



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

May 2022

Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself

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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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You ever hear something said that resonates with you? I did just recently. I was working my way through dishes – a job I truly dread, listening to a Podcast, called “small churches BIG IMPACT collective”. This group of priests, in small churches, join to talk about the trials and tribulations, as well as the glorious rewards of shepherding a small church. One of the priests, I cannot tell you which one, said this: “Jesus doesn’t call the finished. Jesus calls the seeking.” BOOM. Ever hear of a “mike drop” – well, to me, this was one if I have ever heard one.

Something we ALL need to be reminded of. Church is NOT for those who are perfect, though we all know, I come doggone close. (insert eyerolls and laughter) Church is for those who are seeking to be better. Not better church goers, but better PEOPLE.

So often, we hear that people don’t go to church, because they feel they are being harshly judged. And they are. Oh we don’t want to admit we do it, but we all do. If someone’s child acts out during a service, or doesn’t behave the way “they should”, the parents get shamed. If someone comes to church and has the “wrong” clothes on, or wears a hat in church, the sideway looks can be awful. See we have it wrong, instead of looking at what is not “correct” or “acceptable”, we should be thankful that they feel comfortable enough to walk through our doors, to hear the word of God, to begin a road to healing.

I was lucky. I found a church family that I was comfortable with, I had tried another church and felt shut out, ostracized – I tried to belong, but they truly did not want me. And I in turn did not want them. If Joan Shelton, hadn’t come to my front door and sat and talked with me, I’m not sure I would have given another church a chance. You never know what brings people in your doors. One time, I asked another Vestry if they felt we were welcoming and to a person they said yes. Which, to a certain degree was true. We were/are welcoming. But. There is always that but. I heard from newer members, that they felt they couldn’t fit in, that try as they might, nothing they did was right or accepted. Some even felt they were judged, because they weren’t as good a human or Christian as they should be. Well, my question is, are ANY of us as good a human or Christian as we should be? I’m not, not by a long shot. But I AM trying to be.

I guess what I’m trying to say, is that we need to leave the final judgement to God and just try our darndest to love our neighbors as ourselves. Is it easy? No. But I do know, that making the right choice, taking the right road, is NEVER easy. Ever. What’s that saying? “The road less traveled”, actually I believe

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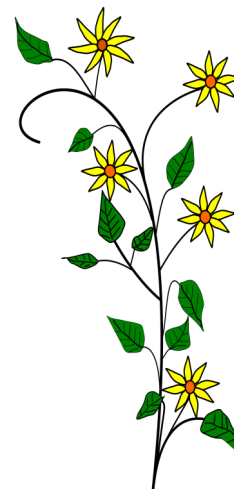
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New Prayer List for April 2022/May 2022 has been
posted on the bulletin board.

If you wish to have someone added to St. Paul's Pray-
er 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 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.

May

Birthdays

07 – Kourtney Reals	16 – Clayton Weisbrod
08- Tristyn Judd	21 – Betty Lesczynski
10 – Julia McGork	27 – Elyssa Judd
10 – Charley Stagnitti	30 – Cate McGork

Anniversaries

09 – Jan and Woody Woodworth

Ministry Team Schedule

May 1, 2022

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

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

May 15, 2022

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

LEM: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Sue Gerling
 Prayers: Sue Gerling
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: TBD
 Coffee Hour: Sue Gerling

May 29, 2022

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Charles Grover

LEM: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Robin Weisbrod
 Prayers: Robin Weisbrod
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

May 8, 2022

Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Claudia Jensen
 Prayers: Claudia Jensen
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer/
 Mother's Day

May 22, 2022

Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Judy Olmsted
 Prayers: Judy Olmsted
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: TBD
 Coffee Hour: Fran Abriola/Ed Butler

Altar Guild

Becky Kraus
 Robin Weisbrod

Request from Robin:

A reminder that life can change in an instant. Would everyone take a moment from their day, reach out to me with contact information for your next of kin? AND please give your contact person, my home number, my cell phone number and my email address. PLEASE???

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Or Judy Olmsted at:

her email is jabell40@yahoo.com
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Thank you, I love you all.



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
in Chittenango, NY
is having their
ANNUAL TAG SALE**

**May 21, 2022
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Rent a space, bring your own tent - \$12
Plenty of outside spots available**

**Rent a table inside - \$15
Limited number of tables**

**contact Robin at
stpaulstagsale@gmail.com
or
(315) 367-8111**

Looking for Volunteers to help with
the Tag Sale

Reach out to Robin at
rdweisbrod@gmail.com to help with,
Setup, HotDog Chefs and helpers (day
of) and Clean up (after 3:00 PM).

It is a FUN day!!



Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Bikes - May 7th

Tag Sale - May 21

Oz Fest June 3rd-5th

Prayerfully consider

Would you like to join us
on Vestry?

If so, reach out to Robin or
Judy and let us know.

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it is a version from Robert Frost's poem, "The Road Not Taken" :

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
 And sorry I could not travel both
 And be one traveler, long I stood
 And looked down one as far as I could
 To where it bent in the undergrowth;
 Then took the other, as just as fair,
 And having perhaps the better claim
 Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
 Though as for that the passing there
 Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
 In leaves no step had trodden black.
 Oh, I kept the first for another day!
 Yet knowing how way leads on to way
 I doubted if I should ever come back.
 I shall be telling this with a sigh
 Somewhere ages and ages hence:
 Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
 I took the one less traveled by,
 And that has made all the difference

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/the-road-not-taken-by-robert-frost>
 So let's take the one less traveled, let's keep working on improving ourselves, let's keep loving each other and opening our hearts and minds to those less fortunate than us and who knows what that will bring to us personally and as a church family. And let's reach out to those seeking and help them find what they need, God. Don't we all?

God bless you all,

Mother's Day
 is Sunday, May 8th



Thank You Notes

Dear St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
 Thank you for including us in your donation drive for baby items. It is always such a pleasure to be able to distribute the wonderful items to members of the community who are in need. Although this thank you note is much delayed, please know our gratitude is not.

Thank you for your generosity!
 Sincerely,
 Molly Limbert, Public Nurse

Thank you so much for your donations, it's always greatly appreciated!
 Sincerely,
 Autumn, Community Health Worker

Thank you for thinking of your community!
 Rebecca

Thank you for your generous donations,
 Madison County is grateful.
 Jody, RN

Dear Friends,
 Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. (Olive Branch always makes the nicest arrangements.) I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. I seem to be making a good recovery.

Blessings and Peace,
 Dorothy

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