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Ogdensburg, New

St. John's Church—The Eagle

Words From the Wardens

At our service on May 19th, the gospel reading from St. John recounted the final instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples at the end of the Last Supper: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another”. (John 13:34 ESV). Love is a frequent theme in John’s writings. The word appears 57 times in his gospel, more than in the other three gospels combined.

St. Jerome, who lived in the 4th and 5th centuries and was most famous for translating the Bible into Latin, spent the last years of his life writing commentaries on the Scriptures. Reflecting on Paul’s letter to the Galatians, he tells a story of a time when John was very old and feeble and living in Ephesus. Other Christians would carry him to the church and those present would defer to him for preaching. Time and time again, he would simply say “Little children, love one another”. When asked why he didn’t use the opportunity to say more, he is said to have replied, “because it is enough”.

On May 13th, the Vestry met with the Diocesan Transition Officer, Mtr. Elizabeth Papazoglakis. We have much work ahead. We are at the very beginning of our search. We will keep you as informed as we are able. Please understand that there is a level of confidentiality in the process that we must respect. No news about the search does not mean nothing is happening; we expect to be very busy.

In the meantime, we will continue as we have been – a church community that gathers under the very name of St. John the Evangelist. As wardens, we are called to fulfill the leadership role that usually is provided by the Rector. Others continue to offer leadership in the same areas they always have but questions, concerns, the need for

decisions - these fall to the Wardens.

We need to communicate with one another, to ask, not assume, to support one another, to maintain, or even build up, all that is special about St. John's. But above all, we need to love one another, as Christ loved us. If we do that, it will be enough.

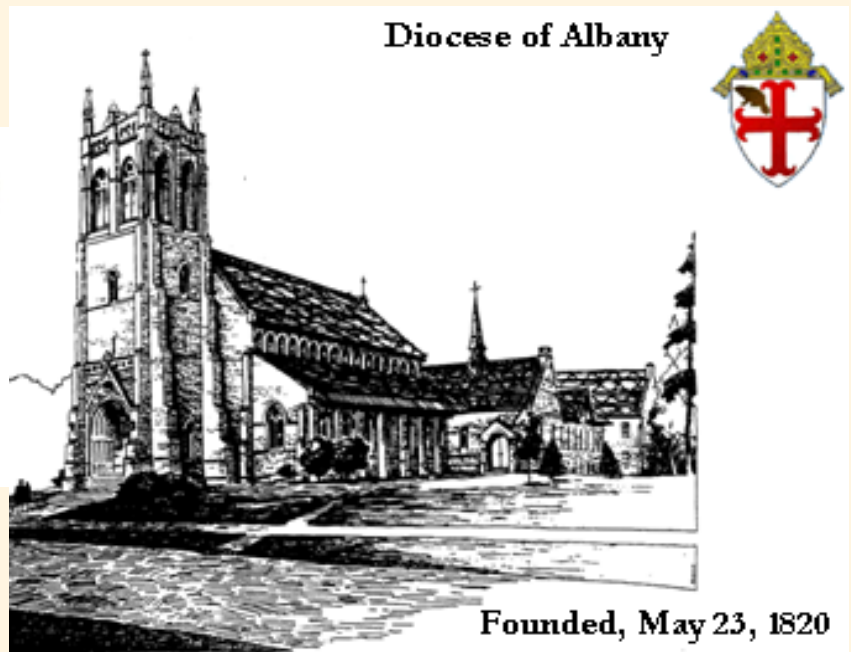
Sincerely,

Nancy Alzo and Eric Warner, Wardens

THE
Episcopal
CHURCH



of St. John's



WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday:	9:00 am	Holy Eucharist—Main Church
	9:00 am	Children's Chapel and Nursery
Thursday:	9:30 am	Healing Mass—Parish Hall
	10:30 am	Bible Study & Refreshments to follow



June

6/2	Michael Dishaw
6/3	Eliana Dwyer
6/6	Charlene Althiser
6/7	Fred Bush
6/9	Sharon Bush
6/10	Sarah Griffith
6/12	Abigail Hampson
	Alyssa Hampson
	Erin Hampson
6/15	Scarlett Friot
6/16	Lance Ladouceur
6/17	Michael O'Donnell
	Richard O'Donnell
	Angela Dwyer
	Andy Wells
6/19	Art Hastings
6/21	Chloe Best
6/27	Rozalyn Dwyer
6/29	Edna Perrault

July

7/2	Storm Cilley
	Robert Sovie
7/7	Pat Stanton
7/9	Joseph Sovie
7/10	Tom Newtown
7/11	Jack Logan
7/13	Kim Cilley
	Carol Ritz
7/14	Kiera Warner
7/15	Art Garno
7/18	Eric Warner
	Bailey Friot
	Imogene Wager
	Angela Davis
7/19	Fran Burdick Jr.
7/22	Nettie Palmer

In Loving Memory

Weekly

Altar Flowers/Broadcast

If you would like to donate towards weekly Sunday flowers, the broadcast or a candle contact the church office.

Flowers -\$15.00

Broadcast - \$25.00

Available Dates:

Flowers - All dates open for the year

Broadcast - June 2,9,23,30

July 7,14,21



June Anniversaries

6/06	John & Candace Storey
6/21	Jeffrey & Karen Hampson
6/26	Ronald & Sharon Ritchie
6/28	Corey & Jacqueline Davison
6/29	Gus & Beverly Becker
6/30	Fred & Sharon Bush

July Anniversaries

7/3	Fred & Lee Perrin
7/7	Eric & Kiera Warner
7/21	Vicky & John Woodard
7/28	Barbara & Malcolm Robinson

St. John's Church History Corner

St. John's Church Bicentennial History – Nancy Alzo

The First St. John's Church

Samuel Ogden, the original land owner in Oswegatchie, wrote to the Bishop of New York as early as 1804 to seek support for establishing an Episcopal Church in the new settlement. He even arranged for Bishop Moore to send a shipment of Episcopal prayer books to the village. In 1816, his brother David funded the building of an Episcopal church in Waddington with the support of Trinity Church in New York City.

The area was visited by its first known Episcopal missionary, Daniel Nash, in 1816 but it was the arrival of missionary Amos Baldwin in 1818 that brought some regularity to the availability of Episcopal services in Ogdensburg.

In 1820, when David and George Parish donated the lot on Caroline Street and St. John's was then incorporated, Amos Baldwin was listed as the Rector, but he left barely 5 months later. St. John's then called Lawson Carter as its new Rector. "The work of erecting a building at Ogdensburg went rapidly forward" under Lawson's guidance. The Bishop of New York, John Henry Hobart visited in 1821 and reported "a handsome stone edifice...is in considerable forwardness". ⁽¹⁾ The first services in the church were held on October 13, 1822.

A special issue of The Quarterly of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association outlined the architectural history of the early churches in the county. St. John's "first church" is described as follows:

It is the first church of St. John the Evangelist in Ogdensburg...that we encounter our first reflection in St Lawrence County of the Gothic-Federalist style illustrated by Trinity Church in New York [City]. Built between 1821-22, St John's was also one of the largest examples in America of the Trinity type, a masonry box of impressive scale and relatively low, wide proportions, capped by a canonical Gothic-Federalist tower. ⁽²⁾



Carter left St. John's in 1824. The Vestry took action to build a rectory behind the church in 1825. There followed a series of rectors until the Rev. Hewlett Peters was called in 1840. He remains the longest serving Rector at St. John's, retiring in 1871 but remaining as Rector Emeritus until 1882.

In 1843, the church was repaired and enlarged under the leadership, and with the financial support, of Henry Van Rensselaer, who also was a warden. With the increase in size, the tower was carried up to a proportional height.

In 1857, the church was again enlarged by adding a transept on the southern side. The cost was met by the sale of the additional pews.

In 1869, the church was again determined to be too small and in need of major repair leading to the decision to demolish this original building and erect a new church.

1. DeMille, George E. A History of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, 1704-1923. Philadelphia: Church Historical Society, 1946.
2. The Quarterly. Canton, NY: St. Lawrence County Historical Association. V. 37, no. 4 (Fall 1992). p. 9.

OUR CHURCH HISTORY



Upcoming Events for June and July

(some information may be subject to change – for up-to-date information,
please check our web site www.stjohnsogdensburg.org)

June 7th – 9th Diocese of Albany Annual Convention

June 10th @ 6 pm - Vestry Meeting

June 13th @ 10 am - Parish Life Meeting

June 23 - St. John's family picnic

June 25th 9 am - 11:30 am – Food Pantry Distribution

July 8th @ 6 pm – Vestry Meeting

July 9th @ 6 pm – VBS Meeting

July 11th @ 10 am – Parish Life Meeting

July 13th @ 9 am – Daughters of the King

July 30th 9 am - 11:30 am – Food Pantry Distribution

PICNIC

June 23rd will mark the beginning of summer at St. John's – the last Sunday with Choir and Sunday School. Please join us for our annual picnic after the service.



Coffee Hour Hosts

We all enjoy our fellowship time after Sunday Service. We always need people who are willing to host. Please see Rose Sovie for information or to sign up. You can always find her after church...at Coffee Hour!



Pentecost Sunday coincides with the Diocesan Convention this year. St. John's will have Morning Prayer at our usual time of 9 am. St. Paul's Waddington is invited to attend this service. Fr. Art Garno will celebrate the Eucharist at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's in Waddington to mark this important day in the life of the Church.



The dates for food pantry distributions this summer are Tuesday, June 25th Tuesday, July 30th and Tuesday, August 27th.

As always, donations of suitable, non-perishable food and money in support of this ministry are welcome.

St. John's Conservatory Theater

An Intermission

St. John's Conservatory Theater is, after 5 glorious years, taking a well-deserved break. In the meantime, SJCT needs your help. Our theatre is stuffed with wonderful creations from our past productions, and the Storey's have graciously offered their garage as a temporary storage facility. If you have a truck, that would be particularly helpful. We need a small group of folks to help pack and transport our props, set pieces, and costumes to Heuvelton. We also have a stage stored at the Dwyer's garage and need that transported as well. Please see list for sign-up or speak with R. O'Donnell and John Storey.

A Final Bow

SJCT's Christopher Dwyer has stepped down from his post as Technical Director and Production Coordinator. We thank him for his invaluable talents and his time and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

A Round of Applause

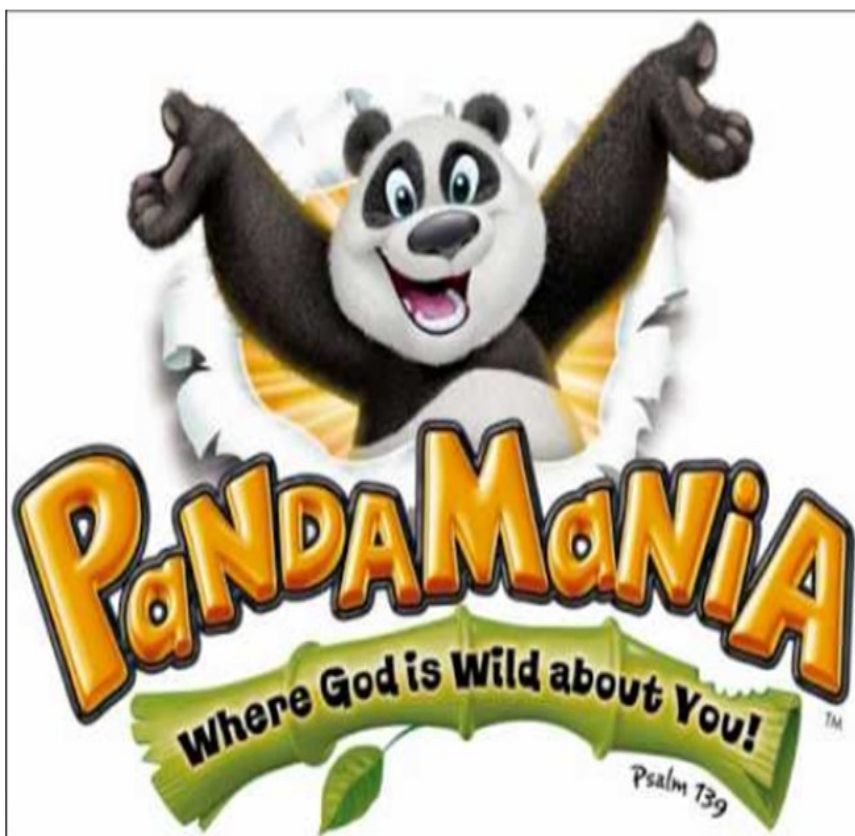
We are pleased to announce that John Storey is now our acting General Manager. Bravo!



ALL AGES, ALL KIDS
WELCOME!!



BRING A FRIEND!



Vacation Bible

School at St.

John's will be held August 5th through 9th. It is going to be a wild time with songs, stories, crafts, games and snacks. Applications will be available from the office or online at stjohnsogdensburg.org in July.

All children are welcome to attend. Spread the word. We are going to have a ton of fun.

Questions? Please see Donna Logan.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

— any amount of time you can give is extremely helpful



Leadership

This is a brief list of people and activities/areas that they take leadership in. If you have a question, you can reach out to our Parish Administrator in the office, Jeannette Perrault. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 am to noon and the phone is 315-393-5470. Up-to-date information is also available 24/7 on our website www.stjohnsogdensburg.org

Wardens – Nancy Alzo and Eric Warner

Vestry – Art Hastings, Richard O'Donnell, Andy Wells, Doug Rose, John Storey, Donna Burdick

Parish Administrator – Jeannette Perrault

Treasurer – Eric Warner

Property Committee Chair – Ron Ritchie

Custodian – Mike Calton – Assistant – Steven Chambers

LEMs and Acolytes – Sally Palao, Verger

Altar Guild – Donna Logan and Nancy Alzo

Organist – Eric Warner

Music Director – Angela Conzone Dwyer

Readers, Ushers, Greeters – Eric Warner

Church School – Carolyn Grigg

Daughters of the King – Arlene Monell

Prayer Chain – Arlene Monell

Parish Life – Donna Logan

Coffee Hour – Rose Sovie

Funeral Receptions – Donna Burdick and Arlene Monell

Parish Nurse – Judy Gray

Vacation Bible School – Donna Logan and Donna Burdick

St. John's Conservatory Theater (SJCT) – Richard O'Donnell

Website – Nancy Alzo

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Staff: Michael Calton, Dir. Grounds and Maintenance

Steve Chambers, Assoc. Sexton

Jeannette Perrault, Parish Administrator

Eric Warner, Chief Financial Officer

Angela Dwyer, Choir Director

Eric Warner, Organist