### 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 Tracey Tallmadge: 607-343-1301



#### YOU ARE SPECIAL TO GOD

For God does not show favoritism. Romans 2:11

God has no "favorites". Whether you are an ordinary person, or a celebrity, in God's eyes you are special because you are one of His creatures; His child and He loves you. You are a unique creation of His hand, and you have special value in His eyes.

So many people torture themselves with the thought that they are unworthy in comparison to other believers, or that they have disappointed God. But Jesus reached out to both the worthy and the unworthy. They all received His love, care, grace, and compassion.

Do not give in to feelings of inferiority or unworthiness. The Redeemer came for the salvation of all people, both the righteous and sinners.

I know that You live and that You have forgiven my sins. Through Your precious blood I have inherited peace. Amen.

The 5th Sunday of the month, October 29, has been changed to Holy Eucharist.

The first Sunday of the month in November will be Morning Prayer.

Our supply clergy is not available for Holy Eucharist on November 5.

### OCTOBER 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. Bettom415@aol.com, Yes, the "zoom" service is different, but change is what life is all about.

Service Schedule											
Date	Service	OT Reader	<b>Epistle Reader</b>	Acolytes							
Oct 1	HC	C. Cimini	C. Cimini	D. Wieber							
Oct 8	MP	C. Tarvin	C. Tarvin	B. Vail							
Oct 15	HC	Judy Rettberg	D.Wieber	B. Vail							
Oct 22	MP	T. Tallmadge	T. Tallmadge	B. Vail							
Oct 29	HC	Judy Rettberg	Judy Rettberg	B. Vail							
Nov 5	MP	C. Cimini	C. Cimini	B. Vail							
READINGS BELOW											
		Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel						
Oct 1	HC	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32						
Oct 8	MP	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Psalm 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46						
Oct 15	НС	Exodus 32:1-14	Psalm 106:1-6, 19- 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14						
Oct 22	MP	Exodus 33:12-23	Psalm 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22						
Oct 29	нс	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46						
Nov 5	MP	Joshua 3:7-17	Psalm 107:1-7, 33- 37	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12						
If you are looking at the above on a computer device, then each reading is a link directly to the reading.											

October 8 – Carol Cimini

October 22 - Denise & Amy Wieber

November 5 – Betty Vail & Tracey Tallmadge



Altar Duty for the month of Carlons Altar Guild 1201 and Tracey Tallmadge 607-343-1301. If you desire Altar Duty for the month of OCTOBER is Betty Vail 607-639flowers 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 October 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.

<b>Short Term</b>			Long Term					
Dorothy	Anne		Carol	Cindy		Fr. David Hanselman	St. Paul's Church	
Melrose	Judy		Mya	David		Fr. Steven White	St. Andrews's Church	
Bill	MaryAnn		Holly	Terra		Pastor Becky	St. Ann's Church	
Rachel&Alan			Bonnie	Arthur		Fr. Geoff Doolittle	St. Peter's Church	
Bishop Michael Curry			Bobbi	Jason		The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe	Zion Church St. Matthew's Church	
						James Kim	Message Ministries	
						The Revs Ralph & Liz Groskoph	The General Theological Seminary	
						<b>Emanuel Church</b>	The Episcopal Divinity School	
						<b>Epiphany Church</b>	James	

# Please keep in your prayers our shut-ins – Carol Vail and Bonnie MacPherson

The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Divinity School. The Learning Communities Initiative of the The following prayer is from the Evening Prayer service in the Book of



Diocese.

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.

### Birthdays

10/12 Rylee Noone 10/19 Ella Parsons 10/22 Carol Cimini 10/31 Andrea DeBetta



10/6 Calvin&Tracey
Tallmadge

& ANNIVERSARIES

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



CHURCH TERMS: LUKE, THE EVANGELIST – Not an Apostle, but the devoted physician of Paul. He had studied at Antioch and probably was converted after Christ's ascension. He is the author of "The Gospel according to St. Luke" and "The Acts of the Apostles." He is commemorated on October 18. His symbol is the ox. Liturgical color: red

#### Learning to say NO

Grow a wise heart—you'll do yourself a favor; keep a clear head—you'll find a good life. Proverbs 19:8 MSG

The greatest time-saving mechanism—and the most underutilized—is the word NO. Until you learn to say no politely, firmly, and often, you'll find your calendar clogged with time-consuming commitments.

People who overcommit and underserve lead lives filled with endless complications: they find themselves overworked, underappreciated, overstressed, and underpaid.

You can simplify your life by making a simple yet powerful pledge: promise to undertake only those things you can do and do well. Treat your time as you would treat any other priceless asset and watch the changes a simple two-letter word can make in your life. If you just set out to be liked, you would be prepared to compromise on anything at any time, and you would achieve nothing. Margaret Thatcher (once Prime Minister of Britain)

### October 2023 Special Days

- World Communion Sunday October 1, 2023
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday October 8, 2023
- Columbus Day observed October 9, 2023
- Reformation Sunday October 29, 2023
- Reformation Day October 31, 2023



### **Vestry Hi-lites**

#### **Vestry Hi-lites from September 2023**

- 1. September outreach was divided between "Food for the Poor" and "Chenango County Emergency Housing."
- 2. It was noted that Treasurer Gary Zurn is working on setting up the new software for the Afton Glenwood Cemetery Association. St. Ann's is subsidizing the software for this project.
- 3. Discussion on Annual Meeting which will be October 1st.
- 4. Stewardship Sunday will be November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 5. The annual audit of the books has been completed and submitted to the Diocese.
- 6. Rector search process was discussed. There will be a meeting with Canon Tom Ferguson on September 21<sup>st</sup> which will include St. Ann's, Zion, and St. Paul's churches.
- 7. It was decided to go with "zoom" services for January and February, with a priest if available and by us if not.

"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 in his farewell address.

A man told his friend that he had been working to get rid of a lot of old "stuff" in the attic of his house. He said, "I was even able to throw out a large, old Bible that had been printed by some guy named Gooden... or Gutten..." "Not Guttenberg!?" his friend said, astounded. "Yeah, that's it."

"But don't you know that's a priceless, very rare Bible.?" "I don't think so," the man replied. "It had scribbles in all the margins by some guy named Martin Luther."

You know inflation is high when it takes five apples a day to keep the doctor away.

"We will never have true civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others." Will Rogers

### The United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church

The fall "ingathering" for the UTO, this year, will be November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please think about how we have all been blessed and consider supporting this worthy cause. Contributions may be mailed directly to St. Ann's or put in the enclosed envelope and placed in the offering on a Sunday. service.

### Thanks for the Help

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where someone is trying to tell you how to do everything? They find fault with whatever you are doing and always have a suggestion on how to do it better. I suspect you find it irritating and there are times when you would really like to tell them off. Perhaps you have told them exactly what you think of their unsolicited advice...and possibly them...and then feel guilty because you have done so. This little story addresses that problem.

According to a story that appeared in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, umpire Bill Guthrie was working an afternoon baseball game. The visiting team catcher made it his business to protest nearly every one of Guthrie's calls. Guthrie endured the heckling for three innings and then it got the best of him. In the fourth inning, when the catcher started to complain, Guthrie promptly stopped him. "Son," he said gently, "you've been a big help to me calling balls and strikes, and I appreciate it. But I think I've got the hang of it now. So, I'm going to ask you to go to the clubhouse and show them how to take a shower." Many times, people try to be the expert at everything and find it necessary to criticize the work others are doing. We can learn, as the catcher did, there's no sense arguing with the one calling the game when your job is to play the game.

It would have been well within the umpire's right to kick the catcher out of the game and tell him to "Shut up and hit the showers," but he didn't. He accomplished the same thing, but in a manner that the catcher will probably never forget.

Frequently our reaction to someone like this catcher is to respond in a like manner. Such a reaction, however, tends to escalate an already unpleasant situation, and it can get out of control. When tempers flare, it can become physical with someone getting hurt, but perhaps worse is the likelihood of words being said that can hurt far more than physical blows...and words once spoken cannot be recalled. Sometimes relationships are destroyed forever. Okay---probably not in the case of a baseball game---but certainly in family situations, business dealings, and friendships...among those we love and care for. Profuse apologies may help, even restore a broken relationship, but it doesn't erase the words or the hurt, at least not immediately.

We need to remember, in such situations, to think and act coolly, and to respond appropriately, yet not hurtfully. We are called to tell the truth in love—sometimes it is difficult, but it is the best way.

The Rev. Guido F. Verbeck, St. Paul's, Shreveport

# November 5, 2023





## 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



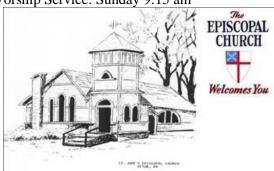
There is no Final Word due to illness.

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