

Sharing God's Love in Our Community Through Prayer, Study and Action

St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, NY
(Member of the Broome/Chenango District)

The Parish News

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The Newsletter of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Afton, NY

Clergy: Currently Supply Priests

If you desire a visit from a priest or give you a call, please contact one of the wardens below.

Wardens: Dan Vail: 607-240-9264 Tracey Tallmadge: 607-343-1301



Spiritual Nourishment

NOURISH YOUR SOUL

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty."

John: 6:35

In order to achieve a healthy existence and meet the demands of everyday life, food is essential.

Just as your physical body needs nourishment, so too does your spiritual life. It is important and an integral part of your existence on earth, as well as in eternity. Make sure that you maintain it, a sustained conversation with Christ so that you can constantly draw on the strength flowing from His everlasting reserves.

In this way you will ensure that your life will be powerfully enriched, because Jesus is living inside you through His Holy Spirit.

Lord, you are my daily bread, and Your truth sets me free. Thank You for presenting us with the Word so that we may get to know You better. Help me to find You therein. Amen.

Prayer for the selection of a Rector



Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JUNE SERVICE SCHEDULE \ SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE

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.

Service Schedule					
Date	Service	OT Reader	Epistle Reader	Acolytes	
June 2	MP	Amy Wieber	Amy Wieber	B. Vail	
June 9	HC	Carol Tarvin	Carol Tarvin	D. Wieber	
June 16	MP	Betty Vail	Betty Vail	B. Vail	
June 23	HC	Pat Tucker	Pat Tucker	B. Vail	
June 29	HC	Carol Cimini	Carol Cimini	B. Vail	
July 7	MP	Carol Cimini	Carol Cimini	B. Vail	
READINGS BELOW					
		Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
June 2	MP	1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)	Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
June 9	HC	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)	Psalm 138	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 16	MP	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	Psalm 20	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13],14-17	Mark 4:26-34
June 23	HC	1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49	Psalm 9:9-20	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
June 29 5:00pm	HC	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
July 7	MP	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Psalm 48	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
If you are looking at the above on a computer device, then each reading is a link directly to the reading.					

MORNING PRAYER LEADERS:

June 2 - Denise Wieber

June 16 - Carol Cimini

July 7 - Betty Vail

PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday, June 29th, at 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist will be conducted by Fr. Geoffrey Doolittle. NO SERVICE ON JUNE 30.

ALTAR GUILD for the month of June – Betty Vail 607-639-1201. If you desire to have flowers placed on the Altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Betty Vail 607-639-1201 one week in advance.

St. Ann's Prayer List for June 2024

It has been suggested that the names of individuals on the parish prayer list be included in the newsletter. 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. Please remember these individuals in your personal prayers. We would like to be sure that this prayer list is updated as changes occur and don't want to remove someone that should be on it. Please send or give any additions or changes to Tom Vail, 607-639-1201. Please note that long term names will be left on the list indefinitely, short term names will typically be left on the listing for 3 or 4 months or perhaps longer.

Short Term		Long Term			
Dorothy	Judy	Carol	Cindy	Fr. David Hanselman	St. Paul's Church
MaryAnn	Arlene	Mya	David	Fr. Steven White	St. Andrews's Church
Bill	Irene	Holly	Terra	Pastor Becky	St. Ann's Church
Cheryl	Gail	Bonnie	Arthur	Fr. Geoff Doolittle	St. Peter's Church
Mado	Terry	Bobbi	Jason	The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe	Zion Church St. Matthew's Church
Barbara	Pete	Bishop Michael Curry	Kim	Search for Rector	Message Ministries
Edward				The Revs Ralph & Liz Groskoph	The General Theological Seminary
				Emanuel Church	The Episcopal Divinity School
				Epiphany Church	Bishop Michael Curry

Please keep in your prayers our shut-ins – Bonnie MacPherson, Carol Vail, Toni Weller, and Bobbi Zurn



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



St. Ann's Episcopal Church
Vestry Hi-lites
5/19/24

1. Outreach of \$600 approved to go to Afton Glenwood Cemetery Association towards the yearly rental of their new cemetery software. Also noted that Gary Zurn is working on the transfer of data from paper records to the software. The total number of plots is just over 9000 and he has transferred just over 4000 of the records. Many thanks extended to Gary for his hard work.
2. Report was given on the status of our rector search.
3. Our yearly scholarship to an Afton Central School student was discussed. It has been \$300 for some years. Approved to increase this to \$1000 a year with emphasis on a student that will be attending a trade school or work study program.
4. Fr. Geoff Doolittle will be conducting a service of Holy Communion, at St. Ann's on Saturday, June 29th at 5:00 p.m. Both Zion and St. Paul's churches are invited to attend. There will be a light supper after the service.



CHURCH TERMS: - SAINTS' DAYS – Dates in the Church Year commemorating the birth or death of the Apostles and others. St. Peter & St. Paul are celebrated in the month of June.

APOSTLE – Greek, “messenger.” The term denoting the Twelve whom Jesus trained as his disciples and sent forth. Paul later became known as an apostle, although not one of the Twelve.



Birthdays

6/01 Mya Boston
6/09 Stephanie Ruberto
6/22 Mike DeBetta

Anniversaries

6/23 Alan & Jane Seacat

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



PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday, June 29th at 5:00 p.m., Reverend Geoffrey Doolittle will celebrate Holy Eucharist at St. Ann's. A light meal will be served after the service in the Parish Hall. We have invited Zion, Greene parishioners and St. Paul's parishioners to join us that evening. Please contact Betty or Tom Vail at 607-639-1201 if you plan to remain for the meal.

There will be NO Sunday service on June 30th.

CHOOSING THE GOOD LIFE

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

(Matthew 25:21 NIV)

God offers us abundance, but He does not force abundance upon us. When we entrust our hearts and our days to the one who created us, we experience abundance through His grace. But when we turn our thoughts and direct our energies away from God, we inevitable forfeit the spiritual abundance that might otherwise be ours. When we sincerely seek the riches, our God offers to those who give themselves to Him and then follow Him completely and without reservation, we will participate in the good life the Shepherd offers His sheep. It is your choice to accept it.

God has promised us abundance and peace. One of the great mysteries of life is why on earth do so many of us wait so very long to lay claim to God's gifts.

(Marie T. Freeman)

Father's Day reflections

Father's Day has come and gone many times over the years, but these reflections from the Joyful Noise letter are worth reading:

"Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers, singers of songs."

Pam Brown

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived and let me watch him do it."

Clarence Buddington-Kelland

"No man can possibly know what life means, what the world means, until he has a child and loves it. And then the whole universe changes and nothing will ever again seem exactly as it seemed before."

Lafcadio Hearn

"I've learned that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult. I've learned that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world."

Andy Rooney



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A father's prayer

*Heavenly father, make me a better parent.
Teach me to understand my children, to listen!
Patiently to what they have to say,
And to answer all their questions kindly.
Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them.
Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me.
Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests,
And the courage to deny them privileges that I know will do them harm.
Make me fair and just and kind, and fit me, O Lord, to be loved and respected.
And imitated by my children. Amen*

Dad through the years

When I was:

- Four years old: "My Daddy can do anything."
- Five years old: "My Daddy knows a whole lot."
- Six years old: "My Dad is smarter than your dad."
- Eight years old: "My Dad doesn't know exactly everything."
- 10 years old: "In the olden days, when my dad grew up, things were sure different."
- 12 years old: "Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He's too old to remember his childhood."
- 13 years old: "Don't pay any attention to my dad. He's so old-fashioned."
- 21 years old: "Him? My goodness he's hopelessly out of date."
- 25 years old: "Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience."
- 35 years old: "I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad."
- 40 years old: "I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise."

Happy Father's Day!!

The following is used with permission from The Joyful Noise Newsletter

Joygerms Card



– via Joygerm Joan White
Syracuse, NY

"The Lord has done great things
for us... and we are filled with joy."
– Psalm 126:3

– via Dr. Rich Bimler
Bloomingdale, IL

"We turn not older with years but
newer every day."
– Emily Dickinson
via Matt Samra
Marshall, MI

God's kids say & do
the funniest things

Fr. Richard Carton, associate pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Mountain Lakes, NJ, was speaking to a group of second graders about the Resurrection when one student asked "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?"

It was a question of great theological importance, but Fr. Carton had to explain, in words suitable to his young audience, that the Gospels do not tell us just what He said.

The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said, Father," she insisted.

"And what was that?" asked Father Carton.

"Ta-da!" the girl exclaimed.

– Andy Fisher
Denville, NJ

Signs and
wonders

Sign outside Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren, Glen Arm, MD:

"Need a lifeguard?
Ours walks on water."
– Lorene Irving
Lutherville Timonium, MD

Signs outside Lititz (PA) Moravian Church:

"God is holy and lofty
but he's never aloof."

"ASAP:
Always say a prayer."
– via Pastor Dean Jurgen

Sign outside Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, MD on Halloween:

"The Holy Ghost around here is holy."
– Lorene Irving
Lutherville Timonium, MD

One-Liners

One-liners via United Methodist Pastor Karl R. Kraft of Dover, DE:

"Don't ruin a good today by thinking about a bad yesterday. Let it go."

"Wisdom is knowing some of the best days have not happened yet."

"Don't compare your life to others: you have no idea what their journey is all about."

"When it rains, look for rainbows; when it's dark, look for stars."

"Adopt the 5x5 rule – if it won't matter in five years, don't spend more than 5 minutes worrying about it."

The Final Word 

PERSEVERANCE: 2 Corinthians 8: 10-11 *“I suggest that you finish what you started a year ago, for you were the first to propose this idea, and you were the first to begin doing something about it. Now you should carry this project through to completion just as enthusiastically as you began it. Give whatever you can according to what you have.”*

Trophies in life are bestowed according to the measure of accomplishment, not the measure of intent. Trophies and metals are the rewards of a job well done, not a job well begun. To finish well we must begin well, but to begin well does not ensure that we will finish well. What are some “races” in your life that began well but to which you now need to make a renewed push to propel you toward the finish line?

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