

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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From your Wardens

This summer our newsletter will see a change for three months. Father David is on Sabbatical for three months and will not be writing his usual monthly letter. Other arrangements have been made to fill his spot. This month your two Wardens, Tracey and Betty will do a short newsletter.

As most of us know church attendance is declining, but we continue to remain faithful. At St. Ann's we continue to be blessed with Father David's informational sermons, his continual positive attitude and his love for his parishioners. He is an attentive father and husband. He serves three parishes, St. Ann's, Zion, Greene and St. Paul's in Oxford. He is the Dean of the Chenango District and involved with the Oxford Vets Home and other organizations with occasional trips to the Diocese in Syracuse, NY. On Palm Sunday it was St. Paul's turn for Father Dave to conduct Holy Eucharist. This meant that St. Ann's would not have Holy Communion and the lay people would conduct Morning Prayer. Father David did his best in looking for a Priest to come to St. Ann's and conduct Holy Eucharist on Palm Sunday. Much to our surprise, he was at a meeting and the Canon to Ordinary Carrie Schofield Broadbent told Fr. David that she would be delighted to travel from Syracuse to assist us. Once again the Holy Spirit was watching over us. Much to our delight, we had a wonderful Palm Sunday and a delightful time with Mother Carrie.

Once again Father David worked his magic and sent Father Geoff Doolittle to assist with the three parishes. Father Geoff, upon meeting him for the first time, is a very easy person to have among us and his sermons are superior and thought provoking. He will conduct Holy Eucharist the first and third Sundays at St. Ann's and is available for visitation during coffee hour. We hope you will join us during the summer attending our services and taking time to meet Fr. Geoff.

Blessings to each of you for a wonderful Spring and Summer!

From your Wardens-
Betty and Tracey

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!

Service Schedule						
Date	Service	OT Reader	Epistle Reader	CS	EM	Acolytes
June 3	HC	C.Cimini	J.Rettberg	AC	CC	A.Cimini/B.Vail
June 10	MP	Church	Picnic		----	
June 17	HC	A.Wieber	D.Wieber	BV	DW	B.Vail/D.Wieber
June 24	MP	AW	D.Vail	DV	----	D.Vail
July 1	HC	C.Cimini	J.Rettberg	AC	JR	A.Cimini/B.Vail
Church School		Morning Prayer		Food Pantry		
June 3	K.Vail	June 10	T.Vail/B.Vail	June 11	Pat & Al Tucker	
		June 24	D.Wieber/B.Vail	June 13	J. Rettberg & R. Felldin	
Lectionary (Year B)						
Date	Service	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle Reading	Gospel Reading	
June 3	Trinity	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6	
June 10		1 Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15	Psalm 138	2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1	Mark 3:20-35	
June 17		1 Samuel 15:34—16:13	Psalm 20	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Mark 4:26-34	
June 24		1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23)32-49	Psalm 9:9-20	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41	
July 1		2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43	

Altar Duty for the month of June is Betty Vail, 639-1201. If you are giving flowers in memory a loved one, please notify Peter Vail 607-639-1444 no later than the Thursday before the designated Sunday so that he can include a notice in the bulletin.

JUNE 3rd is the last day of Church School. Many huge thanks to our teachers who have taught our young people. Your lessons and crafts will always remain with them as they mature in life.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be held at Kellystone Park on June 10th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your own place setting.

JUNE 21ST 7:00PM



Afton High School Baccalaureate



JUNE 17th Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday.

CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE

*6/1 Duane Kane
6/1 Mya Boston
6/9 Stephanie Proffitt
6/10 Heather Cottell
6/22 Mike DeBetta*



6/23 Alan & Jane Seacat



Please email me below if you want your dates added.

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Tracey and I as Wardens of St. Ann's wish to thank everyone who contribute their time with reading, Acolyting, Eucharist Minister, Children's sermons, conducting Morning Prayer, folding and handing out programs, contributing to coffee hour, manning the Food Pantry, teaching church school, Vestry members and a special thanks to Pete and Tom Vail for programming the music and doing our weekly program for everyone. May God watch over all of you and bless you wherever you may be.

Betty and Tracey

Thank You, God!

What's it all about?

[Thirty-three congregations in Central New York](#) are entering a new stage of discernment through the Learning Communities Initiative in 2018.

Robin Felldin, Amedeo Cimini, Carol Cimini have committed to this program. Our smaller group consists of people from 3 Churches - Greene, Sherbourne, and Afton. Thanks for your help in this.

To date, we have had 3 local meetings March - Greene, April- Sherbourne, May- St Ann's. About 10 people met, led by Father Tom Margrave. We read a Bible passage several times, then get together in teams of 2 to discuss what we can learn from the passages - historically, spiritually. Then we discuss God Moments that we have witnessed around us. We were encouraged to walk our neighbourhoods and observe thus being more in tune with who and what surrounds us.

Right now, we are preparing for the June 2nd all-day meeting in Hamilton NY. Then we will proceed to the ACTION part of the program. next three local meetings will be July- Greene, August- Sherburne, September- St Ann's, Afton

Website: <https://cnyepiscopal.org/resources/formation/learning-communities/>

Each participating congregation will be discerning their unique answer to this question: **“When you consider the gifts you have been given and the needs of our world, what future do you imagine God is bringing forth in our midst?”** The answer needs to come from Christ and our willingness to ask hard questions and listen for answers, as well as our ability to take risks, secure in our standing in Christ.

What is a Learning Community?

A learning community is a group of congregations who commit to one another in a nine-month learning experience. Through prayer, skill-building, action and reflection they address their most pressing questions about the future. The experience includes three Saturday workshops and ongoing coaching calls with diocesan leaders and Dwight Zscheile (author of *The Agile Church*) and Michael Binder.

[How will my congregation benefit?](#)

- Train effective lay spiritual leaders through workshops and coaching.
- Learn to discern and respond to God's leading.
- Deepen your congregation's spirituality.
- Build connections with other congregations.
- Engage and inspire your membership.
- Affirm your faith that God has a vital role for your congregation to play.

Please feel free to contact Robin or Mado and Carol for more info on this subject. Also thank you for taking the time to do this important ministry.

St. Ann's Prayer List for June 2018

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. Please note: Long term names will be left on the list indefinitely, short term names for two months unless updated.

Short Term

Duane
Pastor Sue
Raevin
Marion
Dawn
Hailey
Ben
Judy
Trisa
Woodie
John
Eli
Noah
Bill
Pat
Chuck

Long Term

Fr. David Hanselman Fr. Steve White
Fr. Bruce MacDuffie Deacon Kay
Pastor Becky Fr. Geoff Doolittle
Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe
Bishop Michael Curry
The Revs Ralph & Liz Groskoph
Emmanuel Church
Epiphany Church
Zion Church
St. Paul's Church
St. Andrew's Church
St. Matthew's Church
St. Peter's Church
Dakota
Carol
Peter
Joyce
Mya
Holly
Cindy
Lois
Clifford
Richard
Bill
Kevin
Dakota



The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Divinity School. The Rector search for Emanuel, St. Andrew's & St. Matthew's churches. 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.



Vestry Highlights for May 2018 May 20, 2018

- **Approved a contribution to Afton Glenwood Cemetery to help with their purchase of a new lawnmower.**
- **A thank you was received from the Oxford Vets home for our contribution towards the purchase of personal items for residents. Several other possible “outreach” candidates were discussed as were possibilities for the balance of our tithe of the Todd bequest.**
- **Selection of the color for new formica for the kitchen was approved.**
- **Baccalaureate service for Afton Central School will be at St. Ann’s on Thursday, June 21st. Deacon Kay to conduct the service.**
- **Suggestions for revising our Sunday School curriculum were requested and will be discussed further at the June Vestry meeting.**
- **Financial report indicates that we are holding our own financially.**

Father’s Day reflections

“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.”

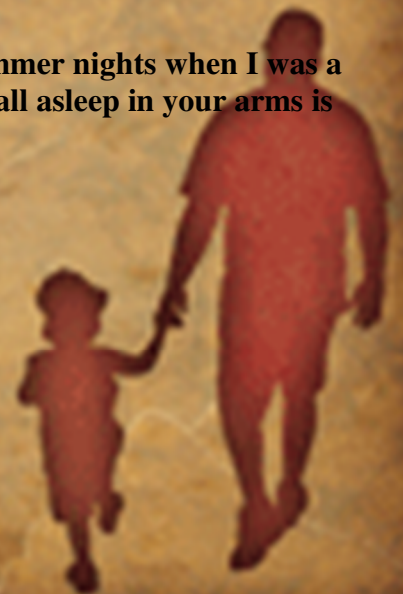
Clarence Buddington-Kelland

“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

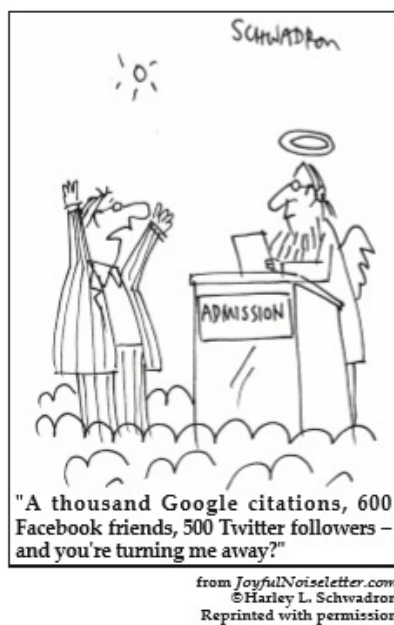
“I’ve learned that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult. I’ve learned that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.”

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*



The Final Word



There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

(Reprinted from the June 2010 News)

In the Epistle reading for Pentecost 4, Paul refutes the teaching that certain requirements must be met before a person can be saved.

It seems to me that if Paul were writing to us in our time, he might have said, there is no longer Methodist or Presbyterian, there is no longer Baptist or Roman Catholic, there is no longer Congregational or Episcopalian, and maybe even, there is no longer St. Ann's or St. Peter's or Zion! However I'm sure he would still make his point that "all of you are one in Christ Jesus!"

Are we one in Christ Jesus? As we encounter challenges and difficulties in our church are we focused on discerning what God is calling us to do and how we might be more effective in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ? Or are we concentrating on how to keep St. Ann's as we would like to see it? These are tough questions, to be sure, maybe even uncomfortable ones, but they must be addressed.

St. Ann's has always been blessed with a strong and talented laity that has weathered many a storm over the years. And it is no different now. Several among us have indicated a willingness to lead services. A few years ago, a goodly number of parishioners attended Fr. Ralph's training for Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Attendance at Chenango District meetings has been gratifying. A strong sense of being one in Christ is evident in our worship and during the laying on of hands for healing.

As we continue to seek God's will for St. Ann's, it is imperative that we encourage each other to identify strengths and talents and to use them to spread the Good News as brothers and sisters who are one in Christ. It is then that people will say, "Look how they love one another!" PCV

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