



The Good News



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

November 2021

What Are You Grateful For?

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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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Happy November everyone!! We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and this year, Fr. Leon will be having a Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 24th. Please try to make plans to attend, we have so much to give thanks for.

Speaking of giving thanks, I wanted to take this opportunity to talk about Our Vestry. We have Judy Olmsted, who has been a dedicated member of the Vestry ever since I first asked her to be my Junior Warden, all those years ago. Her help and caring for St. Paul's have not gone unnoticed. Thank you, Judy.

Next, is Sue Gerling. Sue took on a role, that she felt she was so underqualified for. But she took it because she loves St. Paul's and has been a good and faithful servant. Thank you, Sue.

Tania Mousaw – who, while out with hip surgery (and all the pain and waiting leading up to it), managed to still make calls and schedule work that needed to be done. Thank you, Tania.

Which brings me to Lynn Mozeliak. Lynn came to me quietly and asked if anyone would have issue with the Priests wife being on the Vestry. The answer was a resounding NO. I am very grateful for how she stepped right in and became part of our team. Thank you, Lynn.

I would be amiss, if I didn't also mention a few others who are also considered members of the Vestry, there is Jan Lee, who stepped in as Clerk of the Vestry, when Amy needed to leave. Jan helps to keep us on track (which is NOT easy). Thank you, Jan.

And then there is my favorite curmudgeon, our erstwhile Treasurer, Don Lee. I cannot thank Don for his advice, his steady presence and commitment to having as clear to a budget to understand as possible. Thank you, Don.

I also want to say, how grateful I am for the love and support of ALL the members of St. Paul's. We have such a dedicated group of parishioners, no, family. I think this has come even clearer over the past couple of years. Thank you ALL.

The ingathering for the Pledge Cards will be November 21st – cards are on the table in the Parish Hall. In the event that you won't be able to get to Church and grab a card, let Becky know – either call the church and leave a message, or email her at bak092364@gmail.com and she will get one out to you ASAP. Let me say this our members have been wonderful, keeping up their pledges.

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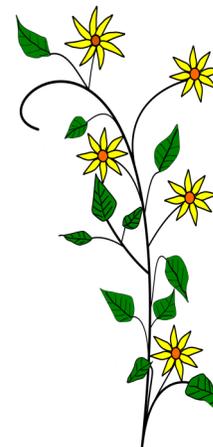
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New Prayer List for October/November 2021 has been posted on the bulletin board. If you wish to have someone added to St. Paul's Prayer list, please contact Becky Kraus at bak092364@gmail.com / 315-382-9056 or Robin Weisbrod at rdweisbrod@gmail.com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

November

Birthdays

07 – Samantha Just

07 – Susan Pratt

09 – Ruth Williams

10 – Derek McGork

10 – Tiffany Raymond

19 – Todd Chappell

23 – Charles Huttar

23 – Robin Weisbrod

27 – Elliana Haas

28 – Katie Orr

Anniversaries

03 – Neil & Sue Huebler

10 – Brandon & Kourtney Reals

25 – Leon & Lynn Mozeliak

Ministry Team Schedule

November 7, 2021

Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

LEM: N/A

Lessons: Claudia Jensen

Prayers: Claudia Jensen

Acolyte: Ed Hoffman

Coffee Hour: Tania Mousaw

November 14, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

LEM: Judy Olmsted

Lessons: Sue Gerling

Prayers: Sue Gerling

Acolyte: Ed Hoffman

Coffee Hour: Vestry

November 21, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

LEM: Judy Olmsted

Lessons: Roberta Kincaid

Prayers: Roberta Kincaid

Acolyte: Ed Hoffman

Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

November 28, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Charles Grover

LEM: Judy Olmsted

Lessons: Tania Mousaw

Prayers: Tania Mousaw

Acolyte: Ed Hoffman

Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

Altar Guild

Joanne Furtado

Jennifer Jackson

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You awe me and the Vestry – we humbly thank you for supporting St. Paul’s.

Advent starts on November 28th and then we will be in the Christmas Season. Here is a bit of history about Advent and it’s beginnings.

“The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming,” which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God’s incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1).

During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas. By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ.

But the “coming” they had in mind was not Christ’s first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ’s first coming at Christmas.

Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. (Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year.)

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these “last days” (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2), as God’s people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end

of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God’s past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ’s coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ’s kingdom when he returns for his people. In this light, the Advent hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” perfectly represents the church’s cry during the Advent season:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

While Israel would have sung the song in expectation of Christ’s first coming, the church now sings the song in commemoration of that first coming and in expectation of the second coming in the future. To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent (through December 16th) look forward to Christ’s second coming, and the last two Sundays (December 17th – 24th) look backward to remember Christ’s first coming. Over the course of the four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ’s return in judgment, to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah, to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ’s arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels.”

I thought it would be interesting to read about something that can be skated through, because of the anticipation, the hustle of Christmas. Instead, let us remember what Advent is about, and spend a moment or two in quiet meditation and savor the time between Advent 1 and Christmas Day.

God Bless,
Robin

SPREAD JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Thank you in advance for your generous donation!!

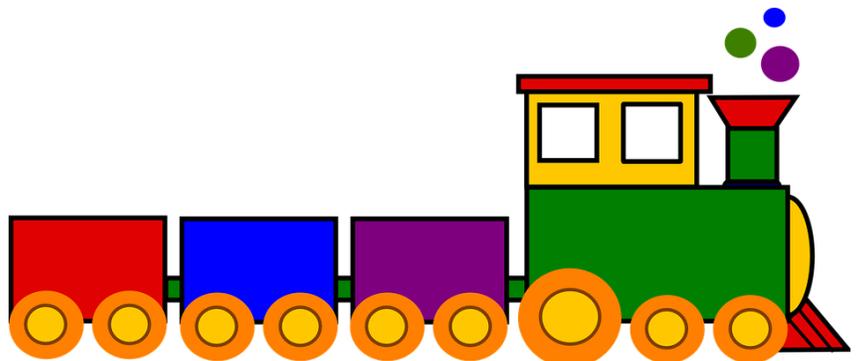
Toys and other items are being collected for children ages birth to 18 years for both boys and girls.

- Infant toys
 - Toddler toys
 - Preschool toys and games
 - Toys and games for school-aged children
 - Books for all ages
 - Board games
 - Personal hygiene items (lotions, grooming supplies, hair care stuff)
 - Inexpensive jewelry
 - Art supplies and crafts
 - Scrap book making supplies
 - Gift cards for Wal*Mart or other stores
 - Hats, mittens and scarves for all ages
 - Slippers for all ages
 - Socks and underwear for all ages
- No toy guns please.



This is just a list of ideas, as always, any gifts will be accepted. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Madison County Department of Social Services



Trees

By Joyce Kilmer

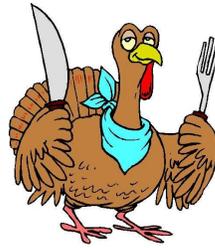
*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

And now saving the best...
for the leaves of the tree absorb obnoxious carbon dioxide tremendously help in combating global warming.

When you pass by a tree, give it a Hug

Thanks be to God.

- Ida Goins



Thanksgiving Day Trivia

There's no definite answer as to when the first Thanksgiving Day feast occurred. Some say it happened in 1621 in Plymouth, Massachusetts, but there's mention of one as far back as 1565 in St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States.

Although it had been celebrated in years past, President Abraham Lincoln gave the first official proclamation of a national Thanksgiving holiday in 1863.

It is likely that the first meal didn't contain all the traditional staples we've come to expect today. Potatoes hadn't yet become popular and there were no ovens for baking. It is reported that at the feast in Plymouth, the Native Americans brought deer, seafood and fruit.

Non-Traditional Christmas Gift Ideas

With rumors of supply-chain backups, we may need to look outside the box when it comes to giving presents this Christmas. Here are a few gift ideas that don't require a shipment:



- ◆ Membership to a museum or zoo.
- ◆ Gift Certificate for a nice restaurant.
- ◆ Home-made treats or knitted scarfs.
- ◆ Gift Certificate for a massage, salon or art class.
- ◆ Tickets to a movie, play or concert.
- ◆ Plan a group vacation.
- ◆ Spread the cheer to someone in need. Volunteer or donate to a local shelter.



Thank You Note

Joan and I want to thank you for your prayers and good wishes, your cards, and the lovely flowers, while Joan has been in Upstate Hospital and then in their rehabilitation unit. We have been cheered and encouraged by your love. Thank you.
- Father Charles Grover

Do you know of a family in need? Someone with a disability or a Senior? They do NOT have to without during the upcoming Holiday Season.

The Sullivan Food Cupboard Annual Christmas Basket Distribution is coming up. Applications are available in the Church – there is a Family Application and a separate one for Disabled/Seniors.



The applications need to be returned to the Sullivan Food Cupboard by Friday, December 10, 2021.

If you are unable to make it into the Church to pick up a form, let Becky know and she will get one out to you in the mail.



“Remember, it’s the thought that counts. Because if you can’t think, you can’t count.”



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 7th!

Set your clocks back one hour or be super punctual until March.

Choose your hard.

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