

The Parish News

St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, NY

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Member of the Chenango District



July 2015

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From Fr. Dave

The Lord be with you!

I've been thinking about Sundays. That wonderful day we gather to read God's gift of Scripture, to pray some wonderfully ancient and still applicable prayers, to hear our own prayer requests heard and know a community of caring people share in our prayers. Sometimes to share in Holy Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, and remember all the Father, Son and Holy Spirit has done.

Ah, Sundays. I love Sundays! Several weeks ago, I said in a sermon that Sundays shouldn't be simply a refuge from a week of work and worry and running here, there, and everywhere. Sundays most certainly shouldn't be just another bit of weekly busy-ness. The only appropriate role for Sundays is as a role model for the rest of the week. Sundays need to be, and rightfully only are, the way life is really meant to be.

Best of all, it's not just me saying it. A couple weeks ago, in my daily reading of Joan Chittister's "The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century", I came across this delightful observation:

"Sunday, the weekly celebration of creation and resurrection, is always a reminder of new life, always special, always meant to take us back to the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega, the Center of life. It is a day full of tradition and rhythm and rememberings of the simple but important concepts of existence. It is a return to basic truths that are never to be sacrificed for variety and always reinforced through repetition."

She finishes by saying, "...the Sabbath is the moment for returning to the surety and solemnity of life...for giving meaning to the rest of the week so that the mundane and the immediate do not become the level of our existence."

Consider well the "level of your existence." The pressures and problems placed upon you and the pressures and problems you place upon yourself. The joys life makes available to you and joys you avail yourself of.

But, please, consider above all, the level of existence God wishes for you; that is, the depth of love which is known to us in creation and the depth of love that you carry with you every day as God's creation. Amen.

If you desire Father David to visit you or give you a call, please contact him at: (607) 761-4601 or (607) 656-9502.



July 13 and 14 @
9:00 am
Chenango District
work days at St.
James church in
North Pitcher

Service Schedule

	<u>Date</u>	<u>OT Reading</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>CS</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
HC	July 5	T.Vail	C.Tarvin	TV	BV	B.Vail
MP	July 12	T.Tallmadge	D.Becker	BV	----	J.Proffitt
HC	July 19	C.Cimini	A.Cimini	CC	BV	A.Cimini/B.Vail
MP	July 26	J.Proffitt	P.Tucker	JP	-----	A.Vail
MP	Aug 2	B.Wright	C.Tarvin	TV	-----	B.Vail

Morning Prayer:

July 12—Carol and Mado Cimini

July 26—T. Vail

August 2—Denise Becker & Marissa Harding

Food Pantry:

Monday – July 13 – 5-7p.m. – Pat & Al Tucker

Wednesday – July 15 – 9-11a.m. – Kerri, Ally, Garrett & Betty

Special Thanks to all who serve

Note to all who serve: It would be most helpful if, when you cannot make your assigned date, you would arrange for a substitute. If you are unable to do that, please notify a warden. Thanks for your cooperation!

Lectionary (Year B)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>OT Reading</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 5 6 Pentecost	48	2 Samuel 5:1—5, 9—10	2 Corinthians 12: 2-10	Mark 6: 1—13
July 12 7 Pentecost	24	2 Samuel 6:1—5, 12b—19	Ephesians 1:3—14	Mark 6:14—29
July 19 8 Pentecost	89:20-37	2 Samuel 7:1—14a	Ephesians 2:11—22	Mark 6:30—34, 53—56
July 26 9 Pentecost (MP)	14	2 Samuel 11:1—15	Ephesians 3:14—21	John 6:1—21
Aug. 2 10 Pentecost	51:1—13	2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a	Ephesians 4:1—16	John 6:24—

Altar Guild

Altar Guild Duty – Altar Guild for the month of July is Judy Rettberg 345-3708 or 208-4023 . If you wish to purchase or provide flowers for the Altar on a particular Sunday, call Betty Vail at 639-1201. If you are giving flowers in memory of a loved one, please notify Pete Vail (607)639-1444 no later than the Thursday before the designated Sunday so that he can include a notice in the bulletin.

In Need of Prayer

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. Send or give any additions or changes to Tom Vail, 639-1201.

Carol Peter Michele Joyce Pat Mya Holly Cindy Lou Toni Lois Sally Clifford
 Deb Mary Bonnie C. Kathy Richard Don Norma Danny Mike Michael Elaine
 Pastor Sue Andrea Adrianna All graduates Fr. Chuck Taylor Fr. David Hanselman Fr. Bruce
 MacDuffie Bishop “Skip” Adams Pope Francis Zion Church St. Paul’s Church The General Theological
 Seminary of the Episcopal Church The vestry of St. Ann’s

The following prayer is suggested by Bishop Skip. It 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.

Vestry Highlights

1. Vestry Meeting on July 19.

Kudos



THANKS! - Tom, Betty and Jody for weeding and mulching the landscape around the church.

THANKS! - Calvin for providing the load of landscape mulch.

***Note:** If you know of one or more people who we should thank in this column, please pass that information on to Pete Vail or Jody Proffitt. We don't want to miss anyone!*

CHENANGO DISTRICT WORK DAYS

The Chenango District work days will take place on July 13 and 14 beginning at 9a.m. People will be working at St. James church in North Pitcher doing cleanup. If you can spare some time to help with this project, please speak to Father David for further info.

BISHOP SEARCH COMMITTEE

Father David has been asked to be on the Bishop search committee. Please keep Fr. David and the others who are on the committee in your prayers

BEGINNINGS OF ST. ANNS

The following article was written by Florence Guy, a past parishioner of St. Ann's Church, for the Town of Afton Centennial in 1957 on the history of St. Ann's

Occasional Episcopal Church services were held here from quite an early period, when the village was known as South Bainbridge; however, not very accurate records of this period exist. As early as 1793, services were conducted by the Rev. Joseph Badger at Harpursville, and St. Luke's Church of that village was organized April 15, 1799, by the Rev. (afterwards Bishop) Philander Chase who was its first pastor. No doubt these two ministers occasionally preached here.

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It is known that the Rev. N. M. Adams, of Unadilla, held services here at least once prior to 1838. The Rt. Rev. W. N. DeLancy, D.D. first Bishop of Western New York officiated here twice, once in the Baptist and once in the Universalist meetinghouse, in the years 1840 and 1842.

The first attempt at regular services was made by the Rev. W. E. Eigenbrodt, D.D., who was rector of St. Peter's, Bainbridge from 1838 to 1841. The services were held generally in the afternoon, at five or six o'clock, after Mr. Eigenbrodt had conducted two full services in Bainbridge. They were held, sometimes by candlelight, in the old school house, a forlorn and rickety building.

In answer to an inquiry in 1860, Mr. Eigenbrodt wrote: "I rode down sometimes with one, sometimes with another of the congregation (of Bainbridge), generally with Col. Juliand; and Capt. Newton would often go to give us his valuable aid in music. I always used the Church service in full in the school house. Mrs. Damaris Garrett lived near it, and there I was often refreshed, and put on my gown. Sometimes I went on horseback. Mrs. Garrett was a good woman and deserves to be remembered. I always thought that, generally beloved as she was for her goodness and resorted to for her intelligence, she was the light which was eventually to drive off the thick darkness of the neighborhood; for I do think there were few spots in a civilized state, less favored with a knowledge of truth than South Bainbridge was at that time. Universalism was dominant and strong, and the sects in their attempts to copy with it only made it more obstinate and indifferent."

The old school house stood by the side of the Baptist meeting-house (to which the Church had a claim when not used by the Baptists) towards the close of his ministry in Bainbridge, about the years 1849-1852.

In 1857 it is recorded that a seemingly providential opening led the Rev. W. A. Johnson, then rector in Bainbridge to propose fitting up a suitable room for regular services.

The work was begun in the summer of 1858 and the Chapel opened for services November 21st. The following description of the Chapel appeared in the "Church Journal" in January 1859: "A two-story building, erected for a select schoolhouse, but looking externally like one of the common smaller meeting houses, providentially fell under the control of the only male communicant in the place, Mr. Harrison R. Caswell. It was deemed expedient to fit up the upper story in a plain way for a chapel, and this has been successfully accomplished at an expense of a little over \$300. Of this Mr. Caswell generously gave from his moderate means over one third, a large portion of the remainder being contributed by liberal church people, chiefly in the City of New York."

"The old ceiling was removed and the slopes of the roof lathed and plastered, securing a height of sixteen feet. All the chancel furniture, as well as the benches for the seats, are made of seasoned chestnut, oiled but not stained. A proper chancel, ten feet in depth, is formed by setting off a vestry and library room on each side. The side walls of the chancel are painted straw color, to correspond with the walls of the body of the house, which are papered with a plain paper of the same shade. The slope of the chancel roof is painted an ultra-marine blue, shaded off to a lighter color. The chancel furniture will all answer for a new church."

Evening services are held once a fortnight by the Rev. W. A. Johnson of Bainbridge. Through the kindness of the New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, our chapel has been provided with a full supply of neat Prayer Books, and the people are fast learning to use them. (To be continued)

"Beginning with the very first service, a choir wholly unused to chanting has sung very effectively, without any instrument, two of the Gregorian tunes. The first service was held November 21st. The chapel has usually been full, and sometimes crowded with an attentive congregation; and an increasing interest is being manifested in the pure gospel, as taught by the Apostolic Church. Thanks be to God."



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Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am

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Wardens: Betty Vail

Clergy: The Rev. David A. Hanselman

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The Final Word



I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:18—19

In the above excerpt from the Epistle lesson Paul prays for the Ephesians that they may experience the love of Christ while at the same time he admits that the love of Christ can never be fully understood.

Have you experienced the love of Christ? I dare say many of us have not. And, yes, when I say “us” I’m referring to church-goers, the Body of Christ. Look around sometime when you are in church. How many faces do you see with expressions of joy, happiness or cheerfulness? On the other hand how many do you see with expressions that are somber, gloomy or even disapproving? The point is that people often experience Christ’s

love by seeing it shine through others. Having that love in us should fill us with joy, joy that causes others to say, “I want what she/he has!”

I was in my late 30’s before I truly experienced the love of Christ. It happened when I “made” a Cursillo (pronounced Kur-see-yo) Weekend and it completely changed my concept of what it meant to be a Christian. I discovered the width, the length, the height and the depth of Christ’s love and I learned that I could be a Christian and still have fun!

How about you? Have you experienced the love of Christ? If so, can others tell by looking at you? Remember, if you have Christ’s love in your heart, be sure to tell your face! If you would like to find out what life might be like living in a Christian community and experiencing Christ’s love shining through other Christians, then consider attending a Cursillo Weekend. To learn more, talk with either Denise Becker, Marion Diehl, Tom Vail or me.

Pete Vail