



The Dragon's Tale

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Rector's Remarks

December 2010 & January 2011

I remember hearing a story about a man who went out Christmas shopping with his wife. In the back of a long checkout line with two carts full of gifts, he began to complain to his wife. "You know, I was over by the holiday section looking for some lights and ornaments for the tree, and I saw those little huts again with the figures. That just burns me up." "What huts? What are you talking about?" asked his wife. "Those huts, with the Arabs and camels and donkeys and the baby that you always see. Those Christians are so pushy!" "Why do you say that?" asked his wife. "Well, they keep trying to take over Christmas just like they try to take over everything else. You just watch, next they'll try it with Easter."

The Baptist pastor who told me this story grinned and said, "Yeah, but we were there first!"

You have to watch us! We do try to horn in on Christmas each year. While holiday sales and merchandise appear earlier and earlier, we calmly celebrate Advent, and we wait. Our colors are blue and pink, as if we are in a three to one race to see if the baby will be a boy or a girl. It's a boy. The tree has paper tags for gifts to be given to children in need, as are the shoeboxes we filled and collected earlier, so they could arrive by Christmas. We wear blue, the color of hope, and we wait. We wait for the promise, the prophecies fulfilled.

And just when the decorations begin to come down, we put ours up, and for twelve days we keep Christmas, still singing Christmas carols after New Year's Day. As gifts are returned, we receive the gift of God that truly keeps on giving. As the New Year calls some back to the daily grind and the cold, dark months of midwinter, we enter the time of the Epiphany when God reveals wondrous things to all people. Light shines in the darkness, never to be put out.

Taking things that way, well, you have to watch us. You never know for sure what we'll do next. Just between us, I've got my eye on Easter, but that will have to wait a bit. We have to set up that hut and those figures first. There is a pattern to all this, you know. Remember each other in your prayers.

About St. George's
St. George's is a
family of disciples
joyfully reaching out
in love to nurture,
teach and heal
in Jesus Name



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" (Isaiah 52:7).

This verse always comes to mind when I think back on my trip to Haiti in April. For those of you who follow the news of Haiti, not much good news comes out. You hear of the deaths from the earthquake of January 12 where upwards of 300,000 people died, where the city of Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas have been destroyed, where rubble continues to line the streets (more than 95% still remains as it did back in January), where over 100,000 people still live in tent cities and are vulnerable to hurricanes and torrential rains, where property ownership is questionable, where over 500,000 have moved into the countryside to get away from the destruction, where a cholera outbreak has claimed more than 4,000 lives, and where a new government has yet to take shape. The list goes on. Where has all the \$7+ billion promised in aid gone? The answer is it has not yet arrived. Chaos still reigns in Haiti.

On a visit to Haiti, one would think you would be depressed at all the misery. But Haitians are resilient and more importantly faithful. They do not have material possessions to interfere with their relationship with the Creator and Redeemer of the universe. They have nothing but faith, love and hope. You feel it when you are there. The hope is contagious. You see a people suffering and you want to reach out your hand in love, to help provide for them. The people I met, especially in the plateau area, need help, but are also proud and want to be self-sufficient.

In response to this trip, St. George's has entered into a partnership with church/school St. Philippe and St. Jacques in Corosse. The church is located in a remote valley. When I visited in April, there were 42 students registered for school. Fr. Milor, our partner priest in Haiti, informed me that the school now has 154 children registered (90% of school in Haiti are privately run, just like St. George's school). The community heard that a partnership was being formed with an American church. Since the partnership formed in August, over \$6,000 has been raised through a fundraising effort at my work (AECOM) and matching donations from St. Andrews Society in Albany (think bagpipes) and St. George's. The money has been used and will be used primarily to pay for teacher's salaries (\$70/month for the seven teachers who are now required in the overflowing school) and school supplies (see photo). In addition, water disinfectant tablets and water purifying systems have also been purchased to help the community prevent cholera, though this disease has not reached the valley yet. The work will continue and much opportunity will be available to help out.

Special thanks for those who already have stepped up:

- Deacon Maureen Demler, Karen Quinn, Ryan and Laura Davis and Susan Fowler for supporting the Harmony in Haiti fundraiser to be held January 12, 2011 at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany. All Albany Diocese partnering churches are part of this effort. Fr. Milor will be coming up from Haiti for this event. Perhaps he will come to St. George's to meet us.
- Our wonderful choir who agreed to sing at the fundraiser in Albany. How beautiful is your voice!
- Jen Andrus for initiating the Pennies for Philippe effort and all those who have sent your change this way. A few cents does make a difference. The average annual income is \$200 US/person.
- Fr. Henry and the vestry for willingness to step out in faith to help form this partnership.
- All who pray and give behind the scenes who do want recognition.

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Overflow Homeless Shelter

By Deacon Maureen

Would you be willing to give up one night this winter to help save the life of another and show him the love and mercy of God?

St. Peter's Church (107 State St., Albany NY) along with individuals from Partners in Outreach operated an overflow homeless shelter last winter to augment the ministry of the Capital City Rescue Mission. We are planning to open a second season, beginning December 1st! In essence, the Mission screens and selects 12-15 men from their population and brings them, along with a Mission Staff Resident Assistant, to St. Peter's at 8:00pm and they stay until approximately 7:00am. Volunteers sign up to stay during the overnight hours and act as an extra pair of hands assisting the Mission staff. Last year, 43 individuals from area churches [including St. Peter's Episcopal Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Cathedral of All Saints, Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church and Defreetsville Reformed Church] volunteered for overnight hours! We are hoping to share this ministry with even more of you this year!

Even if you missed the Orientation, you are invited to participate. We were guaranteed a painless, interesting night! Talk with Deacon Maureen or Randy Demler.

If you already have a date in mind you'd like to volunteer to work at the shelter, please call Judy Burns at (518) 441-7538, Martha Iannacone at (518) 439-9329 or Kate Storms at (518) 427-7168; or email us at stpeterschurch.albany@gmail.com to be scheduled.

Additionally, St. Peter's Church is accepting donations for the running of the shelter including monetary donations, coffee (regular and decaffeinated), sugar, fruit juice, microwavable popcorn, Danish/muffins, bread, peanut butter, fresh fruit, milk and creamer. Donations will be accepted at St. Peter's Church, 107 State Street, Albany NY 12207.

Lastly, please join us in prayer for God's blessing on this ministry and the men it serves.

Babysitting for Holiday Shoppers

December 18th – 5:00 – 8:00 PM

St. George's youth are planning to offer babysitting from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Saturday, December 18th here at St. George's. So if you have last minute shopping, wrapping or just want to go out for a relaxing dinner or cup of coffee, plan to sign up. They will use any donations they receive towards the next Mission trip.



Deacon Scott Underhill providing a suitcase of water purification tablets to Fr. Jean Milor at an Episcoal Haiti Partnership Conference in Miami in November.

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Youth Activities

by Carly Dowd

November proved to be a very busy month for us all. Our efforts to lend a hand at the Regional Food Bank were thwarted as they were over-booked with volunteers when we wanted to help! All things considered, I suppose that's a good problem to have! Rest assured, we will continue to try to get there to help out.

Thank you to all of you that supported our youth by purchasing items from our bake sale after the services on the 20th and 21st. Although I was not able to be there, I received many appreciated text messages from my husband updating me as to how things were going. I would like to extend a special "Thank You!" to Cathy Pollard for coordinating this event. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Look for another bake sale prior to Christmas!

We will be holding a Babysitting Night at St. George's on Saturday December 18th from 5-8PM. This is open to all families with children ages 1 through 5th grade. Why not take this opportunity to finish up your last minute Christmas shopping or enjoy a date night with your spouse? We are fortunate to have the Cadet Girl Scout Troop that meets at church help us with this event as well. There will be a free will offering that night with all proceeds going to the Youth Group. If you have any questions, you can reach me at cadowd@nycap.rr.com.

I would also like to extend the invitation to all of our youth grades 6 and up to participate in the activities that we do. Although you may not be participating in a mission trip this year, you can "bank" your service time for future trips or activities that you may like to participate in.

I thank you all for your continued support of our efforts to give new life to our Youth Group. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and New Year.

Creating Family Traditions

Traditions add meaning and character to family holidays. In some homes, it just wouldn't feel like Christmas without an advent candle lighting ceremony, or if they skipped the children's pageant or midnight mass on Christmas Eve. The good news is that even if your current holiday season lacks special traditions, it's never too late to create one. Select a family activity, do it once or twice and declare it "a new family tradition"!

Have a family meeting after Thanksgiving to form a wish list of traditions. Pass a candy cane. Whoever has the candy cane gets to speak. The task is to choose at least one favorite activity that the family has done previously or would like to try this season. Remember that sometimes kids need encouragement to get past the "I don't know" step. You may need to have a list of questions handy. After the list is complete, add the event(s) into your calendar right away. If it's difficult for you to plan that far in advance place the list on the refrigerator as a reminder.

Follow these quick tradition tips:

If it's Christmas cookies they want and time is short, use store bought refrigerator cookie dough. Really, it's okay! The decorating and time together is what matters.

Read a Christmas story every night for the last ten days before Christmas.

Pile everyone in the car, put on some carols and drive around to see the lights. It's a 1/2 hour memory maker.

Adopt a Christmas tradition from around the world. Learn about Christmas customs from several countries.

Adding a new holiday tradition will make this holiday season a memorable one for your family.



Letters . . .

Dear St. George's family:

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that were delivered by Nancy on Sunday. After returning home from Boise, and attending the service for my brother, Joe, it was very touching to be remembered.

God bless.
Tom Kuebler and family

Dear St. George's

Thank you so much for hosting the CSA (Consumer Supported Agriculture) this year. We are grateful for your generous hospitality. Warm wishes and many thanks,

The Denisons
(Abby & Ken Bee kept watch over this program each week From May through October)

Dear St. George's,

Thank you for the flowers. They are beautiful and an unexpected pleasure. I am enjoying them doubly as they come from the altar of St. George's. I also absorbed the prayers and singing offered to God.

Sincerely,
Teresa Schlachter

December and January Readings

December 5, 2nd Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3: 1-12

December 12, 3rd Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:4-9,
or Canticle 3 or 15
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 19, 4th Advent Lessons & Carols at 9:30

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24, Christmas Day I

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

December 25, Christmas Day II

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97: 1-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2: [1-7] 8-20

December 26, 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 147:1-21
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
John 1:1-18

January 2, 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

Lessons & Carols at 9:30
Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 84:1-12
Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
or Luke 2:41-52
or Matthew 2: 1-12

January 9, 1 Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29: 1-11
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 16, 2 Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-12
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

January 23, 3 Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 5-13
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

January 30, 4 Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15:1-7
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

February 6, 5 Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
Psalm 112:1-9 [10]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20



From the Choir Loft

There is a paradox for many of us during Advent. During our liturgies we are singing the hymns and anthems that amplify the way in which we listen and wait, and pray for the coming of the Messiah. Advent is somber, and our music reflects this. The organ is 'silenced' - that is, all the reed stops and mixtures that provide the brilliance of the organ are withheld. Our psalm is spoken, rather than sung. A brand new Sanctus graces the liturgy in Advent. Hopefully we are regularly singing hymns and anthems that lead us into prayer and contemplation, leading us to that great text *Come O Come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel*.

However, another song is coming from the choir room. At the same time as we are preparing *music* for the Advent Liturgies, there are many songs of Christmas in our rehearsals. Children and youth of all ages are learning lines and music to prepare for the Christmas Pageant that always graces the 4:30 Liturgy on Christmas Eve. Many adults are bustling about in this preparation, finding costumes and props, and preparing microphones and lights to serve the needs of that special story telling that children can do so well. You might find these rehearsals in preparation on Sundays at 11:30.

At the same time the adult choir is knee deep in music for all 12 days of the Christmas Season, that which begins with Christmas Eve at 10:00. We have learned to expect the excitement, the marvel, and the joy that this music expresses, as our carols and anthems echo the angels over our joy in the

Incarnation that happens even to our modern day ears when we are open to listen: *Glory to God in the Highest, and good will to all humankind*.

This preparation takes extra rehearsals. You may hear us if you pass the choir room on Sundays following the 9:30 liturgy.

So there is the paradox - two opposing musical messages in rehearsal at the same time. At one moment the rehearsals sound somber, and restrained. At the next, they sound exuberant and joyful. It is a little bit like the commercial world we live in where the signs of Christmas are spilling over already at Halloween time. On the other hand it is not. There is a huge difference between our rehearsal room on Thursday night, and the Choir loft on Sunday morning.

It is a remarkable quality that all the arts have to reflect opposite sides of our spiritual experience. There is a wide range between our moments of fear, of uncertainty and recognition that we are regularly sinners, and our exuberant celebrations of joy and thanksgiving we feel as we recognize the Incarnation of a loving God who forgives us and accepts us as His children. Our liturgical music [and children's drama] expresses both extremes, as well as all the 'gray' moments of feeling that happen to us in the middle. This is another gift we have from God, the gift of the arts to help us all express our humble reaction to His Gift of Himself to us. May each of us make our preparations to be ready to receive Him in the extreme sounds of both of these holy seasons.

Herbert O. Fowler, Choirmaster



Milestones

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Kuebler, the brother of Tom Kuebler, who died Saturday, November 6th; and for the repose of the soul of William Brooks, the father of Peter Brooks, who died November 8th; . . . that they may have a place in God's eternal kingdom. Pray also for their families that God's healing grace may soothe and comfort them.

The people of God welcome Scott Anthony Redcross, the son of Joseph Ballard & Cristal Redross; Avery Paige Tucker, the daughter of Kirstin (Kramek) & Lucas Tucker; and Elliot Timothy Johnson, the son of Elizabeth (Blanchet) & Timothy Johnson who were recently baptized, that the Lord's loving kindness be upon them.

***St. George's Annual Meeting,
Sunday, January 23 rd
Following the 9:30 Service***

Everyone is invited to stay after the service or come back if you attend an earlier service. The polls will open at 4:30 on the 22nd. We will have an extra special coffee hour on the 23rd and encourage you to bring along something to share.

**Celebrate Christmas
at St. George's**

December 24th, 4:30 PM
Children's Pageant & Holy Eucharist

December 24th, 7:30
Carols and Holy Eucharist & Baptism

December 24th, 10:00 PM
Choral Music

10:30 PM Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day, 10:00 AM
Carols and Holy Eucharist



Empty Stocking

From the Empty Stocking Crew - a **HUGE** thank you to those of you who donated items for the Empty Stocking children and included them in your holiday shopping plans this year.

They will have an awesome Christmas because of your generosity. Please keep those children and their families in your prayers for a happy season and better year to come.

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle

If you would like to have someone remembered at the altar with flowers or a sanctuary candle on a Sunday during the year, please use the form on the nametag table in the Narthex. Flowers are used on the altar throughout the year except during Lent and Advent. The same form can be used to donate to the Sanctuary Lamp candles. The candle burns every day, all year long.

If you wish to donate, please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate with a check made out to **Memorial Flower and Candle Fund**, Checks and forms may also be mailed or delivered to the church office. Once it has been recorded, it will be passed along to the Altar Guild.

Vestry Nominations 2011

We are currently seeking nominations for the vestry elections in January at the Annual Meeting. There are four positions open on the vestry. Members of the vestry will work to discern areas of focus during the vestry retreat following the election.

We will also be electing a new Warden to a two-year term. If you know of recognized leaders of our church who are faithful in worship and financial support of the parish, that you would like to nominate, please let either Fr. Henry, Abby Bee or Joe Gulyas know. Please make sure the person you wish to nominate is willing to serve.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

- 1 Ted Chrimes
Lori Sautter-Danz
- 2 Livia Annese
- 4 Heidi Bonacquist
Kathy McCrea
- 5 Jim Patterson
- 6 Miriam Kramer
- 7 Matthew Bailey
Seth Watson
- 8 Peggy Patterson
- 9 Shawn Dowd
Allan Sagendorf
- 10 Jack McHale
- 11 Carolyn Aldrich
Tommy Keyes
Charles Travis, Jr.
- 12 Patty Pollard
Delva Robert
- 13 Nicholas Klompas
Becca Pollard
- 14 Sean Collins
Sarah Malinowski
- 15 Rece Gobel
- 16 Diana Glaser
Dottie Stafford
- 17 Jessica Baird
Scott Shepherd
- 18 MaryAnn Gulyas
- 19 Rose Marie Day
Beryl Schmid
- 20 Laura Hickey
Zachary Nightingale
Jane Williams
- 21 Betsy D'Annibale
Alexi Glaser
Alyssa Glaser
- 25 Jesus Christ
Rodney Brewer
- 26 Natalie Casale

- Andrew Hannel
- Tammy Riley
- 27 Brian Payne
- 28 Molly McCarthy
Paul Rogers
- 29 Susan Olszewski
Carl Reed
- 31 Zach Gobel
Susan Roach
Jay Wilcox

December Anniversaries

- 1 Katherine and Edward
Rockstroh
- 19 Beryl & Chris Schmid
- 23 Jill & Tom Frazier
- 27 Barbara & Tad Knight
- 31 Jennifer & Matt Andrus



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next Dragon's Tale is Saturday, January 15. Please send information to Diane Baird at the following e-mail address: mbaird2@nycap.rr.com



January Birthdays

- 2 John Halvorsen
- 4 Randy Demler
- 5 Lisa Tyrka
- 6 Katey Evans
- 7 Tyler Olney
Dave Watson
- 9 Jessica Billings-White
Joe Cannistraci
Jim Hatlee
- 10 Brittany Anderson
Rebecca Shost
- 14 Phil Jordan
Erin Miller
- 16 Mary Boland-Doyle
- 17 Phyllis Aldrich
Paige Riley
- 18 Ruth Delaney
- 20 Edward Rockstroh
- 21 Brittany Adams
- 23 Randy Gray
Joshua Palmer
- 24 Don Jones
- 25 Heidi Brewer
- 26 Jordan Dowd
- 27 Alexander Bailey
- 28 Stephen Shost
- 29 Tony Annese
Thomas Day
Anita Knorowski
- 30 Peter Bee
- 31 Nathaniel Reul

January Anniversaries

- 4 Nancy & Paul Snow
- 5 Linda & Allan Sagendorf
- 10 Jeane & Robert Gillespie
- 21 Amy & Jon Vargo
- 23 Carole & Steve Hickey

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Thank you all. Please see me if you are willing to help out. There are a number of programs we would like to help out with and many talents are needed (solar power, micro loan programs, chicken/rabbit/goat programs, agricultural, educational, sewing, reading, water). Financial donations are always welcome (make check out to St. George's and put Haiti Partnership in the subject line).

The partnership goal is to have two to three mission trips to Haiti per year. My daughter Amanda and I will be going down in February with a team from St. John's in Troy and To Love A Child. We will be installing solar panels at To Love A Child's partnership church and then spending several days at St. Philippe living with the people to determine how best to ease their sufferings. Please continue to pray for the people of St. Philippe. Please pray also, that the work we do is first and foremost to bring the Good News of Jesus. Let St. George's and St. Philippe's voices say in unison, "Our God Reigns."

All About . . .***St. George's Vestry***

The Vestry is St. George's "Board of Directors" for the parish corporation. The Vestry is the authoritative body of the Congregation and is subject only to the Diocesan and National Church Canons.

The Vestry is responsible for determining the policies and goals of the congregation and is to communicate with the congregation about the goals, concerns, and functioning of the Church in the modern world.

The Rector is a member of the Vestry, the President of the parish corporation, and presides over meetings of the Vestry and Congregation.

Other members of the Vestry are elected by the Congregation at the parish Annual Meeting. The duties of the vestry and its officers are prescribed in the Canons (bylaws) of the diocese and in the charter and bylaws of the parish corporation.

Typically a clerk (secretary) and treasurer are appointing by the Vestry. They serve without vote although they may be inclined to speak up.



St. Philippe and St. Jacques Headmaster Deliva Phanor with new school supplies purchased by St. George's Donations.



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Date	Time	Nursery	Joyful Journey	Flower Delivery	Sunday Bakers	Coffee Hours	Altar Bread	Kitchen Krew
12/5	8:00 9:30	H. Brewer	M. Chaplin	NA	Beacon Pointe J. Bailey D. Glaser	J. Granger G. Ehler P. Olszewski	L. Underhill	NA
12/12	8:00 0:30	T. Manning	D. Glazer	NA	K. Lyden T. Granger J. Andrus	T. & M. Chrimes L. Underhill	S. Brooks	L. Gallagher C. Wilcox
12/19	8:00 9:30	J. Andrus	E. Malinowski	NA	N. Kruse K. Quail L. Landau	B. Sovik J. Gulyas N. Manning	N. Chrimes	NA
12/24	NA	OPEN	NA	NA	NA	NA	B. Kaercher	NA
12/26	8:00 9:30	S. Westad	H. Friedman	NA	B. Burns S. Keyes D. Giannantonio	J. Granger J. Granger	M. Andrus	NA
1/2	8:00 9:30	M. Collins	J. Bailey	B. Ross	Beacon Pointe R. Casale J. Blanchet	D & H Gates N Henches C VanderVeer	K. Blinstrub	S & D Spitzer
1/9	8:00 9:30	S. Westad	J. Bailey	C Van der Veer	C. Fare B. Knight S. Brooks	G. Heim & B. Ross G. Ehler P. Olszewski	J. Cody	NA
1/16	8:00 9:30	H. Brewer	H. Brewer	J. Harrington	K. Lyden T. Granger J. Andrus	T. & M. Chrimes L. Underhill	J. Wilson	L. Gallagher C. Wilcox
1/23	8:00 9:30	T. Manning	M. Chaplin	N. Henches	N. Kruse K. Quail L. Landau	B. Sovik J. Gulyas N. Manning	D. Erno	NA
1/30	8:00 9:30	J. Andrus	D. Glazer	L. Gallagher	B. Burns S. Keyes D. Giannantonio	D. & H. Gates H. Granger	C. Barbour	NA
2/6	8:00 9:30	TBA	E. Malinowski	J. White	G. Heim & B. Ross N. Henches C. VanderVeer	Beacon Point J. Bailey D. Glaser	A. Crocker	NA

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The duties of the Vestry are to help with and over see the running of the church:

1. Take charge of the property of the Church.
2. To keep this property fully insured.
3. To be responsible for all financial matters of the parish, specifically to:
 - * Prepare an annual budget.
 - * Maintain adequate accounting records by recording all funds received and expended.
 - * See that adequate stewardship education is undertaken in the congregation and that a regular every-member canvass is conducted.
4. To regulate all the congregation's temporal affairs.
5. To elect, with the approval of the Bishop, to call a Rector, and to provide for his/her maintenance.
6. To act as helpers to the Rector in whatever appropriate to lay persons for the furtherance of the welfare of the Church.
7. To maintain full record of minutes of meetings. To authorize all purchases made in the name of the parish.

Date	Time	Readers	Ushers	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Chalice
12/4	4:30	Joan Bucher	Jean and Micheal Blinstrub	L. Wilson	L. Wilson	J. Bucher
12/5	8:00 9:30	Gail Heim Sam and Phyllis Aldrich	Barbara Hartman, Linda Miller Tom Bena, Ken Bee, Charla Brych, Sean Feeny	D. Halvorson J. Cummings T. Riley	N. Johnston E. Underhill M. Danz J. Colvin	J. Snyder J. Snyder
12/11	4:30	Heidi Bonacquist	Jacque Gallo & Alfie Sarnacki	D. Erno	J. Snyder	Deacon
12/12	8:00 9:30	Bob Smith Cheryl and Scott Barbour	T/ & N. Chrimes J. Gulyas, J. McHale J. O'Brien, M. Ehler	J. Harrington B. Gregory C R. Kuhn	R. Smith L. Barbour D. Harding C. Olney	M. Andrus T. Schlachter
12/18	4:30	Linda Wilson	T. Kuebler, E. Kramek	A. Bee	M. Andrus	D. Erno
12/19	8:00 9:30	Matt Andrus Youth Readers	M. Andrus, B. Wright C. & C. Crocker, G. Gordon, S. Feeny	R. Day J. Drake C J. White	J. Snyder K. Evans M. Enriquez R. Pollard	Deacon P. Olszewski
12/24	4:30 7:30 10:30	Christmas Pageant Linda Wilson Randy Demler, Lynne Olney	Ken Bee, Alfie Sarnacki J. Evans, M. Andrus J. McHale, J. Gulyas S. Barbour, R. Demler	D. Erno L. Wilson D. Halvorson C. Barbour	K. Bee, P. Bee, S. Enriquez John Henry III and Linda Wilson C. Olney, J. Ehler, J. Colvin	T. Schlachter TBA J. Snyder
12/25	10:00	Charla Brych	T. Bena, C. Brych	B. Sovik	TBA	TBA
12/26	8:00 9:30	Matt Andrus Kate Ferris Colette Odell	M. Andrus, R. Demler M. Ehler, J. Gulyas	B. Sovik M. Ehler L. O'Brien	T. Chrimes E. Underhill, M. Danz, N. Olszewski	R. Smith J. Evans
1/1	4:30	Joan Bucher	J. Bucher, A. Sarnacki	A, Bee C	J. Evans	Deacon
1/2	8:00 9:30	Randy Demler Youth Readers	G. Heim, B. Ross K. Bee, B. Wilcox T. Bena, C. Brych	L. Simpkins J. Drake L. O'Brien	R. Smith L. Barbour, D. Harding, M. Enriquez	J. Snyder M. Andrus

***In the Bleak
Mid-Winter***

English poet Christina Rossetti wrote the lyrics of this beautiful carol as a poem before 1872. It was published posthumously in *Rossetti's Poetic Works* in 1904 and became a Christmas carol after it appeared in *The English Hymnal* in 1906 with a setting by Holst. To hear it sung by the Kings College Choir, Cambridge, visit:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_hs9-Sxf9j4

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air,
But only His mother¹
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.



Date	Time	Readers	Ushers	Altar Guild	Acolyte	Chalice
1/8	4:30	Lil Gallagher	Melissa Ehler and Bob Wright	L. Wilson		
1/9	8:00 9:30	Gail Heim Jon and Amy Vargo	Lorraine and Mark Simpkins Scott Barbour, Gene Gordon, Joe Gulyas, John Newman	C. Nickerson C. Barbour C T. Riley		
1/15	4:30	Jacob Evans	Michael and Jean Blinstrub	D. Erno		
1/16	8:00 9:30	Matt Andrus Colette Odell, Lynne Olney	Matt Andrus, Randy Demler John O'Brien, Bob Wilcox. Scott Barbour, Tom Bena	B. Sovik B. Gregory C R. Kuhn		
1/22	4:30	Heidi Bonacquist	Bruce Bonacquist & Alfie Sarnacki	L. Wilson C		
1/23	8:00 9:30	Bob Smith Peter Olszewski, JoAnne Robbins	Barbara Hartman, Linda Miller Chris Crocker, Chris Crocker, Ken Bee, Jacob Evans	J. Harrington J. White M. Ehler		
1/29	4:30	Joan Bucher	Tom Kuebler, Ed Kramek	A, Bee		
1/30	8:00 9:30	Randy Demler Bob Wilcox, Margaret Newman	Gail Heim and Bev Ross Tom Bena, Matt Andrus, Charla Brych, Sean Feeny	R. Day J. Drake C L. O'Brien		
2/5	4:30	Collete Odell	Alfie Sarnacki & Joan Bucher	D. Erno C		
2/6	8:00 9:30	Bob Smith Bob Wilcox, Kate Ferris	Lorraine and Mark Simpkins Gene Gordon, Joe Gulyas, John Newman, John O'Brien	D. Halvorsen C. Barbour T. Riley		



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“Didn’t St. George ride on a horse to slay that dragon shown on our Church and School shield?”

St. George’s after-school students did some research in their “horse sense” class that culminated in a long-awaited visit of a real Morgan Horse on November 18th to the back parking lot. While there were no signs of St. George apparent to the observers, there were two Horse Whisperers present to help. Dan Kuhn, sometimes known as “Sheriff Dan,” is not only our Church and School volunteer Safety Advisor. but also a skilled horse trainer who has been invited to Austria to demonstrate his special horse training skills. Juliana Potts, our course instructor who brought her horse, Kimby, to demonstrate brushing and safe horse handling, is not only a NY State certified teacher in several areas including on-line nano-tech classes for grades 4-6 through BOCES, but also a licensed carriage driver. She rode Kimby with the horse trainer for the recent Secretariat movie last weekend.

This was quite an opportunity for our K-1 students who moved from some initial trepidation to embracing hugs of Kimby’s mane. Even though a knight called St. George did not arrive, there was no disappointment. Look closely again for signs of a horse on our shield.

Our school family/staff Holiday Concert is set for Tuesday night, December 21 at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. All are invited to listen to some Holiday songs followed by light refreshments in the classrooms.

On Sunday, January 9, parishioners will enjoy listening to the students present a song during the 9:30 service. Wipe away any lingering Holiday blues as you enjoy live and in person, our talented Head teacher and each of our students, in uniform, singing to the Glory of God. Hallelujah!



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6pm

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