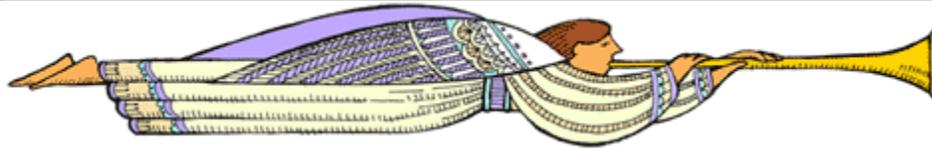


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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND ADVENT 4

5:00 p.m. Advent 4 Celebration of Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD ADVENT 4

10 a.m. Advent 4 Celebration of Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Last Christmas Pageant Rehearsal & and Soup & Bread Lunch followed by Greening of the Church—All are invited to help the Altar Guild decorate the church for Christmas!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24RD CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. Family-Friendly Eucharist with Christmas Pageant

11:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist with Choir

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH CHRISTMAS 1

5:00 p.m. Lessons, Carols & Eucharist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH CHRISTMAS 1

10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols, Eucharist with Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH VIGIL FOR THE EPIPHANY

5:00 p.m. Celebration of Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH THE EPIPHANY

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir

The Rector's Christmas Letter and special offering envelope for Christmas will be mailed to homes mid-December.



WE DID IT AGAIN! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED US FOR A MAGICAL, MYSTICAL, MUSICAL EVENING.

Once again, our Cabaret proved to be a success. After expenses, we netted \$2,845. \$1,142 in ticket sales, \$898 in the basket silent auction, and over \$700 in generous monetary donations. As “producers” Johanna and I want to thank all the people who worked so hard to make Cabaret 2018 a success. Special thanks to our various coordinators: Patti Donnelly and Barbara Freed (kitchen), Don and Debbie Thorpe (baskets), Lucy and Nan Grabowski (decorating and set up), Judy Horton and Barri-Lyn Polhamus (tickets), and Scout Troop 110, Cub Pack 100 and their leaders. Special thanks to magical, musical John Isenberg who accompanied most of our performers! Thanks also to Bob Gillmer and Matt Labosky our new “men on the ladder”, and Stacy Matto for putting up and taking down the Cabaret wall decorations, and to Kathy Cramer and Gary Zurn for helping with publicity, Dave Horton who always knows where everything we need is and Larry Kiley who is my “right hand man.” Finally, thank you so much to the generous people who donated baskets, food, money and volunteer power. As the saying goes – “It takes a village” and the All Saints’ family is indeed a magical village.  We make good things happen!



**PASTA DINNER
FUNDRAISER
December 1, 2018
5:00pm-8:00pm**



Come celebrate your love and faith as we prepare for the coming of our Lord and savior this, the first weekend of Advent with food, fun, and fellowship. Help your All Saint's family reach our 2018 stewardship goals at our first, all you can eat spaghetti dinner. Adults \$6.00 Children \$4.00 max family price \$20.00. No one will be turned away as we prepare to welcome the real reason for this holiday season. Hours will be 5:00pm-8:00pm.

Menu prepared by Jeffrey and Austin Steber, includes all you can eat spaghetti (gluten free pasta available and prepared upon request) and meatballs, homemade vegetarian sauce, tossed salad, fresh baked bread, and dessert. Soft beverages (coffee, tea, and punch) will be provided. To go service is available. Those opting to take their meals with them are strongly encouraged to bring their own reusable containers.

There will also be a collection bin for new unwrapped toys for the 17th annual Doug Guiles Memorial Toys for Tots benefit sponsored by the Binghamton Pride Coalition which is held the following Saturday.

Let us remember the true meaning of this season as we fill our hearts and minds with the joy of giving.



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

GIFT OF SHOES

One Sunday, just as a parishioner and I were leaving our small mission church, Joseph appeared at the door. We invited him in, and he shared his story. Almost two years before, he had fled terrorism in northern Nigeria. He made a harrowing six-month journey to the United States through South and Central America. Upon crossing the border into San Diego, he was detained for one year, then relocated to a men's shelter thirty miles north of San Diego ---- and two miles from our church. We were the only church within walking distance.

The next week, from quietly generous parishioners, shoes appeared for Joseph along with an umbrella and a jacket to weather the rainy season. Joseph came early on Sundays to sweep the sidewalks, join the greeters, sing in the choir, and worship with us. He helped our small church to grow.

Then one Thursday in Easter, another man came to the church door. Jason was barefoot. He was a construction worker who had fallen on hard times. The night before in a nearby park, his shoes were stolen.

"This is embarrassing," Jason said, "but could you help me get a pair of shoes? Anything size ten will do." Joseph happened to be at the church, and by this time had acquired two pairs of shoes. Sensing Jason's need, Joseph asked if he could offer his shoes. I answered, "Yes, What size are they?"

"Size ten." Joseph took off and handed over his shoes and socks. Jason put them on. His relief was palpable. Now both men, who continue to reside at the men's shelter, are part of our church. They found us. It was our challenge and blessing to meet them where they were, just as God meets us all, and let God do the rest.

-The Rev. Dr. Laura Sheridan-Campbell, Vicar, Holy Cross Church, Carlsbad, California



COLLEGE LOVE BOXES

Thank you to all who provided items or money for our college love boxes. I am sure they will be greatly appreciated.

Lonna Pierce



CHRISTMAS ANGELS

This year we are asking for donations two different projects: For the Children served by Broome Council of Churches Jail Ministry in support of Deacon Dorothy Pierce and Silver Bells Gifts for Goldens/Seniors (also Broome County Council of Churches.)

For the Jail Ministry we are asking for small new stuffed animals. Hats mittens, gloves and scarfs are always welcome to keep out the cold. Children range in age from toddlers to teenagers. Gifts should be unwrapped & put in the box in coat room by December 2nd. Any questions, call Judy Horton at 729-2794.

For the Silver Bells, we have 10 tags for senior citizens. Each tag has a name on it and what they would like. They don't have to be wrapped. Please return by December 9th. They will be collected by BCCC on December 13th. Any Question, call Don Thorpe at 478-8577.



CUB SCOUT PACK 100 TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 1/2nd AT ALL SAINTS'

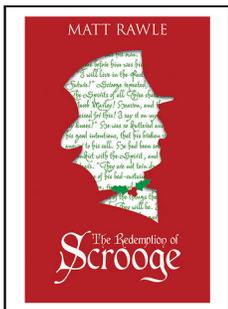
Our Cub Scout Pack, 100, will hold its annual Christmas tree and wreath sale beginning the weekend of December 1st & 2nd and again on December 8th & 9th in All Saints' parking lot. Saturday hours are 9:00am-4:00pm and Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm. No tree is more than \$45. Trees are 5 feet to 7 feet tall. The handmade wreaths are \$25.

They will set up their "booth" next to the office wall of the church. During this time, the passage way between the back and front parking lots will be blocked off for cars. This is a major fundraiser for the Cub Scouts so please help them if possible!

**LIFE GOES ON CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th AT 12:15 PM
RUBY TUESDAYS AT THE MALL**



As “Life Goes On” usually meets on the 3rd Wednesday of month and Thanksgiving and Christmas are also later in the months of the November and December, it has become the custom to cancel the November lunch and schedule the December lunch the first week of December. Therefore in 2019 “Life Goes On” will hold its November/December lunch on Wednesday, December 5th (eve of St. Nicholas Day) at Ruby Tuesdays (at the mall) at 12:15 pm. All those who have lost a loved one (family member, friend, etc) are invited to come for this special Christmas Luncheon. Please bring a small gift (\$5.00 and under to exchange). Call Arlene Foley, 797-2111, to make your reservation.



**ADVENT PROGRAM: *THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE*
THURSDAYS IN ADVENT
CONTINUING ON DECEMBER 6th, 13th, 20th
AT 5:00PM**

Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark and sad character? *The Redemption of Scrooge*, from Matt Rawle’s The Pop in Culture Series, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens’ Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will “bless us every one” and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.

Come one and come all for this year’s Advent program, *The Redemption of Scrooge* on Thursdays during Advent (December 6th, 13th, and 20th) at 5:00pm. The evening will begin with a Taize Eucharist and continue in the Library for the program and a simple soup & bread supper. Please pick-up a copy of the book in the Narthex and sign-up to bring soup and bread. Change “Bah Humbug” into “honor[ing] Christmas in my heart, and trying to keep it all the year!”



**WOMEN’S MEETING WITH VESTAL MOSQUE:
DECEMBER 8TH AT 11:00AM**

The women of the Vestal Mosque have just invited us to join them for their annual ladies’ day teaching and luncheon. It will be held on December 8th starting at 11:00am. Lunch will follow. Please feel free to bring a guest. It is located at: [the corner of Route 26 and Sheedy Road](#)



The next Vestry meeting will be December 12th at 6:30PM in the Library. All are welcome to attend!



TREE TRIMMING PARTY WITH THE BISHOP AT THE RECTORY: SUNDAY DECEMBER 16th AT ABOUT 11:30AM!

Come, eat, talk to the Bishop and help decorate the Rector’s Christmas tree. Or just come and eat! All are cordially invited to come to the Rectory on Sunday, December 16th, following the 10:00am celebration of Holy Eucharist to a tree trimming party. Chicken mulligatawny soup, sandwiches, salad and desserts are on the menu. The episcopets, the puppy bishops Alphege and Thomas Cranmer will be on their best behavior to welcome you and to beg for goodies! The tree purchased from Cub Scout Troop 100 will be ready for lights, hundreds of ornaments and even the Polar Express Train! Come! Sign up in the Narthex!

**THE BISHOP IS COMING,
THE BISHOP IS COMING—
REALLY THE BISHOP IS COMING
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th –ADVENT 3—
FOR HER VISITATION**



Sadly, the Bishop was unable to be with All Saints’ on All Saints’ Sunday, November 4th and celebrate All Saints’ 100th Anniversary because her father died. Therefore the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe will be the celebrant and preacher on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 16th for the 10:00am celebration of Holy Eucharist. Since the 16th is also the day of the Tree Trimming Party at the Rectory, Bishop DeDe will join us at the tree trimming for fun, food and fellowship.



**CALLING ALL ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS,
VOLUNTEERS, PURIFICATORS, CORPORALS,
BRASS AND SILVER POLISH: SATURDAY
DECEMBER 22nd at 9:00AM**

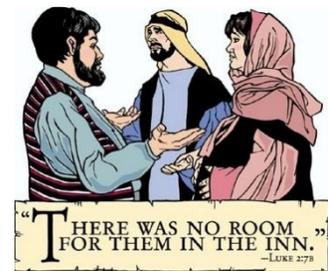
We will all meet at church at **9:00am on Saturday December 22nd** to clean silver and bring decorations upstairs to get ready for Sunday 10:00am greening the church. If anyone has questions or concerns, please call Patti Donnelly or Judy Horton so a meeting can be set up before we start work. The co-directors will make coffee and bring some cookies so please plan on coming and helping. Many hands make light work.



**CHURCH DECORATING “PARTY”
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD FOLLOWING THE
10:00AM CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST
COME AND HELP GREEN THE CHURCH**

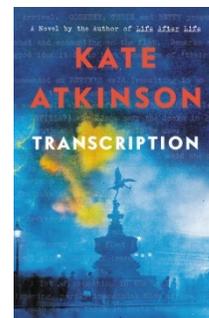
On Sunday, December 23rd, Advent 4, following the 10:00am celebration of Holy Eucharist please come and enjoy a soup and bread lunch while the children have their last Christmas Pageant rehearsal. Then when the rehearsal is over, instead everyone is invited to help the Altar Guild decorate the church for Christmas! So please come hang wreaths, put-up pew candles, place the window candle and greens, set-up the crèche and prepare the Chapel for Christmas. Coffee, tea, juice, soup, bread and goodies will be provided.

***A SAVIOR IS BORN,*
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT,
TO HEADLINE MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th,
CHRISTMAS EVE AT 5:00PM
FAMILY CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST**



This year's Christmas Eve Family celebration of Holy Eucharist will feature *A Savior is Born* a Christmas pageant which will have the littlest members of the Sunday School acting as the stable animals and angels; Joseph, Mary, Innkeepers, shepherds and Magi will be played by the older children; and narrated by adults. Barri-Lynn Polhamus is the pageant coordinator. Rehearsals will be during the regular Sunday School time. A dress rehearsal will take place at 4:30pm on December 24th before the Eucharist begins at 5:00pm.

**BOOK CLUB TO MEET
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th AT 5:30PM AND
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30th AT 5:30PM
AT THE RECTORY: CONTINUING TO READ
KATE ATKINSON'S *TRANSCRIPTION***



Having finished reading aloud the Dalai Lama's and Bishop Desmond Tutu's *The Book of Joy* at the October meeting of the Book Club, it was decided to venture into the world of a novel for a bit of a change. The Book Club, following in the footsteps of Oprah's Book Club (#2 on the list of "Brilliant Books for Fall 2018") selected Kate Atkinson's *Transcription*. Atkinson's novel features World War II espionage interwoven with betrayal and loyalty.

Here's the publisher's blurb:

"In 1940, eighteen-year old Juliet Armstrong is reluctantly recruited into the world of espionage. Sent to an obscure department of MI5 tasked with monitoring the comings and goings of British Fascist sympathizers, she discovers the work to be by turns both tedious and terrifying. But after the war has ended, she presumes the events of those years have been relegated to the past forever.

"Ten years later, now a radio producer at the BBC, Juliet is unexpectedly confronted by figures from her past. A different war is being fought now, on a different battleground, but Juliet finds herself once more under threat. A bill of reckoning is due, and she finally begins to realize that there is no action without consequence.

"*Transcription* is a work of rare depth and texture, a bravura modern novel of extraordinary power, wit and empathy. It is a triumphant work of fiction from one of the best writers of our time."

Interested? Pick up a copy of the book (Barnes & Noble, Amazon, etc. about \$22.40 hardback and e-books about \$14.99) and come to Book Club on Wednesday December 26th and Wednesday January 30th at 5:30pm at the Rectory!



THE VESTRY WANTS YOU!

The nominating committee, consisting of Don Thorpe (warden), Lee Grabowski, Matt Labosky, Bob Steber and Nancy Elwood (vestry members), is requesting nominations from the congregation for three vestry persons [two three-year terms and one two-year term] and one warden [two-year term]. Please contact any one of these five people to either place your name into consideration or to nominate someone else. At the Annual meeting of 2016, we changed the by-laws of All Saints' to reduce the number of vestrypersons to 6 from 9. 2019 will be the last year of adjusting to the smaller vestry. The committee will present the nominations for consideration at All Saints' Annual Meeting on January 27th, 2019.



ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 16TH!

Are you the chair of a committee? Stewardship? Are you a leader of an activity? Property & Grounds? CHOW? College Love Boxes? Christian Ed Director? Music Director? Treasurer? Soup & Sandwich Lunch Program, etc.? Then please send in your written report of your ministry during 2018. The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 27th, 2019 and **reports are due January 16th!**

SAVE THE DATE!
ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 27TH, 2019 AT 10:00AM

The Annual Meeting of All Saints' Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, January 27th, 2019 (Third Sunday after the first Monday of January) beginning at the 10:00am celebration of Holy Eucharist, adjourning for a Pot Luck Brunch in the Great Hall after which the meeting will resume. See "THE VESTRY WANTS YOU!" above for details on vestrypersons and warden to be elected. There will be a Saturday, January 26th celebration of Holy Eucharist with the Rector's Annual Address so "5 o'clockers" can come just in time for the Brunch and meeting. Come and have your opinion heard. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. At All Saints' all are welcome!

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
ALREADY HAVE MADE A PLEDGE FOR 2019**

Much thanks to all who pledged or requested envelopes for 2019 by November 18th! Pledges give us the ability to plan and manage the budget for the coming year and thoughtfully carry out our mission in Christ. As you are able, please help All Saints'. Every committed pledge is important. Envelopes are also available to all who request them. **If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.** Blank pledge cards are available at the Usher's desk in the Narthex.



Call the Church Office when in need of Pastoral Care:

- * You or a family member is sick or in the hospital. The hospitals DO NOT notify the church if a parishioner is in the hospital.
- * You are planning a meeting or scheduling an event, so it can be placed on the church calendar.
- * A baby is expected in your family.
- * You want to arrange a baptism, affirmation of baptism, wedding or house blessing.
- * When a family member has died.
- * Your telephone, email or address is changed or if you are planning to move locally or out of town.
- * You feel the church can help you in any way.

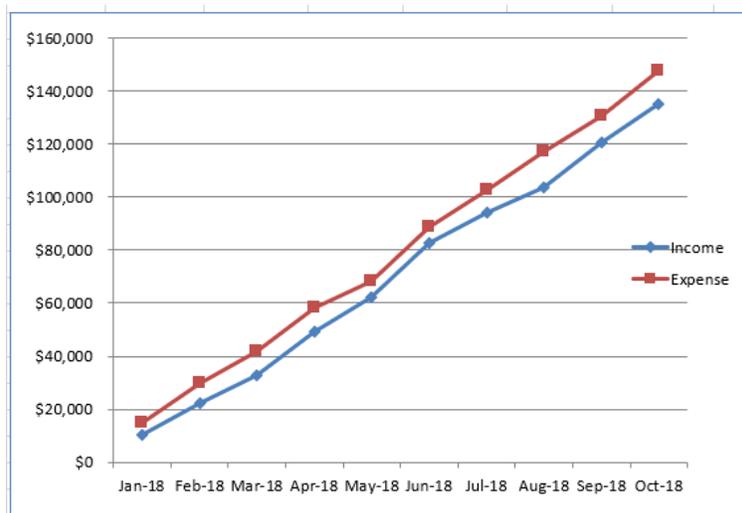
All Saints’ 2018 budget is a deficit budget that will require using \$4,450 from reserves unless the budgeted line item “Faith Income” is achieved. Although this gap is the result of having fewer pledges, 49 pledges for \$118,230 in 2018 and 54 pledges for \$126,963 in 2017, it also assumes “Other Special Offerings” will be achieved as they did in 2017.

In 2018 a monthly income of \$ 14,369 will be necessary to meet operating expense cash flow. Given All Saints’ major fundraising events and fundraising income occur during May, June, September and November, it will be important to keep one’s pledge up-to-date and to make additional gifts if possible. Otherwise your Vestry will need to approve taking money from investments in order to pay monthly expenses.

Truly, with “God all things are possible” (Mt. 19:26).

	Actual October 31, 2018	Annual Budget 2018
Offering & Pledges	\$101,681	\$133,493
Fundraising ✳	\$14,591	\$19,260
Other Income	\$18,842	\$15,229
Total Income	\$135,114	\$167,982
Total Expenses	\$147,574	\$172,432
Profit(Loss)	(\$12,460)	(\$4,450)
Income Needed from Equity Surplus	(\$12,460)	(\$4,450)

	Actual October 31, 2018	Total October 2018
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Petty Cash	\$400	
All Saints' Checking	\$1,838	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,238	
Savings Accounts		
Soup & Sandwiches Savings	\$5,848	
Designated Funds	\$17,495	
Rebuilding All Saints'	\$450	
Total Savings	\$23,792	
Total Cash & Savings		\$26,029
UIF Investment Funds	\$21,613	
Total Cash, Savings, Investments		\$47,643





Special Christmas Offering — Christmas Offering Envelopes will be inserted in the Rector's Christmas letter to be mailed in mid-December. Please remember that you **must include your name** on the envelope to receive credit on your giving statement.

Year 2019 Pledge Envelopes — for parishioners who have requested envelopes will be available for pick up in the narthex of the church on the weekend of 12/15&16. If you would like envelopes and do not find them there, please contact the office and a set will be assigned to you. **Please do not use envelopes from a prior year for 2018 contributions**, as new numbers are assigned each year and you may not receive credit for your contribution.

Year 2018 Pledge Statement Reminder — Pledge and other special gifts **received on or before December 31, 2018** will be posted on your Year 2018 statement. Pledge offerings and other special offerings arriving *after* December 31 will be posted on your 2019 statements. If you would like a statement of what you have paid to date, please contact the office. Year 2018 final statements will be available for pickup in the narthex the week of January 20th. If you wish your statement mailed to you, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the church office.

The following are used with permission from The Joyful Noise Letter to which I subscribe.

Your editor – Gary Zurn

Sign outside Freedom Church in Elkton, FL:

"Hurry in this Sunday to beat the Christmas rush."

– via Bill Reynolds
Palatka, FL

Sign outside St. Malachy's Catholic Church, Madrid, IA:

"Does your life stink? We have a pew for you."

– Rev. Dale Schoening
Madrid, IA

Seen on a church sign:

"Mary wrapped the first Christmas present."

– via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft
Dover, DE

Sign outside Kulp (PA) United Methodist Church:

"Tweet as you would be tweeted about."

– via Shirr Keithan
Numidia, PA



There is value in a good vocabulary. In my retirement, I called an old friend and asked what he was doing these days.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed. Upon further inquiry, however, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

– via George Goldtrap
Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL



"If God is watching us, the least we can do is be entertaining."

– Author unknown
via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft
Dover, DE

"Those who can laugh together can live together."

– via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft
Dover, DE

"If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog."

– President Harry Truman

"A wicked tongue is worse than a wicked hand."

– Yiddish proverb
via *Apple Seeds*

"To harbor hatred and animosity in the soul makes one irritable, gloomy, and prematurely old."

– Berthold Auerbach (1812)

"Pray for me and I for thee, that we may meet merrily in heaven!"

– Thomas More
before being beheaded
on the orders of King Henry VIII
via Fr. Michael Taras Miles
Richardton, ND



**BISHOP DUNCAN-PROBE RESPONDS
TO BISHOP LOVE’S NOVEMBER 10th
PASTORAL LETTER AND DIRECTIVE**

November 10, 2018

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7

LGBTQ people are God’s beloved, made in the image of God, and are our beloved neighbors, friends, clergy and lay leaders of The Episcopal Church.

All human love is a reflection of God’s love, and The Episcopal Church has resolved that the rite of marriage is open to all in our Church, regardless of sexuality or gender expression. The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York continues to uphold the policies of The Episcopal Church and is dedicated to Jesus Christ who commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Our dedication to our LGBTQ siblings was exemplified this past summer when priests and laypeople from across our Diocese [marched in Pride parades and participated in Pride festivities](#) in Syracuse, Binghamton and elsewhere. As the Diocesan Bishop, I am resolute in my affirmation of equality, dignity, and full inclusion for all people regardless of their political, social, or theological views. We are, first and foremost, people committed to the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus.

I recognize this is a challenging time and that some may have found the recent statement of Bishop Love of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany to be injurious. I want to be clear that God loves you and has created you as a blessing in our world. Each of us is called to be our authentic self, for only then can we truly be the beloved community God intends. I affirm marriage equality and stand as an ally for social justice for all persons. All of us—LGBTQ people, Bishop Love, the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, and the people of this diocese—are beloved children of God.

Please join me in praying for the clergy and people of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York, The Episcopal Church, and our LGBTQ siblings everywhere. May we all be defined by what we are for, by the love we share and our dedication to the Good News that God loves us and that we are God’s beloved people. And, as our Presiding Bishop says, may God hold us all in those Almighty hands of love.

May the eternal love of God bless you and keep you.

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan Probe
Bishop of Central New York**

Bishop Duncan-Probe, Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York, is the Vice-President of Province II of The Episcopal Church, which includes the Dioceses of Albany, Central New York, the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, Cuba, Haiti, Long Island, Newark, New Jersey, New York, Rochester, Western New York, and the Virgin Islands. In addition, under an agreement with Bishop Love, Bishop Duncan-Probe exercises Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight (DEPO) over one congregation in the Diocese of Albany: St. Andrew’s, Albany. DEPO means that Bishop Duncan-Probe includes the congregation in her regular rotation of Sunday visitations, and provides pastoral care and oversight to the parish’s clergy. The parish remains under the authority of Bishop Love.

Bishop Love’s Pastoral Letter and Directive can be read at <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Pastoral-Letter-Regarding-B012-Nov2018.pdf>

A Statement on the matter from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of The Episcopal Church can be read at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/presiding-bishops-statement-bishop-william-loves-november-10-pastoral-letter-and?fbclid=IwAR226MeSSqthqWubeQP1kSeb099PzomTmtY3TMsROnAaoFgWGsqbOLgfCNY>



PRAYER LIST BEGINNING DECEMBER

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. Once a year, at the beginning of Advent the current long-term List will be used for the month of December, but will start again, with names moving down from the Short-Term List in January. If you have a person you wish to remain on the Long-Term List, **you must send in the name to the office by January 3, 2019** to be included on the **new** Long-Term List.

MILITARY LIST:

Ben Holbus, Curtis Sholtes, Robert Preston, Joe Gentile, Justin Gillmer, Michael Lake

SHORT TERM LIST:

Arlene Huyck, Megan Scott, Nan Grabowski, Mary Kille, David "Angle" Pena, Patrick Rowe, Cathy-Ann Horton, Trina Cooney, Patti Donnelly, Ida Taft, Nick Kochian, Jeanette Cook, Luther Chergosky, Lee Grabowski, David & Judy Horton, Sally Cole, Marilyn Doersam, Sue Lundin, Jim & Margaret Isaminger, and Sarah Harrison-Pautard

LONG TERM LIST:

Justin Avery, Dallas & Alexis Elwood, Bonnie Mando, Dorothy Pierce, Noelle Benson, Louise Pierce, Lucy & Lee Grabowski, Chieyann Grabowski, Cindy Anderson, Bella LaMaine, Joy Kasmarcik, Phillip Kasmarcik, Jayden Kasmarcik, Louise Rogers, Sam McMullen, Eli Pierce, Jessica Mc Bride, Tiernan, Lori Szwalla, Tony Szwalla, Ralph Holloway, Betty McCurry, Bob Gillmer, Kenneth Barkman, Jenna Knapp, and Nanette McIntosh

Celebrations in

- 02 Austin Steber
- 03 Benjamin Reynolds
- 04 Debbie Thorpe
- 09 Barri Lynn Polhamus
- 17 Carol Mastroe
- 18 Cynthia Macarak
- 19 Robert McCurry
- 23 Barbara Freed
- 25 Joseph Dotolo
- 28 Ryan Hrebin
- 30 Arlene Foley
- 31 Matthew Labosky



- 17 Gary and Bobbi Zurn
- 28 Nancy and Kenneth Baker



Sanctuary Candle

December 2nd – given by Barb Freed in memory of Donald Freed

December 9th – given by the Rev. Christine Day in memory of the Rev. H. Arthur Doersam

December 16th – OPEN

December 23rd – given by Allen and Carol Motsko in memory of William and Martha Motsko; and given by Arlene Foley in memory of John Foley, Elizabeth Foley, Jacqueline Foley and Mary Stiles

December 30th- OPEN



Altar Flowers

Sanctuary Flowers

December 2nd –given by Dave and Judy Horton in thanksgiving for birthday of their daughter Barri-lyn Polhamus; given by Don Thorpe in thanksgiving for the birthday of his wife Debbie Thorpe, and given by Bobbi and Gary Zurn in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son, Dr. Derek Zurn

December 9th – given in thanksgiving of her granddaughter Christina Gutta's birthday by Marilyn Doersam

December 16th –given by Debbie & Don Thorpe in memory of Fred VanDervoort; given by Carol Mastroe in memory of Arthur Phillips, grandfather of Jackie Wood; given by Lonna and David Pierce in thanksgiving of birthday of Louise Pierce and given by Bobbi and Gary Zurn in thanksgiving of their 52nd anniversary

December 23rd – given in memory of William and Martha Motsko by Allen and Carol Motsko

December 24/25th – given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Blanding, Mrs. Ermine McDonald, Adeline, Albert, Marilyn Thorpe, and Fredric, Teresa, and Stephen VanDervoort by Don and Debbie Thorpe, given in memory of Walter Brink, Donald Freed, Connie Whalen and in thanksgiving of Steven and Justin Freed and Doris Brink by Barb Freed, and given in memory of Marty Cwikla, Elaine McBride, and Erica Jamgochian by Ceil Cwikla

December 30th – OPEN

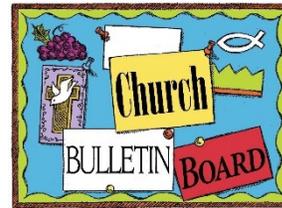
Memorials designated for Christmas Bulletins are available for review at the Memorial Desk. The deadline for submitting Christmas memorials is Sunday, December 16th [Advent 3.] Please use Flower Fund and Sanctuary Candle Fund forms (available at the Tract Rack & Memorial Desk) to add memorials and leave the form(s) and your donation in the office door mailbox. *Thank You!*



*The Rector, Wardens, Vestry & Staff
Wish you a Blessed Christmas*

Celebrations in

03 Robert E. Steber
05 Paul Labosky
08 Adam Robert Davie
10 Jay Shoemaker
18 John Weaver
19 Henry Polhamus
20 Nancy Baker
22 Christian Day
23 Johanna Kiley Hickey
24 Ava Grace Blackman
25 Lauren Kiley Saleeby
29 Noah Sherman
31 Mary C. Kress



Remember to check the parish bulletin boards at our main entrance for news that arrives after *Crossways* is printed.

Weekly parish announcements are forwarded to our websexton and are posted on our website.



No anniversaries this month!



Sanctuary Candle

January 6th – OPEN

January 13th – given by Linda Barkman in memory of Wayland (Bud) Alexander

January 20th – given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of Amelia Bennett

January 27th – OPEN



Altar Flowers Sanctuary Flowers

January 6th – given Larry and Ida Taft in thanksgiving of Adam Davie's birthday

January 13th – given by Barbara Freed in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son, Steven Freed.

January 20th – OPEN

January 27th – given by Lonna and David Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of Lanah Isobel granddaughter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2018</h1>					+By a date indicates that the Rector is away all or part of the day Office Hours: Tues-Thurs. 9-3 If coming to the office the weeks of December 17 and 25, please phone ahead to insure someone is there ▲ Cub Scout Pack 100 Christmas Tree Sale	
			Advent Study "The Redemption of Scrooge" Thursdays at 5:00PM: December 6, 13, and 20, with Taizé HE, simple soup supper, & program	Choir practices are held at 7:15pm on Thursdays, as announced by John Isenberg		1 ▲ 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE 5:00pm – 8:00pm pasta dinner
2 Advent 1 ▲ 9am Dwelling in the Word 10:00am HE	3 Church Office Closed 6:00pm-8:00pm Cub Pack 100	4 6:00pm-8:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110	5 + 12:30pm LGO lunch @ Ruby Tuesdays 6:30pm Jr. League Board Mtg 6:30pm Budget & Finance	6 + 5:00pm Advent Study with Taizé HE & soup supper	7 Church Office Closed	8 ▲ 11:00 Women's Day at the Vestal Mosque 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
9 Advent 2 ▲ + 9am Dwelling in the Word 10:00am HE 2:30pm Bridgewater HE	10 + Church Office Closed 6:00pm-8:00pm Cub Pack 100	11 + 6:00pm-8:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110	12 6:30pm Vestry	13 5:00pm Advent Study with Taizé HE & soup supper	14 Church Office Closed	15 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
16 Advent 3 Bishop Visitation 9am Dwelling in the Word 10:00am HE 12pm Tree Trim @ Rect.	17 Church Office Closed 6:00pm-8:00pm Cub Pack 100	18+ 3:00pm Hilltop HE 6:00pm-8:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110	19	20 5:00pm Advent Study with Taizé HE & soup supper	21 Church Office Closed	22 9:00am Cleaning of Brass for Christmas 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
23 Advent 4+ 9am Dwelling in the Word 10:00am HE Pageant Rehearsal Decorating Church 2:30pm Susquehanna HE	24 CHOW Pantry and Church Office Closed 5:00pm Family Christmas Eve HE & Pageant 11:00pm Midnight Festive Christmas Celebration of HE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	25 + Christmas Day 10:00am HE Church Office Closed 	26 + CHOW Pantry & Church Office Closed 5:30pm Book Club at Rectory	27	28 Church Office Closed	29 5th Saturday Team! 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE & Lessons & Carols
30 Christmas 1 + 10:00am HE & Lessons & Carols 3:00pm Vestal Nursing HE	31 Church Office Closed	Jan 1 Church Office Closed	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4 Church Office Closed	Jan 5 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE

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<h1>January 2019</h1> 					+By a date indicates that the Rector is away all or part of the day Office Hours: Tues-Thurs. 9-3	
		1 The Holy Name Church Office Closed	2	3 7:00pm Choir	4 Church Office Closed	5 Vigil for Epiphany 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
6 Epiphany 9am Dwelling in the Word 10:00am HE	7 Church Office Closed 6:00pm-8:00pm Cub Pack 100	8 3:15pm Rector/Wardens 6:00pm-8:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110	9 + 6:00pm Cub Pack Committee Meeting 6:30pm Vestry Mtg.	10 7:00pm Choir Annual Reports DUE	11 Church Office Closed	12 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
13+ Epiphany 1 9am Dwelling in the Word 10:00am HE Church un-decorated after 10am service] 2:30pm Bridgewater HE	14 + Church Office Closed 6:00pm-8:00pm Cub Pack 100	15 + 6:00pm-8:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110	16 + Annual Reports Due 12:30 Life Goes On 6:00 Jr. League Council & General Meeting	17 + 5:30pm Book Club 7:00pm Choir	18 Church Office Closed	19 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
20 Epiphany 2 9am Dwelling in the Word 10:00am HE	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Church Office Closed 6:00pm-8:00pm Cub Pack 100	22+ 6:00pm-8:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110	23 + 12 noon Clericus Lunch 5:30pm Book Club	24 7:00pm Choir	25 Church Office Closed	26 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
27 Epiphany 3 + 10:00am HE *Annual Mtg  ANNUAL MEETING 2:30 pm Susquehanna HE	28 Church Office Closed 6:00pm-8:00pm Cub Pack 100	29 6:00pm-8:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110	30	31+ 2:30pm Ideal HE 7:00pm Choir		

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Thank you, in advance, for gifts that do so much to welcome refugees!

RESPONDING TO CALIFORNIA'S WILDFIRES



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Greetings from California.

The past few weeks have been especially difficult for my neighbors around the state. From another mass shooting to the most destructive fires on record, many are still reeling from the seemingly endless stream of bad news. Each day, the number of those confirmed dead from the Camp Fire grows, and the number of those missing remains disturbingly high.

Here in the San Francisco Bay Area, we have had far too many consecutive days of unhealthy air quality and everywhere you look people are wearing N-95 particle masks. In fact, mask distribution has been added to other living essentials like food and gasoline as the primary response by our partners in the Diocese of Northern California to those who have lost almost everything in the fires.

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