

December Prayer List

Anne C.	David S.	Jerry	Sandy B.
Arnold	Deb	Karen	Sharon
Bella R.	Diane L.	Katie	Sheldon
Betsy	DJ	Larry P.	Skip
Bob	Donna A.	Laura	Sophia
Bonita M.	Elizabeth	Lester L.	Steve M.
Brian H.	Helen F.	Lisa	Ted M.
Carole	James M.	Nancy G.	Walter M.
Dakota C.	Jean	Rick	Winnie D.
Dan S.	Jeff E.	Ryan	

We pray for those serving in the Military

Ari	Guy H.
Brian M.	Ian S.
Christopher	Matt B.
Connor W.	Michael D.
Dino M.	Ryan R.
Dylan	Will

We pray for...

- The victims of natural disasters
- The inmates at Hale Creek Correctional Facility
- Our NOAH participants
- Those who come to the Prayer Table on Wednesdays
- The young people in recovery groups
- The continued growth of our One Church Street ministries

The flowers on the Main Altar are given in loving memory of Rev. Richard E. Barrett and Constance E. Barrett by The Barrett family & Marc Weiner



Please remember those who cannot attend our services with a card or note.

Audrey Baird
Wells House
201 W. Madison Ave.
Johnstown, NY 12095

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226 W. Madison Ave.
Johnstown, NY 12095

Barbara Skoda
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There are openings January 21, February 4 & April 29 for flowers on the Main Altar and an opening for a wine donation for March 4th. Contact Leslie Buggelyn-Bosworth 518-762-9588 or bozzies4@gmail.com

Hymns for Today's Morning Services

Gradual Hymn: 66
(Verse 1, & 2 before the Gospel)
(Verse 3 & 4 after the Gospel)

Offertory Hymn: 74

Communion Hymn: 72
336

Recessional Hymn: 437



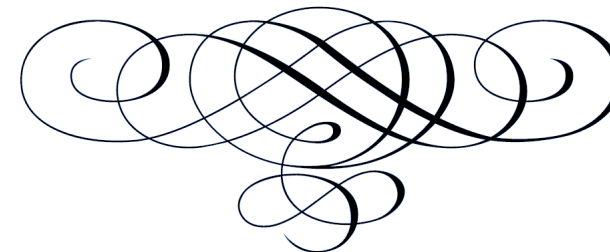
*Please note:
Hymns are also posted at the front of the Sanctuary.*

Weekly Finance Update

Dec. 17-23 2017

Pledges: \$3,355.25

Plate: \$59.00



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 your 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.

December/January Events & Happenings

Christmas Blessings!



Monday, December 25th • Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

- Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26th • Office Closed

- NO Choir Practice



Wednesday, December 27th • NO Bible Study

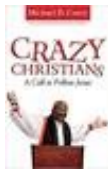
Sunday, December 31st • No Branches Sunday School.

Our next scheduled class is January 14th.

Monday, January 1st & Tuesday, January 2nd • Office Closed

Wednesday, January 3rd • NO Bible Study

Wednesday, January 10th • New Bible Study begins



Are you a Crazy Christian?? Find out in our next Bible Study which begins the second week of January. We will study the book written by our Presiding Bishop of the United States, the Most Rev. Michael Curry. His book is called Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus.

Presiding Bp. Curry will be our guest at the Diocesan Convention in June, which is a great honor for us, and our study will be a good introduction to him. Books can be ordered on Amazon new, used and on Kindle. Let us know if you need a book and prefer that we order it for you. Bible studies are on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Parish Leadership Conferences are open to all members of the parish. This year's theme is "Strengthening Lay Ministries in Our Churches". Registration is necessary, but the conference is free and we will carpool. Two dates are available, but most of us will attend the conference at Christ the King on January 27th, but you may attend either.

January 27th, 2018 at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Greenwich

February 3rd, 2018 at St. James' Oneonta.

Register by calling the office at (518) 762-9210 or emailing Terri at

(4) stjohnschurch@frontiernet.net Let her know if you would like to drive or carpool.

Ministry and Church Information

Prayer Table Update

This week two volunteer sprayed for six people.

Prayer volunteers for Wednesday, December 27th are:

Pastor Brian & Pam Miller



Looking for NOAH Team Members: Start the new year right by starting your own team or joining one already established to help prepare Sunday meals for those who are **Needy Or Alone and Hungry.** Contact Katy Grady for more information or to sign up at mermaids148@hotmail.com or 518-229-2565.

Hats and Mittens: For the month of December, the Outreach Committee is collecting hats and mittens for the Fulton County Mental Health Family Counselling Center



Thank you!

The Outreach Committee extends sincere gratitude to the many St. John's parishioners who made it possible to serve 60 boys, girls, and senior citizens through our Giving Tree, as well as provide five college students with care packages. Rest assured that your generosity has provided hope and encouragement to many.



Our beautiful Christmas tree was donated anonymously in loving memory of William Grady, Jr.

Vestry positions for 2018-2020: As a member of St. John's, is God nudging you to serve in a deeper capacity? Serving on vestry is a privilege that brings you into the heart of the prayerful decision-making of the church. We will need 4 people to stand for vacancies on our vestry. Elections are held at the annual meeting in January. Next week, Vestry forms will be available listing the basic requirements, and nomination forms. Please pray about this.



We extend our deepest sympathy to

*Pat Beck and family
upon the death of
Charles "Skip" Beck*

and

*Diane Rudolph and family
Upon the death of
Lynn Rudolph*

*May light perpetual shine upon Skip and Lynn,
O Lord, and may all the souls of the departed,
through the mercies of God, rest in peace.* (5)