



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

December 2022

“For it is in giving that we receive.”

– Francis of Assisi

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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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Here we are, already halfway through Advent. A time to slow down, even IF you feel like you need to rush through everything, with only so many days left till Christmas. Christmas. Santa Claus, stocking hung by the chimney, Hallmark movies, you know the routine. But, isn't there more to Christmas? I mean, is it ALL commercial? No it's not. And truly, if you want to find more meaning to Christmas than all the commercialism, than you need to find time to get in touch with whatever church you feel at home in. Personally, if you are reading this newsletter, I hope and pray you find that feeling at St. Paul's. The people is what makes it feel like home, not the building. Oh, don't get me wrong – I get a flood of feelings when I visit any of the churches my Dad was a Priest in, not all good either. But, because of those feelings, I have learned many things, many different ways of looking at and understanding people. So yeah, I get it, if you have memories that aren't all spices and nice. Those memories can't be hanged, but new ones can be made. Think of Advent of the time to make new memories – to soak in the Word of God, to hear a familiar or perhaps unfamiliar liturgy, to expand yourself, past the secular, commercial world. To get in touch with what you are missing in your life. Took me having Kat in my life, to realize we BOTH needed something, and that was Church.

This coming Sunday is Rose Sunday, the Third Sunday in Advent, also known as Gaudette Sunday. “The term is derived from the Latin opening words of the introit antiphon, “Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always.” The theme of the day expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration.” (An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church)

The services are also available on ZOOM, every Sunday. The meeting ID is: 886 9520 0683 and the Passcode: Church – we would LOVE to see you on ZOOM, even if you can't physically make it to church. I sent out some idea for families, of things to do for Advent, I hope they are being put to use.

The **Decorating of the Church** will be on December 18th – many hands make light work!! I will need some volunteers to help me get up the Manger Scene outside, since Bob and Roberta are in Florida.

Oh and for those of you who have been attending the church services, whether in person or on ZOOM – how do you like Fr. Leon's Celtic Eucharist or Robin's Morning Prayer from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer? Let us know!! I personally have enjoyed hearing the similarities, even amongst the differences.

Christmas Eve service is at 5:00 PM with Fr. Leon Mozeliak, Officiating. There will be no Christmas Day Service (Sunday).

Becky has been working on the Phone Directory, and there are some changes to it. We have trimmed back on who is in the directory, as the purpose of a directory is to be able to get in contact with an active member of the church. If your name or your families name have been removed, I am sorry, but somewhere along the way, it went from

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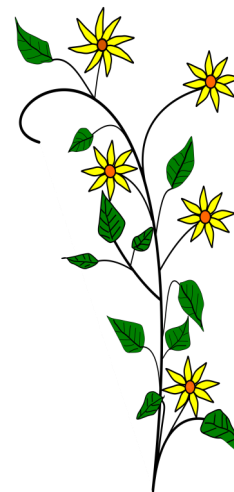
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New Prayer List for December 2022/January 2023 has
been posted on the bulletin board.

If you wish to have someone added to St. Paul's Prayer
list, please contact Becky Kraus at
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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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About St. Paul's

The earliest record of Episcopal Church services in this vicinity
was 1816 when St. Stephen's Church of Perryville was incorpo-
rated. 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 be-
gan 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, build-
ing, 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.

December

Birthdays

04 – Cory (C.J.) Huebler
 06 – Brandon Reals
 06 – Fayann Hall
 12 – Emma Titus
 14 – Emily Judd
 16 – Colleen Benjamin
 21 – Tania Mousaw

21 – Lauren McGork
 25 – Meredith Furtado
 26 – Molly Huttar
 27 – Lisa McGork

Ministry Team Schedule

December 4, 2022 Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Fran Abriola
 Prayers: Fran Abriola
 Acolytes: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Vestry

December 11, 2022 Morning Prayers Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Christie Corrigan
 Prayers: Christie Corrigan
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Sue Huebler

December 18, 2022 Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Claudia Jensen
 Prayers: Claudia Jensen
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: TBD
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

Christmas Eve Service at 5pm Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Sue Gerling
 Prayers: Sue Gerling
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman, Clayton Weisbrod
 Organist: Colleen Hilts
 Coffee Hour: TBD

Altar Guild for December:

Robin Weisbrod
 Judy Olmsted

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active members to “members” in name only. This should have been done years ago, but not done in fear of causing anger amongst members. Well, so be it. I shoulder the anger. Becky has kept a separate list on her computer, to share with our Pastoral Care liaisons and they will still make sure Birthday/Anniversary cards go out to our extended members, they will not be forgotten. Just not in the directory.

Vestry Members!! **REMINDER!!** Please get your reports in to Becky for the Annual Meeting in January!! Speaking of the Annual Meeting – which is January 22nd – **WITH A DISH TO PASS!!** We have some interesting and serious decisions to be made, that the Vestry feels should have input from the Parish.

Put this date on your Calendar and PLEASE show up. Sorry this is so long, but had a lot to cover!

God Bless and Merry Christmas
Robin W.



Important Dates

December 18th
Decorating of the Church

December 24th 5:00 PM
Christmas Eve Service

January 22nd
Annual Meeting



The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:2-21



2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while [a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

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