



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

February 2024

“Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of this faith is to see what you believe”

—Saint Augustine

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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 Annual Meeting has come and gone. If you weren't at the meeting or watching the service online (YES! You can do that you know.) you didn't hear me recounting what we did or what we changed over the past 12 months. To me, it is outstanding what St. Paul's is able to accomplish, with a dedicated group of believers. We believe that we are here to help those in Chittenango that we can help. We believe that we are here to help those in the greater area of the Town of Sullivan. We believe we are here to help those in Madison County. We believe.

Do you realize our attendance averages out to 15 people. FIFTEEN. And yet - we do wonderful things at our little Church. Repeat after me: Thank you Parishioners of St. Paul's. That's right - we need to thank ourselves - no one else does it for us, we do it for us. THANK YOU!!

As I mentioned during the meeting, thank you to all who have donated to the Building Fund - after really taking a hard long look at the building, I can see that we are really looking at a long haul. There is so much that needs repair and replacing, but we will do it! Our gem of a church is worth saving, our congregation is worth saving. I will fight till the end to keep us viable and going and I know YOU WILL TOO. As things are fixed/repared, I will do my best to share that information here.

Another thing that was brought up, was starting up a Diaper Bank here at St. Paul's. It would be one Saturday a month, and anyone from Madison County that can get to us is welcome. The idea is at baby stages and our Outreach Commission is looking for volunteers to help with brainstorming, planning and scheduling. This will not happen overnight, it might even take us a year to get this up and running, I hope not. Putting this out there to the local population - once we get this going, this would be a good Community Service project for your High School student.

We are also going to be more intentional with our Laundry Angels and the Bread and Butter Sunday. So far, on the Laundry Angel team we have:

Lynn Mozeliak
Tania Mousaw
Meg Hermann
Val Travers
Robin Weisbrod

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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.

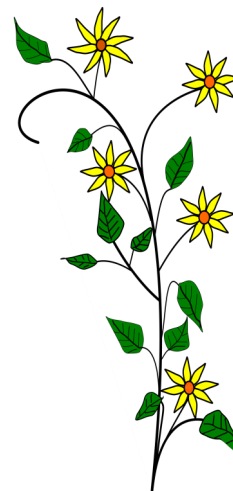
You will get an email stating your donation has gone thru and our Treasurer will get an email, with your name and amount given.

Prayer List

Ethel Barber, Ron Beaty, Catherine Carter, Barb Dayo, Ida Goins, The Rev. Charles Grover, Joan Grover, Donna Hoffman, Ed Hoffman, Diane Jillson, Patricia Ladd, Betty Lesczynski, Ed Link, Eileen May, Woody McAllister, Brian Mozeliak, Ed Pokorny, Roe Salamone, Pat Stucker, Ruth Williams, prayers for the unknown Stage 4 Cancer patient from the laundromat, the People of Gaza, the People of Israel, the People of Ukraine.

New Prayer List for February 2024/March 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 at bak092364@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.

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About St. Paul's

The earliest record of Episcopal Church services in this vicinity was 1816 when St. Stephen's Church of Perryville was incorporated. At that time Chittenango was little more than a gathering of frame and log houses. From 1816-1832 rectors from St. Stephen's held missionary services in Chittenango.

Around 1849 a few gentlemen who greatly admired and revered the beautiful services of the Church, agreed to make an effort to have services occasionally held. By the spring of 1855 services began to be held regularly once a month in the Bethel. St. Paul's was officially organized as a parish on June 18, 1855. St. Paul's church was built in 1865 as a Gothic Revival-style structure. The lot, building, furniture and windows cost \$5000. The building was completed in less that six months. The first service was held in the church on Easter Day, April 1, 1866.

On May 12, 1866 the church was consecrated by Bishop Coxe. It was added to the U.S. National Historic Register of National Places in 1996.

February

Birthdays

06 Ida Goins
 10 Pat Davis
 22 Neil Huebler
 23 Roberta Kincaid

Anniversaries

09 Jim and Becky Kraus

Ministry Team Schedule

February 4, 2024

Holy Eucharist

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

February 14, 2024, Ash Wednesday 7pm 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

February 25, 2024 Morning Prayer

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.
 Lessons: Meg Hermann
 Prayers: Meg Hermann
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

February 11, 2024

Morning Prayer

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

February 18, 2024

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: Pat Davis & Donna Hoffman

Altar Guild for February:

Sue Huebler
 Becky Kraus

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If you want any more information, reach out to Robin, or any of the other Angels.

Of course, the Bread and Butter Sunday is when we bring in a loaf of bread and maybe a pound of butter, eggs if you desire or in case you are unable to bring in a physical donation, monetary donations are accepted and Val makes sure that donation gets to the Sullivan Food Pantry.

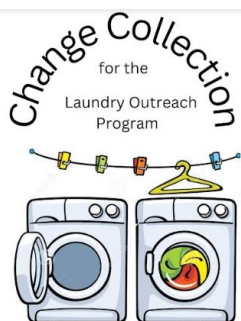
Our Bible Study Group is now reading "Signs of Life: Nurturing Spiritual Growth In Your Church" by Jay Sidebotham – if you are able to join us at 10:30 on every other Wednesday (the same Wednesday the week Fr. Leon has church on Sunday), please do. And if you are interested, but unable to join us on Wednesday during the day, let me know. We might be able to work something out.

Invite someone to Church – if they say they don't go to Church, ask them Why – invite them to test the waters at our Church, hopefully (prayerfully) they will find us someplace they could feel comfortable in, someplace where they can express doubt, anger or have questions. Bring it on!

Thank you all for your support in the past year, and for the support in the coming year.
In case someone hasn't told you today, I love you! (Boldly following Mel Robbins)

God Bless,
Robin W.

To be a member of St. Paul's, one must come to (or follow us on FBLive, YouTube or ZOOM and let us know you are there – Like is awesome) 3 services a year, and Pledge – either in time, talent or money. Honestly, even a small pledge helps, but the time and talent are HUGE!!



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.

Coming up!

February 14 - Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

March 17 - Bishop Dee Dee is coming



The Third Sunday of every Month

The Golden Phone

Not long ago, a middle-aged woman, who was an Episcopalian, took a trip across this great country, and each week she stopped at different Episcopal churches to worship. Her first stop was at a church in San Diego, California, where she encountered something that was rather odd.

There was a golden phone in the narthex with a sign stating, “3 minutes for \$10,000.” She was quite puzzled, so after the service she sought out the Rector and asked: “What is that golden phone, and why does it cost \$10,000?” The rector replied, “Well, you know, it’s a direct line to God.” “Oh,” she said, “I’ll remember that. Maybe I can raise \$10,000 someday.”

The woman continued on her trip across the country. The following Sunday she was in San Antonio, Texas, where she found the same golden phone and the same message, Three Minutes/Ten Thousand Dollars. A week later when she worshipped at Christ Church Cathedral, in St. Louis, Missouri, she saw the same phone, with the same sign.

Finally she found herself nearly all the way across the country in Madison County, New York, and chose to worship at a beautiful little wayside church, St. Paul’s, in Chittenango. There, in the parish hall, was the golden phone; only above this phone the sign read Three Minutes—Twenty Five Cents. Well, she thought, “That can’t be right!” So after the service, and a wonderful coffee hour where she was welcomed and given greater hospitality than at any other church along the way, she approached Father Leon, and asked whether she could have a moment to speak with him. She explained about her travels across the country and the Golden Phones with the \$10,000 price tags everywhere else.

“Why,” she asked, “Does it cost only twenty five cents to use your Golden Phone?” “Well,” he told her. “You see ... here, at St. Paul’s Church, a direct call to God is only a Local Call.”

Saint Jude’s Shield



Saint Jude – sometimes known as Thaddaeus or Lebbaeus. His symbol is a ship with a cross on the sails which symbolizes heroic Jude on missionary expeditions accompanied by his friend Simon. Patron saint of desperate cases and hopeless causes.

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