



# The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

October 2024

## The Leaves Change and So Do We

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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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Chittenango, NY 13037  
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Like many things in this world, plans have changed again. The Vestry had an in depth conversation about the feasibility of having the Spaghetti Dinner in November. We just cannot do it. So, instead, we are going to get people together to discuss when and how we are going to carry out having this particular fund raiser. If you have any interest in being involved, let Val Travers (ValerTrave@aol.com) know. In the light of recent events, ie Hurricane Helene and the Dock Strike, I firmly believe this is the right decision.

Speaking of these two events – this is going to cause stress for many, - and the Vestry and I are sensitive to this. If you find yourself in a situation of trying to decide if you buy food or pay your pledge – PLEASE – buy food, pay bills, take care of YOU first. All I ask, is that you let Judy know, that you have to put a hold on your pledge, we understand, no judgement from any of us. Things are going to get hard for all of us and St. Paul's does not want to make it any harder for our members.

Can you believe it is October all ready? Stewardship is here already, and I know there will be many that will have to lower their pledge. It is okay. Stewardship takes many forms, your pledge is one, helping out where you can in the church, is another. Asking that friend you have, if they have a church that they go to regularly, or have they fallen away, for one reason or another. Invite them to our service – explain that two Sunday's we have Fr. Leon, and the other 2 or 3, is a lay person. Let them know, that the only confession they have to make is between them and God, no one in between. All are welcome, regardless of their warts – some of us just hide our warts better (evil grin). No, the church building won't fall down if they walk through the door – our building is pretty doggone strong, thank you very much. No, we don't care if your Sunday best is holy jeans – are you sitting in the pew? THAT is what matters. No, we don't care if your child gets restless – maybe someone will offer to take them for a moment, so you aren't so distracted. We are pretty much all grandparents and Aunts/Uncles that have experienced it all. Yes, we expect you to sing, lustfully. No, it doesn't matter if you are flat, or even sharp.

Remember, not everyone has had a good experience in churches. Different things occurred and maybe they don't know how to verbalize what happened to them, but they feel the pain. Meet them where they are, and tell them it's okay, that we will be there waiting for them, when they are ready. Love is the way.

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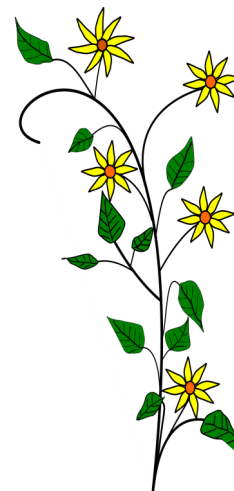
Want to donate to St. Paul's?  
Not sure how to do it online?

Go to: <https://cnyepiscopal.org/give/> click on "Give to my Parish" and look for St. Paul's Chittenango.

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

Ethel Barber, Ron Beaty, Catherine Carter, Stephen Cominsky, Dawn Cottet, Barb Dayo, Ida Goins, Bill Goodfellow, the Rev. Charles Grover, Joan Grover, Jessica Harrison, Donna Hoffman, Ed Hoffman, Neil Huebler, Violet Irwin, Sandy Jensen, Diane Jillson, Amy Kenneson, Roberta Kincaid, Patricia Ladd, Don Lee, Betty Lesczynski, Ed Link, Woody McAllister, Carolyn Moredock, Sam Parker, David Perks, Roe Salamone, Charlie & Dorothy Uhland, Leta Weisbrod, Ruth Williams, Ronald Ziegler, the People of Gaza and the West Bank, the People of Israel, the People of Ukraine.



New Prayer List for October 2024/November 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 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.

Please email  
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Or call (315) 687-6304

### 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.

# October

## Birthdays

05 Valerie Travers  
18 Donna Hoffman

## Anniversaries

22 Michael and Betty Lesczynski

## Ministry Team Schedule

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### October 6, 2024 Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted  
Lessons: Claudia Jensen  
Prayers: Claudia Jensen  
Acolyte: TBD  
MIDI: Valerie Travers  
Coffee Hour: Vestry

### October 20, 2024 Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted  
Lessons: Tania Mousaw  
Prayers: Tania Mousaw  
Acolyte: TBD  
MIDI: Valerie Travers  
Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

### Altar Guild for October:

Meg Hermann  
Mary Jane Pokorny

### October 13, 2024 Morning Prayer Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Sue Gerling  
Prayers: Sue Gerling  
Acolyte: TBD  
MIDI: Valerie Travers  
Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

### October 27, 2024 Morning Prayer Robin Weisbrod

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

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Love is the way. Such words are so true, though we have to remember, that love isn't always the answer. We are, after all, human. And as such, we sometimes forget that we are the face of St. Paul's. Maybe we speak a bit sharply, maybe we don't really listen to what someone is saying to us. Sometimes we look at the person sitting in the pew and wonder what their ulterior motive is. Remember, we all come from different walks in life with different life experiences. We celebrate those differences and yet, we still find a way to love each other. After all, Love is the way.

Love you all and God bless you,  
Robin



**The Third Sunday of every Month**

The 156th Convention of the Diocese of Central New York will take place over two days. The schedule is as follows:

Friday October 18, 2024 – Zoom only (Link TBD)  
This evening will be more “business focused” and will involve votes, resolutions, etc.

3:00pm Zoom meeting opens up  
4:00pm Convention begins  
8:30pm estimated end time

Saturday, October 19, 2024 – Onsite in Auburn or Online (Link TBD)

This day will include our guest speaker Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas (live streamed) and the celebration of Holy Eucharist. Convention attendees can choose to attend onsite or online (please be sure your registration reflects which. Email us for any changes. )

8:15am – onsite doors open and online Zoom meeting opens  
9:00am – Convention continues, end time – Noon

Onsite will be at Ss. Peter and John in Auburn.

For those attending onsite:

Light refreshments available. Remember to bring your refillable coffee mug or water bottle

Parking details: TBD (please carpool if possible)

Convention end time: 12 noon approximately, after Eucharist.



**Celebrating the Work of God**

Diocese of Central New York | 156th Convention

# **Monthly Clothing Giveaway/Exchange of Baby and Toddler Clothes**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

**The Red Door Church**

**Next to Library**

**204 Genesee Street, Chittenango**

**Enter at the Ramp at the rear of the  
Church**

**Every 2nd Saturday**

**10 AM - 2 PM**

**Come even if you haven't got anything to  
exchange**

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**We are on the Web**  
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