



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
405 EAST MAIN STREET
BATAVIA, NEW YORK

NEWSLETTER—AUGUST 2016

Small Blessings and Simple Things
Add up to a Lifetime of Joy

My dear friends,

God works in our lives in amazing ways. Sometimes it is through the long-sought answer to a prayer, but most often, I find, it is in small, simple ways, in those reminders of the grace that permeates our world. Here is a small, but yet palpable reminder to me of God's presence in my life. You might remember that last month in this space I talked about Brussels sprouts-- how they went from ick to yum in my experience. My sister and I live many miles apart, and when we are able to get together we love doing the simple day-to-day things together like planning and preparing meals. I was at her house during my vacation and we cooked dinner. She had laid out all the ingredients for—you guessed it—Brussels sprouts! We cooked those sprouts, laughed about childhood memories and enjoyed just being together.

God's love is transformative. Just as plain icky veggies can be transformed into a delight (with the help of a liberal application of bacon), the ordinary experiences of our lives are transformed into opportunities to see, feel and share the love and grace of God. If you'd like try a terrific way to transform Brussels sprouts see our new Newsletter feature—"Recipe Corner".

Enjoy these waning days of summer and seek to find grace and love in the small things that you do and share with loved ones.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mother Bonnie+

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you
may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

Senior Warden's Report:

First, welcome back to Mother Bonnie. As you probably know, she had a little problem getting back to us, but she did nonetheless.

You may have noticed that a lot has been going on in the past couple of weeks. The roof on the lower east side of the nave was replaced. Thanks to Ron and his crew from Security Roofing. In case you are wondering why the roof was replaced instead of repaired- it is because repair was not an option. There were three layers of shingles and nails were being pushed up causing our numerous leaks. Fortunately, the decking was all in good shape (which will lower our costs). Also, last Sunday there was a downpour on the church- no leaks!

In addition, you may have noticed that Barb and Mother Bonnie have their own reserved parking spots on the circle by the former office entrance. This not only keeps them closer to the entrance they use, but keeps them out of the fire lane and Turner's lot. Also, Mother Bonnie's office windows now open- thanks to Gary Hammond of the Maintenance Team. Soon screens will be installed and she will be able to have fresh air without using the AC, which is her preference.

Finally we are still looking for people to serve on the Property Committee, to do things like planning and executing projects like the recent roof repair, leasing out the Rectory and such. Also, Russ is looking for a few individuals to make runs to pick up materials the Maintenance Team needs from time to time. This would be perfect for anyone who would like to help in this area but for whatever reason cannot perform the actual work. And lastly, we still need candidates for Jr. Warden and three vestry slots in January. Please see me, Jim E. or Liz F if interested.

Thanks,
Jim Neider, Senior Warden



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

We pray God's blessing be with you on your special day and every day.

Liz Findlay 8/2 Mary Shuknecht 8/22
Dorien Ely 8/23 Catie Chilano 8/29

A new grandson!

Debbie and Mike Barone became grandparents on July 29, 2016 to Brodie Han Butler.
Congratulations!

NEWS FROM ST. JAMES

Coffee Hour Reserve – Our reserve for Coffee Hour, e.g. cookies etc., is depleted. If you are making freezable baked goods of any sort and have extra, please bring them in and we will place them in the freezer; or if you want to purchase some, that would help too!!! All help is greatly appreciated.

School Supplies -- The ads are already out for Back to School Sales. Rather than get depressed by the rush to end our short summer, why not buy some school supplies? There are many families in our community who just don't have the extra money to purchase needed supplies for their children. All items are needed: glue, crayons, folders, pencils, pens, scissors, etc. Just drop your purchases in the box as you enter church. Last day to add to the box will be Sunday, August 28th.

Things we are collecting to help others -- Please keep in mind the things we are gathering and passing on to organizations to help them in their efforts:

Food Staples for Genesee Food Pantry
Box Top for Education icons for Liz Findlay's 6th Grade class
Aluminum Pull tabs for Juvenile Diabetes
School Supplies for underprivileged children

Music at St. James during the Summer – Our wonderful and hardworking choir is taking a well-deserved break during the summer months. In addition to the music of Dave Lange, our organist, we will be treated to guest soloists—both vocalists and instrumentalist. Come and enjoy the beauty as these talented individuals beckon us into the worship of our Lord God.



Paint Can Fund -- Around the church you will see paint cans. Another way to help with our improvements is to put a few dollars into the collection can. These funds will be used to make small repairs and improvements before they become major jobs.

Phone chain for announcements -- We are working hard at St. James to make sure that we communicate all important information to our parish family in timely and accessible ways. Some of our parishioners don't use email – and – just as ALL ARE WELCOME, we believe that ALL ARE IMPORTANT and should get all of the news. To that end, we would like to create a phone chain for announcements for timely and important events such as deaths in our parish family, time changes, special events. Can you help? With little effort we can make sure that all of our parishioners are included in important information. If you would like to be on the phone chain, please contact Barb King in the office, 343-6802 or saint.james2@outlook.com

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK

Diocese of Western New York Family Camp, September 2-4, 2016 -- Labor Day Weekend
Camp Asbury, 16 Lakeside Ave., Silver Lake, NY (near Letchworth State Park)

A time to relax, have fun, explore faith & enjoy time with other Episcopalians. The weekend combines, fun, games, and worship. The program begins Friday evening and goes through Sunday morning. Cost: \$60 adult, \$35 teen, \$25 child (4-12), under 4 free. For information email Wendy Schumacher at wschumacher@episcopalwny.org.



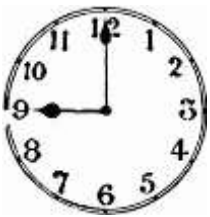
Diocese of Western New York Discover Sundays: Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site & Trinity, Buffalo

Sunday, September 25, 2:30 p.m.

641 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

Tour the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, explore Delaware Avenue on a casual walk from the Inaugural Site to the church, view the exquisite Tiffany windows at Trinity Episcopal Church and learn about the issues facing Theodore Roosevelt which we still grapple with today. Reception to follow. Register at www.bit.ly/discoverTRTrinity. *Discover Sundays* is a program of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York, 1064 Brighton Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



Silent Minute of Prayer – Our Lady of Mercy Church in LeRoy has asked all people to engage in a Silent Minute of Prayer at 9 p.m. each evening. The idea comes from “Big Ben’s Silent Minute”, a practice in England during WWII for all people to pause and seek unity of purpose as a free people. We are all invited to join with Our Lady of Mercy and people all across our region who turn out the lights, silence tvs, radios, cell phones and pray. Set your alarm for 9 p.m.!

Heavenly Father, We are thankful for all that we have. We ask that you protect this nation, this state and community. Please shelter and protect our homeland and families. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Crossroads House 16th Annual Van Hulburt Memorial Golf Tournament—August 18th at Batavia Country Club sponsored by the Hesperus Lodge of Bergen. Contact Marty at 494-2147.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church is having a Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, August 14, 2016. They are located at 10675 Alleghany Road, Darien Center, NY 14040. Noon until sold out. Basket raffles are from noon until 4:00 PM. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$3 for children 5-10, and under 5 are free. Rain or shine!

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT
JANUARY THROUGH JULY 2016

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
1 Pledge Income	70,012	59,333	10,679	118%
2 Other Giving Income	3,424	1,858	1,566	184%
3 Endowment Draws/Fees	25,000	79,634	(54,634)	31%
4 Fundraising & Building Use	7,608	7,620	(12)	100%
Total Income	106,044	148,445	(42,401)	71%
Expenses				
5 Diocesan Pledge	11,764	11,762	1	100%
6 Outreach	-	542	(542)	0%
7 Personnel	82,049	79,342	2,707	103%
8 Worship/Program	2,641	3,209	(568)	82%
9 Administrative	11,900	12,105	(205)	98%
10 Building Expense	23,159	30,479	(7,321)	76%
Total Expenses	131,512	137,439	(5,928)	96%
Net Ordinary Income	(25,467.64)			

Note: Personnel is over budget because a portion of the Rector's 2015 pension was paid in 2016.

RECIPE CORNER

Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Bacon *From the Kitchen of Mother Bonnie's Sister Mary K.*

2 lbs. fresh Brussels sprouts, halved lengthwise
½ lb. of bacon, cut or chopped in small pieces
1 onion, halved and thinly sliced
1 Tbsp. of extra virgin olive oil
1 tsp. of salt
1 Tbsp. of balsamic vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add Brussels sprouts and teaspoon of salt to the boiling water. Boil Brussels sprouts for 5 minutes, then drain and rinse with cold water.

Place a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat and add oil, sliced onions, and chopped bacon. Cook until bacon is crispy.

Once the bacon is cooked, add the Brussel sprouts to the skillet. Stir-fry for 5 minutes or until the Brussels sprouts begin to brown.

Finish by tossing your bacon and sprouts in balsamic vinegar. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Please share your favorite recipe with us; whether it is for grilling, baking, cooking, or a quick-throw-together recipe. Every month we will share a recipe that is sent in. Please email them or drop them by the office.

AUGUST SUNDAY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28	September 4
Chalice 1	Jim Ellison	Cathy Judkins	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Judy Essig	Bonnie Dvoroznak
Chalice 2	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Barb King	Barb King	Jim Ellison
Chalice Chantry					
1st Lesson	Jim Neider	Keith Price	Jack Kershner	Lilo Townsend	Joan Ellison
2nd Lesson	Lilo Townsend	Wayne Judkins	Barb Gray	Jim Ellison	Jack Kershner
Prayers of People	Joan Ellison	Rose rumery	Jeff Gray	Jim Neider	Steve Hawley
Acolytes	Jenna Essig	Scott Essig	Jeff Tress	Jeff Tress	Scott Essig
Ushers	Nancy Harrington Russ Dvoroznak	Dean Perry Betsy Dexheimer	Don Fox Nancy Harrington	Russ Dvoroznak Wayne Townsend	Russ Dvoroznak Larry Belluscio
Greeters	Peg & Alan Abrams	Larry Belluscio Russ Dvoroznak	Dean Perry Russ Dvoroznak	Peg & Alan Abrams	Barb & Jeff Gray
Element Bearers	Jolene & Dick Folger	Barb & Jeff Gray	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	Donna Kauffman Dean Perry	Barb & Jeff Gray
Nursery		Joanne Fleming	Jenna Essig		Joanne Fleming
Altar Guild	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee Nancy Harrington	Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin	Donna Kauffman Jo-Ann Bestine Joanne Fleming	Kathy Belluscio Karen & Harold Odell	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee Nancy Harrington
Counters	Larry Belluscio Ron Fancher	John Swartz Ron Fancher	Larry Belluscio Barb Pierce	John Swartz Barb Pierce	Larry Belluscio Dean Perry
Coffee Hour	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Jolene Folger	Kathy Belluscio	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Dorian Ely
Flower Delivery	Karen & Harold Odell	Cathy Judkins	Dean Perry	Lilo Townsend	Dorian Ely

AUGUST CALENDAR

	1	2 2 Bldgs & Grounds	3 11 HE	4 9-2 Thrift Store 2 Wardens' Mtg	5	6
7 10:00 HE 11:15 Coffee Hour	8	9 2:30 HE at GCNH	10 11 HE	11 9-2 Thrift Store 2 Wardens' Mtg	12	13
14 10:00 HE 11:15 Coffee Hour	15	16	17 11 HE	18 9-2 Thrift Store 2 Wardens' Mtg	19	20
21 10:00 HE 11:15 Coffee Hour	22	23 10:45 HE at The Manor House 6:30 Deanery Council	24 11 HE	25 9-2 Thrift Store 2 Wardens' Mtg	26	27
28 10:00 HE 11:15 Coffee Hour	29	30	31 11 HE	Abbreviations: HE = Holy Eucharist GCNH = Genesee County Nursing Home		



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