

## January Prayer List

Arnold	Helen F.	Piper
Bella R.	James M.	Rick
Bonita M.	Jean	Ryan
Brian H.	Jerry	Sheldon
Carole	Laura	Skip L.
Dakota C.	Karen	Sophia
Deb	Katie	Walter M.
Diane L.	Kristen & familyl	Winnie D.
DJ	Larry P.	

### 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



*The flowers on the Main Altar are given in memory of Dr. Malcolm McMartin by the McMartin Family*



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

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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

Processional: 119

Gradual Hymn: 135  
*(Verse 1, & 2 before the Gospel)*  
*(Verse 3 after the Gospel)*

Anthem:

Communion Hymns: 112  
128  
333

Recessional Hymn: 616



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



### Weekly Finance Update Dec. 31, 2017 - Jan. 6, 2018

2017 Pledges: \$1,977.00  
Plate: \$53.00

Prepaid 2018 Pledges:  
\$27,660.00

## 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.

## January Events & Happenings

**Today**

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** • Un-greening of the church after the 10:00 service. Helpers needed.

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** • 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.

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** • Branches Sunday School resumes

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** • Annual Meeting immediately after the 10 a.m. service, followed by a Potluck Lunch.

- Vestry elections (4)
- Clerk election (1)
- Elections for Diocesan Convention delegates (3)

**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. Most of us will attend the conference at Christ the King on January 27<sup>th</sup>, but you may attend either. The conferences begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by 4 p.m.

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

February 3rd, 2018 at St. James, Oneonta

Register by signing up in the Hawkins Room, calling the office at (518)762-9210 or emailing Terri at [tjohnschurch@frontiernet.net](mailto:tjohnschurch@frontiernet.net) Let her know if you would like to drive or carpool.

## Ministry and Church Information

### Prayer Table Update

*This week two volunteers prayed for three people.*

*Prayer volunteers for Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> are:*

*Mother Laurie & Frances Alger*



**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](mailto:mermaids148@hotmail.com) or 518-229-2565.

**Hats and Mittens:** For the months of January and February, the Outreach Committee is collecting hats and mittens for the NOAH program.

**In This Week's Diocesan Update (Jan. 3, 2018):**

- Bishop's Appeal
- Dominican Republic Mission Opportunity
- Healing Center Services

For more information, visit the Episcopal Diocese of Albany website at [www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/DiocesanUpdates/index.html](http://www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/DiocesanUpdates/index.html)



## 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.

Vestry nomination forms are available in the Narthex listing the basic requirements.

Please pray about this.