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St. Philip's Church

*Rector's
Message*



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CommonLife

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Welcoming the weary, dedicated to discipleship

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Ministry has a fabulous wardrobe; it wears so many different outfits.

At the latest Community Dinner I had the great pleasure of sitting and talking with several of our neighbors. One of them told me how much she enjoyed coming to the dinners. "The food isn't the primary thing," she said, "it's about the company." For so many of our guests, coming to the Community Dinner means sharing a meal with friends and meeting new people, instead of eating alone.

On the last Wednesday of every month, it is our ministry to serve good food to the people who come. But as our guest pointed out, the ministry of our Community Dinners isn't really about food primarily. What it is, really, is love wearing an apron. Because all ministry, no matter how it is dressed up, is love.

For ten hours a week, ministry at St. Philip's sits in the basement and welcomes our neighbors who come to buy gently-used clothing and good, useful household items. It is a much-needed ministry, especially for those of our neighbors who aren't easily able to drive to Potsdam or Massena to visit thrift shops, and for those who need to clothe their children and furnish their homes on very limited budgets. But the ministry of Common Cents, just like the ministry of our Community Dinner, isn't just a matter of helping people save money. Common Cents provides a place for people to feel useful by volunteering, a place for people to pass along still-usable items, and always a place of friendly conversation. In fact, Common Cents is love dressed like a good shop-keeper!

And ministry doesn't end with official church activities. The people of St. Philip's, who belong to the priesthood of all believers, minister in their own places and among their own families and friends every day. Our ministries are dressed in as many outfits as there are people in our church – the love of Jesus Christ at St. Philip's goes out dressed like cooks and farmers and neighbors and mechanics and students and house-cleaners and artists and teachers and nurses and more – help given with compassion, service given with mercy, kindness given with grace. Love. That's ministry.

Thank you and God bless you for all that you do,
Kathryn+



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TO:



St. Philip’s Episcopal Church
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An Update and Short History of St. Philip’s Rectories

Update on sale of Rectory: The Vestry has accepted an offer to purchase the Rectory, located at 6 Prospect Street, Norwood, NY. The following is a description of what happens when a parish, i.e. St. Philip’s, sells church property – this information was received, at request, from the Albany Diocesan Business Office:

NYS Religious Corporation Law (NYS RCL) requires the Bishop and Standing Committee to give their individual consents to the sale of property. Diocesan policy is that a parish desiring to sell a rectory must agree to invest the proceeds of the sale of a rectory in ADIT (Albany Diocesan Invest Trust) as a restricted account to be used for the purchase/building of a new rectory. It is an account of the parish; not the diocese. Once the Bishop and Standing Committee give their individual consents, the proposed sale goes, in St. Philip’s case, to the NYS Supreme Court, St. Lawrence County for the final approval.

Mtr. Kathryn has consulted with a lawyer as per the last sentence above, and the Vestry is now waiting on the NYS Supreme Court, St. Lawrence County for its approval.

The action of selling the Rectory has been a long process, and we now give thanks that it has finally come to an end. Renting the Rectory removed its status of tax exempt property and therefore the church was required to pay property taxes, etc. The sale of this property will relieve the church of a huge monetary obligation.

The sale of a church rectory is not uncommon, as in the past few years it has become the practice of a priest purchasing their own home rather than live in the rectory, thus giving them the stability of owning a home that they can live in after retirement.

An additional tidbit of information regarding the ownership of a Rectory by St. Philip’s is that St. Philip’s has, over the years, owned three rectories. The first rectory is the house at 31 Prospect Street, now owned by Michael and Denise DiVincenzo. In the early 1960’s, a Mrs. Nightingale passed away and in her will she left the home at 1 Park Street, Norwood, to St. Philip’s for The Rev. William Mathers to live in. However, Fr. Mathers had left St. Philip’s at that time and the Rector was The Rev. John V. Higgins. The church proceeded to renovate and refurbish this home, which ultimately became St. Philip’s Rectory. This house is now “The Ashley House”, which is the name of the original owner of the home. At some point in the late 1980’s Fr. Lawrence Jones was called to St. Philip’s to be the Rector. A decision was made to put the present Rectory at 1 Park Street on the market and to purchase a smaller home, which they were successful in doing and the third rectory located at 6 Prospect Street, Norwood was purchased from the Stacey Family. I find it interesting that two of the three rectories owned by St. Philip’s were located on Prospect Street, and now our present priest, Mtr. Kathryn and her family purchased a home in Norwood which is located Prospect Street.

Karen Morgan



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
19 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Holy Eucharist	20	21 10am Romans Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	22	23 Common Cents 10-2pm	24	25 Common Cents 10-Noon
			Mother Kathryn will be away from June 22nd to July 1st			
26 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Holy Eucharist Fr, Joel	27	28 NO 10:00am Romans Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	29 Community Dinner 5-6:30 pm 	30 Common Cents 10-2pm	1	2 Common Cents 10-Noon
3 The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	4 	5 10:00am Romans Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	6 10:30 Holy Eucharist at Maple Wood No Women’s Guild Mtg. Off for the summer	7 Common Cents 10-2pm	8	9 Common Cents 10-Noon
10 The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	11	12 10:00am Romans Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	13	14 Common Cents 10-2pm	15	16 Common Cents 10-Noon
17 The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost 10 am Holy Eucharist	18	19 10am Romans Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	20	21 Common Cents 10-2pm	22	23 Common Cents 10-Noon
24 The Tenth Sunday of Pentecost 10 am Holy Eucharist 31 The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost 10am Holy Eucharist	25	26 10:00am Romans Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	27 Community Dinner 5-6:30 pm 	28 Common Cents 10-2pm	29	30 Common Cents 10-Noon

Address for Jacob Beaulieu

Our brother and former Vestryman Jacob has graduated from SUNY Potsdam with honors and moved on to a job in Missouri. He would love to hear from us – a note or a card, now and then – in his new location!

Jacob Beaulieu
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Call for Summer Volunteers!

Will you have a little extra time this summer?
Would you like to serve your community?
Would you welcome the chance to help out, and shop at the same time?
If you said “yes” to any of these, Common Cents has a place for you!

Talk to Sharon Yousey or Mtr. Kathryn
or call 353-2037 or 212-5507

July Birthdays:
1st—Jorji LaBarge
7th—Helen Harris
10th—Ann Crump
12th—Irene Hargrave
13th—Anneke Chudzinski
14th—Victoria Boswell
14th—Brooklyn Moses



June Anniversaries
2th—Carroll & Rev. Kathryn Boswell
6th– Bob & Laura Moore
25th—Chris & Rev. Margaret Theodore
29th—Lloyd & Lynn Howe



June 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<i>June 2016</i>			1 Holy Eucharist @ Maplewood Canton 10:30am	2 Common Cents 10-2pm	3	4 Common Cents 10-Noon
5 The Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Holy Eucharist June’s party 2-4pm	6 Bob & Laura Moore’s 62nd anniver- sary	7 10:00am Romans Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	8 noon Women’s Guild Communion .and Pot-luck at Nancy’s	9 Common Cents 10-2pm	10 Convention	11 Common Cents 10-Noon Convention
12 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Morning Prayer	13	14 10:00am Romans Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	15	16 Common Cents 10-2pm	17	18 Common Cents 10-Noon

In Brief

Community Dinners

Last Wednesday of every month from 5-6:30
Let your neighbors know we'll be here all summer!

June menu
*Cold meats and cheeses
Sandwich Rolls
Chips Fruit Trays Cookies*

July menu
*Taco Salad
Chips
Ice Cream and Toppings*

CommunityDinner

Prayers for our Nation on this Independence Day

For our Country

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Poor and the Neglected

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Oppressed

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For our Enemies

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All these prayers are from our *Book of Common Prayer*

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Basil of Caesarea:

Basil was born into the wealthy Christian family around 330 in Pontus, near the north western coast of what is now Turkey. Athanasius would have been 35 years old and going into his first exile at the time. Basil's parents were renowned for their piety; his maternal grandfather was a martyr and it was his grandmother who raised Basil and his four siblings. Basil was well educated in Constantinople and in Athens (where he met a future emperor, Julian). At age 26 he returned to Caesarea to practice law and teach rhetoric.



His life changed dramatically when he met Eustathius of Sebaste, a charismatic bishop and ascetic, and decided to abandon his career and devote his life to God. He first traveled to Palestine, Egypt, Syria and Mesopotamia to study ascetics and monasticism. After briefly living in solitude he realized that while he respected the ascetics' piety and prayerfulness, the solitary life did not call him. Instead, he felt drawn to a communal religious life. Within a year he was gathering a group of like-minded disciples, including his brother Peter, his widowed mother Emmelia and sister Macrina. Together they founded a monastic settlement on his family's estate near Annesi in central Turkey. They devoted themselves to pious lives of prayer and charitable works

Basil wrote extensively about monastic communal life and his writings became pivotal in developing the monastic traditions of the Eastern Orthodox Church. His rising reputation made him eligible to attend the Council of Constantinople in 360 where he emerged as a strong supporter of the Nicene Creed. Within a few years Basil's commitment to the monastic way of life was deflected as he was summoned to be ordained as a deacon and then as a presbyter and he commenced work as a spokesman and preacher for the Trinitarian doctrine. This doctrinal controversy was discussed throughout the entire province; it was not an academic or theological dispute, but drew in the entire church. So Basil challenged the prominent Arians to a series of public debates and emerged triumphant.

Basil became the administrator of the city of Caesarea for several years, and in 370, he was chosen as bishop of Caesarea. He personally organized a soup kitchen and distributed food to the poor during a famine following a drought. He gave away his personal family inheritance to benefit the poor of his diocese. In addition he built a large complex just outside Caesarea, called the Basiliad, which included a poorhouse, hospice, and hospital. He was a famous preacher, and many of his homilies, including a series of Lenten lectures on the Six Days of Creation and an exposition of the Psalms, still exist. The principal theological writing of Basil is *On the Holy Spirit*, a clearly writing and persuasive appeal to Scripture and early Christian tradition to prove the divinity of the Holy Spirit. You can read any of these, if you wish, by borrowing them from Mother Kathryn.

Basil's strong support for the Trinitarian doctrine brought him into conflict with the emperor Valens who repeatedly banished Basil, but never successfully. Eventually Valens came himself to Basil's church on the Feast of the Epiphany and was so impressed that he donated land for his building project. Basil had found a close ally in Athanasius as he defended the Trinity but died before the factional disturbances ended. Excessive ascetic practices had damaged his health, and he died of liver disease in about 379.

Basil was a careful theologian. He strongly believed using allegory to interpret Scripture so I will end with these quotes, first from *On the Holy Spirit*: “To take the literal sense and stop there, is to have the heart covered by the veil of Jewish literalism. Lamps are useless when the sun is shining.”

-Caroll Boswell

Diocesan Diaper Drive for Burmese Refugees

The Albany Refugee Resettlement Ministry is holding its sixth annual Diaper Drive at Convention. All diapers donated will go directly to Burmese refugee families living in the cities of Albany and Rensselaer. These newly arrived refugees live far below the poverty line. Diapers are not covered under any social service programs and as all moms and dads know, diapers are not cheap. Please help to re-stock the St. David's Diaper Bank. Diaper sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5 are needed. Your donations are a blessing to so many moms and dads and their babies.

Why do we not collect cloth diapers? That's a good – and very common – question! And here are the answers:

This Diaper ministry supports families for whom cloth diapers are not an option, for many reasons:

- The families that this diaper drive will support do not have in-home laundry facilities. Laundromats do not allow the washing and drying of cloth diapers for sanitary reasons.
- The families we support sometimes live in mixed family dwellings where the mother/father of the children might not always be on hand to change diapers. The care giver would be willing to change a disposable diaper but might not have the skill or desire to deal with changing a cloth diaper.
- Day care will not accept cloth diapers and they insist on a full day supply of disposable diapers when the child is dropped off.
- Homeless and domestic abuse shelters will not allow use of cloth diapers due to health and safety regulations.

If you'd like to help out with this year's Diaper Drive, you can donate a package of diapers, or money to be used for diapers, and Karen Morgan or Mtr. Kathryn will be delighted to deliver them to Convention. Checks can be made out to St. David's Church, with “Diaper Drive” in the memo line.

Thank you!

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair;



In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Maltbie D. Babcock