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SATURDAY, December 21st ADVENT 4

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND ADVENT 4

9:00 a.m. "Dwelling in the Word" Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Advent 4 Celebration of Holy Eucharist with Choir

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

5:00 p.m. "Light of the World" Advent Program & Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Taize Compline

TUESDAY, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

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

11:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist with Choir

WEDNESDAY, December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

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

SATURDAY, December 28th CHRISTMAS 1

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th CHRISTMAS 1

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th CHRISTMAS 2

5:00 p.m. Celebration of Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th CHRISTMAS 2

9:00 a.m. "Dwelling in the Word" Bible Study

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.



Vestry Highlights

- Gary Zurn read Don Thorpe's report from the most recent planning committee meeting. We have 42 pledges received. There are another 7-8 pledges not received
- Vestry conducted an exercise in Listening to each other with the Rector.
- Treasurer's report is available in the rack by the bulletin board over the pew in the narthex.
- Annual Meeting will be January 26th. One warden and two vestrypersons to be elected. We will invite Canon Carrie to come and be a guest speaker.
- Scouts - They will be selling Christmas Trees again this year.
- Girl Scouts will begin meeting again at All Saints' every other Thursday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.
- Tree Trimming Party & Celebration of 20th Anniversary of Mother Chris's Ordination on December 15th at the Rectory after the 10:00am service.
- We will be having a Chili Cook off again on February 23rd.
- Fund Raising – Cabaret will be November 23rd and the pasta dinner on December 14th.
- Building and Grounds - Vestry reviewed contract with Castle Garden Landscapes snowplowing and salting and approved.
- Leaves at the Rectory - Matt Labosky removed a lot of leaves, but more are still on the trees. Gutters cleaned by Matt Labosky and Rick Hrebin.
- Working on a grant to help fund the parking lot repairs and paving..
- Outreach - Soup & Sandwich funds for use to do kitchen repairs is being considered.
- CHOW - Numbers are increasing and more children are now affected
- Narcan Training was held Monday November 5th. 12 people attended.
- Diocesan Convention attendees: Bob Steber, Linda Barkman, Dcn. Dorothy Pierce and Mother Christine.



The Planning/Stewardship Committee thanks everyone who has returned their surveys and pledge cards. We received 50 surveys and 42 pledges. It's not too late to turn in either one or both, especially since the Finance Committee wants to develop the 2020 budget as soon as possible. We appreciate your willingness to support our family parish in the many ways that make our church a wonderful place to worship. The following is a summary of the survey's 40 responses to volunteering:

Altar Guild	12	Gardening	3
Acolyte	2	Lay Eucharistic Minister	5
BBQs	20	Learning Community	4
Cabaret	18	Movie Night	0
Choir	7	Property Committee	2
CHOW	11	Soup and Sandwich	23
Church Lockup	4	Sunday School	1
Church Workdays	12	Usher	9
Coffee Hours	15	Vestry	9
Total Responses (but not additive from the categories)			40

We clearly need more ushers and acolytes. Ushers are at both Saturday and Sunday services and are not interchangeable.

Don Thorpe, Chair of the Planning & Stewardship Committees

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ALREADY HAVE MADE A PLEDGE FOR 2020



Much thanks to all who pledged or requested envelopes for 2020 by November 25th! So far, we have 44 pledges (listed below) for a total of \$ 94,748. 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 Ushers' desk in the Narthex.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

Nancy & Ken Baker, Linda & David Barkman, Thelma Barkman, Carol Biviano, Sandy Brewster, Clark & Darlene Byarley, Dennis & Cindy Cole, the Rev. Christine Day, Christian & Ann Day, Arlene Foley, Barbara Freed, the Rev. Dcn. David and Frances Ganter, Lucy & Lee Grabowski, Nancy Grabowski, Ralph and Pat Holloway, Dave & Judy Horton, Lindsey Hrebin, Richard & Bonnie Hrebin, Arlene Huyck, Margaret Isaminger, Tom & Sandy Johnson, Martin & Joy Kasmarcik, Nancy & Larry Kiley, Lois Kimble, Matt & Colleen Labosky, Debbie & Herb Lake, Shirley Lipman, Juanita Lougher, Carol Mastroe, Alan Motsko, Eileen & Dave Patch, Andy & Deacon Dorothy Pierce, David and Lonna Pierce, Barri-lyn & Henry Polhamus, Steven Rowe, Sara-Jo Sites, Bob Steber, Roberta Szwalla, Larry & Ida Taft, Don & Debbie Thorpe, Bill & Kim Trowbridge, Bill & Margaret Vollrath, John Watkins, Gary & Bobbi Zurn.

Come one, come all to All Saints' Episcopal Church December 14th

Spaghetti Dinner

5:00pm – 8:00pm



During the busy hustle and bustle of the Christmas season you don't have to cook dinner December 14th! Come support our final fundraiser for 2019 and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner. Fundraising is an important part of our budget, help us meet our fundraising goal by bringing your friends. The dinner will include all you can eat- tossed salad, spaghetti and meatballs. Dessert to be provided by All Saints'. Gluten free pasta will be available on request. The cost will be Adults- \$7.00, Children under 12- \$4.00, Children 4 & under free and Families- \$20.00.



Jeff Steber will do all the cooking. Please sign up to help setup or clean up and bring your favorite dessert. Donations for supplies will help All Saints' offset the cost of the fundraiser and help make it a success.



Take a break from your shopping and come enjoy the good food and fellowship. We will be serving from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. If you come before 6 PM please use either the 3rd St door or rear entrance.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND TALENT

We thank Kim Trowbridge, Bill Trowbridge, Arlene Huyck, Austin Steber, Stacey Matto for their work in painting the rest rooms and stairwell. A lot of work. This was needed for years.

Thank you to Matt Labosky and Rick Hrebin for cleaning the gutters at the rectory and removing a lot of leaves.

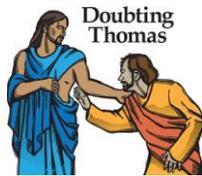
Thank you to Blanding Electric for all the work they do for All Saints' through Matt Labosky.

A LEARNING COMMUNITY INITIATIVE ACTIVITY

St. Nicholas of Myra at Christmastide

The Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor named Nicholas became well known throughout the world for his generosity and compassion. There are no written records about him from his time as bishop, but legends abound. The legends come from many cultures about this man's miraculous power and his abundance in giving. In some of these legends he encouraged others to give generously as well. As you may know, he was the inspiration for the stories of Santa Claus, or St. Nick, who brings gifts to children on Christmas Eve. During this time of frenzied holiday shopping when we fret about selecting just the right gift for a special person, let us remember the folks whom Bishop Nicholas cared for: people, especially children, in need. Let our gifts this season to people who need our support follow Bishop Nicholas's example of generosity. Please give generously.

The Rev. Elizabeth Rust Masterson
Rector (retired). St. Nicholas Church, Newark, Delaware



Apostle: Thomas Didymus

Thomas Didymus lived in Galilee. Tradition says he labored in Parthia, Persia, and India, suffering martyrdom near Madras, at Mt. St. Thomas, India.

Thomas was his Hebrew name and Didymus was his Greek name. At times he was called Judas. Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us nothing about Thomas except his name. However, John defines him more clearly in his Gospel. Thomas appeared in the raising of Lazarus (John 11:2-16), in the Upper Room (John 14:1-6) where he wanted to know how to know the way where Jesus was going. In John 20:25, we see him saying unless he sees the nail prints in Jesus' hand and the gash of the spear in His side he will not believe. That's why Thomas became known as Doubting Thomas.

By nature, Thomas was a pessimist. He was a bewildered man. Yet, he was a man of courage. He was a man who could not believe until he had seen. He was a man of devotion and of faith. When Jesus rose, he came back and invited Thomas to put his finger in the nail prints in his hands and in his side. Here, we see Thomas making the greatest confession of faith, "My Lord and my God." Thomas' doubts were transformed into faith. By this very fact Thomas' faith became great, intense and convincing. It is said that he was commissioned to build a palace for the king of India, and he was killed with a spear as a martyr for his Lord. His symbol is a group of spears, stones and arrows.

The above was taken from BibleInfo.com and used with permission.

From your Editor: I will be doing one apostle each month. Last month was Matthew. Let me know if there is a specific apostle whom you would like next.



LIFE GOES ON WILL MEET FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th at 12:15 PM AT CORTESE RESTAURANT

As “Life Goes On” usually meets on the 3rd Wednesday of month but because that is so close to Christmas, “Life Goes On” will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of December, December 11th at 12:15 pm at Cortese Restaurant (117 Robinson Street, Binghamton). 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. If you need a ride call Eileen Patch, cell 607-743-5525. See you on December 11th!

**ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES:
BLUE CHRISTMAS LITURGIES,
ADVENT QUIET DAY & ADVENT EVENSONG!**



Can't make it to All Saints' Advent program, *The Light of the World*, on Sundays beginning December 1st at 5:00 pm or the Advent Taize Compline which follows at 7:00 pm? Don't despair! Consider going to Christ Church (Binghamton), St. Peter's (Bainbridge) or St. Paul's (Endicott) for some Advent soul food.

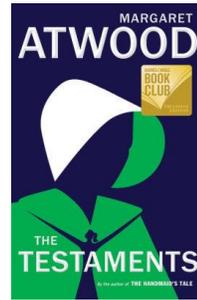
Advent Quiet Day: Saturday, December 7th 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at St. Peter's, Bainbridge led by Deacon Kay Drebert (Christ Church) and Mother Becky Drebert (St. Peter's). Carpooling available meet at Christ Church.

Advent Evensong: Sunday, December 15th 4:00 pm at Christ Church (Binghamton).

Blue Christmas Liturgies: Cries of “Merry Christmas!” and non-stop caroling contrast with the feelings of many people at this time of year. For those suffering from the recent or impending death of loved ones and for those whose families are in crisis, it can be a very isolated and dreary time. Every greeting and every song remind the grief-stricken of how unhappy life is at this moment. Blue Christmas services offer a liturgy that speaks of the love of God for the grieving. There are two Blue Christmas Services being offered in the Southern Tier East:

- Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00 pm at St. Paul's (Endicott)
- Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00 pm at Christ Church (Binghamton)

**BOOK CLUB TO MEET WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 18th at 5:30 PM AND
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd at 5:30 PM
AT THE RECTORY: READING
MARGARET ATWOOD'S NEW NOVEL
THE TESTAMENTS**



Since the Book Club meets after the deadline for *The Crossways*, and the pace of reading is set by the Book Club members it is only a guess that the Book Club will finish Margaret Atwood's first Gilead novel, *The Handmaid's Tale* at the November meeting. Assuming that, the Book Club will start reading Margaret Atwood's *The Testaments* for the December meeting. The book is available in a multitude of printed and digital formats. Here is the publisher's blurb:

"*The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood (\$17.37 hard copy; \$14.99 e-book)

When the van door slammed on Offred's future at the end of *The Handmaid's Tale*, readers had no way of telling what lay ahead for her—freedom, prison or death. With *The Testaments*, the wait is over. Margaret Atwood's sequel picks up the story fifteen years after Offred stepped into the unknown, with the explosive testaments of three female narrators from Gilead."

Interested? Pick up a copy of the book and come on Wednesday, December 18th and Wednesday January 22nd at 5:30 pm at Rectory and discuss! All are welcome!



"Fly Me To The Moon"



CABARET RESULTS

We "flew to the moon" and had a great time! For the first time in our 11 years of doing this, we had a sell-out crowd. All 116 chairs we set up at 12 tables were filled. It was exciting to see such a great turn out. Our opening number using flashlights to the score of "2001: A Space Odyssey" was eerie and fun to do, followed by our rendition of "Fly Me To The Moon." We had 11 very talented performers including a couple new additions: Larry and Krista Guidici and Kassandra Rozek. As of this article, we raised \$2,682 of which \$1,212 was from ticket sales and \$922 was from the basket raffle. My "secret" goal was to raise \$3,000 for All Saints' from this fund raiser. Although the event is over, we would still gratefully accept donations to get us to that goal. I want to thank each and every member of our parish who helped in some way. One of the best things about All Saints' is the dedicated corps of people who always come through to make good things happen. So, from the bottom of Johanna's heart and mine: THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Nancy Kiley and Johanna Hickey, Co-chairs

IT'S COLLEGE LOVE BOXES TIME!



All Saints' thanks everyone who donated goodies and monetary assistance for the mailings.

Thank you,
Lonna Pierce



CUB SCOUT PACK 100 TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES BEGINNING DECEMBER 7th, 8th and 14th and 15th AT ALL SAINTS'

Our Cub Scout Pack, 100, will hold its annual Christmas tree sale beginning December 7th and 8th and continuing December 14th and 15th in All Saints' parking lot. They will set up their "booth" next to the office wall of the building and be open on Saturdays and Sundays—except during our service times. If you have admired the Rector's Christmas Tree before, this is where she gets them.

They are beautiful and very fresh. This is a major fundraiser for the Cub Scouts.



ARE YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FIRE HAZARDS?

Decorating for Christmas can be a pleasure. You create a hospitable and festive environment in which your community members can feel the spirit of the holidays.

But holiday decorations can also be fire hazards if they aren't used properly (or if they haven't been

updated for a while). Check to make sure your decorations are safe before you display them.

Consider Age Before Beauty

Perhaps you have some beautiful old sparkling bulb lights that you haven't replaced in 20 years. Or, you

might have an antique ceramic Christmas tree that gets hot to the touch when you plug it in. Although these old decorations may recall wonderful memories of Christmas past, it may be necessary to retire them from display; they could be fire hazards. Look for loose wires and broken bulbs, and if any item gets hot while plugged in, unplug it. Resist the urge to use older donated decorative holiday items and consider springing for new LED lights. These lights are both less likely to catch fire and more likely to save money on your energy bill.

Watch Out for Open Flames and Real Trees

Nothing is cozier than the soft, flickering flame of candles on a cold winter's night. Maybe you've put together a Christmas display—complete with a real tree or evergreen wreaths—right next to the altar's lit candles. It looks great, and you think the placement will be fine if everyone is careful and follows basic safety rules. But that's a risk you should not take. Boughs from real trees can dry out quickly and become tinder for fires from lit candles. Even if you try to remember to water your real tree regularly, it is still possible for it to catch fire if it is placed near open flames.

Don't take unnecessary risks for the sake of a classic Christmas decorative tableau. If you do display a real tree or items made from real trees, keep them well away from lit candles. And make sure that someone is responsible for extinguishing any candle flames when people are not present (good advice year-round).

Make a Decorations Protocol

Don't leave decorations plugged in overnight. Put out any flames before you leave the room and keep candle wicks trimmed. Make sure you have fire extinguishers in easy-to-reach places. This [checklist](#) can guide you as you figure out how to minimize fire hazards at a time when more people may be present at your organization—and decorations may cause additional risk. Go ahead and celebrate Christmas to the fullest! Decorate and embrace the good cheer of the season! Just make sure to consider the possibility of increased fire hazards connected to holiday decorations.

Above information provide by The Church Insurance Agency



ADVENT PROGRAM—SUNDAYS AT 5:00 PM BEGINNING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st: *LIGHT OF THE WORLD: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ADVENT*

Dive deep into the history of the birth of Christ.

Advent is not only the perfect time to read the story of the birth of Jesus; it's also a great time to dive deeper into the biblical texts that surround the event. In the Advent program *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine shows how the Gospel narratives connect to the Old Testament; highlights the role of women in first-century Jewish culture; and emphasizes the importance of Mary's visitation, the census, the stable, the star of Bethlehem, and the flight to Egypt. It's rich and

challenging learning experience a wonderful, four-week Advent group study.

All Saints' will be offering *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent* on Sundays at 5:00 pm beginning December 1st, Advent 1. The program will continue December 8th, December 15th and December 22nd. Each session will begin with a simple bread and soup supper in the Library followed by the program. The evening will conclude with a Taize Compline in the Chapel. Interested? Pick up one of the books (\$12.00) and sign-up in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed to bring soup at each session.



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 Golden/Seniors (also Broome County Council of Churches.)

The Jail Ministry Program continues to need sweat suits, personal hygiene items, and several things for the Christmas Program. We are hoping through your love and generosity that you will donate **Christmas/Holiday cards, stamps, and some bus passes for the men and women at the jail.** We DO need stuffed animals, **but no other toys.** We are always grateful for all you do. Thank you so much! Please continue your prayers for all the men and women and their families throughout the year. 🙏❤️🙏

With love and gratitude,
Deacon Dorothy

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 Broome County Council of Churches (BCCC) on December 13th. Any Question, call Don Thorpe at 748-8577.



TREE TRIMMING & 20th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD PARTY AT THE RECTORY: SUNDAY DECEMBER 15th AT ABOUT 11:30 AM!

On December 18, 1999, the week of Advent 3, at St. David's, Dewitt, the Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin ordained the Rev. Christine J. Day to the priesthood. Therefore Sunday, December 15, 2019, Advent 3 will mark the 20th Anniversary of her ordination. All are cordially invited to come to the Rectory (35 Second Street, Johnson City) on Sunday December 15th following the 10 am Eucharist and celebrate this "Platinum or China" anniversary of ordination and help decorate the Rectory Christmas Tree.

So come, eat, celebrate and help decorate the Rector's Christmas tree. Or just come and eat. CAKE is on the menu. For the past 14 years the Rector has hosted the Tree Trimming Party. Vestry member and Hospitality Chair Judy Horton will be coordinating this year's party so that the Rector can be, well, the honoree. If you wish to help Judy with the arrangements or contribute to the event, please call or speak to Judy (607-729-2794).

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 Pack 100 will be ready for lights, hundreds of ornaments and even the Polar Express Train! Come and celebrate! Sign up in the Narthex!



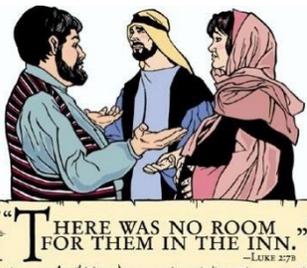
**CALLING ALL ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS,
VOLUNTEERS, PURIFICATORS, CORPORALS,
BRASS AND SILVER POLISH: SATURDAY
DECEMBER 21st at 9:00AM**

We will all meet at church at **9:00am on Saturday December 21st** 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 Judy Horton or Kim Trowbridge 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.

**DECORATING OF THE CHURCH
DECEMBER 22ND**



On Sunday, December 22nd, 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, 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.



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th,
CHRISTMAS EVE AT 5:00PM
FAMILY CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST**

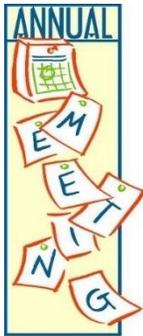
All Saints' Christian Education program will be performing a Christmas concert featuring some traditional and non-traditional Christmas carols. Our older members of church school will be performing 'Silent Night' through sign language while our younger members sing. Please join us on Tuesday December 24th at 5:00pm.

*Sarah Harrison-Pautard
Program Teacher*



THE VESTRY WANTS YOU!

The nominating committee, consisting of Joy Kasmarcik (warden), Judy Horton and Matt Labosky (vestry members), is requesting nominations from the congregation for two vestry persons [two three-year terms] and one warden [two-year term]. Please contact any one of these people to either place your name into consideration or to nominate someone else. The committee will present the nominations for consideration at All Saints' Annual Meeting on January 26th, 2020.



ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 15TH!

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 2019. The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 26th, 2020 and **reports are due January 15th!**

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 26TH, 2020 AT 10:00AM

The Annual Meeting of All Saints' Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, January 26th, 2020 (Third Sunday after the first Monday of January) beginning at the 10:00am celebration of Holy Eucharist, adjourning for a Potluck 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!

DIOCESAN NEWS

The following is the link to the [Diocesan News](#). The following are specific links of different activities.

1. Explore our draft vision statement, mission statement, and rule of life:

Visit cnyepiscopal.org/cny-way-of-love to explore our draft vision statement, mission statement, and rule of life, pray the collect, and share your feedback through the online survey.

2. Celebrate Canon John: Join in a diocese-wide celebration of the Rev. Canon John Crosswaite's ministry as Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Central New York. Tickets to the luncheon event, held at Barbagallo's restaurant in East Syracuse on Monday, December 16th, are available at canon-john.eventbrite.com>

3. Way of Love:

We invited delegates (and bishops!) to respond to our draft vision statement, mission statement, and rule of life in just a few words. Dozens accepted the challenge and stepped into our photo booth. [View all photos on Facebook \(no account required\)](#)>

4. [Convention News](#)

DRAFT OF DIOCESE VISION, MISSION AND RULE OF LIFE PRESENTED FEEDBACK REQUESTED!



The Diocese is about mid-way through the process establishing a Diocesan Vision, Mission and Rule of Life. Since last January members of the Standing Committee, Diocesan Board, staff, Commission on Ministry, members of committee and other representatives have been meeting and collaboratively developing a DRAFT Vision, Mission and Rule of Life for the Diocese. The Bishop has been an observer of the process and did

not direct it as she wished it to be the Diocese's not the Bishop's. The DRAFT was presented at Convention and everyone—those present and those not—is encouraged to go to the website and offer suggestions and comments. (Please no word-smithing—comment on meaning, etc.) Please find below the Diocese of Central New York's DRAFT Way of Love and the feedback questions.

CNY's Way of Love: Following Jesus Together

Vision

A world healed by love

Mission

*Learning how to love God,
one another, and all creation*

Rule of Life

PRAY

We are in constant conversation with God

LISTEN

*We listen and learn, with special attention to
the voices of silenced and marginalized people*

COLLABORATE

We partner within and beyond our congregations

SPEAK

We tell the truth with courage and integrity

SHARE

We boldly share the stories of our lives of faith

Share your feedback at:

cnyepiscopal.org/cny-way-of-love

Feedback Questions:

What about this draft of "CNY's Way of Love" compels you to offer your best self?

Where do you find hope and excitement in this draft of "CNY's Way of Love"?

What's missing from this draft of "CNY's Way of Love"?

How might this be used in your congregation's life?

Any other feedback, comments, questions, concerns?



LEARNING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES CONTINUE LISTENING TO OTHERS: A CONVERSATION ABOUT GOD IN OUR LIVES!

The Learning Community Initiatives (LCI) has a number of benefits for congregations:

- Learning to discern and respond to God's leading;
- Deepening a congregation's spirituality;
- Building connections with other congregations;
- Engaging and inspiring the congregation;
- Affirming faith that God has a vital role for your congregation to play.

The Learning Community Initiatives uses three processes: 1) Listening deeply to God in Scripture, listening to others and noticing where God might be at work; 2) Learning by actions which deepen the exploration of what God is doing in our lives; and 3) Reflecting on what we have learned from the deep listening and the action experiments.

So far as a parish All Saints' has been listening deeply to God using the process of "Dwelling in the Word" during Eucharists, Vestry meetings and the Sunday at 9 am "Dwelling in the Word" sessions. Now we are moving into the next phase of listening deeply: Listening to Others—or Conversations with Others. We started "Listening to Others" in Vestry at the November meeting and had one session of it during the Eucharist on Christ the King weekend. We'll resume having occasional sessions of it in January—during Epiphany.

Much like doing "Dwelling in the Word" during a celebration of Eucharist, when we do "Listening to Others" we will have fewer lessons read and use the sermon time for the conversations and reflections. The process is similar. You find a buddy and for 3-4 minutes each you listen as one buddy responds to the following or comparable questions:

- 1) Tell me about a time when you felt your faith grew or you grew spiritually? Or
- 2) Tell me about the time when you felt very close to God?

Finally, with the permission of the buddy the gist of the conversation may be shared with the group.

After developing confidence "Listening to Others" within the parish we'll move on to "Listening to Our Community" to build bridges and connection with our neighbors and community. (N.B. This fits in well with two parts of the Diocese of CNY's Way of Love Rule of Life: Listen and Collaborate!)



Symbols of the *season*

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.



shepherd's staff _ _ _ _ _

tree that keeps its leaves _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

shines to lead the way _ _ _ _ _

green for eternal life, _ _ _ _ _ &
red for Jesus' blood _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

sounds to announce _ _ _ _ _
good news

has no beginning or end _ _ _ _ _ _

Th ks b to od fo is
indesc ba le gif !

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Answer: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath; Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV

Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



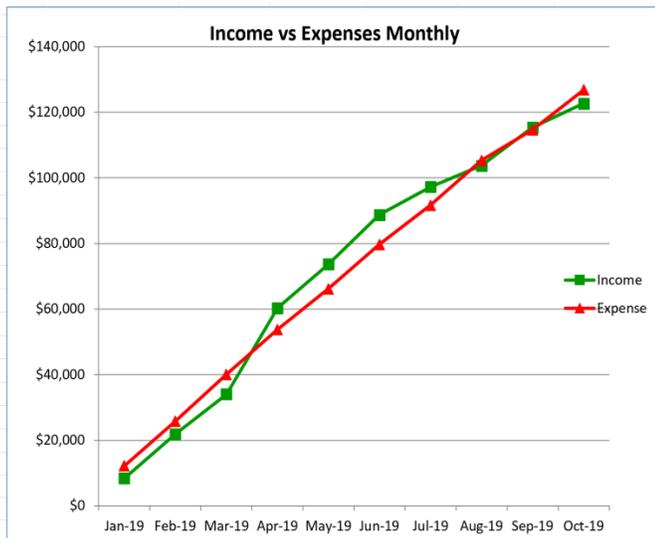
1. TGLBEHHEME _____
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3. NRMEDAG _____
4. ODEKSNY _____
5. AMGYZ _____
6. OHESJIP _____
7. EFJUSS _____
8. ITEENMSW _____
9. SPHHDSREEO _____
10. EMCFAL _____
11. TLSRA _____
12. CSSNUEO _____
13. HEVSPE _____
14. ENIN _____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14		

Answers: Bethlehem (G), angel (O), manger (D), donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), wise men (T), shepherds (O), camel (F), star (L), census (O), sheep (V), inn (E); God's gift of love

DOLLAR\$&CENTS OCTOBER 2019

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



	Actual October 31, 2019	Annual Amended Budget 2019
Offering & Pledges	\$82,366	\$112,629
Fundraising	\$10,216	\$17,944
Other Income	\$30,102	\$28,033
Total Income	\$122,684	\$158,606
Total Expenses	\$126,845	\$154,635
Profit(Loss)	(\$4,162)	\$3,972
Income Needed from Equity Surplus	\$4,162	\$0

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 2020 Pledge Envelopes — for parishioners who have requested envelopes will be available for pick up in the narthex of the church on the weekend of 12/14&15. 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 2019 contributions**, as new numbers are assigned

each year and you may not receive credit for your contribution.

Year 2019 Pledge Statement Reminder — Pledge and other special gifts **received on or before December 31, 2019** will be posted on your Year 2019 statement. Pledge offerings and other special offerings arriving **after** December 31 will be posted on your 2020 statements. If you would like a statement of what you have paid to date, please contact the office. Year 2019 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.

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Deciphering an old carol

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me. What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

"This week, I found out. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The Partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit – Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

– Author unknown
via Sophie Farah
Ann Arbor, MI



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

Short Term: Sally Cole, Connie Alexander, Mother Elizabeth, Ruth Furman, Sandy Johnson, Tom Johnson, Ed Cherry, Debbie Peters, Chieyann Grabowski, Nan Grabowski, Shirley Lipman, Joyce Salisbury, Johnie Santiago, Ellie, Lindsey, Damion, Cathy Peters, Martin Kasmarcik, Doug Carlson, Joan Jones, Lucy &

Lee Grabowski, Bill Kasmarcik, Karen Zimmer, Sue Lundin, Joe Finta, Mark Ty, Dan Cooley, Nancy Clark, David Ward, Megan Scott, Patrick Rowe, Nick Kochian, Jeanette Cook, David & Judy Horton, Margaret Isaminger and Sarah Harrison-Pautard



Long Term: Justin Avery, Dorothy Pierce, Noelle Benson, Cindy Anderson, Louise Rogers, Sam McMullen,

Eli Pierce, Lori Szwalla, Tony Szwalla, Ralph Holloway, Betty McCurry, Bob Gillmer, Kenneth Barkman, and Nanette McIntosh

Shut Ins: Doris Brink, Clark Byarley, Jane Chomyszak, Sally Cole, Joseph Dotolo, Arlene Foley, Ruth Furman, Lee Grabowski, Patricia Holloway and Ardis Rogers

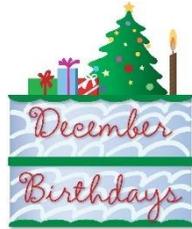


Military: Ben Holbus, Curtis Sholtes, Robert Preston, Joe Gentile, Justin Gillmer, Michael Lake, and Joshua Balles

Linda Barkman is trying to update addresses for the military people. If anyone belongs to Curtis Sholtes, Robert Preston or Joe Gentile. [Please send her their addresses.](#) Thank you.

Celebrations in **DECEMBER**

- 02 Austin Steber
- 03 Benjamin Reynolds
- 04 Debbie Thorpe
- 09 Barri-lyn 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 1st – given by Barb Freed in memory of Donald Freed

December 8th – given by the Rev. Christine Day in memory of the Rev. H. Arthur Doersam

December 15th – In thanksgiving for the 20th Anniversary the Ordination of the Rector

December 22nd – given by Allen and Carol Motsko in memory of William and Martha Motsko

December 29th- given by Lonna an David Pierce in memory of Bruno and Mary Suchowiecki



Altar Flowers

Sanctuary Flowers

December 1st – given by Lynn Alexander in memory of Marilyn Doersam and The Rev. H. Arthur Doersam; 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 8th – given by Dave and Judy Horton in thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter Barri-lyn Polhamus

December 15th – 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 53rd anniversary

December 22th – 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 29th – OPEN

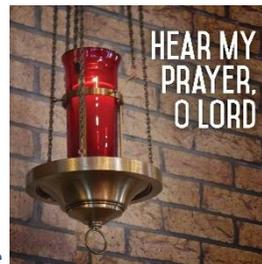
Memorials designated for Christmas Bulletins are available for review at the Memorial Desk. The deadline for submitting Christmas memorials is Sunday, December 15th [Advent 3.] Please use Flower Fund and Sanctuary Candle Fund forms (available at the Tract Rack & Memorial Desk) to add memorials and leave 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 January

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



Sanctuary Candle

January 5th –NONE

January 12th – given by Linda Barkman in memory of Wayland (Bud) Alexander

January 19th - NONE

January 26th – NONE



No anniversaries this month!



Altar Flowers

January 5th – given Larry and Ida Taft in thanksgiving of Adam Davie's birthday

January 12th - NONE

January 19th – given by Barb Freed in thanksgiving for Steven Freed's birthday

January 26th – given by Lonna and David Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of Lanah Isobel their granddaughter

The Final Word



Thankfulness: *“He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan “* **Luke 17:16**

“Jesus healed all ten lepers, but only one returned to thank him. It is possible to receive God’s great gifts with an ungrateful spirit—nine of the lepers did so. Only one thankful leper, however, learned that his faith had played a role in his healing, and only

grateful Christians grow in understanding of God’s grace. God does not demand that we thank him, but he is pleased when we do so, and he uses our spirit of thankfulness to teach us more about his Kingdom.” NLT - GZ

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Advent 9:00 AM Dwelling in the Word 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM ADVENT PROGRAM - LIGHT OF THE WORLD: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ADVENT 6:30 PM Scouts Committee Mtg 7:00 PM Advent Taize Compline	2 Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	3 † 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 110 Meeting 6:30 PM Jr. League BD Meeting	4 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Rector Official Office Hours	5 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts Meeting 7:15 PM Choir Practice	6 Office Closed Rector Off Day	7 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Advent Quiet Day: St. Peter's, Bainbridge 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist
8 † 9:00 AM Dwelling in the Word 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday School 2:30 PM Bridgewater - HE 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM ADVENT PROGRAM - LIGHT OF THE WORLD: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ADVENT 7:00 PM Advent Taize Compline 7:30 PM Rector Wardens Meeting	9 † Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	10 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 110 Meeting	11 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Rector Official Office Hours 12:30 PM Life Goes On (Cortese Restaurant - Robinson Street Binghamton) 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting	12 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 7:15 PM Choir Practice	13 Office Closed Rector Off Day	14 5:00pm-8:00pm Pasta dinner will be Dec 14 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist 5:00-8:00 PM Pasta Dinner
15 9:00 AM Dwelling in the Word 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Tree Trimming Party & Celebration of 20th Anniversary of Mother Chris's Ordination at the Rectory 4:00 PM Advent Evensong: Christ Church (Binghamton). 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM ADVENT PROGRAM - LIGHT OF THE WORLD: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ADVENT 7:00 PM Advent Taize Compline	16 Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	17 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 110 Meeting	18 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Rector Official Office Hours 5:30 PM Book Club at Rectory 6:00 PM Blue Christmas Services St. Paul's (Endicott) and Christ Church (Binghamton)	19 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts Meeting 7:15 PM Choir Practice	20 Office Closed Rector Off Day	21 9:00 AM Clean Brass for Christmas 10:00 AM Workers Center of the Southern Tier 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist
22 9:00 AM Dwelling in the Word 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Decorate the Church 2:30 PM Susquehanna HE 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM ADVENT PROGRAM - LIGHT OF THE WORLD: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ADVENT 7:00 PM Advent Taize Compline	23 Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry	24 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service Children Pageant 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	26 † 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry	27 † Office Closed Rector Off Day	28 † 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist
29 † 9:00 AM Dwelling in the Word 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday School 3 PM Vestal Nursing Evening Prayer Deacon Dorothy	30 † Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry	31 † 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry	1 † New Year's Day 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM OFFICE CLOSED	2 † 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts Meeting 7:15 PM Choir Practice	3 † Office Closed Rector Off Day	4 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29† 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday School for Toddlers-age 11; 3 PM Vestal Nursing Evening Prayer Deacon Dorothy	30† Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry	31† 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry	1† New Year's Day 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM OFFICE CLOSED	2† 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts Meeting 7:15 PM Choir Practice as called by director	3† Office Closed Rector Off Day	4 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist
5 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Dwelling in the Word 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday School for Toddlers-age 11; 6:30 PM Scouts Committee Mtg 6:30 pm Rector Warden Meeting	6 Epiphany Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	7 † 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 110 Meeting 6:30 PM Jr. League BD Meeting	8 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Rector Official Office Hours 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting	9 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 7:15 PM Choir Practice as called by director	10 Office Closed Rector Off Day	11 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist
12† 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Dwelling in the Word 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday School for Toddlers-age 11; 2:30 PM Bridgewater - HE	13† Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	14 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 110 Meeting	15 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Rector Official Office Hours 12:15 pm Life Goes On TBD	16 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts Meeting 7:15 PM Choir Practice as called by director	17 Office Closed Rector Off Day	18 10:00 AM Workers Center of the Southern Tier 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist
19 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Dwelling in the Word 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday School for Toddlers-age 11;	20 Martin L. King, Jr. Day Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry	21 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 110 Meeting	22 Crossways Articles Due to Gary Zurn 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Rector Official Office Hours 5:30 PM Book Club	23 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 7:15 PM Choir Practice as called by director	24 Office Closed Rector Off Day	25 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist
26† 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Dwelling in the Word 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist And Annual Meeting 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday School for Toddlers-age 11; 2:30 PM Susquehanna HE	27 Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	28 † 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 110 Meeting	29 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Rector Official Office Hours 11:00 AM Clericus Lunch	30 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts Meeting 7:15 PM Choir Practice as called by director	31 Office Closed Rector Off Day	1 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist