

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

Introducing the Deacon

As many of you know, my wife Becky and I just moved into our new home near Kattelville. We are very busy organizing our new home and yard. My secular job is at Norwich Pharmaceuticals in Norwich where I manage customer accounts. I am also a part-time student and am working on earning my Master's in Social Work through an on-line program. My wife and I enjoy camping, hiking and bird-watching, as do our two beautiful Golden Retrievers, Sophie and Grace. Our children Jason, Meri, and Tim, their spouses, and our granddaughter Freya, live in Wisconsin and Minnesota. We will be visiting them all towards the end of August.

I am passionate about being a deacon. I was ordained over seventeen years ago - the years have flown by! I was ordained by Bishop Russell Jacobus in the Diocese of Fond du lac. Our class of seven had three other women in it; the four of us were the first women to be ordained in that diocese. Needless to say, we had our challenges, but once folks got to know us things settled down. I have also served in the Diocese of Milwaukee before we moved to the Binghamton area. I have had the privilege of serving seven different parishes, sometimes with my wife who is an Episcopal priest.

A deacon's ministry is one of service; in fact the literal translation of the word deacon is servant. At our ordination service we promise to seek Christ in others and to be ready to help and serve those in need. You will have noticed that our stoles are different than those of priests. Our stoles are symbols of our servant ministry and we wear them over one shoulder to demonstrate that we have one arm free to work.

During the liturgy our tasks reflect our servant ministry. We call the parish to confession and read the gospel to remind those present that we are *All* called to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the poor, the weak, the oppressed, the sick, and the lonely. During Communion we set the table, help administer communion, and clean up after our shared meal together. When the deacon gives the dismissal at the end of the worship service, he or she is charging the entire parish to join them in serving those outside our doors! This is fulfilling our charge at ordination to "Show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself."

Deacons are a bridge between the world and the church. We have one foot in the world and the other in the church, and although this is often challenging, it is also very rewarding. Each deacon has a unique ministry that blends their background, training, and skills with the needs of their work place, communities, volunteer organizations and churches. Like many deacons I am secularly employed and work hard to be diaconal in both environments. I have been in customer service or project management for over twenty years. For me, working in the business world helps me to bring the needs and concerns of the world to the church.

I have participated in a wide range of diaconal activities. My undergraduate training is in secondary education so I have often focused on ministry to children and young adults. I have assisted parishes in developing Godly Play programs and have been a counselor for diocesan youth camps, youth mission trips, New Beginnings, and Happening. I also mentored children at an inner city homework club. I have advocated for social justice by writing countless letters to congressmen, senators, and governors from a faith perspective and by walking in two protest marches. My wife and I have also helped staff various feeding programs and were volunteer workers for ERD after Katrina struck the Gulf Coast. Currently I am board member of Micah, a faith-based community organizing group that is advocating for marginalized people in Broome County.

Each time I change jobs or move new ministry seems to find me. I am very excited about working with Fr. Dave and look forward to working with all of you and learning more about the needs of Chenango County. That's enough about me. I can't forget that one of the best things a deacon can do is to help someone else match their skills and abilities to community needs. There is great need in all of our communities and there is plenty of work to do. So...

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!

Kay

| Date | Service | OT Reader | Epistle Reader | CS | EM | Acolytes |
|---------------|---------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| July 3 | HC | J.Rettberg | C.Tarvin | KD | JR | B.Vail/M.Boston |
| July 10 | MP | A.Wieber | T.Tallmadge | MH | --- | T.Tallmadge |
| July 17 | HC | C.Cimini | D.Wieber | AC | DW | A.Cimini/D.Becker |
| July 24 | MP | T.Tallmadge | C.Tarvin | DV | --- | A.Vail |
| July 31 | MP | P.Tucker | J.Rettberg | BV | --- | B.Vail/A.Vail |
| Aug 7 | HC | A.Wieber | D.Wieber | MH | MH | B.Vail/D.Wieber |
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| Church School | | Morning Prayer | | Food Pantry | | |
| Summer | Break | July 10 | Denise/Marissa | July 11 | Pat & Al Tucker | |
| | | July 24 | D.Vail/Tracey | July 13 | | |
| | | July 31 | C.TenWolde | | | |

Altar Guild Duty for the month of July is Judy Rettberg 208-4023. 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) | | | | | |
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| Date | Service | OT Reading | Psalm | Epistle Reading | Gospel Reading |
| July 3 | | 2 Kings 5:1-14 | Psalm 30 | Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16 | Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 |
| July 10 | | Amos 7:7-17 | Psalm 82 | Colossians 1:1-14 | Luke 10:25-37 |
| July 17 | | Amos 8:1-12 | Psalm 52 | Colossians 1:15-28 | Luke 10:38-42 |
| July 24 | | Hosea 1:2-10 | Psalm 85 | Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) | Luke 11:1-13 |
| July 31 | | Hosea 11:1-11 | Psalm 107:1-9, 43 | Colossians 3:1-11 | Luke 12:13-21 |

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 July 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, Wilbur, Elliott, Sasha, Cheryl, Clifford, Richard, Heather, Andrea, Adrianna, Dakota, Andrew, Steve, Derek, Annika, Declan Gabby, Tommy, Kevin, Foster, Frances, Michael, Connie, Steve, Elliott, 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, St. Andrews Church, St. Matthews Church and Emmanuel 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. Thank you received from the Chenango County SPCA.
2. Contributions sent to Afton Historical Society for June and Boy's Town for July.
3. Bishop walk about to be held in Owego in July. Anyone is welcome to attend.
4. The three bay food warmer and Teflon fry pan have been purchased and are in the kitchen.
5. The Hope Church has donated a number of clothing items to the clothes closet.
6. Chenango District work days will be July 11 and 12 at St. Andrew's Church in New Berlin.
7. District Water Safari trip will be July 13th.
8. There will be no vestry meetings the months of July and August.
9. The recipient of this year's St. Ann's Exceptional Student scholarship is Renee Bartholomew.
10. Rev. Liz Groskoph will conduct the service on August 21st. when Fr. David is on vacation.
11. Cheryl TenWolde, Licensed Minister, will conduct our service on July 31st.
12. Treasurer's report shows that we are still operating in "the black."

CHENANGO DISTRICT NEWS



1. The Chenango District will hold their annual Work Days in New Berlin on July 11 and 12. Everyone will meet at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to do work in the cemetery which is located next to the church. If you can assist with this project, it would be appreciated. St. Ann's has been represented the past few years and everyone indicated it was a good time.
2. On July 13, anyone is welcome to participate in the Water Safari trip. The bus will leave St. Andrew's Church at 8a.m.
3. The annual pig roast will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Berlin on August 7 beginning with Holy Eucharist at 2:00p.m. A potluck meal will be held after the service. Please bring a dish to pass.



Many thanks to Tracey Tallmadge's daughters for making cookies for baccalaureate

A "Kudo" to the Kellys for having us at the campsite pavilion for the church picnic. Everyone had a great time and lots of good food.



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

The following are taken from the July/August issue of *The Joyful Noiseletter*

Humor for the hard times

God's kids say & do the funniest things.

“My grandfather was a Presbyterian minister in Leavenworth, KS, in the 1920’s and 1930’s, a time when pastors’ sermons went on at great length. “One Sunday morning, my father, who was then a child, took his crayons and paper to church with him and sat with his family in the front row. When my grandfather’s sermon went on at great length, my father wrote ‘STOP’ on the paper and held it up high, to the chagrin of my grandparents and the amusement of the congregation.

Rachel Holder of Nashville, TN, was driving her young son, Lincoln, and his friend, Ellie, to church. The youngsters were in the back seat, and Mom overheard this conversation: Ellie: “Did I tell you I got baptized?” Lincoln: “You mean sanitized?” Ellie: “No. Like when the preacher puts you in the water.” Lincoln: “Well... they dunk you in the water and you come out clean. I’m pretty sure that’s sanitized.” —via George Goldtrap Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL

Actual complaints received by a vacation cruise ship company from dissatisfied passengers:

- “When we were in Spain, there were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners.”
- “We had to line up outside to catch the boat, and there was no air-conditioning.”
- “I was bitten by a mosquito. Your brochure did not mention mosquitoes.”
- “We found the sand was not like the sand in your brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white, but it was more yellow.”

Meet the Final Five Candidates

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York is pleased to announce its consent to the addition, [by petition](#), of a fifth candidate for the position of eleventh Bishop of Central New York.

The candidates are:



The Rev. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew

Rector, Christ Church

Manlius, New York

[Bio](#) | [Q&A](#) | [Resume](#)



The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe

Rector, St. Peter's in the Woods

Fairfax Station, Virginia

[Bio](#) | [Q&A](#) | [Resume](#)



The Rev. Canon Debra J. Kissinger

Canon for Transition Ministries and Leadership

Development, Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Indiana

[Bio](#) | [Q&A](#) | [Resume](#)



The Rev. Noah H. Evans

Rector, Grace Church

Medford, Massachusetts

[Bio](#) | [Q&A](#) | [Resume](#)



The Rev. Nora Smith

Rector, Church of St. Barnabas

Irvington, New York

[Bio](#) | [Q&A](#) | [Resume](#)

Materials for Congregations:

[Download a printable PDF document](#) with candidate photos and biographical information.

[Download a printable color PDF booklet](#) with candidate materials, educational articles, and information about the Walkabouts and the Election Convention. ([Black-and-white version also available.](#))

More materials to help your congregation spread the word about the Bishop Election are available on the [Bishop Search and Transition website](#).



The Final Word

Christ is the head of the church, which is his body. He is the first of all who will rise from the dead, so he is first in everything. Colossians 1:18 This verse is taken from the Epistle reading for Pentecost 9. The key message of Colossians is that Christ and Christ alone is the head of the church. He is first in everything. As Christians and members of the church, Christ is our head: our spiritual source of life, our guide, counselor, even our spiritual identity. The Christians at Colosse had begun to debate this truth. They had acknowledged Christ as Savior, but they began to sample other things, as many do today. Drifting away from Christ the head, the Colossians lost their identity with him. They could have easily fit into today's society. But Christ is not merely an important part of our new life, he is our new life, the reason for all we do. When Christ is truly our head, others recognize us as Christians.

If you have received Christ, Paul told the Colossians, then walk with him and be rooted in him by knowing his Word and obeying it. This is accomplished by letting God's Word constantly live in you. To become a Christian is to take on a new life in Christ, dropping the old life. If the old sinful way of life dies, then your desire to sin should die too.

Christians are endangered today, not from without as much as from within. Having acknowledged Christ and then given in to materialism, self-centeredness, or a preoccupation with other things, we lose spiritual sensitivity to our head, Jesus Christ. To be truly Christian, we must let the Word of God dwell richly in us, allowing Christ to be most important in our lives.

From the Guide posts TouchPoint Bible -PCV

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