

## 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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It's March and Lent is upon us!

1<sup>st</sup>, as I recall, the only book I cited in any of my February sermons was C.S. Lewis' collection of essays entitled "God in the Dock". Excellent book!

Now, as we approach Lent, I got to wondering why we celebrate different liturgical seasons at all. Our Ash Wednesday service tells us, "it became the custom of the Church to prepare for [Good Friday and Easter] by a season of penitence and fasting." It was a time to prepare new converts and reconcile those who had been separated from the "body of the faithful" so that "the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel..., and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith." BCP, p. 264f

So much for why we observe Lent (btw, I have to remind you that the earliest celebration of Christians was the weekly remembrance of Christ's Resurrection. As Lent developed, Sundays were, and still are, celebrated as feast days. That is, whatever your Lenten discipline, please remember that Sunday is a day of celebration (i.e. if you give up sweets, you can have them on Sundays).

So, why do we celebrate seasons – liturgical seasons and holy days? The Puritans did away with all such things (even going so far as getting rid of Christmas!) calling them mere superstitions.

In Lionel Mitchell's "Praying Shapes Believing: A Theological Commentary on the Book of Common Prayer", p. 14, we find this quote from Massey Shepherd:

The Christian year is a mystery through which every moment and all the times and seasons of this life are transcended and fulfilled in that reality which is beyond time. Each single holy day, each single Gospel [reading] in the sequence of the year, is of itself a sacrament of the whole Gospel. Each single feast renews the fullness and fulfillment of the Feast of feasts, our death and resurrection with Christ.

But this renewal and fulfillment doesn't just happen on its own. We must be willing participants. Through it, though, we'll find more of God's incredible gifts and grace. Blessing upon blessing to you all!

**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
Mar 3	HC	C.Cimini	A.Cimini	AC	CC	A.Cimini/Tracey
Mar 6 HC	Ash Wed					
Mar 10	MP	A.Weiber	R.Felldin	RF	-----	Tracey
Mar 17	HC	M.Harding	J.Rettberg	MH	DH/DD	B.Vail/Tracey
Mar 24	MP	A.Weiber	D.Weiber	TV		D.Weiber
Mar 31	MP	A.Weiber	B.Vail	MH	-----	D.Vail
Apr 7	HC	B.Vail	J.Rettberg	BV	JR	B.Vail/Tracey
Church School		Morning Prayer		Food Pantry		
Mar 3	R.Felldin			Mar 11	B.Vail/T.Tallmadge	
Mar 10	B.Vail	D.Weiber		Mar 13	J.Rettberg/M.Kelly	
Mar 17	No CS					
Mar 24	K.Vail	B.Vail				
Mar 31	T.Vail	D.Weiber	M.Harding			
Lectionary (Year A)						
Date	Service	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle Reading	Gospel Reading	
Mar 3		Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-42	Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)	
Mar 10		Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13	
Mar 17		Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35	
Mar 24		Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9	
Mar 31		Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	
Apr 7		Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8	
Ash Wednesday if you do it		Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	

**Altar Duty** for the month of March is Tracey Tallmadge. *Please note: There will be no flowers on the Altar during Lent, which begins March 6, 2019.*

**St. Ann's Prayer List for March 2019**

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**

Raevin  
Marion  
Bill  
John  
Pat  
Chuck  
Charlie  
Lucian  
Lisa  
Tina  
Doris  
Cindy  
Pat  
Jim  
Jason  
Riley  
Bonnie  
Craig  
Janet

**Long Term**

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



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 eep. 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.*



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**  
begins March 10, 2019. Set your clocks ahead one hour  
before retiring on Saturday evening.



6<sup>th</sup> Connie Beames  
7<sup>th</sup> Nancy Setford and Bobbi Zurn  
16<sup>th</sup> Alan Seacat  
25<sup>th</sup> Jody Proffitt  
27<sup>th</sup> Melrose Kelly  
28<sup>th</sup> Tracey Tallmadge and Laurin Felldin

No Anniversaries

**Please send your birthday/anniversary dates to me @**  
**[cttallmadg@aol.com](mailto:cttallmadg@aol.com) or advise me at church.**





### **BISHOP VISITATION: On Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>,**

Bishop De-De will be visiting St. Ann's. It is hoped that everyone will welcome her as she is an inspiring speaker that captures your attention. She is also a very down to earth person and a lot of fun to visit with. One of her out-of-the office passions is riding her motorcycle. There will be plenty of time for everyone to visit with her and if you have questions, please ask as they are important to her. *Please mark your calendars and join St. Ann's for this special time with Bishop De-De.*

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**Verger** - An attendant who carries the crosier before the bishop as a symbol of his position and authority.

**Crozier, or Crosier** - The pastoral staff of a Bishop. It was originally a walking stick and later acquired the symbolism of a shepherd's crook. It is a sign of pastoral authority. It may also be carried by abbots and abbesses.

In liturgy the diocesan bishop carries the crozier in the left hand, with the crook facing outward. Although the crozier was originally part of the insignia of all bishops, it is now used mainly by diocesans in their own jurisdictions. Its use dates from the seventh century. In the Eastern Orthodox Church the staff is surmounted by a cross between two serpents. A crozier is not the same as the archepiscopal cross, carried before archbishops in procession.





LENT - A penitential season with special weekly services to commemorate the suffering and death of Jesus. It begins on Ash Wednesday, a movable date, and lasts for forty days until Easter. The fifth week of Lent is called Passion Week, and the sixth, Holy Week. Liturgical color: violet, except on Good Friday when it is black.



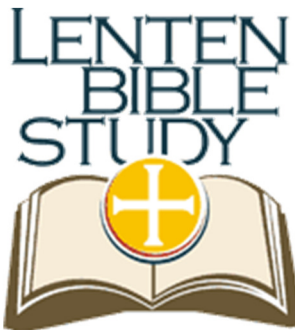
**ASH WEDNESDAY** service will begin at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann's with imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist. Please join us .



I turned to the Lord God and  
pleaded with him in prayer  
and petition, in fasting,  
and in sackcloth and ashes.



Bible Study will begin we are asking those who plan some time together before begin at 6:30 and will finish Diarmaid MacCulloch's A Thousand Years. A period of



Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. This year to attend to bring a sandwich and share the program begins. The program will by 7:30. Father David will present History of Christianity – The First Three learning as we enter into Lent.

## ABOVE and BEYOND the DAILY GRIND

Careful planning puts you ahead in the long run; hurry and scurry puts you further behind. *Proverbs 21:5 MSG*

Because you're a citizen of the twenty-first century, you're probably busy.....very busy But here's a question: are you able to squeeze time into your hectic schedule for the things that matter most---things like family, friends, rest, exercise, and worship? Hopefully so. But if you're having trouble putting first things first---or if you find yourself putting them off altogether, it's time to reshuffle your priorities. You live in a noisy world, a world filled with distractions, frustrations, temptations, and complications. But if you allow the commotion of everyday life to distract you from your most important priorities, you'll be doing yourself and your loved ones a disservice. Don't make that mistake. Instead, put first things first and let lesser things take care of themselves.



## March 2019 Special Days

*Some of the special days celebrated in March are:*

- World Day of Prayer — March 1, 2019 See [Prayer](#) for related art.
- Transfiguration Sunday — March 3, 2019 See [Transfiguration](#) for related art.
- Ash Wednesday — March 6, 2019 See [Ash Wednesday](#) for related art.
- Daylight-Saving Time begins — March 10, 2019 See [Daylight-Saving Time](#) for related art.
- Girl Scout Sunday — March 12, 2019 See [Scouts](#) for related art.
- St. Patrick's Day — March 17, 2019 See [St. Patrick's Day](#) for related art.
- First Day of Spring — March 20, 2019 See [Spring](#) for related art.

**The Final Word** (Reprinted from 2014)

*No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide you the way out so that you may be able to endure it.*

*1 Corinthians 10:13 (Reading for March 24 1 Corinthians 10:1-13)*

How often, when finding ourselves in a situation that tests us do we say, “Why me, Lord?” Paul, in his 1st letter to the Christians in Corinth, provides the answer: You are no different than anyone else, (i.e., why not you?) God will see that you get through it. And, although it may be difficult to see it while we’re being tested, it’s likely that we’ll grow from the experience. The secret is having faith that God is with us to get us through it.

Peter, in his first letter, elaborates on the benefits of enduring testing and maintaining that faith. He says, “May God bless you with his special favor and wonderful peace as you come to know Jesus, our God and Lord, better and better.

“As we know Jesus better and better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness! And by that same mighty power, he has given us all of his rich and wonderful promises.

“So make every effort to apply the benefits of these promises to your life. Then your faith will produce a life of moral excellence. A life of moral excellence leads to knowing God better. Knowing God leads to self-control. Self-control leads to patient endurance, and patient endurance leads to godliness. Godliness leads to love for other Christians, and finally you will grow to have genuine love for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more you will become productive and useful in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” What more can we ask?

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