

From St. James' with Love

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FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Seven years ago I was going through a period of transition in my life. I had taken an early retirement from teaching, and my diaconal assignment in Schuyler County was ending. The Rev. Sandy Curtis graciously extended an invitation to serve as deacon at Church of the Redeemer in Addison and St. James' in Hammondsport. Change in life is very difficult, but my new ministry proved to be fruitful. When Sandy and I left Addison we did so in a way that was not "goodbye," just time for a change. Life is like that; we are not static but ever growing in the Holy Spirit who leads the way.

Now I have reached another moment in my life when it is time for a change. I have met a wonderful woman, Nancy Anderson, and we will be married this summer and reside in Palm Bay, Florida. I will be serving as deacon at Church of Our Savior, also in Palm Bay.

I want to thank the people of St. James' for the love and care you have given to me over the last few years. You helped me get through a difficult time in my life. St. James' has a lot to offer as a parish - beautiful church, soon a new undercroft, outreach ministries and opportunities for learning. The most important aspect of the parish is a loving community firmly grounded in our Lord Jesus Christ. Like Sandy often says, "if you take care of the spiritual, the rest will take care of itself."

Somewhere I heard a prayer that begins with, "Oh God, our times are in your hands... ." I can't remember the rest of the prayer, but I like that thought. Thank you for sharing a part of my life, a part of me will always be at St. James." Nancy and I hope to spend time in the area during the summers so I can spend time with my grandchildren, so this is not a goodbye, just a passage in life, "for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Give us peace, oh God. Help us to know that we are yours and in your hands.

Deacon Tom Williams

June 7 will be Deacon Tom's last Sunday with us. There will be a special Coffee Hour after church to give you a chance to meet Nancy and have an opportunity to say goodbye to Tom.

PRAYER CORNER

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

Adrienne	John	Amy	Judi	
Pat	Ted	Shannon	Carolyn	Leah
Carl	Teralin	Greg	Charlene	Carol
Kay	Lleyton	Lori	Mary	Hunter
June	Doug	Patty	Jessica	Helen
Gene	Linda	Georgia	Bill	Roxie
Richard	Kali	Peter	Mike	Bev
Angel	Betsy	Maria	Alice	Nancy
David	Sue	Sherrie	Cora	Crocker
Betty	Jim	Philip	Gayle	The Howard Family

The Church of Kisima in Kenya Trinity Church in Canaseraga Those who suffer with addictions

Those who serve our country in the military, especially Vance, Forrest and Zac.

(Please let Mother C. know how people on the prayer list are doing.)

Vestry Highlights

May 2009

- Transferred \$6,000 from the Elevator Account into the Investment Account.
- Renewed our copy right license for music in the amount of \$101.00 to CCLI (Christian Copy right Licensing International).
- The audit will be completed before the end of June.
- Approved a gift for Deacon Tom Williams who will be leaving us to be married and move to Florida.
- Approved a gift for Mike Kubrich - \$100.00 "Union Block Italian Bistro" gift certificate in appreciation for all the work he has done on our elevator.
- Accepted from Jim and Linda Grillo the generous gift of a new outside church sign. The old sign will continue to be used at the new back entrance of the church.
- Because of all the construction and decrease in activities, there will be only one newsletter until September.

NEW PIANO AT ST. JAMES'

So far, we have raised \$15,400, leaving a balance needed of \$4,600. If you have a love of music and want to help with this project, there are several ways you can do this. There are opportunities to honor people, give thanks to God for something wonderful in your life, and memorials. If you simply love music and want to donate toward the piano, it would be deeply appreciated.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 9, was set as our Spring Clean-Up date. A great deal of work was done outside, and we appreciate all the help we got. Nick Forenz and Jim Grillo spearheaded this project, and you can see the results of everyone's effort by seeing how beautiful our church is. A huge thank you to everyone who helped that day.

UNDERCROFT RENOVATION

You will notice that much has been completed in the back area of the Undercroft. We hope to soon be painting and putting down the new floor covering.

The main room has been emptied so that the furnace people can finish the cold and hot air returns for our furnace. When that is done, the sheet rock will be put up and new floor covering installed.

Sincere thanks to all who have helped with this project. We figure your work has saved us about \$20,000!!! We thank Nick Forenz and John Herrick who have kept on top of everything and keep it moving. We thank the Renovation Committee that continues to meet and offer ideas and assistance. We appreciate all the people who have offered assistance, come in and cleaned and packed and carried and moved. Incredible hours have been donated. We thank Jim and Leah Nichiporuk for providing all the storage space for our "stuff" until everything is completed. And we thank all of you for putting up with the mess and confusion. Just remember, when it is finished, it will be beautiful - a wonderful place to gather and do our work in the name of the Lord.

REMINDER: The TALENTS day in June has been postponed. When the renovation is completed, we will schedule a Sunday for you to bring in your "talents." Hope everyone is working on it. We've seen some really clever ideas so far.

WE HOPE TO HAVE A RUMMAGE SALE IN AUGUST, BUT A DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET. ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE IN CHURCH. ALSO, CHECK THE CALENDARS.

CALENDARS through September are in this newsletter, but please remember, there may be changes which can be found by going to our website.

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: Barbara Brayer - first year, James Grillo - second year

Vestry: Tom Noteware, Leah Nichiporuk, Karen Derr - 1st year

Mary White, Floyd French, Jan Smith - 2nd year

Ted Dykas, Bob Hunn, Nick Forenz - 3rd year

Delegates to Convention: Charles Skinner -1st year, Betty Frey - 2nd, Thaddeus Dykas - 3rd

Alternate Delegate: Leah Nichiporuk

Clerk of the Vestry: Betty Frey

Treasurer: Karen Derr

Pledge Clerk: Barbara Brayer

Choir Director and Organist: Elenor Boutwell

Christian Education: Lin Bretherton

Associate Priest: The Rev. Cora Booth, MTh.

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

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