



The 157th Annual Meeting
St. Ann's Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 22, 2023

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Agenda

- **Call to order**
- **Opening Prayer**
- **The Appointments of the Clerk and Parliamentarian**
- **Approval of Agenda**
- **Election of Vestry Members**
- **Approval of the Annual Meeting Minutes from the 155th Annual Meeting**
- **The Annual Report**
- **The Treasurer's Report**
- **Rector Report**
- **The Declaration of Election for Vestry Members and the Installation**
- **The Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in this place for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. *Amen*

Your Vestry at St Ann's

TODAY'S ELECTIONS

- One (1) Warden standing for re-election, term ending in 2025 (*John O'Neil*).
- One (1) person to fill a vacancy, term ending 2025 (*Krystina DiChiara*).
- Two (2) vestry persons standing for re-election, terms ending in 2026 (*Don Hester & Pat Osarchuk*).
- One (1) person up for election (*Christine Kelly-Smimmo*)
- **There remains one vacancy for a warden whose term would end 2024.**

Rector

Rev. Jeff Stevenson, HoSM (Rector and Chair of Vestry)

Wardens

John O'Neil (term expiring 1/2023 – Standing for Re-Election)

Nancy Koinoglou (term expiring 1/2024)

Vestry

- *Class of 2023 (Outgoing)*
 - Don Hester (standing for Re-election)
 - Pat Osarchuk (standing for Re-election)
 - Diane Miller-Magnani
- *Class of 2024*
 - Rich Acierno
 - John Smith
 - Wendy Schmittzeh
 - Carol Ann St Lawrence
- *Class of 2025*
 - Greg Domoff
 - Krystina DiChiara (Standing for election to fill vacant position)
- *Class of 2026 (Incoming)*
 - Don Hester (standing for re-election)
 - Pat Osarchuk (standing for re-election)
 - Christine Kelly-Smimmo (Standing for election)



Vestry members standing for election/re-election

Don Hester - Standing for re-election as Vestry Person

I have attended St Ann's since the 1960's, where I was married. My wife, Judy, and I have sung in the Choir, led the youth group, taught Sunday school, served on the Vestry and have been active in the Fire Island Ministry outreach program. When we celebrated our 50th anniversary in Mexico, I had agreed to let my name be listed as an optional candidate for the vestry, thinking I wouldn't even be considered seriously for the position, being I wouldn't even be at the meeting. What a surprise, on returning, to find I was not only elected, but also named as Finance Committee Chair. I have served in that position ever since and pointedly, have attended every annual meeting since! My hobbies include boating and making breakfasts for the annual meeting attendees. If re-elected I will do my best to serve you and hope you enjoy the meal!

Pat Osarchuk - Standing for re-election as Vestry Person

I've been attending St. Ann's for over 40 years and became very involved through volunteering about 18 years ago. I'm a retired teacher, having spent over 30 years teaching high school English at Sachem North. I am a widow, the mother of Andrew and Dan, and the proud grandmother of five. Through the years I've been a very active member of community groups such as the Cherry Avenue PTA, Sayville Garden Club, and Sayville Rotary. I was also on the Sayville Library Board, serving as president for a number of years. It's pretty clear that I don't hesitate to "get involved"! As a Warden at St. Ann's, I stepped forward to help organize and run both of our successful Capital Campaigns. I've volunteered as a lector, member of the Altar Guild, and chairperson of our Grounds Committee. I was especially happy to lead in the selection and then the care of the new plantings around the Church. Because of my desire to serve and my love of St. Ann's, I hope to continue to be a useful and active vestry member.

Krystina DiChiara - Standing for election as Vestry Person

My name is Krystina DiChiara, I am 18 years old and am currently attending Stony Brook University for psychology. I work at Coldstone Creamery and Future Stars summer camp, but also love thrifting and spending time with family. In the time I have been coming to St. Ann's I have grown and learned a lot about my faith. I am excited to continue being a part of this community and help better the church in all of its endeavors!

Christine Kelly-Smimmo - Standing for election as Vestry Person

I found St Ann's online during the winter of 2020, during Covid. I so enjoyed the nightly complines as it brought me closer to prayer during a chaotic time plus had me enjoying the connection to God through Father Jeff. With St Ann's I was asked to and joined the RenewalWorks workshop in the Fall of 2021. I have recently started lecturing at Saturday services and enjoy reading to the congregation. I'm a Queens native who has also lived a dozen years in Arizona. My husband Mark Smimmo and I found each other in our late 40s and married Spring of 2018, then purchased a home in nearby Ronkonkoma later that year. Raised Catholic, I found the Episcopal-way more what I look for in church-life. I also love the history and beauty of this church and the surrounding area... Sayville is indeed a special town. A graduate of FIT in Manhattan, I have been a graphic designer for 32 years and now work for a Suffolk County publisher. I also enjoy drawing and photography. I love labyrinths. I also have a rescue dog named Bisbee, an adorable, regal mutt. I have been a board member of The Common Ground at Sayville Rotary Park for 3 years designing their event posters and helping at events. It would be my pleasure to be considered for St Ann's Vestry and I would do my best in sharing my thoughts and donating my time and efforts to make our church thrive now, and into the future.

Ministry Reports

The world changed over the past few years in ways that we could not have imagined. As a people we changed, each of us as individuals changed, and as a church we changed... yet we persevere. These trying times taught us that it can be difficult to see what our futures might hold, but we remain steadfast and hopeful. Jeremiah tells us, "blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him." The hope and faith of the people of St. Ann's is revealed in our ministries that continued even in the face of the challenges of the past few years. At the heart of who we are as a church are the ministries that we undertake. This year we saw our ministries grow as we emerged into the world beyond the pandemic shutdowns. Most Sundays I pray for God to make us His hands and feet, His ears and voice in this world. Truly, these ministries are evidence of the Holy Spirit moving in this place. "Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will not be shaken." (Psalm 62)

~Rev Jeff Stevenson, HoSM
Rector, St Ann's Episcopal Church

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild of St. Ann's serves the parish and God in liturgy and worship. We prepare the altar of St. Ann's for scheduled Saturday and Sunday services, as well as baptisms, weddings, funerals, holy days, and special services. At present, the following serve on the Altar Guild: Rodney Dudley, Judy Hester, Cindy MacDonell, Diane Miller-Magnani, Linda Munkelwitz, Pat Osarchuk, Theresa Smith, Barbara Stahlberg, and Susan Verneer. Cathy Baker and Doris Ostrander faithfully polish the brass. Twice a year, Doris Ostrander organizes the polishing of the silver, with the help of Altar Guild members. Marge Rogers takes care of the vestments. Each week, Sally Stoll-DePompeo, Doris Ostrander, Linda Munkelwitz or Barbara Stahlberg deliver the altar flowers to cheer members of St. Ann's and others in the community.



The Altar Guild members work harmoniously together. They are a dedicated group who are generous and flexible with their time. Serving on the Altar Guild is a humble and rewarding experience. The Altar Guild needs additional members. If you (male or female) would like to join our ranks, please call either Barbara or Linda.

Respectfully submitted,
~ Linda Munkelwitz and Barbara Stahlberg
Altar Guild Coordinators

Buildings & Grounds

Buildings

It has been a very busy year for buildings and grounds, well beyond the simple maintenance, we had a number of projects that we needed to finish. The following are projects that have been completed this year around the church campus:



Campus wide

- New security and fire system
- New signage around campus

Burgess

- Toilet in basement removed
- Two new toilets installed on the first floor

Grounds

We did not undertake any major projects by the church this year, but spent much of the summer months of drought dealing with irrigation issues. We were very happy that the gardens on either side of the Welcome sign were replanted and maintained beautifully by our newest volunteers- Marie and Jim Wipper. Our returning volunteers who take care of specific areas and help so much in keeping our gardens looking good are Chris Mulroy, Sue Knoepffler, Doris Ostrander, Tim Laffin, Sandie Immoor, and Cindy MacDonell. Across Middle Road, to the south and east of the Littlejohn Building, the excessive growth was removed this summer and the area is better maintained.

Church/Parish Hall

- New Roof on the church and parish hall
- New central air unit inside church
- Tiffany windows cleaned and vented
- Plexi glass on stained glass windows in church/chapel were replaced
- Repair parish hall kitchen pipes

Littlejohn

- Repair central AC unit on second floor

Rectory

- Central Air on the 1st floor of the rectory
- New electrical panel outside of the rectory
- New Roof on the Rectory

Upcoming Projects for 2023

- Sidewalk project at church parking lot
- Re-grade and Gravel Littlejohn parking lot
- Re-pointing church stonework
- Install speed bumps at church
- New lighting fixtures front of church

Respectfully Submitted,

~George Koinoglou

Buildings & Grounds Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

~Pat Osarchuk

(St Ann's Vestry, class of 2023)

Grounds Chairperson

Cemetery Report



There were thirty-one (31) burials of which fourteen (14) were vault burials, sixteen (16) were cremation burials, one (1) was a crypt entombment and five (5) were niche entombments. There were eighteen (18) full plots sold, eight (8) niches sold, five (5) cremation plots sold, and one (1) baby plot sold. Wreaths were placed on the two entrances, the Smith and Blocker plots. Stakes were placed to mark granite markers in case of snow. A vinyl stockade fence was installed behind the bard and along the south border of our property. We hired Geiger Landscaping to take care of the gardens in the cemetery. Stang Landscaping takes care of the lawns and clean-up of leaves and tree damage that occurs during storms.

Respectfully submitted,
~Carol Ann St. Lawrence
(St Ann's Vestry, class of 2024)

Christmas Fair



Our Christmas fair was a great success this year. This annual fundraiser not only raises money for our church, it's also a day of fellowship with church members and the community. People were truly excited and happy to be there. Many spoke about missing our fair over the past two years when we had to cancel due to covid restrictions. There was a wonderful energy present throughout the day with people shopping, having lunch, and participating in our raffles. This year we had a special visit from Fr. "Santa" Jeff who was available for photos. This event takes a lot of organizing and an abundance of help from both the thrift shop volunteers and our parish family. We could not have our fair without all their help. Everyone involved worked extremely hard to make this event so successful.



Respectfully submitted,
~Nancy Koinoglou,
(St Ann's Warden, class of 2024)
Christmas Fair Chair

Christmas Tree Committee

St. Ann's had another successful year for its annual Christmas Tree sales. Starting mid-November, we had a great turnout from both parishioners and community service students assisting in setting up the tree lot, making setting up a less daunting task. On the big day, Saturday, November 26th, bright and early the truck arrived, and again, we experienced a wonderful turnout of volunteers and a very jolly "Santa" ready to unload 765 trees from our long-time supplier of over 40 years. In record time, less than one hour, the trees stood tall in the yard, and we already had a line of customers ready to pick out and bring their trees home.



Each year, the first Saturday has become "the" day to get your tree. Our Frasier Fir trees are the most sought-after tree we have, and they are the first to go. We had another record-breaking first day, selling 503 trees with another 118 on the following day, even after closing at 1 pm due to rain. The remaining 139 trees dwindled throughout the week and reached our goal of selling out the trees on Saturday, December 3rd, even in the pouring rain, again. We are pleased to share that all our efforts netted over \$23,000 in net proceeds to St. Ann's!

Each year we find ways to improve our process to make it easier for the volunteers as well as the customers. The committee appreciates all the hard work of our parishioners, their families, and all the community service students aiding in the lot and those that had the task of tying the trees on the cars and keeping the flow moving. A special thank you for Fr. "Santa" Jeff for greeting the crowds and providing a bit of dancing entertainment. Until next year!!

Respectfully submitted,
~Wendy & Mark Schmittleh
~John & Theresa Smith
~Nicole LaFontaine
Tree Lot Committee

Communications

We continued our efforts to reach out to both our parishioners and our community at large. Father Jeff and Mother Lilo both posted regular evening Compline services over both Facebook and the Saint Ann's YouTube channel. Noah Stetzer continued to lead the effort to provide weekly video of our 10 AM services. Importantly, if you can assist Noah in supporting and backing up our video efforts, we would greatly appreciate it.

Our record early response to the CHRISTmas tree sale demonstrates the capabilities of social media, as we sold over 300 trees before 12 noon on the first day. As of this writing, we have 796 followers on Facebook. Additionally, this year we communicated using banners and portable billboards along Middle Road announcing the CHRISTmas tree sale, the CHRISTmas Fair and other events with great success.

We have an excellent relationship with both The Suffolk County News as well as the Sayville Gazette and Bayport/Blue Point Gazette and have received significant news coverage from these outlets. It is our hope that their generous coverage will encourage others to visit our beautiful church.

Lastly, I want to thank Rodney Dudley for her tireless efforts to keep The Correspondent both current and interesting. She has produced The Correspondent's 11 monthly issues (she has August off) seamlessly for so many years now. When asked, because Rodney has been running this Ministry so long, she does not recall when she started! Kudos to you Rodney Dudley, we appreciate all you do for St. Ann's.

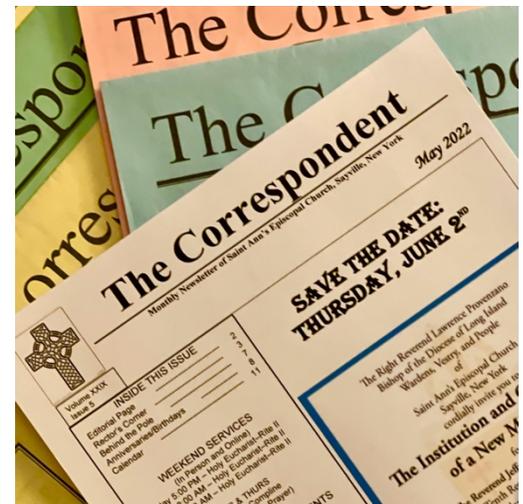
Respectfully submitted,

*~John K. Smith
(St Ann's Vestry, class of 2024)*

The Correspondent

The Correspondent is the newsletter of Saint Ann's Church. It is published monthly, except for the month of August, and contains regular contributions from the Rector, assisting clergy, and the Vestry. It also includes general announcements, publicity for upcoming events, ministries, anniversaries and birthdays of current parishioners, and occasionally some theological wisdom. All parishioners are welcome—and encouraged—to contribute to The Correspondent. People have exciting adventures, experience amazing things, and are often able to provide inspiration to others through the stories they present.

The Correspondent is posted at the beginning of each month on Saint Ann's website (www.saint-anns.org). There are also printed copies available in the Parish Hall for those who do not have computer access. Those who live out of town and who still wish to receive The Correspondent in the mail, can arrange with the church office to have this done for a small contribution. Please contact the editor at stanns_editor@yahoo.com for further information on contributing an article or advertising in the newsletter.



Respectfully submitted,
~Rodney Dudley
Editor, The Correspondent

The Order of the Daughters of the King - St. John the Apostle Chapter

This year, chapter members met with Mother Lilo for prayer and Bible Study. No new members attended after several meetings so Carol Ann St Lawrence and Marge Rogers continued prayer and service at home. Quilts were given to graduating seniors. Hats and scarves were made for the Seamans Institute. Hats, children's items, and quilted items were made for the Church Fair. We also helped at tables at the fair. Items will be collected for St. Boniface Church in Lindenhurst.



Respectfully submitted,

~Marjorie Rogers
Chapter President

Episcopal Church Women

The ECW did not have regular meetings. Marge Rogers and I delivered 23 cowls, 18 hats, 13 Mariners scarves, and 9 Seafarer scarves to the Suffolk County coordinator for gifts for SCI this fall. We can always use more items for the *Christmas at Sea* project. If you would like to receive patterns or have 4 ply yarn to donate, please email me at ellenstoll@gmail.com. Winter is a great time to knit and crochet!

Respectfully submitted,

~Ellen Stoll

Fire Island Ministry



Like all places of worship, we were grateful to resume services in-person unmasked. Initial attendance was low but increased as the season progressed. We were very pleased to end the season with a joint service with members of the mainland congregation, followed by a Meet & Greet reception on the roof terrace of the community house at Cherry Grove. Come join us this summer season on alternating Sundays at Cherry Grove or The Pines. Casual dress and a day at the beach should make your visit enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,

~Don Hester
(St Ann's Vestry, class of 2023)

Food Pantry

St. Ann's Food Pantry continues to be supported by the generosity of our parish family. The pantry is also supported with periodic community donations and donations of rolls & donuts from Fritzsche's Bakery. Thank you also to the guests of the Senior Luncheon who bring food donations for the pantry. We are thankful for the donations from our steadfast contributors and for our six volunteers who serve in the pantry. We continue to be open only on Mondays with Thursday being by appointment only. We have seen our numbers increase this year with both old and new guests.

This year we spent \$5331.59, as of December 4th, to stock the pantry. Easter and Thanksgiving combined, we spent \$165.03 to complete our food baskets. In February we participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected 40 cans of soup and a case of ramen noodles. We continue to supply frozen vegetables and fresh produce throughout the year. We have increased the amount of fresh produce we purchase as it is greatly appreciated by our guests.



We distributed Easter Food Baskets, providing Easter breakfast and dinner for 16 grateful families as well as hams for 2 additional families. Our Thanksgiving Food Basket Ministry helped provide a special holiday meal for 18 thankful families (over 75 people) and gave our parish family an opportunity to share in the joy of giving. Most of the food was donated by parishioners. We also had Thanksgiving food donations from Good Samaritan Nursing Home and Boy Scout Troop 130.

Although it has been another difficult year, we have remained committed to helping those who come to us in need. I am truly grateful for the support of our faithful volunteers. We are blessed to have the opportunity to share food and lend an ear with those in need. The Pantry is open Monday 10:00-12:00 and Thursdays by appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
~Lynette Schulz
Food Pantry Coordinator

Lenten Soup Supper Program



For many years during Lent, St. Ann's has hosted a Wednesday evening Soup Supper Program as a prelude to Clergy-led teachings appropriate for this penitential season. The ministry offers parishioners and the community opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. This year, the Soup Supper Ministry was co-chaired by Randy Schultz and Linda Munkelwitz, with suppers resuming in the Parish Hall following a two-year pandemic exodus.

The ministry was offered on Wednesday evenings March 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6-7pm. The Chairs were grateful to Wenner Bread Inc. of Ronkonkoma for donating enough loaves (no fishes!) to feed the

5000 every week. St. Ann's eaters feasted on traditional Italian bread, ciabatta bread, sourdough bread and other freshly baked specialties that turned the Parish Hall into a bake shop every week.

Linda and Randy were even more appreciative of the many parish chefs who put their skills on display each week to provide 5-Star quality soups that continue to defy expectations. Thank you to all the soup makers! And many thanks to those who bought cookies and desserts to keep us all nourished during the Lenten study!

Many people were happy to escape the solitude of the winter pandemic ritual to come to the parish hall and engage in conversation, good food, and informative lessons. We were happy to resume the program in-person and appreciate your presence.

We look forward to seeing you on March 1, 2023! Soup Signups will be posted in the Parish Hall in February, so it's not too early to get the knives sharpened and the soup ladles polished!

Respectfully submitted,
~Randy Schultz and Linda Munkelwitz,
Lenten Soup Supper Co-chairs

Men's Group

We all know that there are seven Feast Days in the Church Year (Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost, All Saints Day, Ascension Day, and Trinity Sunday). However, the St. Ann's Men's Group has turned the Feast Day into an art form 52 times a year, every Tuesday morning at 8-9:15am at the Main Street Diner in Sayville.

Thirty years ago, the Men's Group was established as a service and social organization to the parish, with as many as 25 active members gathering for breakfast, good conversation, and a fun woodworking activity or other project. Back in the day, members would enjoy making salable items for the Christmas Fair, or touching things up around the Church and Parish Hall (the wainscoting in the Parish Hall is a Men's Group legacy). More recently, our members have evolved to prefer only breakfast and the good conversations (leaving the work stuff to others). And, instead of meeting in the Parish Hall, we celebrate and live it up weekly at the diner, where our group is the envy of every other table in the place.

Our group is chaired by Joe Garofolo, with members Ray Graunke, Randy Schultz, Steve Birkeland, Pete Leis, Horst Schiez, Chris Keller, Bob Sheppard, and Father Jeff. We welcome any and all gentlemen (being retired is not

a prerequisite) who would be interested in good fellowship and breakfast to join us (we set aside an empty chair for Jesus, but the diner is a big place, and there is plenty of room for you and half the congregation).

Come Feast with the Men's Group, where we live our faith (and live it well!). Our goals in 2023 are to continue doing what we do best, and we would enjoy having you along for the ride!

Respectfully submitted,
~Joe Garofolo, Chair

Music Ministry

Once again, our Music Ministry has had an eventful year. This is always a time to reflect and give thanks for our very dedicated choir family who offer up countless hours in preparation to give God glory in worship at St. Ann's. If you were to stop by during a Tuesday rehearsal, you would find the choir not only singing but sharing and praying. Our choir is truly a gift to me and a gift to St. Ann's.

To name a few of our highlights: Holy Week & Easter accompanied by Ryan M. and Jimmy B. our talented brass; St. Barnabas Day; Advent Lessons & Carols followed by the reception hosted by Rich Mungo and John O'Neil, and of course Christmas!



We were very excited and honored to be part of Fr. Jeff's installation with the Bishop, visiting clergy and of course you, the congregation! It was a beautiful service to be a part of. I thank Chris Mulroy and Sue Knoepffler for taking care of the installation reception. I also thank the many volunteers who took great care in making it a very special day for Fr. Jeff and his husband, Noah Stetzer.

I would also like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and prayers during my recent absence.

The countless cards, flowers, and gifts were overwhelming. I read every card more than once. I thank Barbara Stahlberg, Linda Munkelwitz, Sally Stoll-DePompeo, and Ellen Stoll who took the time to deliver the church flowers and Fr. Jeff and Noah for their visits. Thank you. I missed you and St. Ann's more than I can express. It is GREAT to be BACK! Remember to walk slowly!

It continues to be an honor and joy to serve you at St. Ann's! To God be the glory for the great things he has done and continues to do at St. Ann's!

Respectfully submitted,
~Kathy Senese
Minister of Music

St. Ann's Thrift Shop

St. Ann's Thrift Shop provides clothing and housewares for our community in need, supporting opportunities for service and fellowship within our community. Our voucher program is our largest undertaking. Through our network with local churches, food pantries, and community outreach organizations we directly donate clothing & home essentials to aid those in need. These efforts make a huge difference in families in need and allow us to foster our communities' efforts to make a direct difference in someone's life.

The shop's outreach efforts are a never-ending: collecting tattered towels & blankets for animal shelters; donating yarn to The Giving Doll Ladies (who make dolls for children in Stony Brook Hospital); gathering & delivering food pantry items left in our care; collecting & recycling metal & electronic that are no longer useful; working with local women's small businesses to offer them unique items; and working with the veterans who pick up our overstock for their mission. Wow, we have really extended our ministry's reach far and wide!

As a result of our amazing volunteers and our dedicated day managers: Peggi Flanagan, Elsie Flanagan, and Linda Maddox, we are able to carry out this incredible ministry and outreach. Their dedication and devotion are what keep St Ann's Thrift Shop running!

The culmination of these many efforts also allows St Ann's Thrift shop to cultivate a source of income for our church. With the support of Father Jeff, the Vestry, and Church Community, we have accomplished the following for the year of 2022: income \$69,900; voucher program \$ 2,100.00; Holiday Fair \$ 2,000.00. The following totals reflect the numbers of items sold or donated: 10,350 clothing items; 6,300 houseware items; 760 pairs of shoes; 1370 books; 770 toys. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another year of being able to aid the church and our community.

Respectfully submitted,
~Nanci Guerra
Thrift Shop Manager



Stewardship Report

The Stewardship Committee and leadership of St. Ann’s takes seriously the confidentiality of your pledge and giving information. Because we take it seriously, very few people have access to your giving records. This information is limited to only those who absolutely must see the information, to those with a verified “need to know” (those who enter that pledge into your record, clergy, administrator). Also, know that your Sunday giving information (sometimes referred to as “Plate”) is kept confidential and limited to the weekly counters and the administrator who enters that information—again a small circle of trusted members. For the purpose of analyzing Pledge & Plate, all personal information is redacted/removed.

For the past two years during the pandemic restrictions, rather than doing a traditional Stewardship Campaign we simply adjusted for self-evident changes (i.e. removing those who have moved away, responding to parishioners who sent in changes, etc.) and applied everyone’s previous year’s pledge forward to the current year. This year the Stewardship Committee did a scaled down version of pre-pandemic Stewardship Campaigns and we are delighted to report that it was very successful. The number of parishioners pledging went from 61* pledges made for 2021 and 63* pledges made for 2022 to **79 pledges** made for 2023, an increase of ~20%. This is a significant increase that we see as a positive indicator. We see in this increase signs of current parishioners feeling more confident as a more normal church life has resumed; the natural progression of existing parishioners shifting from Plate-only to both Plate & Pledge (and now have the chance to make a pledge); and of course new parishioners joining Saint Ann’s. And while the average pledge dollar amount ticked down, we see that as the expected result of first-time pledges joining the existing pool of long-term pledges. The number of people that signed up for new ministries as part of the “Time and Talent” section of the Stewardship Campaign was also successful, resulting in new faces in some key areas. The bottom line is this: Saint Ann’s has always been blessed with generous parishioners and this year’s pledge campaign results continue to bear out this truth!

*(*number moved forward from previous year)*

Respectfully Submitted,
Stewardship Committee

Quick look, by the numbers!

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Attendance	2,852	5,365	6,756
Communion	2,388	4,139	5,555
Pledges	61	63	79
Baptism	6	13	16
Confirmation	0	0	12
Receptions	0	0	1
Wedding	1	1	1
Burials	6	35	24

Treasurer's Report

Church Operating Budget			
Operating Income	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
Regular Giving - (envelopes& online)	144,486	141,167	156,933
All other individual contributions	19,304	64,739	37,174
Outreach donations	3,760	2,920	2,155
Thrift Shop income	60,718	69,846	70,999
Fund Raising	66,621	79,119	80,745
Parish Functions Income	2,560	0	1,660
Building Usage	5,100	3,800	4,125
Other Operating Income	0	576	16,789
Legacy Support for Operations	132,004	141,244	167,318
Transfers From General Investment Fund	74,829	31,000	0
Transfers From Endowment Fund Income	80,000	80,000	80,000
Transfers From Other Restricted Funds	12,247	9,168	16,041
Total Operating Income	601,629	623,579	633,939
Operating Expenses	2023 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
Diocesan Assessment	51,627	51,624	51,316
Personnel	301,213	307,803	361,284
Physical Plant	109,251	141,733	128,145
Office Expenses	51,669	61,568	69,964
Liturgy & Worship	7,857	10,508	10,171
Christian Education	3,500	468	3,000
Outreach	16,925	16,052	17,025
Music	8,236	6,464	10,084
Stewardship	834	477	477
Other Parish Programs	400	267	420
Parish Functions	4,605	2,366	7,025
Fire Island Ministry	4,090	3,647	4,647
Thrift Shop Expenses	4,600	4,239	7,100
Fund Raising Expenses	36,820	46,825	47,384
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	-157	0
Total Operating Expenses	601,628	653,884	715,654
Net Operating Loss	0	-30,304	-81,715

Cemetery	2022 Actual
Operating Income	70,314.41
Operating Expenses	41,531.83
Net Ordinary Income	28,782.58

Tiffany Windows Restoration Campaign	
Opening Balance	4,880.00
Additions	0.00
Expenses	4,880.00
Closing Balance	0.00

Statement of Accounts

Fund Name	Balance as of 1/1/2022	Balance as of 12/31/2022	YTD Change
Church - Unrestricted			
General Fund Checking - TD Bank	\$ 88,573.58	\$119,727.05	\$ 31,153.47
General Fund Investment	\$ 322,634.50	\$255,814.91	\$ (66,819.59)
Sub-Total Church Unrestricted	\$ 411,208.08	375,541.96	\$ (35,666.12)
Church - Restricted			
** Church Endowment Fund	\$ 2,103,532.99	\$1,678,364.22	\$ (425,168.77)
** Legacy Fund	\$ 760,358.74	\$741,601.29	\$ (18,757.45)
** Book of Remembrance Fund	\$ 73,203.82	\$58,873.80	\$ (14,330.02)
** Memorial Fund	\$ 49,022.81	\$42,317.56	\$ (6,705.25)
** Flower Fund	\$ 12,678.26	\$5,618.84	\$ (7,059.42)
** Fechter-Cass Fund	\$ 63,291.58	\$51,189.77	\$ (12,101.81)
** Eastman Legacy	\$ 273,164.42	\$230,213.25	\$ (42,951.17)
** Bayport House Fund	\$ 55,567.29	\$40,530.15	\$ (15,037.14)
** Record 611 - St. Ann's	\$ 10,694.69	\$9,450.31	\$ (1,244.38)
** Record 333 - Sunday School	\$ 15,642.95	\$13,825.38	\$ (1,817.57)
** Sub-Total Church Rerestricted	\$ 3,417,157.55	\$2,871,984.57	\$ (545,172.98)
Total Church Funds	\$ 3,828,365.63	\$3,247,526.53	\$ (580,839.10)
Cemetery - Unrestricted			
Cemetery Checking - TD Bank	\$83,675.22	\$93,497.61	\$ 9,822.39
Cemetery Operating & Capital Fund	\$416,723.50	\$376,952.71	\$ (39,770.79)
Sub-Total Cemetery - Unrestricted	\$500,398.72	\$470,450.32	\$ (29,948.40)
Cemetery - Restricted			
** Cemetery Endowment Fund	\$ 822,660.90	778,926.31	\$ (43,734.59)
** Blocker Estate	\$ 226,061.27	213,949.18	\$ (12,112.09)
** Record - 667 - Cemetery Fund	\$ 14,850.88	13,125.36	\$ (1,725.52)
** SubTotal - Cemetery - Restricted	\$ 1,063,573.05	\$1,006,000.85	\$ (57,572.20)
Total Cemetery Funds	\$ 1,563,971.77	\$1,476,451.17	\$ (87,520.60)

** This indicates that the use of the funds is restricted

2022 Capital Expenses	Total Cost	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
Littlejohn roof repair	\$2,950	\$2,950	\$0
Tiffany window reframing	\$15,725	\$10,620	\$5,105
Rectory roof & A/C	\$48,525	\$48,525	\$0
Church roof & A/C repair	\$79,050	\$79,050	\$0
Bayport house shed replacement	\$5,850	\$5,850	\$0
Total 2022 Church Capital Expenses	\$152,100	\$146,995	\$5,105

Capital Expense Budget for 2023	Total Cost	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
Curb project	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$0
Rectory deck replacement	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Security cameras	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Light poles	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
Total Capital Expense Budget for 2023	\$92,000	\$92,000	\$0

Tiffany Windows Restoration Campaign	
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Closing Balance	0.00

Cemetery	2022 Actual
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Assistant Rector's Report

*Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.*
~Teresa of Avila



As we have slowly re-emerged from the complete lockdown of the pandemic, St. Ann's has spent the past year exploring how we can be the body of Christ in the world. Almost exactly a year ago, the parish looked at the results of the RenewalWorks survey, which showed that we were looking for opportunities to grow in faith, deepen our prayer life and engage more fully with scripture. Nurturing our spiritual lives is an essential foundation for stronger Christian faith and action. Taste and See, our ongoing program for spiritual formation, is one of the more visible steps we've taken to grow our spiritual lives. *Taste and See* has offered a sampling of a variety of different practices to give us all a chance to try some different approaches and see what works. We've done an African-method Bible Study, group spiritual direction, a healing prayer book study and ongoing group, Ignatian contemplation of scripture, an ongoing contemporary spiritual poetry group, and a book study on Jesus' parables. Our poetry group and healing prayer group seems to have had the most ongoing participation, but as with all our groups, we are looking for more engagement. In the next month, I'll be sending around a survey to get a sense of what you've liked and what you haven't liked; what you would like to see offered in the future, and what times and formats work for you. I'd be interested to know how you feel about opening up our offerings to other parishes in our deanery.

Aging Well

Last year, Father Jeff identified the continuing need to support our aging congregation and community as a priority at St. Ann's. Towards that goal, in November I met with a group of our parishioners to explore the possibility of establishing a Village here at St. Ann's. The reaction was positive. A Village is a grass-roots, non-profit, volunteer-based organization that is mobilized to meet the needs of the aging which cannot be addressed by pre-existing social and government networks. Services offered by our village would depend on the gifts of our volunteers and needs of the aging in our specific parish and community. Villages typically offer services like companionship, transportation, snow removal, etc. The Village to Village Network is a nationally-based, member-driven organization which provides extensive support and information to those who are seeking to establish and run a Village. St. Ann's has purchased a \$200/year trial membership, which has given us access to an extensive toolkit, including detailed guidance on establishing a village and access to sample documents of other Villages nationally. Both Father Jeff and I feel that establishing a Village would be a meaningful way to live into our baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all people, love our neighbors, and respect the dignity of every human being. While we intend to start with our parish community, eventually extending our Village to the larger community will be a powerful witness to the love of Christ in our midst. Our Village team's next step is to develop a survey of the community to identify what services are needed. We will be meeting in early February. Please let Father Jeff or Mother Lilo know if you would like to get involved in this initiative.

Children's Ministry

We were thrilled this year to reintroduce the St. Ann's Christmas Pageant at our Family Service on Christmas Eve. Our Parish Administrator, Lauren Merkel, and I drew from a script and costume cache from previous St. Ann's pageants. Music director, Kathy Senese, expertly adapted much anticipated Christmas carols to provide a festive atmosphere. Seven children gathered in the sanctuary the day before to rehearse their roles for the next day. Four additional children volunteered to join us from the congregation just before the Family Service. Reaction was universally positive with many people expressing gratitude that we were once again able to host a pageant after the pandemic hiatus.



In response to an increasing number of baptisms and families attending with younger children, St. Ann's has restarted Sunday school! There are many ways to do Sunday School. We wanted to strike a balance between family worship together in our beautiful sanctuary - along with weekly reception of the Eucharist - and small group instruction for the children. After a lot of discussion, we decided to try out our current model. We currently host a Family Sunday on the first Sunday of the month, where families worship together and the young ones receive a special children's sermon. The remaining Sundays of the month, children meet in the Parish Hall for a lesson based on the same lectionary readings as the adults. Children process after the Collect and return during the Nicene Creed. Father Jeff and Mother Lilo instruct the children on alternate weeks. We are hoping that a parent team will take over the children's lesson once a month once the program becomes more established. We've had fairly good attendance. Yes, we've had some Sundays when very few children are present (we need at least two children to take them back for a lesson), but also several Sundays we've had 8-10 children present. We are looking to fine-tune the program. A few children have asked for crafts to go along with the lessons, for which we don't quite have time in our current model.

While Sunday school programs can be a wonderful catalyst, I believe that the most powerful religious and spiritual development begins in the home. In conversations with parents, I often tell them that there are three simple things they can do at home to support their child's spiritual life:

1. **Say grace at meals.** There are good ones in the BCP (p. 835). My family says, "Good and gracious God, we are very thankful for this meal. May it nourish us to health and happiness. We pray that no one goes hungry. In Jesus's name. Amen."
2. **Say a prayer with the child(ren) at bedtime.** I suggest The Lord's Prayer and/or Psalm 23. Also invite the child(ren) to say their own prayers.
3. **Get a children's Bible and read it to their children.**

Even if parents do these things once or twice a week, it makes a big difference in the development of a child's Christian spiritual life.

It is an honor and a joy to be serving at St. Ann's! I continue to learn so much about ministry with your kind support. May God continue to guide us as we strive together to be the body of Christ in this world.

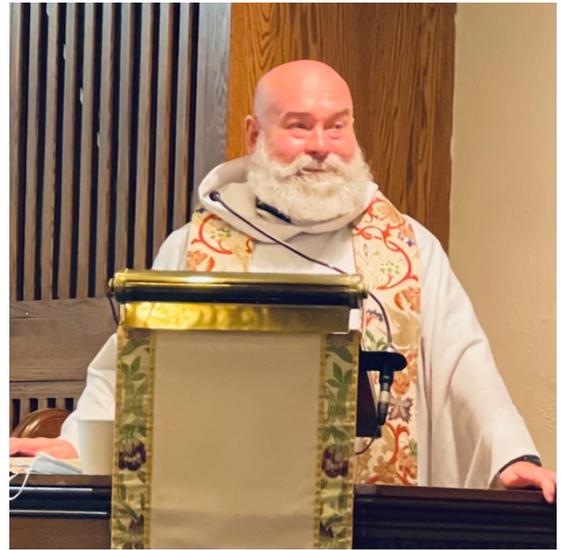
Respectfully submitted,
~Rev Lilo Carr Rivera
Assistant Rector, St Ann's Episcopal Church

Rector's Report

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Dear people of St. Ann's,

I am proud to share with you some of the high points of our year together here at Saint Ann's Sayville. A year that grew as more and more long-timers returned and more and more newcomers joined us for the first time. Our attendance numbers continue to rise. At the beginning of the year our average weekend attendance was about 45, now our average has risen to around 100. In 2022 we hosted 12 baptisms and sponsored 12 confirmations & 1 reception. All my gratitude to the Altar Guild, Lectors, Ushers, Choir Members, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers who again and again show up for Saint Ann's and help make worship happen. I have said many times that I don't focus just on numbers, they never tell the whole story. But these attendance increases (of both longtime parishioners and newcomers) seem to show a tangible return to worship along with a growing hunger for Church and Community.



Early in 2022, we held a ministry review where we had candid conversations between the vestry and clergy to get on the same page as we entered a new year with fewer pandemic restrictions. Your church leadership takes seriously the work of the church, and we continue to look together at the ways that we might improve.

After much work and years of waiting I was honored to be installed as your Rector. It was a celebration of the parish and our way forward together. Mother Lilo headed our Taste & See effort, an adult formation program focused on sampling various methods of adult education and formation. We returned to Sunday School & restarted our Family Service Sundays. We identified a way forward with our "Aging Well" ministry by using the Village to Village model.

As we came back from summer, we saw the successful return of the beloved Senior Luncheon. And the holidays came to life with an outpouring of generosity for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets; the return of our wonderful Christmas Fair; and another wildly successful Tree Lot. These ministries continue long-held Saint Ann's traditions and were supported by newcomers and longtime members alike. We continue to be blessed with eager parishioners willing to step up and pledge their time and talents.

To assure that we are a place of refuge for generations to come, we completed several physical plant upgrades and repairs. We continued to care for our facilities by putting three new roofs on our buildings, we took steps to care for our beautiful stained-glass windows and replaced the church boiler.

And I want to be sure to include some smaller moments of ongoing grace from this year: when a long-time parishioner met up and again worshiped together with their neighbor as quarantine measures eased; the parents of newborns that found and supported one another during the baby formula shortage; the young man who found a

new church home here; and the wide-eyed toddler who thinks she may have met Santa Claus at the Saint Ann's Tree Lot. These moments are what make up a Church Life and I am so blessed to have witnessed the power of God's love working in this place.

What is to come?

St Ann's is a church deep in tradition and history, a church bound inside a liturgical and sacramental faith in Jesus Christ. You might be asking "what does that mean?" The word "Liturgy" comes from the Greek that one might translate as "work of the people." And we can see this weekly in our participatory form of joyful church every Sunday: stand-sit-kneel; we pray together out loud; we come forward to receive communion. As your priest in this form of church, I am called to lead us in the active practice of worship. I am also called to administer the Sacraments. The BCP says: "The sacraments are outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace." (BCP p857) In non-church terms, a sacrament is something that is tangible that points to something that is intangible. In Baptism, for example, the tangible baptismal rite points to the intangible of our being joyfully adopted by God into God's family, which we call the Church, and given God's own life to share.

When we put these two ideas together, we come to a way of understanding what we are participating in when we worship. Everyone present is called to join in the mystery of worship, knowing that our tangible actions in the worship point to something intangible that is greater than ourselves. The format of our liturgy establishes a pattern of call and response. We hear the Celebrant call "the Lord be with you" and we respond, "and also with you." This back and forth occurs again and again throughout our worship service. And it occurs in our administering of the sacraments: "I will, with God's help" has become an unofficial Saint Ann's slogan.

Taken together, I see Liturgy and Sacraments as calls we participate in together, that rev our engines and center us in the Divine. It is from this Divine-centered place that we then go out into our community to offer our response.

We commit to this work when we pray: *Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.*

And so strengthening worship is central to my coming year as your rector; including Family Service Sundays & Children's Formation. I also look forward to seeing our Aging Well Ministry take its next steps. And of course, continued support for our outreach efforts: Thrift Shop, Food Pantry, Island Ministry, and Tree Lot.

I am excited for another fantastic year at our little stone church. I am grateful and humbled by the love and commitment of you, the family of Saint Ann's. And I greet each day here in Sayville singing: *Thanks be to God—Alleluia! Alleluia!*



Respectfully submitted,
~Rev Jeff Stevenson, HoSM
Rector, St Ann's Episcopal Church

Appendix A: Minutes of the 156th Annual Meeting

Minutes of the 156th Annual Meeting of St. Ann's Episcopal Church

January 23, 2022

- The Reverend Jeffrey Stevenson called the 156th Annual Meeting of St. Ann's Episcopal Church to order on January 23, 2022, at 11:34 am. The meeting was opened with a prayer.
- Fr. Jeff appointed Linda Maddox as Clerk of the meeting and Tom Munkelwitz as Parliamentarian.
- Fr. Jeff requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Don Hester moved to accept the agenda and Marge Rogers seconded the motion. No objections noted. Motion carried.

Election of Warden and Vestry

- Fr. Jeff discussed the status of the Wardens and Vestry Classes: reducing the overall number of members from twelve to nine based on the overall total attendance of the congregation. Fr. Jeff opened the floor to questions regarding this topic. No questions arose.
- Nancy Koinoglou is standing for re-election for Warden for a two-year term. Greg Domoff and Jeanne Monasterolo are each standing for three-year terms for the Vestry. Fr. Jeff opened the floor to questions regarding these members seeking re-election. No questions arose.
- Fr. Jeff opened the floor to any other nominations for election to the Vestry. No Additional nominations offered.
- Pat Osarchuk moved to close the nominations. Sandy Immoor seconded the motion. No objections noted. Motion carried.
- Fr. Jeff offered his thanks to Jill Hughes and Nicole LaFontaine for their commitment to the Vestry as they concluded their terms.

Annual Report/ Rector's Report

- Fr. Jeff discussed his optimism about where the church is going! "We are a proud, historic church, but we cannot rely on our historic status to guarantee our future". Our goal is to simplify and go back to the basics. Our focus will be on three main areas:
 1. Our Youth: Confirmands will drive a real Youth Program and external programs which will be developed by them and for them. Additionally, Fr. Jeff explained the introduction of Family Friendly services to engage the children of the parish: providing a Children's bible in each pew in the church, coloring pages with Christian-based themes during the service, and furnishing an activity area for the children in the Parish Hall during social gatherings when these events occur.
 2. Aging Well Ministry: Supporting our parish as we age; providing assistance to our members within the church and the church community beyond St. Ann's.
 4. Veterans Ministry: Currently in development; Input welcome. More details to follow.

Renewal Works:

- Overall assessment is a genuine desire for spiritual engagement and connection with prayer. Mtr. Lilo Carr-Rivera discussed the new program of informal Bible Study called "Taste and See". This on-line program begins February 1, 2022, at noon- 1:00pm. Additional program information and schedule located on-line.

Warden's Report

- The wardens offered no new information to the meeting.
- Fr. Jeff opened the floor to questions. No questions arose.

Treasurer's Report:

- Tom Munkelwitz offered a condensed report of the budget summary of 2021 and 2022. The budget amount was exceeded for regular giving 99%. Tom discussed several line items of the financial report with participants of the meeting. Tom offered the opportunity for anyone to contact him or the office for questions related to the church finances. Fr. Jeff opened the floor to questions. No questions arose.
- Fr. Jeff reminded those present that the approved sidewalk project will be disruptive to the day-to-day navigation of the church driveway/parking lot. Other projects' goals will be to maintain the church space and to do it well.

Church Ministries:

- Linda Munkelwitz of the Altar Guild requested members of the church to consider becoming part of the Altar Guild; membership is low; it is a rewarding ministry for the church.
- Don Hester invited more members of St. Ann's parish to join Fire Island services at the beach.

Declaration of Vestry Members:

- Don Hester moved that the Secretary cast one ballot to elect Nancy Koinoglou as Warden for the term of two years ending 2024, and Greg Domoff and Jeanne Monasterolo to the Vestry for a term each of three years ending 2025. Pat Osarchuk seconded the motion. No objections noted. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Linda Munkelwitz asks 1. that the Vestry please consider a recycling program to begin on the church grounds/buildings where collection of recycled items can be brought to Lincoln Ave Center.
- An Outreach Coordinator to assist with additional involvement in the community. Jonathan Pryor, an administrator at the Sayville Library, has connections at the community college who may be willing to assist with this inquiry.

Commission of the Vestry:

- Warden Tom Honey presented the newly elected members of the Vestry. He and Fr. Jeff continued with the commissioning.
- Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Vestry: Nancy Koinoglou, Greg Domoff and Jeanne Monasterolo.
- Don Hester moved to adjourn the meeting. Charlotte Hlavac-Maass seconded the motion. No objections noted. Motion Carried.
- Meeting closed at 12:23pm.
- Fr. Jeff closed the meeting with a prayer.

Appendix B: Statement of Vestry Policy

The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God. (BCP p. 856)

As a member of the Vestry, you are a leader and an example to the entire parish and community. It is therefore expected that you will fulfill the above expectation as stated in our Prayer Book, and will also commit yourself with God's help and to the best of your ability to the following:

1. Regular attendance and participation in Sunday worship services.
2. Regular attendance at the scheduled monthly meetings, and any other called meetings as shall be necessary to carry out the responsibilities of parish leadership. These meetings may be brief, but usually will last one and a half hours. Your presence throughout the meeting is imperative. You will notify the clergy and/or Senior Warden in the case that you will not be able to attend and will pick up minutes and monthly reports from the missed meeting as soon after as possible.
3. Support and participate in parish activities as far as you are able to do so and will take on responsibilities for areas of parish life as may be needed and requested of you in so far as you are able.
4. Regular prayer for the clergy, Vestry, ministry of the parish, and parishioners (as may be needed).
5. Support the financial needs of the parish by pledging, and by fulfilling your pledge commitment unless making other arrangements with the treasurer.
6. Study and learn the responsibilities of the Vestry as laid out in *Vestry Handbook* and other literature as may be distributed by the clergy.
7. Attend and participate in an annual planning retreat and an annual organizational meeting (this is to take place following the election of new vestry members).
8. To be a public example for the entire community.

Appendix C: Qualifications for Voters & Vestry

Article III St. Ann's Bylaws:

A. Presiding Officer of Annual or Special Meeting

1. The Presiding Officer of the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting shall be the Rector, or if there is no Rector, or if the Rector is absent, one of the Wardens elected for this purpose by a majority of duly qualified voters present, or if no Warden is present, a Vestry person elected in like manner.
2. Such Presiding Officer shall:
 - i. Be the judge of the qualifications of the voters and the validity of the ballots;
 - ii. Receive the votes cast;
 - iii. Declare the results of the votes cast; and
 - iv. Enter the proceedings of the meeting in the "Book of the Minutes of the Vestry," and affix his or her signature

B. Qualification of Voters

1. Voting members of the Parish are those who are eighteen years of age or older, who have been baptized, and are regular attendees at the services of the Parish for six (6) calendar months before the meetings and are regular contributors for six (6) calendar months to the current expenses of the Parish.

C. Qualifications and Election of Warden and Vestrypersons

1. Wardens and Vestrypersons shall be elected by ballot from persons qualified to vote at such election.
2. No person shall be a candidate for election as Vestryperson or Warden unless that person is a voting member of the Parish. (See Article III-D).
3. No person shall be eligible for election as Warden unless that person is also confirmed in the Episcopal Church.
4. The Election of Warden shall be by majority vote, except if both Warden positions are to be elected, then the Election shall be by plurality.
5. The Election of Vestrypersons shall be by a plurality vote. In the event that a vacancy is to be filled for an unexpired term the candidates receiving the greatest numbers of votes would be elected to vacant expired terms. Then, after all vacant expired terms have been filled, remaining candidates receiving the greatest number of votes would be elected to vacant unexpired terms.

Appendix D: Commissioning of Vestry Persons

Liturgy: Commissioning of Vestry persons at St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Sayville, NY

Presenter - Warden

I present to you these persons to be admitted to the Vestry of the parish.

Celebrant

Are the persons whom you present prepared by quality of life, regular attendance at Divine worship, evidence of good stewardship, and knowledge of their duties to exercise their special ministries to the honor and glory of God in this place?

Presenter - Warden

I believe they are so prepared.

Celebrant

Have the persons you present been duly elected to the offices to which they are to be admitted?

Presenter - Warden

They have been duly elected

Celebrant (To Vestry persons)

Will you be faithful in prayer, fellowship, and witness? Will you be diligent in your ministry as Vestry person, seeking Christ in all persons and giving of your time, talent, and treasure in his Name?

Vestry persons

I will.

Celebrant

By your affirmative response to the ministry set before you, you are hereby commissioned to Christian service as Vestry persons. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do in God's will in the service of the Kingdom of His Christ.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with these new and returning vestry members as they seek the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach each of us that in all things we are called to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, Assistant Bishop
The Rev. Jeff Stevenson, HoSM, Rector
The Rev. Lilo Carr Rivera, Assistant Rector
John O'Neil, Warden | Nancy Koinoglou, Warden
Kathy Senese, Minister of Music
Lauren Merkel, Parish Administrator
Gayle Brady, Finance Manager
Janet Croce, Cemetery Manager
Lou Linbrunner, Sexton

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