipal judge in the village's 121-year history. She has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of the previous justice, and that will end in March, but she plans to run for a full term at that time.





Julia Magnani Wins Talent Contest

Congratulations to Julia Magnani, daughter of Rick Magnani and Diane Miller-Magnani. A Senior at Sayville High School, she won the Grand Prize in the school's Talent Contest in January. Those of you who have attended the St. Ann's Star Search and Golden Pipes nights and heard her sing will understand well how she won. Way to go, Julia!

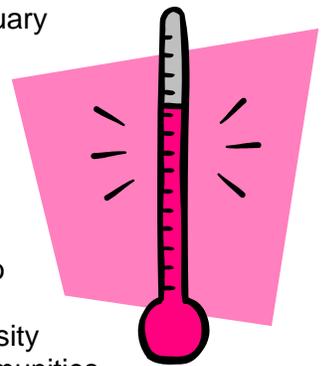
BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

What a wonderful start to 2014! The hustle and bustle in the Parish Hall on January 15th was amazing. More than 50 people came to donate blood, and we were able to collect 48 total units. Blood Services considers 35 a successful turnout. Needless to say, our first blood drive in some time was a huge success!

What better way to start the new year than by giving the gift of life to someone who is struggling with health issues? We would personally like to thank each and every person who took the time out of their busy schedule to come down and donate. It once again shows the generosity of our parish family and the Sayville and local communities.



Have a blessed 2014, *Kathy Senese and Jackie Gandolfo*



VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

SAVE THE DATE!

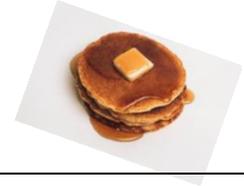
TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH

5:00-7:00 PM



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

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Music and the Riddles of Life

The author of the 49th psalm developed a wise practice as he contemplated the problems he faced. “I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp” (Psalm 49:4), he wrote. He found encouragement to meet life's difficulties by getting involved with music.



Good music does indeed help our mind and spirit. Whether we play an instrument or sing or simply listen to the harmonies and rhythms of a piano or organ, a band or an orchestra, a soloist or a choir, we may often find “the wild beasts” within us being tamed or at least put under control. Good music imparts inspiration and grace to the fretful spirit.

Think about this: if music is so beneficial for the human spirit, shouldn't those of us who are musically talented use our voice or musical instrument to aid others in worshiping God? This is a challenge to you who have been given the gift of a good voice or playing a musical instrument to join the music program of the church.

Hesters Host Gift of Life Family

Choir members Judy and Don Hester have been hosting two guests from the Eastern European country of Kosovo (formerly parts of Yugoslavia, Serbia, and Albania). Ermilinda, 7 years old, is here in the U.S. courtesy of The Gift of Life, a group that brings children with severe medical conditions to this country for medical services which they would not have available in their home countries. Ermilinda had a hole between the two ventricles of her heart. She and her mother Linda, neither of whom speak English, have been staying with the Hesters since January 6th. Ermilinda had a successful operation on January 15th, and after one night's recovery in the hospital is feeling quite fine! They were to fly back to Kosovo at the end of January.

Don Hester is a member of the Rotary Club, which supports The Gift of Life and works behind the scenes to help the group do its good work. It is not the first time they have hosted overseas visitors as they have been involved for a long time in exchange student programs. Nevertheless, there were some difficulties. The official languages of Kosovo are Albanian and Serbian, which the Hesters do not speak. There were translators available in the city for dealing with the medical situation, but not for the home, so there was a lot of hand waving and finger pointing (the international language for everyone!).

In Kosovo Ermilinda's family live on a farm, and their days revolve around milking cows and gathering eggs. Things were different in New York! And then there was the food. Most American food was unfamiliar and presumably somewhat distasteful, but the Hesters did manage to successfully introduce them to hamburgers and Kosher hot dogs. However, the girl's favorite foods were decidedly Cocoa Krispies and ice cream—for all meals of the day!

Don tells me that anyone who is interested can apply to host people from The Gift of Life. Typically it involves feeding and housing them for 3 to 4 weeks. All the transportation, paperwork, and medical services are taken care of. The family (usually a child and one parent) just needs a place to eat and sleep. Thanks, Don and Judy, for your generous hospitality! --Rodney Dudley



Imagine if you were to come back to the Parish Hall after attending church, and there was no coffee...and nothing to eat! Coffee Hour is one of those ministries that seem to “magically” appear just when we need them. But, of course, it’s not really magic. Episcopalians often refer to the Coffee Hour somewhat irreverently as “the eighth sacrament.” Perhaps it’s not necessary to salvation, but the Coffee Hour is a very important part of the Episcopal Church culture. Inside the church we pray, keep the chat to a minimum, and prepare ourselves for the service, but afterwards, in the Parish Hall, let the sociability begin! If

you do not attend the Coffee Hour at least occasionally you will miss celebrations (clergy coming and leaving, honored guests, festive occasions), you will miss the inside track of what’s going on in the church, your friends (or friends you haven’t yet met) will miss you or the opportunity to get to know you. At the Coffee Hour you can sign up for a blood drive or find an opportunity for mission (Food Pantry, Giving Tree, Mercy Center Ministries, Eastern farm workers...). You can network...find possible job contacts, the best eye doctor, or a good place to get your hair cut or find out who’s going out for brunch and join them. You can find out about bus trips to the city or out East or to the theater. You might even develop an interest in becoming a bit more involved with the church. Talk to people who work at the Thrift Shop, sing in the choir, or sit on the Vestry. You can even just relax with a cup of coffee and a bit to eat before rushing off to face the busyness of the day.

Ernie and Susie DeWitt oversee the Coffee Hour. They are a perfect example of, “if you want something done, ask a busy person.” However, there are 52 Sundays in the year, and the same people shouldn’t be doing 100% of the work. If you would volunteer once, once a season, or once a month, it would be very helpful! See Ernie or Susie DeWitt on a Sunday morning if you are interested.



Meanwhile, if you already come to Coffee Hour, you know how important it is. If you don’t come, we hope you will. We’d like to get to know you! And many thanks to Ernie and Susie and those who have already volunteered to help for making this institution carry on like clockwork every Sunday!

Volunteer Opportunities



On Saturday, January 25th, the clergy met in the church with a group of altar servers—**acolytes, torch bearers, crucifers, and Eucharistic ministers.**

Some were new recruits; some were getting a refresher course and learning new changes. In a



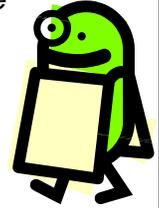
ACOLYTES

perfect world, there would be clergy plus one crucifer, two torchbearers, two acolytes, and two Eucharistic Ministers. Realistically, there are not always enough servers available. If you feel you may have a calling to one of these ministries, speak with Mother Diane. There may be a white robe in your future!

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To all God's beloved ... called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [Romans 1:7, NRSV] Amen.

LENT MADNESS

Waiting for March Madness? For those of you who are more interested in the lives of saints than basketball (or in addition to basketball!), there is a website for you! The Forward Movement (*Forward Day by Day*) has sponsored a unique method of Lenten devotion where you can read about the lives of the saints. At www.lentmadness.org, 32 saints are presented in bracket form.

Each day during Lent, two saints' biographies will be presented, and it is our job to vote as to which saint "wins" the day. The choices are narrowed down until finally the winner of *The Golden Halo* is chosen. The Reverends Scott Gunn and Tim Schenck guide us through the choices for 2014 in a witty and enlightening manner. The winner in 2013 was Frances Perkins. Who? The first woman appointed to the US Cabinet, she worked with FDR to establish the Fair Labor Standards Act and helped establish Social Security and laws against child labor. You will find more modern saints like Frances Perkins as well as the more traditional saints. Mary Magdalene won the Golden Crown in 2012. Some of the candidates this year will be Basil the Great, Lydia, Thomas Gallaudet, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Joseph of Arimathea, Johann Sebastian Bach, John and

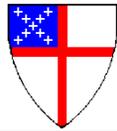


Charles Wesley, and Catherine of Alexandria. Balloting begins on Ash Wednesday, but check out the website now so you can get a preview of what is to come. Lent will be here before you know it. Get your bracket chart, maybe order a Lent Madness coffee mug, and get set for some fascinating reading! The saints didn't get that way by leading dull and uninteresting lives. **—Rodney Dudley**



Actions Speak Loudly

Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him. **—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity***



NOTES



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The Super Bowl is being played on Sunday, February 2nd, but at St. Ann's we are celebrating the **SOUPER Bowl** for a whole month! When you come to church in February, please remember to bring cans of soup or boxes of crackers (cash & checks are welcome as well!). The Confirmation Class will be collecting for the Food Pantry.



OUR DAILY BREAD



Please remember our neighbors in need of food and bring in whatever non-perishable items you can for our Food Pantry. Monetary donations enable restocking of shelves when necessary. There is always a great need for Parmalat, tomato sauce, crackers, jelly, and juice. Thanks for all you do.

Food Pantry hours are Monday & Thursday, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Volunteers are always welcomed.



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

TUESDAY YOGA

Yoga continues on through the winter. Every Tuesday afternoon (except for a couple of snow days) in the Parish Hall you'll find a small dedicated group working a Christian Yoga routine. We listen to a tape of relatively low impact exercises narrated by the Rev. Nancy Roth, an Episcopal priest. The class begins at 1:30 and ends a little before 3:00 PM. All ages, both women and men, are welcome. Bring a non-skid mat and join us.



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3 James & Jeannette Hayes	16 Ray Rebholz & Deidre Byrne	17 Robert & Carole Sheppard
5 Thomas & Linda Munkelwitz	17 John Cerillo & Kimberly Rodriguez-Cerillo	18 Robert & Sandra Immoor
11 Randy & Susanne Schultz	Kevin & Brooke Mattimore	

BIRTHDAYS

1 Madison DaSilva	7 Linda Bunten	12 Christine Wilson	20 Karen Andres
2 Madelyn Andersen	Natalie Bosse	13 Alexandra Barone	Debora Schmieder
Brian Howland	9 Honey Weiner	Dorothy Lamens	21 Thomas Rascona
Mark Little	10 Kara Felton	Garrett Leuly	Theresa Smith
BethAnne Mennonna	Kyle Wolfe	Mark Leuly	23 Jenna Jacques
Ryan Schaum-Rodriquez	11 Joyce Mogelnicki	Jane Vander Borgh	Cathy Olsen
Karen Tampellini	Hanna Munno	14 Nancy Koinoglou	William Olsen-Hoek
5 William Streek	12 Joseph Chase	15 Lara Espinoza	26 Valerie Field
6 Heather Johnson	Barbara Kinkaid	17 James Hayes	27 Ryan Mattimore
Melissa Schaefer	Donald MacKenzie	Patricia MacDonell	29 Julia Brown

These names are offered each month as an opportunity to extend to our brothers and sisters the love of Christ on these special days and to express our thanks for the gift of their presence in our midst. They are also offered as an opportunity to pray for each one of these individuals and couples on these significant days in their lives. Prayers will be offered at worship for each listed above on the Sunday of the week of their birthday and/or anniversary, and also at the 9:00 a.m. Morning Mass on their specific day.

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AUGUSTUS (GUS) TREADWELL
SECTION 17—LOT 7 (THE RHODES PLOT)

When **AUGUSTUS (GUS) TREADWELL** died in April of 1912, he was mourned by many people throughout Sayville and the surrounding communities. A black man, he worked for 40 years driving a horse and wagon for John S. Wells, the former sheriff, and Wells' father before him. Gus Treadwell was around 65 years old when he died at the home of Adam Krause from a combination of ailments. He had had to give up his work driving the wagon some four years before, because of his failing health. He was well known and loved and was called our "faithful, old Gus" Commuters knew him, and those who treated him right, could depend on special favors. Gus was a man of strong likes and dislikes; but he loved all children and women, and with them he was very gentle. Mothers entrusted their children in his care, knowing that whatever happened, he would look after them and deliver them safely to their homes. Gus was known by the children as a benefactor giving free rides and spending what little change he had on candy and peanuts for his young friends.

John B. Wells always looked upon Gus as one of the family, and he was indignant when he heard that Gus was to be taken to the poor house in Yaphank. Instead Wells had Gus taken from the place where he had boarded for 18 years to the home of Adam Krause where every comfort was looked after during his last hours. The ex-sheriff also made the arrangements for the funeral which took place from his own home on Railroad Ave. The Reverend John H. Prescott officiated and the interment was in the Rhodes plot in St. Ann's cemetery.



For Everything a Season

Wanting his sons to learn not to judge too quickly, a man sent each, in turn, on a quest to look at a pear tree far away and report what he saw. The first son went in winter, the second in spring, the third in summer and the fourth in fall. Finally, the father gathered the young men together. "What did you see?" he asked.

The first son reported seeing an ugly tree, bent and lifeless. The second disagreed, saying it was budding with fresh new life. The third son reported finding a tree laden with sweet-smelling, beautiful blossoms, while the fourth insisted it drooped with ripe fruit.

The father said his sons were all correct, for they'd seen the same tree, though at different seasons of its life. "Don't judge a tree — or a person — based on just one season of life," he counseled his children. "Who they are can only be known at the end, when all life's seasons have been lived. "Furthermore," he added, "don't give up on your own life if you experience a hard season, such as winter, or you'll miss out on the renewal of spring, the joy of summer, the fulfillment of autumn."

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The Sacrifice of St. Valentine

Every February 14, we celebrate the loved ones in our lives with cards, flowers and chocolate. But Valentine's Day has another meaning that's been lost.

First declared a holiday by King Henry VIII of England in 1537, it commemorates the beheading of St. Valentine on February 14, 270 A.D. His crime? Performing wedding ceremonies after Roman Emperor Claudius II had outlawed marriage. Claudius had been a successful general. He would not allow his soldiers to marry, because he wanted to make sure they could go to battle quickly. He thought family ties would make the men reluctant to leave home. Because Valentine promoted marriage and family life, he was jailed and later convicted of going against the orders of the emperor.

Valentine was martyred for faithfully doing the work God had given him. Although it's good to celebrate love and marriage, let's also remember the courage of a man who gave his life following his convictions.

AROUND ST. ANN'S Monthly Schedule

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.
Check out the website at www.Saint-Anns.org

Sundays
7:00 PM—AA Meeting
Mondays
7:00 PM—AA Meeting 7:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—Feb. 10
Tuesdays
8:00 AM—Men's Group 1:30-2:30 PM— Yoga Class 6:00 Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays
Thursdays
10:00 AM—AA Meeting 7:00 PM—AA Meeting
Friday
Saturday

O Lord, there are not enough words of thanks for all your blessings. Our hearts overflow in praise and worship!

ST. BARNABAS' BUDDIES

Whether you need help or can give help, call Gerry Hoek at 631-868-7278 for further information.

- (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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