

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

As I sit to write this, I'm just a few days away from beginning my sabbatical. First off, thank you all for this amazing gift! I mean, it was originally part of my Letter of Agreement, so you sort of have to allow it, but it's been particularly heartening that so many of you are positive and encouraging as well!

Just a little background on sabbaticals. The name has its root in Sabbath - a holy rest, a quiet time to renew the spirit and remember and rest in our relationship with God.

It may seem odd that priests need sabbaticals, since our entire lives seem focused on celebrating Sabbath. But, at least personally, as awe-inspiring, rewarding and joyous as working with and among you is, it's been many, many years since I've been able to focus on the specific things that have given me a deep sense of peace and presence with God.

My faith made its greatest advance and growth while I was studying philosophy; specifically, Hegel's "Science of Logic". I can't fully explain it, but the intense study of this work and seeking to understand the Trinitarian aspects of it, profoundly affected me.

Certainly, there are various and sundry other things I need to do to fully embrace a holy rest - things like camping, hiking, writing, spending quality time with family, pattering around with my old motorcycle, etc. - but the opportunity to go back and focus on Science of Logic is a precious gift that I am deeply thankful for.

As the day draws nearer, I'm also becoming keenly aware of how much I'm going to miss you all while I'm gone. It is truly a joy to be your priest and pastor. Blessings to you all!

P.S. But one last word of caution, intensely reading Hegel also tends to do strange things to my mind - I come to see the world through a very different conceptual framework - so pray for Sonja and the kids that I don't become an overly absent-minded husband and father, and please consider the very real possibility that coming back in August will no doubt be a rather difficult transition for me coming back to the "real world"! So, as always it seems, please have patience with me! Again, blessing upon blessing to you all!

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
May 6	HC	T.Tallmadge	R.Felldin	RF	BV	B.Vail/T.Tallmadge
May 13	MP	T.Tallmadge	M.Harding	MH	---	D.Wieber
May 20	HC	A.Wieber	D.Wieber	Kris	JR	D.Wieber/T.Tallmadge
May 27	MP	C.Tarvin	J.Rettberg	BV	---	B.Vail
June 3	HC	C.Cimini	A.Cimini	AC	CC	A.Cimini/B.Vail
Church School						
Church School			Morning Prayer		Food Pantry	
May 6	T.Vail			May 14	B.Vail & T. Tallmadge	
May 13	B.Vail	C.Cimini	M.Cimini	May 16	Pat & Al Tucker	
May 20	None					
May 27	None	B.Vail				
Lectionary (Year B)						
Date	Service	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle Reading	Gospel Reading	
May 6		Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17	
May 13		Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19	
May 20		Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104: 25-35, 37b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	
May 27	Pentecost	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17	
June 3	Trinity	1 Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15	Psalm 138	2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1	Mark 3:20-35	

Altar 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.

I was born Happy every morning.

St. Ann's Prayer List for May 2018

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.

Short Term

Duane
 Pastor Sue
 Raevin
 Marion
 Dawn
 Hailey
 Ben
 Judy
 Trisa
 Woodie
 Charlie
 Eli
 Noah
 Bill
 Pat
 Chuck

Long Term

Fr. David Hanselman
 Fr. Steven White
 Fr. Bruce MacDuffie
 Deacon Kay
 Pastor Becky
 Fr. Geoff Doolittle
 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
 Dakota
 Carol
 Peter
 Joyce
 Mya
 Holly
 Cindy
 Lois
 Clifford
 Richard
 Bill
 Kevin



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

TAKE NOTE
OF WHAT IS
HAPPENING!



Mother's Day Breakfast will be Sunday May 13th. after Church service. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you plan to attend the breakfast after the service on May 13th, please sign the sheet in the Parish Hall. This will help with the amount of food to purchase.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be held at Kellystone Park on June 10 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your own place setting.

VESTRY MEETING will be held on Sunday, May 20th. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.



- 5/3 Adleigh Noone
- 5/5 Pat Tucker
- 5/11 Betty Vail
- 5/20 Kathy Vail
- 5/22 Allyson Vail
- 5/26 Burke Wright



**No Anniversaries that I am aware of.
Please let me know if you have one so I can add next time.
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Vestry Highlights for April 2018

- Meeting was called to order, after prayer, by Fr. David. Woodie was present by conference call.
- Outreach: The money that was donated to the Afton School trip to Texas to help hurricane victims has been returned as the project was cancelled. Suggested and agreed that these funds be sent to the Oxford Vets home to help with the purchase of personal care items for the residents. Also agreed to send our March outreach funds to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for their schooling efforts and to add our April outreach funds to the Easter Offering and to send this to the Diocese of Jerusalem as encouraged by letter from Presiding Bishop Curry. We still have approximately \$3500 remaining of the “tithe” of the Todd bequest. It was decided to put \$500 of those funds with the Spring UTO ingathering.
- Old Business: Fr. Geoff Doolittle will be with us during Fr. David’s sabbatical, starting May 6th. Fr. David will still be available for parish emergencies. Fr. Geoff and Deacon Kay will be working together during Fr. David’s absence.
- Decided to proceed with the replacement of the kitchen counter around the sinks.
- We plan to hold our usual Mother’s Day breakfast on May 13th. Calvin Tallmadge has offered to supervise the preparation.
- Delegates for this year’s Diocesan Convention will be Kerri and Betty Vail, with Robin Felldin and Tracey Tallmadge as alternates. Mya and Ally may be youth delegates.
- Ron Sherman recommended that the hot air ducts be cleaned and this was approved.
- Baccalaureate Service for Afton School will be held at St. Ann’s this year on June 21st. Deacon Kay will conduct the service and will contact the school to work out the details.
- Annual picnic will be June 10th. at Kellystone Park. This will be a morning prayer Sunday this year.
- Treasurer’s report shows that after netting out the recent capital improvements, we are breaking even for the quarter. Thanks be to God. Fr. David to follow up on an update from Zion on his salary and expenses report.
- Meeting was adjourned, after prayer, at 11:30 a.m.

**WHEN WE LOSE ONE BLESSING, ANOTHER ONE IS OFTEN MOST UNEXPECTEDLY
GIVEN IN ITS PLACE.**
C.S.LEWIS

Interesting Mother's Day Facts:

- Mother's Day originated in the United States in the early 1900s. Although there are older traditions that celebrate similar holidays, they are not considered to be the origins of Mother's Day. Mother's Day is meant to honor mothers and their influence in society, maternal bonds and motherhood itself. In the United States and Canada, it is celebrated on the second Sunday in May, but in other parts of the world it is sometimes celebrated in March, as well as in other months.
- Mother's Day is often associated with Mothering Sunday, a Christian holiday. They are not related to each other.
- The first Mother's Day was celebrated in 1908. Anna Jarvis honored her mother Ann Jarvis with a memorial. Ann Jarvis had started a committee in 1868 to establish 'Mother's Friendship Day'. Her motivation had been to reunite families after the Civil War. She died in 1905, before Mother's Day became a holiday.
- Mother's Day has also been linked to Cybele, a Greek tradition and Hilaria, a Roman festival. Again, they are not related to Mother's Day.
- In 1912, Anna Jarvis trademarked both 'Mother's Day' and 'the second Sunday in May'. She also created Mother's Day International Association.
- Mother's Day became a recognized holiday in 1914 in the United States.
- By the 1920s it had become so commercialized already that Anna Jarvis was disappointed.
- The holiday was then adapted into many other countries.
- In the 1800s attempts were made to celebrate mothers in various parts of the U.S. but none of them reached beyond their local areas.
- Approximately 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day in the United States.
- In most countries and languages, the word for mother begins with 'm'.
- The most common flower for Mother's Day is the carnation; pink and red for mothers who are alive and white for those who have passed away.
- A legend states that carnations were made from the tears of Jesus' mother when she wept at his feet when he was crucified.
- Of all the flowers bought for holidays, one quarter are purchased for Mother's Day.
- The amount of money spent on Mother's Day in the U.S. is approximately \$14 billion.
- Common gifts on Mother's Day include: flowers, dinner or lunch in a restaurant, jewelry, gift cards, clothing and treats such as a trip to a spa. Books, CDs, housewares and gardening tools are popular gifts as well.
- Research has proven that there are actually health benefits to receiving flowers.
- In Bolivia, the date chosen for Mother's Day was based on the day that women participated in a battle. Other countries have also chosen the date for Mother's Day to coincide with holidays that also celebrate women.
- The writer of The Battle Hymn of the Republic, Julia Howe, tried to start a Mother's Day in 1872. It was an antiwar observance first held in 1872. It continued in Boston but after 10 years it had lost its popularity.
- In the former Yugoslavia, children would tie up their mother on Mother's Day. To be freed she had to pay them with treats.
- Mother's Day is celebrated in close to 50 countries in different parts of the world.



Father David begins his three-month sabbatical on May 1st and us at St. Ann's hope he can accomplish the plans he has for that period of time. We also welcome Father Geoff Doolittle as his "sub" for this period. Father Geoff conducted our Christmas and Easter service and we welcome him to our parish. Father Geoff lives in Greene and will also be assisting at Zion, Greene and St. Paul's in Oxford.

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The Final Word



FINAL WORD: *and we can be confident that he will listen to us whenever we ask him for anything in line with his will. And if we know he is listening when we make our requests, we can be sure that he will give us what we ask for. 1 John 5:14-15*

Sometimes we Christians treat prayer as if it were a magic formula-whatever we want, from a new car to good looking physique, can be ours if we just utter the magic words, “In Jesus’ name.” This passage teaches that prayer is not magic, nor is it primarily a vehicle for getting what we want. An important part of prayer is discerning God’s will and aligning ourselves with it. When we pray that which we know pleases God, we can pray with confidence.

From the Touchpoint Bible

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Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am

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