

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

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Summer in Central New York – what a glorious time of year! Hot days, cool days, rainy days, sunny days – Central New York has it all!

You've probably heard that I'll be moving at the end of August. My last Eucharist with you all will be a joint service at Zion, Greene on August 20th at 10am. Canon Tom Ferguson

from the Bishop's office will be there to officiate and preach.

We've spent 12 and half years ministering together. This was the longest I've ever stayed in one place. Longer even than I spent growing up in what I consider my hometown – Waterloo. I was there for only about 8 years.

All of which is to say that this has been... what? What word can capture the incredibly full life we've shared? We've been through the pivotal moments in life – birth, marriage, death – and all the ordinary moments that make up the bulk of life – working together, planning things, discussing things, stressing over things, rejoicing in things, agreeing, and disagreeing about things.

But as I've preached countless times – when things are done in genuine love (or the most caring fashion we can muster) – God will always honor that. We've had ups and we've had downs and through it all we did our best to genuinely love one another. Every one of you has been an incredible blessing to me and I hope I've been a blessing to you. Now we need to go forward and be blessings to others.

As we part ways, there is a well-established guideline in our church that when clergy leave, they must really leave and let the parishes and clergy that follow begin to develop their own, new relationships. It's harsh, but long experience has shown that it's the best policy. A new pastor needs an opportunity to establish their own ministry with you. Let the Holy Spirit – the spirit of love – guide you and you will be blessed as you are a blessing to others. With my deepest love, may God bless each one of you!

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.

Service Schedule					
Date	Serv ice	OT Reader	Epistle Reader	Acolytes	
July 2	HC	P. Tucker	P. Tucker	B. Vail	
July 9	MP	C. Tarvin	C. Tarvin	B. Vail	
July 16	HC	D. Wieber	D. Wieber	B. Vail	
July 23	MP	P. Tucker	P. Tucker	B. Vail	
July 30	HC	B. Vail	B. Vail	B. Vail	
Aug 6	HC	P. Tucker	P. Tucker	B. Vail	
Aug 13	MP	C. Tarvin	C. Tarvin	B. Vail	
Aug 20	Joint Service of three churches in Greene at 10 AM				
Aug 27	MP	T. Vail	T. Vail	B. Vail	
Sept 3	HC	B. Vail	B. Vail	B. Vail	
READINGS BELOW					
		Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
July 2	HC	Genesis 22:1-14	Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
July 9	MP	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Psalm 45: 11-18	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 16	HC	Genesis 25:19-34	Psalm 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
July 23	MP	Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
July 30	HC	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
Aug 6	HC	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99 or 99:5-9	2 Peter 1:13-21	Luke 9:28-36
Aug 13	MP	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
Aug 20	Joint Service of three churches in Greene at 10 AM				
Aug 27	MP	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Psalm 124	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
Sept 3	HC	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
If you are looking at the above on a computer device, then each reading is a link directly to the reading.					

MORNING PRAYER LEADERS:

July 9 – Denise Wieber; July 23 – Betty Vail/Dan Vail

August 13 – Carol Cimini; August 27 – Betty Vail



Altar Duty for the month of **July is Betty Vail 607-639-1201.**
August is Judy Rettberg 607-208-4023. If you desire flowers on the Altar on a given Sunday, please contact Betty Vail at 607-639-1201 a week in advance.

St. Ann's Prayer List for **July/August 2023**

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	Sophia	Carol	Peter	Fr. David Hanselman	St. Paul's Church
Fran	Chris	Joyce	Judy	Fr. Steven White	St. Andrews's Church
Ollie	David	Mya		Pastor Becky	St. Ann's Church
Anne	Peter	Holly	Hailey	Fr. Geoff Doolittle	St. Peter's Church
Gina	Bill	Bonnie	Cindy	The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe	Zion Church St. Matthew's Church
Harrison	Ollie	Bobbi	Terra	Bishop Michael Curry	Message Ministries
		Jason	Arthur	The Revs Ralph & Liz Groskoph	The General Theological Seminary
		David		Emanuel Church	The Episcopal Divinity School
		Doc		Epiphany Church	

Please keep in your prayers our shut-ins –
 Carol Vail, Joyce Whitney, Grace Affuso, and Bonnie MacPherson



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



7/7 LOGAN TALLMADGE-LABAR
 7/11 MADO CIMINI
 7/12 SONJA & NOAH HANSELMAN
 7/17 GARRETT VAIL & CAROL VAIL
 7/23 MARISSA HARDING
 7/28 DAVID HANSELMAN
 7/29 GINA BONSELL

BIRTHDAYS

8/01 JOEY PARSONS
 8/02 HAILEY TALLMADGE
 8/04 MILTON HARDING
 8/09 AL TUCKER
 8/13 GRAYSON HARDING
 8/14 JUDY RETTBERG
 8/22 AMY WIEBER



ANNIVERSARIES

8/28 KEN & CONNIE BEAMES

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



On July 9th, a Brass cleaning session will take place right after the church service and during coffee hour. Four or five people will be needed for this ministry and should not take over an hour. This is always a good time for all who polish to visit with one another.

On Sunday, July 2nd baby Asher, son of Gina and Wayne Bonsell, grandson to Denise and Amy Wieber will be baptized. Please join us and welcome the youngest member of this family into Christ's fold.



Many Blessings to everyone for a very Happy and Safe summer. St. Ann's will continue to hold services and if you have relatives or friends from out of town, please invite them. to join you at Sunday services.

Why Worry?

By: Linda Ryan

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. – Matt. 6:34

There are times when I do the daily reading and have to try as hard as I can to make it relevant to whatever is going on in my life. Say I read something about leprosy, and try as I do, I just cannot make leprosy fit into my thinking. Granted, I can come up with half a dozen other things, but leprosy? Not really.

I do not remember Jesus ever talking about contamination running across the lawn and into the street, like it did with the other four trailers on my side of the street – contributing abundantly to my own problem. Jesus did talk about people not following God's law, which was to love God and one's neighbor. It was not easy to love my neighbors, at least then.

Life lately seems to have been a bit like the joke about the beaver: "It's just one dam thing after another." I have heard that one at least a hundred times over the last fifty years, and it still makes me giggle. It still rings true, as if problems come along in a predictable procession, usually involving something not working, or being turned off sporadically (like water), financial issues, and similar difficulties. Things are fine right now, but I have my fingers crossed and am raising a few prayers for the break to continue.

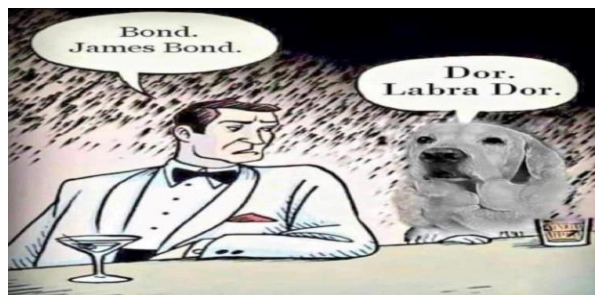
I had to smile when I ran across this part of the reading for today, "Do not worry...." I must have read that bit of scripture a hundred or more times, but this time it felt as if I was being told not to worry about what comes next; it will come in due time. It is true that today's problems are enough, without borrowing trouble from tomorrow, next week, or even next year.

Jesus was undoubtedly familiar with worried people. The Samaritan woman at the well was probably as concerned as she could be that Jesus would reject her because of her ethnicity, her irregular marital status, and the fact that she was a single woman out without a male escort. She had plenty to worry about. Her neighbors probably reminded her of her outcast status daily, and a Jewish man was at the well closest to her home. Jesus surprised her. He spoke of her life and lifestyle without condemnation. He told her not to worry and gave her a message for her neighbors. He set her up as his first evangelist, giving her a message of hope for herself and others with worries, anxieties, and concerns.

I often pray the Serenity Prayer in troublesome times: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." Over the years that I have been repeating that prayer, it has helped me not to worry nearly as much as I used to, and I certainly do not deliberately worry about what might happen somewhere or when. Life has been much more tranquil since I made that prayer a mantra, but now and again, life still throws a curve ball to remind me that life is not all beer and Skittles, or that it is even a series of metaphors to be tossed around.

So, I thank God today for the reminder that worry is useless because it does not change anything. What will happen will happen, whether or not I fret about it. I should remember the part from Psalm 55, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee" (v. 22a). Whether I place it in a more modern version of English or the King James Version, I learned as a child, it is a reminder to let God take care of it. I do not know if Bobby McFerrin had God in mind, but he seemed to be channeling a message from God when he wrote the song that made him famous, "Don't worry, be happy."

Sounds like good advice to me. There. I feel better already.



Peace amid the Chaos

*Depend on the Lord and his strength; always go to him for help.
Remember the miracles he has done; remember his wonders.
and his decisions.*
Psalm 105:4-5 NCV

Sometimes peace can be a scarce commodity in a demanding twenty-first century world. How, then, can we find the peace we are so desperately desire? By slowing down, by keeping problems in perspective, by counting our blessings, and by trusting God.

Dorothy Harrison Pentecost wrote, "Peace is full confidence that God is who. He says He is and that He will keep every promise in His Word." Fellow author Beth Moore said, "Prayer guards hearts and minds and causes God to bring peace. out chaos."

Today, as you journey out into the chaos of the world, bring God's peace with you. And remember: the chaos is temporary, but God's peace is permanent.

To know God as He really is--in His essential nature and character-- is to arrive at a citadel of peace that circumstances may storm but can never capture.

Catherine Marshall



CHURCH TERMS: -- GENUFLECTION or GENUFLEXION -- Latin, "to bend the knee." The act of recognizing Christ's presence by the bending of the right knee before entering and on leaving the pew. His presence is symbolized by the reserved Host.



Vestry Hi-lites

1. The only updates from vestry were outreach which for July was designated for Crime Victims of Broome County and for August it was split between the Chenango County SPCA and the Broome County Humane Society. tcv

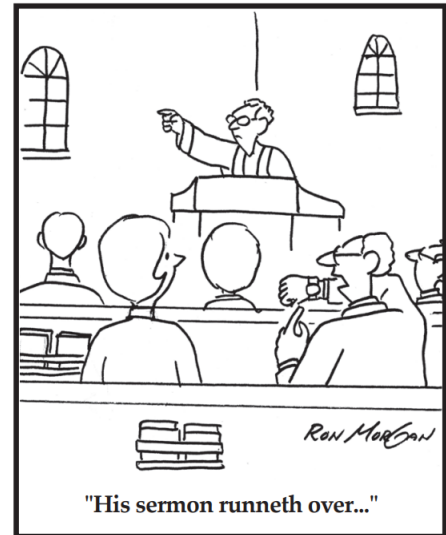


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A few aphorisms:

- "How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?"
- "No one ever says 'It's only a game' when their team is winning."
- "Politicians and babies should be changed often, and for the same reason." (Mark Twain)

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"WE WILL NEVER HAVE TRUE
CIVILIZATION UNTIL WE HAVE LEARNED
TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS."
– Will Rogers

Happy July 4!

Religion can survive in the absence of freedom. But freedom without religion is dangerous and unstable. Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

– George Washington
Farewell address

Thomas Jefferson wrote on the front of his Bible:

"I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. I have little doubt that our whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator, and, I hope, to the pure doctrine of Jesus also."

July 4 sign outside Lititz, PA, Moravian Congregation:
"Prayer is our Declaration of Dependence on God."

– via Pastor Dean Jurgen

Sign outside New Hope Baptist Church:

"This Sunday!
Blessing of the Animals.
Barbecue after the service."

– via Howard R. Macy
Newberg, OH

The Final Word



Stress Matthew 11:28:30— *Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke fits perfectly and the burden I give you is light.”*

One of the greatest problems of our culture is busyness. It undoubtedly contributes to everything from heart disease to poor nutrition to alienations within families. Sometimes we even pursue our spiritual lives at an unhealthy, breakneck speed. Although committed involvement in the ministries of the local church his good, Jesus reminds us here that he wants to give us not more busyness and stress, but rest for our weary souls. Are you allowing your religious activities to rob you of the peace and rest Jesus intends?

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