

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 Betty Vail 607-639-1201

Important Notice For Services

All the “mainline” churches are experiencing a shortage of clergy. The Episcopal Church is no different and there are currently more than twelve parishes, in this Diocese, searching for clergy. There is also a shortage of what is called “supply clergy,” leaving many parishes with no way to conduct a typical “Holy Communion” service. To address this situation, the Diocese of Central New York has initiated a program that will enable selected parishes to conduct Communion services using what is called “reserved sacrament,” that is elements (bread & wine) that have been blessed by a priest at a previous service held at the participating church. **St. Ann's has been selected to be one of those churches.** There are very specific rules that apply to this procedure. A number of St. Ann's parishioners have been trained, by a priest, to conduct these services. It is our intention to begin these services immediately, the dates of which are shown in the service schedule below in this newsletter. If there are any questions, these individuals will do their best to answer them at the service. It is interesting to note that this is similar to the way that the first churches conducted this service.



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.

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	MP/CRS Leader	OT Reader	Epistle Reader	Acolytes	CRS Information
Jun 1	MP	B. Vail	J. Rettberg	J. Rettberg	B. Vail	
Jun 8	HC		D. Wieber	D. Wieber	B. Vail	
Jun 15	CRS	C. Cimini	T. Vail	T. Vail	D. Vail	See Table below
Jun 22	CRS	D. Wieber	P. Tucker	P. Tucker	B. Vail	See Table below
Jun 29	MP	B. Vail	C.Cimini	C.Cimini	B. Vail	
Jul 6	MP	C. Cimini	P. Tucker	P. Tucker	B. Vail	
Jul 13	CRS	D. Wieber	C. Cimini	C. Cimini	B. Vail	See Table below
Jul 20	MP	B. Vail	P. Tucker	P. Tucker	B. Vail	
Jul 27	CRS	B. Vail	C. Tarvin	C. Tarvin	B. Vail	See Table below
Aug 3	MP	B. Vail	J. Rettberg	J. Rettberg	T. Tallmadge	
READINGS BELOW						
Jun 1	MP		Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21	John 17:20-26
Jun 8	HC		Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17, (25-27)
Jun 15	CRS		Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Jun 22	CRS		1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a	Psalm 42 and 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Jun 29	MP		2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1,13-25	Luke 9:51-62
Jul 6	MP		2 Kings 5:1-14	Psalm 30	Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Jul 13	CRS		Amos 7:7-17	Psalm 82	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
Jul 20	MP		Amos 8:1-12	Psalm 52	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
Jul 27	CRS		Hosea 1:2-10	Psalm 85	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
Aug 3	MP		Hosea 11:1-11	Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21

If you are looking at the above table on a computer device, then each reading is a link directly to the reading.

CRS: COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

Date	Leader	Reader (Readings and Psalm)	Intercessors (Prayers of the People) (2)	Distributors
June 15	C. Cimini	T. Vail	From Congregation	T. Tallmadge/A. Cimini
June 22	D. Wieber	P. Tucker	From Congregation	C.Cimini/B. Vail
July 13	D. Wieber	C. Cimini	From Congregation	C. Tarvin/J. Rettberg
July 27	B. Vail	C. Tarvin	From Congregation	D. Vail/T. Tallmadge

The search for a Priest for St. Ann's, Zion and St. Paul's is still active, but there has been no response currently.

ALTAR GUILD for the month of June is Betty Vail 607-639-1201.

ALTAR GUILD for the month of July is Judy Rettburg 607-208-4023. If you desire to have flowers placed on the Altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Betty Vail at 607-639-1201 one week in advance.

Many thanks to Judy Rettberg for her card ministry. THANK YOU !! Judy



On Sunday, June 8th, baby Vivian Eileen Harding will be baptized into Christ's flock. Fr. Richard Schaal will conduct the service, and we welcome everyone to attend this joyful event. Coffee hour to follow the service.

One of the most common complaints is "*God doesn't answer my prayers.*" Some people think it is because God is punishing them or because prayer is futile. To these people prayer has become a mere formality.

True prayer is to personally experience the presence of the living Christ in your quiet times and throughout the day. It is the joyous assurance that the Lord keeps His promises and that He lives in you and you in Him.

Such prayer becomes a faith exercise that teaches you that, as you lay your requests before Him, He will give you what you need according to His wisdom, and you will recognize and accept His answers.

*Lord my God, it is with gratitude and humility that I accept
Your will for my life, for in you is perfect wisdom. Amen.*

Observations on growing older

“Time may be a great healer, but it’s a lousy beautician.” – George Burns

“I’m at an age where my back goes out more than I do.” – Rita Rudner

“You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.” – Mark Twain

“First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down.” – John Wagner

“At my age, getting lucky means walking into a room and remembering what I came in for.” _ Josh Billings

“My wife never lies about her age. She just tells people she’s as old as I am. Then she lies about my age.” _ Petty Wooten

A thought for the day

Every human being is beautiful in God’s eyes. What a difference it would make if we looked at one another with God’s eyes.

St. Ann’s Prayer List *for JUNE/JULY 2025*

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 we do not 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 remain 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			
Jeane	Richard		DeeDee		Berkley Divinity School	St. Paul’s Church
Melrose	Gary		Mya		Fr. Steven White	St. Andrews’s Church
Mado	Norm		Holly		Pastor Becky	St. Ann’s Church
Barbara	JoAnne		Bonnie		Fr. Geoff Doolittle	St. Peter’s Church
Edward	Hudson		Bobbi		The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe	Zion Church St. Matthew’s Church
Terry	Arthur		Jason		Bishop Sean Rowe	Message Ministries
Darlene	David		Cindy		The Rev. Liz Groskoph	The General Theological Seminary
					Emanuel Church	The Episcopal Divinity School
					Epiphany Church	



Please keep in your prayers our shut-ins – Bonnie Macpherson, 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 will meet June 15 and July 20

St. Ann's Vestry meeting hi-lites

- 1. Outreach was divided among Glenwood Cemetery Association, to pay for the new software rental, the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Berkeley Divinity School. The spring "ingathering" of the UTO will be the last Sunday of May, the 25th, and will be divided between the Berkeley Divinity School and the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem. This will be combined with a portion of the May outreach.**
- 2. A new janitor has been engaged as our previous one has resigned.**
- 3. We will have training after the service on May 18th. for holding Holy Communion services using "reserved sacrament." Fr. Nick Smith will conduct the service and training.**



CHURCH TERMS AND SYMBOLS: TRIANGLE – Only an equilateral triangle is used in ecclesiastical art because it represents the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit being equal, yet one. Usually a line drawing, the triangle may also be made of three fish, one forming each side. The Shield of the Holy Trinity is based on an inverted triangle with a small circle at each point and a larger circle in the center, joined to the small ones by double lines. The center circle is labeled “God,” the others: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The lines of the triangle each say, “is not” and the bands to the center circle say “is.” The Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father, but each is God.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/7 LOGAN TALLMADGE-LABAR
- 7/11 MADO CIMINI
- 7/17 GARRETT VAIL
- 7/23 MARISSA HARDING
- 7/29 GINA BONSELL



BIRTHDAYS

- 8/02 HAILEY CHRISTIAN
- 8/04 MILTON HARDING
- 8/09 AL TUCKER
- 8/13 GRAYSON HARDING
- 8/14 JUDY RETTBERG
- 8/22 AMY WIEBER

ANNIVERSARIES

8/21 JAY & HAILEY CHRISTIAN
8/28 CONNIE & KEN BEAMES

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

INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

Glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he can accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope.

Ephesians 3:20 NLT

We live in a world of infinite possibilities. But sometimes, because of limited faith and limited understanding, we wrongly assume that God cannot or will not intervene in the affairs of mankind. Such assumptions are simply wrong.

Are you afraid to ask God to do big things in your life? Is your faith threadbare and worn? If so, it is time to abandon your doubts and reclaim your faith – faith in God’s promises and faith in what your heavenly Father can do through you.

Noted author and speaker Catherine Marshall said, “God specializes in things thought impossible.” Make no mistake: God can help you do things you never dreamed possible. Your job is to let Him.

If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you must believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, too whom things look “little” or “big.”

Elisabeth Elliot

HAVE FAITH IN PRAYER

You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives.

James

4:2-3

Commencing Through The Graduations of Life

“Congratulations, parents, on this occasion of completing Pre-School. Let them now commence to gaining wisdom and losing teeth.”

“Congratulations, children, on graduating from Kindergarten, and commencing to the path of reaching, writing and recess!”

“Congratulations, students, as you graduate the eighth grade and commence your high school career; may it keep you busy, focused and as far away from social media as possible. Fat chance.”

“Congratulations, high school graduates, as you commence to take on adulthood, the sooner the better!”

“Congratulations, college degree holders, as you claim the diploma you have worked so hard to achieve. May you now commence to find meaningful employment for your puppet arts and advanced YouTube degrees, probably at Wendy’s.”

“Congratulations, newlyweds, as you commence into your thirties with a life partner, who will spend as much time trying to change you as trying to not be changed by you. Who would have thought you were so set in your ways, already?”

“Congratulations, new parents, as you marvel at this new creature in your life. Here is your chance to raise this child the way your parents should have raised you.”

“Congratulations, parents, as you see your youngest graduate and prepare to commence with the empty nest. Enjoy it quickly, before the kids all start moving back.”

“Congratulations, assistant vice president, as you graduate from the workforce, commencing on your retirement, for which you have been counting down the days since your 56th birthday nine years ago. Sure hope you like watching game shows.”

“Congratulations, octogenarian, as you graduate from yet another phase of life and commence with whatever is next, which, like pre-school, still involves gaining more wisdom, and yes, losing teeth.”

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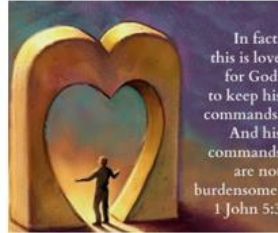
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The Final Word

Quotes and Thoughts



The doctor of the future will give no medicine, but will involve the patient in the proper use of food, fresh air and exercise

Thomas A. Edison

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.

Mahatma Gandhi

The person who takes medicine must recover twice, once from the disease and once from the medicine.

William Osler

Hippos can run faster than humans on land, and swim faster than humans in water, which means the bicycle is your only chance of beating a hippo in a triathlon.

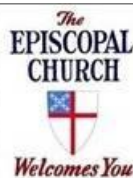
If you spell the words "absolutely nothing" backwards, you get "Gnihton yletulosba", which ironically means absolutely nothing.

Ninety percent of bald men still own a comb. They just can't part with it.

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Clergy: Currently Supply Priests
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