

PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKGIVINGS

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			

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 Grace & Holy Innocents, Albany and The Rev'd G. Tyrone Reddie.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia and The Most Rev'd Dr. Phillip John Aspinall.

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 First Sunday After the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 8, 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: 117

Psalm 29: 1-11 (Choir & Congregation reads together)

Before the Gospel Hymn: 128 vv.1-3

After the Gospel Hymn: 128 vv. 4-5

Choir Offertory: Ouseley: From the Rising of the Sun

Choir Communion Anthem: Tours: Saw You Never

Congregation Communion Hymn: 616

Closing Hymn: 124

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:

Mon: Jim Hatlee

Tues: Brittany Anderson, Rebecca Shost

Sat: Phil Jordan

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Doris Armstrong, who died on December 21st.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Jones, husband of Nancy Jones, who died December 30th.

Offering Envelopes for 2012 are in Hatlee Hall. The printing company had some problems and the envelopes arrived here on the 20th of December. Please stop by in the hall and pick yours up. They are in a mostly alphabetical order. It is important to get the right set 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.

There are blank pledge cards and blue envelopes on the table in the Narthex if you forgot yours and would like to submit your pledge. You may leave them in the offering plate or on Sue's desk in the office.

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 or one of the new envelopes 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. This gift can be given in memory of someone or also to offer a thanksgiving for someone who is still here, especially for a birthday or an anniversary.

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.

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.

Women's Bible Study * Start date changed the women will be starting a new class discussion group on Wednesday, January 11th at 10:30. this session will be centered around a Ray VanderLaan faith lesson video. All women are welcome to join, even if you can't make every class. After class all are invited to bring a bag lunch and stay and enjoy some social time together.

From the Preschool:

"Christmas Bells are Ringing Out," "Nine Little Angels," "Mary had a Baby Boy." Chances are if you were in the building in the weeks leading up to Christmas that you heard many little voices belting out the lyrics to those songs. If you were really lucky, you may have even caught us doing "The Reindeer Pokey." On December 15th and 16th we had three very successful Christmas parties with our students and their families. Each began with Chapel led by Father Henry who retold us the story of the night of Jesus' birth complete with props and a lesson in Latin! This was the perfect way to wrap up our month long use and discussion of our classroom Advent calendars.

With the new year upon us we continue to register new students for next school year. Some of the topics we will discuss this month are winter, hibernation and Arctic animals. We will even be doing some baking and making Gingerbread Houses....peanut free of course! We will also be attending a show sponsored by the Shenendehowa Pre-school PTA Council called "Sylvia and the Magic Trunk."

From the all the staff and 90 children of the St. George's Preschool, Happy New Year!

From the Youth Group:

After a short hiatus that the start of the new school year brought, we are back on track and ready to hit the ground running in the new year! Our group faithfully traveled to Grace and Holy Innocents Church in October and December to prepare and serve the meal in their Soup Kitchen. Both days were preceded by an overnight lock-in here at church which has become a favorite activity for everyone.

We have begun to finalize plans for this year's Mission Trip. Look for details to follow soon!

We continue to have our account at the bottle center (in the Northern Lights plaza at the corner of Rt 146 & 146A) for donations. Please just specify that your donation is for the St. George's Youth Group.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Welcome to St. George's Episcopal Church. Today is one of four occasions in the year designated by the Prayer Book as a baptismal day. The other three are Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day. Each of the four days has its particular theme which enhances our understanding of one aspect of the primary Christian sacrament, Holy Baptism.

On this, the First Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord.

Jesus' Baptism was for all the Gospel writers, and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event which initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in this event that Jesus was revealed as Messiah (Christ). God proclaimed him the beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

In Holy Baptism each Christian is adopted as the child of God. Each Christian becomes a "messianic" person, anointed by the Holy Spirit. We do not simply become passive recipients of the benefits of Christ; we are "christed," or christened. We become sharers in his life and his redemptive ministry.

All those who are baptized and anointed with chrism are received "into the household of God." They join with that household in confessing "the faith of Christ," proclaiming his resurrection and sharing in his eternal priesthood, the priesthood which is enacted sacramentally in the Eucharist and daily in lives of self-giving love toward one another and toward the world.

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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.

January 8th Class will help with the Un-Greening of the church

January 22nd Class will attend the Annual Meeting

Classes in the side chapel will resume on January 29th

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. There will be ore complete information at the Annual Meeting on January 22nd.