



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

April 2020

April 2020 from the Warden's 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

No services until further notice.

Join us on Zoom, Sundays at 9 AM

Link will be posted to our Facebook page every week

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Here it is April and this is surely not what I was expecting to be writing about. March has been pretty bad. One thing, I think we all have seen, heard and noticed, is that God is pretty busy these days.

We have seen people step up from all over these United States to help one another in need. This is the spirit our country was built on. The hope for freedom to worship as we wish and to be able to build a better life for us.

Most of the sick will get well with God's help and those who do not will go home to God. We will win the war but some of the battles we will lose. Keep God in your heart always. Stay well!

Here are some thoughts for the times we are in.

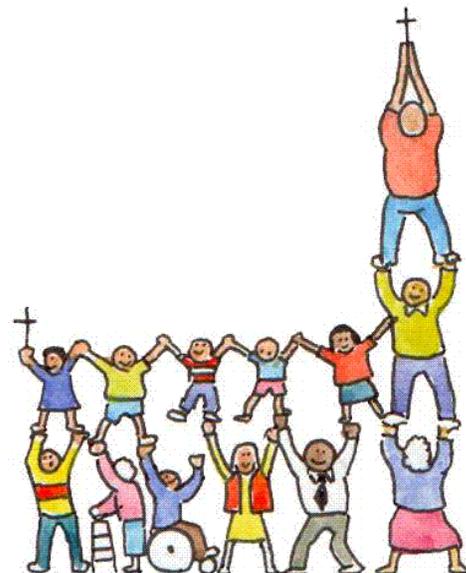
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

HEBREWS 10:23-24

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. God Bless you all and stay safe.

Judy Bell-Olmsted, Warden



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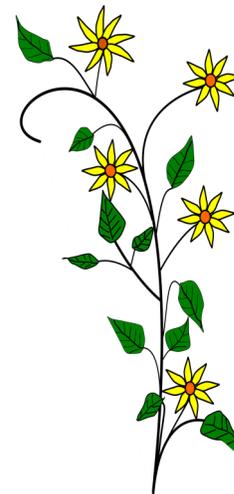
Amy Dieffenbacher
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Prayer List

The Rev. Brooks Cato (Rector of St. Thomas', Hamilton)

A new Prayer List sign-up has been posted in the Parish Hall for family and friends you wish to have prayed for during the Months of April and May 2020.

Please send any changes or additions to
stpaulschittenango@gmail.com.



Receive a call from 315-457-1302?

Fr. Leon will be calling each parishioner with a recording of himself saying a short prayer, and will ask if they need assistance with anything.

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 than 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.

April

Birthdays

02 Lynn Mozeliak	18 Joan Grover
04 Michael Furtado	21 Woody Woodworth
06 Pamela Hobbs	22 April Boyle
07 Tim Hobbs	23 Scott Titus
09 Krislyn Clement	25 Sue Huebler
11 Courtney Stagnitti	26 Shelby Just
14 Sue Gerling	26 Hannah Stanton
15 Jan Woodworth	30 Steven Just
18 Heather Ladd	

Anniversaries

13 Tim and Pam Hobbs
15 Justin and Colleen Benjamin
25 Mike and Joanne Furtado

James 5:7-16



Patience in Suffering

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

¹² Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

The Prayer of Faith

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Thank You Notes



My apologies for the lateness of some of these notes, I will strive to do better.

Robin Weisbrod

St. Paul's Church,
Thank you so much for the generosity you showed to the students at Bolivar Road Elementary.
The support you gave to the students and families is greatly appreciated!

Bolivar Road Teachers and Staff

Father Leon and St. Paul's,
We cannot thank you enough for the Baptism of Erick and Elliana and for welcoming them into your family! It's a blessing to be part of such a wonderful church family! It was very nice to celebrate with everyone afterwards as well!

We want to thank you, also, for Elliana's Family Grows frame – we put her Baptism photo in, and for Erick's personalized Bible, it is very special! Thank you again,

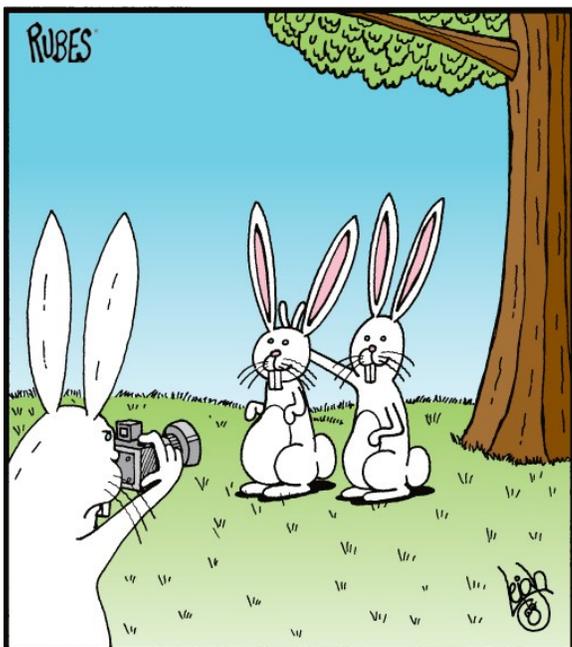
Erick, Brittany, and Elliana

Dear Judy and Vestry,
Thank you so, so much for including me in your Christmas dinner at Theodores and also for the generous gift card.

Blessings and Love,
Becky

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul's,
Thank you for your very generous gift, this Christmas! May the presence of the Child of Bethlehem surround each of you this Christmas Season.

Christ's peace and God's blessings,
Father Leon



News from the Pews

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
March 19, 2020

Present: Judy Olmsted, Pat Davis, Sue Gerling, Robin Weisbrod, Fr. Leon Mozeliak (Social Distancing in place)

Absent: Tania Mousaw, Amy Dieffenbacher – Clerk of the Vestry

Called to Order: 6:30 PM by Judy Olmsted

Opening Prayer: Fr. Leon

Minutes: Minutes from February were not available, at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Due to Covid19, there was no Finance Committee meeting, the Vestry looked over the report, and as always, the report was clear and concise. Pat made a motion to accept the report as is, Sue seconded. Passed

Committee Reports: I neglected to pick up reports.

New Business

- Fr. Leon reported, that since we were following the directive of the Diocese, we would have Morning Prayer, on Sunday's at 9:00 AM, using ZOOM, an application that reminds one of the Brady Bunch opening number.
- Fr. Leon also said, he has a Robo Call Machine, that he is dusting off and will be using to reach out to the members of St. Paul. It will show up on your ID as Leon Mozeliak with his home number – 315-457-1302
- Robin will send an email to all, reminding them to maintain their pledges.
- Robin will contact Mary Jane and see if flowers for Easter had been ordered and the same with Palms for Palm Sunday. It does NOT look like Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday will be celebrated at the Church.
- The next Vestry meeting will be held by ZOOM

Old Business

- Nothing to discuss

Closing Prayer – Fr. Leon

Adjourned – 7:05 PM M/S/C Sue/Pat Passed

Next meeting – April 16, 2020 via ZOOM

Respectfully submitted

Robin Weisbrod

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Clerk of the Vestry Pro Tem

Presiding Bishop Curry: Statement on Coronavirus

March 10, 2020

In this time when we are all affected by the coronavirus, whether directly or indirectly, whether physically, biologically, psychologically, spiritually, and for many economically, it may be helpful to remember that we're in this together.

Jesus came among us in the first place, to show us the way to be right and reconcile with the God who is the creator of us all, and right and reconciled with each other as children of this one god who has created us all, and therefore as sisters, brothers, and siblings, one of another.

Jesus came to show us how to be in a relationship with God and in relationship with each other, came to show us how to live not simply as collections of individual self-interest, but how to live as the human family of God. That's why he said love the Lord your God, love your neighbor as yourself. Because in that is hope for all of us to be the human family of God.

I was in Cuba the last few days with Bishop Griselda and the good people of the diocese there as we received and welcomed them as a full part of The Episcopal Church. A while back when she spoke to the last diocesan synod before they became part of The Episcopal Church, she said, and I quote, "The reason we must become part of The Episcopal Church is so that we can be part of a big family." She spoke by prophecy. We are all part of a big family. Bigger than our biological families, bigger than our immediate families, bigger than our congregations, bigger than our dioceses, bigger than our cities, our states, our nation.

We are part of the human family of God. Jesus came to show us that his way of love is the way of life. It's God's human family.

We are in a time when remembering that may be important for all of us.

We are in this together.

What affects some directly affects all indirectly.

We are part of a family. The human family of God.

Just over the weekend the head of the World Health Organization, said this, and I quote, "We have seen this coming for years. Now is the time to act. This is not a drill. This epidemic can be pushed back, but only with collective, coordinated, and comprehensive approach by us all."

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It takes us all. We are family.

And then one of the spokespersons for the European Union, speaking to the member states said this, and I paraphrase: We must share our resources and our information. It is not the possession of any one nation.

In each of those calls, and in the calls of many of our leaders, we have heard again and again, that we are in this together, we can walk through this together, and we will find our way in our life together.

So look out for your neighbors, look out for each other. Look out for yourselves. Listen to those who have knowledge that can help to guide us medically and help to guide us socially. Do everything that we can to do this together, to respond to each other's needs and to respond to our own needs.

Walk together children, don't get weary, because there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

Allow me to close with this prayer found on the website of Episcopal Relief & Development, where there are resources and where information can be found.

*God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all
who wait or work in uncertainty.*

*Bring hope that you will make them the equal
of whatever lies ahead.*

*Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you.*

This we pray in Christ our Lord. Amen.

God love you. God bless you. May God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

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