

Covid Update:

The Diocese has stated that each Church may establish its own Covid protocols. Our Vestry has voted to return to the full Eucharist. We may now go to the altar for the bread and wine, however, this is optional. If you wish Father Lockwood to come to your pew, please let him know. The "Peace" will still be exchanged from our pews. No hugging for the time being. We will continue to monitor Covid activity in Columbia County and update as necessary.

Church Calendar:

Sundays at 8:30am	Eucharist
Wednesdays at 5:30pm	Bible Study
October 1 at 3pm	Blessing of the Animals
Date to be announced	Trunk or Treat

Programs:

Charlies Pantry: Our members give nonperishable food items and household supplies as well as support the fuel fund. A food basket for donations is located in the back of the sanctuary. Eugenia delivers the food twice a month to Charlie's Pantry for distribution. This Pantry is open to the community in need on Saturdays.

Domestic Shelters: Members give personal hygiene products for the residents of the shelter to use. In addition, this month we are collecting blankets, sheets, and towels for the shelter to use.

Animal Assistance: We are partnering with a group of young people whom Bitsy has been teaching. We are helping with their service project collecting items that might be used in an animal shelter. Food, toys, blankets, soap, brushes, and combs to name a few. The students will give these items to the Pittsfield animal shelter.

Building Fund: Money Needed for New Driveway for the Rectory

We are in the process of installing a proper driveway for the Rectory. The cost is \$3500. This is not a budgeted expense. We did budget for a new roof on the Rectory garage which was completed this Spring. This is a financial challenge and any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Bishop election:

As you are aware the election for the 10th Bishop of Albany was held on Saturday September 16th at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany. Father and I attended. I also helped with refreshments so saw many friends from the Diocese and had a great time catching up.

We started the process with a Mass and prayers for the direction the Lord would lead us. The four candidates were introduced via the Internet and gave us a salutation. The rules were explained, and we were given instructions on using our hand-held voting machines which gave us the results of votes within minutes instead of hours.

Votes were taken to place us in Convention to hold an election. There was a Parliamentarian there from the National Church to monitor the election and help us if there were any questions. I also believe that there were observers from the National Church on the Internet as well. Father Tom Malionick was elected to serve as the chairman of the election, he is also the Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Nominations were made and the vote was taken. This was repeated three times with no direct winner. To win, the nominee had to have a majority of each of the Clergy and the Laity vote, they were tabulated separately.

We stopped for lunch along the way and had sandwiches and drink and dessert from the Christ the King Center.

We resumed and had to decide if we would continue the elections as we had been doing or if we would have the rule in the bylaws that says if a majority has not been established by the third vote that the nominees receiving less than 5% of the total votes would be removed from the ballot. The nominees had an opportunity to decline the nomination after each vote, which none of them did. The Convention voted to keep the rule and removed Rev. Ward and Rev. Longe from the nominees.

The fourth vote was held, and Rev. Williamson from Colorado won with 56% of the Clergy and about 70% of the Laity.

All the nominees were thanked, and Rev. Williamson gave us an acceptance speech.

Now a letter with Rev Williamson's bio and credentials must be sent to every Bishop and every diocese in the national church and a majority of the Bishops and the standing committees must agree with our election.

Once this is done this information will be sent to the Presiding Bishop and a date will be set for the Consecration.

I will keep you updated on the progress as I get the information.

Mary Young, Convention Delegate

From Father Frank Lockwood:

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I have tried to write an article three times so far. I haven't been able to organize something that cuts through the mist within my mind with all that is going on.

About an hour and a half ago I got a phone call from a friend of mine. She said she now knew who it was that I had consulted her about for so many years. She was now sitting next to them. She shared about how she was called to pick them up and how they started talking and low and behold the connection they both have with me was revealed.

It is true for us to always bear in mind. In our life we cross many paths. We touch so many lives. You and I have probably touched lives that we will never ever encounter again.

Yet, in those moments, we may through the most subtle of actions, words, glances, have a profound impact that we won't even have the privilege of knowing we had. Today was one of those ever so rare moments when the ripples of my life having encountered these other travelers along the way, echo, and find their way back to me.

Live each moment so that it counts.

Blessings and peace to all,
Father Frank Lockwood

Ed Curtin:

As you know Ed passed away last month. I have included his obituary for your information.

On a personal note, I miss Ed greatly. He joined the Vestry a couple of years ago and his input was invaluable. Ed was determined to increase our congregation. He created and helped distribute a mass mailing to the Town earlier this year. I know it frustrated him that more locals did not attend services. Ed & Jill also joined our Bible Study. He brought an analytical approach to our discussions- often tempered with his most excellent wit. I am glad that I was able to meet and know Ed- much too briefly. I hope God continues to bring new blood to our Church...it makes everything worthwhile. RMD

Ginny Dugger:

We also have received word that Ginny Dugger has passed away September 13th . Ginny was a longtime member of our Church and was active in the Altar Guild and many other activities.

She was at home on hospice as she wanted. The family is having a memorial service this Sat September 23rd in Virginia and then burial here in the Cathedral on September 30th at 10am. Her ashes will be placed next to Father's. The service will be a full Mass. I will send out the bulletin when it comes out from the Diocese. A reception will be following; the place yet to be determined. The address is 13163 Opal Lane, Woodbridge, Va. 22193 and Michael's phone number is 703-730-7999 for those of you who would like to reach out.

Edward R. Curtin

May 24, 1942 - August 14, 2023

A loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and a New York City attorney for 50 years, Edward R. Curtin passed away August 14, 2023 at Berkshire Medical Center surrounded by his family. He was the son of Beatrice Settler Curtin (1912-2005) and Edward Joseph Curtin (1908-1954), a NYC firefighter who died in the line of duty when Ed was only 12.

Despite that loss, Ed had a love for life, for people, animals, and nature – indeed he had a curiosity in all things. A favorite quip to his children was “kids, be a detective!” He believed the journey was just as interesting as the destination. Ed appeared on Jeopardy! back in the days when Art Fleming was host and he could complete the New York Times crossword puzzle in record time.

Always with a smile and a laugh, Ed was a great storyteller, joke teller, poet, song writer (guitar and piano), and an incredibly talented writer, from short stories, to a play and a screenplay to legal briefs. Despite medical issues over the years, Ed persevered and never let his health get him down. He always maintained an optimistic outlook. People would remark that Ed looked much younger than his years – to which Ed would reply “you should see the inside of me!”

Born in Washington Heights, NY, Ed grew up in Parkchester, the Bronx. He received degrees from Christopher Columbus High School (1959), City College of New York (BA Economics) 1963, Cornell University (Master of Industrial Labor Relations) 1965, and New York University Law School (JD Law) 1969 where he served as Editor of The Law Review. Ed achieved his law degree while working days and attending NYU Law School evening classes.

Ed worked at the Conference Board, then at law firms Dahan & Nowick, Trubin Sillcocks and Gersten Savage, Kaplowitz & Curtin until 2000 when he established his own private practice. He and his wife Jill also created Curtin Realty Group in 2005.

Ed lived almost 40 years in the Murray Hill neighborhood of Manhattan where he was president of his co-op, and a vice president of the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association. Proud of his Irish Catholic and Jewish roots, Ed brought a richly expansive spirit to the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, where he regularly attended and served as Junior Warden. As a fund-raiser for the Church, Ed wrote the play “Victorian Secrets” about Murray Hill and the Church of the Incarnation in Victorian times. Members of the Church performed in period costumes to unanimous praise from the audience. Ed also wrote poems for other Church events, quickly becoming the Church of the Incarnation’s poet laureate. He was also a hit at family parties when he wrote and recited clever and humorous poems for family members.

Married to Gayle Hayden in 1963, they had two children, Edward R. Curtin, Jr. (Ted) in 1966 and Hayden Elizabeth Curtin DeCillis in 1969. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1975. Ed married again in 1985 to Jill Newson. They had two children, Daniel Newson Curtin in 1986 and Caroline Hughes Curtin in 1990. In 2019 Ed and Jill moved from NYC to Lebanon Springs, NY to care for Ed's sister, Barkat Curtin Pollock (1945-2021). In Lebanon Springs Ed joined the Church of Our Saviour and served on its Vestry.

Ed is survived by his wife Jill of 38 years, four children and their spouses: Ted and Kathy Curtin, Hayden and Mauro DeCillis, Daniel and Alexa Curtin and Caroline and partner, Nick Fusaro, five grandchildren: Kelly and Josh Cohen, Jimmy and fiancé Baileigh Carter, Mauro, Sarah and Jack DeCillis, and one great grandchild: Benny Cohen.

A memorial service will be held Friday, October 6th at 11:00 am at The Church of the Incarnation, 209 Madison Avenue at 35th St, NYC.

My Ed Story

For those of you who have not figured it out, I come from a blue collar, working class, family. My grandfather on my mother's side was a craftsman. He did carpentry and was known in the Newburgh area as a custom cabinet maker. His wood-working skills were incredible. On my father's side, my grandfather had multiple jobs after leaving the military following World War II. Eventually, this ended up being primarily a motorcycle cop in Newburgh and later a correctional officer. He also tended bar many nights at the family-owned bar in Newburgh. Both of my grandfathers served in the military during WWII. One in the Army Air Corp as a mechanic and the other as a Ranger landing on the beach during Normandy. My father, later in life, did find "white collar" work in the newspaper field. My father worked retail, including bar tending jobs. That's what I grew up around.

Even so, I work to be open to relating to people of many different backgrounds. I have some formal education and have packed a few lifetimes of experience into my life so far.

As a parish priest, it is my duty to connect with the people of the parish. It is on me to find those ways of being able to minister to people and make the connection so that, should the need arise, they know that they can approach me without any pre-judgements or hesitation. I work to learn individuals' vernacular, their sense of right and wrong, trigger issues, what they are deeply passionate about and look for the ways in which I might help them to live into what God has called them to do.

In the process of this, Ed shared with me the fact that he took a tour of the United States via motorcycle. He handed me a book, "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" as a gift. He told me how it was his companion during the trip. Now, Ed road a motorcycle of Japanese manufacturing. I currently ride a Harley Davidson. Most would say that the two worlds don't get along. The truth is actually a lot simpler. I automatically feel a connection to anyone who rides two wheels regardless of manufacturer, motor size (or even if there is a motor), how much riding they do, etcetera. Why? Well, to put it simply, the same reason why I get it when a dog hangs its head out of a window in a car—the wind, the smell, the sense of motion and the desire to feel "in it". Yes, many of us who ride make fun of other bikes. Well, truth be told, we make fun of every bike including our own. That is an integral part of it; being able to laugh at everything in order to try to not let anything become too serious.

Ed and I connected over the ride. I asked him to share with me his story. Not out of any sense of “duty”. It was out of a sense of wanting to be able to connect with him. We come from two very different backgrounds, yet in the midst of that was this other connection. Did I make comments about Japanese bikes? Absolutely! If you listen(ed) long enough, though, you would also hear me make other comments about Harleys, Trikes, dirt bikes and Vespas (a motorcycle brother of mine and myself both want Vespas by the way—just to ride them and make fun of ourselves and other brothers in the process).

Ed and I sat for a couple of hours on a rainy Saturday afternoon talking about his ride he took. He talked about the challenges and how he overcame them. He discussed what his life was like. I felt truly inspired. He also asked me to share about some of my own experiences, though none could measure up to his in my own opinion. I finally finished the book last year. I have to admit it did have a bit of profound effect on me. I am ever grateful for his having gifted me with it. However, I am far more grateful about the time he gave me so that we could connect and truly get to know each other just a little better.

Fr Frank
AKA Rev.