

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

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



Dear St. Ann's Family,

As of June 21, summer is here!!

Summer means longer days and, often, time for recreation. For some of us, that means more time outdoors gardening or out on the boat. For others, it is just time on the porch with a good book or on a hike in one of our state parks.

However you like to recreate, I also hope you will find time to re-create. To find yourself connected to the Author and Creator of all life. Dip your toes in the water. Touch the soil. Feel the sun on your skin. And take a moment to give thanks to God.

These summer days, you will find me on my porch swing reading or saying Morning Prayer as I watch the birds. There is a Robin's nest built on top of one of the porch columns. I was fortunate to see the two babies fledge about month ago.

On a more personal note, I want to thank you for the warm welcome you have given me. I am truly grateful. I am blessed to have the people of St. Ann's in my life.

Peace,
Mother Dawn



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.

JULY/AUGUST 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.

Summer is upon us. Many people are traveling to vacation spots. Please be safe wherever you may be and if possible, attend a Sunday church service.

If you desire communion more than once or twice a month, Rev. Geoff Doolittle conducts Holy Eucharist at Zion Greene on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday nights at 5:00 p.m. He conducts Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's in Oxford the 2nd and 4th Saturday nights at 5:00 p.m.

Service Schedule					
Date	Service/Leader	OT Reader	Epistle Reader	Acolytes	
July 5	MP/ B. Vail	J. Rettberg	J. Rettberg	B. Vail	
July 12	HC	S. Botzki	S. Botzki	T.Botzki/B.Vail	
July 19	MP/T. Tallmadge	D. Wieber	D. Wieber	Denise Wieber	
July 26	HC	K. Carbone	K. Carbone	B. Vail	
Aug 2	MP/B. Vail	T. Botzki	T. Botzki	B. Vail	
Aug 9	HC	T. Vail	T. Vail	B. Vail	
Aug 16	MP/D. Wieber	K. Carbone	K. Carbone	B. Vail	
Aug 23	HC	J. Rettberg	J. Rettberg	B. Vail	
Aug 30	MP/D. Wieber				
Sept 6	MP B. Vail	S. Botzki	S. Botzki	B. Vail	
READINGS BELOW					
		Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
July 5	MP/ Betty Vail	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Psalm 45: 11-18	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 12	HC	Genesis 25:19-34	Psalm 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
July 19	MP/T. Tallmadge	Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
July 26	HC	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
Aug 2	MP/B. Vail	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalm 17:1-7,16	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Aug 9	HC	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
Aug 16	MP/D. Wieber	Genesis 45:1-15	Psalm 133	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
Aug 23	HC	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Psalm 124	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
Aug 30	MP/D. Wieber	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
Sept 6	MP B. Vail	Exodus 12:1-14	Psalm 149	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
If you are looking at the above on a computer device, then each reading is a link directly to the reading.					



ALTAR GUILD duty for the month of July is Judy Rettberg, 607-208-4023 and Carol Cimini for the month of August, 607-693-2907.

If you desire to have flowers on the Altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Betty Vail, 607-639-1201 a week in advance.

St. Ann's Prayer List for July/August 2026

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 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 longer.

Short Term		Long Term			
Melrose	Mado	Mya	Bobbi	Fr. Steven White	St. Paul's Church
Gary	Val	Jason	Cindy	Pastor Becky	St. Andrews's Church
Dorothy	Carol C.	David		Fr. Geoff Doolittle	St. Ann's Church
Garrett	Terry			The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe	St. Peter's Church
Carol T.	Marge			Bishop Sean Rowe	Zion Church
				The Rev. Liz Groskoph	St. Matthew's Church
				Deacon David	Message Ministries
				Emanuel Church	The General Theological Seminary
				Epiphany Church	The Episcopal Divinity School
				The Rev. Dawn Victoria Mitchell	Berkeley Divinity School



Please keep in your prayers our shut-ins –
Melrose Kelly, Bobbi Zurn and Cindy Trick who is currently hospitalized.

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.

A big “Thank you!!” to Judy Rettberg for her card ministry over many years



CHURCH TERMS AND SYMBOLS

CHURCH TERMS: Saint Mary Magdalene: A feast day commemorating one of our Lord’s disciples who had richly received His grace. It is commemorated on July 22.

James the Elder – An Apostle and brother of John. The first of the disciples to be martyred and the only one whose death is recorded in the New Testament. Acts 12:1. With Peter and John, he was one of the inner circles of disciples closest to Jesus. His symbol is three shells, representing the journeys he undertook for the Lord. He is commemorated on July 25. Liturgical color: red.

Transfiguration – The events that took place on the Mount of Transfiguration are commemorated on August 6. Mark 9:2-8 Liturgical color: white



St. Ann’s Episcopal Church

Vestry Hi-lites

- **Outreach was sent to support Life Choices and Mom’s House.**
- **The St. Ann’s scholarship for Afton School has been approved and the award letter sent.**
- **Approved having parts of the Church and Parish Hall pressure washed.**
- **Approved replacing two shrubs at the front of the Church as the present ones are getting tired.**



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

Father's Day reflections

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

"Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers, 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

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*



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 CENTER OF CHRIST'S PEACE

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
John 14:27

Few people can honestly say that they do not long for peace of mind and inner tranquility. The troubles and pressures of this life can drive many to seek comfort in different things; be it tranquilizers, drugs, professional help or even alcohol. Others simply give in to despair and just go through the motions of life.

The only proven way to handle the problems and tensions of life is by having a faith that is steadfastly grounded in the living Christ. Hold on to Him in all circumstances, talk to Him and, regardless of how desperate your situation might be, trust that He is always with you. His peace will then fill your heart, helping you overcome all your fears.

Prince of Peace, please help me to turn to You first in everything that happens to me today. Amen.

Forward Day by Day through the years – 1975

Galatians 6:14 - May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by which the Lord has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

There is a beloved hymn that begins, "When I survey the wondrous cross." The word "survey" means "to look at." There is great value in simply looking at a cross or crucifix. We hear much about visual education these days. The church has used symbolism for generations. The cross is one of the most effective kinds of visual education.

For Christians, the cross is a very powerful symbol. Simply looking at it for five minutes can be of great help. It helps fix our minds on what Christ did for us. It helps get our minds off ourselves and centered on our Lord. As we look at the cross, we will probably think about the great sacrifice of himself that Christ made for us. We will be deeply grateful for this. We may reflect that we are called upon to take up our cross and follow him. Our burdens become lighter as we look at the cross. The cross is a powerful symbol of a mighty fact. Look at it, and see what God says to you as you gaze.



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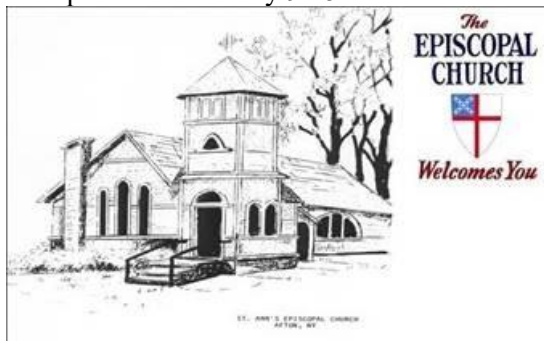


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Clergy: Currently Supply Priests
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