

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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Pastor's Post

As we've gotten back to using the chalice for Communion services, I've noticed something interesting. At least, it's interesting to me. I wonder what you think. Because of the new way in which we're doing Communion, after I intinct the wafer, I hand it to the communicant. Here's the thing – nearly everyone is so habituated to having the wafer placed in the palm of their hand, there's been a really confusing, sort of awkward moment as I try to get them to take the wafer from me. What it really comes down to is 2 different verbs indicating 2 very different mentalities – receiving and taking. Far and away, most Communion actions have involved folks "receiving" Communion – having it placed in their palm. Now we're living in a period in which folks are "taking" Communion – physically taking it from my hand. 2 fundamentally different actions. I've been wondering – have you noticed? Has it changed your experience of Communion in any way?

If that observation held no interest for you, a completely different topic based on reflections from our recent readings in the book of Job – Justice. As you might recall, Job was pleading for justice. By all accounts, Job was a good, righteous person and unjust and terrible things happened to him. Job pleaded to God for there to be justice. Our Wednesday evening Bible Study talked a great deal about this – I can't possibly summarize it in this short letter – but we looked at what Job considered God's justice to be and from God's response, we tried to appreciate the "God-level" perspective of justice.

As I've been thinking about justice and what to write in this letter, it seems to me that for us to pursue justice, we first must recognize for ourselves where we believe injustice is present. So, I'm wondering when you look at the world today, where do you see injustice?

Cheers and blessings to each one of you!

NOVEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE
SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE

The 1st & 3rd Sundays are In-Church Services with HC. 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays are Morning Prayer. Every service is available via "ZOOM." If you are not currently receiving email Zoom invites, then please send your email address and you will be added to the parish listing. Bottom415@aol.com Yes, the "zoom" service is different, but change is what life is all about. Services are also available through the Diocese via their website.

Service Schedule

Date	Service	OT Reader	Epistle Reader	CS	EM	Acolytes
11/7	HC	T.Tallmadge	T.Tallmadge		JR	T.Tallmadge
11/14	MP	T.Tallmadge	T.Tallmadge			B.Vail
11/21	MP	P. Tucker	P. Tucker			B.Vail
11/28	HC	T.Vail	T.Vail		CC	B. Vail
12/5	HC	R.Felldin	R.Felldin		JR	B. Vail

Morning Prayer Leaders

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11/14	MP	T.Tallmadge/B.Vail				
11/21	MP	D.Weiber/A.Weiber				

Lectionary (Year B)

	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
Nov 7	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	Psalm 127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Nov 14	1 Samuel 1:4-20	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Nov 21	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Psalm 132:1-13 (14-19)	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
Nov 28 Year C Starts	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-9	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Dec 5	Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4	Canticle 4 or 16	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6

Altar Duty for the month of **November** is Carol Cimini, 693-2907 and Betty Vail, 639-1201 . If you are giving flowers in memory of a loved one, please notify Betty Vail 639-1201. No later than the Thursday before the designated Sunday



St. Ann's Prayer List for November 2021

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. *"We are trying to be sure that our prayer list is as updated as possible and don't want to remove someone that should be on it."* 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/three months unless updated.

SHORT TERM

Raevin
Eileen
Anne
Pat



Please keep in your prayers our shut-ins –
Pete and Carol Vail
Joyce Whitney
Marion Diehl
Grace Affuso
Bonnie MacPherson

LONG TERM

Fr. David Hanselman
Fr. Steven White
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. Matthews Church
St. Peter's Church
Carol Cindy
Peter Katy
Joyce Jason
Mya Dakota
Holly Bob
Clifford Hailey
Richard Joan
Nate Bobbi
Marion Thurston
Rachel Fred
Bill Barbara
Bonnie Tyler
David

The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Divinity School. The Learning Communities Initiative of the Diocese. 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.*

Anniversaries

11/15 Ron & Cindy Sherman

11/24 Al & Pat Tucker



Birthdays

11/ 6 Robin Felldin

11/15 Sophia Hanselman

Please let me know if I am missing a Birthday or Anniversary. Call or email 607-343-1301 cttallmadg@aol.com

November 7 - turn your
clocks **BACK** 1 hour



The Interchurch Council Thanksgiving Church service will be held at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Spring Street, Afton at 6:30p.m. on November 23, 2021. Mark your calendars as a reminder to attend this "thankful" service.

*Clean the Brass on November 21st
during coffee hour.*

The United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. UTO Sundays are typically in May and November. The Sunday closest to All Saints Sunday is typically the "ingathering" for fall. Many people find satisfaction in supporting this mission and ministry of the Church, in thankfulness for all the blessings they have received. Checks may be sent to St. Ann's marked UTO.



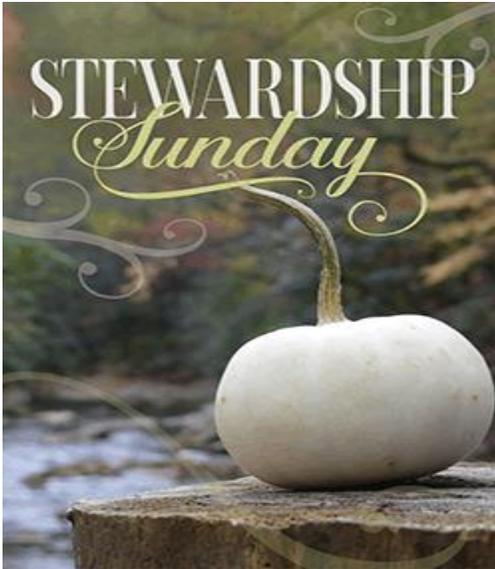
CHURCH TERMS: THANKSGIVING -- (1) The offering of praise to God for His goodness and mercy. (2) A National Day of Thanksgiving. In the United States, the fourth Thursday in November; in Canada, the second Monday in October.

Liturgical color: red



Vestry Hi-lites for October 17, 2021

1. Outreach for October was sent to "Mom's House" for their work in the Binghamton area. Fr. David read a note from Mom's House thanking St. Ann's for their past help.
2. New Business: Discussion about our winter services.
3. Christmas gifts to Fr. David, Ron Sherman and Kathy Miller were approved, with thanks to all of them for their service to St. Ann's.



Stewardship Sunday:

Please note that this will be held on November 7th.

Many thanks to everyone for their continued financial support of St. Ann's.



UTO Sunday: Is typically held around All Saints Sunday. Please keep this in mind to help those less fortunate than we are. Envelopes will be enclosed with the November newsletter.



Faith That Moves Mountains

If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, "Move from here to there" and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.

Matthew 17:20NIV

Have you ever felt your faith in God slipping away? You are not alone. Every life—including yours—is a series of successes and failures, celebrations and disappointments, joys, and sorrows. But even when we feel distant from God, God is never distant from us. Faith can move mountains. When you place your faith, your trust, indeed your life in the hands of God, you'll be amazed at the marvelous things He can do with you and through you. So, strengthen your faith through praise, through worship, and through prayer, and trust God's plans. With Him all things are possible, and He stands ready to open a world of possibilities to you if you'll just have a little faith.

Faith in faith is pointless. Faith in a living, active God moves mountains.



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

e o r c j
 7 2 4 1 6 3 5
 w y l a s a
 3 5 2 4 6 1
 p y r a
 1 4 2 3
 e g v i
 4 1 3 2
 h n t a s k
 2 4 1 3 6 5

continually,

in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt

What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.



The Final Word 

Complacency:

Revelation 3:15-17 – *I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish you were one or the other!.....*

Deuteronomy 1: 41-42 – *“Then you confessed, ‘We have sinned against the LORD! We will go into the land and fight for it as the LORD our God has told us.’ So, your men strapped on their weapons, thinking it would be easy to conquer the hill country.’ But the Lord said to me, “Tell them not to attack, for I will not go with them. If they do, they will be crushed by their enemies.”*

The people of Israel had refused to trust God to help them defeat the enemy. They had taken a casual complacent view of God’s ability to help them. Now they believed they could defeat the enemy easily on their own. Their complacency about God’s ability to help kept them from winning the battle. This complacency also kept them in the wilderness for the next 38 years. We must be careful not to take God’s help lightly. Complacency is a form of arrogance on our part; we forget how much we need God.

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