

The Parish News

St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, NY

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Member of the Chenango District

November 2014

Clergy The Reverend

From Fr. Dave

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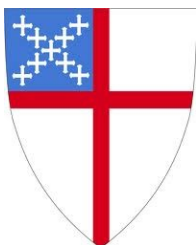
Make a Note

November 2nd
Clocks Fall Back.

November 2nd -
UTO Sunday.

November 9th -
Stewardship Sunday.

November 16 -
Operation Christmas Child boxes will be put together from 2 - 4 pm at St. Ann's.



I hope this message finds you all doing well. It was brought to my attention that at least some of you (most of you?) have little idea of what I do aside from Sunday services and weddings and funerals. After one of our wardens noticed that part of my Letter of Agreement includes a comment that about 10% of my time is expected to be spent on diocesan sorts of things, we had a little talk about some of the things I do. He suggested I let you all know as well.

So here's a bit of what I do as a priest in the Diocese of Central New York: as part of my community involvement, I am a parent/community representative on the Chenango Co ARC's Incident Review Board. I perform HE at the New York State Vet's Home in Oxford a couple times every month. I'm also on the Blessings in a Backpack board for Greene Central Schools. And, a much less formal community activity, I enjoy the Mens Coffee Group in Oxford a couple times every month. As needed and when it's possible, I help out at Oxford, Greene and Afton's food pantries (for Greene's food pantry, part of my duties as co-president of Greene Area Churches). When I can, I help out at Oxford's soup kitchen.

Other activities are: I'm the convener of the Utica area Discernment Team which is one of the first steps for anyone seeking ordination to the diaconate or priesthood (I have to note, this has been extraordinarily rewarding!). As indicated above, I'm co-president (along with Pastor Amy Gregory) of Greene Area Churches. I'm also a parish representative for Afton Interchurch Council. I also have occasional meetings with Fr Chuck Taylor as part of the Chenango District and about twice monthly I participate in a clergy prayer group called Canterbury Way.

I guess that's about it. I'm not entirely sure how much of it counts towards the diocesan 10%, but it is incredibly rewarding for me to be a part of so many cooperative adventures! Most importantly, however, whatever good work I may be doing, it really wouldn't be possible without all of you supporting your parishes. It's not always easy to be a part of three cooperating parishes. But, between the blessings of you all and the blessings of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I am most honored to be an Episcopal priest and serve you and our communities as best I can.

May the Lord have mercy on us all, and may the Lord continue to bless all of us!

Father Dave ✝

If you desire Father David to visit you or give you a call, please contact him at: (607) 761-4601 or (607) 656-9502.

Service Schedule

	<u>Date</u>	<u>OT Reading</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>CS</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
HC	Nov 2	T.Tallmadge	S.Proffitt	TV	SP	Tracey/Betty
MP	Nov 9	S.Proffitt	D.Vail	JP	----	D.Vail
HC	Nov 16	S.Proffitt	R.Felldin	RF	SP	J.Proffitt/B.Vail
MP	Nov 23	P.Tucker	A.Wieber	BV	----	B.Vail
MP	Nov 30	R.Felldin	D.Becker	DB	----	D.Vail
HC	Dec 7	J.Proffitt	D.Vail	TV	CC	B.Vail/D.Vail

Morning Prayer:

Nov. 9 - B.Vail/S.Proffitt
 Nov. 23 - D.Becker/M.Harding
 Nov. 30 - R.Felldin/D.Becker

Church School:

Nov. 2 - S.Proffitt
 Nov. 9 - R.Felldin
 Nov. 16 - M. Kelly
 Nov. 23 - K. Vail
 Nov. 30 - B.Vail

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 co-operation!

Lectionary (Year A)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>OT Reading</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Nov 2 21 Pent	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	Joshua 3:7-17	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
Nov 9 22 Pent	Psalm 78:1-7	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov 16 23 Pent	Psalm 123	Judges 4:1-7	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Nov 23 Last Pent	Psalm 100	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
Nov 30 1 Advent	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18	Isaiah 64:1-9	Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
Dec 7 2 Advent	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Isaiah 40:1-11	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8

Altar Guild

Altar Guild Duty – Carol Cimini (607-693-2907) and Melrose Kelly (607-639-1090). If you wish to purchase or provide flowers for the Altar on a particular Sunday, call Betty Vail (607) 639-1201. If you are giving flowers in memory of a loved one, please notify Pete Vail (607)639-1444 no later than the Thursday before the designated Sunday so that he can include a notice in the bulletin.

Important Dates to Remember

- ◆ On Tuesday, November 25th, 7:00p.m., the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Ann's.
- ◆ On Thursday, November 27th, Noon to 3p.m., the Thanksgiving community dinner will be held at the Methodist Church on Spring Street in Afton.
- ◆ The Christmas Eve service at St. Ann's will be held December 24th at 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday, November 2nd is All Saints Day.
- ◆ Sunday, November 9th is Stewardship Sunday

Vestry Highlights

1. There was no vestry meeting this month

Annual Meeting

St. Ann's Annual Meeting was held after the church service on October 5, 2014.

The Episcopal Church "canons" (or bylaws) provide for the Annual Meeting, at which time reports were presented and vestry positions filled.

Tracey Tallmadge – was elected as Warden for 2 years.

Amy Wieber was elected to Vestry for a 3 year term.

Jody Proffitt was elected to Vestry for a 3 year term.

Kudos



THANKS! - Pete and Christopher Vail for the folk mass with guitar.

THANKS! - Altar Guild members for preparing the Altar for our Sunday services and taking care of the linens after communion services.

THANKS! - Duane Kane for the pumpkins he brought in for the children to paint in Sunday School class.

THANKS! - Jody Proffitt for taking care of the leaves surrounding the church grounds.

THANKS! - Many thanks to our rotating Church School teachers and to everyone who covers our coffee hours after services.

THANKS! - Youth Group leaders Dan and Kerri Vail, and Sandy Proffitt.



***Note:** If you know of one or more people who we should thank in this column, please pass that information on to Pete Vail or Jody Proffitt. We don't want to miss anyone!*

United Thank Offering (UTO)

The UTO Fall Ingathering will take place November 2nd. The information below includes thoughts taken from a letter by the Diocesan UTO Chairperson.

"As usual I must press upon you to inform your parish that the UTO is NOT a fund raiser. We exist mainly (as a mechanism to help people develop) a healthy prayer life. A day consists of 24 hours. That is 1,440 minutes. Can you afford to use one of them for a prayer? Try it!"

That having been said, the **United Thank Offering** is a great reminder for us to offer prayers of thanksgiving for God's daily blessings in our lives. Even a few coins offered in thanksgiving each day can add up to a significant amount over 6 months. And when these individual offerings are gathered together, great things can be done.

Please be sure that your offering is identified as **UTO** by using the UTO envelope, the UTO Blue Box or write "UTO" on the memo line of your check.

In Need of Prayer

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 Michele Joyce Pat Mya Holly Cindy Lou Toni Lois Vern Sally
 Clifford Ed Hromada Elliott Julia Richard Don Wieber Norma Ryan Rayne Pike Judy
 Fr. Chuck Taylor Fr. David Hanselman Fr. Bruce MacDuffie Bishop "Skip" Adams Pope Francis
 The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church The vestry of St. Ann's

The following prayer is suggested by Bishop Skip. It 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, sooth the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous: and all for your love's sake. Amen.



There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

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Little boys prayer

"Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mommy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and my cat and me. Oh, please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."

146th Convention of the Diocese of Central New York

On Saturday, November 15, four parishioners from St. Ann's will be attending the convention in Syracuse. Jody and Sandy Proffitt are the Delegates; Robin Felldin and Betty Vail are alternate delegates.

St. Ann's Brochure

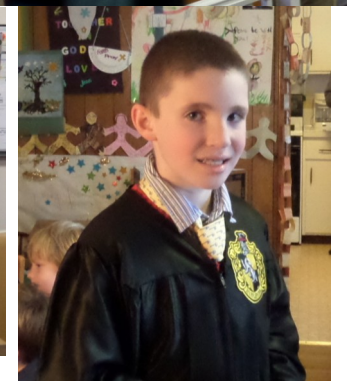
The best way to bring someone to church is a personal invitation. The brochure provides an "icebreaker" when given to a friend or neighbor you ask to come to church with you. Copies are located at the back of the church and in the hallway between the church and the parish hall. Please feel free to take one or as many as you need for this purpose. Please give one to visitors and when you invite someone to come to church with you!

Coffee Hour

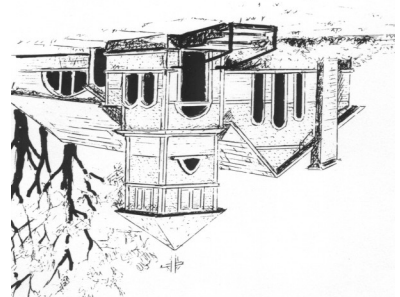
***Please join us in the Parish Hall.
Great food, great time to visit.***



Pumpkin Painting & Costume Contest



ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
AFTON, NY



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Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am

Tracey Tallmadge

Wardens: Betty Vail

Clergy: The Rev. David A. Hanselman

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The Final Word



Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' And the King will tell them, 'I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

Matthew 25: 37-40

Many are familiar with this portion of the Gospel reading appointed for the last Sunday in Pentecost. Jesus is describing what it will be like when the Son of Man returns. Clearly, he is saying that we will be held accountable for the way we have dealt throughout our lives with those who are less fortunate than we are.

It's interesting and probably not a coincidence that this reading comes during the time when

we are anticipating Thanksgiving Day, and thinking about what we will give back to God in thanksgiving for what He has given us. It is easy and tempting to think of this simply in terms of money. But if we do that, we have already missed the mark. For not only are we required to be good stewards of our treasure, but also of the time and the talents that God has given each of us. And this gets into how we live our lives.

Are we living examples of what it means to be a Christian? In our own town of Afton, people lack adequate food and drink. Are we supporting the Afton Food Pantry and St. Ann's Closet? Do we give of our time to help staff them? Do we warmly welcome strangers and newcomers who join us at St. Ann's? As a member of St. Ann's, are we doing our part to accomplish our mission: **Sharing God's love in our community through prayer, study and action?** Do we reach out in love to those less fortunate than ourselves? These are some of the things I'll think about this month as I consider how to respond to God in thanksgiving.

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