



CHRIST CHURCH

✝ BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ✝

March/April 2018

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Annual Meeting took place on January 28 with more than 80 adults in attendance. The meeting included standard reports of happenings in the life of Christ Church. A power point presentation was given for each of our ministry areas.

Alan Greenspan presented our Outreach Ministries. Included in his report was a presentation on Noah's Attic by **Wanda Closson**, **Donna Hatley**, and other members of their team. They did a lovely fashion show featuring items from Noah's! **Andrew Cook** presented the KidsFirst report, and Alan updated us on the Food Pantry, Diocesan news, ecumenical ministries, church growth, those in the ordination process (Paul Guilmette), and our missions support over the year.

Theresa Polson, shared her presentation of our Pastoral Ministries. She thanked the many who participate in worship, children's ministries, education, fellowship, visitation, healing, and more. We are blessed with many people included in these ministries.

Christine Osgood shared with us a wonderful presentation of the Resource Ministries, including an update on repairs and improvements to our buildings and grounds, and a very well-done presentation of income and expenditures of last year and our 2018 budget. We all rejoiced with the news that at the end of the year all bills were paid!

Many thanks were also offered to our amazing Deacons and Staff: **Beverly Granger**, treasurer; **Kathryn Cook**, Assistant Treasurer; **Judith Bell**, Clerk of the Vestry; **Tim Iannon**, sexton;

Wanda Closson director of Noah's Attic; **Donna Hatley**, Noah's Attic Assistant Director; **Jennifer Hidalgo**, KidsFirst Director; and **Theresa LaGattuta-Bruno**, KidsFirst Assistant Director.

We also thanked those whose terms on the vestry had come to an end: **Rachel Norsworthy**, **Theresa Polson**, and **Michelle Mattice**.

Those elected were:

Ann Wait, Warden

Vestry members elected: **Paul Cuddihy**, **Bet LaRue**, and **Susan Olszewski**

Those continuing include: **Don Rohr**, Senior Warden; **Andrew Cook**, **Greg Schmidt**, **Cathy Hughes**, **Alan Greenspan**, **Bonnie Hall**, and **Christine Osgood**

We also elected Convention delegates: **Carla Greenspan**, **Jayne Schmidt**, and **Mabel Siler**

Glen Face was elected to the Columbarium committee

Fr Roy concluded the meeting with his report and thanks for the amazing surprise of the 40th anniversary party and the blessing of serving Christ Church. ●



PASTOR'S LETTER



Photograph: Ken Rimany

THE REVEREND DERIK J. ROY, JR.

*Dear Friends,
I received this story over e-mail and thought it a wonderful reminder of our need to accept God's gift of love and forgiveness. It is especially appropriate in this penitential season of Lent as we prepare for the joy of Easter!*

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back to dinner.

As he was walking back, he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic he hid the dead duck in the woodpile only to see his sister watching. Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch that day, Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck." So Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry, but I need Sally to help make supper." But Sally just smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." She whispered again, "Remember the duck." So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's, he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug, and said "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

Thought for the day: Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done that the enemy keeps throwing up in your face (lying, debt, fear, hatred, anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, etc.) you need to know that Jesus Christ was standing at the window and saw the whole thing. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the enemy make a slave of you.

The great thing about God is that He not only forgives, but He forgets. ●

*In His Love,
—Fr Derik Roy*

KIDSFIRST NEWS

Our Bible theme for the month of January was Creation. For our service project, we collected donations for the upcoming mission trip to the Dominican Republic. During chapel, Fr Roy explained to the children how their donations would be used to help others.

Our February Bible theme was Jesus and the Children. For our service project, the children made Valentine cards, which were delivered to area nursing homes by Fr Roy and our deacons. ●



✦ We are enrolling children ages 5-9 for our Summer Camp.

✦ We also have Preschool and Pre-K openings for Fall, 2018.

We are currently looking to hire a **Lead Toddler Teacher and on-call Substitutes.**

Those interested may contact Jennifer or Theresa at 518-309-3540.



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NEXT DEADLINE:
NOON ON TUESDAY,
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Material should be submitted by e-mail to
Bet LaRue: luvbritlit@gmail.com 378-5110

Send high-resolution digital images (not
web files) to jmyeates@frontiernet.net

Parish Anniversaries

March—

- 20 John and Theresa Polson
- 24 Richard and Nancy Dowd

April—

- 9 Michelle and Joseph Miner
- 11 Paul and Deborah Guilmette
- 12 John and Tammy Boyd
- 29 Jaye Kaye and
Jim Van Valkenburg
- 30 Mark and Ann Baker

PARISH GIVING

November average was \$6046

December average was \$7995

January average was \$4305



Three-month average \$6115

To meet budget in 2018, \$5232

YOUTH RETREAT

The end of year retreat will be held at Michelle and Doug's on Friday, May 18, beginning at 6:30 PM and ending on Sunday, May 20 at 2 PM. It is open to all Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers and is a great orientation for kids who will be going to Middle School in the Fall.

We will be tenting in the backyard, once again. Tents will be provided. Bring changes of clothes for two days, sleeping bags, and 2 extra towels and an extra change of clothes to get messy in. Bring your Bible! A retreat permission slip must be handed in along with \$50 per person. We never want to leave anyone out, so if the finances or if any of the necessities are an issue, please just call or e-mail Michelle at 518-847-8577, m2mattice@outlook.com or speak to Father Roy.

We end the retreat with our own service at 1 PM. Families are invited and parents are to pick up their kids at the end of the service (no later than 3 PM, or Michelle and Doug will start charging by the quarter hour!). ●

CHRIST CHURCH WEBSITE

Have you checked out our new website? Please visit us at www.ChristEpiscopalBallstonSpa.com.

Thank you to Rachel Norsworthy and Dan Hidalgo for all the hard work they put into setting this up! ●



PRAYER CHAIN

When people are in need of prayer they reach out to the prayer chain, either through Jeanne at the office, Fr Roy, or Chris Martin (by cell phone or email). Once Chris receives the prayer request, she prays for the person or situation. Chris then puts out an email to the prayer warriors with details.

Each prayer is prayed for 30 days, unless she gets an update that those prayers have been answered. When Chris gets updates she puts them out in an email. She always adds a prayer to the email so as soon as the warriors read the email they are praying.

If you are interested in becoming part of the prayer team, or have a prayer request, please contact Chris Martin at 518-588-4353 or cmartin670@aol.com ●

Keep in Your Prayers

Elaine Askew	Evelyn Baxter	Phyllis Gottung	Mary Ortoleva
Janice Baird	Ralph Cook	Diane Lang	Gail Vacula
	Erin Dumovitz	Russ Miller	

Celebration Choir • 8 am service
Rehearses in church after 8:00 AM service; will sing first Sundays

Angel Choir • for Children K-6
Rehearses after 10 AM Service

Worship Choir • 10 am service
Rehearses in Choir Room on Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM

—Kristin McCabe

SUNDAYS AT NOON

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes continue to meet in the Fireside room. Bishop Love will be with us for his Parish Visitation and Confirmation on Sunday, May 6.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 • NOON-1:00 PM

• Ecumenical Lenten Lunches continue

Topic: What Jesus did for us on the Cross

Held in our Parish Hall. Every church will take a turn providing the lunch. Christ Church will provide lunch on February 28. If you are able to help, please speak with Fr Roy.

2018 Ecumenical Lenten Lunch Series

- February 28 Gary Newton
- March 7 David Waldo
- March 14 Kelly Warner
- March 21 Scott DeBlock
- March 28 Derik Roy

Each week there will be a free meal and brief reflection led by the Village Clergy. A freewill offering will be taken to support the Ballston Area Clergy Association Community Assistance Fund. All are welcome!

WED., FEBRUARY 28 • 6 PM

• Lenten Study Series and Potluck begins

Come join us for this five-week study called *Goliath Must Fall* by Louie Giglio. The weekly topics are:

- Week 1: Dead but still Deadly
- Week 2: Fear Must Fall
- Week 3: Rejection Must Fall
- Week 4: Anger Must Fall
- Week 5: Addiction Must Fall

FRIDAY, MARCH 2 • NOON

• Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday throughout Lent for this traditional devotional service in which we retrace Jesus' steps while he is led to the cross and placed in the tomb. Following this time of prayer and reflection, a light lunch will be served in the parish hall.

MARCH 4

• Return of the Dominican Republic Missions Team

Please keep Susan Olszewski and the rest of the team in your prayers.

Easter Flower Donations

The beautiful Easter flowers that decorate our church during the Easter season are given in memory of or in thanksgiving for by members of our Church. If you wish to contribute, please be sure to fill out a flower envelope, which will be available starting March 11, and place it in the collection plate by March 25.

Holy Week

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 • 6 PM

• Maundy Thursday Seder

The Seder is the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with the disciples in the Upper Room the night before He was crucified. At this Last Supper, Jesus instituted the sacrament of Communion and washed the feet of his disciples as a sign that they were to be servants. At this meal, you'll learn about some of our Jewish roots and how much of the Christian heritage comes from that tradition.

Following the Eucharist, we will begin the all-night Prayer Vigil, reminding us of the time Jesus spent in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his arrest. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center prior to the vigil; we hope every hour until noon on Good Friday will be filled.



FRIDAY, MARCH 30 •

NOON AND 6 PM

• Good Friday Worship

The noon service includes the Stations of the Cross, a devotional approach to the 14 events (some Biblical and some traditional) that were part of Jesus' journey from trial to crucifixion. The evening service gives those who work during the day an opportunity to worship and focus on the cross of Christ.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 • 8 PM
• The Great Easter Vigil

The first Eucharist of Easter will begin in the dark as the Paschal candle is lit. As the congregants light their candles and proclaim “Jesus is the Light of the World,” we hear stories from the Old Testament. Then, if there are any to be baptized, we do so, making a commitment to Christ by renewing our own vows. Then, as we turn on the lights and proclaim “Jesus is Risen”! we celebrate the Easter Eucharist.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1
8 AM AND 10 AM
Easter Services

No Sunday School will be held.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 • 7 PM
**Newcomers/
 New Members Class**

This six-week long class, taught by Fr Roy, is for those new to the church who are interested in learning more about the church and the Christian faith. This being an important step in helping a person determine if they would like to become a member. It will focus on such things as the person of Jesus, the Bible, the church and its history, the reasons we worship the way we do, and how to live the Christian life. Childcare will be provided if needed.

UPCOMING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 • 8 AND 10 AM

Bishop Love will be joining us for his parish visit.

At the 10 AM service he will offer the Sacrament of Confirmation for those who have prepared.

We hope to have a nice meal afterwards. ●



**MEDICAL MISSION TO THE
 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**



On February 23, a group of 28 from the Episcopal Diocese of Albany went on the 20th Annual Medical Mission to the Dominican Republic. The team holds a free clinic at St. Thomas church in a rural barrio of Gautier, on the southern side of the island. Medicines and care are provided at no expense, and patients visit the Prayer Team afterwards. The team returns on March 4. ●

If you are interested in becoming part of the team for 2019, please speak to Susan Olszewski before August.



**NOAH'S
 ATTIC
 Hours:**



Sunday/Monday: Closed

Tuesday:

9:30 AM–3:00 PM

Friday:

9:30 AM–3:00 PM

Wednesday/Thursday:

9:30 AM–5:00 PM

Saturday:

9:30 AM–2:30 PM

Volunteers are needed for Wednesdays! We also need on-call volunteers for days on which others are sick.

TELEPHONE 518-885-9455

✚ NEWS AND NOTES ✚

THANK YOU

I was truly surprised by the surprise celebration you had for me to celebrate my 40th year anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Your kindness and generosity, gifts and loving notes touched me deeply. Thank you so much for your love and support. ●

—Fr Derik Roy

HELP WANTED!

Bet would like to step down from the bi-monthly job of editing the newsletter; Susan Olszewski will continue as co-editor. Duties include gathering articles and information by e-mail (most of which is sent out by Jeanne at the church office) and putting them into a document and editing them. You do not need to do any layout, Janet Yeates is our designer. ●

If you would like to help, please e-mail Bet: luvbritlit@gmail.com.



SCHEDULES

	Lay Reader	Lector	Greeters	Ushers	Nursery	Coffee Hour
March 4	Paul Guilmette	Doug Mattice Ann Baker	The Drindaks	Donna Travis Donna Christensen	Joe Luger	Team 5
March 11	Mike Luger	Margaret Cook Carla Greenspan	The Drindaks	Donna Travis Donna Christensen	Noelle Olszewski	Team 1
March 18	Paul Guilmette	Peg Moser Don Rohr	Anne Walsh Cathy Hughes	Cathy Hughes Barb Wood	Zac Greenspan	Team 2
March 25 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Lois McGee	Sarah Ladopoulos Ken Rossen	Anne Walsh Cathy Hughes	Cathy Hughes Barb Wood	Joe Luger	Team 3
April 1 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Paul Guilmette	Noel Drindak Jenn Catallo	Barb Wood J. Rapelje	Margaret Cook Jayne Schmidt	Noelle Olszewski	Team 4
April 8	Lois McGee	Bet LaRue Paul Cuddihy	Barb Wood J. Rapelje	Margaret Cook Jayne Schmidt	Zac Greenspan	Team 5
April 15	Paul Guilmette	Caitlin Jorgensen Peg Moser	The Polsons	Cathy Roy Peg Moser	Joe Luger	Team 1
April 22	Mike Luger	Carla Greenspan Ann Baker	The Polsons	Cathy Roy Peg Moser	Noelle Olszewski	Team 2

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING®

We St Agnes Chapter 1116, Daughters of the King, was re-instated in May 2004. Each daughter takes a lifetime vow to live by the Rule of Order, which requires daily prayer, service, and evangelism. The Daughters at Christ Church, Ballston Spa, are communicants of the Episcopal Church or of a church in communion. The order was originally founded in 1912—no history of the previous order has been located as of yet. Women considering becoming a member of the Order can contact Chris Martin at 518-588-4353 or any one of our members.

CHRIST CHURCH DAUGHTERS

Christine Martin, *President*
 Diane Carlson, *Vice President*
 Elaine Pearson, *Treasurer*
 Janice Baird, *Secretary*
 Tammy Boyd, *Diocesan President*

Margaret Anderson	Deacon Lynne Crimi
Donna Armer	Elizabeth Dowd
Kayla Barnes	Julia Duchesne
Pat Barno	Donna Hatley
Andrea Breslin	Joyce Luger
Nancy Cairns	JoAnn Neimeyer
Wendy Campbell	

THE MISSION OF THE ORDER

The Mission of the Order is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism.

A MESSAGE FROM ANN WAIT

People often change churches, looking for the 'right one.' It has happened to me. However, walking into Christ Church was an experience that made me aware that this was the right church. I immediately began to feel at home.

I have welcomed the chance to participate in services and events that offer a wide range of opportunities to broaden my life—spiritually and socially—and lead to a deeper knowledge of my faith.

It is gratifying to be able to work with a group of

ABOUT THE ORDER

The Order of the Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it. Our membership currently includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA), and Roman Catholic churches.

Our Anglican tradition:

- Recognizes Episcopal (bishop's) oversight.
- Believes that Holy Scripture contains all things necessary for salvation.
- Acknowledges the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, the real presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, and worship according to The Book of Common Prayer (or the standard liturgies of Lutheran, Roman Catholic, or other Anglican churches that sponsor DOK chapters).

Reaffirming the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service, and evangelism. She receives support in this commitment from a worldwide community of like-minded women.

In solidarity with one another, all Daughters everywhere make the same promises upon their admission to the Order:

- To obey the two Rules of The Order: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.
- To offer at all times loyal aid to our clergy and parish to spread Christ's kingdom.
- To wear faithfully the cross of The Order.
- To work for the purposes of The Order as God may give us the opportunity. ●

dedicated Vestry members and I look forward to getting to know more of our parish family and serving as your Jr. Warden.

Blessings, and thank you all for your confidence in me.

—Ann Wait
 Jr. Warden

Editor's note: Ann came to the area as a Skidmore student and stayed to marry and raise a family. She helps pick up food for the Food Pantry, served on the Vestry, participates in the Seniors Group and morning Bible study, and loves to knit. Her large family includes a new great-grandson.

Opportunities for Service

Interested? Call the Church office, 885-1031.

- ✚ Acolytes Mike Luger
- ✚ Alpha Caitlin Jorgensen
- ✚ Altar Guild Julia Duchesne
- ✚ Choir Kristin McCabe
- ✚ Coffee Hour Alan and Carla Greenspan
- ✚ Daughters of the King Christine Martin
- ✚ Decoration Lois Mitchell
- ✚ Flowers Lois Mitchell
- ✚ Food Pantry Jim and Jan Bornheim
- ✚ Healing Ministry Deacon Lynne Crimi
- ✚ Hunger for Healing Bonnie Hall
- ✚ High School Youth Michelle Mattice
- ✚ Junior Church Michelle Mattice
- ✚ Little Saints . Fr Roy, Ashley Horrocks-Bush,
..... Kathy Rooney
- ✚ Men's Breakfast Fellowship .. Noel Drindak
- ✚ Middle School Youth Michelle Mattice
- ✚ Missions Kathy Rooney
- ✚ Newsletter Bet LaRue, Kathy Rooney
..... Susan Olszewski
- ✚ Noah's Attic Wanda Closson
- ✚ Nursery Greg Schmidt
- ✚ Prayer Chain Christine Martin
- ✚ Prayer Quilts Margaret Cook, Joyce Reed
- ✚ Sunday School Christine Osgood
- ✚ Vacation Bible School Melissa Miller
- ✚ Visitations

Ongoing Programs

✚ ADULTS:

Men's Breakfast Fellowship Wed, 6:30 AM

Eucharist Wednesdays, 9:15 AM

Study Group Wednesdays, 10 AM

Daughters of the King

Second Sunday at 11:30 AM

Adult Sunday School Sundays, 9 AM

✚ CHILDREN:

Children's Sunday School 9-9:50 AM

Children's Church Sundays during
10 AM service

Little Saints 1st & 3rd Tuesday 3:30-5:30 PM

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

Sundays, 2 to 4 PM

High School Youth Group (HSYG)

Sundays, 2 to 4 PM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

TUESDAY, APRIL 10 • NOON



Parish Birthdays

March—

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Holden Popkoski
Aubrey Thomas 2 Alex Guilmette
Keith Koster 3 Rachel Montalbaro 4 Patrick Campbell 5 Robert Bonanno
Julia Duchesne
Faith King 6 Abbie Roy
Rich McCabe
Paul Sausville 7 Marcy Melander
Elaine Pearson 8 Brian Horrocks
Salli Buttles
Anne Walsh 9 Alexandra Bruno 10 Bruce Uhlinger 12 Gracelyn Guynup 13 Donna Thomas
Ashley Ponessa 17 Barbara Sutherland 18 Kathy DeMartino 19 Alex Dumovitz 20 Angeline Dorman | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 Connor Doud 23 Nathan Bonanno
Paul Cuddihy 25 John Perreault 26 Amber Sleight 26 Mike Carson
Chris Elliott 28 Al Anderson
James Van Valkenburg 30 Diane Iannon
Lolly LaRue |
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April—

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Randy Miller 2 Helen Gardner 2 Alita Rossen 3 Isaac LaRue 4 Syndey Carson 5 Eve Lansing
Melanie Speer
Matt Willey
Matthew King | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 John Bell 8 Stuart Quick
Shannon Rich 9 Rob Mancini 10 Peter Loyola
Jay Thomas 13 Angeline King 14 Angelica Bretz-Aguirre
Bonnie Horrocks 17 Greg Howell
Kyle Newton
Jacob Polson
Amy LaLonde-Paley 18 Lorraine McPherson 20 Jean Sleight
Anthony Polson 23 William Zabala 25 Angela Roy 25 Madalynn Bush 29 Brody Kubas 30 Beverly Granger
Karl Newton
Ruth Shiebler
Byron Norsworthy |
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