The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Chittenango, New York

October 2025

A Virtual Community vs a Real Community

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The Mission of our Parish is to be an active community reflecting God's presence in Chittenango and other communities we represent.

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Sundays at 10AM

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What is easier? A virtual community or a real community? Most of those my age or older will tell you hands down a real community. With all of it's issues, differences, idiosyncrasies—it is where we find our family. We

thrive on seeing each other in person, to be able to actually hug each other, to converse in real time. There is something comforting about being

able to sit at the same table and have our coffee or tea together.

Those in Clayton's age group? Not so much. They grew up with computers, phones, virtual learning. They are just as comfortable, if not more so,

with having "online friends". They can block, mute, leave a chat or whatever they do, at any given moment. They also are bullied more, what only

happened when we were in school, now happens 24 hours. It is relentless and hurtful. So kids withdraw into themselves more, so they don't hurt as much.

So how do we reach these people who don't want to hurt; but are hurting, who don't really trust anyone, who honestly have higher expectations (and sometimes not realistic) for people who go to church? They feel judged by us, because of what they wear, their hair color, their tattoo's, their piercings, even their sexual orientation. They don't know how to talk to us, unless it's thru a phone, they cannot do eye contact, small talk, they have no self confidence and therefor feel intimidated by us. They lack, as

my mother would say, "social grace". It's nobody's fault, it is what it is today. But it causes a chasm.

How do we fight the idea that Christians aren't really Christ like. The general opinion is that we are hypocritical—that we sit in a church pew because it makes us look good, and once we are on the outside of the church we become the epitome of evil.

In a small town, it's even harder. People know what church you are affiliated with, they hear what happens in a particular church, even if it's only partially true. So they watch, to see how we act outside of the doors, to see if we make fun of people, say hurtful things about each other, to see if we actually "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk". Like the song, "they will know us by our love". Humourus isn't it? They don't like being judged, yet they judge us. This world is full of irony.

Today the world is full of cameras, and any moment in time can and will be captured and shared. I guess we all have to remember that and practice what we preach, right? As for bridging that chasm? It is going to be harder for us

than it was for our grandparents, because of technology and how fast it chang-

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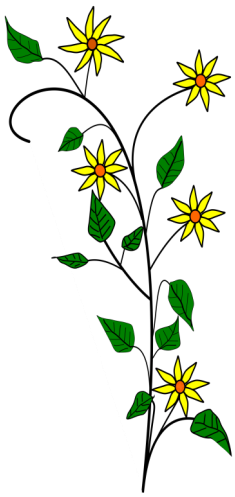
Want to donate to St. Paul's? Not sure how to do it online?

Go to: https://cnyepiscopal.org/give/ click on "Give to my Parish" and look for St. Paul's Chittenango.

You will get an email stating your donation has gone thru and our Treasurer will get an email, with your name and amount given.

Prayer List



List of Names as of September 30, 2025

For the Sick: Ethel Barber, Ron Beaty, Hunter Brink, Catherine Carter, Angelo Coker, Stephen Cominsky, Barb Dayo, Deb Elderbroom & Lukas, Peter Esposito, Robin Gorman, the Rev. Charles Grover, Joan Grover, Niel Huebler, Violet Irwin, Brian Keehan, Amy Kenneson, Dick Klug, Corinne Kraus, Patricia Ladd, Don Lee, Betty Lesczynski, Bonnie Matthews, Woody McAllister, Carolyn Moredock, Bob Olmsted, Lee Parker, Margaret Peryer, Roe Salamone, Judy Short, Aiyana Tarbell, Mickey Temple, Robin Weisbrod, Ruth Williams, Janet Winters, Ronald Ziegler.

New Prayer List for October 2025/November 2025 has been posted on the bulletin board. If you wish to have someone added to St. Paul's Prayer list, please contact Becky Kraus at bak092364@gmail.com / 315 382-9056 or Robin Weisbrod at rdweisbrod@gmail.com / 315 655-4321.

If anyone would like a written copy of the weekly lessons/Gospel, Psalm, and Fr. Leon's sermon, either mailed to you or emailed to you - please contact the Church, by phone or by email and let Becky know. She will drop them in the mail to you weekly.

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es, we find it harder and harder to understand and we shut down, then they shut down.

I have no answers, I struggle with the cultural transitions, the use of pronouns, the struggle between others, all of what is going on today. The hatred, the dismissiveness, the lack of respect on ALL sides—but one thing I know, I'll keep going to church, I'll keep inviting people, I'll keep hoping and praying the tides will change and I will keep my faith in God.

Enjoy the autumn weather and hold your loved ones close.
God bless,
Robin

October

Birthdays

06 Valerie Travers

Anniversaries

22—Betty and Michael Lesczynski

Ministry Team Schedule

October 5, 2025
Holy Eucharist
Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.
Lessons: Tania Mousaw
Prayers: Tania Mousaw
Acolyte: Katherine Weisbrod
Organist: Cindy Kolseski
Coffee Hour: Vestry

October 12, 2025
Morning Prayer
Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Sue Gerling
Prayers: Sue Gerling
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please Volunteer

October 19, 2025
Holy Eucharist
Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.
Lessons: Claudia Jensen
Prayers: Claudia Jensen
Acolyte: Katherine Weisbrod
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please Volunteer

October 26, 2025
Morning Prayer
Robin Weisbrod
Lessons: Meg Hermann
Prayers: Meg Hermann
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please Volunteer

Altar Guild for October
MaryJane Pokorny
Meg Hermann

In light of the recent ICE raid in Cato, NY, many families are now struggling after their loved ones and breadwinners were detained. STAND CNY is partnering with Eastern Farmworkers of America, who are directly connected with these families, to ensure they are not left without the essentials they need. Together, we can step in with food, supplies, and support.
Will you join us in showing up for our neighbors during this time of crisis?

The following items have been requested:

- Diapers - Sizes 2 and 3
- Pull-Ups - Size 7
- Baby Wipes
- Shampoo
- Body Soap
- Dish And Laundry Detergent
- Maseca Corn Flour
- Tomatoes (Diced, Whole)
- Cooking Oil
- Family-Sized Rice
- Canned Corn-Peas-Carrots (This Is A Three-In-One Type Of Canned Item)
- Pasta
- Canned Chicken/Beef/Pork (Any Is Fine)
- Shelf-Stable Milk
- Coffee
- Cumin
- Dried Peppers
- Oregano

Contact Canon Megan if you wish to donate. This is being done through our new diocesan ministry STAND.

Join us in saving Quarters and drop them in the change container in the Parish Hall.

Not able to get to the Parish Hall?
- make a donation to the church and on the memo line put
Laundry Donation!!

Thank you for supporting this new Outreach program.

Children's and Babies Clothing Exchange

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month

~~CANCELLED FOR OCTOBER~~

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Drop off donations in the St. Pauly's Box

A bit of history…..

Some years ago a survey was done of the buildings along the main street of Chittenango by an architect, Patricia Earle. In her concise report she made these remarks, "The Episcopal Church, dating from 1866, with more the appearance of a chapel, is of board and batten Gothic, with wood spires at the corners, beside the entrance, and small ones at the corners of the front vestibule. It is an attractive building, in good condition, on a well-kept lot, and is one of the best examples of architecture in the town."

This beautiful little church seems to have been kept essentially the same as when it was built. The cornerstone was laid on December 4, 1865, by the rector, the Rev. A.P. Smith, D.D. A contemporary account said that the day was stormy but a goodly number were present to attend the ceremonies.

In the box deposited in the cornerstone were put a Bible and a prayer book, some church publications, an 1865 almanac; and the names of the rector and the church wardens and vestrymen. Also included were the names of the building committee, the name of the donor of the land on which the church was built, Samuel Housely, the names of the Tatting Society and a specimen of their work. The Tatting Society had helped to raise quite a sum of money for the building.

When the church celebrated its centennial in 1965 and 1966, all efforts to discover the original cornerstone failed. Special events commemorated the laying of the cornerstone, the first church service and the consecration of the church. The Rev. Alfred G. Tottey was priest-in-charge at this time.

Another set of mementos were placed in the front wall of the church to await discovery when the bicentennial comes around. The church is fortunate to have a history, written apparently in 1882, which tells of some events up to that time.

During the summer of 1913 extensive repairs were made to the church. New cupolas were put on and the church was painted. A side entrance was put in the south, rear part of the church to furnish an outside entrance for the choir. These improvements were made possible by the Anna Gates Memorial fund. During this period the Rev. James C. Munson was the rector.

In 1926 an addition was made in the back for church parlors. The contractor for this work was Lewis Osborne. Later other changes were made in this part.

Once during its history St. Paul's was threatened by fire. It was only three months after the Presbyterian Church was struck by lightning and burned on October 5, 1918. Shortly after dinner on Sunday, December 15, smoke and flames were discovered inside the church and an immediate alarm was given. Prompt response by those who were nearby and the use of the chemical engine extinguished the flames before serious danger developed. The interior of the church was smoked up somewhat, a hole was burned in the floor and the carpet burned, but no extensive damage was done.

Originally the church had a picket fence around the premises but in 1908 it was removed and a chain fence was put in its place. (Thank you Fr. Grover for copying this and editing it to work in the Newsletter).

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