



**VESTRY'S VIEWS**

Your Vestry has been busy finalizing the parish profile to send to the Diocese who will then put the information into the national data bank. The search will be on for a priest! In the meantime Richard Dauchy has been contacting supply priests and has been successful in finding priests to serve on Sundays. Deacon Randy's mentor will be with us on the third Sundays of the month. Things are moving forward and we are truly blessed by those who serve the Lord in this capacity. Please keep the Vestry, Deacon Randy, and the parish of Our Saviour in your prayers as we move forward.

*Bitsy*

## **MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRY**

**December 2015**

I know this has been a tough year at Church of Our Saviour. We on the Vestry want to thank all the Parishioners who have continued to attend services on a regular basis. Your presence keeps our church alive.

We are continuing with our efforts to find a replacement Priest. Based on the size of our Church we are most likely looking for a part time or retired Priest....a full time priest is not financially possible at this time.

We have made the following steps to help us continue our worship in 2016

- 1) Deacon Randy has arranged for a Priest once a month. Father Frank Lockwood is currently the Priest in Coxsackie and has agreed to help us out. He will be joining us on December 20 and January 17.
- 2) In addition, we have arranged for two Supply Priests in February to celebrate the Eucharist with us.
- 3) We are continuing to work with the Supply Clergy to make sure that we have a Priest at least twice/month during 2016.
- 4) We are finalizing our Church Profile with the Diocese. This is the next stage in our search for a priest.

Finally....we need to get the Rectory updated to make it livable. Please let us know if you can provide help. The Priest coming on February 14 has expressed an interest in staying at the Rectory.

Respectfully,

*Richard Dauchy*

## DEACON'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas and a Joyful St. Stephen's Day, or for some, Good Boxing Day.

This time of year can be physically, emotionally and spiritually difficult for many people, for many reasons. People consider their health or financial problems, events in their lives or those they are close to, in their local community or in the world and they can become discouraged. But this is exactly the same world that Our Lord came to save. God in His infinite Love became incarnate to suffer as we do; to know the heartache and grief that we feel; to share with us the pain of living in this world. The same things that are happening to us and around us today were happening two thousand years ago, in some cases different players or illnesses but in all, the same feelings and challenges. And Our Lord knew them.

That is why we are reminded constantly through scripture of the return of Jesus, for on that day when He returns He will wipe every tear and there will be no more pain or suffering. One can hear the cry of secularists who say "Grow up and live in the real world." My reply is "Yes, you are right, this is the real world, but Our Lord came into this real world and gave us a glimpse of what is to come."

Imagine the miracle of a Virgin giving birth! Imagine people born blind, being healed of a lifetime affliction! Imagine people who have never taken a step in their lives being able to walk! Imagine hungry people being fed till full and having leftovers! Imagine being cleansed of degenerative debilitating diseases? All this and more Jesus *did* do. It is evidence that Jesus is Who He said He is. And yet, there are those who doubt, whose troubles cause them to forget the promise, who need to be reminded. That is one reason to celebrate; it is a time to remember the promises, and to take stock in those promises. It is a time to remember that gift that is Jesus. That is why we share gifts with each other to remind each other of the Great Gift given to us. May you all find joy from the Gift of Jesus, given to each of us and as you celebrate His birth,

This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Again, as Paul said to the Church at Philippi "Rejoice, and again I say rejoice!"

***REJOICE, REJOICE, REJOICE!***

May God bless you richly this season, Deacon Randy.

The deadline for the Annual Reports will be  
***Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

Please send them to

Susan Darcy at [susan@darcy-systems.com](mailto:susan@darcy-systems.com)

or

Kris Smith at [pioneer03@aol.com](mailto:pioneer03@aol.com)

The newsletter deadline for the February issue will be ***Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.***

If you have any news to share, please send it to

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or

leave a note in the secretary's mailbox in the church office.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

United States Government

President Obama

Governor Cuomo

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Senator Kathy Marchione

Senator Charles Schumer

Congressman Chris Gibson

Supervisor Colleen Teal

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

The Right Rev. William Love, Bishop

David Ball

Daniel Herzog

Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger

Deacon Randolph Lukas

Pastor James

Brother Bill

Pope Francis

Fr. John

Deacon Peter

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Ann DeVost	Kimberly Harrington
John & Teri Koepp	Richard Jones
Roberta Page	Kristen Thompson
Edgar LaCombe	Melissa
Vince Flanigan	Mark & Sue Bull
The Rev. Christian Agunwamba	Lois Johnson
Ray Garrison	Nancy Mills
Florence Stock	Doug
Barbara Felter	Marie
Nathaniel	Malina
Beth	Michael D.
Sharon	Jayne Sawin
Pat Ruby	Sabina Terrades
Betty Hicks	James Cross
Heather Kromer	Hank Gallucci
Rose G.	Brenda Darcy
Aidan McGuire	Tim Laraway, Jr.
Church of Our Saviour Parish/Vestry/Prayer Table	
Saturday evening contemporary service	
Scott	Frank Sullivan
Katrina	Bill Bourquard
Bennett	Shalayna and Aurora
U.S. Military – Ross, Evan, Anthony and families	
Madeline	May Collins
Charles	Carol
Janis	Jessi
Eric	Angela B.
Harry M.	Larry & Carol & Teresa
Jean F.	George Ertel, Jr.
Dave & Cindy G and their family	Lynne E.
Al & Jeanne Mayer	Wayne & Jane Garnsey
Peter Guiler	Teri Whitman

### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN:

Florence Stock  
27 Canna Drive  
Freehold, NY 12431

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2 – Jesse Haley

6 – Robert Allard

7 – Debi Gallucci

18 – Frederick Haley

21 – Anthony Harkins

23 – Randolph Lukas

24 – Martha Prescott

25 – Ben Prescott

26 – Mackenzie Stone

28 – Paul Harrington

If you know of a birthday or anniversary that we haven't included in past newsletters, please leave a note in the church secretary's mailbox in the office.

Or, email Kris Smith at [pioneer03@aol.com](mailto:pioneer03@aol.com) with your birthday or anniversary date so that I can update our list.

Thank you!

## **DOLLARS AND SENSE**

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated our Savior's birth. Many thanks to the people who greened the Church. To the altar guild who made the altar look so spectacular. To Bitsy, who provided the workers with a wonderful lunch. To the ladder king, Tom, who climbed to extraordinary heights to replace bulbs and hang decorations.

And to Mary who not only organized the entire group, provided directions, made sure the decorations were in perfect order, positioned the decorations near their eventual position, and then coached the newbies as to what went where so that the entire Church would be so beautiful awaiting the birth of our Savior.

God has blessed us with talented, caring, loving parishioners who share their creativity with all of us. I thank God for bringing me "over the mountain" to such a giving group. God opens doors to just what we need – our lovely parish family who reaches out to everyone.

As we start 2016, may we remember to share the love of Jesus Christ with all – remember we even have an extra day in 2016 to spread the joy to everyone.

To all who joined us in worship, thank you for making our service full of love and happiness. Join us at worship again. Come to the 8 o'clock service, and then go to breakfast or have coffee with us. Share the fellowship we have – we do laugh and talk and discuss lots of things – even work (yes some do still work). As I've said before, what you'll find is that we like each other and enjoy spending time together. Do come, we would love to see you!

As we all know, ***God is good***, and with us: ***He is good all the time!***

*Susan Darcy*

## **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

### *Community Bible Study*

Community Bible study will continue to meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are a group of about 6, mostly parishioners of Church of Our Saviour. We are currently studying the Gospel of Matthew. Stop by any Thursday - we will be glad to see you. Info: talk to Randy or Sally.

*Thank you to*

All who assisted with gift giving for the Angel Tree.

All who assisted with the Greening of the Sanctuary.

## JANUARY CALENDAR

Friday, January 1 – ***New Year's Day***

Saturday, January 2 -  
6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, January 3 -  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
***Annual Reports are due!***

Wednesday, January 6 – *Epiphany*  
7:00 p.m. Epiphany Service

Thursday, January 7 -  
7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 9 -  
6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, January 10 -  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Thursday, January 14 -  
7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 15 – ***Newsletter articles are due!***

Saturday, January 16 -  
6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, January 17 –  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, January 18 – *Martin Luther King Day*

Thursday, January 21 -  
7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 23 -  
6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service



Sunday, January 24 -  
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, followed by a brunch  
and annual meeting.

Thursday, January 28 -  
7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 30 -  
6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, January 31 -  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

### **COMING UP:**

Sunday, February 7 –  
3:00 p.m. Deanery meeting at Church of Our Saviour

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 – *Ash Wednesday*  
12:00 noon Service  
7:00 p.m. Service