



VESTRY'S VIEWS

The days are longer and the weather is more spring-like, even though there may still be snow in the coming days, the hope of spring resides in the trees, the grasses, the flowers, and the shrubs as they start to bloom. Our Saviour is springing ahead as well. The Parish Profile was sent to the Diocese and information entered into the national data bank. From that we are hopeful that some names will be generated of priests who would be interested in coming to Our Saviour. The Vestry has also decided to go from two services on Sundays to one at 8:00 a.m. beginning May 1, 2016. The first and third Sundays will have music while the second, fourth and any fifth Sundays will be without music. Please keep Our Saviour in your prayers as we move ahead with our search.

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VESTRY – 2016

Senior Warden	Elizabeth Sheffer-Winig	(01/2018)
Junior Warden	Mary Young	(01/2017)
Vestry Members	Susan Darcy	(01/2017)
	Richard Dauchy	(01/2018)
	Eugenia Browning	(01/2019)
Clerk	Eugenia Browning	
Diocesan Delegate	Mary Young	

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

Ann DeVost	Kimberly Harrington
John & Teri Koepf	Richard Jones
Roberta Page	Kristen Thompson
Edgar LaCombe	Melissa
Vince Flanigan	Mark & Sue Bull
The Rev. Christian Agunwamba	Lois Johnson
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.	Scott
Church of Our Saviour Parish/Vestry/Prayer Table and Saturday evening contemporary service	
Frank Sullivan	Katrina
Bill Bourquard	Bennett
Shalayna and Aurora	Madeline
U.S. Military – Ross, Evan, Anthony and families	
May Collins	Charles
Carol	Janis
Jessi	Eric
Angela B.	Harry M.
Larry & Carol & Teresa	Jean F.

PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)

George Ertel, Jr.
Lynne E.
Wayne & Jane Garnsey
Don Tinney
Peter Guiler
Su Hames

Dave & Cindy G and their family
Teri Whitman
Joan S.
Al & Jeanne Mayer
Lowell C.
Nancy O.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN:

Florence Stock
27 Canna Drive
Freehold, NY 12431

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 – Jane Allard
8 – Nathanael Lukas
8 – Lauren Stone
18 – Phil Marriner
21 – Thomas Stone
24 – Kathy LePore
27 – Michael O'Grady
28 – Laurene Teachout

ANNIVERSARIES

8 – Thomas and Janet Stone
14 – Neil and Joanne Haley
22 – Frank and Judy Tallet

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 with your birthday or anniversary date so that I can update our list.

Thank you!

DOLLARS AND SENSE

I'm looking out the window at a robin and I'm anticipating Springtime. I know last night the rain seemed to have some substance almost like soft hail – I absolutely cannot say that white stuff word.

Florida was cold when I had free time and warm when I was leaving. So my anticipations for Spring are high. Lent is also my anticipation time – everything seems frozen and dark – then comes Easter with joy and exultation.

I know Easter is early and we still may have some frigid weather but I know just around the corner (I've seen green shoots!) are daffodils and crocus and all the flowers of Spring.

I was reading an interesting book: ***“Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore”*** by **Thom and Joani Schultz**. Made me sit up and take notice. Below is a small section from the book. And yes, it is part of the knock me out conclusion. In the table, it tells the reasons why people don't go to Church and what they say; then what Jesus would say; and finally what the Church should be practicing.

When they say ...	Imagine Jesus saying ...	The church practices
“I feel judged.”	“You're welcome just as you are.”	<i>RADICAL HOSPITALITY</i>
“I don't want to be lectured. You don't care what I think.”	“Your thoughts are welcome; your doubts are welcome.”	<i>FEARLESS CONVERSATION</i>
“Church people are a bunch of hypocrites.”	“We're all in this together.”	<i>GENUINE HUMILITY</i>
“Your God is irrelevant to my life.”	“God is here, ready to connect with you in a fresh way.”	<i>DIVINE ANTICIPATION</i>

These **4 ACTS OF LOVE** – radical hospitality, fearless conversation, genuine humility, and divine anticipation – will make your church irresistible because **Jesus** is irresistible. Do I practice what the growing Church does? The 4 Acts of Love seem very easy and very difficult at the same time. I think I'll try and work on the ones I think need improvement and emphasize the ones I might be stronger in.

One thing I do know in my heart, in my brain, and in my soul – Jesus loves us everyone – and Church of Our Saviour knows that **God is good** and with us: **He is good all the time!**

Happy Easter – the Lord is Risen!

Don't forget come to breakfast some Sunday – either after 8 or before 10 – Jimmie D's.

Susan Darcy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

A Blessed Easter to everyone from the Vestry

Community Bible Study Invitation

After a pause for Easter, Bible study will resume on Thursday evening, March 31st. We meet each week from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are currently working slowly through the Gospel according to Matthew, in a discussion format. I present some background or connections with other parts of Scripture, and we share reactions, comments and questions. We are a varied group in terms of Bible knowledge, but especially in terms of life experience. I think anyone would fit in, and we are always interested in different thoughts or comments.

Please consider stopping in one Thursday evening, or if the day does not work for you, share this with a friend. This is a community Bible study, open to all interested folks in the area.

For info, email Sally at slangendorf@verizon.net

Deanery Notice

St. Luke's Church in Catskill is having a concert of Messiah April 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.. Everyone is invited.

Guest Priest

Father Lockwood will be our Guest priest on April 17th at the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services.

Change in Worship Service

Starting on May 1st, Church of Our Saviour will have services on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m., with Fr. Lockwood on the third Sunday of the month. Music will be a part of the service on the first and third Sundays of the month. Sunday School will be at 8:00 a.m..

Diocesan Convention

Diocesan Convention sign up will be open soon. Watch for the information on line. This year's convention will be held from June 10th – 12th. It is a great way to get recharged for the Lord.

The newsletter deadline for the May issue will be **Friday, April 15th**.

If you have any news to share, please send it to Susan Darcy at susan@darcy-systems.com

or

Kris Smith at pioneer03@aol.com or leave a note in the secretary's mailbox in the church office.

APRIL CALENDAR

Saturday, April 2 -

6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, April 3 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Thursday, April 7 -

7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 9 -

6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, April 10 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Thursday, April 14 -

7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 15 - **Newsletter articles are due!**

Saturday, April 16 -

6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, April 17 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with Fr. Lockwood

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with Fr. Lockwood

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Thursday, April 21 -

7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 23 -

6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, April 24 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Thursday, April 28 –

7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 30 -

6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

COMING UP:

Sunday, May 1 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Sunday School