

PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKGIVINGS

The sanctuary candle burns to the Glory of God and to remind us of the Lord's abiding presence in our midst in the form of the blessed sacrament, and is given in memory of Susan R Weyand.

LET US PRAY for the special needs and concerns of:

Jim	Art	Zeb	Debbi	Janet	Carolyn	Marie
John	Theresa	Cal	Ben	Jane	Fran	Alice
Bob	Billy	Larry	Lisa	Amy	Haley	Cody
Brandon	Damon	Tom	Fred	Holly	Helen	Mickey
Richard	Julianne	Norma	Chelsea	Jeff	Louis	Melanie
Melinda	Jack	Eileen	Bryce	Paul	Susan	Ed
Don	Nicole	Rupert	Jason	Phil	Meaghan	Alison
LindaLee	Kelsey	Rebecca	Riley	Bonnie	Todd	Maria
Carrie	AnnMarie	Chris	Vickie	Stephen	Adam	

LET US PRAY for peace to prevail on earth. We pray for an end to the violence in the Middle East and for safety and protection for our military, especially Richard Bailey and Rachel Bailey, Robert Piddock, Dillon Spencer, Miles Steele, Kyle Wagoner (All serving in Afghanistan), George, (4th tour in Iraq), and Randall Hill (Iraq), Pray also for Morgan Brooks, Kurt Cheeseman, James DiDonna, Damian & Devin Felton, Jenna Ferlacan, Brian Frasier Jr., Joshua Gagliastri, Mario Guadron, James Lessard, David McCoughlin, Arthur McCoy, Heather McCrea, Mark Mehringer, Jimmy Monahan, Richard Rogers, Timothy Sasina, and Matt Watson. Pray also for the families and friends who are waiting for the safe return of their loved ones.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Hudson and The Rev'd John Perry.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi and The Most Rev'd Bernard Ntahoturi.

Let Us Pray for guidance for our Stephen Ministers and for healing for their care receivers.

St. George's Episcopal Church
Clifton Park, New York
The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
January 29, 2012

Welcome to St. George's! We are delighted that you have come. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book. If you would like to join the parish or have a question, please fill out a Voice From The Pew and leave it in the Offertory plate or with an usher. We hope that all will feel welcomed and come regularly to our church and invite you to join us at coffee hour in Hatlee Hall after the 8:00 & 9:30 services.

Disciples Making Disciples

Our Mission Statement:

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

TODAY'S MUSIC

Opening Hymn: 371

Psalm 111: 1-10 (Choir & Congregation reads together)

Before the Gospel Hymn: 449 vv.1- 3

After the Gospel Hymn: 449 vv. 4-6

Choir Offertory: Rutter: God Be in My Head

Choir Communion Anthem: Bain: Brother James' Air

Congregation Communion Hymn: 339

Closing Hymn: 493

Services of Holy Eucharist are at
4:30pm Saturdays, 8 & 9:30am Sundays
Healing & Holy Eucharist Service 9:30am Wednesdays

INFORMATION THAT IS HELPFUL TO KNOW. . .

Nursery Care - 9:30 a.m. service - The nursery is next to the chapel.

Sunday School - Children leave for classes after communion. All classes (pre-school through high school) meet in the Randles Wing and are over at 11:30.

Joyful Journey is for children pre-school thru 3rd grade during the service –follow the banner to Hatlee Hall!

Receiving Communion - We invite all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, to share in Holy Communion.

You may receive the consecrated wine by taking a sip from the common cup or by holding the host in the palm of your hand for the chalice bearer to dip in the cup and then place on your tongue. If you have not been baptized, we invite you to come forward with the community for a blessing. Indicate that you seek this blessing to the ministers of communion by crossing your arms across your chest.

After the service, we invite you to speak to the clergy about the new work of faith begun in you and about the process of being baptized into the community of Christ's disciples and living out your faith.

Prayers For Healing - Individual prayers of healing and anointing are offered during Communion at all services at the Healing Stations (on either side of the sanctuary next to the columns with the crosses on them)

Prayers of the People - It is appropriate to add names for prayers (just quietly say the name) at the short silence after each section is read.

Visually Impaired/Hearing Impaired - Large-print copies of the Eucharist and equipment to assist the hearing impaired are available from the ushers.

Bathrooms - are located off the narthex, in Hatlee Hall, and at the end of the hall in the Randles Wing.

Ministers: The Congregation

Rector: The Rev. John W. Henry II, email rector@stgeorgescp.org

Fr. Henry's Cell Phone: 265-1960

Priest Associate: The Rev. Karen E. J. Henry

Deacons: The Rev. Maureen Demler, The Rev. Robert Roach,

The Rev. Scott Underhill, The Rev. Al Harding (ret)

Bro. Paul McCue C.A.H., Pastoral Assistant

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Let Us Pray for those celebrating birthdays:

26th Charles Day

Sun: Thomas Day, Anita Knorowski

Mon: Peter Bee

Wed: Madelyn Leonard

Thurs: Suzanne Davis

Fri: Burt Dingley, Anne Wagle, Ryan Davis

The People of God welcome Callen Elizabeth Baisley, the daughter of Jennifer and Ryan Baisley, who was baptized on Saturday, to share in the ministry of Christ and in their communal life.

Congratulations to our new Vestry members, Sue Brooks, Brian Bailey, Jacob Evans, and Shawn Dowd. Thank you to Cathy Fare, Joe Gulyas and Carol List for their faithful service as their term on the Vestry comes to an end.

St. Peter's Celebrates 300 years On the table in the Narthex are some programs from St. Peter's outlining the many activities they have planned. Please pick one up, and see if there is an event that interests you - and invite some friends so you can car pool!

Offering Envelopes for 2012 are now in the Narthex. It is important to get the right set with your name on it, as the envelope number is the way we track all contributions. If you have any questions about the envelopes or your contributions, please call Sue in the office at 371-6351 or email Stgeorgeofc@gmail.com. Keep in mind that you can use the envelopes to pay weekly or monthly or some people like to pay quarterly. You can also pay online the same way you pay your online bills.

Organic, Fairly Traded Coffee and Tea Available – Be sure to purchase or special order organic fairly traded coffee and tea next week, the first Sunday of the month. Buy high quality organic products and support fair treatment of small farmers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. The organic products purchased through the EQUAL EXCHANGE Interfaith Program at St. George's will save you money compared to prices of similar products in local supermarkets. Support St. George's, help small farmers, and enjoy your coffee and tea.

Free Cancer Screenings For Saratoga County Men & Women who are without health insurance and age 40 or older. There is a notice on the bulletin board in Hatlee Hall with more information and listing some of the screenings. To sign up, call the Saratoga Cancer Services Program at 580-2132.

School Bells are ringing Both our PreSchool and our Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade (we hope to start 2nd in the fall) are accepting registrations for fall of 2012. Please let your friends, family and neighbors know about our schools.

News from the school

“Are we like sheep?”Raucous sounds of Baaah, Baaah rang out from all corners of the Sanctuary during Chapel this week as “Abraham” and “Lot” led their wayward bleating sheep through the aisles. One ornery “goat” got tangled up amid the herds. In front of the altar, a truce was declared while “Abraham” and “Lot” showed the importance of cooperation and sharing as they sorted out their flocks. Fr. Henry, once again brought the Bible to life for the K-1 students as he led the children in another memorable lesson. Dinosaurs prowl the hallways outside the classroom bulletin boards, labeled with their proper scientific names and the Latin roots! Carnotaurus was a new one for some of us. Head teacher, Mrs. Sheray, has set up a display “Wall of Honor” in the School office that features a few samples of outstanding work for the week. Both K and grade 1 students are making amazing progress. All are welcome to drop in. We have shown off the Church and school to over 6 families this week, and are hoping that some will decide that this will be their school choice for next fall. Keep on sending us your friends and neighbors! Thank you.

Dragon’s Fare Cookbook sequel!

The school and pre-school plan to raise funds this spring for the financial aid fund by publishing another St. George’s cookbook. It will be a collaborative project among the School, Pre-School and Parish. Eight years ago the Parish published its first cookbook, Dragon’s Fare. We hope that all will contribute without too much arm-twisting. Recipes are due by February 25 so that we can email them to our publisher in time for their February 29 deadline. Our goal is to distribute the new cookbook on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 13.

You may email your three tried and true blue ribbon winner recipes to our parent cookbook editor, Sunita Ramlal at anurupa_ramlal@yahoo.com. Start rummaging through those precious recipes on food-stained scraps of paper that you have saved for a special occasion.

We plan three special features in addition to appetizers, entrées, vegetables and desserts, recipes that children can prepare with only a little help; recipes with holiday themes such as gingerbread houses, pumpkin muffins, or valentine cookies; recipes from your family heritage such as West Indian fish, Irish soda bread, Swedish meatballs, etc.

Thank you for your help. We look forward to a very successful and delicious project. Send your special recipes soon

Welcome to St. George’s Episcopal Church. In Epiphany season we celebrate those events in Jesus’ ministry which revealed him to be the Son of God. Today we hear Mark’s account of Jesus’ first sermon and the events which followed. In casting out an evil spirit from one possessed, Jesus revealed a spiritual authority greater than that of other prophets and teachers.

The reading from Deuteronomy preserves an ancient Hebrew tradition, that God would send another prophet as great as Moses. While Christians have seen Jesus as the fulfillment of that tradition, he was in fact even greater than Moses. Those who were in the synagogue at Capernaum realized that his power over evil spirits revealed him to be the agent of God.

Our reading from 1 Corinthians today deals with an extremely important part of Paul’s teaching about the church by means of a rather obscure (to us) controversy in that church. It was between those who had no qualms about eating food sacrificed to pagan gods—because they believed Christ had rendered such gods meaningless—and those who feared that eating such food would put them back into the fellowship of the old gods. Paul’s principle is that we are indeed free to eat any food (the old gods are meaningless), but that the need for unity and fellowship among Christians is even more important than exercising that freedom.

We join together in the liturgy to meet our Savior, who comes to us in Word and Sacrament. Jesus, then, is not only the prophet like Moses, who brings God’s Word; he is the Word made flesh, who comes among us himself in water, bread, and wine.

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Confirmation/ Inquirer’ Class is at 10:45 in the side chapel of the sanctuary as scheduled.. All are welcome. You can find a class schedule on the Narthex bulletin board.

Jan. 29th Alfie Sarnacki - City Mission & Prison Ministry

Feb. 5th Cathy Fare - Outreach

Feb. 12th Abby Bee – Altar

Planned Gifts That Plant the Seeds This is information about planned giving at St. George’s and is available on the table in the Narthex.

Epiphany Auction There will be an Epiphany Auction meeting after the Sunday 9:30 service on January 29th, in the parish library. ANYONE interested in working on the auction, please come to the meeting. It will only be a short meeting. Help is needed and always welcome. Please prayerfully think about working on the Auction this year, it is a lot of fun, and for a wonderful cause.

Have HAITI on the HEART or MIND? The Empire Haiti Coalition – of which St. George's is a partner – will be meeting on Tuesday, January 31 in St. George's Library, to discuss our mission work in Haiti. Upcoming mission work will focus on teaching, clean water, providing help for orphans, medical and dental along with the ever needed fundraising. If you are interested in helping out or finding more out, please join us on Tuesday or contact Scott Underhill for more information. The Empire Haiti Coalition will begin meeting more regularly on the last Tuesday of each month.

Souper Bowl Sunday Once again this year, St. George's Youth Group will be participating in Souper Bowl of Caring. More than 20 years ago, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring.

In the past two years, St. George's Youth Group (with help from the Pre-School and School) collected over \$1000, 140 pounds of food and 400 other items for our community food pantry, Helping Hands Food Pantry at Jonesville United Methodist Church.

This year, St. George's Youth Group will kick off our participation by volunteering at the Soup Kitchen at Grace & Holy Innocents Church in Albany on January 28th. Then, on Super Bowl Sunday weekend, February 4th-5th, the Youth will collect food, grocery items and monetary donations for Helping Hands Food Pantry at the 4:30 pm, 8:00 am and 9:30 am services. Collection boxes will be available for anyone who would like to drop off donations beginning January 28th.

Helping Hands Food Pantry will accept donations of non-perishable food, paper products (toilet paper, napkins, paper towels), detergents (dish soap, laundry detergent), and toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste). All items must be new, unused, unopened and in their original packaging. In addition, the Helping Hands pantry will be able to purchase food and other items at greatly reduced rates from the Regional Food Bank with our monetary donations.

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2012

Critical Help needed at Soup Kitchen.

St. George's has been helping out at Grace and Holy Innocents Soup Kitchen for at least 15 years, going four Saturdays a year, typically done by the Youth Group. Due to an increase demand and need for additional volunteers, St. George's has stepped up and taken on an additional eight Saturdays: 3/31; 5/26; 6/30; 7/28; 8/25; 9/28; and 11/24. The work is simple: show up, set the tables, cook the food from a provided menu, serve the food and cleanup. Between 4 and 12 people can effectively do the work, which typically goes from 10 AM to 2 PM. Anyone with a serving heart is asked to gather up a group of friends and sign up, children encouraged. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Questions, please see Deacon Scott. Jesus tells us "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." (Mt 25:34-35)

First Communion First Communion classes will begin on Sunday, February 5th. First Communion classes are open to students in Grade 2 and above. If you are interested in having your child participate in First Communion on May 20, 2012 and they are not currently enrolled in the 2nd Grade Sunday School class, please stop by the 2nd Grade Sunday School classroom and speak with one of the teachers (Lynne Olney and Cathy Pollard) or contact Lynne Olney at lynne@spa.net or 371-4287.

Medical Mission to the Dominican Republic St. George's will once again be participating in the Albany Diocese Medical Mission to the Dominican Republic at the end of February. We are hoping to present each person that we see in the clinics (about 1,000) with a Personal Care bag consisting of: toothbrush & toothpaste, bar soap, comb, wash cloth and travel size shampoo & conditioner. Powder and mouthwash would also be welcome. We will also be bringing over-the-counter medications.

Requested medication donations include:

Infant and Children's Tylenol or Ibuprofen; Children's Vitamins, Prenatal Vitamins, Antibiotic Ointment, Antifungal Cream, Hydrocortisone Cream, Saline Eye drops (individual), plus cheater reading glasses (any strength) The expiration date of these items must be AFTER APRIL 2013. We will have a collection place in the narthex. We would like to have medications by the end of January. The personal care items can come in during the first couple of weeks of February also. Thank you and God bless you!