



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

March 2024

March comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb

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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!

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Life is exciting here at St. Paul's. Bear with me for a minute. Do you all know the myth about the Phoenix? A bird that cyclically is born again. It rises from the ashes of it's predecessor. They burst into flames and a new one rises up. Also, did you know that the tears of the Phoenix had healing properties? Interesting.

I see a similarity here, don't you? Christ died and Christ rose from the dead and "by his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5) Christian faith is all about death and resurrection, out of death, comes new life. There is so much we can learn from this. Really, don't look at it as dying or death, but of recreating oneself. A metamorphosis, if you will. That is how I see things at St. Paul's.

Do you see the glass as half full or half empty? I usually see things half full, which I know can be aggravating to some, but that is how I fly. I find it much less stressful, to look at things positively, than to find the negative in everything. How do you look at that glass? I heard this on a podcast today, where a Professor told the class they were going to have a test, which went like this:

There is a piece of paper with a black dot in the center of the page. Describe what you see. The students did as he said, and after they turned in their papers, he read every single one. Each one described the dot, how far it was from the edges, how dark it was, etc. The Professor told them there was no grade for this test, but he wanted to point out that none in the class had described the white space surrounding the black dot. He went on to explain that this is how we as humans are, we see the dark things in our life and focus on those, instead of the white or positive things in our lives. Think about that.

Our front doors have been rebuilt and look absolutely wonderful and even better still, work! We shouldn't have to struggle with them anymore and worry about them not closing. More repair work will be starting as the weather makes it more conducive. And then we will be painted and looking fresher.

We have started a new program that was born (so to speak) out of the book we are reading - "Signs of Life" by Jay Sidebotham. On the Sunday's that Fr. Leon is here, grab your bulletin or whatever you have handy to write on, is there something in one of the Lessons read, or something in the sermon that makes you wonder, jot it down and after the service talk

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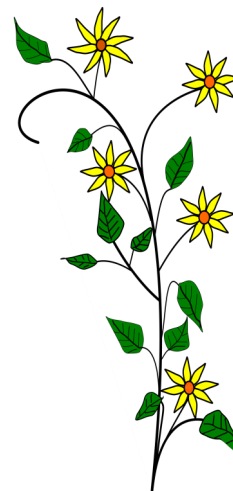
You will get an email stating your donation has gone thru and our Treasurer will get an email, with your name and amount given.

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, Carolyn Moredock, 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.

March

Birthdays

03 Ed Hoffman
12 Katherine Weisbrod
26 Joanne Furtado

Ministry Team Schedule

March 3, 2024

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Claudia Jensen
Prayers: Claudia Jensen
Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Vestry

March 10, 2024

Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Judy Olmsted
Prayers: Judy Olmsted
Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Sue Huebler

March 17, 2024

Holy Eucharist - Bishop Visiting

Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe,
Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Robin Weisbrod
Prayers: Robin Weisbrod
Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Dish to Pass

March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Charles Grover

L.E.M. Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Passion Readers
Prayers: Sue Gerling
Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

March 28, 2024 – Holy Thursday

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Robin Weisbrod
Prayers: Robin Weisbrod
Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Vestry

March 29, 2024 – Good Friday

Prayer Service

Robin Weisbrod

Passion: Robin Weisbrod
Prayers: Sue Gerling
Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Vestry

March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Sue Gerling
Prayers: Sue Gerling
Acolytes: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

Altar Guild for March:

Judy Olmsted
Robin Weisbrod

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with Fr. Leon. That is what the Adult Forum is for!! Fr. Leon will be quite willing to answer questions or discuss what you heard and want more clarity on. This is a way to deepen our faith and understanding! Good conversations can be had - even while enjoying our coffee.

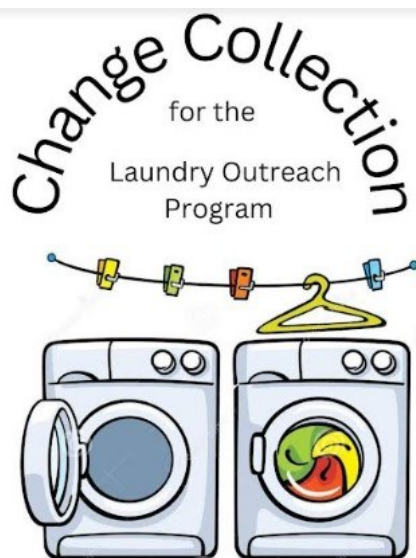
Clayton and I have discussed the Audio/Visual set up and agree that for it to truly be effective, it really needs two people working. Communion Sundays are fine, since I am there, but on the Sundays that we have Morning Prayer, and I'm doing the service, Clayton needs someone to help him out. So we are putting it out there that we need another person every other Sunday. Let me (Robin) know and let the training begin!

Not only is the Bishop coming this month - which means a Dish to Pass meal (YUM!), we also have 5 Sundays in the month of March - so Father Charles will be helping us out. He will be doing the fourth Sunday, which is Palm Sunday and Easter falls on the fifth Sunday of the month. Speaking of Palm Sunday -- don't forget to sign up for a speaking part in the Passion.

We also are polling everyone about doing a time change for the church service, if you would like to have input, email me at rdweisbrod@gmail.com to say Aye or Nay - we are considering changing the service to 10:00 AM on Sundays. Let us know what you think!!

Thank you to all who help me on this journey, I love all and appreciate all the different skill sets that you bring to the table.

God Bless,
Robin



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!

March 17th
Bishop Dee Dee's Visit



Bread and Butter Sunday

The Third Sunday of every Month

Vote!

Would you like
to move the service
to 10 AM?

Contact Robin
to Vote!

Holy Week Schedule



Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, March 27
at 5 P.M.

Maundy Thursday
with washing of the Feet
Thursday, March 28
at 7 P.M.

Good Friday Service
with Robin
Friday, March 29
at 7 P.M.



"We don't do that at this church. Someone is going to think you're being robbed."



"This is Volunteer Appreciation Sunday. Find a volunteer and thank them for what **you** should be doing."

The Teacup Story

There was a couple who used to go to England to shop in the beautiful stores. They both liked antiques and pottery and especially teacups. This was their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

One day in this beautiful shop they saw a beautiful cup. They said, "May we see that? We've never seen one quite so beautiful."



As the lady handed it to them, suddenly the cup spoke. "You don't understand," it said. "I haven't always been a teacup. There was a time when I was red and I was clay. My master

took me and rolled me and patted me over and over and I yelled out, 'let me alone,' but he only smiled, 'Not yet.'

"Then I was placed on a spinning wheel," the cup said, "and suddenly I was spun around and around and around. Stop it! I'm getting dizzy! I screamed. But the master only nodded and said, 'Not yet.'

"Then he put me in the oven. I never felt such heat!" the teacup said. "I wondered why he wanted to burn me, and I yelled and knocked at the door. I could see him through the opening and I could read his lips as He shook his head, 'Not yet.'

"Finally the door opened, he put me on the shelf, and I began to cool. 'There, that's better,' I said. And he brushed and painted me all over. The fumes were horrible. I thought I would gag. 'Stop it, stop it!' I cried. He only nodded, 'Not yet.'

"Then suddenly he put me back into the oven, not like the first one. This was twice as hot and I knew I would suffocate. I begged. I pleaded. I screamed. I cried. All the time I could see him through the opening, nodding his head saying, 'Not yet.'

"Then I knew there wasn't any hope. I would never make it. I was ready to give up. But the door opened and he took me out and placed me on the shelf.

One hour later he handed me a mirror and said, 'Look at yourself.' And I did. I said, 'That's not me; that couldn't be me. It's beautiful. I'm beautiful.'

"I want you to remember, then," he said, 'I know it hurts to be rolled and patted, but if I had left you alone, you'd have dried up.

I know it made you dizzy to spin around on the wheel, but if I had stopped, you would have crumbled.

I knew it hurt and was hot and disagreeable in the oven, but if I hadn't put you there, you would have cracked.

I know the fumes were bad when I brushed and painted you all over, but if I hadn't done that, you never would have hardened; you would not have had any color in your life.

And if I hadn't put you back in that second oven, you wouldn't survive for very long because the hardness would not have held.

Now you are a finished product. You are what I had in

mind when I first began with you."

~ Author Unknown

Lesson from the Teacup Story:

This teacup story illustrates what Jeremiah wrote by the inspiration of God:

The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord saying, "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I shall announce My words to you." Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something on the wheel. But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make. Then the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel." Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NASB)

Moral of the Teacup Story:

God knows what He's doing (for all of us).

He is the Potter, and we are His clay.

He will mold us and make us,
so that we may be made into a flawless piece of work
to fulfill His good, pleasing, and perfect will.
May the teacup story become our story as we willingly
yield to our Potter's hand.

<https://www.creativebiblestudy.com/teacup-story.html>



Traditional Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his
hand.*

*May God be with you and bless you;
May you see your children's children.
May you be poor in misfortune,
Rich in blessings,
May you know nothing but happiness
From this day forward.*

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the warm rays of sun fall
on your home
And may the hand of a friend
ways be near.*

*May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the skies above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.*

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