

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

My goal in this month's message is to begin introducing a book that Bishop DeDe recommends to every parishioner - *The Agile Church* by Dwight Zscheile. Please purchase a copy or find a copy to borrow. The diocese will be working through the reflections in the months and years to come.

Like most parish development books, it contains recommendations for how parishes can renew the spirit that brings life to worship and mission in their communities. The main difference - a very big difference! - is that the Bishop's office will be devoting time, energy and money to working with parishes to develop the ideas in this book.

More than just a good book recommendation, this book will form the foundation for the entire diocese - the individual parishes, priests and bishop's office - working together to embody the vision found in *The Agile Church*.

On a personal note, immediately upon reading the book, I noticed an important affinity I have with the author. Both he and I came from non-church going families. And yet, in our search for meaning in our lives, we both found our way to being a part of the church community.

But this cannot be the model for parish growth. This is no model whatsoever for parishes being faithful to their call by Jesus Christ to witness to the faith in our communities - that is, just waiting for people like me to come along.

A good deal of the discussion, and many examples provided, focus on the need and requirement of parishes to get to know - and listen! - to our neighbors. Each parish is in its own community and so to find our role as faithful Christians in our community, we need to know the people around us. Even though we come from small towns, we're only fooling ourselves if we think we already know everything there is to know about the spiritual longing of our neighbors.

Above all, though, we must not fool ourselves that this is a foolproof guide to filling our pews. It's not. It is, however, a solid guide to fulfilling the demands of our Lord Jesus Christ to shine our light of faith in our community. Whether our pews are full or not, we must be Christ for those to whom Christ sends us. But we can also be confident that God's blessings will surely follow us if we pursue this course. Amen.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE

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!

Service Schedule						
Date	Service	OT Reader	Epistle Reader	CS	EM	Acolytes
Aug 6	HC	C.Cimini	D.Wieber	AC	CC	A.Cimini/D.Wieber
Aug 13	NO SERVICE					
Aug 20	HC	P.Tucker	J.Rettberg	TV	JR	D.Vail/B.Vail
Aug 27	MP	B.Vail	C.Tarvin	---	---	B.Vail
Sept 3	HC	C.Tarvin	J.Rettberg	BV	JR	B.Vail
Church School						
		Morning Prayer			Food Pantry	
<i>No Church during July</i>	<i>School August</i>			Aug 14	Pat & Al Tucker	
				Aug 16	Kerri, Ally, Garrett Vail	
		Aug 27	B.Vail			
Lectionary (Year A)						
Date	Service	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle Reading	Gospel Reading	
Aug 6	HC	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalm 17:1-7, 16	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21	
Aug 13	NO SERVICE	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33	
Aug 20	HC	Genesis 45:1-15	Psalm 133	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matt. 15:(10-20), 21-28	
Aug 27	MP	Exodus 1:8—2:10	Psalm 124	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20	
Sept 3	HC	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28	

Altar Duty for the month of August is Grace Affuso 639-296 or Betty Vail 639-1201. 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.



AUGUST COFFEE HOUR SIGN UPS

- August 6 - Kerri Vail
- August 13 - Pig Roast at Oxford
- August 20 - Harding Baptism
- August 28 - Mya & Judy

On August 20th, baby Maxwell Royston Harding, son of Marissa and Milton Harding will be baptized at St. Ann's beginning at 9:15a.m. Please plan to attend this joyous celebration. A reception will take place for family and friends after the service.



The annual District Pig Roast is just around the corner. This will take place on August 13 at St. Paul's in Oxford beginning with Holy Eucharist at 11:00a.m. If you are planning to attend, please take a dish to pass and your own place settings. This is a fun time and a great chance to meet others within our church district



St. Ann's Prayer List for August 2017

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. **Please note: Long term names will be left on the list indefinitely, short term names for two months unless updated.**

<u>Long Term</u>
Carol
Peter
Joyce
Mya
Holly
Cindy
Lois
Clifford
Richard
Bill
Elliott
Chuck

Fr. David Hanselman		
Fr. Bruce MacDuffie		
Deacon Kay		
Pastor Becky		
Fr. Steven White		
Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe		
Bishop Michael Curry		
The Revs Ralph & Liz Groskoph		
Emmanuel Church		
Epiphany Church		
Zion Church		
St. Paul's Church		
St. Andrew's Church		
St. Matthew's Church		
St. Peter's Church		
<u>Short Term</u>		
Pastor Sue	Patrick	Duane
Marsey	Evelyn	Hailey
Marion	Connie	Eli
Dakota	Dianne	
Ed	Wayne	

The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Divinity School. The Rector search for Emanuel, St. Andrew's & St. Matthew's churches. The following prayer is from the Evening Prayer service in the Book of Common Prayer:

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.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS



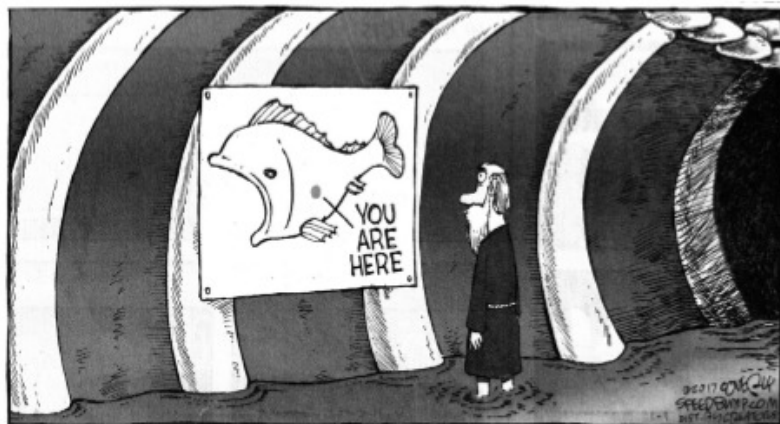
1. Monthly outreach donation was made to Chenango Memorial Hospital Foundation.
2. The balance of the Fay & Barbara Todd Estate funds will be invested with the Diocese of CNY Unified Fund. 10% of that residual amount will be sent to those less fortunate than we.
3. Will talk with Waldrons Rug in Sidney about the possibility of installing hard flooring in the heavier trafficked areas of the Church. Also discussed replacing the kitchen counter where it is cracked, next to the sinks.
4. Fr. David noted that the District pig roast will be held at St. Paul's Oxford on August 13th. Service will be 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's. **No** service at St. Ann's on that Sunday. Transportation is available by contacting a warden.
5. Convention delegates are Mado & Carol Cimini. The book that Bishop DeDe has encouraged delegates and others to read, "The Agile Church," has been ordered and is available to read.
6. Fr. David vacation to be July 29 to August 5.
7. Dan Vail suggested that we clean up the area immediately behind the Parish Hall and have the young people help with the project. Permission from The Village of Afton has been obtained. September 17th was selected as the date to begin this project.
8. Treasurer's report indicates that we are holding our own financially. The funds to purchase the animals that were selected by the young people, for third world assistance, have been sent to the Episcopal Relief and Development. Also, as contribution has been sent to The Afton Interchurch Council. These funds are from the 10% tithe of the Todd Estate net.



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August Celebrations

8/2 Hailey Tallmadge
8/4 Milton Harding
8/9 Al Tucker
8/13 Grayson Harding
8/14 Judy Rettberg
8/22 Amy Weiber



8/28 Connie & Ken Beames



Please send your birthday/anniversary dates to me @ cttallmadg@aol.com or advise me at church.



WHAT DOES THE WORD “CATHOLIC” MEAN?

From time to time, the word “catholic” is used in various places in the Book of Common Prayer, e.g. the Apostles Creed as recited during Morning Prayer. What does the word “Catholic” mean?

In the time of our Lord, and for many centuries after, Greek was one of the languages used by people reasoning about important issues. The word “catholic” comes from the Greek word “katholou,” which is a combination of two Greek words: “kata” and “holou.” Both parts are important: “Kata” means “in accordance with.” “Holou” means “wholeness” or “completeness.” So “kata holou,” which the Greeks shortened to “katholou” (in English “catholic”) means “IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WHOLENESS!”

What “wholeness?” The wholeness, the completeness, of having ALL FOUR ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS, specified by Jesus Christ: the Apostolic Ministry, the Sacraments, the Faith, and the Scriptures. Every Church which has all four ingredients or cornerstones describes itself as part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Every Church which has all four of these ingredients describes itself as “catholic.”

Today there are basically five denominations that meet these criteria: The Anglican Communion (the Church of England and her daughters, of which the Episcopal Church is one), the Orthodox Churches, the Holy Roman Church (Roman Catholic), the “old” Catholic Churches, and the Philippine Independent Church. The word “catholic,” than, literally means “in accordance with the wholeness”, and wholeness means having these four central ingredients the Lord Himself specified for His Church.

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In his sermon, a pastor told his summertime congregation: “Nature is a gift from God and every blade of grass is a sermon.”

The next day, the pastor was mowing his lawn when a church member came along. The parishioner stood watching his pastor mow. Then, nodding his head in approval, he said, “Way to go, pastor! Cut it short.”

—via Rev. Harry Mahoney
Dedham, MA



In Sunday school, the teacher asked a child: “Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?”

“No, ma’am,” the boy replied, “my Mom is a good cook.”

— via Rise Samra
Hallandale Beach, FL

The Final Word



Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you by walking on the water. “All right, come.” Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted. Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and grabbed him. “You don’t have much faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”

Matthew 14: 23-31

The portrait of Peter that comes to life in the pages of the New Testament reveals a man of considerable courage and self-reliance. He was a man’s man prepared at a moment’s notice to pick up a sword or, in this case, jump into a stormy sea. But in this incident he came face to face with his limitations. Walking on water was one thing Peter couldn’t do on his own. Feeling himself slipping beneath the water he cried out, “Save me, Lord,” and found himself upheld by Jesus’ hand. This is an effective picture of salvation. We have to face our inability to save ourselves and pray, “Save me, Lord!” Lord, give us the grace to call upon you for our salvation.

From The Touchpoint Bible

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