



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

June 2020

June 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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Well as we have learned over the past three months, we must be patient and hopeful that the day will come when we can again enter our church and pray with each other. It may not be the same ole way but a new way to pray and be together. It may even be outside and that would be fine also. The Bishop has done some great and amazing things to keep us together. Through Zoom and other virtual get-togethers. Those of us who have no computers and who are older will just have to keep praying and look for the time when we can worship at church. We must remember that to keep the younger generation interested in church, it will not be the old way but the new and virtual way and whatever it takes let us rejoice in however we choose to praise the Lord.

We can look forward to the summer and hopefully August or September we can be together again.

Our country has weathered many a storm and pandemic and come through on the other side and we will again. Again, here is the thought for the month:

HEBREWS 10:23-25

Let us hold unswervingly 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, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

God Bless you all
Judy Bell-Olmsted, Warden



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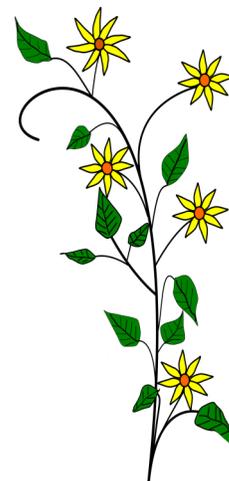
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Prayer List

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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 until we can all gather together again.

Thank you and Stay Safe!!



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.

June

Birthdays

13 – Olivia Jackson
 20 – Cathy Boyle
 27 – Gerald Weisbrod, Jr

Anniversaries

03 Joe and Ruth Williams
 04 Lewis and Julie Reals
 06 Scott and Meghan Titus
 16 Edward and Mary Jane Pokorny

Ministry Team Schedule

June 07, 2020 at 10 AM
Holy Eucharist
 Bishop DeDe

Psalm: St. Paul's Cathedral
 1st Lesson: St. Paul's Cathedral
 2nd Lesson: St. Paul's Cathedral
 Prayers: St. Paul's Cathedral

June 14, 2020
Holy Eucharist
 Fr. Leon Mozeliak

Psalm: All Saints
 Lessons: All Saints
 Prayers: All Saints

June 21, 2020
Holy Eucharist
 Fr. Leon Mozeliak

Psalm: Becky Kraus/Sue Gerling
 1st Lesson: Claudia Jensen
 2nd Lesson: Roberta Kincaid
 Prayers: Robin Weisbrod

June 28, 2020
Holy Eucharist
 Fr. Leon Mozeliak

Psalm: All Saints
 Lessons: All Saints
 Prayers: All Saints

A Letter from Bishop DeDe

Hello, friends! I'm so glad for this opportunity to share with you what we're doing in the Diocese in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

First of all, each week, starting now, I will be videotaping a message so that you'll know that you're up-to-date on what we're doing and how we're responding. I have asked the district deans to serve as a response team and to work with me so that I'll know what is happening in your district. I especially am interested in how we can be more useful in supporting the ongoing ministries of our church.

Our churches are not closed. They're very much open. But our buildings are closed, and we are gathering virtually because we are still in step one. Step one. We have been calling them "phases", but that has confused people because it sounds like the state phases, and we will not be following the state's phases. We will be making decisions that are best for our people. So, we will be calling it "steps". Steps to gathering anew.

We do not know what the future holds, and we cannot really know what is happening. So, we're taking it cautiously, one step at a time.

Currently, we're in step one. And in four to five weeks, the deans and I will have a conversation about whether we need to revisit that, and what is happening at the time. We'll look at what is best for our parishes and make a determination.

Right now, what we need most to do is to pray for one another and work together. This is not a time to allow partisan politics, or confusion, or even our anxiety and fatigue to drive us apart.

Working together, we will respond as a community of faith. This is a time when the church is at its best. We were born out of crisis, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, and we move toward resurrection together.

You and I are God's people. Let us pray together, let us communicate effectively to one another, and let us hold one another in love and compassion. And let us work together as we seek to serve God and serve one another. May we truly live into our vision statement of a world healed by love. God's blessings be with you now and always.

Until next week, blessings be upon you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DeDe" followed by a stylized flourish.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe
Bishop of Central New York

Presiding Bishop Curry's Word to the Church: When the Cameras are Gone, We Will Still Be Here

May 30, 2020

A word to the Church from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:

“Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus. We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone.”

In the midst of COVID-19 and the pressure cooker of a society in turmoil, a Minnesota man named George Floyd was brutally killed. His basic human dignity was stripped by someone charged to protect our common humanity.

Perhaps the deeper pain is the fact that this was not an isolated incident. It happened to Breonna Taylor on March 13 in Kentucky. It happened to Ahmaud Arbery on February 23 in Georgia. Racial terror in this form occurred when I was a teenager growing up black in Buffalo, New York. It extends back to the lynching of Emmett Till in 1955 and well before that. It's not just our present or our history. It is part of the fabric of American life.

But we need not be paralyzed by our past or our present. We are not slaves to fate but people of faith. Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus. We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone.

That work of racial reconciliation and justice – what we know as Becoming Beloved Community – is happening across our Episcopal Church. It is happening in Minnesota and in the Dioceses of Kentucky, Georgia and Atlanta, across America and around the world. That mission matters now more than ever, and it is work that belongs to all of us.

It must go on when racist violence and police brutality are no longer front-page news. It must go on when the work is not fashionable, and the way seems hard, and we feel utterly alone. It is the difficult labor of picking up the cross of Jesus like Simon of Cyrene, and carrying it until no one – no matter their color, no matter their class, no matter their caste – until no child of God is degraded and disrespected by anybody. That is God's dream, this is our work, and we shall not cease until God's dream is realized.

Is this hopelessly naïve? No, the vision of God's dream is no idealistic utopia. It is our only real hope. And, St. Paul says, “hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit” (Romans 5:5). Real love is the dogged commitment to live my life in the most unselfish, even sacrificial ways; to love God, love my neighbor, love the earth and truly love myself. Perhaps most difficult in times like this, it is even love for my enemy. That is why we cannot condone violence. Violence against any person – conducted by some police officers or by some protesters – is violence against a child of God created in God's image. No, as followers of Christ, we do not condone violence.

Neither do we condone our nation's collective, complicit silence in the face of injustice and violent death. The anger of so many on our streets is born out of the accumulated frustration that so few seem

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to care when another black, brown or native life is snuffed out.

But there is another way. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, a broken man lay on the side of the road. The religious leaders who passed were largely indifferent. Only the Samaritan saw the wounded stranger and acted. He provided medical care and housing. He made provision for this stranger's well-being. He helped and healed a fellow child of God.

Love, as Jesus teaches, is action like this as well as attitude. It seeks the good, the well-being, and the welfare of others as well as one's self. That way of real love is the only way there is.

Accompanying this statement is a card describing ways to practice the Way of Love in the midst of pandemic, uncertainty and loss. In addition, you will find online a set of resources to help Episcopalians to LEARN, PRAY & ACT in response to racist violence and police brutality. That resource set includes faithful tools for listening to and learning from communities too often ignored or suppressed, for incorporating God's vision of justice into your personal and community prayer life, and for positively and constructively engaging in advocacy and public witness.

Opening and changing hearts does not happen overnight. The Christian race is not a sprint; it is a marathon. Our prayers and our work for justice, healing and truth-telling must be unceasing. Let us recommit ourselves to following in the footsteps of Jesus, the way that leads to healing, justice and love.

Diocesan Worship Service

Bishop DeDe will lead virtual worship, including readings and a short reflection, for the entire diocese on Sunday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m. This special service will feature readers and musicians from around the diocese and gives parish clergy and worship leaders an opportunity to take a Sunday Sabbath during the COVID-19 crisis.

We'll also honor our 2020 graduates.

There are four ways to join:

1. Join via Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/974167135>. When prompted, enter the password: 3154746596
2. Join by phone (audio only): call (646) 876-9923, key in the Meeting ID: 974 167 135#, then enter the password 3154746596#, then press # again (there is no participant/personal ID).
3. Go to the diocesan Facebook page (facebook.com/cnyepiscopal) to watch and listen, using the comments feature to add your prayer requests and responses. (Note: We do experience periodic issues with the simulcast to Facebook. If on any Sunday we cannot simulcast to Facebook, please join by Zoom instead.)
4. Join any time! The service will be recorded and posted to the diocesan Facebook page (facebook.com/cnyepiscopal) and to the diocesan website (just go to the homepage and scroll down to News and Updates).

You do not need a worship bulletin as the service will be displayed on-screen.

Then... on Sunday, June 14, 2020, we will continue with our combined St. Paul's and All Saints Services at 9:00 A.M. Until then, stay well!

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Aaron Fern of Marcellus, BS in Music Industry from SUNY Fredonia.
Grandson of Fran Abriola

Chase Edward Serviss graduates from Chittenango 2020.
Cindy Bell Serviss, Mother, and Judy Olmsted, Grandmother

Rachel V. Boronczyk is graduating from nursing school
with a Bachelor's degree in nursing.
Cindy Bell Serviss, Mother and Judy Olmsted, Grandmother

Toby C. Macri,
grandson of Father Leon and Lynn Mozeliak

Katie M. Allen Chittenango HS,
Kathleen M. Boyle, Mother, April Boyle, Grandmother
and Ida Goins, Great-Grandmother

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