

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

Greetings! It's February already!

And February means we're kicking off our Confirmation/Reception and Reaffirmation classes. Every Sunday in February and March (except Feb 19) from 1-3 at St Paul's, Oxford rectory. Most folks already have the main book we'll be using. I have extras if you do not have it.

And at the end of February we bid farewell to the season of Epiphany. This year, on Tuesday night **Feb 28** we will have a district celebration of Shrove **Tuesday** and imposition of ashes at **St Matthew's, South New Berlin at 6pm**. The next day, **Ash Wednesday** will be March 1st and there will be the usual **12noon ecumenical service at the Roman Catholic church in Greene and a 7pm service at St Ann's, Afton**.

On a personal note, I would also like to add that you really should give some thought to how you'd like your funeral service to be. You see, last December, a dear friend of our family died and although he left a will, he never spoke about what else he wanted after he died. As we speak, his ashes sit in a beautiful urn in Waterloo on the rector's desk waiting for the rector, in consultation with friends of the deceased, to decide what to do with his remains. Please don't ever put me in that position. Give some thought to the readings and hymns you'd like to have at your funeral, coffin or cremation and where you'd like to be buried or have your ashes spread. Write those thoughts down and let us store them in our filing cabinets until needed.

Now, I'm not sure how many of you have worked on your wills and have a goal of planned giving after you pass from this world onto God's welcoming arms, but it's part of my responsibility to remind you that it is an important part of our Christian responsibility (p.445, Book of Common Prayer).

God's many blessings to each and every one of you!

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
Feb 5	HC	A.Wieber	D.Wieber	MH	DW	B.Vail/D.Wieber
Feb 12	MP	R.Sherman	J.Rettberg	RF	---	T.Tallmadge
Feb 19	MP	A.Wieber	D.Wieber	MH	---	D.Wieber
Feb 26	MP	T.Tallmadge	B.Vail	BV	---	T.Tallmadge
Mar 5	HC	R.Felldin	T.Tallmadge	RF	JR	Tracey/B.Vail
Church School						
		Morning Prayer		Food Pantry		
Feb 5	K.Vail			Feb 13	B.Vail/R.Sherman	
Feb 12	B.Vail	D.Wieber	M.Harding	Feb 15	M.Kelly/R.Felldin	
Feb 19		T.Tallmadge	K.Drebert			
Feb 26	J.Rettberg	T.Tallmadge	B.Vail			
Lectionary (Year A)						
Date	Service	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle Reading	Gospel Reading	
Feb 5	HC	Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)	Psalm 112:1-9 (10)	1 Corinthians 1:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20	
Feb 12		Sirach 15:15-20	Psalm 119:1-9	2 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37	
Feb 19		Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48	
Feb 26		Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2 or Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9	

Altar Duty for the month of February is Tracey Tallmadge 343-1301. 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.



February Coffee Hour Sign Ups

- Feb. 5 Judy and Mya
- Feb. 12 Woodie Robins
- Feb. 19 Denise and Amy
- Feb. 26 Duane and Robin



To everyone who supported our Parish during 2016 and returned “intention” cards for 2017. If you have not returned a card and would like to do so, there is still time. Your vestry thanks everyone for their generous financial support.



The Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be held at St. Matthews in South New Berlin with Imposition of Ashes.

Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 1st at 7:00PM at St. Ann's with imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist.



Bible Study with soup supper will begin on Wednesday March 8 starting at 6:00PM. Signups are needed for the Wednesday soup suppers. There is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall.

Safe Church Training on February 5th

Kay Drebert and Pastor Becky will do Safe Church Training on February 5th. The time and place will be announced in church.



February 12 Morning worship training refresher after coffee hour.

Please
Pray
for...



St. Ann's Prayer List for February 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.

Long Term

Carol
Peter
Joyce
Mya
Holly
Cindy
Lois
Clifford
Richard
Sasha
Sharon
Bill & Linda
Fr. David Hanselman
Fr. Bruce MacDuffie
Deacon Kay
Pastor Becky
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

Short Term

Pastor Sue
Cheryl
Marion
Lynn
Jeannae
Donna
Bonnie Marsey
Sarah G
Lee MacDuffie
Rev. Don Matthews

The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Divinity School.

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, sooth the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous: and all for your love's sake. Amen



Feb 2 Tom Vail
Feb 7 Marion Diehl
Feb 18 Carol Tarvin



None

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



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Vestry meeting information

January 15, 2017

1. Outreach donation was made to Chenango County Red Cross to help with fire losses.
2. Andy Pierce, Whitney Point, to be contacted to discuss possible purchase of a projector.
3. May breakfast will be at St. Ann's this year. Discussed the possibility of presenting a program on growing hops and invite men also.
4. Ash Wednesday will be March 1st. We expect Fr. David will have a Lenten series.
5. Fr. David has asked that St. Ann's, Zion and St. Paul's share mileage expenses for Deacon Kay. Vestry approved.
6. Prayed for an individual who is dealing with some serious health problems.
7. Treasurer's report not available due to computer issues. Treasurer indicates that we are still operating "in the black."

Humor for the hard times (From *The Joyful Noiseletter*)

An older choir member in our church mentioned that when he died, he just wanted to be cremated. 'I don't want anything fancy, like an urn,' he said. 'I told my wife to just simply put my ashes in a coffee can and put the can in the trunk of her car. That way, when she gets stuck in the winter snow, I'll still be able to help her.'

—via Rev. Barbara Bartholomew Grace Lutheran Church Austintown, OH

A minister was called away unexpectedly by the illness of a close family member. He entrusted to his new assistant the job of filling the pulpit. The pastor's wife stayed home. When he returned, the pastor asked his wife what she thought of the young assistant's sermon. "The poorest I've ever heard," she said. "There was nothing in it, nothing at all. It didn't even make sense. It was very disorganized. I was disappointed." Later that day, the concerned minister met his assistant and asked him, "How'd the Sunday service and sermon go? Did all go well? How did you manage?" "All went very well, sir, absolutely wonderful," he said. "I didn't have time to prepare a new sermon of my own on such short notice, so I got on your computer and pulled up one of your old sermons from last year."

—via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft Dover, DE

The Final Word

“But I say to you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. If you do this, you will be true children of your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:44-45a

Three Gospel readings for Year A Propers in February are taken from Matthew, Chapters 5 and 6. If you check out these chapters (and Chapter 7,) you will find that they consist entirely (except for two sentences at the beginning and two at the end) of Jesus speaking to his followers. In fact Jesus was doing more than just speaking to his followers, he was teaching them. These 3 chapters might well be called a User’s Manual for Life! The verses quoted above are a very small example. Jesus also teaches about the Law, anger, sexual sin, making promises, giving, prayer, worship, the value of money versus God, worry, judging others, asking God for what you need, the “Golden Rule,” entering heaven, being known by our actions and, finally, the difference between people who obey Jesus’ words and those who don’t. This would be an excellent portion of Scripture to bookmark and read regularly. It might well be something we could take on as part of our Lenten discipline. Let’s give it a try. It might just change our lives... both individually and as a parish family!
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