

Crossways—May 2012

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St. Mark's Day
April 25, 2012



Dear Friends in Christ,

St. Mark's Day, the feast day celebrating St. Mark of the Gospel of the same name fame, is the day that my "middle" godson, William Christopher Konzen was baptized in St. Paul's Cathedral, Syracuse, NY in 1986. (I can't believe he's 26!) When I was visiting him one May, he gave me a May Day nosegay of dandelions and a creeping wild violet, wrapped in a moistened paper napkin, just as I had done to my mother many, many years ago. Like my mother before me, I thanked him for his beautiful gift. Like my mother, I never told him that dandelions close up after they are picked and that the wild violet is an invasive species because Christopher's May Day nosegay was a gift of love.

Love turned those wilting weeds into beautiful flowers. Love is like that. Weeds are not the only things that love changes into beauty. Jesus' death by crucifixion was transformed by love into the most amazing gift for humanity: the resurrection and eternal life. As John 3:16 so concisely says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life."

Lent, Easter and Pentecost are all about love. During Lent we hear of how love so often challenges the powers and authorities of the world. In Easter—April 8th-May 26th this year—we hear of how the first followers of Christ were transformed by Jesus' resurrection and went to the ends of the earth proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ. On Pentecost we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit who continuously transforms us, the followers of Christ, and the world by love.

So this May, let us come each week to celebrate and share the love of God in Christ which transforms each of us. And let us share that love!

Faithfully,

The Rev. Christine J. Day
Rector



Congratulate Debbie Lake! She Been Awarded a Chancellor's Award for Excellence at Broome County Community College!

Most of us know Debbie Lake for her delicious chocolate chip cookies and willingness to help out at many parish events. Debbie also works as a Senior Recorder in the Registrar's Office at Broome County Community College. This spring, Debbie was given a Chancellor's Award for Excellence for her work! When you see Debbie, congratulate her on this well deserved and prestigious honor!

Vestry Day May 5, 2012 from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Today's Vestry Members need practical tools and information that will help carry out their mission. So if you're a vestry member, please mark your calendars for on May 5th and take part in discussions on the following topics:

- Responsibilities of a Vestry Member — led by Mr. Paul Curtin
- Introduction of the Diocesan Vestry Manual — led by Ms. Stacey Balduf
- Stewardship — a presentation led by the Rev. Robin Flocken, Chairman of the Stewardship Commission of the Diocese.
- Denominational Health Plan — led by Ms. Penny Dugas
- Clergy Compensation — led by Mr. Jerome Brown
- Mutual Ministry Review & Planning — led by the Rev. Craig Swan

We will gather at the beautiful *Eagle Ridge* Facility in Chittenango, NY. Location: 1223 Salt Springs Rd., Chittenango, NY 13037 (5 miles east of the village of Fayetteville.) For driving directions (and more information about this organization) go to: clearpathforvets.com.

Need to register for Vestry Days: Go to cny.anglican.org, click on "register on-line" on the homepage.

Any questions about the Vestry Day? Please contact Kathy Dengler at: kdengler@cny.anglican.org or 315/474-6596 x126.



May 27th is Pentecost—Wear Red!

Red is the traditional color of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the Feast which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's first followers in Jerusalem. Pentecost is also the birthday of the Church. So come at either 5 PM on the Vigil for Pentecost May 26th or at 10 AM on May 27th, wear red and be prepared to celebrate the Holy Spirit!

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, June 10th Youth Sunday at All Saints'
Saturday, June 16th 11 AM-sold out—Second Chicken BBQ
Friday, July 27th Doug's Fish Fry at All Saints' 11 AM-7 PM





Saturday, May 12th
Serving 11 AM until sold out

Full Dinner: \$7.50
[½ chicken, baked beans, cold slaw and roll]

Half Chicken: \$5.00

Volunteer to help and sell tickets to your friends and neighbors!

All I ever wanted to know about how to help at a chicken barbecue.

Have you ever thought to yourself I would like to help but I really don't know what I can do? Well, here you go, a list of the many different tasks that it takes to make a barbecue happen. If you think you could.....

- ✓ Stack cinder blocks
- ✓ Bring buckets up from the kitchen
- ✓ Spray buckets out with the garden hose
- ✓ Carry buckets back to the kitchen
- ✓ Wash chickens in water
- ✓ Scoop coleslaw and baked beans and put them into a Styrofoam container
- ✓ Stuff buns into sandwich bags
- ✓ Add buns and plastic silverware to the Styrofoam containers
- ✓ Carry containers to pit crew
- ✓ Sit in a chair and sell tickets
- ✓ Collect the money for the tickets
- ✓ Sell baked goods
- ✓ Collect the money for the baked goods
- ✓ Set up portable shelters
- ✓ Take down portable shelters
- ✓ Open up fold up chairs
- ✓ Close fold up chairs
- ✓ Help pull fold up chairs from the garage
- ✓ Help put the fold up chairs back (usually both are done by loading onto a pickup truck)

.....well then come and join us and help make our May 14, 2012 barbecue a success. Many hands make it light work. It doesn't need to be an all day commitment. If you can give an hour so someone else can have a half shift that helps. It really does. Thank you for your help in advance.

Joy Kasmarcik
May barbecue chair





Flower Fund and Sanctuary Candle Forms for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 are enclosed in this **May** issue of *Crossways* .

The next *Crossways* will be a **combined issue for June and July**. **Additional** Memorials for **June 2012** [the final month of the fund year that started July 2011] and **new** Memorials for the start of the new fund year -- **July 2012** must be received in the office **no later than, Sunday, May 13th to be included in the June/July issue**. Memorials **for the August issue** must be received by the office **no later than Sunday, July 15th** to be published in the August issue. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Reminder! Our Flower and Calendar Fund forms begin with July 1st and run through June 30th of the following year.

MINISTRY



During May, the Duty Rosters for June, July, August and September will be prepared. If you know that you will be unable to serve on a given weekend, please contact your scheduler.

If you would like to learn about or volunteer for any of the Ministry Groups above, please phone the scheduling chair(s) above or speak to Mother Day.

Changes in assignments for regular Sunday bulletins should reach the office by Tuesday mornings.

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Rogation Celebration? Come and Join the Celebration on Sunday, May 20th at Noon at the Stoughton Farm in Newark Valley

Mark your calendars now for St. John's, Speedsville's Rogation Celebration at the Stoughton Farm in Newark Valley on May 20th at 12 noon. A dish to pass luncheon will follow the liturgy. The Rev. Richard Schaal states, "We had fun last year. Join us this year. (Buy all you Memorial Day flowers at the farm. Get your bedding plants as well!)"



Originally the Rogation Days were the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day. Today it is often celebrated as Rogation Sunday, the Sunday before Ascension Day. Rogation Days originated in Vienne, France in 470 after a series of natural disasters had caused much suffering among the people. Archbishop Mamertus proclaimed a fast and ordered that special litanies and prayers be said as the population processed around their fields, asking God's protection and blessing on the crops that were just beginning to sprout. The Latin word *rogare* means "to ask", thus these were "rogation" processions. In an agricultural society, closely connected with the soil and highly vulnerable to the uncertainties of nature, this was an idea that took root quickly, and the custom spread around Europe and over to Britain.

While technically they were days of fasting, the Rogation Days developed into a popular festival, celebrating the arrival of spring and serving other purposes, as well. In some parishes, the procession, to "beat the bounds" of the parish, took more than one day and the whole business became an occasion for several days of picnics and revels of all sorts, particularly among those who trooped along at the fringes of the religious aspects of the procession. The poet George Herbert gave the following good reasons to beat the bounds: "1) a blessing of God for the fruits of the field; 2) Justice in the preservation of the bounds; 3) Charitie, in living, walking and neighbourly accompanying one another, with reconciling of differences at that time, if they be any; 4) Mercie, in relieving the poor by a liberal distribution of largess which at that time is or ought be made." (The above paragraphs are from the Full Homely Divinity website: <http://fullhomelydivinity.org>)

Come and celebrate Rogation Sunday with St. John's Speedsville!

Summer Volunteers Needed for our Saturday Soup and Sandwich Luncheon



Things have been busy during the month of April. First, we bought a dishwasher! The installation will not take place until early summer in order to accommodate our bar-b-cue schedule. This is good news for our program, and I want to thank an anonymous donor who gave a generous gift that facilitated this purchase. Thank you also to David Pierce who did a lot of the leg work to make sure we acquired the appropriate model. We also had a very successful Lenten drive this year. Thanks to the generosity of those who take the Lenten challenge we collected \$988. If you still have money to turn in, please do so. The money will be well spent, especially as our average number of guests is now in the 60s. And, lastly, another appeal for volunteers. Starting in early May we will no longer have the assistance of our very loyal cadre of SUNY students. If you can find it in your heart please volunteer at least during the summer. The captains are eager for help and can accommodate any amount of time you could give on a Saturday. The busiest time is at noon during serving and the follow-up clean-up time.

Debbie Thorpe, Coordinator

Dollars and Cents: March 2012

All Saints' 2012 budget is a balanced budget! Thanks to our parish making generous pledges! In 2012 a monthly income of \$ 14,244 will be needed to balance the expenses. Please try to keep up your pledges. Truly, with "God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26)

As *Crossways* goes to press before the end of the month, the financial information below is for the most recent completed month. In this case, it's the month of February 2012 or about 16.6% through the year.

Income	Actual March 2012	Annual Budget 2012
Offering & Pledges	\$ 34,707	\$ 155,389
Fundraising	\$ (19)	\$ 7,200
Other Income	\$ 1,359	\$ 8,342
Faith Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$ 36,047	\$ 170,931
Total Expenses	\$ 45,651	\$ 170,931
Profit (Loss)*	(\$9,604)*	\$ 0

*In the first quarter of the year there are many expenses that are either paid at the beginning of the year or at the beginning of the quarter (pension, health insurance, other insurance, etc.) that result in a temporary deficit.

In addition, All Saints' utility bills have been significantly higher than last year. Nancy Elwood who works at NYSEG looked into this. She reported that right now there is a cumulative credit in NYSEG Solutions budget of \$1674.28. So she suggested that the Treasurer call and remove both the gas and the electric from being budgeted until the fall. Applying the credit should result in no bill for May 2012.

Questions? Ask Treasurer, Barb Freed, or a Warden or a Vestry member.

Stewardship Thought

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Book Club to Meet Thursday May 31st at 5:30 at the Rectory to Begin Bonnie Calhoun's *Cooking the Books*

When the Book Club meets on Thursday, May 31st, 5:30 PM at the Rectory, it is beginning the first book of local author, Bonnie Calhoun, *Cooking the Books*. Here's the publisher's blurb on *Cooking the Books*:

"After her mother dies from a heart attack, Sloane Templeton goes from Cyber Crimes Unit to bookstore owner before she can blink. She also "inherits" a half-batty store manager; a strange bunch of little old people from the neighborhood who meet at the store once a week, but never read books, called the Granny Oakleys Book Club; and Aunt Verline, who fancies herself an Iron Chef when in reality you need a cast iron stomach to partake of her culinary disasters. And with a group like this you should never ask, "What else can go wrong?"

"A lot! Sloane begins to receive cyber threats. While Sloane uses her computer forensic skills to uncover the source of the threats, it is discovered someone is out to kill her. Can her life get more crazy?"

Bonnie S. Calhoun is director of the Christian Fiction Blog Alliance, publisher of Christian Fiction Online magazine, the Northeast Zone Director for the American Christian Fiction Writers (ACFW), and the President of the Christian Authors Network (CAN). She is a Google-certified Top Contributor on the Blogger Help Forum and frequently conducts workshops on blogging and website construction as a faculty member at the Greater Philadelphia Christian Writers Conference and the Colorado Christian Writers Conference. She and her husband, Bob, along with a dog and cat that consider her wait-staff, live in a log home on fifteen acres in the upstate area of Binghamton, New York.

Interested? Pick-up a copy of *Cooking the Books* when the books arrive in the Narthex (\$12.10) and come to the next Book Club on Thursday, May 31st at 5:30 PM at the Rectory.

Two Invitations from Christ Church

Christ Church, 10 Henry Street in Binghamton, invites you to the following events --

Cabaret Night on Saturday, May 12th in the Christ Church Great Hall. Social time is at 7 PM with the show beginning at 7:30 PM. The cost is \$15 per person. BYOB (bring your own beverage) soda, water, tonic water, and other set-ups provided. Reserved tables of 8 are available by contacting Susan MacLennan or by calling the Church office at 722-2308 Space is limited Tickets must be purchased in advance.

The Second Annual Sacred Sites Open House on Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Beginning every 20 minutes, there will be historical tours of the interior and exterior of the Church, including the stain glass windows, organ, bell tower, and the needlepoint cushions. This weekend is organized by The New York Landmarks Conservancy. The Conservancy's *Sacred Sites* program is the only non profit statewide program in the nation responding to the unique preservation needs of historic religious properties. Since its inception, *Sacred Sites* has awarded 1,168 grants to 675 congregations of all denominations totaling more than \$7.3 million statewide. As a congregation that has received funding and technical assistance from the *Sacred Sites* program, Christ Church is delighted to join houses of worship throughout the State as they open their doors to their communities. The *Sacred Sites* funding was used toward the recently completed restoration of the exterior of the Church.





Graduation Time!

Do you have a member of your family graduating in May or June from High School, College, or University? We would like to acknowledge their graduation in the June/July issue of Crossways. Please send their name, school graduating from, and future plans to the parish office by Monday, May 21st !

Life Goes On May Luncheon

The May lunch will take place at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, May 16th at the Rose Garden Tea Room, 111 West Main Street, Endicott. Please phone Arlene Foley at 797-2111 if you are planning on attending so that she can make adequate reservations.

Prayer List beginning May

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.



Short Term: Lillian May Polhamus; Lenni Healy; Marion Tower; Clark Byarly; Ida Taft; Wilma Nauerz; Derry Ann

Long Term; Roberta Szwalla; Tom Tinder; Marcia Tinder; Karen; Elizabeth Barborer; Larry Taft; Jim Terenzi; Lou Chergosky; Derek; Jeannette Cook; Barbara Wort; David Pierce; Ardis Rogers; Tom Johnson; Larry Nickerson; Dorothy Pipisius; Eleanor Genthner; Lucy Grabowski; Lee Grabowski, Nan Grabowski; Sue Thomas; Ray Lerche; Eileen Pepper; John Tasber; Jack Root; Ryan and Shaun Small, Debbie Peters; Jessie Snyder; Clare Meyer; Werner Lipman; Kristen Stroup; Marnie Ward; Amanda, Kayley & Nate McGinnis; Steve Mahon; Norma & Daniel Samson; Lisa Estelle; Ken Barkman; Robert Gillmer; Steven & Sarah Johnson; Michael & Sarah Johnson; Phil, Corrine, Thomas & Ryan Rea; Dana Nauerz

Happy Mother's Day
to All Mothers
May 13, 2012



Celebrations in May

Birthdays

- 03 William Lawson
- 04 Darlene Byarley
- 08 Lisa Hrehor
David Pierce
- 13 Margaret Vollrath
- 15 Sally Cole
- 16 Lonna Pierce
William Trowbridge
- 17 Lee Grabowski
Werner Lipman
- 19 Ceil Cwikla
- 23 Adrianna Finta
Christopher Lake
- 25 Stacy Davie
Conner Hrebin
- 27 Tucker Hollenbeck
- 30 Isabella LaMaine
- 31 Henry Scott

Anniversaries

- 02 Richard and Beverly Budrick
- 07 Don and Charlotte Fargo
- 09 David and Corrie Budrick
- 10 Larry and Ida Taft
- 25 Allan and Marcia Sholtes
- 30 Rob and Christy Finta

Sanctuary Candle

May 6 – is given by Richard & Roberta Steflik in thanksgiving for the 15th wedding anniversary of their children, Matthew and Teresa Steflik.

May 13 – is given by Linda Barkman in memory of Doris Estelle and Iva Chamberlain; and given by Lonna Pierce in memory of her father, Bruno Suchowiecki.

May 20 – given by Arlene Huyck in memory of her husband, William Huyck; by Barbara L. Smith in memory of her father, Charles Cunningham; and by Mildred L. Wood in memory of her sister, Geraldine E. Browne.

May 27- given by Doris Brink in thanksgiving for the birthday of her grandson, Hayden Whalen; and by Cynthia Macarak in memory of her husband, Michael Macarak and father, Henry Genthner.

Altar Flowers

May 6 – are given by Lonna Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of her husband, David Pierce and by Lonna & David Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of their grandson, Sebastian Antoin Jimene.

May 13 – given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of her friend, Sally Cole; given by David & Lonna Pierce in thanksgiving for Lonna's birthday and the birthday of their son, Dylan Thomas McKeon; and given by Marcia Tinder in memory of her daughter, Cindy Barilla

May 20 – is given by Mildred L. Wood in memory of her sister, Geraldine E. Browne.

May 27 – given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of Mark Dunstan; by Ralph and Pat Holloway in memory of Ralph's parents, Margaret & Earl Sloan; and by Don & Debbie Thorpe in memory of Don's father, Albert Thorpe.

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From the Parish Records

Confirmation/Re-Affirmation/Reception **April 22, 2012 District Service, St. Mark's**

Confirmation – Andrew Frederick Hickey
Re-Affirmation – Johanna May Kiley
Received – Darlene Marie Byarley





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Service and Education Schedule for May 2012

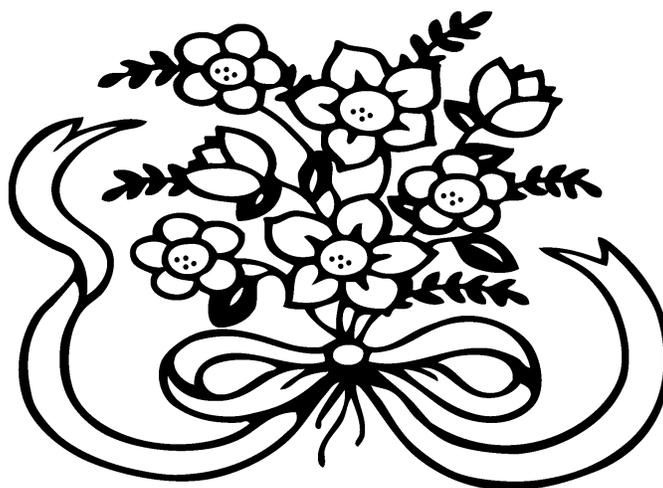
Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Nursery Program for infants and toddlers/pre-schoolers: every Sunday

9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class for ages 5 and above: May 13

Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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