



# CHRIST CHURCH

✝ BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ✝

*January/February 2020*

## HONORING OUTSTANDING SERVICE BY NEW RETIREES

### FOOD PANTRY

**Jim and Jan Bornheim** have been leading our Food Pantry for twenty years. At the end of 2019 they stepped down to hand the reins of leadership to others. As of this writing the “others” are yet to be determined.

The Bornheims have done an amazing job. In their tenure of leadership, the pantry has grown as we’ve done our best to serve others. They have secured grants, organized volunteers, ordered food and so much more, while on average serving 530 people per month. A special event is being planned to thank and honor them. Once plans are set, you will be invited to show your heartfelt gratitude.

Jim and Jan, you have been a blessing! ●



**Jim and Jan Bornheim**

### TREASURER

**Beverly Granger**, our treasurer for the past twenty years, is retiring. We understand her need to retire, but we are sad at the same time. Church finances with a growing parish—Noah’s Attic, KidsFirst and so much more—have made her role as treasurer very challenging and time consuming. Yet, she has done an outstanding job keeping everything in order, bills paid, and reports prepared. Bev will be difficult to replace.

Until we discern how best to move forward, Kathryn Cook, our assistant treasurer, will fill in. We are blessed to have her as a backup.

To honor and thank Bev we are planning something special for her at our annual meeting on Sunday, January 29 beginning at 11:30 AM. We will honor Beverly at the beginning of the meeting for those of you who would like to be there (you need not stay for the entire meeting).

Beverly has indeed been an enormous blessing to our church. ●



**Beverly Granger**

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Photograph: Ken Rimany



THE REVEREND DERIK J. ROY, JR.

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

We have entered the season of Epiphany. "Big deal!" you might be thinking. What does Epiphany have to do with reality? And besides, the Church may call this

season Epiphany but we all know it is really the season of winter, and it's cold.

The truth is, Epiphany *is* a big deal and has a lot to do with reality and life. Let me explain. The word *epiphany* means to manifest, or to show forth, or to be revealed. The season of Epiphany begins with the magi from the East following the star to Bethlehem to worship the newborn King. This fact is significant for many reasons but most of all as an acknowledgment that they recognized Jesus to be the Messiah. Their action manifested to the world that Jesus was the Christ, not only for a few but for all. Throughout the rest of the season of Epiphany, which leads us to the season of Lent, the Scriptures focus on how Jesus is revealed to the world as the Savior. The first Sunday of Epiphany begins with the Baptism of Jesus and the affirmation from His Father saying, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased." The season culminates on the last Sunday of Epiphany with Jesus on the mountain of Transfiguration and the voice of His Father affirms, "This is my beloved Son." What all this means to us *is* everything. First, it is a season meant to remind us that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the King, our Savior. We know that in an intellectual way, but seemingly forget it in terms of the way we live. We get easily get distracted, letting other things, issues, or people have more influence and power over us than Him. Second, we as Christians are called to be "like Christ" and we need to be challenged to ask ourselves if we are living our lives in such a way that we're manifesting, showing forth, and revealing Christ to others.

I pray that you'll prayerfully consider Epiphany in this light. For it is a big deal, and to follow His star can bring warmth even if it is winter. ●

*In His Name,*

—Father Derik Roy

## 26TH ANNUAL LESSONS AND CAROLS, 2019



*Seated: Trish Miller, Danielle Bailey, Kristin McCabe, and Claudia Roberts.*

*Standing: Joel Rosenberger, John Kirk, Field Horne, Dan Berggren, and Edison Roberts with Fr. Derik Roy.*



We asked John Kirk and Trish Miller to reflect on Christ Church's Advent program presented on Sunday, December 8 and Monday, December 9.

**"Lessons and Carols** is a blessing for us! It's a chance to be with our church family and friends to prepare for and welcome in the Christmas season.

Musical highlights of this year's service were: the men's chorus singing "Court of a King," the women's chorus singing "Bright Morning Stars" with Joel Rosenberger's sublime Celtic harp playing, Dan Berggren's "On the Road to Bethlehem," and Kristin McCabe's outstanding rendition of "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." We also feel blessed that Danielle Bailey, Claudia Roberts, and Edison Roberts added their talents so beautifully!

Father Roy surprised us this year with all new stories and lessons and—of course—the magnificent refreshments!" ● —John and Trish

*Lessons and Carols music CDs may be purchased at the Church office.*





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## PARISH GIVING

September average was \$4,738

October average was \$4,690

November average was \$4,950



Three-month average, \$4,793

To meet budget in 2019, \$5,341

## SUPPORT NOAH'S ATTIC!

I was hanging clothes upstairs at Noah's Attic the other day when a young lady spoke quietly with Laura Face at the counter. She asked for help and showed Laura the required ID. Since she hadn't been at Noah's before, Laura had to fill out a card for her.

Laura asked, "Is this your current address?"

The lady replied, "No, I got kicked out of my apartment yesterday, I have no place to live right now. I'm headed to social services after this to find a place."

Laura asked, "Do you live by yourself?"

"No," she said, "I have a 2 year-old boy, too."

Laura somehow completed the paperwork and the lady spent a half-hour or so selecting clothes for herself and her child.

You can think that this lady really needs to get in charge of her life, and that there must be a reason for her getting kicked out of her apartment. On the other hand, somewhere out there is a 2 year-old who's relying on his mom. In October, 2019, Noah's Attic gave 268 bags of free clothes to needy people. Some of these people needed clothes more than others, certainly, but some really do need the clothes. For those buying clothes, we sell items for \$1 or so. All proceeds support the church.

It's a lot of work to keep Noah's Attic running. We need volunteers to receive, sort, hang, and display all the clothes and other household donations we receive every day. Most of the workers are retired, and some of them and some of their family members have had health issues. Some of them need time off now and then. As a result, Noah's has had to close its doors for a day here and there.

Please consider helping at Noah's Attic. A few hours a month from a few people would make a big difference. Enough volunteers will help our doors stay open to help a 2 year-old and his mom. You can stop in during normal business hours and see Wanda Closson, the director, or Donna Hatley, the assistant.

*Thank you. —Mike Luger*

**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–4:00 PM

*Saturday:*

9:30 AM–2:30 PM

**NOAH'S ATTIC TELEPHONE 518-885-9455**

## *Keep in Your Prayers*

Janice Baird  
Garry Campbell  
Wendy Campbell  
Erin Dumovitz

Bert Grandin  
Tim Iannon  
Curtis Niemeyer  
Cheryl Russell

Ruth Shiebler  
Mabel Siler  
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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 • 7 PM**  
• **Men's Evening Study Group**  
(see article)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 • 6:30 PM**  
• **Breathing Underwater** (see article)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 • 3:30 PM**  
• **Little Saints Resumes**  
Children in grades K-5 meet on the **first and third Tuesday** of the month. Children from the Ballston Spa school district can be picked up by one of our adult helpers. If there are other parents from other school districts who would be willing to pick up children, please let us know. The more children the better. A full schedule of dates, times, costs and activities will be sent out. If we missed you, please let us know so that we can get the information to you. Little Saints is another way for your children to grow in faith while having fun.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 • 10 AM**  
• **Wednesday Study Group**  
The year begins with a new study by author Max Lucado titled "How Happiness Happens." Max lays out 10 steps for increasing happiness.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 • 7 PM**  
• **Newcomer's Class Begins**  
Those new to the church learn more about the church and the

Christian faith while they contemplate membership. The course is six-weeks long and is taught by Fr Roy. It will focus on such things as church membership; the person of Jesus; the Bible; the church; the reasons for our way of worship; church history; and what's expected in living the Christian life. Childcare provided if needed.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 • 7 PM**  
• **Confirmation Class** (see article)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 • 11:30 AM**  
• **Annual Meeting**  
Everyone is invited to the parish hall following our 10 AM worship. The vestry will provide a soup lunch; childcare will be available. Only members may vote for vestry representation, convention delegates, and members of the chapel and columbarium board. Even if you're not eligible to vote, we encourage you to attend and to hear about the many wonderful things going on in and through our church. Please watch for nomination forms for vestry, convention delegates, and the chapel and columbarium board. These will be available in the first weeks of January. Those whose terms end are: Ann Wait, Alan Greenspan, Bonnie Hall, and Greg Schmidt. Those who will continue to serve are: Bambi Becker, Dave Bush, Andrew Cook, Paul Cuddihy, Rebecca Grugan, Bet LaRue, and John Polson.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27 • 6:30 PM**  
• **Circle of Care** (see article)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 • NOON**  
• **Seniors Lunch**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
• **Deanery Council Meeting**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 • 5-7 PM**  
• **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**  
Join us for this traditional pre-Lenten pancake supper initiated centuries ago with the idea that the night before people began their Lenten fast they use up all the things they will be denying themselves during Lent. In other cultures, it is known as Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) or *carnivale*. A free-will offering will help offset costs.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**  
• **9:15 AM, NOON, 7 PM**  
**Ash Wednesday services**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 • NOON**  
**Altar Guild Meeting**  
For all Altar Guild members and those interested in learning more.

**VBS Rocky Railway—Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through**  
In summer 2020, climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.



## ✚ NEWS AND NOTES ✚

### Upcoming

**TUESDAY MARCH 3 • 6:30 PM**

#### ● **Community of Hope**

For this new eight-week course/training we have teamed up with St. George's Clifton Park. Benedictine Spirituality helps give a strong foundation for visitation ministry, healing ministry, and most any leadership role in the church. If interested and you have questions speak with Fr Roy, Bambi Becker, or Bet LaRue.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5 • NOON**

#### ● **Ecumenical Lunches Begin**

More information to come.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5 • 6 PM**

#### ● **Lenten Study and Potluck Begins**

More information to come.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

#### ● **The Parish Leadership**

**Seminars** sponsored by the Diocese, will focus on **Alpha**.  
More information to come.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 • 6:20 PM**

#### ● **Alpha**

Come for a free meal to learn what it's all about. Over 29 million people across the globe have taken Alpha and it has transformed many lives. Perhaps it will transform yours.



### **SUNDAY EVENING**

**WORSHIP SERVICES • 5 PM**

Join us for a soup dinner following the weekly service.

### *Beginning January 8*

## **“BREATHING UNDER WATER”**

### *Spirituality and the 12 Steps*

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:30–8:00 PM**

### *“We are all addicted in some way.”*

In **“Breathing Under Water,”** Richard Rohr explains how the Gospel principles in the 12 steps can free anyone from addiction; from substance use disorder, to the more common but less visible addiction we have to sin.

As author Richard Rohr states, “We cannot stop the drowning waters of our addictive culture from rising, but we must at least see our reality for what it is, seek to properly detach from it, and build a coral castle and learn to breathe underwater. The New Testament calls it salvation or enlightenment, the 12 step program calls it recovery.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings to explore and achieve spiritual formation through the Gospel and the 12 steps of recovery. No knowledge or experience with the 12 steps is necessary—only the desire to enhance our relationship with God and others.

Please reach out with any questions to Bambi Becker 518-275-1184 bambi.becker@yahoo.com or Cathy Hughes 518-944-1196 hughsiegrl@aol.com ●

## **CIRCLE OF CARE**

**Community of Hope International** is a Benedictine-based pastoral care ministry. This program equips lay people to serve in all forms of pastoral care.

*Pastoral care is 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.*

This ministry is a calling to be a listening ear and confidante for the community. As a group the members of Community of Hope International have an opportunity to debrief, continue learning, and get advice from each other through what is called a Circle of Care.

### *Beginning January 27*

**CHRIST CHURCH CIRCLE OF CARE MEETINGS**

**FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM.**

All participants of any Community of Hope International course are welcome to join us for these meetings. They are never mandatory, but strive to always be helpful. Our Circle of Care will be held in the Fireside Room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Megan Lovelace at ml985276@gmail.com or Denise Cudemo at Ajgottahaveit@gmail.com. ●



*Beginning Tue., January 7 • 7 pm*

## **MEN'S EVENING STUDY GROUP**

This gathering will be an opportunity to set aside an hour per week to focus on your relationship with God through a video/bible study. It is open to all men both in our church family and the community with an emphasis on tapping into God's power to help us in our daily lives.

Contact Andrew Cook with questions or for more information 518-796-6940 (call, text or email) [AndrewRcook@gmail.com](mailto:AndrewRcook@gmail.com). •



*Beginning Wed., January 22 • 7 pm*

## **CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION**

For those interested in the sacrament of confirmation, I am inviting you to the first meeting. You will be joining the Newcomers' Class for this session. Depending upon the number of people and the best time to meet, we will decide at that time the best way to proceed.

Confirmation is one of the sacraments of the church. It is understood as a time for those baptized as children (with promises and vows being made by parents and godparents) to take on those vows confirming their commitment to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

The Confirmation service has yet to be scheduled, however it is always done by the Bishop who lays hands on the confirmand and prays for the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in his or her life.

If you have questions, please contact Fr Roy. •



## **THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to **Kristin McCabe**, our music director, for the lovely choir presentation during the Advent Season and for directing the children's amazing Christmas Pageant. •

## **HELLO FROM BELIZE**

As you read this, your mission team is either headed to Belize or are there now enjoying the warm climate. However, we are not lying on a beach, and we don't have an unlimited supply of Caribbean drinks. What we are doing is making a difference in the lives of the people of Mt Hope Bible Church and the village of Unitedville, Belize.

This is our second mission trip to Mt Hope. Last year our primary project was insulating and finishing the second story of their new Youth Center. This year we are finishing two Sunday School rooms that are below the Youth Center. We are also building a small bedroom addition on the home of a parishioner who is a single mother of two.

Several of our team members are educators by trade and are going into a local school to work with the teachers and students. We've had a huge success when collecting supplies for our trip. We have more than 2,000 pencils. We have dozens of hand held pencil sharpeners and even enough wall mounted pencil sharpeners to install one in each classroom of the school—a luxury for Belizean classrooms.

Last year, we had team members from three Churches. This year, people have joined us from Adirondack Missions Church, Church of the Messiah in Glens Falls, Greenfield Center Baptist Church, and Trinity Church of Lansingburgh.

## **THANK YOU!**

A special thank you to **Kelley Howell** for the many, many, jars of jams, jellies and produce that she made from her garden. The sales of her products were a significant fundraiser for us.

Thank you to the parishioners of all the churches who participated in our fundraisers. Thank you for buying a frozen pie, a pork dinner, a carwash; for eating at Friendly's (arranged by Bonnie Horrocks) or buying a raffle ticket for the beautiful Cabin Quilt made by Margaret Cook. Congratulations to Tom Armer for winning the quilt.

And of course, thank you everyone for donating on Mission Sunday. •

—Glen Face

# ✚ OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH ✚

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Guess what? The youngsters are reading the New Testament with Ms. Michelle...*every* story. They have discussions and receive packs of coloring and activities. Some of the stories they hear are the "popular" ones. Instead of the same ones year after year with parts left out, they decided to not skip anything. (We even read all the begets at the beginning of Matthew.) The kids are learning all sorts of things about the Bible they never knew. If you would like to volunteer to lead a week, please talk to Michelle. Don't be surprised if her husband Doug hugs you—he actually likes sitting in church with her once in a while. To volunteer please email Michelle at [m2mattice@outlook.com](mailto:m2mattice@outlook.com). Even if you could take one week a month it would be appreciated!

## MS AND HS YOUTH GROUP

**Youth Group** is going strong and is open to all middle and high school students; we meet on Sundays from 12-2 at the parish hall. We read the Bible, play games, eat, and have lots of fun. If you would like to volunteer to provide lunch, or to help in any other way, please contact Ms. Michelle. We have some enjoyable activities planned for winter and spring. For more information, e-mail Michelle, [m2mattice@outlook.com](mailto:m2mattice@outlook.com) ●

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our children are our legacy; a gift God gave to us. Sunday School attendance has been consistent for the most part, but there has been a slight drop in attendance in some classes. Don't forget that although you are teaching your children about God at home, speaking to them about Jesus and the wonderful grace he has given us, there is still more that is needed. Saturate your child with God, His Word, and His Grace. We pay for our children to be in sports, dance, gymnastics, and a million other activities; but here is a free tool for you to use to teach and saturate your children with God and His Word. Use this tool. It is free and important.

*2 Timothy 3:14-15: 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it; 15: and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

Help them learn the word of God as early as possible! ●



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KIDSFIRST?

**KidsFirst** is having a wonderful school year. Over the next few months the children will continue learning letters, numbers, shapes, and colors, and exploring the themes "Merry and Bright" and "Snow Friends." Our little ones are excited as we continue chapel services on Thursday mornings with Fr Roy. The Christian theme of the month is "Christmas: Jesus is Born!" and our Bible verse is "Glory to God in the highest!" *Luke 2:14*

We are looking to hire two lead toddler teachers, and one highly-qualified infant teacher. Although our enrollment is filling up, we do have a few spots available in our Preschool and Pre-K programs.

For more information, please call 518-309-3540.

Cheryl Russell, our Pre-K teacher, is in the process of fighting cancer; please keep her in your prayers as she fully recovers. ●



## 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
- ✦ Community of Hope ..... Bet LaRue,  
Bambi Becker
- ✦ Daughters of the King ..... Bambi Becker
- ✦ Decoration ..... Julie Robr
- ✦ Flowers ..... Lois Mitchell
- ✦ Food Pantry .....
- ✦ Foyers ..... Bambi Becker
- ✦ Healing Ministry ..... Deacon Lynne Crimi
- ✦ Hunger for Healing ..... Bonnie Hall
- ✦ Junior Church ..... Michelle Mattice
- ✦ Little Saints ..... Fr Roy, Kelley Howell,  
Josh Bush
- ✦ Men's Breakfast Fellowship .. Noel Drindak
- ✦ MS/HS Youth Group ..... Michelle Mattice
- ✦ Missions ..... Glen Face
- ✦ Newsletter ..... Bet LaRue
- ✦ Noah's Attic ..... Wanda Closson
- ✦ Nursery ..... Melissa Miller
- ✦ Prayer Chain ..... Christine Martin
- ✦ Prayer Quilts ..... Margaret Cook, Joyce Reed
- ✦ Sunday School ..... Corey Ott
- ✦ Vacation Bible School ..... Melissa Miller
- ✦ Visitations ..... Deacon Lynne Crimi

## Ongoing Programs

- ✦ **ADULTS, Year-round**  
Eucharist Wednesdays, 9:15 AM
- ✦ **ADULTS, September to June**  
Eucharist 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, FIRESIDE
- ✦ **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 4:00-5:30 PM
- ✦ **MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH  
SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
Sundays, Noon to 2 PM, FIRESIDE

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 • NOON



## Parish Birthdays

### January—

- 1 Jim Rice
- 2 Claudia Roberts
- 3 Mark Breslin
- 4 Marissa Bongo
- 8 John Bornheim
- 9 Kathleen Izzo
- 11 Madilyn Sausville  
Ted Popkoski
- 12 Courtney Mancini  
Marissa Knott
- 14 Haylee Gardner
- 17 Deborah Guilmette
- 18 Caroline Polson
- 19 Linda Hill  
Rachel Norsworthy
- 22 Makenzie Lanning
- 23 Just Whitt  
Mindy Willey
- 24 Mary Drindak  
Joseph Roy
- 25 Nancy Cuddihy
- 28 Matthew Sleight
- 29 Sara Ladopoulos
- 30 Ethan Cook  
Dennis Crimi
- 31 Jocelyn Osgood ▲

### February—

- 2 Ethan Dumovitz
- 3 Celeste Jenkins
- 4 Ciena Cuzzo
- 5 Robert King  
Zoe Rose
- 7 Madison Rich
- 8 Erin Sausville  
Avri Baker
- 10 Jeremy Bailey
- 12 Connor Garrant  
Theresa LaGattuta-  
Bruno
- 13 Dave Bush
- 15 Andrea Breslin

- 16 Terry Gardner  
Carol Kugler
- 17 Gavin Horrocks  
Angelique Peck
- 19 Joanne Niemeyer
- 21 Austin Izzo  
Andrew LaRosa
- 23 Kelly Howell  
Corey Ott
- 24 Mikaela Datillo
- 25 Quincy Roy-Urmston
- 27 Joanne Wood
- 28 James Barno  
Erin Dumovitz ▲

## Parish Anniversaries

### January—

- 28 Brian and Bonnie Horrocks ▲

### February—

- 4 Noel and Mary Drindak
- 9 Jennifer and Merico Catallo
- 14 Joe and Theresa Bruno  
Ed and Marcy Melander
- 22 Lorraine and Bill McPherson
- 23 John and Judith Bell ▲