



# The Correspondent

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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  
Third Wednesday  
 9:00 AM Healing Service

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 – Lenten Studies and  
 Soup Suppers  
 March 17 – St. Patrick's 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.

## MOTHER DIANE "POUNDED"



Sunday, February 26, was the first Sunday for our new Rector, Mother Diane Britt, and, in addition to a welcome cake, the congregation surprised her with an old Southern custom—"Pounding of the Rector." This is a much more welcome activity than it might at first sound! The idea is that when a person moves into a new place, they've cleaned out the food pantry and need to start over with fresh staples. Parishioners picked items from a signup sheet which provided guidelines, and they gave her a pound of flour, a pound of sugar, a pound of coffee, tea, napkins, oranges, ketchup, chips, and a few dozen other items, so she won't need to go grocery shopping for quite a while. A hearty welcome to St. Ann's, Sayville, Mother Diane! –Ed. [Photos: Laura Sanchez]



## FROM THE EDITOR

Shortly before Mother Diane moved in, I joined the cleaning crew who were preparing the rectory for her imminent arrival. As is often the case, I was running late, and those cleaners who had come early had already staked out their areas. However, no one was in the attic. I soon understood why, as I opened the door to the sight of spider webs, several years of accumulated dust, and some petrified crickets. At least, I thought, we'll be able to see a difference when the cleaning is finished. Some intrepid and energetic coworkers brought a broom, paper towels, and cleaning spray and joined me, and we all set to work to return the attic to its once pleasant demeanor. From the look of the linoleum floor (a cute old-fashioned animal pattern, circa 1950), we could tell it had once been a children's playroom—a cute old-fashioned animal pattern. While cleaning, I came across a marble and a metal jack (from a ball & jacks game). Looking at them, I wondered, had the Bond children played with these? Or was it Fr. Bob Schwarz's grandchildren? Or someone in between? Whoever it was, I felt I held history in my hand. These items had been brought to the attic, played with, and left there, remaining the same while time marched on outside the window for the children who had played with them. The attic is now spic and span--though they still needed a professional cleaning crew to finish what we started. I brought the marble and jack home and put them on my desk. Of course, as I have four resident cats, these enticing items did not rest long. The marble being what a marble is, has rolled under a chair or behind a bookcase (perhaps to be found by some future cleaner in my house?). Just today, Caramel (who likes small shiny things) was batting the jack around with her paw and carrying it off in her teeth to another room. I wonder if she knows she's carrying an artifact. --RMD

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**April Deadline:  
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# THE CURATE'S COLUMN

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## THREE VIEWS OF SALVATION



After hearing a sermon on Matthew 25:31-46, one of our eight-year-old communicants asked me, “How do we know if we are a sheep or a goat?” He was concerned about his salvation, a concern he shared with Martin Luther. Luther suffered from what theologians have called a *terrified conscience*—he was profoundly distressed about the possibility of losing salvation. He would flail about and cry out in anguish over this and other matters that assailed him. Today, we might call this anxiety, but there was no treatment for anxiety in the 1500s. As a result of reflection on God's love and grace, Luther eventually determined that, once saved, we were always saved.

There are many Christians who agree with Luther that, once we accept Jesus into our hearts, our salvation is permanent and even inescapable. I would argue, however, that this robs us of our relationship with God and with the human community. How is it that we cannot reject our own salvation? How is it that, no matter what we do, no matter how heinous, we are still saved? If, moreover, we can sit at home with a Bible and profess our faith and be saved, then how are we to grow in community through giving to others? We are at our best in community, and love of God and neighbor is only an abstraction unless it is lived out among others. Such an understanding of salvation leaves us isolated, without encouragement to grow spiritually, to deepen our understanding, to change ourselves. Our relationship to God and to others can remain stagnant. At the other extreme, if we fear that our salvation can be removed at any moment, we fail to grasp our eternal and trusting relationship with God. We tend to fear that any mistake might result in our being eternally rejected by God. How can we grow spiritually when we dwell in fear? Surely there is an understanding of salvation that neither takes our relationship with God for granted, nor fears that it can be removed.

In Anglican fashion, I propose a *via media*, a middle path between these two extremes. We can see salvation as a path of growth that requires effort and the support of a community. Like a child learning to walk, we may stumble, get up, brush ourselves off, ask for forgiveness from God and our neighbor, and keep walking along the path facing God. Our salvation is intact, and we continue growing. We can, however, leave the path, turn away from God, renounce our salvation or lose sight of God through apathy. We then leave the path and walk in a different direction that no longer faces God. Though we can resume the path, should we choose, at a later time, God knows our hearts, and any cynical return (“I will do what I want now and return to the path near death”) will be known to God as insincere. Such a return is no return at all, but an attempt to manipulate God. God knows and we know in our hearts whether we are sincere, and that sincerity is all we need to be saved.

Faithfully, *Farrell+*

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**Fr. Farrell delights in sincere dialogue and welcomes verbal or written responses to his articles.**

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# Vestry Visions

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At the February meeting of the Vestry, we determined which members will either lead certain committees or will be the liaisons to different groups and ministries at St. Ann's. Our goal is to insure that the many aspects of our parish life are all running smoothly and that there's open and frequent communications between groups.

This is just a partial list of the ministries and committees which are so important to our life as a congregation. Please note the contact people below should you or your group want to let the Vestry know about your plans, needs, or concerns.

<b>W</b> orship: includes Music, Altar Guild, Ushers, Lay Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Acolytes  Altar Guild, Ushers	Contact: Caryn Wehrenberg  Contact: Diane Miller-Magnani
<b>E</b> vangelism and Outreach: Thrift Shop, Barnabas Buddies, Greeters  Food Pantry, Quilting Ministry Fire Island Ministry Episcopal Charities	Contact: Peg Flanagan  Contact: Marie Madigan Contact: Don Hester Contact: Laura Sanchez
<b>B</b> uildings and Grounds:	Chairs: Ernie DeWitt (Buildings) with Ken Smyrk; Pat Osarchuk (Grounds)
<b>E</b> ducation: Christian Education and YACs (Young Adult Christians)	Contact: Don MacKenzie
<b>C</b> ommunications: <i>Correspondent</i> , Website, Facebook, etc	Contact: John Smith and Laura Sanchez
<b>O</b> rganizations: Daughters of the King, ECW  (Other organizations have Vestry members in them; they'll be the contact people).	Contact: Laura Sanchez
<b>M</b> oney Matters: Finance Committee, Insurance, Audit  Stewardship	Chair: Don Hester Chair: Tom Munkelwitz
<b>E</b> vents: St. Barnabas Day, Rally Sunday, etc.	Chairs: Diane Miller-Magnani and Scott MacDonell

Of course, any and every Vestry member will be happy to speak with you on any of these areas.

The acronym "WE BECOME" is not just a way to organize Vestry responsibilities. It highlights the process of our lives as individuals and as parishioners. We grow and change and become closer to God as we worship and participate at St. Ann's.

*Pat Osarchuk, Warden*

# VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

## THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE

On Sunday morning when the Choir sings, do you hear the words and understand the lyrics? How does the music make you feel? What do the anthems teach us?

Music is a special precious gift that we can all share with each other by singing, listening, and understanding. To be able to share our voices with the congregation each Sunday has a special meaning, and it helps us to understand each piece of music that we are sharing.

On Tuesday evenings, St. Ann's Choir begins rehearsal. When we practice a selection, I like to take the time to listen. It might be a brand new piece of music or a piece that we have shared before, but, I always find that the words and the lyrics to each piece of music to be simply beautiful and moving. Each piece of music that Kathy has selected for us to share has a special meaning to each of us, and we are often touched by the lyrics.

On Sundays at 10:00 the service begins as we process down the aisle. I share my voice along with my fellow choir members, and I feel the special meaning of the music that we are sharing, and I hope those listening in the congregation feel it too.

Being a choir member at St. Ann's is more than a gift. I am thankful and grateful that I have been given the gift of music. It is a gift that is special and precious and it also helps us learn so many lessons.

—Charlotte Hlavac-Maas

## THANKS

Many thanks to all who helped with the Pancake Supper—the advertising, the setup, the cooking, the serving, and—of course—the cleanup! And many thanks to all who came out and supported us and made it one more successful Shrove Tuesday celebration. — **Kathy Senese**

## CONGRATULATIONS

The Choir would like to extend all good wishes to June Milewski (soprano) and Carmine Trotta (bass) who just got engaged on Valentine's Day. We love them and wish them all the best!



## SAVE THE DATE: April 27

The 2012 edition of GOLDEN PIPES is coming! Keep your calendars open for Friday, April 27, at 6:30 PM. There will be a potluck supper to go with the entertainment. Watch for further details.

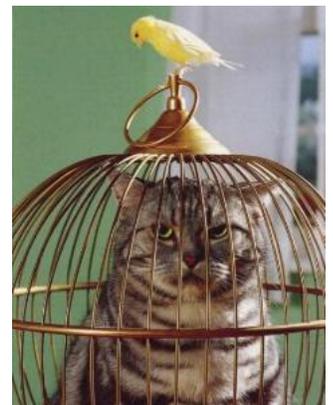
## WORDS TO LIVE BY



Exercise to keep fit.



Love your friends,  
no matter who they are.



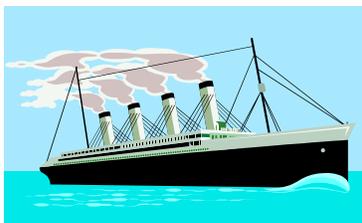
Things will get better.

## ST. ANN'S WEBSITE

Do You Use Our Website? By simply going to [www.saint-anns.org](http://www.saint-anns.org), you can find up to the minute news about parish activities along with information about our many ministries. If you have any questions or suggestions about this website, please contact John Smith at [jksqto@optonline.net](mailto:jksqto@optonline.net). The new website was set up about a year ago, and we plan to do some 'tweaking' in the near future.



## HISTORICAL SOCIETY



A Holy Eucharist in memory of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the *RMS Titanic* will be celebrated on Sunday, April 15, 2012, at the 10:00 AM service at St. Ann's. The Mass will be dedicated to the memory of Edith Corse Evans (see the plaque on the East wall of the church), and all those who lost their lives when the *Titanic* sank 100 years ago. A reception and historic reflections will follow the service. There will be speakers from the American Titanic Society and St. Ann's Historical Society. Mr. John Wells, Chairman of the event, will have an exhibit of pictures, books and other memorabilia from the *Titanic*. Folk music written and performed after the tragedy will be played and sung. Refreshments will include some foods that were on the ship's menu on April 14, 1912. Join us for this one-time event.

***Volunteer hosts and hostesses are needed.***

—Connie Currie

## ALTAR GUILD ON FIRE ISLAND

### *Help Wanted*

Who sets the table in your house? At St. Ann's the Altar Guild handles the basics, but for Fire Island Ministries it's another type of experience. It can entail physically putting the altar together and possibly setting up a few chairs after opening up the building.

This summer there may be a few Sundays that need volunteer help to travel to the beach, arriving at 10:00 AM, setting up for services, and then taking the noon ferry (or later) back to Sayville. After you light the altar candles, you can sit back and enjoy the service just as you do in Sayville, except maybe you would be dressed a little less formally (e.g., barefoot?).



The dates for the summer are not yet firmed up, but an earlier run through can be arranged. If you are interested, please speak to Don or Judy Hester for more information. — Don & Judy Hester

May God grant you always...A sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering angel so nothing can harm you. Laughter to cheer you. Faithful friends near you. And whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you. —Traditional Irish Blessing



# DESTINATION SCIENCE SUMMER PROGRAM

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**Wild Extreme Physics Fun!** Become a 3D game designer & science detective.



## An Old Irish Wish

May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow; may the soft winds freshen your spirit.  
May the sunshine brighten your heart; may the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you;  
And may God enfold you in the mantle of His love.



## Great South Bay Deanery

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### A Workshop on Estate Planning and Elder Law

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Please contact Linda Hay, Parish Administrator at St Ann's,  
if you are planning to attend: 589-6522 or  
[saintanns@optonline.net](mailto:saintanns@optonline.net)

Also...

Bring a bag lunch and stay for a 15 minute presentation on  
Episcopal Charities  
as well as a discussion on future events for the Deanery

## Workshop on ESTATE PLANNING and ELDER LAW Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>



## The Greeters' Ministry

Two years ago while I was serving on the Vestry, the members recognized that we, as a parish, were in a transition period. It was decided as part of our Evangelism Mission to revive our Greeters' Ministry at the beginning of each service, the Saturday 5:00 PM service. The ministry now

including consists of nine members. That may sound like a reasonable number. However, there is only one couple greeting each Sunday morning at the 8:00 AM service, and there is only one volunteer at the Saturday evening service as well as the 11:30 service on Sunday. The same volunteers are there every week.



The good news is that the 10:00 AM service has different greeters for each Sunday of the month. On one of those Sundays a young lady, age 8, helps her grandmom welcome everyone to St. Ann's.

Not only newcomers enjoy the welcoming smile as they come to worship; regular and long time parishioners enjoy the friendly greeting as well. And now we are all coming together to welcome our new Rector, Mother Diane.

My name is Gerry Hoek, and I can be reached at 631-868-7278. On behalf of all our greeters, I'll be happy to answer your inquiries about this ministry. We have just received our new Greeter lapel pins. Look for us each Sunday at the church door. We look forward to greeting you, and we hope that some of you might want to join us and become a part of this ministry. There is a Greeter lapel pin waiting for you!

These are our current volunteers:

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| 5:00 PM  | Charlotte Hlavac-Maas  |
| 8:00 AM  | Ernie & Susie DeWitt   |
| 10:00 AM | Maryann Davis; Helen Houdek with Gabriella;<br>Gerry Hoek; Marian Winter-Bartsch |
| 11:30 AM | Trudy Nasta  |

# WELCOME

# You too can be a Greeter!

# Pancake Supper



The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21, welcomed many hungry friends, parishioners, and our new Rector, Mother Diane Britt. The doors to the Parish Hall opened at 5:00 PM, and there was a steady stream of visitors, some in festive outfits, and all donning Mardi Gras beads to mark the occasion. Mother Diane, who had moved into the rectory two weeks prior, made her first public appearance at the Pancake Supper and was introduced by Fr. Farrell. She seemed to be right at home and mingled among the diners while simultaneously

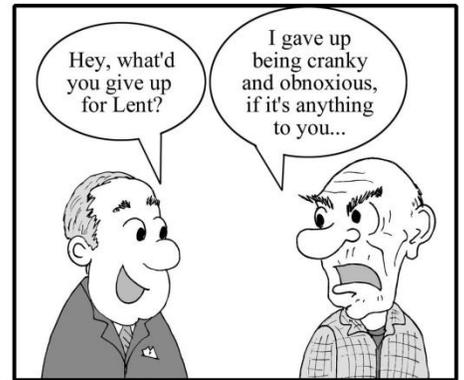
trying to remember their 200+ names! The generous goodwill offering more than paid for the supplies, and the profits will benefit the Music Program at St. Ann's. [Photos: Laura Sanchez]



# Lenten Ideas

## Fasting

1. Fast from watching TV one night a week so that you can spend time on a Lenten practice, such as praying, reading the Bible, and serving others. Fast from watching one movie during Lent and give the money and the time on service to others.
2. Fast from using bad language and put-downs and begin affirming others with positive speech; use your speech to encourage, rather than discourage others.
3. Fast from purchasing new things like clothing, music, and magazines; instead make a donation to a charitable cause.
4. Fast from holding resentments and being angry or upset with people who have hurt or offended you; learn to practice forgiveness.
5. Fast from gossiping and dishonesty and begin the practice of honesty and truthfulness.
6. Fast from a favorite snack food or drink and set aside the money you would have to spend on them to a favorite charity.
7. Fast from feeling guilty or angry with yourself; instead, remember God's great love for you [and remember that St. Ann's is a *no-guilt* zone].



## Praying

1. List three blessings you have been given. Say a prayer of thanks for each of these blessings.
2. Participate in Wednesday Lenten study groups and Soup Suppers.
3. Pray for a forgiving heart and ask the people you have hurt to forgive you.

## Almsgiving

1. Donate personal possessions such as clothing, books, shoes, to people in need.
2. Dedicate time for service during Lent. Volunteer at church, a soup kitchen, or a hospital.
3. Donate money saved by fasting to the parish, the food pantry, or other charitable cause.

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## LENTEN STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

March 7, 14, 21, 28

### Wednesday mornings in Lent

Fr. Farrell will offer a Lenten Bible study during the Wednesdays in Lent on the book of *Job* for one hour starting at **9:30 AM** Please add this study to your Lenten observance, if you can.

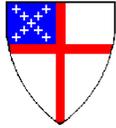
### Wednesday evenings in Lent

Randy Schulz is organizing the soup at 6:00 PM, and the clergy will be teaching at 7:30 PM.

***What Makes Us Episcopal?*** In this class, led by Mother Diane, we will consider what makes us unique and different from other faiths. Through exercises, reflection and discussion, we will deepen our understanding of what it means to be an Episcopalian.

The sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.





# NOTES

## EPISCOPAL CHURCHWOMEN

The ECW will meet on Friday morning March 16th at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All are invited to join us and help plan our spring events. –Ellen Stoll

## EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Check the Website: [www.saint-anns.org](http://www.saint-anns.org)

In case of inclement weather (snow, hail, hurricane...), you should check the website to find out if the church will be open.



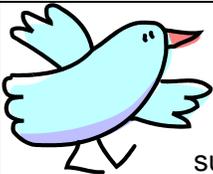
This will avoid any unnecessary trips to the church to find the doors locked!

## NO ALTAR FLOWERS IN LENT

If you wonder where the flowers went, there are no altar flowers in Lent. Wait 'til Easter, then you'll see how beautiful the altar will be! Note that candle memorials will still be honored.



Watch for a special mailing for Easter Flower and Music Memorials/Thanksgivings.



## CALLING ALL SNOWBIRDS

If you receive *The Correspondent* by mail and you are away for a significant portion of the year, as the snowbirds who fly South for the winter—or those who go North for the summer-- would you kindly notify the church office when (stop & start dates) you will be at your alternate address? The Post Office will not deliver *The Correspondent* when you are away. It is returned to the church office with an additional fee, and we want to avoid those if at all possible! Thanks for your help.

## OUR DAILY BREAD

We need food and we need a few more volunteers as well! We need cheerful people to man the pantry during the week. Please see the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like to help out. Jesus said in Matthew 25: "For I was hungry and you fed me." Please remember our neighbors in need of food and bring in whatever non-perishable items you can for our Food Pantry, which will be open throughout the winter. Monetary donations enable restocking of shelves when necessary. There is a great need for Parmalat, tomato sauce, crackers, jelly and juice. Also, we need cans of fruit and vegetables which can be opened with a tab rather than a can opener. Thanks for all you do.



–Lynette Schulz



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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1	William & Joyce Hamilton	12	Thelma & Stanley Thuma	26	Edward & Deborah Schmieder
10	John & Joyce Wilson	22	James & Barbara Kinkaid	30	Brian & Renee Chalmers

### BIRTHDAYS

1	Peg Flanagan	14	Patrick Cavanagh	18	Joseph Zanchelli	27	Mary Mattarella
	Thomas Rice		Gail Dittmar		Sam Zanchelli		Joan Palmieri
3	Nancy Leuly		Michael Gaito	19	Marade Bergen	28	Philip DePompeo
4	Zachary Svendsen	15	Meagan Gandolfo		Cynthia Houdek		Eric Gustafson
5	Laura Foerster		Stephanie Gandolfo		Erin MacDonell		Linda Hay
	Brendan Mattimore		Gabrielle Sclafani		Judith Meyer		Sharon Vander Borgh
6	Jared Bergen	16	James Hoek		Molly Vallillo		Patricia Zvonik
	Erin Scileppi		Robert Honey		Karly Walch	29	Robert Gaito
10	Tracy Campbell	17	Anna Aiello	23	Florence Chase		Keith Johnson
11	Richard Chant		Susan DeWitt		Jacquee-Ann Gustafson		Norma McKendrick
	Addie Sanders		Susan Mantovani		Vincent Montaruli	30	Leah Vander Borgh
12	Helen Maloney		Marcella Montaruli	25	Ron Sanchez	31	Debbie Dowling
13	Sally Stoll-DePompeo		Lori Svendsen	26	Jill Hughes		Jean Lap
	Luis Vasquez			27	Marlena Espinoza		Wyatt Reksten

### BARNABAS BUDDIES

Simply stated...Barnabas Buddies is an INREACH program to assist parish families who could use help on a short term basis. We can provide help and comfort just by offering our time and a listening ear. Four ministries we would like to suggest as INREACH to those in our parish who call for help are:



- (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.

Call Gerry Hoek at 631-868-7278 for further information. Thanks for your help!

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## Our Church History



By Connie Currie

### ❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

**ROBERT HOLMES**  
January 1919  
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When the poem, *The Village Blacksmith*, was written, the poet had to be thinking of Robert Holmes. Robert was solidly built with large hands, and he worked as a blacksmith and wheelwright for many years in Sayville. He was, in fact, one of the best known and best loved citizens of Sayville.

**ROBERT HOLMES** was born at Grantham Lincolnshire, England and was brought to this country by his parents at the age of eleven. He grew up in Brooklyn, where he learned the trade of locksmith. Later he found employment with a blacksmith and wheelwright at Smithtown and worked there for several years.

Holmes came to Sayville in 1871 and established himself as a blacksmith and shoer of horses in a shop that stood on North Main street just west of the Sayville Congregational Church. Later he bought a lot on South Main Street and built a much larger building.

His first wife was Sarah Thomson of Smithtown, who bore him two daughters, Mrs. Lewis Wilets of Sayville and Mrs. Jacob Morris of Tottenville, Staten Island, and a son Robert R. Holmes, who also resided in Sayville. She died not long after they came to Sayville His second wife was Niss Glarvinn Spence of Brooklyn, who had one daughter, Hannah L. Holmes and who, for some years, was principal of the Oakdale School. She also devoted her life to caring for her parents. Her mother died in February of 1914, and after that time she kept house for her aged father.

Mr. Holmes was a member of the I.O.O.F. and was one of the oldest members of the Sayville Hook and Ladder Company in which he took immense pride. He was a prominent figure in all Fire Department functions, usually grand marshal at the firemen's parades and he headed the local department at a score of tournaments. Politically he was an ardent Republican, and after serving for years as Roadmaster, he was elected for two terms as Highway Commissioner of the Town of Islip. As such, he played a major part in the establishment of many of the streets we go up and down today.

The Reverend John H. Prescott officiated at his good friend Robert Holmes' funeral and burial in St. Ann's Cemetery.

### DEATH—WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said,  
"Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know..."

"You don't know? You're a Christian man and don't know what's on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing...I know my Master is there, and that is enough." —Anon.

[Thanks to Joyce Mogelnicki]

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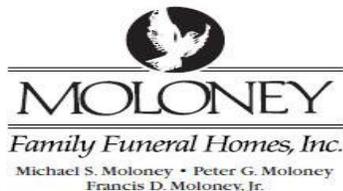
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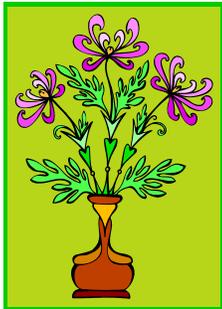
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**WEEKLY MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS**



All requests for flowers, candles, mass intentions, etc. should be sent in writing, along with your donation, **directly to the Parish Administrator**, at least one week prior to the requested date. Please note that flowers may not be placed on the altar throughout Advent and Lent, but candle memorials will be honored.

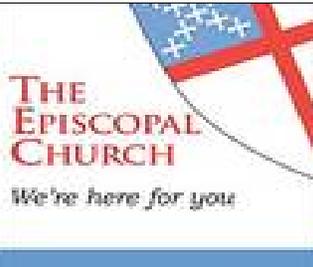
**AROUND ST. ANN'S  
Monthly Schedule**

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

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Mar 12</b>	7:00 PM--Vestry
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Each</b>	8:00 AM—Men's Group
<b>Each</b>	1:30-2:30 PM— Yoga Class
<b>Each</b>	6:00-6:45 PM—Children's Choir
<b>Each</b>	7:15 PM—Adult Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Mar 7, 14, 21, 28</b>	9:30 AM—Lenten Study / <i>The Book of Job</i>
<b>Mar 7, 14, 21, 28</b>	6:00 PM—Soup Supper
<b>Mar 7, 14, 21, 28</b>	7:30 PM--Lenten Study / <i>What Makes Us Episcopalian</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Mar 16</b>	10:00 AM--ECW Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Second</b>	10:00 AM—Historical Society

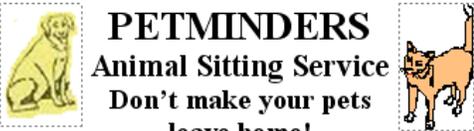


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