

## December Prayer List

Anica	Kamdon W.
Bella R.	Lynne
Bonita M.	Madalyn
Charlie B.	Maggie C.
Cindy	Nancy
Dakota C.	Niles
Dave M.	Rose
Deb	Rosemary
Devon	Sandy
Elaine	Sophia
Ellen	Timothy C.
Gayle	
John L.	

### We pray for those serving in the Military...

Brian M.	Dylan	Ryan R.
Christopher	Guy H.	Tim S.
Connor W.	Ian S.	Will
Devon	Matt B.	

### We pray for...

- Our NOAH participants
- The inmates at Hale Creek Correctional Facility
- Those who come to the Prayer Table on Wednesdays
- Volunteers who will prayerfully lead our NOAH Program

**We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mary D'Amore, wife of Salvatore D'Amore and sister-in-law of our sexton, James D'Amore.**

*May light perpetual shine upon Mary, O Lord, and may all the souls of the departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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*Please remember those who cannot attend our services with a card or note. They include:*

<b>Audrey Baird</b> Wells House 201 W. Madison Ave. Johnstown, NY 12095	<b>Erika Crear</b> Room 33 Pineview Commons 201 S. Melcher St. Johnstown, NY 12095
<b>Tinker Baird</b> Room 1A Pineview Commons 201 S. Melcher St. Johnstown, NY 12095	<b>Millie Rathburn</b> Willing Helpers Home 226 W. Madison Ave. Johnstown, NY 12095
<b>John Bernard</b> Pineview Commons 201 S. Melcher St. Johnstown, NY 12095	Cards may be sent to Father Small C/O Joan Western, 309 E. Main Street Johnstown, NY 12095.

*The flowers on the Main Altar are given in loving memory of John P., Albina and David Valachovic by Jack and Bonnie Valachovic*



*The flowers on the Columbarium are given in loving memory of Paul Czelusniak By Joe, Heather and Maggie Mello*

Congratulations to our Parish Administrator, Terri Storti on her recent marriage to Jack Smolik over Thanksgiving weekend. We pray for many years of happiness and blessings for them both!

## Music for Today's Service

**Prelude**

**Processional Hymn:**

**Gradual Hymn: 631**  
*Verse 1 & 2 before Gospel*  
*Verse 3 after Gospel*



**Anthem: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"**  
- Gustav Holst

**Communion Hymns: 462 & 464**  
**(Red Hymnal)**

**Recessional Hymn: 65**

**Postlude**

*Please note: Hymns for today's service are also posted at the front of the Sanctuary.*

### Weekly Finance Update

**November 27- December 3, 2016**

<i>Pledges</i>	<i>Plate</i>
<b>\$2,235.00</b>	<b>\$35.06</b>



## About Communion

**May I receive communion?**

If you are a baptized Christian you are invited to receive communion, no matter what your affiliation.

**May my children receive communion?**

Yes, if they receive communion at their own church. Some parents prefer their children receive first communion instruction prior to taking communion.

**If I choose to receive communion, how is it done?**

The ushers will direct you to the center aisle. The consecrated Bread is received with both hands and carried to the mouth. The consecrated Wine is received lightly grasping the base of the chalice with one hand helping the minister to guide it to our lips and tipping it up until you receive enough.

**What if I don't wish to drink from the common cup?**

You may dip the Bread in the Wine yourself, or leave the Bread in the palm of your hand. The minister with the Cup will pick up the Bread, dip it into the Wine and place it on your tongue.

**Must I receive consecrated Wine?**

No, if you wish to receive only the Bread, simply pass by the station with the chalice, or cross your arms over your chest to let the chalice bearer know.

**What if I choose not to receive communion?**

Then we invite you to receive a blessing at the altar. Kneel at the altar with those receiving communion, and cross your arms over your chest. The priest will give you a simple blessing. You can then stand up and return to your seat.

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## December Events & Happenings



**Sundays, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> after the 10 a.m. service • Childrens' Christmas Pageant Rehearsals** All children are invited to participate in this special pageant to be performed at the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service.

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after the 10 a.m. service • Greening of the Church**  
Help us put up candleholders, wreaths, and greens as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child!



**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> • Cookie Sale to benefit NOAH** The sale replaces the regular coffee hour after the 10:00 service. To participate, please donate 4 dozen cookies. You can drop them off in the office on Friday or bring them the day of the sale. We will wrap them for giving. Cookies are 50 cents each or \$5/dozen. Questions? See Louise Darragh.

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> Blue Christmas Service at St. John's Church at 7 p.m.**  
Join several area churches as we come together to offer a service of light for those who are sad, depressed or who find it difficult to celebrate during this time of year. Grief, loss of employment, mental illness or simply feeling overwhelmed can contribute to a loss of joy or even depression. Please invite someone you know who may benefit from a time of reflection, prayer



*See bulletin insert for complete seasonal schedule of events!*

## Other Upcoming Community Events & Activities

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> • Shine on the Holidays** Schine Memorial Hall, 40 North Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12-3p.m. This festive 3rd Annual Holiday Show includes the unique woodcarvings work of our own Jim Underwood!

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> • Celebration of Music for our Community by the Dream Catchers** 3 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church, 1 W. Montgomery Street.

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> • Octavo Singers Present: Handel's Messiah**  
3:00pm  
Union College Memorial Chapel  
Tickets are available at the door or by visiting octavosingers.com.  
Come... share the music!



## Ministry and Church Information

**St. John's Giving Tree for 2016** Please see the insert for information on how to participate in this year's Giving Tree. Deadline is December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**The Outreach Committee** would like to send our college students, young people just starting out, and those in the military some holiday love! We will be collecting donations for care packages in the Hawkins Room until Dec 6. We'll be packing them Dec. 6 at 4 pm. Please send any names and addresses you would like included to the St. John's office. Many thanks!



**Hat and Mitten Drive** It will be cold outside this winter. Let's help others bundle up and keep warm. Please donate any size new or gently used mittens, hats and scarves to help those in need. Look for the collection box in the Hawkins Room. Contact Pam Miller with any questions or concerns.

**Toys for Tots** Bring a smile to a child's face. Donate a new, unwrapped toy before December 17. St. John's is participating as a collection center, and boxes are set up in the Hawkins Room and the church office.



### Prayer Table Report for Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

Two volunteers prayed for two people who stopped for prayer.

*Prayer volunteers for Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> are:  
Pastor Ed & Skip Beck*

**Pray-ers Needed** We need volunteers for our 2017 prayer table team. We all pray for others every Sunday, before meals, etc. Why not volunteer to pray with a partner on a Wednesday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 for someone in our community who needs that support? If you feel a calling to help others in this way, please see Pam Miller or Mother Laurie.

## Christmas Flowers

If you would like to honor a loved one with a donation for Christmas Flowers, please use the red donation envelope in your bulletin or pick one up in the Narthex or at the office. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the office during the week.

