

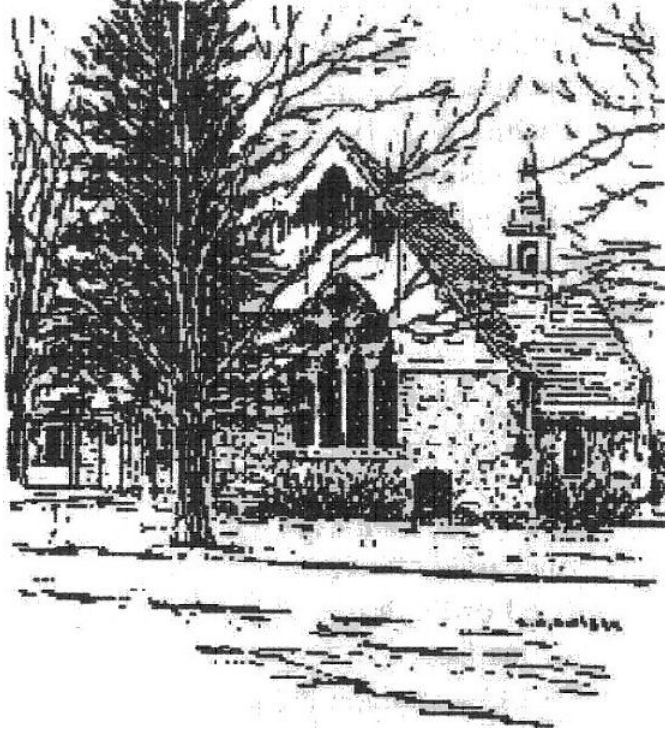
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PASTOR'S PAGE

Hello Brothers and

Once again, this may be past the deadline, but hopefully not.

We are rounding the corner into the season of Lent. I can recall from my youth this being a time of “fasting”. In my family, this became an excuse to make sure we had fish on Friday nights. Though, there was the occasional genuine sacrifice of no meat which translated to pizza with extra cheese.

In the early church, Lent was not seen as some burden to be trudging through. In fact, it was taken quite seriously. It was a time when individuals who had fallen away from the church would return to the faith. It was also a time when individuals who had been put out of the church would be given opportunity to return.

And then, there was the preparation for baptism!

It was a season of expectation combined with reflection. Spiritual disciplines might be adopted in order to help promote a sense of drawing closer to God. These might include additional prayers, reading time, meditations, taking up an extra study, or doing additional service for those who are less fortunate.

I am asking all of the members of Church of Our Saviour to take up a spiritual discipline throughout Lent. I promise, it will not be too burdensome. Simply, I would ask that twice per day you take the time to pray for our government and for our clergy.

Here are two recommended prayers from the Book of Common Prayer 1928 Edition:

***A Prayer for The President of the United States,
and all in Civil Authority.***

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

I would ask that you consider praying each of these twice per day. Once in the morning and once in the evening.

Blessings and peace to all,

Father Frank Lockwood

PRAYER CONCERNS

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
The Right Rev. William Love, Bishop

Daniel Herzog

Rev. Frank Lockwood

Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger

Deacon Randolph Lukas

Deacon Leslie Groneman

Pope Francis

Fr. John

Deacon Peter

Metropolitans of Eastern Orthodox Churches

Bishops of Lutheran Synods

Archbishop of Canterbury

Missionaries

United States Government

President Trump

Governor Cuomo

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Senator Daphne Jordan

Senator Charles Schumer

Congressman Anthony Delgado

Assemblyman Jake Ashby

Supervisor Colleen Teal

Ann DeVost

John & Teri Koepp

Roberta Page

Edgar LaCombe

Vince Flanigan

The Rev. Christian Agunwamba

Barbara Felter

Nathaniel

Michael D.

Kyle

Bennett

Scott

Terry

David

Lynne E.

Eric

George Ertel, Jr.

Peter Guiler

Margaret

Ralph

Kimberly Harrington

Richard Jones

Kristen Thompson

Melissa

Mark & Sue Bull

Lois Johnson

Marie

Malina

Pat Ruby

Heather Kromer

Rose G.

Katrina

Carolee Hearrel

Janis

Jessi

Angela B

Martin

Adrian

Rich

Nancy Mills

PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)

Joanne Papucci	Courtney
Al & Jeanne Mayer	Mary Ann H.
Louis & Carolyn	Eddie
Nicki	Michelle, Hailey, Aiden
St. Mark's Church – Philmont	Storm Riders
Michael	Jane & Freida
Joanne Lockwood	Janice C.
Bob Waters	Mahely
Beverly	Bitsy & Tony Winig
Person in other car	Nancy A.
Sue H.	Jean P.
Cliff Myers	Theresa Hoffman
U.S. Military – Evan, KI and families	
Vestries and ministries of Christ Church Coxsackie and Church of Our Saviour	

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4 – Meredith Lukas

12 – Derek McKeon

13 – Elizabeth Spoto

31 – Carol Lukas

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

As you all know I'm a member of a boating organization (United States Power Squadrons®), which has meetings all of over the country. Recently, I had the opportunity to travel to Florida for a meeting. Now before everyone says how lucky I am, I have to tell you the other side of the lucky and where God fits in.

I do a lot of presentations within the organization and because of that have to take tons of equipment so driving there is required. I try to be prepared. For this trip, snow brush, windshield washer fluid and my GPS for the car; laptop, screen, projector, speakers for the seminar. And this trip was no different. The car was loaded almost to the rooftop.

So off I go. Now I did give my driving plan an extra day – after all, it is winter and although I know God has my best interests at heart, sometimes others may get in the way. I'm almost to the Thruway when things started to happen. The early blue skies suddenly disappeared, and a very sullen looking sky replaced it.

The gentle falling snow changed to a wild almost horizontal blizzard and as my mileage increased so did the snow. Of course, the speed limits decreased. Sleet and ice to help pepper the scene. Stopping for gas, I checked the car – it almost looked like a large igloo on wheels! Covered with slushy snow with what looked like frozen ice pebbles around the entire car. My thought was to wash the car as soon as I could, just to get all the slush and salt off it.

Now for the God stuff – God knew I wanted to be below Washington, DC that day and He decided to help! He changed the snow to rain – (now I know what you're thinking, how did that help?). Right away, my windshield wasn't streaky – second, the speed limit was raised, and third, ALL the stuff stuck on the car started to disappear! Was it an easy trip? Absolutely not but then a lot of our lives aren't easy, but God is ALWAYS available to help – sometimes He tells or shows me YES to my prayers. And sometimes the answer is NO but what I've found when the answer is NO, is that He was really looking out for me!

I know I've said this before many times, I definitely enjoy God's blessings and also the times He says NO. Come join your parish family on Sunday and after stop at Jimmy D's for coffee – it is another of His gifts to us.

God's Love and Blessings to All!

Susan Darcy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Bible Study

Bible Study is every Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m..

Newsletter Deadline

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

If you have any news to share, please send it to Susan Darcy at sldarcy@roadrunner.com or Kris Smith at pioneer03@aol.com.

MARCH CALENDAR

- Saturday, March 2 –
5:30 p.m. Evening prayer and Bible Study
- Sunday, March 3 –
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Wednesday, March 6 – *Ash Wednesday*
- Saturday, March 9 –
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Evening prayer and Bible Study
- Sunday, March 10 –
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Friday, February 15 – **Newsletter deadline!**
- Saturday, March 16 -
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Evening prayer and Bible Study
- Sunday, March 17 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Saturday, March 23 -
6:00 p.m. Healing Service
- Sunday, March 24 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting
- Saturday, March 30 -
NO Evening prayer and Bible Study
- Sunday, March 31 -
8:00 a.m. Deacon's Mass or morning prayer