

Sharing God's Love in Our Community Through Prayer, Study and Action

St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, NY
(Member of the Chenango District)

The Parish News

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The Newsletter of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Afton, NY

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From Fr. Dave

May God's peace be with all of you.

As most all of you know by now, a very good friend of our parishes passed away unexpectedly in April. Fr Chuck Taylor was my friend, confidant, mentor and colleague. Prior to Fr Chuck's passing, Mother Lisa decided that she would not be serving New Berlin, South New Berlin and Norwich. With Fr Chuck's passing, the parishes are working to find their way forward. For the next couple months at least, they have priestly coverage. I am also on the call list in case they need pastoral services.

Please keep his family, friends, parishes and communities in your prayers as we all find our way forward without his physical presence.

In finding our way forward, I've come to the difficult decision to not begin Confirmation classes. With Mother Lisa's leaving and various other difficulties, partly involving Bishop Skip's schedule, I would not be able to conduct the classes the way I think they should be. So, I beg your patience and I hope to get classes going in the Fall or possibly next Spring. By that time, we will have elected a new Bishop and should begin to get an idea of the new Bishop's schedule. I will still be using the book many of the Confirmands have already been given - read it! It's a really good book!

This is a very difficult time for many of us. But this is also an amazing time for our diocese. Our candidates for Bishop are announced. I've met each of them and I think each one of them are amazing priests.

May God's grace be with us to guide and govern us. And may each of you know God's blessings.

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May 8	MP	C.Cimini	R.Felldin	RF	-----	A.Cimini																		
May 15	HC	A.Wieber	D.Wieber	MH	DW	B.Vail/Tracey																		
May 22	MP	Kris	J.Rettberg	BV	-----	A.Vail/B.Vail																		
May 29	MP	R.Sherman	C.Tarvin	TV	-----	B.Vail																		
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Altar Guild Duty for the month of May is Pat Tucker 639-1984. If you are giving flowers in memory a loved one, please notify Peter Vail 607-639-1444 no later than the Thursday before the designated Sunday so that he can include a notice in the bulletin.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE

Lectionary (Year C)					
Date	Service	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle Reading	Gospel Reading
May 1		Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21: 10,22- 22:5	John 14:23-29
May 8		Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Rev. 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
May 15		Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:25-37	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17, (25-27)
May 22		Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
May 29		1Kings 18:20-39	Psalm. 96	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10

Note to all who serve: It would be most helpful if, when you cannot make your assigned date, you would arrange for a substitute. If you are unable to do that, please notify a warden. Thanks for your cooperation!

St. Ann's Prayer List for May 2016



It has been suggested that the names of individuals on the parish prayer list be included in the newsletter. A current listing follows. The names listed are not necessarily members of the parish and may include individuals or other requests for which we have been asked to pray. The clergy persons of the Chenango District are included. Please remember these individuals in your personal prayers. Send or give any additions or changes to Tom Vail, 639-1201.

Carol, Peter, Joyce, Mya, Holly, Cindy, Lois, Clifford, Richard, Pastor Sue, Heather, Andrea, Adrianna, Diane, Dakota, Larry, Steve, Derek, Declan and Annika, Gabby, Tommy, Kevin, Foster, Frances, Jan, Carol, Michael, Fr. David Hanselman, Fr. Bruce MacDuffie, Bishop "Skip" Adams, Bishop Michael Curry, The Revs Ralph & Liz Groskoph, Mother Lisa Busby, Pope Francis, Zion Church, St. Paul's Church, The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, The Vestry of St. Ann's and The Bishop Search Committee



THE FOLLOWING PRAYER IS SUGGESTED BY BISHOP SKIP

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous: and all for your love's sake. Amen.

The above is from the Evening Prayer service in the Book of Common Prayer.



Offering envelopes are in the Parish Hall, take one and put down your number on the yellow pad. If you have not returned your card, it is not too late. Please put the card in the envelope that was provided and put it in the offering plate or mail to:

**St. Ann's Church
P. O. Box 22
Afton, N. Y. 13730**

The Lord loves a cheerful giver.
Thank you to all for your support of our Parish!!!



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1) Outreach: It was voted to send \$100 to each of the New Berlin Food Pantry and the Norwich Food Pantry in loving memory of Fr. Chuck Taylor.

- 2) It was agreed to send flowers to St. Andrews Episcopal Church, New Berlin, from St. Ann's in memory of Fr. Chuck.
 - 3) Alternate delegates to this year's convention and Bishop election will be Robin Felldin and Kerri Vail.
 - 4) The dates of this year's Diocesan Convention have been corrected to November 11 and 12.
 - 5) Bishop election will be August 6th. The nearest "walk about" to provide an opportunity for any interested individuals to meet the Bishop candidates, will be July 23rd. in Owego.
 - 6) St. Ann's picnic will be June 12th. at Kellystone Park.
 - 7) Mother's Day breakfast will be May 8th. after our regular service.
 - 8) St. Ann's Clothes Closet will be open May 22nd.
 - 9) Approved the purchase of two new sump pumps to replace one that has failed and one in the well behind the Parish Hall that is showing its age.
 - 10) Fr. David is considering his sabbatical for May, June and July, 2017.
 - 11) Treasurer's report: We are solvent and all bills current.
- Copies of paid checks, for the previous month, were reviewed by Vestry.



Join us at St. Ann's and stay for fellowship at Coffee hour.



Jordan Phillips for bringing supplies for church school.
Duane & Tom for patching holes in church driveway.



Denise Becker and Amy Wieber were united in holy matrimony, by Fr. David, on April 23rd. at St. Ann's, with over 100 friends and family present. It was a very moving service, with lots of laughter and some tears. Denise and Amy will shortly be taking a trip to Italy. We wish them Godspeed, our blessings and warmest good wishes.



Friendly Reminders

May 6th Friday is the May Breakfast for all women. 10:00am North Afton Methodist Church.

United Thank Offering will be on May 8th. Please consider donating to this worthy charity as it helps millions of people in the U.S. and around the world.

May 8th Mother's Day Breakfast prepared by the men of St. Ann's. Always a delicious meal that we Mothers do not have to fix.

The annual church picnic will be held at Kellystone Park on June 12th beginning at 10a.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your place settings. A signup sheet will be on the counter in the Parish Hall.



Meet the Candidates

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Central New York has announced a slate of four candidates for the position of 11th bishop of the Diocese, succeeding the Right Rev. Gladstone B. “Skip” Adams, who is retiring. The Standing Committee is confident that each candidate possesses the qualities of [the bishop we seek](#), as outlined in our [Diocesan Profile](#).

The candidates are:



The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe
Rector, St. Peter's in the Woods
Fairfax Station, Virginia



The Rev. Noah H. Evans
Rector, Grace Church
Medford, Massachusetts



The Rev. Canon Debra J. Kissinger
Canon for Transition Ministries and
Leadership Development, Episcopal Diocese
of Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Indiana



The Rev. Nora Smith
Rector, Church of St. Barnabas
Irvington, New York

The slate was announced after a nationwide search by the Search Committee. The next bishop will be elected at a special electing convention on August 6, 2016 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, New York. The consecration of the bishop-elect is tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2016 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, New York.

“We are delighted with this strong slate of candidates, any one of whom would be capable of leading our diocese into the future,” said the Rev. Christine J. Day, president of the Standing Committee, which oversees the election process.

“They have all undergone extensive interviews, background checks and reference checks,” the Search Committee chair, the Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, said. “Our committee has been working since last summer to develop a rich pool of candidates, get to know them and help them get to know our diocese. We think the people of the diocese will be pleased at the rich experience these candidates offer and their deep desire to be part of our lives here in Central New York.”

The people of the diocese will have an opportunity to meet and hear from the candidates on July 20-23, 2016 when the candidates will visit four locations in the Diocese for a series of question-and-answer sessions called "[walkabouts](#)."

The following is a link to all the candidates' biographies.

[Candidate Biographies](#)

The Final Word



The switch on the flashlight clicks. But instead of a bright beam piercing the darkness, there is only a faint yellow glow. The batteries are weak and low; there is not much power left. Sometimes our Christian life is like that. We want to shine brightly for the Lord to accomplish great things for him. But instead we let off only a dull flicker. We lack the power and energy. What is wrong? The answer may be simple: we may not be fueling our lives with the power of the Holy Spirit, relying instead on our own energy to fuel our Christian walk. It is not enough. Jesus told his followers that they would have power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. The book of Acts records the Spirit's coming and what happened when the early disciples allowed his power to fuel their lives and work for the Lord. The coming of the Holy Spirit was not something the disciples accomplished. They prayed and submitted themselves to the Lord. He did the rest, sending the Holy Spirit to empower them for life and for service. Acts is often called Acts of the Apostles, but it is more properly described as the Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles. The first half is the story of Peter's ministry; the second half is the story of Paul's ministry. And scattered throughout are the empowered works of others such as Barnabas, Silas, Stephen and Philip. They were heroic figures because they were plugged in to the ultimate power source: God's Holy Spirit. This book shows us just how brightly we can shine when this happens. Acts tells the story of the birth of the Christian church. The Gospels tell the story of what Jesus began to do on earth. Acts tells the story of what he continued to do through the Holy spirit. It is a book about what happens when Christians obediently take the gospel to lost people. It is a book about the power to live a dynamic Christian life, the power to tell others about God's love, and the power to carry us through persecution and trouble. Whether you lack power in prayer, in your walk with the Lord, in your witnessing, in your service to the church, or simply in your ability to cope with adverse circumstances, Acts is the book to read to discover how to energize your Christian life. It is a powerhouse for believers. From the Guideposts Touch Point Bible

Peace be with you. PCV

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