



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

December 2023

Musings from a cluttered desk.....

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The Mission of our Parish
is to be an
active community reflecting
God's presence
in Chittenango
and other communities
we represent.

Our Services

Sundays at 9 AM

Join us on Zoom!

Link will be posted to our
Facebook page every week

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The turkey has been eaten, all of the wonderful sides are resting comfortably in containers in the fridge, the pies have been demolished, and we are all stuffed to the gills.

We have so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to. Simple things, like getting our Christmas decorations out and listening to Christmas music. Complicated things, like going thru Advent. What is Advent? This comes from the Episcopal Church's website:

"The first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming." The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory."

Each Sunday has a traditional meaning and prayers and readings assigned to it; they represent, in order, love, joy, hope, and peace.

The first Sunday, the closest to November 30th—this year it will be December 3rd, will be the Sunday of Hope. We will light the first candle on the Advent wreath and say a prayer. For without hope, we have no light. Hope requires belief.

The second Sunday, December 10th is the Sunday of Peace. In today's world, this is a hard one. So when the second candle is lit, you can pray for peace in the world, peace in your community, peace in your family, or peace within yourself. These prayers can bring you comfort and ease your worries.

The third Sunday, December 17th is the Sunday of Joy! What brings you joy? Tap into that, I read somewhere that joy doesn't just happen, we have to choose to have it daily.

The fourth Sunday, December 24th is the Sunday of Love. Love can be uplifting, life changing and even devastating. But one thing for certain in the world, is God's love for us. Everlasting. God IS love and we should not only remember this, we need to live this.

At the Christmas Eve service, we also light the last candle, the white candle. The Christ candle—the symbol of Christ's birth.

I have always loved Advent, the anticipation of Christmas coming, and as I get older, I find deeper meaning and connections with the prayers and hymns during this time.

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New Prayer List for December 2023/January 2024 has been posted on the bulletin board.

If you wish to have someone added to St. Paul's Prayer list, please contact Becky Kraus atbak092364@gmail.com / 315 382-9056 or Robin Weisbrod at rdweisbrod@gmail.com / 315 655-4321.



If anyone would like a written copy of the weekly lessons/Gospel, Psalm, and Fr. Leon's sermon, either mailed to you or emailed to you - please contact the Church, by phone or by email and let Becky know. She will drop them in the mail to you weekly.

Please email
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Want to donate to St. Paul's?
Not sure how to do it online?

Go to: <https://cnyepiscopal.org/give/> click on "Give to my Parish" and look for St. Paul's Chittenango.

You will get an email stating your donation has gone thru and our Treasurer will get an email, with your name and amount given.

Join us on SATURDAY, December 23th at 10 AM to decorate the Church and the Parish Hall for our Christmas Season.

Have been to church in awhile? That's okay, we would love to see you and have your help. What's the saying? Many hands make light work!!

Kids are especially welcome! Hope to see you there.

December

Birthdays

09 Jan Lee
 20 Don Lee
 21 Tania Mousaw

Anniversaries

Ministry Team Schedule

December 3, 2023

Holy Eucharist
 Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.
 L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Fran Abriola
 Prayers: Fran Abriola
 Acolytes: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Vestry

December 10, 2023

Morning Prayer
 Robin Weisbrod
 Lessons: Meg Hermann
 Prayers: Meg Hermann
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

December 17, 2023

Holy Eucharist
 Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.
 L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Sue Gerling
 Prayers: Sue Gerling
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

December 24, 2023

Morning Prayer
 Robin Weisbrod
 Lessons: Judy Olmsted
 Prayers: Judy Olmsted
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

December 24, 2023, The Nativity

7:30pm
 Holy Eucharist
 Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.
 L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Sue Gerling
 Prayers: Sue Gerling
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Vestry

December 31, 2023

Holy Eucharist
 Rev. Charles Grover
 L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Tania Mousaw
 Prayers: Tania Mousaw
 Acolytes: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer



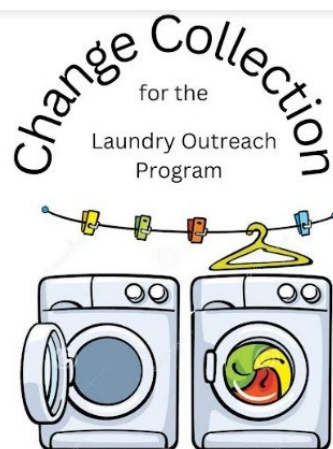
Altar Guild for December:
 Judy Olmsted
 Robin Weisbrod

So far in November we have 3 Coffee Hour spots needed to be filled. Can you find it in your heart to fill that spot? Maybe even join up with someone else? Home-made is wonderful, but don't let this stop you!! We love fruit, cheese, heck—ANY kind of sweets to go with our coffee!!

Thank you to those of you who have faithfully brought us goodies!!! They are ALL truly appreciated.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board, down towards the left hand bottom.

Thank you!!



Join us in saving Quarters and drop them in the change container in the Parish Hall.

Not able to get to the Parish Hall?

- make a donation to the church and on the memo line put Laundry Donation!!

Thank you for supporting this new Outreach program.

So, why not join us this Advent season? Slow down during the crazy commercialization we all face, find a little Peace, Love, Hope and Joy during the hour we are together. Join us for coffee and share how your lives are with us. We would love to hear it!

God bless us all, as we move forward in this life.

Robin Weisbrod

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. —John 14:27



Information for the Masses

Did you know, that if you even watch our service online—either at the time of the service OR even at a later date, and you let Robin know that you watched—and you do this at least 3 times, it counts as being a member.

Did you know, that if you Pledge—no matter the amount and you send it in faithfully, it counts as being a member.

Did you know, that just SAYING you are a member of St. Paul's, may make you feel good, but you need to at least attend church either virtually or physically to be a member.

Did you know, that we love you?

Did you know that we miss you?

Did you know, that if you could volunteer to help us out with our Laundry Angels or a new and exciting mission we have coming up, would mean the world to us and the Community of Chittenango.

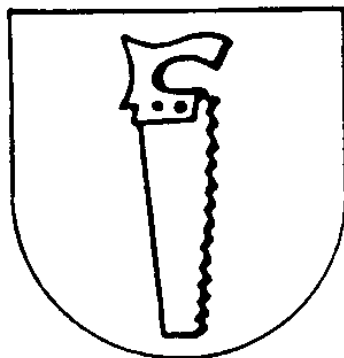
Did you know? No? Well you do now.

We would love to see your smiling face, no matter what.

Let us know if you would like a Pledge card, we will get it right out to you.

Did you know? You can pledge ONLINE!!

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Saint James the Lesser Shield

Saint James the Lesser was a brother of Jesus.

While little is known about him due to his retiring nature, it is known that he preached throughout Jerusalem until he was stoned to death and his body was sawn asunder, hence the stones and saw on his emblem.

Quick Fact: author of the first Catholic epistle, son of Alphaeus and Mary, brother of the Lord, a witness of Resurrection, pillar of the Church.

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