

November 2022



Life in the midst of death, joy in the midst of sorrow, hope in the midst of chaos. I will seek to embody that to the world, to all those who need it so desperately. Today, I will smile.

~The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston



Welcome Reverend Rebecca and Brad!



A message from our new Rector

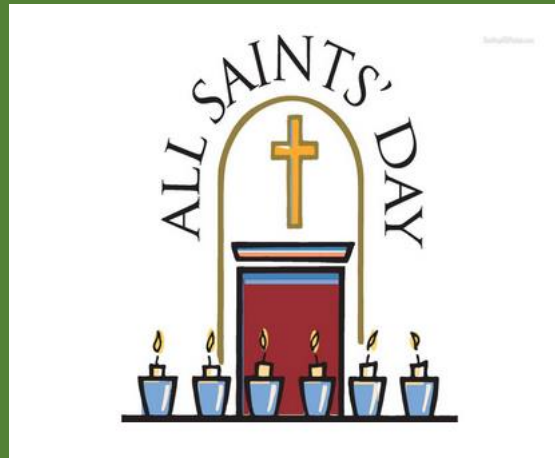
Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

Dear Beloved in Christ,

Thank you so very much for your warm welcome to Cazenovia and St. Peter's! Since our arrival on October 18, Brad and I have felt fully embraced by this dear community! It is with joy that we both look forward to getting to know you all better. You have poured out on us the spirit of love and support that first drew me to St. Peter's during the search process, and it was a blessing to experience it firsthand. In the days to come, there will be many opportunities for us to gather and share our stories and hopes for St. Peter's—to talk about what it means to live in a way that shows that we are Jesus' disciples in a world hungry for hope. My first day in the office is November 1, and my first day in the pulpit is Sunday, November 6. Please stop by the office for a quick hello. I look forward to more leisurely conversations as I get settled.

God's peace,
Rebecca+

St. Peter's News

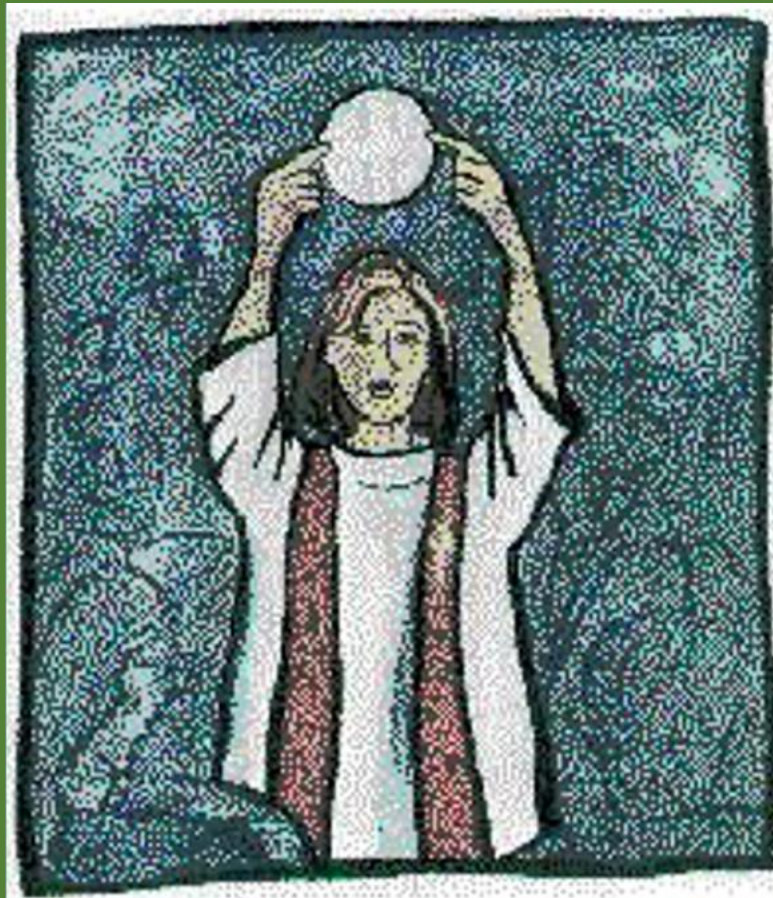


November 6th is All Saints Sunday

All Saints Day Reminds us that we are surrounded by A Great Cloud of Witnesses: Two Sundays from now, Nov. 6th, we will celebrate, not only our first Sunday with our new Rector, Rev. Rebecca, but also All Saints Day.

All Saints Day is a Christian solemnity, celebrated in honor of all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown. If you would like to have the saints in your life listed in the bulletin as we pray for and remember them on All Saints Day, please place their name(s) in the provided Memorial envelopes that will be available in the bulletins this week and next, and/or located on the round information table in the Parish Hall. Donations are appreciated, but not necessary.

For those on Zoom, simply call the Parish office at (315) 655-9063 during office hours and provide the name(s) of your loved ones you would like listed in the bulletin by October 31st.



What is a "Rector"?

The rector is the priest in charge of a parish. Typically, a rector is the priest in charge of a self-supporting parish, and a vicar is the priest in charge of a supported mission. "Associate priests" are priests hired by the parish to supplement the rector in his or her duties, while "assistant priests" are priests resident in the congregation who help on a volunteer basis. The rector is the ecclesiastical authority of the parish. The term "rector" is derived from the Latin word for "guide", "ruler" or "educator". The rector has authority and responsibility for worship and the spiritual jurisdiction of the parish, subject to the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, the constitution and canons of the church, and the pastoral direction of the bishop. The rector is responsible for the selection of all assistant clergy who then serve at the discretion of the rector. The church and parish buildings and furnishings are under the rector's control. The rector or a member of the vestry designated by the rector presides at all vestry meetings.

From "Wikipedia" and "the dictionary of the Episcopal Church"

Stewardship



It is time to fill our your annual pledge card for St. Peter's Church. It is also time to figure out how to use your particular gifts to be a steward of Jesus' teachings in our world today. How do you think you can be a steward?

A Message from Cynthia Maxwell Curtin, Senior Warden

I am amazed. Before September 11, 2022, I thought stewardship was a sort of guilt-provoking plea from a church to increase our pledge. Don't get me wrong, please feel free to increase your pledge. But what I am learning is that stewardship is about us as a community of God's children. How do we take care of each other? How do we grow in faith? How do we care for people outside and beyond our bubble? God shows up for us. How do we show up for God?

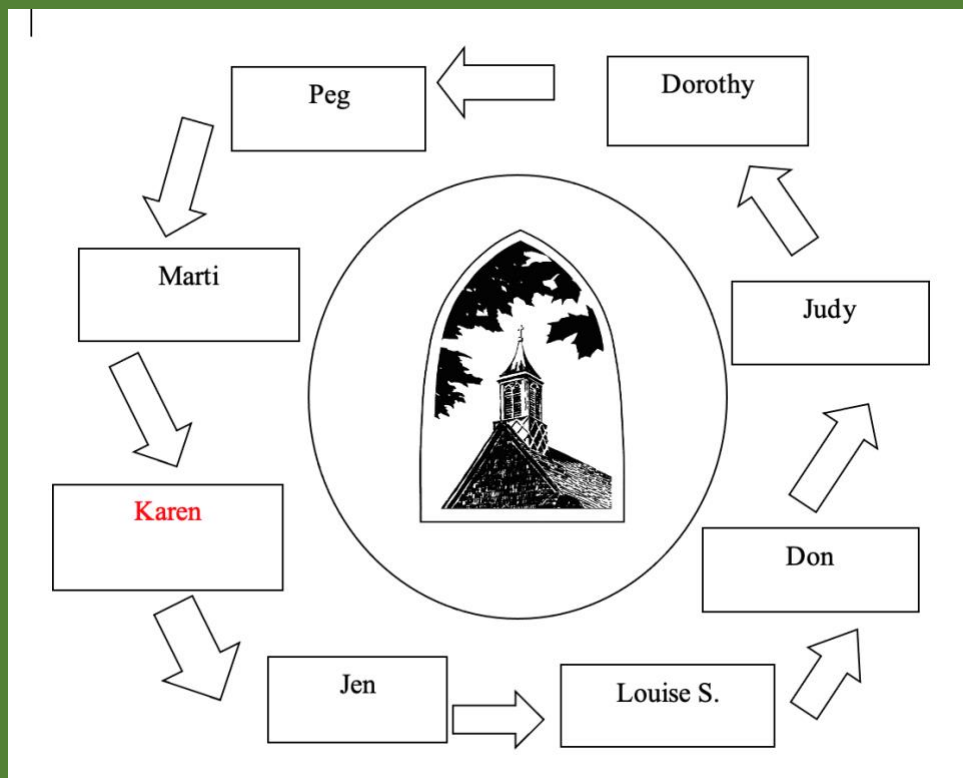
Jesus said he is the gate that keeps the sheep safe. John 10:7. How do we keep others safe? How do we provide a safe place to learn, grow and worship? Jesus said he is the bread of life. John 6:35 How do we bring others to the Lord's table? How do we share the bread of life? Paul and I have received numerous meals that have sustained us and helped heal us. Thank you all! But that would not have happened but for this wonderful community. What do we do to build it—make it even more vibrant and expand its loving presence?

We are on a journey. Today is but a flick of time but there is promise in tomorrow with Rebecca and Brad's arrival. What do we do to sustain them as they work with us to grow our faith and our loving presence?

Let us look to the promise of renewal and let us continue to pray for all of us and each of us. Let us grab the promise of renewal and hold it tight as we discern our role in the wonderous journey.

St. Peter's Church Prayer Circle

The Episcopal church defines prayer as the experience of corporate or individual nearness with God, through words, acts, or silence. Any act or activity offered to God in a spirit of dedication may be prayerful. So it seems prayer is a prelude to almost everything we do at church. Intercessory prayers, asking for help from God for a specific person are very powerful reminders of our holy humanity – that we are dependent on God all the time and especially in times of pain, illness, suffering, and important life changes. Our prayer circle is made up of 8 parishioners, prayer warriors, who pray daily for people in need of intercessory prayer. The names of the people being prayed for by the prayer circle are confidential.



To request an intercessory prayer please consult your church directory or call the parish office to obtain the prayer warriors' phone numbers (we don't publish them in here for privacy purposes). Then, call Karen first. If you can't reach her, continue calling the prayer warriors in order of the arrows in the diagram above. Please make sure to speak with a person directly. Keep calling until you have spoken with one of the members of the circle. Leaving a message could disrupt confidentiality. After you have spoken with a member of the circle, your prayer will be passed along to all the warriors, who will pray daily, until asked to stop doing so.

The prayer circle is a wonderful and powerful ministry of our church!

Members of our Congregation



The Inspiration of Service

Several weeks ago, the Red Cross asked me to assist with the Hurricane Ian recovery efforts in Florida. I had taken courses that qualified me for the deployment and was eager to contribute. For the next two weeks I set up cots, distributed blankets, food and water, and provided comfort to the people that had lost their homes and were devastated by the powerful storm. My time in Florida was emotionally and physically challenging but I was filled with a strong sense of purpose and was grateful for an opportunity to help those less fortunate.

Following my return to Cazenovia, I was grateful for my loving and supportive family, circle of friends, comfortable home and beautiful community. I was also reminded of the wonderful group of service-oriented people at St. Peter's. Volunteerism, the giving of time and talent to help others, is the simple yet powerful concept of putting one's own needs and comforts aside in order to help others. It's one of the many things that make our church community unique and extraordinary. The selfless giving and charitable spirit provide the foundation for our congregation.

Anne Saltman

Music Ministry

Concert Series: 2022-2023 Season

November 13th Concert at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Concert Series will present the award-winning acclaimed guitarist and recording artist Kenneth Meyer, on **November 13th at 3:00 pm**. Ken directs the guitar studies programs at Syracuse University and Onondaga Community College. He is a featured performer, adjudicator and teacher at various festivals and colleges throughout the country and abroad. The program will include works by Bach, Emilia Giuliani-Guglielmi, Sofia Gubaidulina, Natalie Draper and others.



Guitarist Kenneth Meyer

A Tribute to Ida

(Written and presented by choir member Betsy)



News of St. Peter's and the Greater Community



The Key Consignment Shop

The Key has been around for generations and is a place that numerous people hold close to their heart. Many locals experience pure nostalgia and joy when they walk through the door. They are transported back and remember the good times of their childhood and are overwhelmed with joy to share a piece of their life with their new families, especially if they have moved away from the area. Although the Key has had a couple different locations over the years, its mission remains: to serve the community of Cazenovia and the surrounding areas. To help the less fortunate. To make everyone feel welcome and safe. To become a traditional stop on a family road trip. To make a child's day. To change the lives of students and volunteers alike. To make a difference.

Here's a real customer experience, sent to us last month:

"Impressed with the selection at the Key. I was in a real bind because I forgot to pack multiple items before a visit to local friends. The Key saved me!! They also have this really cute line of up-cycled clothes, plenty of name brand options, and some vintage too. They were polite and welcoming, and I will visit when I'm in town again."

We have been told many times that we are the hidden gem on Albany Street and have saved many a customers from being in a pinch. We get many out-of-towners from all over the country. Out-of-towners that forgot an essential piece to their wardrobe. Maybe it's a tie, maybe it's a sports coat. Perhaps a pair of heels or a sweater. The Key will be there to save the day.

The Key donates its profit at the end of the year to multiple charitable organizations in the area. The Vestry will vote on which charities will receive a grant based on our profit numbers. Past grants have gone to Caz Cares, Vera House, Caz Welcomes



Caroline Vagnone



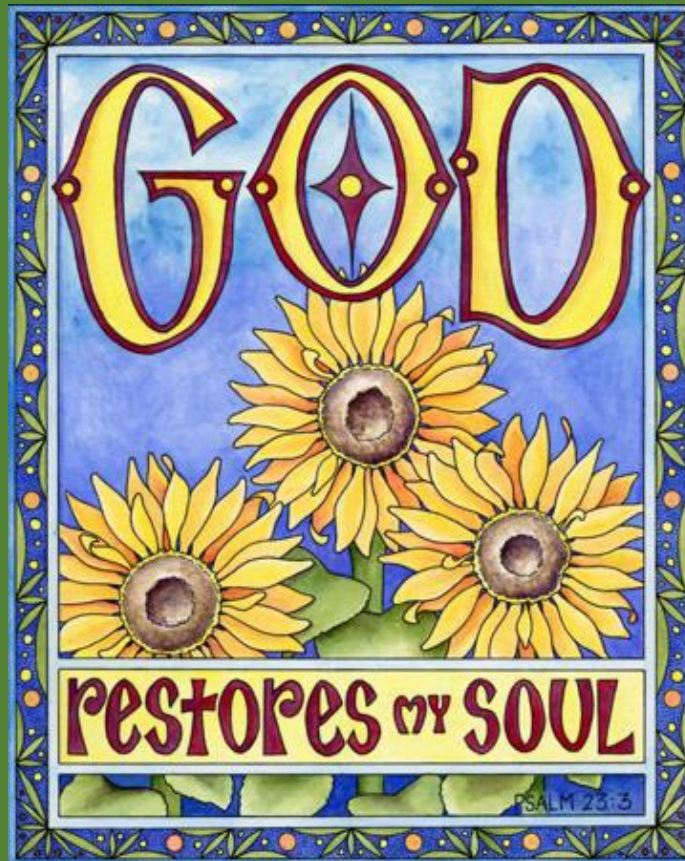
Now that the weather truly getting colder, Caz Cares is collecting children's winter clothes, boots, hats, coats, gloves etc.

During the month of November, St. Peter's collects any kind of pasta for Caz Cares. Please put your food and clothing donations in the large basket in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

A little later in the month we will be asking you for help getting Thanksgiving meals ready and out to people. There will be an announcement with the date and time in the Sunday Bulletin in the weeks to come.



Diocesan News



The 154th Convention of the Diocese of Central New York, “God Restores My Soul,” will be held on Friday, November 11th and Saturday, November 12th.

Friday’s activities will take place entirely online. On Saturday, delegates will have the option to attend online or at one of several regional in-person gatherings.

This Year our own delegates are Sandy Petross & Gretchen Lipp, the alternate delegates are Marti Cook and Madeline Hartt. This year’s youth delegate is Grace Probe.

Calendar

Events in November

- 3 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 6 **Dailight Saving Time End (Fall back)!**
10:00 am All Saints Sunday; Welcome Rev, Rebecca and Brad!
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
- 7 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
- 8 Election Day
7:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 9 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting
- 10 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
- 11 8-4 Diocesan Convention via Zoom
- 12 10-2:30 Diocesan Convention in person
- 13 10:00 am Sunday Service
11:00 am **Special Welcome Brunch for new Rector** (Parish Hall)
3:00 pm Concert: Guitarist Kenneth Meyer
- 14 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
5:15 pm Volunteer Day at the Friendship Inn
- 17 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 20 10:00 am Sunday Service, followed by Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
- 21 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
- 24 **Thanksgiving** 🦃🦃🦃 Parish Office is closed
- 25 Parish Office is closed
- 27 10:00 am **First Sunday of Advent**, Service followed by Coffee Hour (Par. Hall)
- 28 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)

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