



# 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

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 3 – First Soup Supper / Zoom  
 Mar 10—Second Soup Supper / Zoom  
 Mar 14 – Daylight Savings begins  
 Mar 17—Third Soup Supper / Zoom  
 Mar 20 – First Day of Spring  
 Mar 24—Fourth Soup Supper / Zoom  
 Mar 28 – Palm Sunday  
 Mar 28 – Apr 4 -- Holy Week



## MISSION STATEMENT

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



## SAINT ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



### 2021 Holy Week Schedule

#### **Palm Sunday – March 27 & 28**

5:00 PM (Saturday): Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 10:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite II

#### **Maundy Thursday – April 1**

8:00 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy: The Foot Washing,  
 The Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar  
 9:00 PM – 8:00 AM Overnight Vigil at the Altar of Repose in the  
 Chapel

#### **Good Friday – April 2**

12 Noon: Good Friday Liturgy

#### **Holy Saturday – April 3**

8:00 AM: Holy Saturday Liturgy in the Chapel  
 8:00 PM: The Great Vigil of Easter

#### **Easter Day: The Resurrection of Our Lord:**

#### **Sunday, April 4**

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite II (On-line)  
 10:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir (In-Person, Outside)





“Always show kindness and love to others. Your words might be filling the empty places in someone's heart.” —Mandy Hale

I heard a discussion on the car radio the other day about saying “thank you.” The host of the show was worried about saying “thank you” too much because she thought it wouldn’t mean anything if she used it too much. I think maybe she was confusing it with “I love you”...? Her guest said he did not think you could ever say “thank you” too much. For one thing, you may say it 50 times, but it will, no doubt, be to 50 different people. It is not always necessary to thank someone for just doing their job, but they probably do not hear it too often, and it will make them feel appreciated. Saying “thank you” is a good way to oil the communication you have in your everyday interactions—store clerks, the person who held the door for you, the busboy at the restaurant, the salesperson at the computer store who answered all your questions cheerfully. I was able to say a big “thank you” today to someone I’ll call the Vaccine Appointment Fairy. I have been moaning about how annoying it is to check multiple sites at all times of the day and night in hopes of getting an appointment. The “VAF” called this afternoon to alert me to available appointments at the Walgreens website, and I was able to get an appointment for the next Wednesday afternoon at the Walgreens in Sayville. Saying “thank you” brings us outside ourselves and helps us to appreciate the things other people are kind enough to do for us. Some people expect things to be done for them, but it’s nicer if it comes as a pleasant surprise. I hope you’ll read these comments, and take them to heart! Thank you.

—Rodney Dudley

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## A Word from the Rector Father Jeffrey Stevenson



### Reconciliation

Dear Members of St Ann's,

This has been a tough year. We have started Lent 2021 while it feels like we are still living through Lent 2020. There is light at the end of the tunnel as we hear about vaccines and improving numbers. We know that something is coming and that one day soon we will be able to worship in person, to be *together*. We are an Easter people and as such we are also a people of Lent. As Episcopalians we identify Lent as a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing this 40-day tradition, we replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

For this year's Lent, I'd like to use our time together during our weekly soup suppers to explore the Rite of Reconciliation. When we reconcile, we are repairing our relationship with God. When there are things that are in the way of our relationship with God, they also stifle the joy that we are called into at the resurrection of Easter.

During the month of March, we will explore the Rite of Reconciliation, better known to most as Confession. Each week will build on the last as we talk about the meaning of sacraments, theology of sin, Grace/Forgiveness, & the sacrament of confession. Many lifelong Episcopalians are surprised that our church even still has confession, not only do we still have it, but in our recent history the church has made a concerted effort to re-engage with the rite.

There are two forms of the rite, which are found in the pastoral section of the 1979 BCP, alongside the rites that frame our lives: Confirmation, An Order for Marriage, Ministration to the Sick, and Ministration at the Time of Death. This location demonstrates a deliberate decision to emphasize that the Rite of Reconciliation is both an important part of our life in faith and also that it is an act of worship. This rite is intimate and personal—entered into by the priest and the penitent alone—but still a service of worship. Though the rite can be done anywhere, it should be done with deliberateness; choosing a place that is private yet meaningful.

Entering into the Rite of Reconciliation is a deep and meaningful privilege. I feel that it is a part of my priestly calling to usher in the Divine to any penitent who is in need of healing. The experience of being absolved through Grace is not created by the priest so much as the priest creating a space in which the Spirit can move.

I hope that you will consider joining us to explore this rite and to share in the fellowship of a few soup recipes as we prepare for the Joy of Easter!

Blessings,

*Fr. Jeff+*

# Vestry Visions

## Re-Set Button Redux

This same time last year, I wrote the Vestry Visions article. It was just as the pandemic had begun, and before we understood the magnitude of the impact that this would have on all of our lives. So much has changed since then, and yet, there is a common thread that ties the beginning of this to what is hopefully the beginning of the end of this difficult time in our global history, as well as our own personal history.

The title of my article was “Re-set button”, and I had noticed then and now, a shift in our priorities away from how much we could DO in one day, to simply how we would MAKE IT through our day. And yet, during these many months, church family members have been quietly helping behind the scenes in many different ways, and we are so grateful for those, our own unsung heroes. In the larger community, it is quite notable that more people than ever are still, in the cold of winter, enjoying walking, biking, socially distant conversations or just waving “hi”, and adopting a slower, more thoughtful, thankful pace of life. I can speak for myself that I am feeling more appreciation for who and what I have in my life. I am hoping that you are able to feel some of those good things, too.

The Vestry is feeling more and more hopeful as well. We are carefully and cautiously looking at taking steps toward moving back to in person worship in the very near future. Also, the Vestry members are going to reach out to our church family again, to get a status update from you, just to connect with you again, to listen and perhaps act if help is needed. We want you to know that we are here for you and we cannot wait to see you once again!

I am hoping that the “re-set button” of 2021, a.k.a. the vaccine, will soon give us that glimmer of hope and will facilitate a wiser and brighter future for all of us, and for our St. Ann’s family. Below is what I wrote in March 2020, and still applies today:

**Looking toward the future:** The Lenten season is a time for introspection, looking within ourselves, and a time for spiritual renewal. Let what we have learned about our own strength and resilience (both physical and emotional) during this time help our church family become stronger as just that, one big family.

Respectfully and gratefully,

*Jill Hughes* for the Vestry

### VESTRY ROSTER

	<b>Wardens:</b>	2022 Nancy Koinoglou	2023 Thomas Honey
	<b>Vestry:</b>	2022 Greg Domoff	Paddy Hennessey
		Jill Hughes	Nicole LaFountaine
		2023 Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani
		Patricia Osarchuk	Carole Sheppard
		2024 Wendy Schmittzeh	Carol Ann St. Lawrence
		John Smith	Rich Acierno



## Join Us

**6:00 PM / Wednesdays in Lent**

Please join us on Wednesdays in Lent—March 3, 10, 17, and 24, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM for our traditional Soup Supper & Bible Study program. The soup part starts at 6:00, with the Bible study immediately following.

For each of the four weeks, one of our Soup Makers will volunteer as the Master Chef du Jour and, while we are enjoying our home-made version of his specialty, the chef will do a Zoom demonstration of their Master Recipe.

For the program this year, Father Jeff will be speaking on the Rite of Reconciliation of the Penitent, better known as Confession.



## EASTER BASKET MINISTRY

With your support, St. Ann's food pantry will be distributing Easter hams this year.

Although we are not yet gathering in the church, we would still like to reach out to our neighbors in need.

Logistically, it will be less complicated to give hams rather than food baskets.

If you or somebody you know could use an Easter ham, please contact the church office at 631-589-6522 or Lynette Schulz at 631-472-2235 by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**\*\*If you are able to purchase a ham, please contact Lynette at 631-472-2235.\*\***

We need all donations by Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Hams can be dropped off in the food pantry refrigerator in the Littlejohn Building, Monday-Friday, 9:30 - 2:00.

Thank you, and be well!

--Lynette Schulz





Sign up for Lent Madness at [LentMadness.org](http://LentMadness.org)

It has been an interesting couple of weeks in the Lent Madness world! The saints in this playoff are, after all, saintly! How can one choose? But 32 saints have to be pared down to one by “Spy Wednesday,” which is March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thus far, **Camillus de Lillis**, a scoundrel in his early life turned himself around and founded a medical team to help the wounded which eventually grew into what is now the Red Cross! He beat out Matthias the Apostle. The **Emperor Constantine** won over Mexican monk Miguel Pro. **Egeria**, a scholar and writer, left the world an invaluable record of the development of language, liturgy, and early (4<sup>th</sup> century) language. She enabled the entire Western world to access the liturgical life we now enjoy and beat out Tarcisius, who is the patron saint of acolytes. **Albert the Great** proved greater than Leo the Great. **Melangell**, the daughter of a monarch, ran away from home when her father tried to marry her off. She acquired land in the woods by impressing a prince, and founded an abbey which was a sanctuary for all who came to her, including all the small creatures in the forest. She won over Hermione, no slouch herself, who was a mystic and healer and managed to evade, by divine intervention, the efforts of two different emperors who tried to boil her in oil and chop her head off. **Catherine Booth**, the founder of the Salvation Army surprised everyone by getting more votes than the venerable Joan of Arc! **Arnulf of Metz**, the patron saint of beer brewers beat Vincent of Saragossa, the patron saint of winemakers. Arnulf was a bishop/politician (they kind of overlapped then) in charge of a town that suffered from chronic illness. He noticed than people who drank beer (water boiled in the brewing process) rather than water (just retrieved from wherever) were more healthy, so he urged people to drink beer for their health! (Something we can relate to in this pandemic age). **Theodora the Empress** far outpolled Theodora of Alexandria. The winning Theodora started out as the daughter of an actress and a man who trained bears and worked her way up to being the wife of the Emperor Justinian. Not only that, but she was crowned as an equal, and was responsible for many laws concerning women’s rights.

Now we have three-plus weeks in March to discover more of these wonderful and amazing saints! Their stories from long ago are still relevant in our society today!



The dancing saints you see here from the Lent Madness Scorecard were not invented for Lent Madness. They are actually a representation of the saintly icons known as “The Dancing Saints” which cover the walls in St Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco. You can find out more and see a film of the entire work here: [www.saintgregorys.org/the-dancing-saints.html](http://www.saintgregorys.org/the-dancing-saints.html)



Bayport-Blue Point High School alumna Vanessa Sanchez has earned a place on Forbes Magazine’s 2021 “30 Under 30” list.

Vanessa (who grew up at St. Ann’s Church) is the daughter of Laura and Ron Sanchez, and is a Ph.D. candidate at Harvard University conducting research on developing robotic fabrics for ill and disabled patients. She is among the 30 young high-achievers featured in the 10th annual list’s science category.

Forbes commended Sanchez for creating robotic fabric leg sleeves that treat deep-vein thrombosis, as well as soft robotic fabrics with built-in feedback control that can help users have better mobility.

Sanchez, with Harvard professors Conor Walsh and Robert Wood, produced a review on textiles for wearable soft robotics that is featured on back cover of the February issue of *Advanced Functional Materials*. The 30-page review is titled “Textile Technology for Soft Robotic and Autonomous Garments.” [From *Greater Long Island*].



## A Bountiful Life

“Life is given to you like a flat piece of land,” said actress Jeanne Moreau. “I hope that when I’m finished, my piece of land will be a beautiful garden.”

God, who put the first human in a garden to care for creation, blesses us with talents and resources to wisely manage. In gardening terms, God gives us the plot of ground, the seed, the wisdom and strength to bring forth beauty and abundance. Yet we do the work, with God’s help, to make it a reality. Like Adam, we till, but God gives the increase. God’s provisions and our labor bring the garden — and our lives of stewardship — to fulfillment.

As stewards, we ponder: When God calls us home, what will our garden be like, and what will it have produced?

# Paying It Back – and Forward

## An Unexpected Irish Story



During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway. The Irish said they were “paying it forward” as a continuation of a relationship developed between the Choctaw Indians and the Irish in the 1800’s.



It was 1847, when Choctaw Tribe members-- who had only recently arrived over the ruinous “trail of tears and death” to what is now Oklahoma—took up a collection and sent \$170 (about \$5,000 in today’s money) overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than \$4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who’d helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning “In each other’s shadows the people live.”

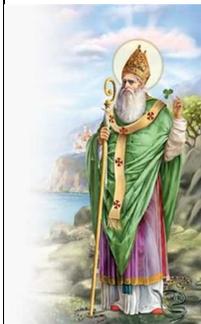
In 2017, a sculpture commemorating the Choctaws and their gift, known as “Kindred Spirits,” was dedicated in a beautiful park in Midleton, County Cork, Ireland.



In 2018, Ireland’s prime minister, or Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, had visited Choctaw Nation headquarters to thank the Choctaws and initiate the first of a continuing series of yearly scholarships for Choctaw students to study in Ireland. The pandemic donations were just another step in this generations-long relationship.

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus’ Golden Rule: “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?

### Setting Captives Free

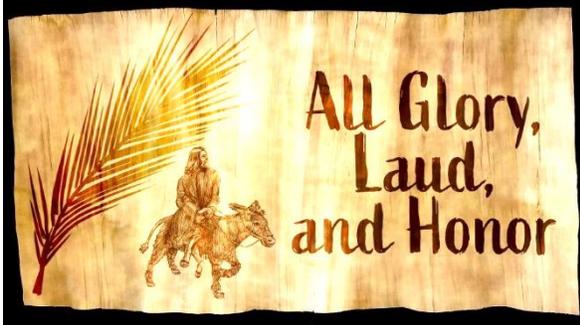


Though St. Patrick’s Day has become a secular “holiday,” March 17 commemorates the life of a Christian missionary. St. Patrick grew up in a Christian home in Britain but wasn’t very devout until he experienced crisis. As a teen, he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, escaping after six years. “The Lord opened my unbelieving eyes” in Ireland, Patrick later said. God led him back there, and he converted tribe after tribe to Christianity.

In *Confessio 61*, St. Patrick writes, “I testify in truth and in great joy of heart before God and his holy angels that I never had any other reason for returning to that nation ... except the Gospel and God’s promises.”



## VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE



The Palm Sunday anthem “All Glory Laud and Honor” is one of Christendom’s oldest hymns. St. Theodulf of Orleans, who helped reform the church under Charlemagne, wrote the lyrics in the year 820 while imprisoned in France.

The lyrics recount Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event the medieval church reenacted every Palm Sunday. Clergy and townspeople processed from fields through the city gates, behind a Jesus figure riding a donkey. At the gates, children began singing the hymn in Latin — *Gloria, laud et honor* — and onlookers soon chimed in.

City gates may be a thing of the past, as the website Hymnary.org notes, yet we still praise our blessed Redeemer “because we know just what kind of King he was and is — an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise him with glory, laud and honor”?

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

## EASTER TOGETHER – OUTSIDE IN THE WEATHER!

Welcome to March, the month when spring begins!

The bad news is that the choir is still quarantined from singing in the church, but the good news is that we are planning an outdoor service @ 10:00 AM on Easter Sunday, April 4! We will have two trumpets -- socially distanced, of course, and six choir members – also socially distanced and MASKED! This is just one step forward, and we work towards eventually having a full choir and congregation singing inside the church, but until then...baby steps.



**NOTE: PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOLDING CHAIR TO THE EASTER SERVICE!**

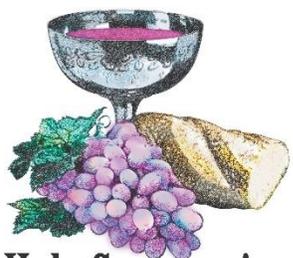
## The Comfort Connection

Amid suffering, we might feel alone and wonder what good can come of it. But later we may discover ourselves equipped to serve precisely because of what we experienced.

Writer and civil rights activist James Baldwin stated: “You think your pain and heartbreak are unprecedented ... but then you read. [Books] taught me that the things that tormented me the most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive or who had ever been alive.” Whether through books or direct human interaction, we often learn that our suffering connects us to other people and that our pain gains meaning by moving us to support someone else who’s hurting.

Paul writes of such connection: “Praise be to ... the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NIV). May you share the comfort you have received from God with others in pain. As a bonus, along the way you’ll realize you’re not — and never have been — alone.

## God in My Hands



**Holy Communion**

When I was ready to give up on the Church, it was the sacraments that pulled me back.

When my faith had become little more than an abstraction, a set of propositions to be affirmed or denied, the tangible, tactile nature of the sacraments invited me to touch, smell, taste, hear, and see God in the stuff of everyday life again. They got God out of my head and into my hands. They reminded me that Christianity isn’t meant to simply be believed; it’s meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people. They reminded me that, try as I may, I can’t be a Christian on my own. —**Rachel Held Evans**

## Brokenness

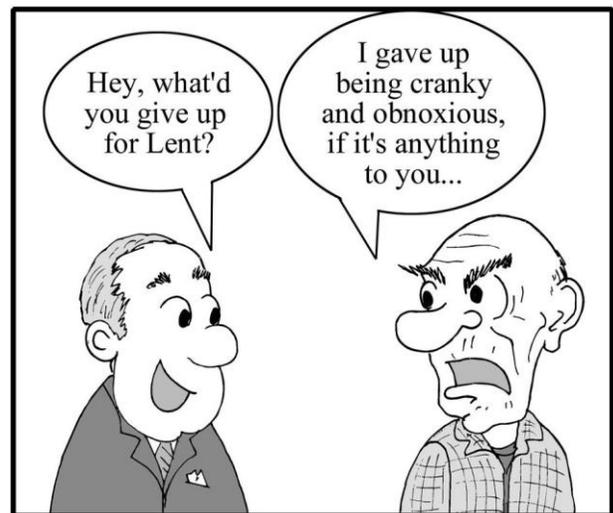
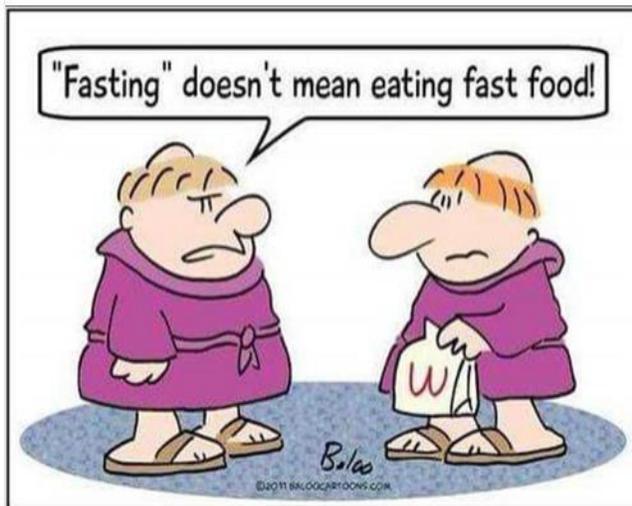
Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So, go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you. —**L.R. Knost**





## LADIES OF THE RECTORY

Süg (short for Sugar) and Annie are the new official Rectory Pets . They've been taking their time getting used to life in Sayville and they have a big house to explore. We haven't seen too much of them—or anyone at church—but we hope with spring coming we'll see them out taking a walk or cavorting on the rectory lawn.





IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 631-589-6522.



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### ANNIVERSARIES

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

### BIRTHDAYS

1	Peg Flanagan	12	Edward Moran	19	Jason Cole	27	Mary Mattarella
	Mary Jean Lap-Bohanick	13	Lynne Abrams		Cynthia Houdek		Joan Palmieri
3	Nancy Leuly		Sally Stoll-DePompeo		Erin MacDonell	28	Victoria Barone
4	Sebastian Cole		Luis Vasquez		Judith Meyer	28	Philip DePompeo
5	Brendan Mattimore	14	Patrick Cavanagh		Karly Walch		Eric Gustafson
6	Jared Bergen	15	Meaghan Gandolfo	23	Florence Chase		Sharon Vander Borgh
7	Ann Marie Hlavac		Stephanie Gandolfo		Benjamin O'Connell	29	Robert Gaito
	Lauren Waters		Taylor Whitehouse	24	Nicole LaFontaine	30	Jennifer Lasko
	Miranda Waters	16	Robert Honey	25	Ron Sanchez		Leah Vander Borgh
8	Jason Walsh	17	Lori Svendsen	26	Jill Hughes	31	Wyatt Reksten
12	Ashley Byrnes	19	Marade Bergen	27	Marlena Espinoza		

*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.*

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# Our Church History



## ❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

**Effie Shannon & Herbert Kelcey**  
1867-1954                      1855-1917

**Effie Shannon**, stage and silent screen actress, was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on May 13, 1867. When she was still a child, she started a career as an actress on the stage and eventually in silent films. Her nearly 60-year career, from 1886 to 1944, was one of the longest ever on Broadway. She began as a starring performer and was later a character actor. Her partner and husband was Herbert Kelcey. They appeared in numerous plays as a team predating by a generation the famous Lunt and Fontanne as a great Broadway romantic team. In 1914, she appeared in her first silent film along with Kelcey. They made one more film together in 1916 before his 1917 death. Shannon continued to appear in silent films, the best known of which were "Her Boy" (1918), "Blazing Barriers" (1923), and "Pearl of Love" (1925), and early sound films until 1932 while still appearing on Broadway. One of her later roles was in a revival of "Arsenic and Old Lace."



She died in Bay Shore, Long Island, New York, on July 24, 1954, at the age of 77 and was buried in St. Ann's Cemetery next to her husband.



**Herbert Kelcey** was born on October 10, 1855 in London, England as Herbert Henry Lamb. After immigrating to the United States in 1882, he toured with the Frohman's Lyceum Company and later starred with his wife, Effie Shannon in their own theatrical company.

As an actor, he was known for *The Sphinx* (1916) and *After the Ball* (1914). He was married to Effie Shannon. He died on July 10, 1917, age 61, in Bayport, Long Island, New York. His interment was at St. Ann's Cemetery.

## A BREATH OF FRESH PRAYER

Norwegian theologian Ole Hallesby described prayer as simply letting God into our lives. God "knocks," he said, "not only in the solemn hours of secret prayer" but "in the midst of your daily work, your daily struggles, your daily grind ... when you need him most."

Prayer, added Hallesby, is as essential to life as air. "As impossible as it is for us to take a breath in the morning large enough to last us until noon, so impossible is it to pray in the morning in such a way as to last us until noon," he said. "Let your prayers ascend to [God] constantly, audibly or silently, as circumstances throughout the day permit."



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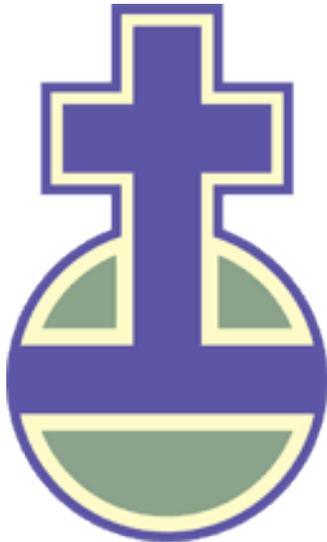
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**AROUND SAINT ANN'S  
Monthly Schedule**

*See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.*

*Check out the website at: [www.saint-anns.org](http://www.saint-anns.org)*

**Sundays**

8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist -- Online  
9:00 AM---Sunday School – Temporarily suspended  
10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist -- Online  
7:30 PM—AA Meeting

**Mondays**

10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry  
6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—March 14  
6:00 PM—Mission & Outreach – Temporarily suspended  
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

**Tuesdays**

8:00 AM—Men's Group - Temporarily suspended  
6:00 PM—Children's Choir - Temporarily suspended  
7:00 PM—Adult Choir - Temporarily suspended

**Wednesdays**

9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop – Temporarily closed

**Thursdays**

10:00 AM—AA Meeting  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop - Temporarily closed  
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

**Fridays**

12:00-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop -- Temporarily closed

**Saturday**

10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop - Temporarily closed  
5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist -- Online



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