



CHRIST CHURCH

✝ BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ✝

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BEAVER CROSS CAMP

Beaver Cross Camp is the centerpiece of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany's ministry to the youth of the region. For decades, Beaver Cross has been introducing young people to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in a loving, safe, and fun-filled environment.

If you are interested in sending your child to camp, registration forms are at the church. You can also go online to <http://www.beavercrossministries.org> for more information.

If you have questions, or want to discuss financial assistance, call Fr. Roy at the office number, 518-885-1031. ●



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Summer Lunch Program at The First Baptist Church 202 Milton Ave., Ballston Spa, needs volunteers Monday–Friday from 11:30 AM–12:30 pm.

The Ballston Spa Summer Lunch Program provides free lunches to children of families in need.

Volunteers are needed to make, pack, and distribute lunches. A few hours a day can make a difference in these children's lives.

Contact the church office to volunteer or for more information: Monday and Thursday 518-885-5583; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 518-885-8361. ●

NEW RECOVERY GROUP

If you are struggling with addiction, staying in recovery or getting to recovery, please join us at the Christ Church Friends in Recovery group.

We will be meeting Fridays at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. Please contact Heather Marlette with any questions at hcmarlette@gmail.com or 518-396-9039. We are all in this trip together, and please know that your recovery is welcome here. ●



REMINDER

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, ways to get involved, or listen to information about Father Roy's latest sermon! ●

PASTOR'S LETTER

Photograph: Ken Rinary



THE REVEREND DERIK J. ROY, JR.

Dear Friends,

The call came early one morning from the hospital. A dying patient was asking for a minister. Half an hour later, the pastor was standing at the bedside of Felix Richy as a nurse drew a curtain around them. "Pastor," Mr.

Richy said, "My Uncle tried to talk to me about the Lord, but I wouldn't listen. My wife tried to get me to go to church, but I wouldn't go. Now I am alone and about to meet my maker and my life has been filled with sin."

"You admit you've sinned and that's half the battle," the pastor said. Then the two of them talked about God's forgiveness, read scripture and prayed together, as the dying man turned his life over to the Lord.

The next day, the pastor returned. He returned again the next day, and the next. All along, Felix kept improving and in a matter of weeks, was sent home. Every Sunday for the next eight years Felix sat in the pew listening to the man who had brought Christ into his life. Eight years after that first encounter, Felix died suddenly of a heart attack.

After officiating at Felix's funeral, the Pastor saw an elderly man approach him. "You don't know me, but I was in the bed next to Felix when you came to the hospital eight years ago. I listened to what you said. What you don't know is that when you were hauling in the net with Felix in it, I jumped in too!"

We never know when a word or act of Christian love leaves an indelible mark on someone's life. It's perhaps a little easier to see in our individual lives, but it is also true in our life as a community of faith we call the Church. Our commitment of time, talent and money makes a difference in many people's lives. We often don't see the lives we touch with our gifts of love. The fact is, what we give touches many people in many different ways.

Thank you for what you give as a sign of your love for God and your belief in the church. Our church is a vibrant, alive, growing community, and with your continued support we will continue to touch others with God's love. ●

Yours in Christ,
Father Derik J. Roy

THANK YOU!

SUNDAY SCHOOL We have completed another wonderful year, and we would like to take a moment to celebrate and thank those who worked in our Sunday School.

Christine Osgood—Sunday School Superintendent
Teachers: Corey Ott, Joyce Luger, Christine Osgood, Don Rohr, Alex Rohr, Paul Cuddihy, Vivian Oxford.
Adult Sunday School—Deacon Lynne and Paul Guilmette.

Thank you to Michelle Mattice for leading our Children's Church program that provided a worship experience for children 4–10 years old at our 10 AM service. The children joined Michelle and other adult volunteers Cathy Roy and Rachel Norsworthy, so that the children could experience the "Liturgy of the Word" at a level they could understand and interact with. Thank you also to Lois Mitchell for her fun and inspiring Children's Sermons. ●

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Thank you to Melissa Miller, her amazing family and the VBS team. Thank you to all parents and teens who volunteered and all those who helped with donations or assisted in any other way. Our VBS program touches many people especially the lives of the children to whom we minister. ●

ADDITIONAL THANKS

- Thank you again to Bonnie and Brian Horrocks for taking care of the Christ Church lawns.
- Thank you to Michelle Mattice and Alex Rohr for leading the Middle School and High School youth group program this year.
- Thank you to the Noah's Attic staff and volunteers and those that give of their time to help with the garage sale weekend.
- Thank you for those who helped with Little Saints. This year we were joined by many children from our KidsFirst daycare. We averaged between 15–20 children overall. Thanks to Ashley Bush, Kathy Rooney, Kelley Howell, Fr Roy, and the KidsFirst staff who joined in to help. ●



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✠ Parish Anniversaries

July—

- 13 Scott and Stephanie Evans
- 14 Charles and Karen Kubas
- 23 Nick and Sara Ladopoulos
- 27 Tom and Eve Lansing

August—

- 1 Fred and Elaine Iannon
- 2 Christine and Christopher Elliott
- 3 Doug and Michelle Mattice
- 4 Peter and Lori Peer
- 7 Dennis and Lynne Crimi
- 11 Terry and Ruth Martin
Terry and Helen Gardner
- 19 Tom and Donna Armer
- 22 Bert and Barbara Grandin
- 24 Russ and Sandy Miller
John and Courtney Mancini
- 25 Rich and Kristin McCabe
- 26 Tim and Diane Iannon
Paul and Nancy Cuddihy
Andy and Jane Kitzmann
- 27 Karl and Suzanne Newton

PARISH GIVING

March average was \$5729

April average was \$5960

May average was \$5266



Three-month average \$5652

To meet budget in 2018, \$5232

KIDSFIRST NEWS

It's been a busy spring at KidsFirst. Our classes are busy creating a colorful caterpillar planter for the playground. Our Pre-K graduation ceremony takes place on June 15. We wish all our little graduates much fun and happiness in kindergarten.



Many of our school-agers have enjoyed participating in the church's Little Saints Youth Group this past year. We thank Fr Roy and all who help with this program.

Our preschool and school-age children will, once again, be participating in Vacation Bible School. The theme this year is, **ShipWrecked, Rescued by Jesus**. Both our staff, and children, look forward to it with excitement.

Our summer camp program is nearly full, but there are a few spots open. We are working on fall enrollment, and have openings available for three and four year olds. Anyone interested can contact Jennifer or Theresa at 518.309.3540.



On May 11, our preschoolers took a walking field trip to **Brookside Museum** to participate in their **Sheep to Shawl** program.

It was an enjoyable learning experience for our students and teachers. ●

✠ Keep in Your Prayers

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

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, JULY 8 • 10 AM

● **Ecumenical Service**

For several years now the Ballston Spa Village churches, including Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Episcopal, have been joining for a joint worship service. This year the service will be at the Presbyterian Church. Please try to join us for an opportunity to build our friendships with our brothers and sisters in Christ and to witness to our community that Christ unites us together.

We will still have our 8 AM worship service as usual.

SUNDAY, JULY 29 • 1 PM

● **Lake George Picnic**

We've decided to switch the Lake George annual picnic from September to July! Hopefully the weather will be more favorable. Those wishing to carpool (save on gas) can meet at the church at Noon. Those wishing to meet us should try to arrive at the Bolton Landing Park at 1 PM. At the dock we will be picking up people to take them to an Island for the picnic. You can return whenever you are ready, but we will conclude around 5 PM. Please bring a dish to share. Note: the park does not allow dogs.

PARKING: North end of Bolton Landing, pass Stewart's to Bolton Landing Veterans Memorial Park, Lake Shore Drive, cost \$5. Free parking may be available at the Post Office on the other side of Stewart's.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 • NOON

● **Church Picnic**

Shenantaha Park, Malta. The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. Please bring a dish to share. This picnic area provides a playground for our children and a shelter in case of rain.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

● **Sunday School Begins**

Upcoming:

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7-8

● **Padre Golf Retreat**



EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry program provides people from all walks of life with the education "to be" Christian and to carry out their ministry. All Christians need a Christian education which supports their faith and which prepares them to express that faith in day-to-day events.

EFM is a worldwide program developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South. It holds before us that the foundation for bringing Christ to the world lies in a church empowered by an active, theologically articulate laity.

- Small seminar group in size from 6 to 12 students
- Trained mentors and thought-provoking texts
- Theological reflection practiced regularly
- Prayer and worship in a community of study
- Four years, committed one year at a time, containing studies of

- The Old Testament
- The New Testament
- Church History
- Theological and Moral Choices



Another year of EFM will be offered at St. George's, Clifton Park, beginning in September, on Monday evenings. We hope to send in all registration materials the first week of August. For more information, talk with Sue Olszewski at Christ Church, or contact Deacon Maureen or Randy Demler at 518-369-3816. ●

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. ●



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

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thanks to my Church Family,

Thank all of you for the many cards and donations to hospice. The way everyone rallied around myself and my sons was truly amazing. I'm sure my son Lee was looking down on us and smiling. I want to give special thanks to the Daughters of the King and Noah's Attic for the wonderful reception after the funeral. We are so fortunate to belong to such a loving parish family and to have such an inspiring priest in Father Roy! Special thanks to all of our Deacons and Father John Cairns. Also Kristin for the music and Jeannie for the programs. May God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Donna Hatley, Lee's mom

Paul & John Froshey, Lee's brothers

John Forshey, Sr., Lee's Dad

To all the Wonderful Prayer Warriors,

Pat has been home for almost two weeks now. He is doing very well; every day he is improving a little more. Praise Jesus!

We both would like to thank you all for your continued Prayers. His presence is a True Miracle! Both cardiologists have shared with us, "He is very lucky to be alive, considering the chain of events." Of course, we know that luck had nothing to do with it.

We have been touched by Gods Healing Grace. We have such gratitude and appreciation of the miracle! To experience all that has happened in the last month has been a bit overwhelming, however, being covered in Prayer continuously has given me personally the strength and courage necessary to make the toughest decisions I've ever encountered with Pat, my Dad, and yes, family dynamics. Thank You, Wonderful Prayer Warriors, Thank you!

My Love and Respect goes to Each and Every One of you.

Blessings,

Bambi Becker

✚ NEWS AND NOTES ✚

HELPING THE COUNTERS

We have a group of dedicated people who work in teams to count the Sunday offerings. The counting procedure can be a lengthy process which you can help to speed along by remembering a few points:

- Use your envelopes, and write your envelope number on your check.
- If you just don't want to use your envelopes, *please* use the Envelope Number on your check
- If you don't have envelopes, put a note on the plate and Jeanne will see that you receive them.
- If you have your pledge automatically sent to the church from your bank, ensure your envelope number is on the check.
- Write the amount you've enclosed on the outside of your envelope along with "check" or "cash" as it pertains.
- If you miss church for a few weeks you don't need to fill individual envelopes, but can put it all in one envelope.

- In your envelope packet you will find envelopes for the building fund, which will be currently used for KidsFirst and can be filled anytime during the month.

A great big "thank you" from the counters!

Just a note, many now have their bank send out a check for their giving. With summer coming this might be a great time for you to set this up. If this is something you would be interested in and have questions, please call the church office. ●

A KidsFirst group proudly showing a recent project.



SCHEDULES

	Lay Reader	Lector	Greeters	Ushers	Nursery
July 1			Barb Woods Cathy Hughes	Jayne Schmidt Cathy Hughes	Zac Greenspan
July 8			Barb Woods Cathy Hughes	Jayne Schmidt Cathy Hughes	Joseph Luger
July 15			The Cook Family	Barb Wood Cathy Roy	Noelle Olszewski
July 22			The Cook Family	Barb Wood Cathy Roy	Zac Greenspan
July 29			Desiree & Adrianna Drindak	Barb Wood Cathy Roy	Joseph Luger
Aug 5			Desiree & Adrianna Drindak	Donna Travis Margaret Cook	Zac Greenspan
Aug 12			Anne Walsh Jayne Schmidt	Donna Travis Margaret Cook	TBD
Aug 19			Anne Walsh Jayne Schmidt	Donna Travis Donna Christensen	TBD
Aug 26			The Polson Family	Donna Travis Donna Christensen	TBD

VESTRY PLANNING

by Don Rohr and Ann Wait

The vestry held a planning retreat at the end of April and we wanted to summarize some of our findings for the Christ Episcopal Church family. Fr Derik did an excellent job of framing the discussion in prayer, bible study and honest conversation. Most of the vestry was able to attend the retreat from Friday night through Saturday to help map out our thoughts for the future direction of the church. A couple points were clear to us. Our mission continues to be a core focus for all our ministry activities; we feel like this helps us live out the Great Commandment (*Matthew 22:36-40*).

“A loving community seeking to know Jesus Christ and to make him known.”

We all felt that we should continue to improve in planning for the future of our church and its programs. Many of our ministry areas are going well but they do need diligent attention to ensure they are healthy and continuing to live out our mission to the community and the world. Fr Derik has organized our ministry areas into 3 broad categories: Outreach, Pastoral and Resource. You can see an example of the various ministries below with their respective vestry leaders.

- Outreach (Alan Greenspan)
- Food Pantry, Noah's Attic, Kids First, Evangelism, Missions...
- Pastoral (Cathy Hughes)
- Worship, Education, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, Personal Growth
- Resource (Christine Comish-Osgood)
- Administration, Staffing, Stewardship, Building & Grounds, Memorials, Columbarium

KidsFirst is one of our newest ministry efforts, and an example of how we are learning and improving. It has been a blessing to the Ballston Spa community by providing families with childcare for several years now, and we thank Fr Derik and Dennis Crimi for their vision of what KidsFirst could bring to Ballston Spa. This past year, we continued to build the enrollment of KidsFirst programs and improve cash flow of the business. Our efforts have taken some time but are bearing fruit. We are near full capacity in KidsFirst and have been working with the bank to restructure some of the building loans to take advantage of lower interest rates. Many of these changes will enable KidsFirst and our combined finances to reach a healthier state and

continue to be a blessing to families and their children. We are so thankful for Jennifer Hidalgo (KidsFirst Director), the KidsFirst staff, and the Board of Directors for partnering with Christ Church to provide a much-needed service to young families in the Ballston Spa area.

In some of our other ministry areas, we would like to look forward and firm up a 3-5 year plan so we can map out the projection for how Christ Church can support these programs. If you are involved with one of the Christ Church ministry efforts, you may be asked to prayerfully brainstorm some thoughts about what God is calling us to do in the future. Several bold initiatives surfaced in our discussions:

- Consider adding a half-time or full-time minister to complement Fr Derik's skills. This individual will add other worship opportunities and share ministry and administrative duties with Fr Derik. You may not realize this, but Fr Derik has 30 individuals reporting to him through the various church staff, employees and volunteers. An added position would be a blessing to Fr Derik and help him share the load, while opening up growth opportunities.
- Communicate, communicate, communicate! Use our website, Facebook, email and other social media to share information and let others see what life is like in our church family. We realize that many parishioners like the regular mailing through the USPS. We would also like to utilize more avenues to reach out to the congregation and potential new members.
- Evaluate ministry changes. If you are involved in leading a sub-ministry, please be thinking about a 3-5 year plan that you can share with Alan, Cathy, or Christine as your ministry area leaders. If you are in the congregation and part of Christ Church community, please consider how you might be a blessing to our neighbors by supporting through your time, talents or treasure. Our outreach, pastoral and resource ministry groups are a great place to explore your faith, grow new friendships and bless those around us!

The vestry was energized by the retreat, but we can't do this alone. Please keep Fr Derik and the vestry in prayer that we may continue to be a blessing to each other, the community and the world. And most important, please continue to pray and reflect on what you might be called to get involved in. There are so many ways to be a blessing to our neighbors. Seek and you will find, ask and you will receive, get involved and you'll be blessed! ●

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 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

First Friday at 4 PM

✚ 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:

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✚ Parish Birthdays

July—

- 2 Jane Greiner
- 3 Lois Fink
- 4 James Bornheim
- 6 Kathi Rabideau
Brenden Osgood
- 7 John Cairns
- 8 Ralph Cook
- 9 Max Bruno
- 10 Pierce Doud
John Mancini
Bradley Roy, Jr.
- 11 Lois Mitchell
- 12 Reed Sutherland
Patrick Becker
- 13 Bridget Tuttle
- 15 Jennifer Catallo
John Izzo
Gregg Thomas
- 17 Laura Face
- 18 Noelle Olszewski
- 19 Robert Mancini
- 21 Nancy Wemple
Mark Baker
- 23 Maggie Cuddihy
Cynthia Koster
- 24 Denise Charon

- 25 Angela Osier
Denise Cudemo
Danielle Gardner
- 26 Alice Hassell
Ann Baker
- 27 Mabel Siler
- 28 Brandon Russell
- 29 Conor Campbell
- 30 Janice Baird
- 31 Spencer Mancini



August—

- 1 Deborah Bush
- 2 Diane Lang
- 3 Megan Lovelace
- 4 Julie Rapelje
Michelle Miner
- 5 Donna Hatley
Cody Izzo
Sandy Miller
- 8 Pat Barno

- 9 Jack Sausville
- 10 Averi Hemming
- 11 Bill Bernadt
- 12 Phoebe Popkoski
- 14 Andrew Cook
Linda Myers
- 16 Ethan Thomas
- 17 Bradlea Raga-Barone
- 18 Ann Wait
- 21 William Paley
- 23 Cheryl Garrant
- 24 Peter Peer
- 24 Eric Newton
- 25 Christine Elliott
- 28 Gage Novak
- 28 Bonnie Hall
- 29 Diane Carlson
- 29 Kathryn Cook
Tom Lansing
- 30 Richard Doud

