



# THE Cornerstone

## April 2017

Newsletter of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church  
107 State Street, Albany, New York

### From the Rector

#### Catching Glory

The one thing about baseball that amazes me most is the catcher. I think of the speed of that ball and the glove intercepting such velocity. Any catcher must be open to receiving the full force of the pitch and not flinch. In the off-season, it is said that pitchers can get a bit rusty. As a result, in early pre-season training, it takes even more courage to squat behind the plate. If you can't take it coming right at you, you had better consider another career.

When I think about Easter morning, I think about the force of glory coming from the tomb as our Lord is raised to Life. There is something to be said for the Easter bulletin covers that show light bursting gloriously forth from the opening of the tomb. And the catcher? It was first the women. Even as mediated by angels, it was for them as intense as it gets.

Catching glory. Think also about the other disciples catching such glory. We could say they were all a bit like the catchers in pre-season training. They received the full and wildest glory of all. As the Church has moved through the centuries, such glory seems more under control and not in a good way. We might even feel at times that we have entered the minor leagues of glory.

But thanks be to God, each year Easter comes around like the opening of the season. We are invited again to the full force of the glory. We are asked to open ourselves up to what seems like the wildest pitch of all. We can quite rightly feel, as St. Paul wrote, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Yet ready we must be.

Ready for what? To catch glory. Our vocation as Christians is to catch glory. We will first need not to flinch at the force or expect softballs. Of course, we are "not sufficient for these things." But neither were the women or other disciples. We just need to stay put and take the pitch. It leads only to abiding joy.

This Easter, let's be at the plate open to the glory coming at us. Also, let us be humbled by those first catchers. Not only did they receive the Good News of the Risen Lord, they caught the glory head-on -- glory beyond all imagining with abiding joy.

Glove ready?

Blessed and Glorious Easter,

Fr. Hartt+



## From the Associate Rector

This April seems a confused month to me...we are bouncing from winter to spring (with the recent snow melt not yet complete) and are also bouncing from Lent through Holy Week to Easter! In fact, the two have much in common.

Winters are times of quiet, darkness, nesting, and reflection. With Spring, the outdoor beckons, light increases and we are eager to go out and do (rather than think or plan about it). The same could be said of the Lent and Easter seasons. During Lent we quiet ourselves for true reflection and repentance (acknowledging the darkness in our lives) and ready ourselves spiritually for Easter which proclaims light, life and celebrating our Lord Jesus' triumph. If Lent is the time for reflection in darkness, Easter is certainly the time for the triumphal light to burst forth.

Much of our Christian lives move between these two spheres of Lent and Easter. One day we might be mourning the death of a loved one and the next day rejoicing in the birth of a new child. Our entire life is filled with these pivotal moments of valleys to mountaintops, and unfortunately, mountaintops are rare at times.

Our Women's Lenten study focused on the stories of eight women who suffered greatly for their Christian faith. The suffering was real and was also terrible which made the reading material difficult to grapple with. Yet through it all, God worked in mighty ways increasing faith, performing miracles, saving lives and using these women even in their desperate circumstance; often because of their desperate circumstances. I was reminded, time and time again, to look for God's glory through the suffering.

In fact, recently I preached centering on one section from Paul's Letter to the Roman's in which he said: "we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:2b-5)

In short, suffering is not the end of the story when it is used by God. Under suffering, when one chooses to endure through it rather than attempt to flee from it, their character changes – it is developed – and not only clings to but looks for the hope to come....hope for the good to come – hope we believe in because it has been promised to us.

So Lent in itself must never be the end of the story....Lent must always propel us forward through Holy Week, with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and also his agony in the Garden – Holy Week mountaintops and valleys – that lead us always to Easter – to the other side of the Cross and Tomb – from darkness to light and from death to life, because we are promised and are ever looking for that hope and life only found in our Savior Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remember this in your lives. Remember this when you are in a valley in your life – or on a mountaintop in your life – that God can use it all to bring His glory to us when we are fixated and looking for that hope. When in the darkness, know and expect the light to cast it out. When in the valley, know and expect to rise to the mountaintop. When suffering abounds, know and expect God's glory to triumph. It is our Easter story and thus our Easter lives for Him who died and rose victoriously again, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Eastertide Blessings, Mtr. Sue+



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 9th: **Palm Sunday**

~ 8:30AM Holy Communion Service

~ 10:30AM Choral Holy Communion Service

April 10th: **Monday in Holy Week**

~ 12:05PM Noon Holy Communion

April 11th: **Tuesday in Holy Week**

~ 12:05PM Noon Holy Communion

April 12th: **Wednesday in Holy Week**

~ 12:05PM Noon Holy Communion

April 13th: **Maundy Thursday**

~ 7:30PM Holy Communion,

Stripping of the Altar

April 14th: **Good Friday**

~ 12:00PM Liturgy;

1:00PM ~ *The St. Matthew Passion* by

J. S. Bach performed by The St. Peter's Choir

with Chamber Orchestra

April 15th: **Holy Saturday**

~ 8:00AM Service;

11:00AM Egg Hunt at the Rectory

April 16th: **Easter Sunday**

~ 8:30AM & 10:30AM ~

Choral Holy Communion Services

**Chrism Mass** at The Cathedral of All Saints is Monday, April 10th. At this service, Bishop Love blesses the oil used by our church and the clergy of the Diocese renew their ordination vows. All members of St. Peter's and the Diocese of Albany are invited to attend the service beginning at 6:00pm.

### Lenten Quiet Day

We will be holding our Lenten Quiet Day on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> following the 10:30am service. We will begin with lunch in the second floor Parish Hall (thank you members of the Daughters of the King for providing the luncheon items!). We will then return to the sanctuary for a series of meditations and end at 3:30. All are welcome to join us.

**Good Friday:** Following the noon service, the choir will sing the *St. Matthew Passion* by J. S. Bach accompanied by a chamber orchestra.

### The Passion in Bach's time

The oratorio Passion, in which a Biblical Passion narrative is embellished with freely composed verse and hymns, was familiar in north German cities since the mid 17th century. In Leipzig, where Bach worked, the use of this type of music for Good Friday services was adopted in 1721, two years before Bach's arrival.

Bach's St. Matthew Passion was first performed at the Good Friday Vespers service in 1727. This service took the following form, varying little from year to year:

Hymn: "When Jesus hung upon the cross"

Part I of the Passion

Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, be present now"

Sermon, lasting one hour or longer

Part II of the Passion

Motet: A setting of Isaiah 57:1-12 by Jacob Handl

Prayer

Biblical verse (Isaiah 53:5)

Hymn: "Now thank we all our God"

The preacher traditionally combined commentary on the Passion with a meditation on each event, often in vivid and pictorial poetry in the first person - the same sort of verse that was set to music in Bach's Passion arias.

The impact was heightened by the fact that no music using voices and instruments had been heard in the Leipzig churches since before Ash Wednesday.



### Easter Lily Requests

Parishioners and friends wishing to place lilies on the altars at Easter to honor, show thanks, or remember loved ones are asked to complete the form from your March Newsletter and return it to the church office with your donation no later than Palm Sunday, April 9th. The suggested donation is \$25.

# Adult Education

## Outreach

The April Outreach meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at 4:30pm. Please join us to learn about Outreach ministries and hospitality events being planned!

## Co-Ed Discovery Bible Study

Mother Sue and Fr. Hartt jointly facilitate Discovery Bible Study for men and women. The study continues to meet on Wednesdays at 6PM through April 5th. Discovery Bible Study is a very different kind of Bible study. If you have ever wanted a practical, "real life" mode of Bible study, this is it. The sessions are strictly one hour in length. Your clergy appreciate that time is pressing during the week and this method of study lends itself to a substantive hour. DBS is a powerful tool for faith formation. Your clergy promise that DBS speaks concretely to your daily life. The DBS group gathers in the Vestry Room. Tea and coffee are served.



## Women's Bible Study

Join the Women of the Church as we read and discuss *Hearts of Fire: Eight Women of the Underground Church and their Stories of Costly Faith*; on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. The group meets in the Pumpelly Room for 8 consecutive weeks (2/14-4/4/17). The book costs \$12.00. Please let Mother Sue know that you would like a copy of the book.

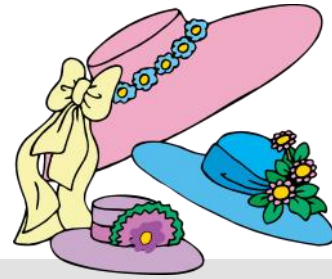
## Crop Walk

Save the Date - Sunday May 7th! The Albany Crop Walk is one of the largest in our nation and raises funds for both local and national food programs. Locally, it supports the Capital District Food Pantries. Now is the time to begin collecting sponsors. Please see Tim Murphy, St. Peter's Recruiter, this month for more information. We hope you will walk with us or consider sponsoring the St. Peter's team!



## Vestry Meeting

The April Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at 5:15pm.



## Spring Tea

Our Annual Spring Tea will be on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> following the 10:30am service. Each year, this event raises funds for a worthy cause, with this year's proceeds to benefit the choir's trip to Chichester England this summer, hence our theme "Hats Off to England"! Please see Judy Burns if you can help donate baked items or sponsor a gift basket for the raffle.



## St. Peter's Angels Softball Team

The Angels' 12th season will begin on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Games will still be played only on Sunday afternoons, and again this year they're part of the Empire State Sunday Softball League. Anyone interested in playing should contact Pete Benson at 269-1293. Their Annual Pass-the-Cap Fund-raiser Coffee Hour will be held in the near future. The game fields and schedule will be posted as soon as they are finalized.

## Flower Memorials

During the year, our Flower Guild arranges flowers to bring beauty to our sanctuary and joy to our congregation. Those wishing to make a donation for flowers for a memorial, thanksgiving or celebration should call the Church Office to confirm available dates. During Advent, we use only greens; during Lent, the altars are bare. Other Sundays, we welcome contributions. Cost of flowers: Main Altar is \$50, St. Mark's Altar is \$35, and the Tower Altar is also \$35. All requests are payable in advance.

## Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Are you looking to increase your religious experience? We are looking for members of St. Peter's who might be interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister. Experience the joy of serving God by assisting at both the Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharistic Sunday Services. If interested please call the parish office at 434-3502.



# Youth Formation & Sunday School

Hello to all and Happy Spring ~

We have lots planned in the St Peter's Sunday School....so please mark your calendars



**Sunday April 2nd:** We will have a reenactment of the Last Supper, this will include the story of Jesus and his disciples, washing of our feet and taking part in the Most Holy Bread and Wine (juice). Please come and take part in this wonderful activity.

**Sunday April 9th:** The children of the Sunday School will be coloring over 700 hard boiled eggs, so please make sure the children are dressed in old clothes, smocks are available

**Saturday April 15th:** The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Rectory, 8 Loudon Heights South, Loudonville, NY 12211 at 11:00 am sharp ~ rain, shine or snow ! Refreshments will be served.

**April 16th:** Easter Help us find Alleluia

## YOUTH SUNDAY / CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

### **Sunday, April 30th during the 10:30AM Service**

On the last Sunday of each month we invite the children of our parish to take special part at the 10:30AM service. The teens fill important roles during the service in the Sanctuary. Additionally, we offer **Children's Chapel** for our youngest members. In lieu of our traditional Sunday School offering, pre-Confirmation youth and Sunday School teachers celebrate a Youth Eucharist in the Pumpelly Room during the service. Children begin worship with the parents in the main Sanctuary and following the first reading the children are invited to process into Children's Chapel for their own Gospel message, homily and instructed Eucharist service. Please speak to Fr. Hartt or Mtr. Sue if your child would like to have a special role during an upcoming Youth Sunday.

## TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

TNL is Beaver Cross Ministries' live stream Bible Study. TNL airs every Tuesday night from 7:00pm-7:30pm. Our theme for the spring is "That You May Have Life: Jesus Purposeful Plan of Redemption." Through this series we will be focusing on the intentional, sovereign, saving work of Christ in our lives and the world! This live stream will allow youth groups from across the region, and even around the world, to tune in and study the word of God together in an interactive online experience! Sign up or access more information here: <http://www.beavercrossministries.org/tuesday-night-live.html>

## St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen (a.k.a. Angels in Training)

On the 3rd Saturday of each month (April 15th) we invite you to join Laura Rulison and others from St. Peter's to prepare and serve lunch at this Episcopal church on Clinton Avenue, Albany. Generally, over 100 adults and children come for lunch therefore many hands mean light work! Please call Laura for information or to let her know you are coming at 368-4284.

## Spring Break Camp

WHEN: April 17th - 21st  
DROP-OFF: 7:30AM for breakfast or  
8:00AM Regular  
PICK-UP: Between 5:00PM & 5:30PM  
PRICE: \$150 for the week  
\$25 to add breakfast  
BRING: a jacket and clothes to play outside in,  
plus a water bottle-- we'll be outside!

More information may be accessed at:  
<http://www.beavercrossministries.org>

### *Jelly Bean Prayer*

*Red is for the blood He gave,  
Green is for the grass He made,  
Yellow is for the sun so bright,  
Orange is for the edge of night.  
Black is for the sins that were made,  
White is for the grace He gave.  
Purple is for the hour of sorrow,  
Pink is for the new tomorrow.  
A bag full of jelly beans,  
Colorful and sweet,  
Is a Prayer...is a Promise...  
Is an Easter treat!*

## Youth Summer Camp

The 53rd year of Beaver Cross Ministries Overnight or Day Camp are receiving registrations or you may pick up a form at the church office, or register online at [www.beavercrosscamps.org](http://www.beavercrosscamps.org).

## OVERNIGHT CAMP

Dates	Session	Grades	Regular Rate	Sibling Rate
Sun. July 2-Fri. July 7	Discoverers	3rd-5th	\$490	\$410
Wed. July 5-Fri. July 7	Beaver Bound	K-2nd	\$170	\$140
Sun. July 9-Fri. July 14	Adventurers I	6th-8th	\$490	\$410
Fri. July 14-Sun. July 16	Adventurers Weekend	6th-8th	\$100	\$100
Sun. July 16-Fri. July 21	Adventurers II	6th-8th	\$490	\$410
Sun. July 23-Fri. July 28	Pioneers I	9th-12th	\$490	\$410
Fri. July 28-Sun. July 30	Pioneers Weekend	9th-12th	\$100	\$100
Sun. July 30-Fri. August 4	Pioneers II	9th-12th	\$490	\$410



## DAY CAMP

Dates	Grades	Session	Regular Rate	Sibling Rate
Mon. July 3-Fri. July 7	K-8	DC 1	\$255	\$220
Mon. July 10-Fri. July 14	K-8	DC 2	\$255	\$220
Mon. July 17-Fri. July 21	K-8	DC 3	\$255	\$220
Mon. July 24-Fri. July 28	K-8	DC 4	\$255	\$220
Mon. July 31-Fri. Aug. 4	K-8	DC 5	\$255	\$220
Mon. Aug. 7-Fri. Aug. 11	K-8	DC 6	\$255	\$220
Mon. Aug. 14-Fri. Aug. 18	K-8	DC 7	\$255	\$220
Mon. Aug. 21-Fri. Aug. 25	K-8	DC 8	\$255	\$220

## Volunteer Schedules

We wish to thank our volunteers for their service to St. Peter's. If you would like to volunteer, please call Kristin at the church office (518) 434-3502. The blanks below indicate areas of need.

	<u>April 2, 2017</u>	<u>April 9, 2017</u>	<u>April 16, 2017</u>	<u>April 23, 2017</u>	<u>April 30, 2017</u>
<b><u>8:30am Lectors</u></b>	Gordon Lattey John Sterrett	Gordon Lattey Robert Hull	Gordon Lattey John Davis	Gordon Lattey Ray Roohan	Gordon Lattey Michele Vennard
<b><u>10:30am Lectors</u></b>	Sharon DeBonis Jack Ratzel	Maria Holden Tim Murphy	Edith Allen Terry Flannery	Cathy Connors Fred Hershey	Youth Sunday
<b><u>Flower Guild</u></b>	Altars Bare	Jeffery Hartt/All	Jeffery Hartt/All	Sherry Bishko	Catherine Gabriels
<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>					
<b><u>8:30am Ushers</u></b>	Clark Daggett Fred Lincoln	Bernie Burnell John Davis	Clark Daggett or Fred Lincoln John Sterrett	Robert Hull Teddy Hull	Clark Daggett Fred Lincoln
<b><u>10:30am Ushers</u></b>	Sharon DeBonis Julie Hotmer Drao George Saide Catherine Schunk	William Collins Kevin Creagan Jack Ratzel Jeff Russom	Sherry Bishko Moses Kanya Frank Spath	Lawrence Everett Chris Grill Mark Lundberg Michele Lundberg	William Collins Kevin Creagan Jeff Russom Frank Spath
<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>		John Davis Barbara Kelly	John Davis	Diana Martin	Pam Gerfin
<b><u>Lutheran Shelter Dinners</u></b>			-----	-----	-----

### Church Chuckles!

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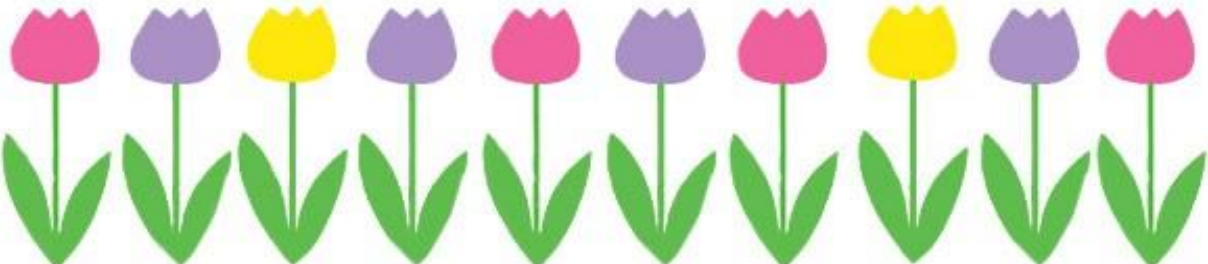
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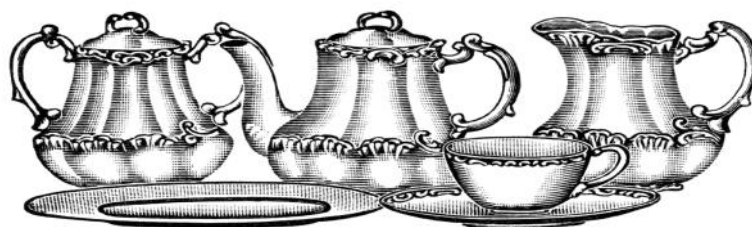
OH WOULDN'T YOU JUST KNOW IT ... AS  
SOON AS WE START OUR FAST THEY THROW US  
THIS TASTY LOOKING GUY

# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
<b>2 Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion 12:00pm - Lenten Program	<b>3</b> 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 1:00pm - Friends of St. Peter's 3:00pm - Women's Bible Study	<b>5</b> 8:45am - Top of t 12:05pm - Holy C 6:00pm - Discover
<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion	<b>10 Holy Monday</b> 12:05pm - Holy Communion 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal w/ Orchestra	<b>11 Holy Tuesday</b> 12:05pm - Holy Communion 1:00pm - Friends of St. Peter's 4:30pm - Outreach Meeting 5:15pm - Vestry Meeting	<b>12 Holy Wednesday</b> 8:45am - Top of t 12:05pm - Holy C
<b>16 Easter Sunday</b> 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion	<b>17</b> Office Closed No Treble Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 1:00pm - Friends of St. Peter's	<b>19</b> 8:45am - Top of t 12:05pm - Holy C
<b>23 The Second Sunday of Easter</b> 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer Spring Tea Following 10:30am service	<b>24</b> 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 1:00pm - Friends of St. Peter's	<b>26</b> 8:45am - Top of t 12:05pm - Noon
<b>30 The Third Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Youth Sunday</b> 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer w/ Children's Chapel			



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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the Hill Communion Bible Study	6 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir	7 12:30pm - Organ Concert 5:45pm - Evensong	8
Wednesday the Hill Communion	13 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 5:30pm - Full Choir 7:30pm - Holy Communion with stripping of the Altar	14 <b>Good Friday</b> 12:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy 1:00pm - <i>St. Matthew Passion</i>	15 <b>Holy Saturday</b> 8:00am - Holy Saturday Service 11:00am - Easter Egg Hunt at the Rectory
the Hill Communion	20 No Choir Rehearsal	21 12:30pm - Organ Concert	22
the Hill Day Prayer	27 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir	28 12:30pm - Organ Concert	29
			



## SAVE THE DATE!

*Friday and Saturday, May 19-20, 2017*

*For the Choir's*

## ART & VINTAGE SALE\*

Opening Reception & Early Sale

*for Church Members & Friends Only*

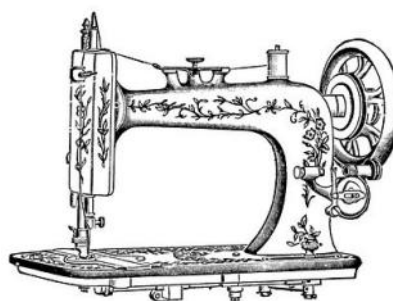
Friday, May 19 ♦ 5:30-8:00 PM ♦ The Pumpelly Room

Public sale continues Saturday, May 20 ♦ 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

All proceeds support the Choir's trip to Chichester Cathedral

*\*We welcome your donations of house wares, artwork,  
nice linens, collectibles, china, silver & other choice items.  
Donations may be dropped off at Church starting May 1, 2017.*

*Pick up services are also available. Please contact Maria Holden at [msholden1@aol.com](mailto:msholden1@aol.com) or  
755-5337 if you have any questions. Details to follow!*



## St. Peter's Music

### FRIDAY NOONTIME ORGAN CONCERTS

Free half-hour recitals each Friday at 12:30pm

## CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are on the following schedule:

Mondays: 5:00pm - 6:15pm Trebles

Thursdays: 5:00pm - 6:30pm Trebles

5:30pm - 7:00pm Adult choristers

Sundays: 9:30am rehearsal for the 10:30am service

Please contact Neil Keen for more information at  
[stpmus@gmail.com](mailto:stpmus@gmail.com) or 339-0137.

### Composer of the Month - Will C. Macfarlane (1870-1945)

The composer of the Canticle "Christ, our Passover," which our choir sings traditionally on Easter Sunday. It was written in 1906 in a stirring Victorian style. Macfarlane was born in London in 1870, and his family moved to New York City when he was 4 years old. One of the founders of the American Guild of Organists, he served as Organist and Choirmaster at St Thomas Church in New York around 1912, before the founding of the now-famous choir school. A few of his choral compositions gained popularity, with "Christ, our Passover" earning particular fame. It is still sung at St. Thomas at Easter time.

Macfarlane went on to become Municipal Organist of Portland, Maine and continued to compose for voices and for organ.

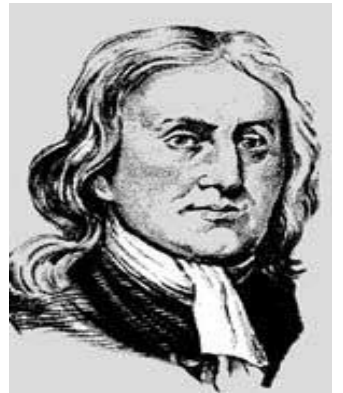


## Saint of the Month Club

### William Law

*Priest, 1761*

**Prayer:** O God, by whose grace thy servant William Law, enkindled with the fire of thy love, became a burning and shining light in thy Church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and may ever walk before thee as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



"If we are to follow Christ, it must be in our common way of spending every day. If we are to live unto God at any time or in any place, we are to live unto him in all times and in all places. If we are to use anything as the gift of God, we are to use everything as his gift." So wrote William Law in 1728 in *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*.

This quiet schoolmaster of Putney, England, could hardly be considered a revolutionary, yet his book had near-revolutionary repercussions. His challenge to take Christian living very seriously received more enthusiastic response than he could ever have imagined, especially in the lives of Henry Venn, George Whitefield, and John Wesley, all of whom he strongly influenced. More than any other man, William Law laid the foundation for the religious revival of the eighteenth century, the Evangelical Movement in England, and the Great Awakening in America.

Law came to typify the devout parson in the eyes of many. His life was characterized by simplicity, devotion, and works of charity. Because he was a Non-Juror, who refused to swear allegiance to the House of Hanover, he was deprived of the usual means of making a living as a clergyman in the Church of England. He therefore worked as a tutor to the father of Edward Gibbon, the historian, from 1727 to 1737. He organized schools and homes for the poor. He stoutly defended the Sacraments and Scriptures against attacks of the Deists. He spoke out eloquently against the warfare of his day. His richly inspired sermons and writings have gained him a permanent place in Christian literature.



# CHAINS BE BROKEN

## Pornography

Understanding the Effects of  
and Working Towards a Solution



A one day event to educate and equip the Church

**Saturday  
April 22, 2017**

Keynote speaker **William Struthers** is Professor of Psychology at Wheaton College and author of *Wired for Intimacy: How Pornography Hijacks the Male Brain*.



Keynote speaker **Jessica Harris** is a Blogger and the Author of *Beggar's Daughter: From the Rags of Pornography to the Riches of Grace*.



Speaker & singer **Audrey Assad** is the daughter of a Syrian refugee, an author, speaker, producer, and critically lauded songwriter and musician.



Sponsored by:



**Conference | 9 am - 5 pm**

**\$20** (If registered by 3/22)  
Includes lunch & refreshments  
Church of the Messiah  
296 Glen Street  
Glens Falls NY

**Concert | 7 pm**

**\$20** (If registered by 3/22)  
Wood Theater  
207 Glen Street  
Glens Falls, NY

**SAVE \$5!**

**\$35 Package**  
For conference & concert  
(if registered by 3/22)

This one day conference is intended to educate and equip attendees on the rising porn epidemic. Maybe you are struggling yourself, or love someone who is; perhaps you are working as a minister, therapist, or social worker and desire to help your clients. You might simply be a concerned citizen. Whatever the reason (and no one's going to ask!), this event is for you.

**It's time to start understanding this pervasive problem and begin to turn the tide in our communities.**

**Purchase tickets today at <http://chainsbebroken.bpt.me>**

**After March 22, pricing will increase** to \$25 each for conference or concert and \$45 for package deal. **Questions?** Visit <http://chainsbebroken.weebly.com>, email [chainsbebroken2017@gmail.com](mailto:chainsbebroken2017@gmail.com), or call Church of the Messiah at 518-792-1560.

### Chains Be Broken Conference

The conference *Chains Be Broken: Understanding the Effects of Pornography and Working Towards a Solution* will be held on **Saturday, April 22nd from 8:15 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** in Glens Falls, NY. Speakers will be Dr. William Struthers, Professor of Psychology at Wheaton College and author; Jessica Harris, blogger and author; and Audrey Assad, author, speaker, producer, and critically lauded songwriter and musician. The conference will be followed at 7:00 p.m. by a concert by Ms. Assad. For more information go to, <http://chainsbebroken.weebly.com>. The cost of the conference is \$25 and the cost of the concert is \$25. Buy the conference and concert together for \$45. Register before March 22nd and receive the early bird rate of \$20 each or \$35 for the package!



## From the Archives

### St. Peter's Communion Silver



The communion silver gift from Queen Anne of Britain to the Onondaga Indians which was subsequently given to St. Peter's Church by Governor Hunter is now housed in a safe to protect it from wear. A replica of the gift is housed in the church in the memorial cabinet in the narthex of the church. It is now only used for special services such as Christmas Eve and Easter.

However, many of the pieces of silver used on a weekly basis for communion also have an interesting history. For example there is the silver water cruet and chalice presented by Grace L. Wiles in 1912 in honor of Reverend Battershall at his 25th anniversary as rector of St. Peter's Church. The engraving on the chalice reads: "In loving memory of the rectorship of Walton W. Battershall, D. D. GLW. Both pieces are decorated with purple amethyst like stones and are very beautiful. The chalice was used for the communion service at Christie (Chenot) Gordon's wedding.

It is interesting to note that when the St. Mark's altar was contributed to St. Peter's Church it was accompanied by several silver pieces. For example there was a silver water cruet with a scroll handle. It was engraved with the winged angel and with the words: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts." On the bottom of the piece were the words: "Christmas gift to St. Mark's Church Green Island, NY, 1866." Another piece from St. Mark's Church was a silver paten. It included a depiction of the *Angus Dei* or Lamb of God and was engraved "Glory to God in the Highest, Alleluia." Still another piece was a silver plated copper chalice mounted on a splayed foot containing winged angel. On the round ball of the stem were six diamonds in relief. The chalice was stamped "I drink this in remembrance of Thee." The bottom engraving read "An Easter gift to St. Mark's Green Island, New York from M.E.G. and F. A. G. in loving memory of their parents 1893."

Returning to gifts given to St. Peter's Church there were a certain number of pieces donated in honor of military service men. A highly decorated ciborium resting on clawed feet made in 1911 was engraved: "For the altar of St. Peter's Church in the City of Albany, in loving memory of General Frederick Phisterer, the gift of his children, Easter 1911. Another piece was a silver chalice with a silver clip in the cup engraved with the church Coat of Arms and inscribed: "In loving memory of Arthur Henry Stein, Jr. July 23, 1943." It is from Gebelen Stirling, Boston. A silver water cruet was "donated by the friends of Sgt. William Brooker Campbell, October 31, 1919 – Sept 6, 1945. St. Peter's Church" On the piece after the St. Peter's Coat of Arms were the words: "Presented by associates of his father, William Henry Campbell."

Silver gifts were also presented honoring members of the altar guild. These include a large flagon and small silver cruet, both engraved: "In memory of Margaret Grey Trudeau Gallup." These vessels were given by her children. Margaret was former president of the altar guild. And our own Diana Martin donated a processional ciborium which is silver on the exterior and gold in the interior. She presented this gift to St. Peter's Church: "In thanksgiving for her grandson Henry Martin Angst Tucker."

We can see there is much to note in the silver which we use weekly in our communion services. This silver is just another example of the proud history of our church.

**MINUTES FOR THE VESTRY MEETING  
ST. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
February 15, 2017**

**Present:** Fr. Hartt, Mtr. Sue Waldron, J. Chenot, D. Spath, G. Scala, M. Holden, T. Murphy, K. Cehowski, Christie Gordon

**Absent:** E. Stafford, S. Lencewicz, M. Lundberg, N. Creagan

**1. Approval of the Minutes of Vestry Meeting, January 10, 2017**

The January 10, 2016 minutes were approved on a motion by T. Murphy and seconded by M. Holden. The motion was unanimously approved by the vestry.

**2. Senior Warden Report – J. Chenot**

Jim started his report by congratulating Christie Gordon (1<sup>st</sup> term), George Scala (1<sup>st</sup> term) and Earl Stafford (2<sup>nd</sup> term) on their three year term to the vestry, all who were elected at our Annual Meeting in January. He also congratulated Debra Spath who was nominated for her 4<sup>th</sup> two year term as Junior Warden. Also announced at the meeting was that our associate rector Mother Sue returned from a part time position to her full a full time position she previously held. We are happy and welcome her back full time helping Father Hartt minister to our congregation at large. Jim is looking forward to working with our very committed vestry and clergy moving ahead this year.

We are very grateful for those in the congregation who stayed after the 10:30 Sunday service for the annual meeting which was well attended and received. Jim also wanted to thank all those who were involved making the day a very successful and informative meeting, thanking Maria Holden, Jim Adams and George Scala for all their help with the PowerPoint presentation. Also thanks were given to those who prepared their reports from each guild sharing their ministry missions that took place during the past year. Lastly, many thanks to Janice and Kristen who compiled and printed all the reports and information for the guilds as well as the annual meeting report. A copy of the annual report was sent out in the beginning of February as part of our newsletter for those unable to attend and will be to review the reports.

We will start our Lenten season off the end of this month on Tuesday, February 28th with our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner from 5 to 7 pm, followed by Ash Wednesday services and Evensong at 5:45pm each Friday during Lent.

**3. Finance – G. Scala**

George S. reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the month of January. Total offerings for January were \$18,028. This compares to a budgeted number of \$22,804.

The investment/endowment accounts both showed gains for the month. For January Merrill Lynch was up +1.74% and Key was up +1.95%. This leaves us with a positive budget variance in this area for the month of \$64,342. Both accounts performed favorably versus market indexes. Expenses for January are \$14,149 over budget primarily related to annual insurance premiums, quarterly pension bills and other non-routine expenses. This should correct itself in February.

Pledges are currently at 52 pledging units for a total amount of \$141,546.

**4. Property**

None

**5. Outreach – Mother Sue**

The Outreach Committee voted to send (4) scholarships to the West Buganda AIDS orphans out of our 2017 budget, totaling \$2,000.00.

**Lenten Devotionals:** from Episcopal Relief and Development are available for our Lenten devotions. ERD does extraordinary Outreach work throughout our country and world.

3/26/17 will be our Annual Soup Sampler following the 10:30 service. The proceeds will benefit the Homeless Action Committee (serving the homeless community in Albany NY). Thank you Judy Burns for coordinating this years' Soup Sampler!

**Newsletter Volunteer section:** Our Cornerstone will have a new section that highlights our many Outreach and hospitality ministries. In this section, we will be able to thank the individuals who have volunteered as well as highlight current needs.

**Hats Off to England!** Our annual Tea will be a fund raiser for this summer's choir trip to Chichester, England. The tea will be on April 23, 2017. Thank you Judy Burns for coordinating the tea. We are seeking a volunteer to coordinate the Raffle baskets and certificates.

Albany CROP Walk will be Sunday May 7, 2017. We are seeking a volunteer to coordinate this for our team from St. Peter's.

**Blessing Bags:** We thank our DOK Julia Chapter and the Women of St. Peter's for their assembling Blessing Bags for the women in our Overflow Shelter. The DOK at St. Stephen's Delmar are assembling additional bags to go to our women – thank you!

**6. Old Business**

**7. New Business**

**8. Associate Rector's Report – Mother Sue**

My deepest thanks go to the Vestry and Fr. Hartt for your support of my return to full-time ministry here at St. Peter's Church. I am blessed to serve among you. I also want to thank Janice Chenot for all of the work she does for our church year-round but especially for her extra work in January covering Kristin's absence. Janice is a vital part of our church staff and deserves our recognition and thanks for her extraordinary commitment and dedication. We are also happy to have Kristin back among us and to continue our thanksgiving for her successful surgery and continued prayers for her full healing.

**Bible Study:** I am leading an online Bible study group who is reading through the entire Bible in 90 Days! We have 12 participants (some from St. Peter's and others) and I am greatly encouraged by this interest. The reading plan is quite doable when done daily (about 45 minutes daily – or 12 pages of Holy Scripture). We began in January and will finish before Easter. Today marks our halfway point and we are in the Book of Proverbs.

The Women's Bible study has begun (2/14 was our first meeting). We are reading and reflecting on *Hearts of Fire*, which includes the stories of 8 women who were persecuted for their Christian faith but survived to not only tell their story but how their experiences increased their faith and

ministry for our Lord. It is difficult material to grapple with and yet relevant to the crises occurring throughout the world as Christians continue to suffer under persecution.

Next week on 2/21, Fr. Hartt and I will begin leading another Bible study group using the elements of Discovery Bible Studies. The group will meet each Tuesday at 6:00pm for approximately one hour. We welcome men and women of the parish to join us.

**DOK:** The Daughters chapter has gained new energy and interest. We have (4) women completing the Discernment class who will be instituted in the Spring. The Daughters are eager to get involved more in parish life (i.e. hosting coffee hour, etc). We have moved our meetings to follow the 10:30 am service to allow more time for discussion and have added a lunch and fellowship to our monthly gatherings. The Daughters have been partnering with Women of St. Peter's to bring about service and hospitality at St. Peter's Church. We are also planning to host a Lenten Program on April 2, 2017 for the parish. Please let us know of your prayer and service needs.

**Parish Leadership Conference:** I attended this Albany Diocese Conference on Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich NY. The Conference focused on the elements of family systems with parish life, and how to build healthy communications and teamwork among church members. There was a large amount of information delivered and two priests of our Diocese remain available as resources for additional training and/or assistance that might be needed in the future.

**The Annual Meeting** was a great opportunity to reflect on the year 2016. I appreciated all of the ministry reports that were given and thank the countless leaders and volunteers that commit their time, energy and talents to St. Peter's and the spread of God's Kingdom in Albany (and beyond!)

## **9. Sunday Attendance**

The average Sunday attendance is currently 127.1

## **10. Rectors Report** - Father Hartt

Father Hartt welcomed Christie Gordon to her newly elected place on the Vestry. Father Hartt also congratulated Earl Stafford and Maria Holden on their re-election to the Vestry. A discussion about the essential nature of lay leadership in the Episcopal Church ensued.

Father Hartt spoke of the plans for Lent. Ash Wednesday Services will be held at 7:30AM, Noon, and 5:30PM. The morning and evening Services will include Holy Communion. Our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place from 5PM until 6:30PM. Volunteers should arrive at 4PM. Father Hartt thanked in advance those who faithfully volunteer for this parish meal.

With Mother Waldron's return to full-time ministry, Father Hartt would like to begin healing prayer at the Memorial Chapel during Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. The Memorial Chapel is private and those parishioners who so desire can easily head there for laying on of hands following receiving Communion.

Father Hartt mentioned the growing number of requests from non-parishioners for the use of the Parish Hall. Often the Parish Hall is requested for meetings and receptions. We need to have a policy and fee structure in place.

Father Hartt spoke about the Annual Meeting. It was much better attended this year. The decision not to combine Services seems to have paid off. We should continue having normal service times on Annual Meeting Sunday.

Father Hartt spoke with Mother Waldron about newcomer incorporation. It would make sense to have one clergy person assigned each Sunday to meet with newcomers who so desire at the Saint Mark's Chapel. It is important to answer questions and engage willing visitors on their first Sunday with us. Inquirer classes would follow.

Five teens have now finished their Confirmation classes. Regional Confirmation will be held at the Cathedral of All Saints, May 20th. Adult Confirmands will resume classes in Lent.

Mother Sue and Father Hartt will offer a Quiet Day on April 2nd.

Discovery Bible Study will begin February 22nd, 6 PM and continue through Lent.

Father Hartt reviewed with the Vestry parish baptisms, funerals, and weddings since November 2004. Present attendance figures clearly reflect the substantial number of deaths in the parish since 2004, with 119 in total. However, new member retention from baptism and marriage needs attention.

Personnel matters were discussed.

Father Hartt said there are some maintenance items at the Rectory. Father Hartt thanked Jimmy Chenot for arranging for excellent snow removal at the rectory.

With respect to outreach, three scholarships for West Buganda orphans were arranged. The Women's Shelter continues to go well.

Father Hartt said that the Cathedral has called a new Dean. Fr. Leander Harding will begin on Palm Sunday. Father Hartt spoke of Fr. Harding glowingly. Our prayers for God's blessing on his new ministry.

Alleluia Box for Lent was discussed.

Sunday Attendance during 2016 totaled 6674.

## **11. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Cehowski and seconded by T. Murphy, then was passed unanimously by the vestry.

## **12. Compline**

Father Hartt led Compline.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin M. Cehowski

## *Clergy & Staff*

The Rev. Paul J. Hartt.....Rector  
The Rev. Susan Waldron.....Associate Rector  
Neil K. Keen, F.A.G.O.....Organist & Choirmaster  
Laura Rulison.....Director of Christian Education  
James P. Shortall.....Sexton  
Shawn Van Ness.....Assisting Sexton  
Kristin Robinson.....Administrative Assistant  
Janice Chenot.....Office Volunteer  
E. Constance Powell.....Historian & Archivist

## *Vestry*

James Chenot.....Senior Warden  
Deborah Spath.....Junior Warden  
George Scala.....Treasurer  
Kevin Cehowski, Nancy Creagan, Christie Gordon, Maria Holden,  
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## *Services*

### **Sunday**

Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

(1st & 3rd Sundays)

Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.

(2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

### **Wednesday**

Holy Communion 12:05 p.m.

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