



CHRIST CHURCH

✠ BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ✠

May/June 2019



PASTOR'S LETTER



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THE REVEREND DERIK J. ROY, JR.

Dear Friends,

*Andrew spent a day with Jesus
then brought his brother to meet the Lord.
Philip met Jesus by the roadside,
then found his friend Nathaniel and brought him to
meet Jesus
I have met Jesus,
and am planning to bring one of my friends, as well.*

Like Andrew and Philip, you and I have a few close friends or relatives who need to meet Jesus. This Spring the leaders of our church family have joined me in launching a major effort to reach out to these friends of ours, showing them the love of Jesus in our lives.

Our plan is to have a “Celebration of Friendship” on June 2. This will be one of our best times for you to invite un-churched friends or relatives. We will be making every effort to put our best foot forward, and do everything possible to make your guest feel welcome and have a positive first experience with our church family.

You may feel nervous and apprehensive about inviting a friend to church. I understand that feeling, since

Celebration of Friendship
** June 2, 2019 **



I share them! Here are a few tips that will help reduce some of the sweaty palms:

- Begin to pray daily for God to help you identify a friend or relative whom He wants you to reach with His love.
- Start going out of your way to spend time with that person and do things together—things he or she enjoys. As your friendship grows, so will your confidence.

I invite you to join us in the exciting adventure of true Christian friendship—purposefully seeking to care for the real needs of a friend. As the saying goes, “Your invitation could change the direction of someone’s life now and for eternity”! ●

Sincerely,
The Rev. Derik J. Roy

*See details about our Celebration
of Friendship in this newsletter.*

FOYERS

CHRIST ✝ COMMUNITY ✝ FOOD

After a few years of resting, **Foyers** will rise and shine! Foyers is a welcoming ministry that encourages us to get acquainted with one another, so that we can build relationships and become friends—which builds our church family! It is a time in which we can share a simple meal while enjoying conversation in a relaxed setting. The meal can be super simple or as formal as you choose. Some may enjoy this evening at a restaurant, others possibly at church (pending availability) or in your very own home. The meal and destination is all up to *you!* Look for the sign-up sheet in the welcome center at the end of April. Small groups will comprise a total of 6 people. This ensures ample seating at most homes and easier seating if your group decides to venture out.

Groups will be identified mid-May at the **Kick-off Potluck Picnic Dinner** on Saturday, May 18 at 4PM in the parish hall.

This re-awakening of Foyers will continue through November. This allows everyone in the group to host at least once. By the end of November, we will take a break during the holidays and through winter and begin again the following spring. We are hopeful if you give this a try, you will find Foyers to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, and you will have opened the door to possibly making new church-family friends. ●

PRAYER WALK

On March 30 some of our parishioners participated in our first **Christ Church Parish Prayer Walk**.

We were thankful for a wonderful, sunny spring morning and a Spirit-filled walk. Fr Roy and Dcn Bill led 16 prayer warriors with prayers beginning in the parish hall. We moved to each room and ministry with a specific prayer for each room and all who entered, along with a silent time for individual silent prayer by each of us. We walked slowly and quietly from room to room, downstairs to upstairs. Upon completion of the parish hall rooms, the Sunday School rooms and administrative offices were prayed for; the group proceeded across the street as Pat Becker led us with

MISSION TRIP 2020

The mission trip in January 2019 was a huge success. We were able to finish the inside of the **Youth Center of Mt Hope Bible Church** in Unitedville, Belize. We also painted the outside of the two-story wooden Youth Center. A small team went to a parishioner's house and added a front veranda. John Boyd taught first aid and CPR to the staff in a local elementary school and to the staff and students in the high school. A few team members visited the elementary school and after observing some students, offered teaching advice. The congregation honored the team with a picnic towards the end of our visit. Since our visit, Mt Hope Bible Church has had several requests from parishioners for assistance with their homes.

We are now planning a second mission trip to Belize. The first organizational meeting is planned for Wednesday, May 22, 6PM, at Christ Episcopal Church. Anyone interested in hearing more about going on a mission trip to Belize is invited to attend.

If you went this past year, please come and share your experience with others.

If you would like more information, please contact Glen Face 518.441.6396 or glenface@gmail.com. ●

our crucifix and Dcn Bill stopped traffic. We gathered just outside Noah's Attic, then crossed the street to KidsFirst, followed by the Food Pantry. We walked the entire perimeter of the church property to re-enter at the front of the church in the welcome center. Prayers continued in the welcome center, chapel, vestibule, sanctuary, sacristy and the altar. To complete the walk, we recited the Lord's Prayer and Fr Roy gave a closing prayer. As we walked you could feel the power of prayer and the Holy Spirit with us. What a powerful experience. The next Parish Prayer Walk is planned for June. This is a wonderful event anyone can participate in. It was a moving, outward sign of our Lord and Savior. We are grateful to the Lord for being able to praise Him openly, to bless all that he has given us, for the freedom we have, and for our ministries. ●



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PARISH GIVING

January average was \$4340
(Church was closed one Sunday)

February average was \$4883

March average was \$6112



Three-month average, \$5112

To meet budget in 2019, \$5341

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the thoughtful cards and gifts for Ruth Shiebler as she has been convalescing from a shoulder replacement. She is especially grateful for the many prayers. ●

SECOND CHURCH WORK DAY A SUCCESS

On April 13, about 50 volunteers helped out the church. It was great! We cleaned the church top to bottom (literally): moved the mission banner from under the screen to the welcome center; tightened the altar rail; raised the altar foundation; cemented the railing for the Field House entrance; replaced some overheating light fixtures on the altar; installed speed bumps near the parish hall; cleaned the stairs and stained the doors for the old church entrance; touched up the trim at KidsFirst; pulled a toy out of a toilet; and cleaned Noah's Attic. The Boy Scouts raked everything, and we trimmed some bushes. We did other stuff too—there is just too much to list! Thanks everyone for the help...it's great to work together for a common cause. The lunch was terrific too: pulled pork and soup.

I'm planning another one in September. Please come and help if you haven't yet. ●

—Mike Luger



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 Juliane 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 Garrant
- 30 Mike and Mindy Willey ▲

Keep in Your Prayers

Elaine Askew
Janice Baird
Evelyn Baxter
Andrea Breslin
Diane Carlson
Julia Duchesne

Jake Duchesne
Erin Dumovitz
Phyllis Gottung
Bonnie Hall
Mya Hauser
Tim Iannon

Mary Malandrino
Curtis Niemeyer
Ruth Shiebler
Gail Vacula
Nancy Wemple

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 Mondays 7:00-8:00 PM

—Kristin McCabe

SATURDAY, MAY 4 • NOON

● **Altar Guild Meeting and Lunch**

For all Altar Guild members and those interested in learning more about and possibly joining Altar Guild.

SUNDAY, MAY 12 • 9-10AM

● **Mother's Day Breakfast**

Give thanks for moms and join us as we celebrate them with a breakfast in the parish hall between services.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

● **Mission Sunday—
Healing a Woman's Soul**

Mother Ann Curtain will join with us at both our 8 and 10AM worship services to share about our May missions offering. **Healing a Woman's Soul, Inc.** helps parishes and individuals prevent domestic violence, one woman at a time. We pray for individuals, offer support groups, and guide parishes in active outreach to victims. Secular agencies for the prevention of domestic violence offer physical and emotional aid to victims: HWS provides ongoing spiritual healing.

SUNDAY MAY 18, 4PM

● **Foyers Picnic**

See article

SUNDAY, MAY 18

● **Children's Church**

Concluding the school year.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

● **Little Saints 3:30-6:00PM**

We are going to play miniature golf; the cost is \$10.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

at 8 and 10AM worship services

● **Community of Hope
Commissioning**

The following people have completed their classes and training through **Community of Hope** and will be commissioned during our worship services: Bambi Becker, Denise Cudemo, Larry Jorgensen, Bet LaRue, Megan Lovelace, Cathy Roy, Ann Wait, and Geoff Wood.

Community of Hope is an organization that uses Benedictine spirituality as its foundation and provides training to equip lay people to serve in all forms of pastoral care. Pastoral care takes place when a person is being "present" in a listening, compassionate, non-controlling manner to an individual or group for the purpose of consciously or unconsciously representing God to them and seeking to respond to their spiritual needs. Through ongoing spiritual formation and practical lessons on care giving, members learn to match theological insights and spiritual practices with their experiences of ministering to others.

Our next Community of Hope training will begin in the fall of 2019. If interested, watch for more details or speak with Fr Roy.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

● **Little Saints 3:30-6:00PM**

A picnic for the year's final Little Saints meeting (location TBA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 • 6PM

● **Mission Meeting**

See article

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

● **Celebration of Friendship**

8 and 10AM services

Friendship Sunday is being planned for June 2. It will be a special Sunday designated to welcome visitors. For weeks before this day you will hear why this may be the most important Sunday of the year and how you can be involved. Your invitation to another could change their life now and forever.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 7-8

● **Village Garage Sale**

We are seeking volunteers to help with this year's annual village garage sale. The volunteers who work throughout the year cannot take this on. If as a church, we hope to put on a special sale for furniture and other large items we do not typically sell at Noah's (for lack of space), we will need others to step up to help. Typically, this involves set-up (we hope to have a tent), scheduling people to be present during the sale, and clean-up. Last year was the first time we did not join in on the sale, which typically generates \$4000 or more for the church. This year that amount would be very helpful! If you can help in any way, please contact Fr Roy, our Noah's Attic director Wanda, or Mike Luger our Noah's board chairperson.

MAY/JUNE CALENDAR CONTINUED

TUESDAY, MAY 28 • NOON

● Seniors Lunch

Join us for fellowship, food and fun.

FRIDAY–SUNDAY JUNE 7–9

● Diocesan Convention

This is a three-day event of workshops, study, worship, fellowship, youth programs, and celebration. Our delegates who were elected at the annual meeting in January are Bambi Becker and Carla and Alan Greenspan. With our clergy, they will represent us at the business part of convention; however, everyone is welcome to come to part or all of convention. It is a wonderful time to see 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 <https://albanyepiscopaldioocese.org>

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 • 9:15AM

● Last Day of Sunday School

SUNDAY JUNE 23 • 8 AND 10AM

● Honoring high school graduates:

Zack Greenspan, James Barno, and Ryan Closson

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

● Lake George Picnic

Details to come

● VBS at Christ Church July 15–19



CHRIST CHURCH WEBSITE

I have a few questions for you. Did you know we have a church website? Have you looked at it? Do you know how to navigate through it? Did you know all the information that is on it?

I am going to take you on a journey through our website. First thing you need to know is the URL. It is www.christepiscopalballstonspa.com Type that into the search box and click Enter. This will bring you to the home page on which you will find at the top of the page, the purple heading with gold lines. Clicking on that will bring you to the drop-down menu and you will be able to access a different page. If you scroll down you will find a message from Fr Roy, followed by the times of our worship services. You will find a link for the Newsletter, Event Calendar, and Podcast Sermons from each Sunday. To get back to the home page hit your back button. As you continue down on the home page you will see **Daily Prayer, Our Daily Bread** and a **Bible Verse** of the Day. You can click on all to review.

Let's take a closer look into the website: In the drop-down menu at the top of the home page you will see **Who We Are, How to Get Involved, Reaching Out,** and **Additional Services**. Do you know about all the ministries we have? The **Newsletter** link will bring you to the same newsletter that is mailed. You can now read it online most of the time before you receive it in the mail. The **Calendar of Events** lists each activity. This is a great tool for planning ahead. The **Podcast Sermons** link is very interesting, too! Are you interested in prayer? Click on **Prayer**, then click on **Forward Day by Day**. This is the same little booklet that has been in the welcome center. You will also find **Daily Prayer, The Chapel,** and **The Liturgical Calendar**.

Our Daily Bread will give you links to inspire you, such as, "Lessons from the Life of Jonah" audio series, "5 Verses when you feel Anxious" or "How to Let Go of Anger." These are more resources to help you daily and/or bring you closer to God. The Bible Verse on the home page gives you the opportunity to keep scripture in your daily life and shows you where to find the Bible verse.

I enjoy the website and hope you will take advantage of this great resource. ● —Christine Martin

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Community People Helping Community People

In 2018 the Food Pantry served an average of 154 families every month for a total of 2,400 children and 4,000 adults. Each family receives a four-day supply of food. **Over 40 tons of food was distributed in 2018.**

In addition to food, each Food Pantry client receives a coupon for one gallon of milk and a coupon for one dozen eggs; these are Stewart's Shops coupons which we purchase at a discount. Many thanks to St Mary's Church, which donated \$450 month to support the Food Pantry.

We have more than 50 volunteers helping run the food pantry from all over the community, including people from area churches, Rotary, and Ballston Spa National Bank. We also have had Saratoga Bridges and Living Resources people helping us for the last 18 years. We welcome new volunteers any time, whether it's to substitute, drive to the Regional Food Bank several times a year, or take a weekly or bi-weekly time slot for distributing food. •

—Jan & Jim Bornheim

NOAH'S ATTIC



We are looking for volunteers on Wednesday afternoons or one Saturday a month.

Please contact Wanda or Donna for more information.



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

NOAH'S ATTIC
TELEPHONE 518-885-9455

May/ June 2019 Schedules

	Lay Reader	Lector	Greeters	Ushers	Coffee Hour
May 5	Mike Luger	Carla Greenspan Ann Baker	The Polson Family	Barb Wood Cathy Roy	Team 1
May 12 Mother's Day	Jason Constant	Paul Cuddihy Bev Granger	Andrew & Kathryn Cook	Barb Wood Cathy Roy	Team 2
May 19	Paul Guilette	Bet LaRue Bev Granger	Andrew & Kathryn Cook	Margaret Cook Steve Vacula	Team 3
May 26	Lois McGee	Paul Cuddihy Katie Lehmann	Anne Walsh Cathy Hughes	Margaret Cook Steve Vacula	Team 4
June 2	Mike Luger	Makayla Lehmann Michele Mattice	Cathy Hughes & Anne Walsh	Donna Travis Gail Oliphant	Team 5
June 9	Jason Constant	Don Rohr Julie Rohn	Desiree & Adrianna Drindak	Donna Travis Gail Oliphant	Team 1
June 16 Father's Day	Lois McGee	Kathlyn Rooney Kathryn Cook	Desiree & Adrianna Drindak	Barb Wood Donna Travis	Team 2
June 23	Paul Guilmette	Margaret Cook Larry Jorgensen	The Polson Family	Barb Wood Donna Travis	Team 3
June 30	Mike Luger	Katie Lehmann Makayla Lehmann	The Polson Family	Cathy Hughes Cathy Roy	Team 4

✚ OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH ✚

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Youth Group has been re-branded as the **Young Disciples**. We decided we needed a better name than Ecumenical Youth Group of the Greater Ballston Spa Area.

We're concluding this year by selling stamped jewelry to raise money for **Hope for Justice**, an anti-human-trafficking charity that helps rescue those in modern day enslavement. We watched a movie called *Caged No More* that really struck home. As of this writing, in one week, we've raised \$212. Bracelets and necklaces are \$10 each, unless you want a custom one which are \$12. They have been approved by the youth for the "cool factor."

Youth Retreat

Our end of year retreat will be Friday, May 31 (starting at 7 PM with pizza), through June 2 at 2 PM. This is open to all Middle School and High School youth, and anyone who will be eligible for Young Disciples next year. The \$75 cost is due by Sunday, May 26. Scholarships are available; please contact Michelle or Fr Roy if needed.

The kids will be tent camping in Doug and Michelle Mattice's backyard. They will need to bring a warm sleeping bag and clothes for 3 days (including an extra set that they can be hosed off in). There are extra sleeping bags, if needed. We conclude with a church service at 1 PM on Sunday; families are invited to attend the service. Cellphones and tablets cannot be used at the retreat; the kids will be too busy anyway! We will be sending off two seniors this year. Any questions? Feel free to ask Michelle Mattice or e-mail m2mattice@outlook.com

—*Michele Mattice*

Sunday, May 18

● **Last Children's Church of the school year**

JUNE 16, 9:15AM

● **Last Day of Sunday School** ●

KIDSFIRST NEWS

The children have been preparing for Easter with themes of "Wise and Foolish Builders," and "Praying in the Garden."



During chapel service they waved palms to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, and on Maundy Thursday the teachers modeled the love of Jesus by washing the children's feet.



KidsFirst is looking to hire a few lead teachers to round out our highly-qualified staff.

Although our summer camp is full, we have a few spots available in our toddler and preschool classes.

We ask that you please remember Mary, our director, in your prayers as she recovers from an auto accident. ●



VBS

Are you ready to ROAR? Come and meet Zion and his friends as we travel through the Serengeti, exploring God's goodness and the ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life!

● **July 15-19, 8:30-11:30 AM.**

Opportunities for Service

Interested? Call the office, 518.885.1031

- ✦ Acolytes Mike Luger
- ✦ Alpha
- ✦ Altar Guild Julia Duchesne
- ✦ Choir Kristin McCabe
- ✦ Coffee Hour Alan and Carla Greenspan
- ✦ Daughters of the King Bambi Becker
- ✦ Decoration Julie Rohr
- ✦ Flowers Lois Mitchell
- ✦ Food Pantry Jim and Jan Bornheim
- ✦ Foyers
- ✦ Healing Ministry Deacon Lynne Crimi
- ✦ Hunger for Healing Bonnie Hall
- ✦ High School Youth Michelle Mattice
- ✦ Junior Church Michelle Mattice
- ✦ Little Saints Fr Roy, Kelly Howell,
..... Josh Bush
- ✦ Men's Breakfast Fellowship .. Noel Drindak
- ✦ Middle School Youth Michelle Mattice
- ✦ Missions Glen Face
- ✦ Newsletter Susan Olszewski
- ✦ Noah's Attic Wanda Closson
- ✦ Nursery Melissa Miller
- ✦ Prayer Chain Christine Martin
- ✦ Prayer Quilts Margaret Cook, Joyce Reed
- ✦ Sunday School Christine Osgood
- ✦ Vacation Bible School Melissa Miller
- ✦ Visitations Deacon Lynne Crimi

Ongoing Programs

✦ ADULTS, Year-round

Eucharist Wednesdays, 9:15 AM
Friday, NOON

✦ 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

✦ YOUNG DISCIPLES (MS & HS)

Sundays, Noon to 2 PM, FIRESIDE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

MONDAY, JUNE 10 • 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
- 28 Cetera Moore
- 29 Danai Haggerty
- 30 Elizabeth Barno
- 31 Bonnie Anderson



June—

- 1 Barbara Grandin
- 2 Corinne Sausville
Jeffrey Uhlinger
- 3 Joseph Sleight
- 4 Sophia Post
Justin Roy
- 5 Tyler Schmidt
Bill Myers
- 6 Juliane 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
- 14 Stephanie Miner
- 16 Bambi Becker
- 17 Ashley Bush
- 18 Madison Doud
Caitlin Jorgensen
- 18 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 ▲