



CHRIST CHURCH

✝ BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ✝

May/June 2018

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Last month our church hosted the VBS Funshop where we ventured onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive! We learned about Shipwrecked VBS and got to connect with other VBS leaders from local churches. We had a successful workshop where we made decorations, experimented with crafts and games, and learned about all the fun adventures that await us this summer. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms!



June 25-29 • 8:30–11:30 AM

Register Online: go to the Christ Church website; click on Children's ministries, then register for VBS

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/christepiscopalvbs>

We are also looking for volunteers for registration, kitchen clean up, games, Bible Adventure and Spotlight Video. ●

KIDSFIRST NEWS

Spring Programs

As spring arrives, we are looking forward to several fun events at KidsFirst.

We will be hosting a **Mother's Day Tea** in May, and **Donuts with Dad** in June.



Also in June, we'll be holding our first Pre-K graduation ceremony! This event is sure to be both an exciting and emotional one for our staff and families.

As always, the children enjoy their weekly chapel services led by Fr Roy. In April, the kids are exploring the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. They are learning that God is with them when they are afraid. ●

Summer Camp

Our **KidsFirst Summer Camp** runs from June 25 through September 4. There are a handful of spots still available, and many fun activities are planned, including swimming lessons.

The summer campers will, once again, be participating in Christ Church's Vacation Bible School program. Anyone interested in summer camp can contact Jennifer or Theresa at KidsFirst. (518.309.3540) ●

PASTOR'S LETTER

Photograph: Ken Rinamy



THE REVEREND DERIK J. ROY, JR.

Dear Friends,

The recent discovery of documents attributed to the disciple Judas has provided some interesting discussions. Whether these documents are authentic or not is also debatable, however,

they got me thinking about Judas. Judas betrayed Christ and then when he realized the magnitude of his actions, he couldn't live with himself, and committed suicide.

There's a story that has always touched me about Judas. The story goes that on Judgment Day in heaven, everyone is joyfully celebrating, singing, dancing, and embracing their loved ones. That is, everyone except Jesus, who is standing sadly at the gates to Heaven, looking down to Earth. He is asked why he is not joining in the party and joy all around him and Jesus answers, "I am waiting for Judas."

I hope the power of that story touches you like it does me. God in Christ is such pure, forgiving love that he yearns to embrace his betrayer. In the Easter story all his followers let Him down, but because they knew Jesus would forgive, they were restored to fellowship with him. The same reunion awaits Judas.

In a very real way, each of us has sold out Christ many times and in many ways. Only the self-righteous and proud among us could deny our guilt. We all have some Judas in us. Yet we are always welcome, even at the last moment.

What is good news to us, is that Jesus waits for us and will embrace us when we return. What is bad news, is that we have to choose and often we don't. Like Judas, we separate ourselves from God.

As we continue in this Easter season, choose the Risen Lord! He is waiting for you. ●

*In His Love,
—Fr Derik Roy*

THANK YOU!

—To Julia Duchesne and the Altar Guild teams for all you do all year, but especially during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

—To our Deacons: Al, Lynne, Bill, and Gil for all you do!

—To all who helped with the Seder/Passover sacred meal. Special thanks to Alan and Carla Greenspan and Rachel Norsworthy.

—To Kristin McCabe and her choirs: The music at 8 AM (we have an 8 AM choir now!) and 10 AM has been a wonderful blessing. The music during Holy Week and Easter was especially inspiring!

—To our friend Rick Mattrazzo who owns Briarwood Florist in Ballston Spa for his attention to detail and for always accommodating our needs. Our Easter lilies were particularly lovely this year! ●

CHURCH WEBSITE

Please visit us at our wonderful new website:
ChristEpiscopalBallstonSpa.com

When you do, visit the top right corner of the home page, where it says "Members Log In." You can request permission to use a username and password from the church office. You will then be able to access schedules and calendar events any time!

Take a few minutes to check out our Church History, information about ways to get involved, or listen to Father Roy's latest sermon! ●

NEWCOMERS!

On April 15 we officially welcomed these new members to our church:

Denise Cudemo, Ann Krupa, Megan Lovelace, Heather Marlette, Tina Okma, Mike Patenaude, Bradlea Raga-Barone, Ginny Romanzo, Jayne Schmidt, Bob Wemett, Barb Wood, and Geoff and Joanne Wood.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church and would like to learn more about what is required, please speak to Fr Roy. ●



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web files) to jmyeates@frontiernet.net



**LOOK AT THE BIRDS
IN THE SKY-MTG-26**

PARISH GIVING

January average was \$4305

February average was \$4840

March average was \$5729



Three-month average \$4958

To meet budget in 2018, \$5232

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. ●

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us at **ChristEpiscopalBallstonSpa.com**.

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



Parish Anniversaries

May—

- 2 Pat and Bambi Becker
- 4 Angela and Brad Roy
- 5 Joe and Gail King
- 16 Larry and Caitlin Jorgensen
- 19 Bruce and Ann Krupa
- Derik and Cathy Roy
- 20 Mike and Julianne Carson
- 26 Bill and Elaine Pearson
- 28 Gregg and Donna Thomas

June—

- 7 Caleb and Bet LaRue
- 8 Gail and Stephen Vacula
- 10 James and Janice Bornheim
- 13 Richard and Joyce Reed
- 17 Andrew and Kathryn Cook
- 18 Alex and Erin Dumovitz
- 20 Glen and Laura Face
- Stuart and Dorothy Quick
- 21 Jeff and Rachel Smith
- 24 Jeremy and Danielle Bailey
- 26 Greg and Wendy Schmidt
- Dominic and Cheryl Garratt
- 30 Mike and Mindy Willey

Keep in Your Prayers

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 6 • 8 AND 10 AM
• **Bishop's Visitation**

SUNDAY, MAY 13 • 9:15 AM
• **Mother's Day Breakfast**

Give thanks for moms! Again this year the breakfast is being given by Fred and Elaine Iannon in honor of Elaine's mother, who passed away.

TUES., MAY 15 • 3:30-5:30 PM
• **Little Saints Picnic**

This will be our final Little Saints meeting before summer break.

FRI-SUN, MAY 18-20
• **MS/HS Youth Group Retreat**
(see page 6)

MONDAY, MAY 21 • NOON
• **Seniors Lunch**

Join us for fellowship, food, & fun.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY • JUNE 8-10
• **Diocesan Convention**

This is a three-day event of workshops, study, worship, fellowship, youth programs and celebration. Our delegates who were elected at our annual meeting in January are Carla Greenspan, Jayne Schmidt, and Mabel Siler. They, along with our clergy, will

represent us at the business part of convention; however, everyone is welcome to come for part or all of convention. Of special interest this year is that we are celebrating our 150th anniversary as a Diocese with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. It is a wonderful time for seeing the larger church and to learn, grow, worship, and enjoy fellowship. If you would like more information, contact the office. You can register online at www.Albanyepiscopaldiocese.org

JUNE 25-29,
8:30 AM-11:30 AM

• **VBS** (see article)

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 • 10 AM

• **Honoring 2018**
High School Graduates

We will honor our graduates: Pierce Doud, Noelle Olszewski, Joseph Luger, and Theodore King.

BISHOP'S VISITATION

Bishop Love will be joining us for worship and fellowship on May 6. The last time our Bishop was with us on a Sunday morning was December, 2015.

We are thrilled to have him with us and look forward to a very special day.

As part of his visitation, there will be confirmation at our 10 AM service. The following people will be confirmed: Ethan Cook, Paul (Jack) Sausville, Rebecca Grugan, Lillian Greenspan, and Megan Lovelace.

Mike Patenaude, Denise Cudemo, Bradlea Raga-Barone, and Jayne Schmidt will be received by the Bishop, meaning they had already been confirmed in another denomination.

We plan on having a special luncheon following our 10 AM service to welcome him and to celebrate our confirmands. •

SUMMER IS COMING

June 24 is the last day of Sunday School until the Fall, so there is still time to get your child involved! We have God-loving teachers and a great curriculum which follows the Sunday lectionary readings. What a perfect opportunity to share with your child what you have learned and what they have learned! Compare notes!

I cannot stress enough that our children are little sponges that are able to soak in the lessons of Jesus and His love through history as recorded in the Bible. Children are blank slates, and this is an opportunity for them to learn and take in God's love. It is also a great opportunity to teach our children that God is **always** there for them. That gift will last in their hearts all their lives!

So join us on Sunday mornings at 9 AM for Sunday School!
See you there! •

—Christine Osgood

HELP WANTED

*Would you like to serve
in one of these ministries?*

1. **Tech Nerds:** This ministry is for those willing to help at either the 8 AM or 10 AM worship service with our audio and video system. If interested contact Kristin McCabe, Jeremy Bailey or the church office 518-885-1031.
2. **Noah's Attic volunteer:** contact Wanda at Noah's Attic at 518-885-9455.
3. **Food Pantry volunteer:** contact Jim or Jan Bornheim or the church office 518-885-1031. ●



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

It is hard to believe that the current officers have served their three-years terms! I thank Co-Vice Presidents Diane Carlson and Bambi Becker, Treasurer Elaine Pearson, and Secretary Janice Baird who all helped lead the St. Agnes chapter.

New officers elected on April 8: Bambi Becker, President; Tammy Boyd, Vice President; Andrea Breslin, Treasurer; and Donna Armer, Secretary. I pray that with God's help they will guide us forward; installation will be May 6 at the 8 AM service. ●

—Chrissy Martin, outgoing President

—Bambi Becker, incoming President

THE MISSION OF THE ORDER

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



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

SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

Summer is on its way, and as in previous years we have been asked to provide volunteers for one Saturday during the track season at the day camp for children of backstretch workers.

I've been part of the camp for several years, and it has become a high point of my summer. The camp provides a day of safe fun for about 25 children between the ages of 5 and 15 every Saturday during the Saratoga Meet. The camp is held at Pine Grove Christian Camp, off Grand Ave. in Saratoga. It is open 9 AM to 5 PM and you can be there all day or stay for as long as you are able.

We will be expected to provide food, volunteers, and fun activities. Kids and teens are welcome too, and volunteer hours are gladly given to all who need them. Please talk to me if you want to know more.

We will determine the date as the time gets closer. ●

—Kathy Rooney

kate13440@gmail.com • 518.316.1124.

MS/HS YOUTH RETREAT MAY 18–20

It's time to say *adios* to the school year and hello to Summer! We have our end-of-year retreat Friday, May 18–20. Drop-off is at 7 PM at Michelle and Doug's in Broadalbin. The kids are tenting, so they will need sleeping bags and clothes for three days. They will need an extra set of clothes, and a bag for the wet items. They need to bring their Bibles, a plain white T-shirt to decorate, and their sense of humor. Bring warm clothes for night and for around the fire. The pizza party starts at 7 PM on Friday. They will be well fed. Families are welcome at the end of retreat church service at 1 PM on Sunday to collect their kids. Anyone left at after 2:30 PM will have to do manual labor for Michelle and Doug!

This year's retreat is open to all current middle and high schoolers as well as those joining in the fall. We think it will be a great way to introduce the new kids into the group.

Money and permission slips are due to Michelle and Doug the prior week beforehand. For more information, and the permission slip, please e-mail Michelle at m2mattice@outlook.com. ●

SCHEDULES

	Lay Reader	Lector	Greeters	Ushers	Nursery	Coffee Hour
May 6	Paul Guilmette	Bet LaRue Peg Moser	Desiree & Arianna Drindak	Donna Travis Cathy Hughes	Joe Luger	Team 4
May 13 Mother's Day	Lois McGee	Paul Cuddihy Carla Greenspan	Cathy Hughes Anne Walsh	Donna Travis Jayne Schmidt	Noelle Olszewski	Team 5
May 20	Carla Greenspan	Julie Rappelje Don Rohr	Anne Walsh Cathy Hughes	Donna Travis Jayne Schmidt	Zac Greenspan	Team 1
May 27	Mike Luger	Noel Drindak Jenn Catallo	Andrew & Kathryn Cook	Donna Travis Cathy Hughes	Joe Luger	Team 2
June 3	Lois McGee	Ken Rossen Paul Cuddihy	Cathy Hughes Peg Moser	Barbara Wood Cathy Roy	Noelle Olszewski	Team 3
June 10	Paul Guilmette	Ann Baker Bev Granger	Desiree & Arianna Drindak	Barbara Wood Cathy Roy	Zac Greenspan	Team 4
June 17 Father's Day	Mike Luger	Bet LaRue Caitlin Jorgensen	The Polsons	Donna Christensen Margaret Cook	Joe Luger	Team 5
June 24	Carla Greenspan	Don Rohr Julie Rappelje	The Polsons	Donna Christensen Margaret Cook	TBD	Team 1

APRIL MISSIONS

The missions offering for the month of April will support the ministry of Choshen Farm. Many of you had the opportunity to hear Bethany Colvin speak at this year's seder dinner about the vision, presence, and work of Choshen Farm in serving the Aushi Bemba people of Manasa District in Luapula Province, Zambia, Africa. She encouraged us with a message that reminded us of how, in our calling as children of God, the work of the Gospel is universal, and she shared about how Christ's Kingdom is transforming an area deeply burdened by generations of animistic worship of ancestral spirits. She spoke about how those who minister at Choshen farm act as chain-breakers, and peace-makers, bringing freedom for those enslaved to ways of doing things that perpetuate problems, and rooting deep in their community for the long haul of bringing transformation over time.

The mission of Choshen Farm is to impact rural Zambia for Christ through relational encouragement, community development, and strengthening of the local church. Choshen Farm seeks to break the chains of animism in Fimpulu, Zambia, which have resulted in poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and spiritual oppression throughout the region where they minister. Choshen Farm engages in a variety of community-oriented programs to wholistically disciple and uplift their community toward theistic transformation, including: agriculture, education, local economic development, partnership with local churches, community health and AIDS programs, children's programs, and ministry to orphans and widows.

Choshen Farm was established in October 2006 when Jeremy Colvin followed the Lord's leading to Fimpulu, and pitched a tent in the bush with the help of a small group of South Africans. In 2007 he met Bethany who was serving with Peace Corps. Together, the Colvins have served as the chief strategists and visionary leaders of the operation as it has grown tremendously over the years. In order to accomplish the large quantity of work they do in a sustainable, culturally relevant, and indigenous manner, Choshen Farm relies largely on the inclusion of local staff and leadership. Jeremy and Bethany and their two young daughters

are the only non-Zambians in the local picture, and they seek to blend in. They were overjoyed to recently welcome their adopted son, Dominic, into their family.

Money given through our April offering will be used for capital development projects at Choshen Farm to expand their Fimpulu Christian Community Primary School, grow their existing conference center facilities due to increased demand from local groups and churches. They plan to develop the local road for ease of transport and facilitating development work in the region and to increase local food security.

Thank you for your support of these capital projects. Many other opportunities also exist to partner with this ministry, both financially and in prayer. For more details you can check out choshenfarm.org, or speak with me.

—Rachel Norsworthy



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 Bambi Becker
- ✚ 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
- ✚ Newsletter Bet LaRue, 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, Year-round

Eucharist Wednesdays, 9:15 AM

Daughters of the King

Second Sunday at 11:30 AM

✚ ADULTS, September through June

Men's Breakfast Fellowship Wed, 6:30 AM

Adult Sunday School Sundays, 9 AM

Study Group Wednesdays, 10 AM

✚ CHILDREN, September through June

Children's Sunday School 9-9:50 AM

Children's Church Sundays during
10 AM service

✚ CHILDREN, September through May

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

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

Sundays, 3 to 5 PM

High School Youth Group (HSYG)

Sundays, 3 to 5 PM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, JUNE 1 • NOON



Parish Birthdays

May—

- 1 James Paley
- 2 Karen Kubas
- 3 Peg Moser
- 6 Paul Guilmette
- 7 Evelyn Baxter
- 8 Amanda Russell
- 9 Edward Lewis
- 10 Donna Armer
- 12 Judith Bell
- 13 Larry Jorgensen
- Matthew Elliott
- 15 Glen Face
- 16 Noel Drindak
- Meredith Cuddihy
- 17 Tammy Boyd
- 18 Ed Melander
- 19 Kenneth Duchesne
- Adrianna Drindak
- Tim Iannon
- Mike Drindak
- 20 Linda Hendricks
- 22 Emily Barno
- Marcia Thomas
- 26 Timmy Iannon
- Linda Paley
- James Van Valkenburg

- 28 Kenneth Comstock
- Nicki Gardner
- Jack Mancini
- Cetera Moore
- 29 Danai Haggerty
- 30 Elizabeth Barno
- 31 Bonnie Anderson



June—

- 2 Corinne Sausville
- Jeffrey Uhlinger
- 3 Joseph Sleight
- 4 Sophia Post
- Justin Roy
- 5 Tyler Schmidt
- Bill Myers
- 6 Julianne Carson
- Carla Greenspan
- 8 Joseph Luger
- Kyle Sleight
- Kaia Hemming

- 10 Thomas Armer
- Michael Russell
- Gavin Cuozzo
- 13 Katherine Garrant
- 14 Delaney Campbell
- Cathy Roy
- Stephanie Miner
- 16 Bambi Becker
- 17 Ashley Bush
- 18 Madison Doud
- Caitlin Jorgensen
- Lea Burlingame
- 19 Michael Barno
- 20 Jessica Roy Demling
- 21 Catherine Benson
- 22 Edna Altone
- 23 Gina Fajans
- Dan Rabideau
- 25 Campbell Bailey
- 26 Phyllis Gottung
- 27 Stephen Vacula
- 29 Desiree Drindak
- Zachary Paley
- Emily Luger
- Theodore King

