



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

August 2021

Seeking God in All Things. Even the Rain.

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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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Good Morrow Family of St. Paul's!!

If you are reading this, I am assuming you haven't floated away....yet.... at church, we were discussing how to syphon the extra water into a truck (or two) and send it off to the Western states that are having a horrible drought season. These extremes truly try your patience.

Enough of the complaining. LOL

This past Sunday (July 18th), Fr. Leon's sermon struck a chord. Somewhere in this newsletter will be a "cartoon" – that on face value seems simple. But to me it is a bit more complicated. I will tie the two ideas together in a minute. I asked Fr. Leon for a copy of his sermon, and I am sharing part of it with you. Please read it, think on it and pray.

Leo Tolstoy wrote in his Spiritual Writings: A monk was seeking salvation in the wilderness. He continually read his prayers and even got up twice a night to do so. A peasant used to bring him food.

The monk started to wonder whether his way of life was holy enough, so he went to a saintly elder monk for guidance. He told the elder monk about his life, his way of praying, the words of his prayers, his getting up at night to pray, and his being fed by charitable offerings.

He asked whether he was living right. "All this is fine," said the elder monk, "but go and see how the peasant who feeds you lives. Maybe you can learn something from him."

The monk visited the peasant and spent a day and night with him. The peasant got up early and said only, "Lord." He went to work and plowed the fields the whole day. At night he came home and again said, "Lord." Then he lay down to sleep.

The monk thought, "There is nothing I can learn here," and wondered why the elder monk had sent him to the peasant. He returned to the elder monk and told him, "The peasant hardly thinks about God—he mentions him only twice a day."

So the elder monk told him, "Take this cup full of oil and walk around the village and come back here without spilling a drop." The monk did what he was told. When he returned, the elder monk asked him, "How many times did you think about God while you were carrying the cup?"

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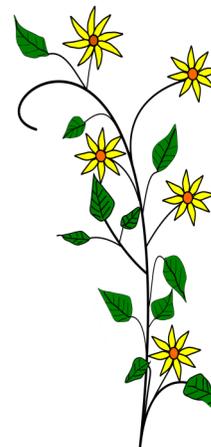
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New Prayer List for August/September 2021 has been posted on the bulletin board. If you wish to have someone added to St. Paul's Prayer list, please contact Becky Kraus at bak092364@gmail.com / 315-382-9056 or Robin Weisbrod at rdweisbrod@gmail.com /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 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.

August

Birthdays

02 Matthew Titus
 03 Jennifer Jackson
 04 Samantha Huebler
 11 Heather Clement
 20 Jill Just
 23 Barb Tafe
 25 Leon Mozeliak, Jr

25 Bob Olmsted
 25 MaryJane Pokorny
 25 Luise Stewart
 26 Edward Pokorny
 27 Bob Kincaid
 28 Charles Grover

Anniversaries

07 – Derek and Lisa McGork
 27 – Gerry and Robin Weisbrod

Ministry Team Schedule

August 01, 2021
Holy Eucharist
 Fr. Charles Grover

LEM: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Fran Abriola
 Prayers: Fran Abriola
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 Coffee Hour: Vestry

August 08, 2021
Morning Prayer
 Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Roberta Kincaid
 Prayers: Roberta Kincaid
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

August 15, 2021
Holy Eucharist
 Fr. Charles Grover

LEM: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Judy Olmsted
 Prayers: Judy Olmsted
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 Coffee Hour: Ed & Donna Hoffman

August 22, 2021
Morning Prayer
 Judy Olmsted

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

August 29, 2021
Holy Eucharist
 Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

LEM: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Sue Gerling
 Prayers: Sue Gerling
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

Altar Guild
 Sue Huebler

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The monk admitted that he did not think about God even once. He said, "I only thought about not spilling the oil." The elder monk said, "That little cup of oil kept you so preoccupied that you did not remember God even once. But the peasant fed himself, his family, and you with his labor and care and still remembered God twice a day."

Now to the "cartoon" that I shared. The one half of the picture shows God inside the Church - where we certainly remember God. The other half of the picture shows God OUTSIDE of the Church. Hmmm. Perhaps we need to remember God outside of Church ourselves. Perhaps we need to remember

that Church is NOT God, but a symbol. That God is seen in us through our words and actions. Do you honestly love your neighbor as yourself? What IS a neighbor - the person next door or that poor soul in another country? Do you love that person that you don't know? That stranger with a different lifestyle, language or customs? Or have you taken time to show empathy and garner some type of knowledge of what they have gone through? It's tough. Looking at life through the lens of someone else. Putting yourself in their shoes. Tough isn't the word. Jesus did it. We certainly should aim for it.

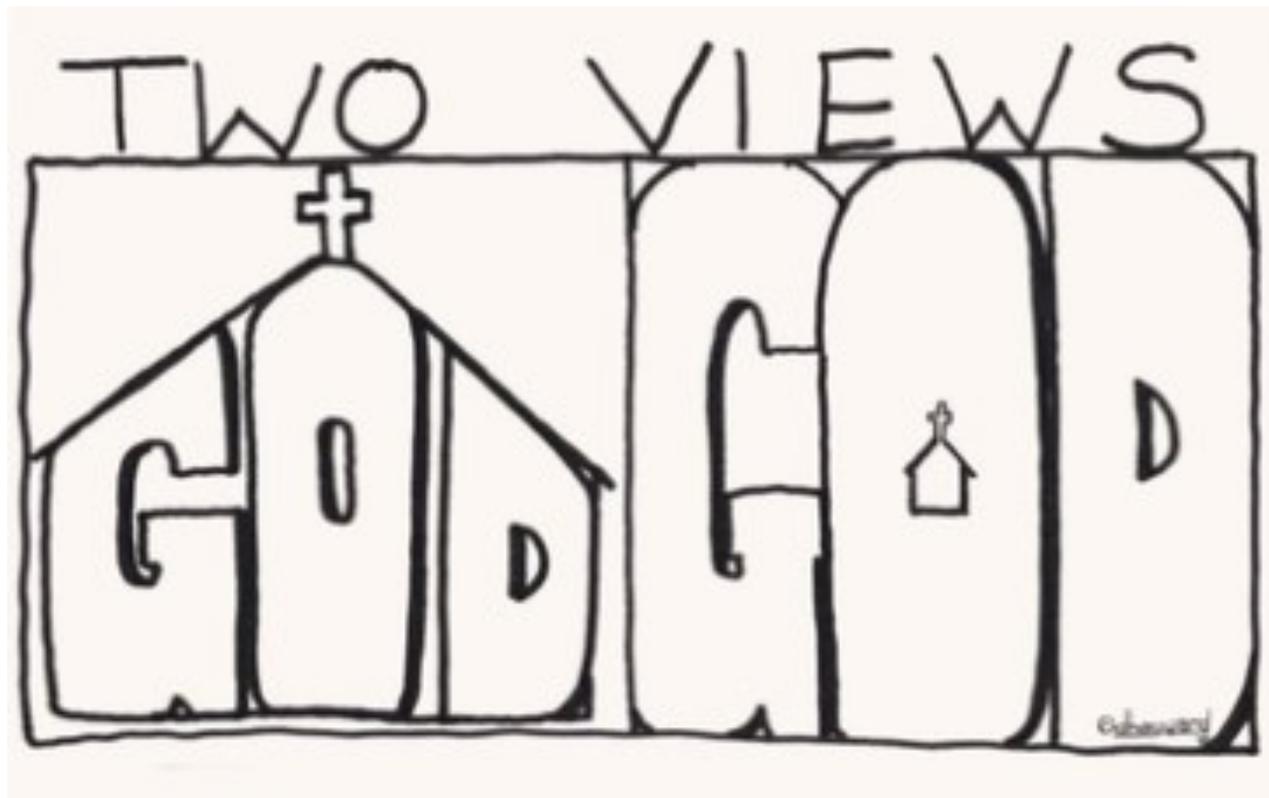
Blessings,
Robin

School Kits for Kids

The School Kits for Kids program, formerly chaired by Ethel Barber with the Outreach Committee, will kick off on July 12th. The deadline completion date is August 15th. Some kits will be provided at the Parish Hall, or you may purchase your own kit and fill it, or you may just want to donate some of the items needed for the kits or a donation of cash.

However you choose to participate, it is appreciated.

Items required for the kits: 1 Pair Blunt Scissors 1 Box colored pencils, 12 count 6 No. 2 pencils 1 Pencil Sharpener 1 Pink pearl eraser 3 White glue sticks 1 Box of Crayons, 24 count 1 Box of tissues Thank you for your unselfish giving to others. Thank you. Thank you!!



There she goes again!

Robin will be at the Fairgrounds from August 20th until September 6th. She will have her cell phone (315-367-8111), or you can email her

at rdweisbrod@gmail.com.

Judy Olmsted is also available if you can't reach Robin

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