



# THE Cornerstone

## April 2021

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

### From the Rector

#### Easter Memories

*"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..." (1 Peter 3:15)*

Excuse my sentimental side in this Easter Newsletter article. As the boxes begin to pile up, I find myself remembering our family's history at the rectory. Samuel's younger years are especially in my mind. When we came, Samuel was only in 4th grade. It seems like yesterday.

One memorable family moment happened right before Easter. It was brought back to mind by stumbling on an old Easter Sermon. I was home in my study working away, when out of the window I saw a procession coming our way of neighborhood boys. There was a sense of purpose and urgency to their stride that later reminded me of the women heading to the tomb Easter morning. The boys reached the front door and huddled there as they rang the bell. Their faces appeared even more earnest when I saw them more closely from the window.

I got up and opened the door. "Is Samuel here?" they asked. I was acquainted with that request, but this time it was quite different. I called upstairs, "You have some friends here to see you." "Yes, Dad," Samuel replied as he made his way down the steps to the front door. As soon as Samuel got to the door, the boys motioned for him to come outside. There was a conference of sorts. I was curious, but minded my own business. I went off to the kitchen to see Sam's Mom. Suddenly, Samuel ran into the kitchen with a great seriousness. "I need a Prayer Book," he said. "Where can I find one?" I pointed him to the bookshelf in the living room. Grabbing it, he said "Chubum has died and they need to bury him. They want me to say some prayers." Chubum was a hamster.

In the Old Testament, they had the "hereditary priesthood." Priesthood passed from one generation to another to provide the people with continuity. It was interesting to see that play out in our times. The boys instinctively came to the priest's kid for prayers. I made a couple of quick prayer suggestions, Samuel landed on a prayer well known to Episcopalians:

Almighty God, we entrust Chubums to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for him better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are an Easter people because we share an Easter problem. This problem demands an answer. What are we to do about Chubums? About all who are dear to us? How we answer that question is life itself.

The Easter procession of the women is our procession as well. We share their Lord for our Easter answer. Because when it gets serious, and nothing is more serious, there is only Jesus to answer the door.

Thank God for the confident Easter Faith which answered the door that day. No matter our age, we need to have ready the only serious answer to the most serious problem. Those boys knew where to go. So, in the words of our St. Peter, *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."*

Because you never know when your doorbell will ring and someone will require the one serious answer.

Yours in the Risen Lord, Fr. Hartt+



# MEMORIES





## Scheduled Services and Meetings

### Vestry Meeting

The April Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13th at 5:15pm. The meeting will be held upstairs in the Auditorium, in order to social distance.

### Evening Prayer Videos

Please visit the St. Peter's Facebook page for a daily Evening Prayer video with Fr. Hartt. You can also access these services through the St. Peter's Church website's home page.

### Daughters of the King

On Sunday April 11th, the DOK will meet after the 10:30AM service for their Brunch Meeting, which will be held at the University Club at 12:00PM.



### Wednesday Noon Services

Wednesday noon services with Holy Communion will be offered on April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, by Appointment only. Please call the office 518-434-3502 to schedule your appointment.

### Children's Videos

Every Sunday we feature a Sunday School Lesson video and a Children's Homily video for you to watch from home. The YouTube Video Links are emailed to you every Sunday along with the Sunday Service video. The videos are also available on the church website home page under the St. Peter's Church Facebook section.

### Sunday Service Videos

Every Sunday a filmed Sunday Service from inside St. Peter's Church with Fr. Hartt and Mtr. Sue is available for your viewing, which also contains music from the St. Peter's Choir. Every Sunday, St. Peter's parishioners are emailed the YouTube video link for that day's service. Each video is also published on the church website on Sunday morning for that day, as well as on the St. Peter's Church Facebook page. The leaflet and readings for each Sunday are also available on the church website. Click on the "Info Center" tab then click on "Weekly Leaflet" or "Weekly Readings" and then click on the appropriate date for each. Both the leaflet and readings can be printed out so that you may follow along with the service.

### Virtual Coffee Hour

Virtual Coffee hour is now available at 11:45AM every Sunday Morning. Please let us know if you'd like the link for coffee hour emailed to you.



**Coming Soon !**

### **CROP Hunger Walk Just One Month Away!**

St. Peter's is participating yet again in the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany, which will take place on May 2, 2021. CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the US to raise funds to respond to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster around the globe. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

As last year, Albany's 2021 Walk will be a virtual event. Participants can walk in their own neighborhood on May 2 or any time during the month of May. Please contact Maria Holden ([msholden1@aol.com](mailto:msholden1@aol.com)) if you would like to join the St. Peter's team of walkers.

**To contribute to Albany's CROP Walk and support our team, please visit our new team web page at : <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/st-peters-episcopal-church-albany>**

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world and our own community. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. Thank you for your support of the St. Peter's Team and CROP Walk 2021!

# St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen & Community Outreach

**THANK YOU ALL!!**

For the outpouring donations for St. Francis Soup Kitchen and the South End Children's Café!  
Each week with your help, I fill a cabinet with food supplies for families to stop by and shop.  
This ministry means so much to so many.

**BLESSINGS TO ALL!!**

~ Laura Saffares-Rulison



**HAVE A HAPPY EASTER  
EVERYONE!**



## Easter Egg Hunt at the Rectory

**Egg-citing news !!!** We will be having the Annual St. Peter's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd at the rectory (Fr. Hartt's home), 8 Loudon Heights South, Loudonville at 11:00am sharp! We will be compliant with NYS Covid Guidelines. It will be completely outside on the lawns and in the open garage. We will have juice boxes for all the Children and individual bagged cookies for all, and most of all...LOTS OF EGGS!!

**Come and Join us for an Eggs-traordinary Day of FUN!!**



## Saint of the Month Club



Mark the Evangelist's [symbol](#) is the [winged lion](#), the [Lion of Saint Mark](#). Inscription: *PAX TIBI MARCE EVANGELISTA MEVS* ("peace be upon you, Mark, my evangelist"). The same lion is also symbol of [Venice](#) (on illustration)


### APRIL 25: SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST

A disciple of Jesus, named Mark, appears in several places in the New Testament. If all references to Mark can be accepted as referring to the same person, we learn that he was the son of a woman who owned a house in Jerusalem. Mark may have been the young man who fled naked when Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. In his letter to the Colossians, Paul refers to "Mark the cousin of Barnabas," who was with him in his imprisonment. Mark set out with Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey, but he turned back for reasons which failed to satisfy Paul (Acts 15:36–40). When another journey was planned, Paul refused to have Mark with him. Instead, Mark went with Barnabas to Cyprus. The breach between Paul and Mark was later healed, and Mark became one of Paul's companions in Rome, as well as a close friend of Peter's. An early tradition recorded by Papias, Bishop of Hieropolis in Asia Minor at the beginning of the second century, names Mark as the author of the Gospel bearing his name. This tradition, which holds that Mark drew his information from the teaching of Peter, is generally accepted. In his First Letter, Peter refers to "my son Mark," which shows a close relationship between the two men (1 Peter 5:13). The Church of Alexandria in Egypt claimed Mark as its first bishop and most illustrious martyr, and the great Church of St. Mark in Venice commemorates the disciple who progressed from turning back while on a missionary journey with Paul and Barnabas to proclaiming in his Gospel Jesus of Nazareth as Son of God, and bearing witness to that faith in his later life as friend and companion to the apostles Peter and Paul.



#### Collect:

Almighty God, who by the hand of Mark the evangelist hast given to thy Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank thee for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
<b>4 Easter Sunday</b>  8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion	<b>5 Office Closed</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  12:05pm - Holy Communion By appointment
<b>11 The Second Sunday of Easter</b>  10:30am - Holy Communion 12:00pm - DOK Brunch/Meeting (following the 10:30am service)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  5:15pm - Vestry Meeting	<b>14</b>  12:05pm - Holy Communion By appointment
<b>18 The Third Sunday of Easter</b>  10:30am - Holy Communion	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  12:05pm - Holy Communion By appointment
<b>25 The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>  10:30am - Holy Communion	<b>26 St. Mark the Evangelist</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  12:05pm - Holy Communion By appointment



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1      <b>Maundy Thursday</b></p> <p>7:30pm - Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar</p>	<p>2      <b>Good Friday</b></p> <p>12:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy</p> 	<p>3      <b>Holy Saturday</b></p> <p>8:00am - Holy Sat. Service 11:00am - Easter Egg Hunt at the Rectory</p>
Communion appointment	8	9	10
Communion appointment	15	16	<p>17</p> <p>11:00am - Angels in Training</p>
Communion appointment	22	23	24
Communion appointment	29	30	



## **Guidelines to be Followed by All Churches in the Diocese of Albany During the Coronavirus Pandemic**

*Please note: These are minimum guidelines and local clergy are encouraged to apply stricter measures as they consider appropriate in order to safeguard and promote the health of their congregations and local communities.*

- 1..Attitude is important. COVID-19 needs to be taken seriously, but we don't need to live in fear. To the degree possible, we need to be proactive, rather than reactive to the coronavirus. Plan ahead.
- 2..At all times when gathering for worship, or carrying out ministry within the Church during the pandemic, keep in mind how the coronavirus spreads and take appropriate precautions to guard against becoming infected or possibly infecting others.
- 3.Clear, respectful signs informing people of the expectation and requirement of wearing masks, social distancing, and the use of hand sanitizer (all outlined below), as well as other necessary instructions, need to be posted near all entrance doors of the Church and other prominent locations.
- 4.If people (to include the clergy) are not feeling well, running a fever, coughing, etc., or have been in contact with someone known to have the coronavirus (even if not showing symptoms), they should not attend Church, until they are well, or have completed self quarantine. This is for their sake and everyone else's health.
- 5.The following sign or something similar will be posted by each entrance door to the Church or worship area:  
ATTENTION: Dear Friends, If you answer YES to any of the following, we ask that you NOT Attend Church today:
  - Have a temperature of 100.4 or higher
  - Lost your sense of taste or smell
  - You or someone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19 or has come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19
6. Masks are to be worn at all times by those in attendance, unless otherwise noted below.
7. All inside services must abide by the current government guidelines for size - 50% of posted capacity as of 3/19/21. Multiple services are authorized, provided the worship space is cleaned properly between services, or seating is alternated to avoid potential-cross contamination between one service and the other. Please note that the current mandated group size may be changed by the government with little to no warning. We will need to adjust accordingly.
8. Appropriate cleaning and disinfecting agents (for the surface being cleaned) will be used. Common areas such as bathrooms as well as often touched items such as doorknobs, light switches, handrails, etc...need to be cleaned on a regular basis. The NYS Dept. of Health or CDC websites can provide some guidance.
9. All inside services must provide adequate space for safe social distancing of at least six feet between individuals or family groups.
- 10.Outside services to include lawn and parking lot services may be held. Larger groups are authorized, provided each individual or family group maintains safe social distancing of at least 6 feet or more from one another. Parked cars must be six feet from one another if people are sitting in them with windows rolled down for the service.
- 11.The congregation for both indoor and outdoor services must wear masks. The Church will need to have a supply of disposable masks available for anyone who doesn't bring their own mask with them.
- 12.The clergy must wear masks when in close proximity to others, to include, the Processional, distribution of communion, and Recessional. Parishes may want to suspend the Processional and Recessional during this time to reduce the number of acolytes and others needed in the Altar Party, and thus cut down on congestion in the sanctuary. Unfortunately, the sanctuaries in many of our churches are not large enough to provide the necessary space needed for social distancing during the Coronavirus Pandemic.
- 13.The celebrant is NOT required to wear a mask while at the altar, provided they are by themselves and the bread and wine are covered with a linen or pall. Nor are the clergy required to wear a mask while proclaiming the Gospel or preaching, provided they are at least 10 feet away from the nearest person. The Gospel should be proclaimed from the front of the Church instead of the aisle as is customary in many parishes.
- 14.Hand sanitizer must be used by all people when they first arrive at Church and again right before going to receive communion, for indoor services. For outdoor services (where parishioners bring their own chairs), hand sanitizer is only needed just prior to



- receiving communion. We recommend each parish have someone assigned to hold the container of hand sanitizer as each person has the cleaning agent poured in their hands. This person must use the hand sanitizer first before helping others. They must also wear a mask and stand an arm lengths distance from the person they are ministering to.
15. Altar guild members and clergy must thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before setting the altar. Clergy must also clean their hands with hand sanitizer before distributing communion.
16. Communion will be received in only one kind (the host/bread). It will be placed in the hand of the recipient, not on their tongue. Care needs to be taken when placing the host in the person's hand in order not to physically touch them. We would ask that communion wafers be used, rather than other forms of bread. The celebrant will consume the consecrated wine on behalf of the people. Individual communion cups with wine for the congregation are NOT authorized.
17. Communion will be received while standing (not kneeling), preferably at the head of the center aisle, or it may be taken to people while in their pews or seats. It is important to maintain appropriate social distancing while people come to receive communion. Communion may be distributed to people sitting in their vehicles during parking lot services. Clergy should not bend over into the vehicle to distribute communion, but rather individuals should place their hands outside the car window to receive.
18. For those requesting a blessing rather than communion, blessings will be offered over the person while not physically touching the head of the person being blessed.
19. If there are any baptisms, the clergy must cleanse their hands with hand sanitizer before and after the baptism as well as wear a mask. The Baptismal water will be poured outside following the service. It will not be saved for use as Holy Water.
20. The Peace will need to be shared by means other than personal physical contact. Handshakes and hugs are not allowed at this time.
21. Choirs are not allowed at this time, due to social distancing requirements. One or two people may lead the music, provided they are at least 10 feet away from anyone around them. Some congregations may opt not to allow singing during the coronavirus pandemic. The wearing of masks by the congregation should help reduce the potential of spreading respiratory droplets while singing.
22. Lectors may remove their masks while reading the lessons, provided they are at least 10 feet from anyone in front of them. If the church space doesn't allow for proper distancing, the lectors need to wear masks.
23. The collection plate should not be passed, but rather be placed in a location that parishioners may access to make their offering.
24. The bread and wine should be placed on the credence table by the altar guild prior to the start of the service, and not brought up at the time of the offertory.
25. Congested areas need to be avoided, especially as people are trying to enter or leave the Church, as well as the communion line and other times when people tend to bunch up. Again, social distancing is very important. Clergy may stand to the side following the service (out of the flow of traffic) if someone needs to speak to them.
26. If possible (especially during the warmer weather) keep the windows and doors of the Church open to improve air circulation with fresh outside air.
27. To cut down on potential cross contamination, parishes may want to print out the service for everyone to have their own copy, or use overhead projections if they have the means of doing so, as an alternative to the use of Prayer Books and Hymnals. If Prayer Books and Hymnals are used, they will need to be sanitized if they are to be used again within three days (the potential life expectancy of the virus on objects).
28. Holy water fonts must be emptied and removed.
29. There will be no coffee hours or other social gatherings at church during the time of the pandemic. Many parishes are hosting "virtual coffee hours" that are going well and have been well received as an alternative to in-person coffee hours. Worship together at Church and then go home and visit one another online in the safety of your home, having a cup of coffee or tea and a dessert.
30. In-person Sunday School and Youth Group meetings are suspended until the fall, at which time a determination will be made based on the status of COVID-19.
31. All outside groups using Church property must practice social distancing, wear masks, use hand sanitizer when they arrive, and follow any other guidelines required by the parish during the Coronavirus Pandemic.
32. Unless social distancing requirements can be met, Vestry meetings and other church committees or groups need to be conducted via Zoom or by some other online means.
33. Virtual online, recorded and live-stream services should be continued if possible, even after in-person services resume. Not everyone is able to return to church at this time and countless others who we have not effectively reached before, are now being ministered to in very powerful and life changing ways.

**MINUTES FOR THE VESTRY MEETING  
ST. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Present:** Fr. Hartt, Mtr. Sue Troiano, J. Chenot, D. Spath, A. Closson, N. Creagan, C. Gordon, F. Hershey, M. Holden, M. Lundberg, M. Moran, J. Russom, G. Scala

**Absent:** None

Opening Prayer Led by Father Hartt

**Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes were approved on a motion by F. Hershey and seconded by J. Russom. The motion was unanimously approved by the vestry.

**Sr. Warden's Report** –J. Chenot

Jim thanked everyone for making it to our zoom vestry meeting. As expected, things have been quiet during the pandemic with no major issues to report. We reopened the church this past Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and will be having one 10:30 service each Sunday moving forward. I'm praying that we can begin to move forward with people being vaccinated now. Hopefully we may see some light at the end of this pandemic and we can begin to move forward with some normality to our lives and church worship.

I want to again thank Father Hartt, Mother Sue and Neil Keen for all their ongoing work with the digital Sunday services as well as performing morning and evening prayer each day.

We did receive a few more pledges this past last month. Financially, we have been holding our own during this pandemic. We are very fortunate for the continued financial support we have been receiving from our parishioners during these trying times and thank God all your blessings.

Next week we begin the Lenten Season. I am confident Father Hartt and Mother Sue will keep us all digitally connected during this Holy season. During the upcoming Lenten season, I would like us all to pray for those whom you may know that may be going or have gone through some difficulty times during this pandemic. If you have the means to do so, please help those who may be in need. A phone call to someone you haven't heard from in some time could be one of the best things that happened to them that day.

God Bless.

**Sunday Attendance** – The Average Sunday Attendance is 81.

**Rector's Report** - Father Hartt

Fr. Hartt congratulated both the newly elected and the re-elected Vestry members: Deb Spath as Jr. Warden, Ashley Closson, Maria Holden, and Malcom Moran to vestry seats. Fr. Hartt recognized Malcolm Moran who now begins his first year on vestry. Fr. Hartt also recognized Tim Murphy for his considerable service over multiple terms. Tim has now reached his term limit, and we thank him for his wisdom and service through many years.

Fr. Hartt spoke of initiatives underway to connect parishioners who are not savvy on the computer with others who are tech savvy for the purpose of registering for the vaccine. This effort was spearheaded by Gordon Lattey and Michele Vennard. Jim Chenot has also been in the loop. We will need more volunteers to take the calls by phone while also being in front of the computer. This is a work in progress.

Fr. Hartt spoke of Bishop Love's retirement as of February 1<sup>st</sup>. Faithful through so very much, Bishop Love contracted Covid-19 in the performance of his duties in January. It is a sign of his love for us. Fr. Hartt spoke of the honor of serving under this man of great faith and love for the Lord. The Standing Committee now serves as the Diocesan Authority until the election of a new bishop. We resumed public worship in February. We had closed in January due to the high Covid-19 numbers -- over 10% at the point of closure. We are waiting with great expectation for the mercy of vaccines to make their way to us all. In the meantime, we will continue the pattern of online worship and a single 10:30AM Service of Holy Communion in the church. An encouragement is that there were 442 views in 2020 of video material for our children, Laura Rulison and Sunday School staff who have read stories and Fr. Hartt's children's homilies combined for that number.

Fr. Hartt spoke of some of the intricacies of this year's Parochial Report. There are several narrative questions concerning the church's response to Covid-19 and our worship. There is also a number of questions that seek to yield the parish's level of commitment to racial justice. In terms of ASA figures, the Report limits the period considered to January 1<sup>st</sup>-March 1<sup>st</sup>. It appears the reasoning is to limit the scope to pre-closure periods. The rest of the questions appear to be based on the year as a whole. Our ASA in 2020 was 132. Our ASA thus far for 2021 is 80.7 in unadjusted numbers. This 80.7 number does not yet factor in the multiple family members that may be watching the videos. It counts every view as a single view. This is not accurate and Fr. Hartt wishes to return to the addition of 25% to reflect family viewing.

Father Hartt is continuing to record Evening Prayer each day and Mtr. Sue is doing Morning Prayer. These videos have been central to keeping us all focused on the Lord in this difficult time. The clergy have received many positive reports on the role of these Daily Offices in the life of the parish.

Fr. Hartt spoke of the plans for Lent and Ash Wednesday. The Imposition of ashes and the Ash Wednesday Liturgy will be offered at Noon and 5:30PM. Mtr. Sue and Fr. Hartt are working through the ways best to accomplish the imposition safely. The Friday Lenten Evensongs will not be possible. However, we will add music to the Friday services of Evening Prayer and a Lenten spiritual readings will be offered following the Collects.

Fr. Hartt performed the Burial Office for Robert Malesardi on January 30th. It was a very cold day, but the liturgy was dignified and filled with Christian hope. Our prayers go out to Doris and the family in their grief.

Fr. Hartt relayed that over all the parish family is holding up well given the present circumstances. Parishioners as well as clergy have been instrumental in this spiritual well-being. Many calls and notes and checking on others have occurred. By God's grace, we continue to be the family of love to which we are called. The Lord has blessed us with many mercies.

With much tenderness, Fr. Hartt shared his intention to retire on June 1st, 2021. In the sixteen years Fr. Hartt has served as Rector, we have accomplished much together by God's grace and traveled through some challenging history in our Diocese as well as the pandemic. In all cases, the parish has held together in Christ's love. We have cared for one another and served one another faithfully in the Lord. Fr. Hartt spoke of the privilege of sharing in the mission of this historic church with such faithful parishioners and Vestry. Fr. Hartt is confident that the time is right for St. Peter's next chapter and that it will be one of growth and renewal.

#### **Finance** – G. Scala - Treasurer's Report

Offerings for the month of January were \$7,577. This compares to \$11,375 at this time in January 2020.

Investment accounts were slightly down for the month, Merrill Lynch was down -0.13%. Key was down -0.78%. The attorney we engaged on the Key Bank issue has not heard back from anyone from Key. While this is frustrating, it starts to make a case for possible change in managers. Expenses are \$19,354 under budget through January.

To date we have received 32 pledges for a total pledge amount \$71,544.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Scala

#### **Property** – None

#### **Outreach** – Mother Sue

The 40th Annual CROP Walk will be held virtually this year. Maria Holden has volunteered to be this year's Recruiter for St. Peter's Church (thank you, Maria). Walkers may walk in their own neighborhood on Sunday May 2nd (the traditional date for the walk) or any day during the month of May. Donations and Team formations will be done online via a Team portal. Please watch for more details to come!

Many thanks to Laura Rulison and the many volunteers who support the St. Francis Mission Soup kitchen the 3rd Saturday of every month, providing meals, hospitality and hope to many!

#### **Old Business** – None

#### **New Business** –

The vestry discussed putting out more announcements through constant contact and Facebook to notify parishioners that in person Sunday service has resumed and that we will also be having in person Ash Wednesday services.

#### **Associate Rector's Report** – Mother Sue

Morning Prayer services via Facebook continue each morning, after which they are also posted to the church website.

In-person services resumed February 1st with 8 people attending (including staff and clergy of 4). We hope the clergy and Vestry members will continue to encourage in-person service for those who are able to come.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. There will be 2 services (noon and 5:30pm) with ashes imposed at each and Holy Communion celebrated. The clergy encourage all who are able to come to make a holy start to Lent by attending an Ash Wednesday Service. Once again, it is a good time to make a new commitment to one's spiritual life.

The Daughters will continue to meet via Zoom for the time being. We are going to restart our Spiritual Formation Study Guide beginning with the March meeting. We are all thankful to the Daughters and their commitment to praying daily for us - and we are also very thankful that we see so many prayers answered! Any woman of the church interested in this prayer ministry is welcome to attend one of our meetings and/or speak to Julia Hotmer Drao (our President) or myself.

You may have heard that Bishop Love's final Eucharist on 1/31 needed to be postponed because he was ill, after which he tested positive for COVID-19. Please keep Bishop Bill and Karen in your prayers.

Thanks, Mtr. Sue

#### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by M. Lundberg and seconded by A. Closson, then was approved unanimously by the vestry.

#### **Compline**

Mtr. Sue Troiano led Compline.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christie J. Gordon



## *Clergy & Staff*

The Rev. Paul J. Hartt.....Rector  
The Rev. Susan Troiano.....Associate Rector  
Neil K. Keen, F.A.G.O.....Organist & Choirmaster  
Laura Rulison.....Director of Christian Education  
James P. Shortall.....Sexton  
Ruth Manss.....Office Manager  
Janice Chenot.....Office Volunteer  
E. Constance Powell.....Historian & Archivist

## *Vestry*

James Chenot.....Senior Warden  
Deborah Spath.....Junior Warden  
George Scala.....Treasurer

Ashley Closson, Nancy Creagan, Christie Gordon,  
Fred Hershey, Maria Holden, Mark Lundberg,  
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## *Services*

### **Sunday**

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

See Website for Video  
on You Tube

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