

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Epistle

September, 2016

Love God. Love others. Help others love God.

We welcome you to join us on our journey as we strive to share the love of Jesus through worship, Christian education, fellowship and service to each other and the community beyond our walls.

From Your Rector



Many of us were glued to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. Some interesting facts about the games: There were more than 10,500 athletes competing for medals representing 206 countries. More than 6 million tickets were sold and it was estimated that 4 billion people watched at least part of the Olympics on television. There was a record 6,500 hours of television coverage. Think of all the planning and people it took to execute such an event.

We are gearing up for Sunday School, Rector's Forum, Choir and Handbells to resume. As a country we are gearing up for a Presidential election. Our youth will be returning to school and college. Vacations have come and gone. It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end. As we reflect on all the people it took to make all these events happen, we give thanks for them. Without their volunteer efforts we could not do what we do. As I relayed in a recent sermon, "God equips the called. God does not call the equipped." We truly believe that the Holy Spirit guides us as individuals and the Church. Many times we wonder, where did we receive the gifts to do what we did? Look at the people who can do heroic deeds when tragedy strikes. God's Spirit enables us to do those things that we, at times, don't have the courage, confidence or strength to accomplish on our own. We need to discern, listen for the Spirit's voice within ourselves and our community. It would be a wonderful action of community if we could help others discern the gifts that we see in them. Wouldn't it be nice if we could raise up ministers of God's people right from the flock we worship with every week? Wouldn't it be nice if you and I could support those we see with gifts in them and encourage them to exercise those gifts for the betterment of the community of St. Paul's?

As we get back into our routine shall we make a special effort to focus on the Spirit's presence in our midst. Let us work together for the building of God's Kingdom here and now.

Father John+



Thank you to Debbie and Bill Dieffenbacher for weeding the tomato plants in our CHOW garden. We are starting to see some red ones!

Thank you to our “Merry Mowers of the Months” of July and August: David Krzyzewski, Cliff VanDervort, Melissa and Matt Moon, Ted Wolf, and Jack Westermann.

Thank you to the Movin’ On chefs of July and August: Bill and Lynn Freeman, Barb and Bruce Dailey, Mary Cermak, Georgia Wilber, Ingrid Elliott, Sue Jones and Ruthie Koerts. Lots of good eating!

Thank you to Suzanne and Bob Pettit and the Eunice Barton family for the successful Ice Cream Social: Eunice for overseeing it, her son Sean for the donation of the eight flavors of Hershey’s ice cream and her daughter Sherry for the donation of the orange drink from McDonald’s. Suzanne and Bob rounded up 19 baskets that were raffled off with free chances! Many thanks to all those who set up, scooped ice cream and stayed to clean up.

Many thanks (95 diners’ worth!) to those who signed on for the July Canteen at Trinity Church: Carl Kinne, Stephanie and Garvin Alexander, Chip Kinne, Judy Wolf, Judy Doherty, Duncan Finlayson, Jack and Jennifer Westermann.

Thank you from Fr. John to Bill Freeman for securing the light fixture in his office. It didn’t fall on Fr. John’s head but was hanging uncomfortably low!

Thank you to the Vallone family: Tommy, Joey, Frannie and Jennifer for the hours spent volunteering in our CHOW pantry this summer. The extra help was greatly appreciated!

Welcome, Diane! Our new Parish Secretary!

We welcome Diane Sica, our new parish secretary, as she joins us on Monday, August 29. She comes to us after a 25+ year career as secretary at Jennie F. Snapp Middle School so has lots of experience! Diane lives in Endicott with her husband, Bill. They have raised a son and a daughter and enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren. She will be a joy to have in the office. Please feel free to stop in during regular office hours, Mon. – Thurs., 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and introduce yourself!



Movin' On Luncheon

Monday, September 12, Noon



Chef's Choice is on the menu for the September 12th Movin' On lunch. We invite all widows and widowers to attend for food and fellowship. Please let Fr. John know if you will *not* be able to attend.

WOMEN of the CHURCH

We will be kicking off the fall season with a covered dish dinner on September 7th in the undercroft. Dinner will be at 5:30 and everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Following dinner, we will hold a brief business meeting, which will include planning for the upcoming fall rummage sale and the implementation of changes to the process voted in at our May business meeting. At the conclusion of the business meeting we will have a special program with our dessert. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.



On Thursday, September 22nd we will hold another sleeping bag workshop. The process is much easier than the initial training and our goal is to build up a supply for distribution before it gets too cold. At the September workshop we will divide into two groups - one group will make a sleeping bag, while the other group will do the prep work for the next bag. It takes approximately 2 hours to make a sleeping bag and remember - no sewing skills are required. This gathering will start at noon with a light lunch followed by the workshop. Let's make this a "pot luck lunch" with everyone bringing whatever they wish. Our sleeping bag project is turning into a great time of fellowship for participants, along with the satisfaction of knowing we are doing something to benefit those less fortunate. Reminder – we need neckties for the bags. Sleeping bag supplies are being stored in the undercroft behind the curtain at the back of the room. Feel free to leave your donations there. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the back of the church.

The fall rummage sale is set for Saturday, October 15th. On Sunday the 9th we will move all rummage from the storage rooms to the fellowship hall. Sorting and organizing will take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (October 10th through 12th). If needed, we will work on Thursday and Friday mornings. We also need people to work at the sale, as well as some strong arms and legs to help with packing and clean-up following the sale. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the back of the church so that we can ensure adequate coverage for set-up and the day of the sale. As always, this entails a lot of work, but many hands make the work easier as well as more fun. Please be sure to bring in your rummage before the 9th. Remember, all items – clothing, dishes, appliances, toys, etc. should be clean and in good condition. In light of the work required for the rummage sale, we will not have a meeting in October.

We hope to see you at all of some of the above events.

If you are not receiving WoC emails, please send your email address to sanjRussel@epix.net.

Sandy Schwab, Chair



Write to Mike!



Mikey Kakusian is now RCT Kakusian, Michael F. of the United States Marine Corps. He is settled, for a little while anyway, on Parris Island in South Carolina. If you would like to drop him a word of encouragement and support as he undergoes his grueling basic training, PLEASE NOTE that he may only receive letters and post cards (that are scrutinized by drill sergeants!) – **no** packages of any kind. His address:

RCT Kakusian, Michael F.
Platoon 2085, 2nd BN, H CO
P.O. Box 16255
Parris Island, SC 29905-6255

We're proud of you, Mikey!



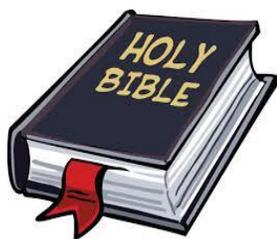
“Gear Up” Sundae/Sunday Sunday, September 11, 11:00 AM



Come one, come all to Gear Up Sundae/Sunday on Sunday, September 11 after the 10:00 a.m. service. A covered dish lunch will be topped off with a make-your-own sundae bar. While enjoying ice cream there will be an overview of our fall programming including Sunday School, the Rector’s Forum and our music program. Please bring a dish to pass; dessert will be provided! No reservations necessary and all are invited.



Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina continues to meet on Tuesday, September 6 and Monday September 19 at 6:00 PM in the home of Linda Littell, 525 Airey Ave. in Endicott. Lectio Divina is a meditative way of looking at Scripture. A different person chooses the passage to be studied each time so if there is a particular passage that speaks to you, come share it with the others. No reservations or notification needed; just come! Speak with Fr. John if you have any questions.



A Wedding to Celebrate! Saturday, Sept. 17, 2:00 PM

On Saturday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m. Judy Doherty and Duncan Finlayson will be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Paul’s. Judy and Duncan invite all of St. Paul’s parishioners to share this special ceremony with them. Fr. John will do the honors.



Memorial Scattering Garden Update

Hillside Gardens' crew has been hard at work creating the Memorial Scattering Garden. Overgrown plants have been removed, the courtyard patio stones have been reset and new plants are being established. In addition to the scattering garden in the courtyard, the landscape facing Jefferson Ave. and the brick sign are getting a facelift as well.

The names of those whose cremains are scattered in the garden will be engraved on a plaque that will hang in the Bernice Gould Chapel.



Stewardship Thought

The folklore of all peoples is filled with stories of fateful choices: persons finding themselves before two doors, one door leading to a disaster, one to untold bliss. Forks in the road like that of Robert Frost in his famous poem, *The Road Not Taken*, illustrate a truth that our lives are determined forever by the choices we make. Week after week, we are offered a choice to declare ourselves to others and to our God, as to whom do we belong - the small god Mammon or the great God whom Jesus called Abba, Father. Choose wisely. Give to God that which God is due, the first fruits of your wealth.

Acolytes Wanted

Are you in 3rd grade or older? Then you are eligible to become an acolyte! Fr. John will be training all interested persons, youth through adult. Please let him know if you feel a call to this ministry. All servers are needed: alms bearers, torch bearers and crucifers. If the ranks grow big the flags will be included as well!



Unity World Day of Prayer

Thursday, September 8



The theme for the September 8th Unity World Day of Prayer is "As I discover the power within, I unleash my divine potential." We certainly believe as Christians that knowing God can and does change the world. How can unleashing the divine power within become a part of every moment of our lives? How do we let go and become fearless and live in God's time and order? By walking this journey lives can and will be changed. What would happen if we knew that beyond a shadow of a doubt that God lived in me? How would our lives change if we lived from our divine potential in every aspect of our life - health, work, relationships, planning and spiritually? So, on September 8th set some time aside and reflect on how you can release your divine potential!

For more information or to participate in the Unity World Day of Prayer go to www.unity.org



Prayers for Our Ministries



Each week a different ministry area of St. Paul’s is featured in the bulletin to highlight, encourage involvement and give thanks for the people who make it happen. During the month of July and August we pray for the following ministries:

September

9/04	Acolytes	9/11	Altar Guild
9/18	CHAP (Community Hygiene Assistance Program)	9/25	CHOW Pantry



New Bishop-Elect



Episcopalians and Episcopal clergy representing the entire New York church elected the Very Reverend Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe as the eleventh Bishop of the Diocese in a special convention held August 6, 2016. Pending a church-wide confirmation process, she is expected to be consecrated as bishop on December 3, 2016.

Following a yearlong nationwide search process, Duncan-Probe was elected from a slate of five candidates by delegates representing 73 congregations and thousands of Episcopalians from communities across Central New York, including Syracuse, the Greater Finger Lakes region, Utica, Binghamton region, Watertown and Ithaca.

“My heart is filled with joyful gratitude for God’s mercy and grace, and I am humbled to accept the call to serve as your 11th Bishop,” Duncan-Probe said in a statement read to the Convention. “I have been inspired, encouraged and emboldened by the faithful ministry of the Episcopal Church in Central New York and by these churches’ sincere dedication to living the gospel of Jesus Christ in service to others. The honor of joining the Diocese of Central New York in ministry is a profound moment, and I am especially mindful of the people God has called us to serve.”

Duncan-Probe has served as the rector of St. Peter’s in the Woods Episcopal Church in Fairfax Station, Virginia since 2009, guiding the parish through significant growth and revitalization. Previously, she has served Episcopal parishes in Stoneham, Massachusetts, McLean, Virginia and Vienna, Virginia. Before her ordination to the priesthood in 2004, Duncan-Probe served as a church youth director and as an educator and co-founded an engineering consulting firm with her husband. In addition to a number of leadership positions in her current home diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, she also serves on the Board of Regents of the Goodwin House, a non-profit care organization for adults, and is an adjunct professor at the Virginia Theological Seminary.

Duncan-Probe holds a B.S. in education from Stephen F. Austin State University, an M.A. in Psychology from Pepperdine University, a Master of Divinity from the General Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in theology from the Foundation House/Oxford University. She and her husband, Chris Probe, have three children, Chasen, Ryan and Grace.

Duncan-Probe will succeed The Right Reverend Gladstone B. “Skip” Adams III, who served the Diocese of Central New York for more than 15 years.



Farewell Celebration for Bishop Adams

Saturday, October 22, OnCenter, Syracuse, NY

All are invited to share this special day with Bishop Gladstone B. "Skip" Adams as we say farewell to him as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York. The event will be held on Saturday, October 22 at the OnCenter in Syracuse. The day will begin with Morning Eucharist and will be followed by a luncheon program and presentations.



The choir for the Eucharist will be a diocesan-wide one so all choristers are invited to participate. Details on joining this choir as well as purchasing tickets for the lunch will be forthcoming.

Flower Memorials

9/04 Available

9/11 Available

9/18 The altar flowers are given today in loving memory of Doris Dieguez, mother of Sylvia Fulk.

9/25 The altar flowers are given today in loving memory of Charles Costello from Beverly Costello.



Sanctuary Candle Memorials



9/04 The Sanctuary candle burns this week in loving memory of Esther Searles from Marley Cohen.

9/11 The Sanctuary candle burns this week in loving memory of Leo G. Cook from his wife, Nanda Cook.

9/18

9/25

Note: Please call the office (748-8118) any time during the month if you would like to designate the altar flowers or candles in memory of a loved one, to recognize a special event or simply in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. Dates may be shared.



SEPTEMBER

9/06	Samuel Martinichio, Michael Kakusian	9/20	Casey Korchynsky
9/09	Bill Smith	9/21	Jennifer Vallone
9/11	Nathan Bakalar	9/22	Dale Bachman, Marie Dollmetsch
9/13	Donald Manning, Duncan Finlayson	9/24	Jennifer Kakusian
9/14	Kendra Besemer	9/26	Sharon Powell
9/15	Valerie Griswold	9/27	Dorothy Riley
9/16	Melissa Moon	9/28	Debra Dieffenbacher
9/17	Midge Wieland, Daniel Maxim	9/30	Amy Manchester
9/19	Jack Westermann		



9/01	Jennifer and John Kakusian	9/10	Denise and Daryl Spak
9/04	Barbara and John Martinichio	9/16	Dolly and Luther Chergosky
9/06	Ruthie and Steve Koerts	9/25	Dottie and Dale Bachman
9/08	Janet and George Kroculik, Annette and Bob Bakalar		

Are you a September birthday or anniversary but you don't see your name here? Please let the office know so we can update our records! We don't want to miss anyone!



September Liturgical Ministers Schedule

September 4	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Mary Cermak	Jim Garceau
1 st Reading		Judy Shannon
2 nd Reading	Luther Chergosky	Carl Kinne
Chalice	Debbie Dieffenbacher	Barb Dailey
Readings	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Philemon 1-21

September 11	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jennifer Westermann	Ruthie Koerts
1 st Reading		Kelly Parker-Seeley
2 nd Reading	Jack Westermann	Zach Manchester
Chalice	Chip Kinne	Judy Doherty
Readings	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	1 Timothy 1:12-17

September 18	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Debbie Dieffenbacher	Steve Koerts
1 st Reading		Karen Cahill
2 nd Reading	Bill Dieffenbacher	Jim Buffum
Chalice	Jack Westermann	Eunice Barton
Readings	Jeremiah 8:18—9:1	1 Timothy 2:1-7

September 25	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jack Westermann	Jim Buffum
1 st Reading		Suzanne Pettit
2 nd Reading	Jackie Reece	Bob Pettit
Chalice	Debbie Dieffenbacher	Barb Dailey
Readings	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	1 Timothy 6:6-19

Note: If you are unable to serve on a given week, please try to find a substitute. If you need a phone number, please call the office at 748-8118. Copies of our church directory are available as well for your convenience.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes, June 14, 2016
Approved

To love God, Love others, Help Others to love God

Rector: Fr. John R. Martinichio

Wardens: Bruce Dailey, Jennifer S. Westermann

Vestry:

Eunice Barton	Mary Gilfoyle (A)	Ruthie Koerts
Karen Cahill (A)	Lynda Helmer	Robert Pettit
Duncan Finlayson	Lynne Jones (A)	Richard Schwab

Treasurer: Jack Westermann

Fr. John opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with inviting us to reflect on a slide show entitled "Who is He? He is Jesus."

May Minutes: **Motion** made by Duncan Finlayson with second from Ruthie Koerts to accept the May minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Bob Pettit – reported that while May saw a dip in the Gould fund overall it is well above its first of the year value.

Jack Westermann – reported that nothing major had occurred with the church finances over the months. Also included the monthly statements from the following funds: CHOW, CHAP, and Flower/Candles Memorials.

Motion made by Eunice Barton with second from Duncan Finlayson to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Note from the Rector re: church finances. Fr. John attended a diocesan seminar on church finances and noted the following areas where we are "falling short":

- Currently we have family members serving as counters on the same team
- We do not have a second person randomly checking the checking account
- We have a few accounts (Women of the Church, coffee money, Rector's Discretionary fund) that currently do not go through the counting room
- We do not have a finance committee

Fr. John stressed that these are not requirements by canon or diocese and it is up to each parish to determine how much risk it is willing to assume by not making the recommended changes. After much discussion the vestry agreed that a Finance Committee should be formed as well as a Property (Facilities) Committee. At this point we are comfortable with the risk factor in the other areas.

Consent Agenda: Gould grant applications were presented from the following organizations:

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| • Dr. Fattal Community Free Clinic, Binghamton | \$1,500.00 |
| • Grace Episcopal Church, Syracuse | \$1,500.00 |
| • Christ Episcopal Church, Toms River, NJ | \$1,500.00 |
| • Camp JCC, Inc., Vestal | \$1,500.00 |
| • Catholic Charities of Broome County | \$1,500.00 |

The total would have been \$7,500.00. However, due to the nature of the project Christ Episcopal Church is contemplating, that being adding signage in Spanish to its building at a cost of \$1,740.00, the committee recommended that the Gould Fund cover the entire cost which brings the total to \$7,740.00. **Motion** made by Ruthie Koerts with second from Duncan Finlayson to approve the grants as submitted. Motion carried with 7 Yes votes and Bob Pettit abstaining.

Rector's Report:

- Office Secretarial Situation - Fr. John would like to create a Social Committee. He noted that too often it is the same people doing the work in a "behind the scenes" sort of way and other people should be given the opportunity/responsibility to be involved. A formal Social Committee might help address this issue.
- Pew Cushions – cushions have been ordered.
- Church Office – Diane Sica will begin as our new secretary on August 29. In the meantime the office will be staffed with volunteers.
- Nativity Set – The nativity set that was donated as a memorial has arrived. The pieces are being stored in the closet behind the acolyte vesting room.
- Memorial Scattering Garden – Fr. John will meet with a designer from Hillside Gardens on June 24 about the plans for the garden.
- Gould Scholarships – The Gould scholarships (new format this year being all qualified seniors may be granted the award) were awarded during the 10:00 a.m. service on June 5. The winners are Molly Martinichio, Michael Kakusian and Amy Manchester. The vestry offers its congratulations in recognition of the achievements of these young people and wish them well in their future endeavors.
- CHOW Pantry – Mary Cermak has been in discussion with both the CHOW organizations and the Village of Endicott Fire Department to ensure our pantry meets code requirements.
- Church Picnic – Despite the cool and very breezy conditions about 42 people enjoyed food and fellowship at the June 12 picnic. However, requests were made to have it in a more accessible spots for those with mobility issues. Recommendations were either one of the pavilions in the lower part of Highland Park or move it back to Glendale Park, assuming it has now recovered from the flooding in 2011.

Warden's Report:

- Bruce Dailey shared thank you notes from the Episcopal Divinity School, the General Theological Seminary, Chenango Valley Post-Prom Party Committee, and Good Shepherd Communities for Gould grants and from Molly Martinichio for the Gould Scholarship award.
- Maintenance Issue – Bruce reported that the sump pump in the boiler room needed to be replaced. He and Bill Freeman accomplished this task as well as replacing old, rotted pipes. Thank you to both Bill and Bruce for this task.

Publicity: Duncan Finlayson would like to work on getting the St. Paul's name and community contributions out into the public more than what is currently seen. He offered to take on this role. Thank you, Duncan, for taking this initiative.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer S. Westermann, Vestry Clerk