

From St. James' with Love

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From Mother C

Well, it happened again this year. I went out to the garden to begin the spring clean-up. Every year in the fall I think I have all the leaves cleaned up, and then, I find that there are leaves covering everything in the garden. I started picking up leaves to take to the compost, and everywhere under the leaves, are forget-me-nots.

I got my first forget-me-not several years ago -- a single plant. It bloomed, and I was delighted, but sometimes, things that seem so innocent can later become a serious problem. Forget-me-nots are in everything. The hostas are peeking through the ground, and among the eyes are forget-me-nots. The tree peonies and azaleas are beginning to bud, and all around the base of them are forget-me-nots. The coral bells and delphiniums are filled with them. Every hyacinth, daffodil, iris and tulip is surrounded by them. The large orange poppies that are coming up are competing for space. Even the rose bushes are surrounded! Where did they all come from -- that one plant! (Some people have told me they want me to pot up some for them; they had better be careful.)

We have just celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior. We believe because of the witness of the disciples, who were totally dejected and depressed, and who in three short days, did a complete turn around. Instead of hiding behind closed doors and denying any relationship with Jesus, they had now gone to the streets to proclaim that he was alive! How could such dejected followers, afraid they would be accused along with him, afraid they would be killed also -- how could they have made such a change? The only thing I can think of that would make this possible is that they saw the Risen Lord. They saw, talked with, walked with, and ate with Jesus after the Resurrection.

Sometimes people struggle with such a miracle. They want to explain it away intellectually, and metaphorically, rather than accepting the miracle of the Resurrection as it is described in Holy Scripture. If we can be persuaded to walk away from the clear message of Scripture, careless thoughts can take hold, and like forget-me-nots crowding out plants in the garden, they can crowd out the truth of God's Word. As St. Paul said, "If Christ did not rise from the dead, our faith is in vain." We need to remain faithful in the study of God's Word, and not let the truth of the Bible become cloudy in our minds. Just like too many forget-me-nots can destroy a garden, so can cloudy thoughts destroy our faith. Let us remain faithful in worship, prayer, the study of Scripture, the teachings of the Apostles, and the breaking of bread.

Much love,

Sandy + (Mother C)

We ask all at St. James Church to keep the following people in their prayers.

Linda	Garry	Cecil	Adrienne
Pat	Ruth	Josie	Gene
Nita	Roxie	David	Dorie
Ted	The Howard Family	Teralin	Doug
Kali	Jim	John	Lori
Curtis	Georgia	Peter	Nancy
Melissa	Charles	Amy	Carolyn
Lee	Mary	Jessica	Hunter
Bill	Marie	Lillian	Cora
Michelle	Bud	Candy	Julie
Tom	Marilyn	Eva	Barbara
Sean	George	Zack	Gina
Sue	Bruce	Robert	Merle
Richard	The Family of Joe Kennedy		

- The Church of Kisima in Kenya
- Those who suffer with addictions
- Those who serve our country in the military, especially Vance, Forrest, Zac, AJ, Lael and Grayson.
(Please let Mother C. know how people on the prayer list are doing).

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011
(Mark your calendars now to save the dates)

May 7th-----Spring Clean Up Day
May 7th -----Smorgasbord Dinner
June 5th -----Talent's Dinner
August 26th-----Red Cross Progressive Dinner
September 25th-----Harvest Festival
October 15th-----Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
November 5th-----Bazaar
November 19th-----Apple Pie Day
December 4th-----Angel Tree Day

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

March 2011

- Adopted the Diocese of Rochester Policies for Developing Safer Churches and Responding to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct as the policies and procedures for this Congregation.
- Put the \$803.00 taken in from the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner toward the purchase of a new shed.
- Looking for volunteers to help staff a church school nursery each Sunday
- Committee for hiring an assistant to the Rector-Wardens-Jim Grillo, Chairman, and Leah Nichiporuk; Vestry-Nick Forenz, Janet Smith, Peter Manikas, Karen Derr, Floyd French, and Charles Skinner.
- The furnace is working properly now thanks to Gregg Learned.
- Nick Forenz will be checking out the hot water temperature to see if it can be increased.
- Start thinking about plans for the new entrance to the Undercroft
- Church Clean-Up Day has been tentatively set for May 7th.

BITS AND PIECES

Congratulations to Audrey Derr who made second quarter Honor Roll at Hammondsport Central School!

We need volunteers to help staff the nursery on Sundays when infants and toddlers are there so Lin is free to work with the Sunday School students. If many people are willing to volunteer-each person would only have to serve a few Sundays per year.

We need new or gently used items for the Sunday School Treasure Chest.

SHOPPING ALERT: If you happen to see a sale on the following items while you are shopping---please consider buying some and donating them to the church. We are in need of: paper towels, kleenex, toilet tissue, paper napkins. Donations of these items may be left in the kitchen.

If you have any useful items that you no longer need, think of the St. James' Rummage Sale. Contact Leah Nichiporuk.

Congratulations to Jim and Leah Nichiporuk on the birth of their new grandson Ethan.

Smorgasbord Dinner

St. James Church

May 7, 2011

4:00-6:30 pm

Roast Beef, Ham, Chicken, Meatloaf
Assorted Casseroles, Salads, Vegetables
Breads, Desserts, and Beverages

A complimentary glass of wine for those 21 and older

DONATIONS

ADULTS: \$7.50

CHILDREN 3-12: \$3.00

UNDER 3: FREE

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE

IF YOU CAN WORK ON THIS DINNER-PLEASE SIGN UP

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU CAN NOT SERVE AT YOUR SCHEDULED TIME.

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
May 1	L. Nichiporuk	Ce. VanHouten	M. Sampson J. Grillo	T. Dykas S. Dykas
May 8	C. Skinner	J. Grillo	W. Torp J. Skinner	B. Frey M. White
May 15	Ce. VanHouten	Co. VanHouten	S. Pulver S. Wilson	J. Grillo L. Grillo
May 22	Co. VanHouten	J. Grillo	M. White D. Erway	P. Manikas C. Manikas
May 29	J. Grillo	C. Skinner	M. Sampson C. Bidwell	N.Forenz P. Forenz
June 5	L. Nichiporuk	Ce. VanHouten	J. Grillo S. Wilson	W. Barney D. Barney
June 12	C. Skinner	Co. VanHouten	M.White D. Erway	T. Dykes S. Dykes
June 19	Ce. VanHouten	J. Grillo	W.Torp J. Skinner	B. Frey M. White
June 26	Co. VanHouten	L. Nichiporuk	S. Pulver Ce. VanHouten	P.Manikas C. Manikas

THANK YOU FROM THE RED CROSS

From the Greater Steuben Chapter of the American Red Cross: We give thanks for caring and loyal supporters like you. Today, we extend our many thanks for your generous gift of \$100. Please extend my sincere appreciation with your parishioners.

Brian McConnell, Executive Director

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Spring Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 7. It will start at 8:30 am. Nick Forenz and Jim Grillo are in charge. We will be cleaning and sprucing up both inside and outside the church.

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ST. JAMES CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!
Sunday School - 52 weeks a year!

HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

Vestry and Delegates to Convention

Wardens: Jim Grillo - first year, Leah Nichiporuk - second year

Vestry: Donella Barney, Floyd French, Jan Smith - 1st year

Ted Dykas, Pete Manikas, Nick Forenz - 2nd year

Tom Noteware, James Grillo, Karen Derr - 3rd year

Delegates to Convention: Betty Frey - 1st ; Gladys Palmer - 2nd; Charles Skinner - 3rd

Clerk of the Vestry: Betty Frey

Treasurer: Karen Derr

Pledge Clerk: Donella Barney

Choir Director and Organist: Elenor Boutwell

Christian Education: Lin Bretherton

Deacon: The Rev. Thomas Williams, M. Th.

Associate: The Rev. Gary Edmister, M.Div.

Rector: The Rev. Sandra K. Curtis, M.S. Ed., M. Div.

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