

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.

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COURAGE IN A FEARFUL WORLD

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27 KJV

WE live in a world where bad news travels at lightning speed (and good news doesn't). These are troubled times, times when we have legitimate fears for the future of our nation, our world, and our families. Yet we have every reason to live courageously.

Perhaps you've found your courage tested by the anxieties that are an inevitable part of twenty-first-century life. If so, God wants to have a little chat with you. He wants to remind you that even when you find your courage waning, He is with you.

Your heavenly Father is your protector and your deliverer. Call on Him today and be comforted. Whatever the size of your fear, God is bigger.

Fear knocked at the door, Faith answered. No one was there.

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.

SEPT/OCT 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	MP/Priest Leader	OT Reader	Epistle Reader	Acolytes	
Sept 6	HC	Fr. R. Schaal	S. Botzki	S. Botzki	B. Vail	
Sept 13	HC	Rev. DV Mitchell	J. Rettberg	J. Rettberg	B. Vail	
Sept 20	MP	D. Wieber	P. Tucker	P. Tucker	D. Vail	
Sept 27	HC	Rev. DV Mitchell	J. Rettberg	J. Rettberg	B. Vail	
Oct 4	MP	B. Vail	P. Tucker	P. Tucker	B. Vail	
Oct 11	HC	Rev. DV Mitchell	J. Rettberg	J. Rettberg	B. Vail	
Oct 18	HC	Fr. R. Schaal	B. Vail	B. Vail	B. Vail	
Oct 25	HC	Rev. DV Mitchell	J. Rettberg	J. Rettberg	B. Vail	
Nov 1	MP	D. Wieber	S. Botzki	S. Botzki	B. Vail	
READINGS BELOW						
		MP/Priest Leader	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
Sept 6	HC	Fr. R. Schaal	<u>Exodus 12:1-14</u>	<u>Psalm 149</u>	<u>Romans 13:8-14</u>	<u>Matthew 18:15-20</u>
Sept 13	HC	Rev. DV Mitchell	<u>Exodus 14:19-31</u>	<u>Psalm 114</u>	<u>Romans 14:1-12</u>	<u>Matthew 18:21-35</u>
Sept 20	MP	D. Wieber	<u>Exodus 16:2-15</u>	<u>Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45</u>	<u>Philippians 1:21-30</u>	<u>Matthew 20:1-16</u>
Sept 27	HC	Rev. DV Mitchell	<u>Exodus 17:1-7</u>	<u>Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16</u>	<u>Philippians 2:1-13</u>	<u>Matthew 21:23-32</u>
Oct 4	MP	B. Vail	<u>Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20</u>	<u>Psalm 19</u>	<u>Philippians 3:4b-14</u>	<u>Matthew 21:33-46</u>
Oct 11	HC	Rev. DV Mitchell	<u>Exodus 32:1-14</u>	<u>Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23</u>	<u>Philippians 4:1-9</u>	<u>Matthew 22:1-14</u>
Oct 18	HC	Fr. R. Schaal	<u>Exodus 33:12-23</u>	<u>Psalm 99</u>	<u>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</u>	<u>Matthew 22:15-22</u>
Oct 25	HC	Rev. DV Mitchell	<u>Deuteronomy 34:1-12</u>	<u>Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17</u>	<u>1 Thessalonians 2:1-8</u>	<u>Matthew 22:34-46</u>
Nov 1	MP	D. Wieber	<u>Revelation 7:9-17</u>	<u>Psalm 34:1-10, 22</u>	<u>1 John 3:1-3</u>	<u>Matthew 5:1-12</u>
If you are looking at the above table on a computer device, then each reading is a link directly to the reading.						

ALTAR GUILD duty for September is Pat Tucker, 607-206-4319 and Judy Rettberg, 607-208-4023 for the month of October. 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 Sept/Oct 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 as 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 longer.

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

Please keep in your prayers our shut-ins –Cindy Trick (hospital), Melrose Kelly, 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.

HOME FREE

If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

John 8:36 (NASB)

Most of us remember hot summer nights playing the game hide-and-seek with neighborhood friends. The goal was to reach a designated point and cry “home free!” without first being detected by the person doing the seeking.

Many of us play a version of that game daily, hoping to make it home without encountering more of the world’s worries and pains. We want to arrive safely and soundly where we can be nurtured by family members or friends. Home is a place we like to be completely and delightfully “free.”

At home we are free to be ourselves—to talk, to praise the Lord, to show our love, to give, to receive, to relax, to do what we like to do rather than what others demand we do. These qualities certainly make home an attractive place.

There are some, however, who consider home a place where they are free to dump personal frustration, free to express anger or hostility free to rule and reign as a bully. Such freedom doesn’t quite make for a “home free” atmosphere.

To arrive home with a real “home free” attitude, dump the excess baggage of frustration, stress, and anger before you get home. That may mean taking time for prayer before you leave the office, or in your car. It may mean stopping by a gym to work out or staying at the office an extra hour to get your work done there rather than bringing it home.

A home that is “free” is a wonderful place. Freedom, however, must be guarded, cherished, and protected – not taken for granted or abused. We can safely reach home base to joyfully declare “Home Free!”



St. Ann's Vestry meeting hi-lites

Typically, no vestry meetings are held for July and August, but our outreach efforts continue. For June we supported Life Choices and Mom's House and for July we supported the Afton VFW's project to construct a veterans' memorial at Foster Park in Afton. The August outreach will be decided shortly. St. Ann's also participated in the opening ceremony at the Afton Fair. Sponsored by the Afton Interchurch Council.



On September 19 beginning at 9:00 a.m., we will hold a **front yard cleanup** of leaves, weeds, trim bushes and put new mulch down. If you have an hour or more to assist in this Ministry, it would be much appreciated. As the old saying goes, “Many hands make lite work.”



St. Ann's **Annual Meeting will be October 4th**. Just as a brief refresher, The Annual Meeting is held yearly as provided for in the "Canons" (think by-laws) of the Church and is primarily for the election of vestry persons. (Wardens and Vestry persons). These are the individuals that govern the operation of the Parish. The terms of vestry persons are staggered and typically we elect one warden and two vestry persons at each yearly Annual Meeting. The elections begin with nominations at the worship service. There are also brief reports from the rector and various organizations within the Parish. The actual "meeting" is held in the Parish Hall after the worship service and is typically very short. *Please try to attend.*

The Annual Meeting is one of the privileges (think freedoms) that we enjoy and just like the freedoms that we enjoy in this Country, once we stop practicing and supporting them, we start down the slippery slope to lose them. In many ways, the Episcopal Church is unique in the way that it is governed.

As we all know, organizations have been struggling, including churches. St. Ann's has not been exempted from these difficulties. If St. Ann's is to continue as a Parish, it will require the support of all parishioners. One way that we can support our Parish is to attend the Annual Meeting.



CHURCH TERMS: HOLY GHOST – The spirit of God's love at work in the world today. The third person of the Trinity. According to Isaiah 11:2, the gifts of the Holy Ghost are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, godliness, and fear of the Lord.



September Birthdays

9/16/ Cindy Trick

9/19 Calvin Tallmadge

9/26 Denise Wieber

September Anniversary

9/22 Milton & Marisa Harding

9/30 Tom & Betty Vail



Birthday

10/22 Carol Cimini

Anniversary

10/6 Calvin Tracey Tallmadge

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

Dates to remember

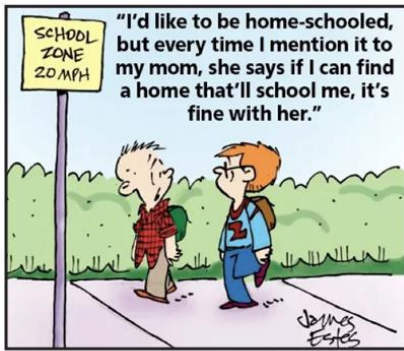


Stewardship Sunday will be November 1st.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME changes on Sunday, November 1st. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour, mark your calendars and set your alarms to attend church to worship our Lord.

Fall UTO Sunday will be November 8th.

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"My pastor is so good he can speak on any subject for an hour."
"So what? My pastor can talk for an hour about nothing."

Rosie's grandmother was visiting her family; that night at bedtime prayers her mother said, "Don't forget to include Grandma in your prayers tonight. Ask God to bless her and let her live to be very, very old."

"She's old enough," Rosie replied. "I'd rather pray that God would make her young."

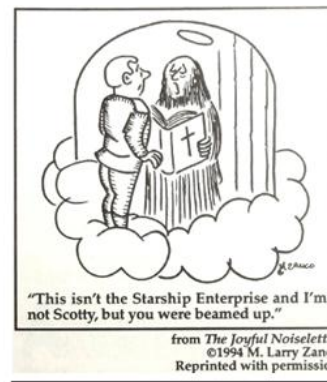
Preacher: "Please take it easy on the bill for repairing my car. Remember, I am a poor preacher."

Mechanic: "I know, I heard you on Sunday."

One beautiful Sunday morning, a minister announced to his congregation: "I have here in my hands three sermons — a \$1000 sermon that lasts five minutes; a \$500 sermon that lasts 15 minutes, and a \$50 sermon that lets a full hour. Let's receive this morning's offering and see which one I'll deliver."

The concept of "original sin" is a myth. There are no sins that have not already been committed.

If all the people who sleep in church were laid end-to-end, they'd be a lot more comfortable.



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American Dad Jokes

It's still the Semiquincentennial.

What do you get when you cross a fancy, patriotic American with a curly-haired dog?

A Yankee Poodle Dandy.

Who can jump higher than the Statue of Liberty?

Anyone. Statues can't jump.

Why did Christopher Columbus sail to North America?

It was too far to swim.

Why did the pioneers cross the country in covered wagons?

Because they didn't want to wait 40 years for a train.

Why is every American allowed to wear short sleeves to work?

Because the Second Amendment gives them the right to bare arms.

Those who don't study history are doomed to repeat it. Yet those who do study history are doomed to stand by helplessly while everyone else repeats it!

"I"-Liners

Scientists say 70% of the Earth is covered by water. Yet not a single drop of it is carbonated. **That's all the proof I need that the Earth is flat.**

Some of us are Calvinists, but not by choice.

I am on a 30-day diet. So far, I've lost 15 days.

I'm not lazy. I'm just on energy-saving mode.

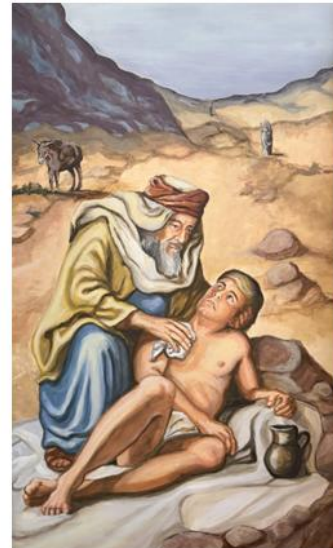
My nerdy friend just got a PhD on the history of palindromes. We now call him **Dr. Awkward.**

If God had wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.

I can't tell you Japan's entire history in one joke, but I can samurais.

***I never saw a purple cow,
I never hope to see one,
But I can tell you, anyhow,
I'd rather see than be one!***

— Gelett Burgess



Glad he didn't say:

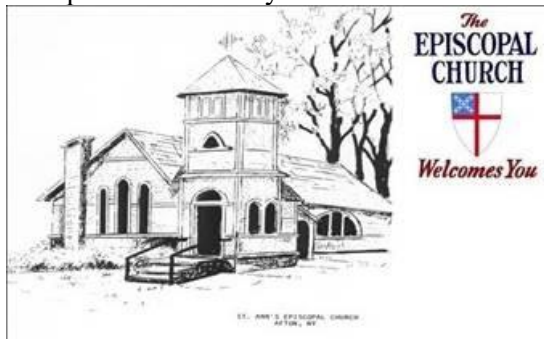
I am here to help, Let me take you to an inn. Do you have health insurance? A supplemental perhaps?

— Luke 10: 25-37

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