

Congregational Communications

...keeping in touch with each other

IMPORTANT DATES

4/26/15

Drop off baskets & help wrap, after church

4/27/15

Drop off baskets & help wrap, 2pm - 5pm

4/29/15

Bible Study, 11am
Healing service, noon
Drop off baskets & help wrap, 5pm - 7pm

5/1/15

Set up for basket auction, 5pm - 7pm

5/2/15

Basket Auction, noon
Break down & clean up after event

5/6/15

Bible Study, 11am
Healing service, noon

5/10/15

Celebrating our Confirmands
Mastic Beach 10am
(no service at Yaphank this week)

5/13/15

Bible Study, 11am
Healing service, noon

5/17/15

Bishop's Pascal Visit
Yaphank, 10:30am

5/20/15

Bible Study, 11am
Healing service, noon
ECW 7pm

5/27/15

Bible Study, 11am
Healing service, noon

6/3/15

Bible Study, 11am
Healing service, noon

6/6/15

Prayer Shawl Mtg,
9:30am - 11am

The Bishop's Pastoral Visit

Sunday, May 17th

The Bishop will be attending the 10:30 am service at St. Andrew's Yaphank!

Instead of our regular Fellowship Hour after the service, we will be having a brunch reception. Since the young people of our church did such a great job in December serving appetizers at the reception following the Installation Ceremony, we are asking them to do it again.

Your help is needed in many ways. The menu is "mini", meaning we would like to offer bite size bits that will be easy to eat as our waiters are roaming around.

If you would like to donate a food item, volunteer or have any good ideas/suggestions, please talk to Donna Trusnovac or Donna Ohlsen...or sign up in the back of the church.

AND in order for this to truly be a success - you have to be there as well. We will need everyone's smile to welcome the Bishop!

☞ Please note that the "loose plate" offerings will be going to the Bishop's discretionary fund. ☛

What does "LOOSE PLATE OFFERINGS" mean?

It means non-pledge offerings. Basically, anything not in a pledge envelope. If you have pledge envelopes, you can use a "Special Offering Envelope", but remember to write on the envelope "Bishop's discretionary fund".

The Bishop uses his discretionary fund to give to those in need, much like a priest uses theirs. We are blessed with a very generous Bishop, who truly appreciates any help we can give him - so he can help others.

Thank you!

In June:

Dinner for the Vet's
Watch for details!

Just a thought!

Should we remove the snowflakes from the Parish Hall windows?

So, what's your story, Olive?

Talking to Olive Archer about her history with St. Andrew's

And her ministry as the Sunday School Coordinator

~ Bill Jablonsky

It is difficult to find an activity at St. Andrew's that Olive Archer has not been involved with. Worshipping here since the age of two, she has grown up in the church and continues to be a faithful and devoted parishioner. Her three sons all attended Sunday School here and had their mother as their teacher. Today, Olive still teaches Sunday School to the children of the parish and serves as the school's coordinator. She particularly enjoys working with the kids and finds it quite rewarding when "a light bulb goes on" as they learn new things about the Bible, the life of Jesus, and our Christian faith.

One pursuit that Olive especially enjoys is Bible Study. She finds it quite interesting and inspiring to learn the deeper meanings and significance of passages from the Bible -- including some sections that she thought she already knew fairly well. Olive would like to see the Bible Study program grow in its level of activity as well as its attendance so that others may share in the experience. In her opinion, spiritual growth is a major mission of our church and that such growth will lead to stronger faith, more fulfilling worship, and greater fellowship of our parishioners. All of that, she explains, will "help spread God's spirit in the world."

Olive has served in many positions at the Church such as being a member of the Bishop's Committee -- including terms as Junior Warden and Senior Warden, president of the ECW, member of the Altar Guild, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, as well as a contributor of handmade crafts for our Church Bazaar. Quilting is one craft that she particularly enjoys and her creations have been sold at our fundraising events for many years. She gets much satisfaction from the win-win situation where she can help St. Andrew's raise much-needed funds while at the same time, enjoy a favorite pastime.

When new parishioners come to St. Andrew's for the first time, she makes it a priority to greet them and to make them feel comfortable and welcome -- something that I personally experienced from her on my first visit to the Church several years ago. It is common for new members of the parish family to feel somewhat uncomfortable or awkward at first and perhaps wonder how they might be able to get more involved in the many activities of the church. That is why Olive believes it is important to learn the interests of these new parishioners -- because often they may have an interest or talent that they may not realize would be quite helpful to the mission of St. Andrew's.

Olive tells me that her favorite hymn is #645, which begins with, "*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever...*" She loves when Tom, our organist, plays it...even though at times, she only hears it from the Parish Hall while she is busy at work teaching our Sunday School kids the true meaning behind the lyrics.

Bible Study

Every week on Wednesday, at 11 am, Father John Jeffery leads a Bible study group. They are just finishing up with Galatians and will be starting with Philippians April 29th.

Following Bible study is a Healing Service at noon.

Everyone is welcome to attend either or both.

Congrats to the Confirmands!

On Sunday, May 10th at 10am, we will be having our Sunday service at St Andrew's in Mastic Beach. This joint service is in honor of everyone making their Confirmation the day before at Garden City. A reception will follow.

Directions to St Andrew's Mastic Beach:

250 Neighborhood Drive, Mastic Beach

~From the intersection of William Floyd Pkwy & Sunrise Hwy, go south.

~Turn left onto Havenwood Drive E.

~Havenwood Drive E becomes Neighborhood Rd.

The ECW's 15th Annual Theme Basket Auction

Saturday, May 2nd. Doors open at noon. Drawing begins at 1:30pm.

Admission is \$8.00

Includes a Door Prize Raffle & Refreshments

BASKET Auction - may 2nd

Judy Seif will be at the Church to accept donated baskets at the dates & times listed on the front page.

If you would like to help wrap baskets, please come and join Judy. We already have over 30 baskets and hope for a lot more. As you know, in past years we actually reached 100 baskets. Partial baskets are welcome as well. Items can be dropped off and will be combined with others to make wonderful baskets.

Judy will be doing the final set up on the Friday night before and asks that some strong men volunteer to help with opening & carrying the tables/chairs.

We also need cakes and cookies for the event. Part of the price of a ticket is light refreshments, so donations of brownies, cupcakes, cookies, cakes...would be greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off on Friday or brought with you on Saturday.

The Basket Auction is a lot of fun and usually has a very nice turn out. It is our major fund raiser of the year.

We are looking forward to seeing you ...
& please bring a friend!

Are you looking to get involved in something? How about volunteering to be a Coffee Hour Host/Hostess or Part of the Altar Guild?

As our congregation grows we find ourselves having a bigger crowd for the Coffee Hour after Sunday Service. So we are thinking of having 2 hosts/hostesses each week instead of just one. If you are new to being a host/hostess, you'll be paired with a veteran who can show you what to do. Right now with just 1 person a week, you would be called upon once every 3 months and asked to bring a half gallon of milk & "goodies".

Please let Janet Rate know if you are interested.



Altar Guild

May

Heather Jablonsky & Donna Trusnovec

June

Judy Seif

Coffee Hour

May 3 Gayle Lattanzio
 May 10 Mother's Day
 @ St Andrew's Mastic Beach
 May 17 Bishop's Pastoral Visit
 May 24 Jennifer Hovestadt
 May 31 Aleida Perez

Thanks To ~
 Bob Williams & Paul Fischer for working with SCWA to get the water flowing in the church again. During that really cold spell, the pipes in the street had frozen and we didn't have running water!

The Altar Guild welcomes you!

Olive Archer (631.495.3816) & Janet Rate (631.475.2474) hope you'll think about serving on the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild takes care of the Altar linens, before & after a service.

There is a manual and someone would be willing to train you if you are interested.

There are many ways to serve the Lord, this is one of them!

Readers' Schedule

May	June	July
03 Ed Rambarran Olive Archer	07 Mary Collins Ed Rambarran	05 Bill Jablonsky Jenelin Chin Suey
10 St. Andrew's Mastic Beach	14 Olive Archer Karen DeVries	12 Mary Collins Ed Rambarran
17 Kevin Ohlsen Mary Collins	21 Daniel Molloy Callie Douglas	19 Olive Archer Karen DeVries
24 Jen Hovestadt Donna Trusnovec	28 Jen Hovestadt Donna Trusnovec	26 Daniel Molloy Callie Douglas
31 Bill Jablonsky Jenelin Chin Suey		

If for any reason you are not available for the designated date or would like to volunteer to read, please contact Edward Rambarran at (516) 342-0144 to reschedule. Thank you. God bless you! ~Ed

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Richard Ohlsen, Senior Warden

Susan Fischer, Junior Warden

Judy Seif

Mike Seif

Donna Ohlsen

Heather Jablonsky

Bill Jablonsky

Lesly Gallaway

Ed Rambarran

From the Vicar:

One Bread, One Body

There are two great sacraments given by Christ to his Church, the first of is Holy Baptism. As Episcopalians we understand Baptism as full initiation into Christ's Church. Through the waters of Baptism, and by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we become completely and totally – no-assembly-required – Christians. So once baptized we are full members of the Church to the nth degree and beyond.

The second of the two great sacraments is the Holy Eucharist (aka Holy Communion, the Mass, the Great Thanksgiving, the Lord's Supper...). Our Catechism speaks of the Eucharist as given, but it was actually commanded of us by Jesus at his Last Supper. In the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup, the Eucharist is the continual remembrance of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, until he comes again.

As Episcopalian, the Great Thanksgiving is central to how we understand and live into our relationship with Jesus and with one another. So much so that the Eucharist is our primary act of worship. Each Sunday and on major feast days of the Church we come together, joining with Christians throughout the world, we make our simple offering of bread and wine. By sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ we then participate in his life, passion and resurrection. So important is Holy Communion to our relationship and worship of God, we commit ourselves to it in our Baptismal Covenant.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

But what is required of us to receive the Holy Eucharist? Plain and simple, Baptism. Yes, Baptism. No additional ceremony or any other initiation rite is necessary, because in Baptism we are made Children of God and Co-inheritors of the Kingdom – Members in Full. So whether you are the youngest child or the eldest member of the congregation, once baptized you are called to share in the Holy Eucharist. So my sisters and brothers come to the table and join in.

Fr. John Jeffrey+

Sunday Services: & Sunday School at 10:30AM

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