



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

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What is Our Archetype?

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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 10 AM

Join us on Zoom!

Link will be posted to our Facebook page every week

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I mentioned during church recently, that we are reading a book titled, "Signs of Life – Nurturing Spiritual Growth in your Church" which is a wonderful book. Chock full of information and ideas. You may or may not remember, that we had been reading and decided our church fell under the "Complacent" heading. I'm not sure the explanation was clear enough. So I am going to attempt to explain it better here.

According to studies done by there are 8 archetypes (the original pattern or model of which all things of the same type are representations or copies: PROTOTYPE) of churches. They are as follows:

- **Vibrant:** Faith among congregants is strong and mature but still growing. People love the church.
- **Troubled:** People are spiritually immature and unhappy with the church and with its senior pastor.
- **Complacent:** Faith is surprisingly underdeveloped, given that attenders are longtime churchgoers.
- **Introverted:** Faith is strong, but faith-based behaviors are lacking.
- **Average:** No spiritual measures deviate from the norm.
- **Extroverted:** Faith is underdeveloped, but community service is embraced.
- **Self-motivated:** Faith is strong across the board, yet people are un-enthused about the church.
- **Energized:** Faith is somewhat underdeveloped but growing, and people love the church.

True, we could say we see a little bit of each of these in us, but really we felt that Complacent is the closest to us. Let me know where you think St. Paul's falls.

Change of topic here, at the last Vestry meeting, our beloved Clerk of the Vestry, Jan Lee, has resigned. With all going on in her life, she had to let something go. We understand and will miss her terribly at the meetings. So the search is on for a new Clerk. Judy Olmsted has offered to fill in, but has made it clear that it will only be until I find a new Clerk. Thank you Judy and thank you Jan, for your dedication and service.

Every month, I try hard to find something to talk about, something to give you all to think about. It's not easy and it takes me a bit of thinking to come up with something educational and entertaining.

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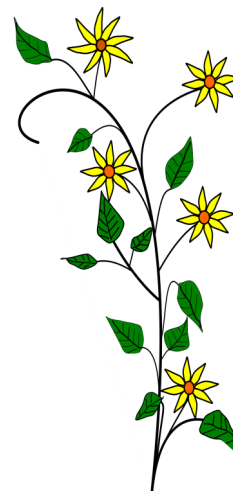
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You will get an email stating your donation has gone thru and our Treasurer will get an email, with your name and amount given.

Prayer List

List of Names as of April 23, 2024

For the Sick: Ethel Barber, Ron Beaty, Catherine Carter, Wayne Cavanaugh, Barb Dayo, Ida Goins, the Rev. Charles Grover, Joan Grover, Donna Hoffman, Ed Hoffman, Diane Jillson, Patricia Ladd, Don Lee, Betty Lesczynski, Ed Link, Eileen May, Woody McAllister, Ed Pokorny, Mary Jane Pokorny, Roe Salamone, Pat Stucker, Alexza Weisbrod, Ruth Williams, prayers for the unknown Stage 4 Cancer patient from the laundromat, Jessica, Alex, Brianna and Karl, the People of Gaza, the People Israel, the People of Ukraine.



New Prayer List for April 2024/May 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

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.

May

Birthdays

16 - Clayton Weisbrod

21 – Betty Lesczynski

Ministry Team Schedule

May 5, 2024

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Tania Mousaw
Prayers: Tania Mousaw
Acolytes: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Dish to Pass

May 12, 2024

Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Claudia Jensen
Prayers: Claudia Jensen
Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Mother's Day/
Please volunteer

May 19, 2024

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Charles Grover

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

May 26, 2024

Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

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

Altar Guild for May:

Sue Huebler

Becky Kraus

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Coming up on the 18th of May is our very first Clothing Exchange for Parents of Babies and Toddlers. It will be held from 10-2 in the Parish Hall. If you know of any parents or relatives raising kids, that need clothes – tell them to bring their clean, gently used clothes to the church and exchange them for a size they can use. We are very excited about offering this service to families in the area. Spread the word!!

Thank you all for your loving support of St. Paul's, Fr. Leon and the Vestry.
Robin W.



The Third Sunday of every Month

The Episcopal Church's Joint Nominating Committee Update

The Episcopal Church's Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop on April 2 announced the names of the bishops it will nominate to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

- **The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Bishop of Nebraska**
- **The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez, Bishop of Pennsylvania**
- **The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York**
- **The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright, Bishop of Atlanta**

After the April 3-15 petition nomination period closed, the JNCPB announced that it had received one nomination. The bishop below was vetted through the same process of background and reference checks used for its nominees, as required by Canon I.2.1.d. The Episcopal Church's canons do not allow for nominations from the floor of General Convention.

- **The Rt. Rev. Dede Duncan-Probe, Bishop of Central New York**

Committee members began working together in the fall of 2021. They surveyed the church in May 2022 about the skills, qualities, and gifts most desired in its next presiding bishop, considering what the church and the world may look like in the next decade. The members used the 6,092 responses, along with hours of conversation and prayers, to develop the "Profile for the Election of the 28th Presiding Bishop."

In May 2023, the committee invited the members of the church to suggest bishops they ought to consider. Between May 15 and July 15, 111 Episcopalians submitted bishops' names. There were some duplications among the suggestions. Bishops could also nominate themselves. None did.

The committee invited all the bishops named to enter the discernment process. Those who agreed provided biographical information, references, and written and video responses to several questions. They were interviewed via Zoom. In January the members decided which of the bishops to invite to meet with them during an in-person retreat March 18-23 at the Lake Logan Conference Center in the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. The committee discerned its slate at the close of that gathering.

"We appreciate the many Episcopalians who prayerfully set us on our way to discerning this slate of nominees," said the Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, bishop of Alaska, who co-chairs the committee with Canon Dr. Steve Nishibayashi of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

For more information, contact the committee at pb28@episcopalchurch.org. Read more at <https://generalconvention.org/nominees-for-the-28th-presiding-bishop/>.

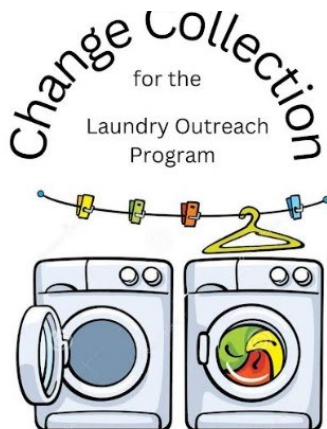
From a Sunday bulletin found in an Episcopal church

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cock-sureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint — some of them are so hard to live with — but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. —Amen



A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed at the next worship service, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10' Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' Genesis 3:10 reads, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'

Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones ???
They still are ... Pass it on !!!

'A cheerful heart is good medicine' (Prov. 17:22)

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.

In Honor of Mother's Day...

The Invisible Mom Monologue

I was thrilled to find this recently on the Internet. It's called "The Invisible Mom." A few years ago I saw it performed as a Christian monologue skit for a women's conference. It made such an impact.

Bible Verses

As a mother of four, I've experienced the feeling of being an invisible mom at times. When I look at my children though, my treasured gifts from God, it all is SO worth it!

God sees the invisible woman!

1 Peter 3:4 tells us: *"but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God."*

Whether we're a mom or not. There is something to be said about being invisible.

In Matthew 6:3-4, Jesus says: *"But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

We are to be invisible moms; for we follow His example.

Colossians 1:3 *"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."*

1 Timothy 1:17 *"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen."*

Remember this "Invisible Mom" story the next time you feel invisible and unappreciated, be encouraged...you are building temples for God!

The actual title of this drama monologue is "The Invisible Woman: When Only God Sees" and was written by Nicole Johnson who performs it at many Women of Faith Conferences. The full script may be purchased on her website.

The Invisible Mom (Partial Script)

It started to happen gradually. One day I was walking my son Jake to school. I was holding his hand and we were about to cross the street when the crossing guard said to him, 'Who is that with you, young fella?' 'Nobody,' he shrugged. Nobody? The crossing guard and I laughed. My son is only 5, but as we crossed the street I thought, 'Oh my goodness, nobody?'

I would walk into a room and no one would notice. I would say something to my family - like 'Turn the TV down, please' - and nothing would happen. Nobody would get up, or even make a move for the remote. I would stand there for a minute, and then I would say again, a little louder, 'Would someone turn the TV down?' Nothing.

Just the other night my husband and I were out at a party. We'd been there for about three hours and I was ready to leave. I noticed he was talking to a friend from work. So I walked over, and when there was a break in the conversation, I whispered, 'I'm ready to go when you are.' He just kept right on talking. That's when I started to put all the pieces together. I don't think he can see me. I don't think anyone can see me.

I'm invisible.

One night, a group of us were having dinner, celebrating the return of a friend from England. Janice had just gotten back from a fabulous trip, and she was going on and on about the hotel she stayed in. I was sitting there, looking around at the others all put together so well. It was hard not to compare and feel sorry for myself as I looked down at my out-of-style dress; it was the only thing I could find that was clean. My unwashed hair was pulled up in a banana clip and I was afraid I could actually smell peanut butter in it. I was feeling pretty pathetic, when Janice turned to me with a beautifully wrapped package, and said, 'I brought you this.'

It was a book on the great cathedrals of Europe I wasn't exactly sure why she'd given it to me until I read

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her inscription: 'To Charlotte , with admiration for the greatness of what you are building when no one sees.'

In the days ahead I would read - no, devour - the book. And I would discover what would become for me, four life-changing truths, after which I could pattern my work: No one can say who built the great cathedrals - we have no record of their names. These builders gave their whole lives for a work they would never see finished. They made great sacrifices and expected no credit. The passion of their building was fueled by their faith that the eyes of God saw everything.

A legendary story in the book told of a rich man who came to visit the cathedral while it was being built, and he saw a workman carving a tiny bird on the inside of a beam. He was puzzled and asked the man, 'Why are you spending so much time carving that bird into a beam that will be covered by the roof? No one will ever see it.' And the workman replied, 'Because God sees.'

I closed the book, feeling the missing piece fall into place. It was almost as if I heard God whispering to me, 'I see you, Charlotte. I see the sacrifices you make every day, even when no one around you does. No act of kindness you've done, no sequin you've sewn on, no cupcake you've baked, is too small for me to notice and smile over. You are building a great cathedral, but you can't see right now what it will become.'

As mothers, we are building great cathedrals. We cannot be seen if we're doing it right. And one day, it is very possible that the world will marvel, not only at what we have built, but at the beauty that has been added to the world by the sacrifices of invisible women.

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And God created Cat

On the first day of creation, God created the cat.

On the second day, God created man to serve the cat.

On the third day, God created tuna, mice, and all the animals of the earth to serve as potential food for the cat.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the cat.

On the fifth day, God created the ball of yarn, the feather thingie on a string, and the catnip mouse so that the cat might or might not be amused.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the cat healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but the cat woke him up at 5:00 AM.

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