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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

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday
 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 3 -- Labor Day
 Sept 12 – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
 Sept 16 – Sunday School/Confirmation
 Registration
 Sept 16 – Ministry Fair
 Sept 22 – First day of Autumn



MISSION STATEMENT

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



Sunday School REGISTRATION

And Confirmation Registration

Sunday, September 16, in the Parish Hall

Sunday, September 16

Find your special interest!



Ministry Fair

Altar Guild * Choir * Thrift Shop * Daughters of the King * Food Pantry * Christmas Trees * Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry * Coffee Hour * Yoga * Acolytes * Stewardship * Barnabas Buddies * and more!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Fr. Brian, Marge Rogers, and a representative from Eastern Farm Workers gather up the donations from St. Ann's. Thank you to all who donated school supplies

for this outreach project for children of Eastern Farm Workers! We got literally hundreds of backpacks, notebooks, binders, paper, pens, pencils, rulers, glue, lunch bags, and many other items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

FROM THE EDITOR

I was recently reading the latest (October) issue of *Psychology Today*, and I was particularly interested in an article called “10 Signs You Know What Matters.” I couldn’t possibly condense the whole article to a few lines, but I was particularly struck by **#8 You Can, in a Few Minutes, Write About What Matters**. Apparently, writing about values boosts peoples’ ability to succeed. Perhaps it helps to focus on the positive, but in several cases, when students were asked to write about their educational values (as opposed to their goals), their grades went up. According to the magazine, “The drive for self-integrity—seeing oneself as good, virtuous, and efficacious—is a fundamental motivation.”

With school starting, and college students back on campus, this would seem like a good exercise with which to start off the year. We are all taught we have to have goals to get ahead, but we should also have values by which we live our everyday lives. I can’t help but think about John McCain, who, by his own admission, liked to have a good time and was not a great student – even graduating near the bottom of his class at Annapolis. But along the way, he was tested and had a lot of time to think about what his life was about. He thought about his values. They were pretty much all he had when he was a POW in Viet Nam. At the end of his life he is now celebrated for his character and living his true self, not bending to anyone. You may or may not have agreed with his political views, but that is irrelevant here. He lived by what he believed was right. He was an honorable man.

Try the exercise yourself. And repeat it later when you may find yourself wondering which direction to take. Just sit down for 10 or 15 minutes and write about what is important to you in your life, in your education, in your job, in your marriage, in your friendship, in your practice of religion, in your service to other people.... We may surprise ourselves!

--Rodney Dudley

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A Letter from the Wardens

Dear Parish Family,

As your Wardens, we are writing to inform you that Mother Diane is retiring. Her last Sunday with us will be October 28, 2018. Her announcement letter is enclosed. Although we are sad to think of her leaving St. Ann's, we wish her all the best as she begins this new chapter of her life. There is much love and appreciation for her and all she has accomplished here at St. Ann's. Mother Diane has worked very hard throughout her almost seven years with us, and her accomplishments are quite substantial. There is an extremely long list of projects that has repaired and restored our buildings and grounds, not to mention organizing many of the ministries, church services, and business office that a very active church like ours has. Our outreach programs have never been stronger and are currently serving more members of our community than we ever have. All of these areas have benefitted from Mother Diane's gifts and have run very smoothly under her direction.

Mother Diane's spiritual leadership and guidance have been a blessing for our parish and is most evident in the growth of our youth through her tenure. Our Youth Group has become a vibrant, active ministry, and our Christian Education Program has increased in numbers and has flourished. We will miss Mother Diane dearly and will be reminded of her often as we look around our beautiful campus and see so many of the projects and improvements that were completed during her time with us.

Rest assured, your Wardens have been in conference with the Transitional Office of the Diocese and are working on securing an interim priest to carry us through while we search for our new Rector. The search for a new Rector can only begin once Mother Diane has retired. On Sunday, November 3, 2018, the Rev. Canon Claire Woodley, from the Diocese, will be here at St. Ann's for both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services. The Vestry will meet with Canon Woodley, and we will discuss the next steps for your Vestry to find a new leader who will continue the excellence in worship and the many other offerings here at St. Ann's Church.

If you have any questions or concerns during this time in transition, please do not hesitate to call either one of us.

Blessings,

Nancy Koinoglou, Warden
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Tom Honey, Warden
631-687-7144



THE RECTOR'S CORNER



September 5, 2018

Dear Parish Family,

As you have heard me say many times, we should not be embarrassed about telling our age. As many of you know, I turned sixty-six this year, and with that in mind, I have for some time been praying and taking counsel with Bishop Provenzano, my Spiritual Director, as well as trusted friends and colleagues about what this next chapter of my life's journey will look like and how God wants me to use it.

After months of thought and prayer, I have informed Bishop Provenzano, and I have informed the Vestry last night, of my decision to retire from full time ministry. My last Sunday as Rector of Saint Ann's will be October 28, 2018. This was not an easy decision at all, as I love being your Rector and serving with you in the ministries of Saint Ann's. Together, over the last almost seven years, we have accomplished so much as a church family, much more than I can put in this letter.

Leaving Saint Ann's will be a difficult thing to do, as I do love you and this parish very much. However, leaving will also bring fresh breath and new direction for Saint Ann's. I have every faith that, under your new leadership, Saint Ann's will continue to thrive and grow into the beautiful, caring, and loving parish you are today.

I will be moving to Hendersonville, North Carolina, when I retire, where I have bought a home near the Historic Downtown area. I look forward to sitting on my front porch looking at the mountains, volunteering to do the things that interest me, and listening to what God has in store for me next! And I will be praying for you and the bright future God has for our beautiful and spiritual parish.

Once retired as your Rector, I am not allowed to return to conduct any services (funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc.), and I cannot serve in any pastoral care capacity to you. That will be the honor and privilege of the Interim and, subsequently, the new Rector. They need the space to get to know you and love you as I have loved you, without interference from a former rector.

In the meantime, we will have approximately two months to continue to worship and pray together and to say our proper good-byes. I look forward to sharing some wonderful memories with each of you and looking with great joy to what God's future holds for each of us.

With Blessings, Love, and Prayers,

The Reverend Diane Britt+
9th Rector, Saint Ann's Episcopal Church

Vestry Visions

WELCOME SEPTEMBER

New Month, New Chapter, New Page, and New Wishes!

I don't know about you, but the heat and humidity were really starting to drag me down. I am looking forward to the crisp and cool air of the fall season.

With the end of summer comes the beginning of the busy season at St. Ann's.

On September 16th we will be holding Sunday School registration in the Parish Hall. Whether you are registering your child, or just enjoying coffee hour, please take the time to visit our Ministry Fair. St. Ann's has many different ministries that function under the radar but do very important work. These ministries only exist because of our hard-working volunteers, but we need more! Please browse through all of our programs and see if any of them pique your interest. Keep in mind that everything you see going on inside of the church and throughout the surrounding grounds happens because we volunteer our time, talent, and treasure as a parish family.

There will also be a table set up on September 16th and the following Sundays during coffee hour to update the parish information. We ask that you look over your family's contact information so we have all current info in our database.

Hopefully by the time you read this edition of the Correspondent, the 3rd Annual Clam Bake will have been planned. The Clam Bake has always been a good time with friends and great food by Claws in Sayville. Look for announcements and poster for sign up information.

As a reminder, the **Ask the Vestry** box is located in the Parish Hall. If you EVER have any questions, concerns, or comments, please drop it in the box. All issues (with contact information provided) will be addressed at the next scheduled Vestry meeting, and you will hear back from a Vestry member ASAP.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Gandolfo for the Vestry



Save the Date!

OCTOBER 13th

Look for details – Coming soon!



Thoughts from the Front Porch Father Brian Barry



Summer is slowly coming to an end, and the heat is finally starting to break. Nights on the front porch are beginning to be quite pleasant, as autumn is my favorite time of year. In terms of St. Ann's, fall is when everyone comes back from summer vacation, the school year starts, and the church starts filling up again. So naturally, my front porch thoughts have turned to the upcoming year. And let me say, there are a lot of those thoughts that occupy my mind.

First and foremost, Sunday School and Confirmation Class start up again. Registration will be on Sunday, September 16th, after the 10:00 AM service. Christian Education is an important part of what we do here at St. Ann's, and we are blessed to have several dedicated teachers and assistants. They put a lot of work into what they do, and the results are incalculable. I am looking forward to seeing all the young faces in church again, particularly on Youth Sunday, where our teachers lead the children across the street to participate in worship. Also, I am looking forward to getting to know my new confirmands, as they prepare to commit themselves to the Christian life in May. I spend a lot of time on lesson plans, because I want to equip our youth with what they need to continue their journey as Christians.



Ministry Fair

Secondly, we are hosting a Ministry Fair on that same Sunday. There are two goals when we put on a Ministry Fair. The first is that we want St. Ann's parishioners to see all the work we, as a church, do in this community. There are so many dedicated, caring people at this church who really show the love of Christ in the work they do for the church, and for the area. But, this is about more than showing off. The second reason we are hosting a Ministry Fair is that we need more people in these ministries. When you only have a few people doing everything, it leads to burn out. When many pitch in, that is what makes ministries like the ones we have thrive. So, it is our hope that you will join us, and see where your talents can be put to God's Work.

Lastly, fall means that my friends in the Youth Group will be meeting regularly again. We have a lot of fun together, and I have some big plans for the coming year. Our Youth Group has some of the most passionate, energetic, and loving parishioners you can find in this church, and it is my pleasure to work with them. We meet every Wednesday, and it is usually the most exciting meeting I go to all week.



I hope to see you in church very soon, just as I hope that we can make this year another blessed year for the Jesus Movement here at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Sayville.

Can One Day Make A Difference....

The Thrift Shop and St. Joseph's College think it can!

By Nanci Guerra



My interest in expanding our outreach led me to visit and call other churches, pantries and schools in the area. I was curious to see what community outreach they participated in and to establish contacts so we could all help each other. One of my calls was St Joseph's College campus ministry. Christian Murphy, the head of the campus ministry, discussed the initiatives they were working on and went above and beyond by setting up a day for the students to come to the thrift shop and volunteer! Well last March Christian and his troops, (I say troops because there were 10 people who showed that day) came to the shop and helped! What an influx of energy

came with them. It was a great experience for our volunteers as well as the students who wanted to help us and get involved--and boy did they! From lifting, sorting, straightening and yes, even sweeping. They did it all!

In July when Christian and I met again he wanted to partner with us for Make a Difference Day. Make a Difference Day was founded in 1992 when *USA Weekend* suggested to its readers that since 1992 was a leap year people should take that extra day and do something good for the community or for those in need.

This day is a great way for individuals to give something back to the communities they live in by picking an area of need that exists in the community and fixing/helping that need. It's not an easy fix however. The importance is that even one day of giving back, giving your time, is a great opportunity for all of us to help each other in our communities.

On Saturday October 13th The Thrift Shop and St Joe's are partnering for Make a Difference Day!

Some ways you can participate do not even take a full day:

- Stop in the shop, any day, say hello to our volunteers, ask about our outreach initiatives, and shop! Yes, even I can't believe shopping will help with our outreach...how wonderful is that!
- Do you have a student in any local schools? Mention the Thrift Shop to the PTA, Drama Club, Honor Society so the students can earn community service hours. Not only can they volunteer but they might find that perfect costume for the school play!
- Are you an **alumnus** of a local college? One phone call to Campus Outreach mentioning the shop and our need for volunteers would plant a seed and be one more contact in the community.

If everyone told three people about St Ann's Thrift Shop & our need for volunteers, community contacts and our want to expand our outreach it would help all of us Make A Difference in our community. I look forward to seeing you all...stop by the Thrift Shop.

Thank You, *Nanci*



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MINISTRY

By Mary Mattarella (631-745-3745)
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Greetings to my sisters and brothers in Christ!

Our mission trip in August went well, with myself, Wendy, Taylor, Trevor, Matthew, and of course, our faithful friends from Zion Church, Joanne and Tom! Paddy and Taylor were awesome, spending a lot of time, making up bags of personal hygiene items to pass out, making our joyous job much easier! Friends from Zion church, were very generous, sending 170 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches! We also had a beautiful assortment of men's and ladies' clothing and shoes, all donated by the saints from Zion church and St Ann's!

The "behind the scenes" mission work, is just as important as the saints boarding the train. Having given much thought, I estimate that approximately 100 people, are involved in each mission trip! Let's not forget our prayer partners, who help by keeping us safe and motivated! On this particular trip, we served approximately 50 people. Some trips are more, some less. It is all in God's plan!

After our city trip, I delivered the leftover sandwiches and clothing, to a meeting for immigrants wanting to complete their paperwork to reside here legally. I also brought clothes and hygiene items. One particular lady cried when she received sandwiches. She and her three kids had not eaten that day. She had spent all her money, on transportation to get to the meeting in Farmingdale. She wanted me to thank all of you, and to let you all know that that act of kindness gave her the boost she needed! All of these wonderful PB&J sandwiches, are truly Heaven-sent for those in need!

We are now coming into the fall season, and we are going to need the following items for our next trip:

- Socks
- Blankets
- Sweatshirts
- Sweatpants
- Shoes
- Underwear, all sizes
- All sizes of clothing for both men and women.
- Any reusable bags, for packing the items when handed out, would be greatly appreciated!

As always, all are invited to help on mission day! I am grateful for all your prayers and support!

Thank you! Love, *The Very Festive Mary*



**"No one has
ever become
poor from
giving"**
- Anne Frank



VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

Singing in a choir
is cheaper than therapy,
healthier than drinking,
and more fun than working out!



Adult Choir rehearsals will
resume on Tuesday, September
4, at 7:00 PM in the church

High School and Up – Please join us!

The only thing better than singing is MORE singing!

--Ella Fitzgerald



Rehearsals will begin on
Tuesday, September 11
at 6:00-6:45 PM in the church.

Come and join us!



Spaghetti

Dinner

FUNDRAISER

Support Life Scout Robert Honey of Troop 130, Bayport, NY, as he raises funds for his Eagle Scout Project of creating Care Packages to send to our troops overseas. Donations will be collected until September 30. See a list of needed items below.

Wed., Sept. 12 / 6:00-8:00PM

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS. A BIN IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL TO RECEIVE YOUR DONATIONS. THANK YOU!

- \$25 Visa or MasterCard gift cards
- iTunes Cards
- Powdered drink mix
- Breath mints / Gum
- Disposable razors
- Body wipes in plastic containers
- Hair bands
- Toothbrushes
- Dental floss
- Unscented skin lotion
- Batteries (AA & AAA)
- Phone Cards
- Beef Jerky / Slim Jim Sticks
- Hard candy
- Earphones / Earbuds
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- Lip balm / Chapstick
- Toothpaste
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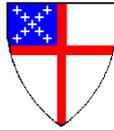
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NOTES



DONATE YOUR USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Clean out the garage, closets, and basement! The Outreach Committee will be collecting your gently used sports equipment. Look for the bin in the Parish Hall to deposit all outgrown cleats, Vbaseball, lacrosse, soccer, football, tennis, and other sporting equipment to be donated to those in need.



OUR DAILY BREAD

Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon

The Food Pantry continues to see new guests each week. We are in need of the following items: canned chicken and tuna, jelly, peanut butter, beef soup, pasta sauce, chili, juice, cereal, sugar, frozen vegetables, and toiletries. Thank you for helping those in need!



ST. ANN'S GARDENERS

Thanks to those who've volunteered to tend our garden areas this long, hot growing season! These volunteers include Doris Ostrander, Sue Knoepffler, Christine Mulroy, Paul Stoehrer, Tim Laffin, John O'Neil and Rich Mugno.

-Pat Osarchuk



CHRISTIAN YOGA

TIME CHANGE:

Thursdays, 1:00 to 2:30 in the Parish Hall

It's the beginning of a new year! Yoga is good for you. Come give it a try! All ages welcome! There is no charge.



ST. BARNABAS' BUDDIES

Whether you need help or can give help, call Gerry Hoek at 631-868-7278 for further information. Helping one another is part of a caring community!



Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry

If you would like to donate to the PBJ Ministry, the things we are currently in need of are:

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14	John & Theresa McGee	21	Philip & Elise Alloy	27	Don & Cathy Baker
	William & Stephanie Streek		Scott & Nancy Leuly	31	Michael & JoAnn DaSilva
15	Francis Jr. & Irene Bodkin		David & Whitney O'Donnell		



3	Frank & Deanne Madigan	11	Paul & Caryn Wells	20	Sally Stoll-DePompeo & Philip DePompeo
4	Hewlett & Kathleen Krakaur	12	John & Theresa Smith		
5	Rick Magnani & Diane Miller-Magnani	18	Frederick & Muriel Herold	25	Luis & Kathleen Vazquez
7	John & Christie Strecker	19	Henry Lemanis & Joanne Festa	29	Charlotte Hlavac-Maass & Michael Maass
8	David & Nicole Rey	22	James & Patricia Romeo		



2	Leo Chung	11	Eileen Fitzpatrick	21	Cheryl Waters
	Lucas Chung		Gary Schaum	22	Peter McGorty
	Gavin Lico		Andrew Schultz	24	Aline Koinoglou
	Samara Madigan	12	Philip Alloy	25	Bob Flanagan
	Philip Rascona	13	Kateri Sanseviro	26	Louis Dadabo
4	John McGee	14	Thomas Clarke Jr.	27	Nicholas Arena Jr.
	Gia Patrovich		Kevin Mattimore		Sloan Rivas
5	Kristin Greves	14	Layla Rey	29	Lily Dadabo
7	Trevor Hennessey	17	Charles Romano		Joseph Ferzola
	Erin Hynes		Adam Shelton		Linda Koso
8	Lauren Rascona	18	Sam Acierno	30	Donald Hester
10	Carole Elton	19	Charlotte Acierno	31	Scott MacDonell
	Ellen Garofolo	20	Elise Alloy		Reina Vasquez



1	Natalie Kudlek	6	Alia Richards	19	Emily Lico
	Darroll Meyer		Grace Torgersen		Kenneth Smyrk
	John Strecker	9	Madison Espinoza	23	Peter O'Connell
	Butzy Van Wyen	9	Karen McGorty	24	Abigail Streek
2	David Rey	12	Michael Patrovich	25	Julia Magnani
3	Margaret (Peg) Costanzo	13	Nicholas Laffin	26	Jeffrey McLeer
4	Mary Ann Costanza		Shirley Slavik	26	Laura Sanchez
	Salvatore Greci	14	Elijah Koso	27	Fiona Rivas
	Christian Hagenlocher	19	Robert Britts	29	Patrick O'Donnell

Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ **The Garden of the Unforgotten**

Fred D. Smith
Section 43 – Lot 5

Fred D. Smith died at the Sayville Nursing Home on July 21, 1953. Born in Greenville, NJ, of an old and respected Long Island family, he spent much of his life in Bayport. Recently, he traveled between Florida and the Sayville home of his son, Hervey Garrett Smith and his sister, Miss Grace Smith.

A self-educated man, Mr. Smith was a prominent building contractor in this area. He was an avid yachtsman all his life and designed and built many boats. He was responsible, more than anyone else, for the development of the Great South Bay Scooter and was active in the Wet Pants Association and served on the Race Committee.

He was the oldest director of the Oysterman's Trust Company, in point of service as well as years. He was a member of the Foresters of America and an active fire fighter, having served as Bayport Fire Chief at one time

His remains rest in the family plot in St. Ann's Garden of the Unforgotten.

“SURELY HE HAS BORNE OUR GRIEFS...”

When veteran Joe Serna confessed that he'd been drinking — behavior prohibited in the Veterans Treatment Court program — Judge Lou Olivera sentenced him to one night in jail. That might not seem like much, but while deployed, Serna had been trapped underwater when his truck toppled into a canal. A buddy managed to move him to an air pocket, saving his life, but the buddy and two others died. Years later, even the thought of confinement triggered flashbacks.

As Serna arrived for his jail stay, Olivera, also a vet, saw his anxiety, entered the cell with Serna and spent the night. His kind act nearly brought Serna to tears, but the judge believes any vet would have done the same. “These are our brothers,” Olivera says. “We never leave each other behind.”

Similarly, Jesus entered our troubled story alongside us, sharing in our suffering, brokenness and even death. As a comrade unlike any other, Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters, refusing to leave us behind with our self-imposed burdens. Above all, Jesus does what only God can: redeems us for the joy of new life.



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Seal

A seal is the mark of God's promises to the believer and of the believer's consecration to God. Old Testament priests wore a piece of gold against their forehead, as a seal, engraved with the words "Holy to the Lord." For Christians, the sign of the cross serves as a seal of salvation. Paul declares, "He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come" (2 Corinthians 1:21-22, NIV).

AROUND SAINT ANN'S Monthly Schedule

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.

Check out the website at: www.saint-anns.org

Sundays

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

Mondays

10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry
6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—Sept. 4
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Tuesdays

8:00 AM—Men's Group
9:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
6:00 PM—Children's Choir
7:00 PM—Adult Choir

Wednesdays

9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open
7:00 PM—Youth Group

Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting
10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open
1:30 PM----Christian Yoga Class
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Saturday

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