

March Prayer List

Baby Boy	Heidi	Louise
Barbara	Helen	Lynne
Beate	Isabella	Mary Ann
Bella R.	Jen	Maurice
Bonita M.	Joe	Owen M.
Bruce	John Z.	Patrick B. & family
Carol	Joselyn M.	Phyllis
Dan	Karen R.	Robert & Pat
David B.	Kathy & Bruce A.	Sarah
Denise	Kay	Shirl
Dennis	Kerry	Skip L.
Diane	Kristen R. & family	Theresa
Ellen	Larry	Todd P.
Eloise	Linda	Walter M.
Emilia B.	Lisa B.	Winnie D.
Ginger M.	Lori	

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

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

Erika Crear
Fulton Center
847 County Hwy 122
Gloversville, NY 12078

Joan Sayer
Sarah Jane Sanford Home
69 Guy Park Avenue
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Lester Lawyer
Sentinel of Amsterdam
10 Market Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Welcome to St. John's Church!

*May your time spent here in worship
draw you closer to the source
of all light and life
in God through Christ Jesus.*



Coronavirus: A Prayer for Medical Personnel

God of wisdom,
Bless medical scientists and researchers around the world with insight and skill, dedication and fortitude, as they combat coronavirus, so that their work yields knowledge and understanding, speedily finding a vaccine, treatments and deterrents to its spread.

Jesus our healer,
Give to all doctors, nurses and caregivers your spirit of compassion, love and mercy. Help them use their professional skill to minister and treat the sick. Help them also know when to rest, when to step back, when to stay home in order to care for themselves and those they love.

Spirit of life,
Grant public health and government officials the strength to act swiftly and decisively, with compassion and understanding, in service to humankind, fighting this outbreak and other diseases that still plague our planet.

Rock of Ages,
Bring an end to disease and suffering, so that all may know your love and your grace. Amen.

*Wine for the Holy Eucharist
has been donated in loving memory of
Ruth and Russ Henry
by their granddaughters
Jennifer, Mary Beth, Rebecca and Jeanine*



We pray for

- The inmates at Hale Creek Correctional Facility & Fulton County Jail
- All people in Recovery Groups
- An end to the global pandemic
- Vibrant vision and guidance for the development of One Church Street

We pray for those serving in the Military

Amanda	Dino M.	Michael D.
Ari	Dylan	Nicholas B.
Ben P.	Ian S.	Ryan R.
Brian M.	Matt B.	Stephen S.
(4) Christopher	Matthew W.	

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.

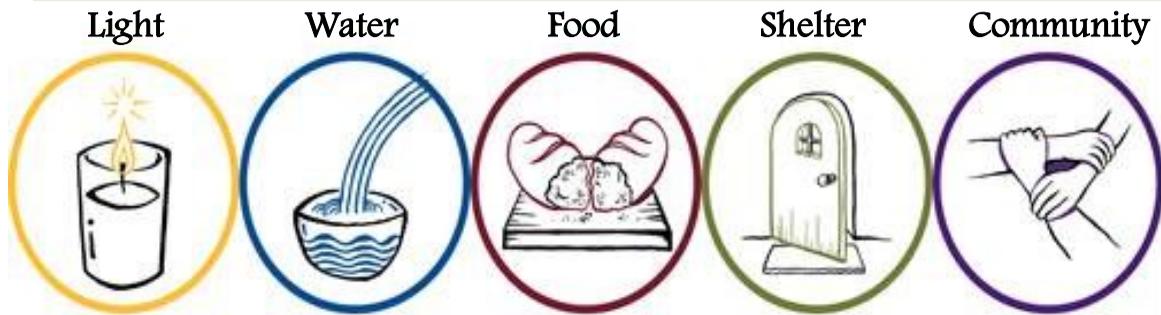
Must I receive consecrated Wine?

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.

Upcoming Events, Meetings & Happenings



In order to continue our Sunday Lenten Study, you can go to the Signs of Life webpage at www.signsoflife.org

To view individual videos, click below, or paste into your browser:

Light www.signsoflife.org/light

Water www.signsoflife.org/water

Food www.signsoflife.org/food

Shelter www.signsoflife.org/shelter

Community www.signsoflife.org/community

Questions & meditation practices for this week

Watch the video about Shelter, one of our Lenten topics, and then use these meditation questions to go deeper: In this video, The Rev. Becky Zartman is in conversation with Brs. Geoffrey Tristram, Jim Woodrum, David Vryhof and Nicholas Bartoli to discuss Shelter.

Questions for Meditation

The SSJE Rule notes that “God’s boundless welcome is something we already enjoy here and now in the Eucharist.” What parts of the liturgy feel to you like coming home?

As humans, we need shelter to survive. Once our physical needs are met, we long for a different type of shelter. Where do you feel most at home?

Practice:

- This week, when you return to the place where you feel most at home, pay attention to what you set down or let go of. How do you settle in?

<https://www.signsoflife.org/shelter/>

Corner

Volunteer

Prayer Table Update

Mother Laurie prayed for four people this week. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Pam Miller.



NOAH Partner needed! Managing NOAH is a big job for one person! Anna Holland is looking for a partner to help share some of the administrative responsibilities such as updating reports and writing thank you notes. Text or call Anna at 914-391-6752 or call the office at 518-762-9210 to learn more.

NOAH Volunteers: We are continuing to provide a meal on Sundays, but for take-out only. Everyone’s safety is important. Please contact your team leader for more information.

Food Pantry: We are now working out of the new space at One Church Street and will be open on Wednesdays only for morning hours. Some volunteers may not feel safe working during this pandemic. If you are unable to work your normal hours, it is perfectly understandable, but please contact Roger Rhodes at 518-256-5766 so we can make other arrangements.

★ Star Stories: How has your Epiphany Star affected your life? Have you made any changes, seen God’s hand at work, received answers to prayer or noticed God challenging you in regard to your ‘star word’? We need at least 6 people to tell ‘star stories’ in church during the season of Easter (after Lent). If you would like to be one of those people, please let Mother Laurie know.

Office of Mental Health Emotional Support Line: 1-844-863-9314

The Emotional Support Line provides free and confidential support, helping callers experiencing increased anxiety due to the coronavirus emergency. The Help Line is staffed by volunteers, including mental health professionals, who have received training in crisis counseling.