



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

January 2023

“Epiphanies awaken the soul.”

— A.D. Posey

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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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Happy New Year and the beginning of a new year of the Newsletter. By the time you read this, we will be full swing into the season of Epiphany, which leads us into Lent in February. So far away and yet, so close.

Epiphany – a good time to reflect on the love God has shared with us. He did the impossible – think of it, asking a young (and I mean truly young) woman to carry His child, before she was married. This was a HUGE sin in that time – a sin that meant you would be stoned to death. He asked her betrothed, Joseph, to overlook the fact that this baby wasn't his, to wed Mary and raise the child as his own. The original Stepfamily, if you will. And then they had to travel over rough terrain, to get to Bethlehem, so they could be there for the Census. Think about it – would any of us travel for a Census? NO. But they had to and they did. We honestly don't know for sure what their accommodations were, but for sure, they were not in a lap of luxury, not if they were laying the baby in a food trough. It probably was warm enough, from the heat of the animals that were in the space with them. People today would have a fit, that it wasn't sterile enough. ALL of these things going against them, and this couple honored their words to God and cared for this tiny child.

Honored their words. That leads me to a question – do we honor our words? Our Mission Statement states:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chittenango, New York exists to restore all people to unity with each other and with God in Jesus Christ.

We exist to restore all people to unity with each other – well, we try or at least I believe we do. BUT, how are we scoring on the part with God in Jesus Christ? Honestly, we try, but I think we can do so much better with this. ALL of us, not just the Priest, not just the Wardens, or the Vestry, but ALL of us. Reach out to someone you know who has a tie to the Church, ask them to come back. Encourage them to follow us on ZOOM, if they aren't ready to step foot in the Church. Ask if we can pray for them, to find it in their hearts to forgive us for hurting them – even if it was inadvertently. Let's start this year out asking God to help us help others. To not turn someone away because they don't fit our idea of normal, to truly be the Church of acceptance and love. I KNOW we can do this, I am sure of it.

I will now climb down from my soap box and share a few pieces of important information with you.

First - ANNUAL MEETING – this year, we are going back to our Dish To Pass meal, and there will be a Sign Up Sheet in the Parish Hall. The Annual Meeting is January 22nd and we would love as many of you as possible. We will also be

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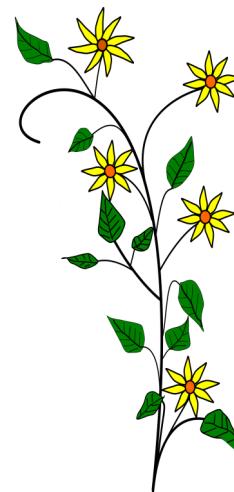
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Ruth Williams.

New Prayer List for December 2022/January 2023 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
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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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About St. Paul's

The earliest record of Episcopal Church services in this vicinity
was 1816 when St. Stephen's Church of Perryville was incorpo-
rated. 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 be-
gan 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, build-
ing, 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.

January

Birthdays

14 Kimberly Chappell
 19 Claudia Jensen
 22 Jim Kraus
 24 Dana Kraus

Anniversaries

30 Ed and Donna Hoffman

Ministry Team Schedule

January 1, 2023 Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

LEM: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Tania Mousaw
 Prayers: Tania Mousaw
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Vestry

January 8, 2023 Morning Prayer

Judy Olmsted

Lessons: Christine Corrigan
 Prayers: Christine Corrigan
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

January 15, 2023 Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Sue Gerling
 Prayers: Sue Gerling
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

January 22, 2023, Annual Meeting

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

LEM: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Claudia Jensen
 Prayers: Claudia Jensen
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman,
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Dish to Pass

January 29, 2023 Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Meg Hermann
 or Sue Gerling
 Prayers: Meg Hermann
 or Sue Gerling
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

Altar Guild

Meg Hermann
 Mary Jane Pokorny

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ZOOMING the Meeting, trying to reach as many members as possible. We have a few important items on the agenda, and would love to have as much input as possible. Also BE AWARE, our normal 1st and 3rd Sunday with Fr. Leon is changed due to Annual Meetings (Ours and All Saints). Fr. Leon will be here on the 1st and 4th Sunday.

Second – We are coming into the Lenten Season – starting with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. There will be Imposition of Ashes at the Noon Service that day. Hopefully many will be able to attend. Palm Sunday will be April 2nd and we will be reading the Passion. Please sign up for the various parts, it really makes the Passion more fulfilling. During Holy Week, we will do a Stations of The Cross – day and time to be announced at a later date. We will also have our Maundy Thursday service, with Washing

of the Feet on the Thursday of Holy Week, and our Good Friday Service, which will be lay led. Easter Service will be at 11:00AM on April 9th. More will follow in next month's newsletter.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE Meeting reminder – Feb. 19th after Church.

Thank you to my Vestry, Judy, Sue, Tania and Lynn; to my outgoing Treasurer, Don Lee – I cannot thank you enough for your loving service to St. Paul's; to our Church Secretary, Becky Kraus – you do so much that isn't seen; and our Sexton, Jan Lee – you have done an awesome job. There are so many others, who have stepped up when asked and for all of you, I am eternally grateful.

Thank you and God Bless.
Robin
Sr. Warden

The Green Corner: The Inflation Reduction Act

This Green Corner article is written by Kip Coerper, member of the St. James', Skaneateles and the Creation Care Team in the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York.

Our Federal Government is now providing opportunities for transitioning to renewable energy and for being responsible stewards of the natural resources we are blessed to have. The Inflation Reduction Act signed into law on August 16 has many financial incentives and rebates for us to reduce our energy use. As gas prices rise, and pollution from carbon continues, we should all consider ways to better insulate our homes, and transition to renewable energy sources. Bills from Congress are typically extremely wordy and hard to understand. So here is brief summary from friends at the Sierra Club:

There are a lot of amazing benefits for people to save money on their electricity bills, make their homes more energy efficient, or reduce individual carbon footprint.

Here Are the Top 10 Benefits:

1. 30% tax credit on solar systems. The solar Investment Tax Credit (ITC) means you get back nearly a third of the cost of your system if purchased between 2022 and 2032.
2. 30% tax credit on energy storage technologies. This credit covers batteries that run on solar energy that can be used to power your home in a grid outage.
3. Tax credits for home builders. With these credits for builders, we can expect to see more clean-energy homes on the market.
4. Up to \$7,500 tax credit on electric vehicles (EVs).

5. 30% tax credit on EV chargers.
6. \$8,000 rebate on heat pumps.
7. \$1,750 rebate on heat pump water heaters.
8. \$840 rebate on electric stoves, cooktops, ranges, and ovens.
9. Up to \$4,000 rebate on breaker box upgrades and \$2,500 rebate on electrical wiring.
10. Cleaner air. With all these incentives in place, the White House expects a 40% cut in greenhouse emissions from 2005 levels by the end of the decade.

To qualify for the rebates your income must be less than 150% of the median where you live. To get more information on the opportunities and how to access them, go to the Natural Resources Defense Council at <https://www.nrdc.org/stories/consumer-guide-inflation-reduction-act>

These opportunities are available for many of us to help conserve natural resources, protect our air and water, and save money. Did you know that the cost of solar cells has dropped 70% in the past decade! It is now cheaper to get energy from solar power than from coal power. So consider installing high efficiency heat pumps, solar panels, or buy an electric car – all opportunities to get significant rebates from the Inflation Reduction Act. You may save money, you will bless our abundant creation, and you will be making a positive difference in ongoing opportunities to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and save resources for the 7th generation beyond each of us.

<https://cnyepiscopal.org/2022/11/the-green-corner-the-inflation-reduction-act/>



Important Dates

January 22nd
Annual Meeting

February 22nd
Ash Wednesday



April 2nd
Palm Sunday



April 6th
Maundy Thursday

April 7th
Good Friday

April 9th
Easter Sunday



April 20th
Wine and Wisdom at 7:00 PM



May 13th
Blessing of Bikes

May 14th
Mother's Day Brunch



May 18th
Wine and Wisdom at 7:00 PM

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