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Choosing Where to Live

Which world do you live in? If given a choice, which one would you rather live in?

The world around us churns on, day after day...in various forms of strife, and agony, and suffering. Watch the news. Read the paper. Heaven help you should you live according to the dialogue found on social media.

We live in a culture, a world of wanton sex, of violence, of horror, of suspense, of drama. We do NOT live in a culture or a world of peace, of love, of compassion, of mutual respect.

I think of the gospel reading about Jesus, after the Resurrection, telling his fishing buddies to cast the net on the right side of the boat. Jesus...the carpenter, the wood worker showing them the way to the fishing hole. Here they are, these expert fishermen, doing what they do naturally, and Jesus is telling them to try something different. Why? Why is this message in the gospel?

Jesus wants us to do it differently. To live life another way. Away from all of that...the despair, the violence, the disruption, the drama that our lives often drop into.

Similarly, when we literally give control of our lives to God, Jesus helps us to see what he did to these fishermen...telling these fellows to do the ordinary in another way...to cast the net to the right side of the boat, he tells us to go about our lives....day by day...in a different way. To try it another way. To be creative within the compassion, and caring, and sensitivity that God's Holy Spirit whispers in our direction.

So, in this approaching Easter season, we are reminded of new life, of new possibilities. It is the old story being retold, and relived over and over again. Jesus points us to a different way of living life, all in a very calm and loving and reassuring way. Indeed, following "the Way".

In the Love of Christ, Fr. Jim



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Warden
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Fr. James K. Heidt
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Jane Padrón
Michael Rescigno
Annette Clark-Hani
Vacant
Erick Kroll
Chris Klara

Vestry 2021

Willie Talmadge, Warden ('22)
Jane Padrón, Warden ('23)
Harriet Brennan ('22), Michelle Luvisi ('22),
Annie Deacon ('23), Brenda Outwater ('24),
Sandie Latimer ('24), Wayne Osborne ('24)
Annette Clark-Hani, Clerk of Vestry
Michael Rescigno, Treasurer

April 3 Brittany Cobble
April 3 Ed Pickett, Jr.
April 4 John Lohr
April 5 Meribeth Seaman
April 6 Mark Savery
April 10 Kristina A. Graziano
April 11 Burnadette Wiggins
April 11 Christopher Wiggins
April 12 Charles O'Neill
April 12 Nicholas Olejniuk
April 12 Diane Sroka

Happy April Birthday to:



April 16 Evan Graziano
April 17 James Heidt
April 17 Wayne Osborne
April 18 Harriet Brennan
April 19 Donald Early
April 21 Harold Louis Potter, Jr.
April 22 David Grow
April 22 Randy Jones, Jr.
April 28 Charlene Cole
April 28 Stacey Foley



Happy April Anniversary to:

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY LISTED PLEASE LET ANNETTE KNOW IN THE OFFICE.

Memorial Gifts and Flowers - Given to the Glory of God

ALTAR FLOWERS-Cost \$35-Altar Flowers

April 4-

April 11-

April 18-Tina & Mike Rescigno; In Memory of: Frances Schadel

April 25-

Please help Zion defray some of the cost and sign-up in Clarke Hall.

Candle Oil & Bulletins-Cost \$10-ALL THE TIME

April 4-Grace Millington; In Celebration of Jennifer Swinney's Birthday

April 11-

April 18-

April 25-

Our Prayer List

“Heavenly Father, watch over these your children, and grant that they may be restored to that perfect health which is yours alone to give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”

Those needing extra prayers:

AnnMarie Bronson Hunter	Ann Northup	AJ Renzi
Blaze	Bill McGee	Al & Krissy Rozanski
Brett McDonell	Brenda Outwater	Anne Staple
Buffy Olsen	Catherine Zbiegien	Bea Golden
Charles O'Neill	Charlotte Rice	Erica Young & Baby
David Kane	Christine O'Connor	David Land
Georgia Northup	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Janice McNaughton
J. Daniel	David Dutcher	Jim Hoffman & Family
Jill	Laurie LaForce	Jim Grimmer
John and Linda Hunter	Ginny Telego	Karen Chapman
Joyce	Janet Renzi	Kathy Hawks
Julie Pangbourne	Joan Moore	Randy Jones Sr.
Justin & Ryan Pope	Joey Urbanek	Sara Steiner
Lance	Jane Padrón and Family	Sara White
Lois Wiggins	Lauren & James Ziegler	Sal & Bill Smith
The Hewitt Family	Michael Potter	Sharon Parsons
The Gambier Family	The Seaman Family	

Though you cannot be with us in person at Zion Church, you are with us in thought and prayer.

At HomeCharles O'Neill
Catherine Zbiegien
John & Linda Hunter

Dearly Departed.....Pat Hoffman



Who's scheduled at a glance ...

READINGS SCHEDULE

1st SUNDAY: The Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021-9AM- *Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom*

Priest Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers Sandie Latimer
Meribeth Seaman

Check-In Persons

Acolyte Sandie Latimer
Altar Guild Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi

2nd SUNDAY: The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021-9AM *Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom*

Priest Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers Jane Padrón
Jennifer Swinney

Check-In Persons

Acolyte Jane Padrón
Altar Guild Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi

3rd SUNDAY: The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021-9AM— *Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom*

Priest Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers Rick Weltz
Georgia Northup

Check-In Persons

Acolyte Rick Weltz
Altar Guild Brenda Outwater/ Annette Clark-Hani

4th SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021-9AM— *Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom*

Priest Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers Tina Rescigno
Mike Rescigno

Check-In Persons

Acolyte Tina Rescigno
Altar Guild Brenda Outwater/Annette Clark-Hani

ERICK KROLL'S FROM THE ORGAN BENCH



Continuing with the theme of Lenten carols from last month, Holy Week has some carols of its own. These are brief histories of the four Holy Week carols that appear most often in American church hymnals.

The tune of All Glory, Laud, and Honor is called St. Theodulph from legends that tell a story of this processional hymn having been composed by Theodulph at Metz or Angers while imprisoned on a false accusation, and having been sung either by him from his dungeon window or by choristers instructed by him as Louis 1 and his court were on their way toward the cathedral.

The good bishop was immediately freed. Its ritual use was in connection with the processions with the palms through the town. A verse used with this hymn up till the 17th century is quite cute: "Be thou, O Lord, the Rider, / And we the little ass; / That to God's Holy City / Together we may pass."

Go to Dark Gethsemane first appeared in the Hymnal in 1874. An omitted final stanza reads: "Early hasten to the tomb / Where they laid his breathless clay; / All is solitude and gloom, / Who hath taken him away? / Christ is risen:- He meets our eyes; / Saviour, teach us so to rise." The tune of the hymn is known as Petra or Redhead after the composer Richard Redhead. This tune was also paired to the words of Rock of Ages in the Hymnal 1940, hence the name Petra, the Latin and Greek term for "rock" viz. Jesus' play on "Peter".

The text of O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded has its roots in a Latin poem ascribed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux which is a rhythmical prayer to the various members of Christ's body suffering and hanging on the Cross. It is in seven parts - in English - to the Feet, to the Knees, to the Hands, to the Sides, to the Breast, to the Heart, to the Face. The poem was translated by a number of German authors and later into English by Robert Bridges. It was a favorite hymn of J. S. Bach who used it five times in his St. Matthew Passion. I have several arrangements of this hymn in my collection by various German composers.

The hauntingly beautiful spiritual Were You There first appeared in William E. Barton's Old Plantation Hymns of 1899 and is recognized as one of America's most significant contributions to Christian hymnody. It first appeared in the Episcopal church in the Hymnal 1940 with a harmonization by Winfred Douglas.

The artist Allan Rohan Crite created a series of drawings illustrative of this spiritual that were presented to the National Cathedral in Washington DC early in the 20th century.

Source is from The Hymnal 1940 Companion.

Cheers,
Erick

Zion News



COMMUNITY DINNER

Our lovely ladies were at it again cooking up some wonderful food in the kitchen. Zion will try to do these dinners on a monthly basis and as far as of today there are 2 more dinners planned as follows:

April 17th-Shepard's Pie

May 22nd-Pulled Pork Sandwiches

All going to be served on a Saturday, between 4-5 PM; we do ask that you please make a reservation by either e-mailing Zion at zionchurch@twcny.rr.com or calling the church at 315 336-5170. You can leave a message on the answering machine. This is asked so we know how much food will be needed. Thank you, ladies for your hard work and dedication to this ministry. Also, if you missed the Irish Stew we served on March 20th you can try to make this at home with the recipe as follows:

IRISH STEW

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 and ½ lbs. of beef chuck cut into 2 in. cubes
- 3 gloves of garlic
- 2 cups of pearl onion or any kind of onion roughly chopped
- 6 oz. bacon sliced in small strips
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour

- 4 tbsp tomato paste
- 3 cups of beef stock
- 1 cup of carrots peeled and cut into chunks
- 1 cup celery roughly cut
- 2 cups of mushrooms (thickly sliced)
- ¾ tsp. sea salt (to taste)
- ½ tsp. black pepper (to taste)
- 2 cups of baby potatoes cut in half (but you can substitute any type of potato)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut beef into 2 in cubes and pat dry, then sprinkle salt & pepper
2. Heat oil in a heavy-based wide pot over high heat; add beef and brown the pieces well on all sides. Remove to plate and set aside.
3. Lower heat to medium; if needed add more oil.
4. Add garlic, onions, mushrooms and cook for 3-4 minutes.
5. Add bacon and continue to cook until the bacon is browned (about 5 mins.)
6. Add carrots and celery and continue to cook for 3-5 mins.
7. Add flour to pan and mix in well. Allow mixture to cook for 2-3 mins. To get the raw taste out of the flour.
8. Add beef stock to deglaze the pan; then add tomato paste and mix well.
9. Add the browned beef back into the pan (including any juices), potatoes and remaining seasonings.
10. Cover, lower heat so it's bubbling gently. Let the stew cook covered for 2 hours. At this point the beef should be pretty tender. Remove lid, and let stew continue to simmer for additional 1-2 hours. The sauce will have reduced and be amazingly flavorful.
11. Skim off any fat that may be on the surface of the stew. Adjust seasoning to taste with salt and pepper; enjoy!!!

200th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Zion Episcopal Church

Well folks- The anniversary date is actually in August 2025, but if we want to make it a spectacular event, we need to start planning. Do we want a dinner, a concert, weekly recitals for the month, a capitol campaign, a speaker? What would we like to see. A committee is being formed to start discussing what we might do, and where we might have it. If you have some event suggestions, or if you would like to serve on a planning committee, we need your assistance. Please contact Annette at the parish office 315 336-5170 or e-mail office at zionchurch@twcny.rr.com and give her your name if you will be a committee member, or some suggestions for events if you have any. All suggestions will be seriously considered. Thank you for your considerations.

HOME SWEET HOME

Homebound parishioners-Zion will be resuming visitations to your home from our LEV's. If you would like one of them to visit with you, please contact the office at (315) 336-5170 or by e-mailing zionchurch@twcny.rr.com.

A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER

I wanted to bring to your attention a few things that I think it's important for you to know.

First, we continue to be blessed with the generosity of former parishioners who still hold a place for Zion in their hearts. We routinely receive unexpected gifts from friends no longer living in the area. And we recently received a note along with a promise of ongoing monetary support as a means of thanking Zion for bringing our services to the Internet via Zoom livestreaming. We were also fortunate recipients of an anonymous donation designated towards addressing an ongoing hot water issue related to the commercial dishwasher. We gratefully acknowledge the philanthropy of these donors.

Second, we received notification from Bank of Utica towards the end of February that Zion's \$13,821 Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan from 2020 has been 100% forgiven by the Small Business Association. I subsequently applied (per Vestry authorization) for a "Second Draw" PPP loan, which was approved and funded at \$12,618 on March 9th. We expect this loan will also eventually be forgiven as long as we use it for the approved purposes, as we did the first go around.

Just like your ongoing support, the gifts from those no longer active in our parish and the PPP loans have allowed Zion to continue meeting the needs of our local community. This has been especially important throughout the COVID pandemic ordeal we've been dealing with over the past year. Thanks to you for your continued faithful support of Zion Church, and thanks be to God that our personal lives and our parish lives may soon return to something close to what they were a year ago --- before any of us had heard of COVID-19.

"All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own, have we given thee. Amen."

