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PRELUDE – Voluntary

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – #574 “Before thy throne, O God we kneel”

St. Petersburg

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

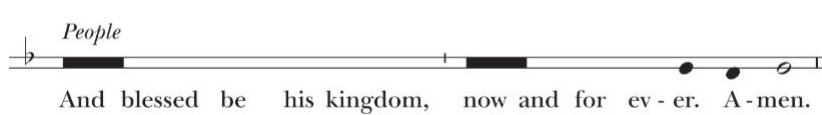
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Celebrant



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People



And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Missa Secunda - Hans Leo Haßler (1564-1612)

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and, peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27a

Reader A reading from the Book of Job.

Job said,
"O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 17:1-9 – *Read at 8AM; chanted by the choir at 10:15*

Setting by William Best (1826-1897)

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
 give heed to my cry; *
 listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
 let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
 melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 **I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
 I have heeded the words of your lips.**

- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

THE EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Reader A reading from Second Letter to the Thessalonians

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #195 “Jesus lives! thy terrors now”

Mowsley

THE GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes

THE NICENE CREED – *All Stand, as able*

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Called to stand firm and hold fast, let us offer our prayers to God who proclaims to us the good news of Christ, saying: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the Church: especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury - Designate, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Stephen our Provisional Bishop and our Diocese as we discern and pray for a new Bishop Diocesan, that we may continue to offer faithful witness to God's abiding care for us and live always as those who are alive in Christ. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this Cathedral community, that we who celebrate this Eucharist in joyful hope may be transformed in Christ as children of the resurrection. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For a deeper understanding of stewardship, that recognizing all of our gifts from God, we may place them in the service of God's kingdom. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all those who serve in the military, and for all veterans, that they may know God's presence in their hearts, and be blessed with health and well-being. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For peace throughout the world, and especially in Gaza, Ukraine & Sudan, that those driven to violence and terrorism may find new paths to walk that will bring peace and good order to their world. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all those who are in despair and struggle to find justice and truth, that God will enfold them in love until that time has passed and guide them in the right way. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are in danger and need: the hungry, the homeless and the oppressed, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Barbara, Judy, Miles, Clark, Geri, Dominic, Steve & Tracy, Lisa and family, Andrea, Barbara, Larry and Diane, Byron, Chris, Joe, Carl, Lori, Larry, Carol, Renee, Sharon, Elaine, Don, Anne, Jim, Judy, and Shirley, that God will bring comfort and strength to them.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the departed, remembering especially Herbert, Catherine, Chuck, Eva, and Juanita, that as children of the resurrection, they may rejoice now in the presence of the One who is the beginning and the end. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In the communion of the Blessed Mary, the God-bearer, Blessed Paul, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant: Living God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive the prayers we offer you this day, and let your loving kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE - All stand.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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Walk in Love, as Christ loved us and give himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain

Sir Reginald S. Thatcher (1888 – 1957)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel Into joy from sadness;
'Tis the Spring of Souls today, Christ hath burst His prison, And from three days sleep in death As a
Sun hath risen
Queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendour,–Alleluia!
With the royal feast of feasts, Comes its joy to render;–Alleluia!
Comes to glad Jerusalem, Who with true affection–Alleluia–Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus'
Resurrection.–Alleluia!
Neither might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal, Nor the watchers, nor the seal, Hold
Thee as a mortal; But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing That Thy peace which
evermore Passeth human knowing

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

SURSUM CORDA

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Celebrant
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

People
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Haßler

Celebrant and People

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

THE MEMORIAL ACCLIMATION

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Celebrant

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

THE GREAT AMEN

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Celebrant

People

A-men.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

S119



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Haßler

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

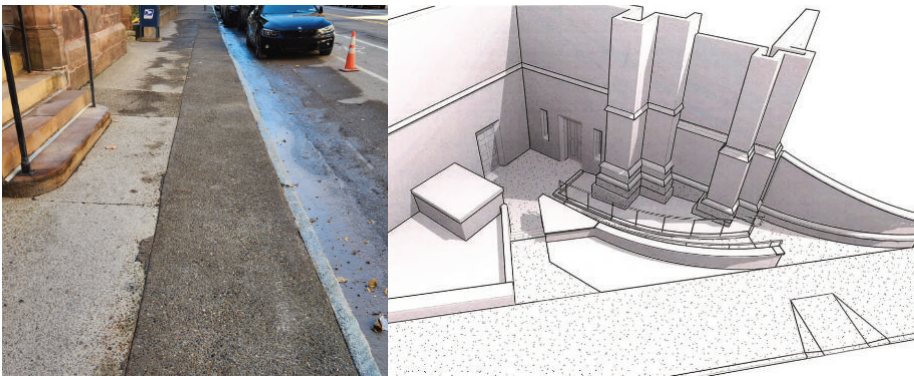
From the Dean's Desk: Property Update

This week our sidewalks were finally repaired, and new aggregate concrete was poured. This is only a portion of the work that needs to be completed, however. The ramp entrance to the lower level of the Cathedral still needs to be completed but work is underway. This past Monday, members of the Vestry and Property Committee met with our architect from Flynn-Battaglia and review plan and chose a design that we believe will be a beautiful enhancement to our property. The ramp has a gentle curve and matches the curve of the porch of the Cathedral. The work for this will commence in the spring. In the interim, a temporary ramp will be installed that is ADA compliant.

Sadly, our elevator is temporarily out of order as work is done on the hydraulic system. We hope for this to be resolved shortly.

We thank you for your anticipated understanding and patience as we work to improve and enhance our physical plant.

– Dean Rebecca



The Bills Visit St. Paul's

St. Paul's was honored to host the Buffalo Bills Community Enrichment Team today as part of their outreach to the unhoused in Buffalo. The event was attended by 30 unhoused persons, as well as representatives from the Buffalo Bills, LECOM, WNY Homeless Coalition Board Members, Be a Blessing, Erie County reps, and the City Mission. A sit down lunch was catered by Chef Darian. Buffalo Bills team members present were: #62 Sedrick Van Pran-Granger, Offensive Lineman; #90 DeWayne Carter, Defensive Tackle; #46 Ja'Marcus Ingram, Cornerback. More photos: <https://tinyurl.com/ausr7bmm>



Thanksgiving Eve - Wednesday, November 26

Thanksgiving is an important cultural holiday, but it is so much more than that! The Cathedral will hold a Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist, Wednesday (11/26) at 7PM at which we will gather and share in the greater spiritual meaning of this holiday by giving thanks (Eucharisto means thanksgiving) and express our gratitude for the good gifts God so richly provides. Come join us!

Some Stewardship Thoughts from the Junior Warden:

I am not sure when I first became active in the annual stewardship campaign. I believe it was when Dean Spangler was our dean. Ever since that time, stewardship is never far from my thoughts. It seems that I am constantly seeking stewardship connections in places where it might not seem evident. Many times, I find inspiration in scripture, and sometimes in passages where only I might find a connection to good stewardship.

So, it was a couple of weeks ago while listening to Dean Rebecca's sermon. The gospel of Luke centered around the parable Jesus told his disciples about the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. Now, if you are anything like me, you have always thought of the Pharisees as some of the bad guys in the narrative of our Lord's ministry. Dean Rebecca presented a different depiction of just who the Pharisees were in the structure of first century Jewish society. It turns out that, they were people not much different than we, the congregation of St. Paul's. They were regular in attendance at worship, they "made a pledge and paid it", and they could be relied on to do the right things required of their faith. (A note about the 'pledge'. This is the point in the sermon where my stewardship ears perked up. When the Pharisee said that he gave ten per cent of his wealth to the temple, he was doing what was the accepted practice of the day. Now we call it a 'tithe' and while it is endorsed by the national church, for many among us, it is a bad word. How could the church ask such a thing of us? Apparently, the Pharisees didn't see it that way.)

By now you have received a pledge card in the mail and hopefully you will be with us on Christ the King Sunday to place that card on the altar to be blessed by the Dean. Now if you thought that the next thing, I am going to ask of you is to consider pledging a tithe to the cathedral. Not so at all. What I will ask of you is this: While discerning what you will give back to God in your 2026 pledge to this cathedral, look again at the text of Hymn 437. Think of the "unnumbered blessings" we receive on a daily basis. Reflect on "his mercy sure" when in our human frailty we fail to love our neighbor as ourself. Rejoice in the "tender promise of his word" that assures us of his unending love to us and to our "children's children" "forever more". The text of this hymn inspired a stewardship campaign. I hope those words and the love you have for St. Paul's and its mission will inspire your soul to reflect the greatness of God in your pledge for the coming year.

Holy Hike of Western New York

Holy Hikes of Western New York will have its November hike at Knox Farm State Park on November 15 at 10AM. Knox Farm State Park is the former country estate of Buffalo's renowned Knox Family and is located adjacent to the historic village of East Aurora, birthplace of the Roycroft Arts & Crafts movement and former home of Millard Fillmore. The park's 633 acres are comprised of a variety of habitats, including 400 acres of grasslands (pastures and hayfields), and 100 acres of woodlands, ponds and several wetland areas. We will gather at St Paul's (139 Pearl St.) at 9:15 and then carpool to Knox Farm where we'll enjoy the beauty of God's creation while we celebrate Eucharist on the trail. The 1.5-mile trail is flat and considered an easy trail but be sure to wear good walking shoes or hiking boots.

Knox Farm Trail, New York - 1,124 Reviews, Map – <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-york/knox-farm-trail>
All are welcome! Come join us!

Save the Date - Christmas Party Invitation

On Saturday December 27th Scott Sciumeca, one of our parishioners, will be hosting an adult Christmas Party at his home. The party will start at 5:00 PM and all members of the congregation and choir are invited, along with a guest if so desired. While there will not be a sit down dinner, there will be plenty of food, beverages, including adult beverages, and desserts for all everyone to enjoy. Guests need not bring anything, except perhaps their best holiday cheer. As we get closer to the date, everyone will be given an opportunity to contact Scott via email to let him know who, and how many, will be coming, for planning purposes.

Incipio Presents: Departures

Saturday, November 22, 2025

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

Experience a tour of the world's folk music traditions, all from the comfort of your own vintage airline seat! On Saturday, November 22 at 7pm, join Buffalo's favorite new choir for DEPARTURES, and fly away to experience the evocative sonic worlds of Sudan, Lithuania, Taiwan, Scotland, Iran, and more.

Ticket details and digital program coming soon.

Incipio will also join us for a Choral Evensong on Christ the King Sunday, November 23 at 4PM.

SJAT Note

From Bill Siener for the Social Justice Action Team

"And Who Is My Neighbor . . . ?" an exhibit of portraits of some of the Cathedral's unhoused neighbors is coming to the narthex on September 20. Buffalo photographer, Joe George, has made 23 stunning images of people who, for a variety of reasons, live on the streets of the city. They will be on display for Doors Open, Buffalo, through the end of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week on November 22.

The exhibit will be open to the public on Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 2 PM, and on Saturday, November 22 from Noon to 2. In order for us to be able to make the show available to the public, we need at least 2 people to act as docents/greeters each day that it is open. If you are able to give some time to explain to visitors more about one of St. Paul's ministries in downtown Buffalo, please sign up for one or more time slots on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Walker Room, or contact Bill Siener at whsiener@gmail.com.

Prayer and Pastoral Care

We lift up the following in prayer especially Barbara, Judy, Miles, Clark, Geri, Dominic, Steve & Tracy, Lisa and family, Andrea, Barbara, Larry and Diane, Byron, Chris, Joe, Carl, Lori, Larry, Carol, Renee, Sharon, Elaine, Don, Anne, Jim, Judy, and Shirley. We also remember all those who have died, especially Herbert, Catherine, Chuck, Eva, and Juanita, and those whose anniversaries of death we mark this week. We pray for them and their loved ones who remember them.

ACROSS THE DIOCESE AND THE CHURCH

From the Bishop

For much of my ministry, I was a supporter of the missional movement, a cross-denominational movement whose aim was to restore to the church a sense that its mission field was the whole community outside the

doors of the church. It meant to recover the original meaning of the word “parish,” meaning the geographic boundaries of the community the church served. As Bishop of Maine, I encouraged parishioners to walk their neighborhoods, to introduce themselves to local businesses and to political and school officials, and to open parish events to the whole community. I invited them to recover a sense of being sent into the world to love and serve. I was convinced, and remain convinced, that the future of the church is to be found in community collaborations and partnerships across denominational and other boundaries, rather than in the continued survival of single, denominationally-based churches.

One of the primary movers of the missional movement was Alan Roxborough, a priest of the Anglican Church of Canada, and a prolific writer and speaker. I read many of his books and for a while was part of a partnership involving the Dioceses of Maine, Connecticut, East Tennessee, and Alan. For several years we worked together to encourage and support one another in getting our parishes out the door and into the neighborhood.

One of the things that Alan said that has stuck with me was, “We’re in crisis! It’s time to be patient.” As I get to know the Diocese of Western New York, it’s clear that for many there is a sense of crisis. It is difficult to find supply clergy. Many congregations can’t afford even quarter time clergy. Deacons are being asked to take responsibilities that move them beyond their ministries as deacons. We want to fix things as quickly as possible.

Yet, the solutions to our current dilemmas all require long-term, patient effort. We didn’t get to our present circumstances quickly, and we won’t resolve them quickly. We need to take the time to educate more clergy. We need to take the time to build relationships in our communities. We need to take the time to establish partnerships that both serve our neighbors and strengthen our worshiping communities. What’s needed is not a quick fix, but a determination to build a foundation for the long term.

The key, I think, is to begin. To take the first steps toward being that new church. To be seen not as an isolated community operating behind closed doors, but as a good neighbor where things happen for the community and where all are welcome. We need to try things and to stick with them long enough to see if they have legs. We need to be willing to fail, and to chalk it up to learning about our context. We need to trust that our God walks with us and will be with us as we try and try again.

It is frustrating for us that what we remember about church life no longer obtains. The world is different, and we have to adapt. Perhaps what is happening is that we are in a long term process of recovering our origins as a Gospel movement, as a Way, that brings the love of God closer to the people around us.

Bishop Steve

Creation Care & Environmental Justice - A Virtual Series

Economic and industrial development often disregard damaging environmental and health impacts on marginalized communities of color – “progress” for some at the sacrifice of others. This is racism in action. The WNY and NWPAC Commission to Dismantle Racism and Discrimination (CDRD) invites you to explore issues, past and current, where creation care and racial justice meet.

All four virtual sessions will begin at 7pm and be held virtually on Zoom. For details, go to the CDRD Website page: <https://tinyurl.com/dsdnxux8>

Safe Church In-Person Training

Join us on November 15 at St Paul's, Angola from 10am-3pm to complete the required Safe Church training (NYS Mandated Employee Training excluded). Lunch is included as part of your day.

A valid email address and registration is required...REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/zztf2856>

JUST ONE Deacon Challenge

A shout out to the parishes in our Diocese! We are on our way to meeting our goal and there has been plenty of positive feedback to our JUST ONE Challenge already. If your church has not started, there is still time to be part of the bigger picture.

What? We as the Deacons in the Diocese of WNY are collecting clothing for the unhoused and poor around our Cathedral, St. Paul's in downtown Buffalo.

When? Now through November 21

Why? We are all called to meet the needs of the poor which is an overwhelming task alone. But, when we each do our own small part, we make a huge impact together.

How? Each person is asked to donate JUST ONE article of clothing you don't need from your abundance. We are desperate for cold weather clothing: coats, sweatshirts, sweaters, sweatpants, boots, long underwear, winter hats and gloves, and heavy socks. If you are more inclined to donate money, we have a way to purchase sub freezing sleeping bags for \$16.00 each when ordered in bulk. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Cathedral with Sleeping Bags on the memo line.

Where? Collect the clothing at your own parish and when everyone has donated and you are done collecting, drop the clothes off at a location listed below. From there, the deacons and other volunteers will pick them up and take them to the cathedral.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for contributing at this very difficult time of the year. We know how stretched everyone is and that is why JUST ONE item will work if we all pitch in.

With servant hearts,
Your WNY Deacons

Drop-off Locations:

Diocesan Ministry Center: M-TH: 9am-4pm

St. Paul's, Harris Hill: M-TH: 9am-3pm or in drop box by office door

Church of the Advent, Kenmore: W: 10am-2pm or call (716)-553-1688 to arrange drop-off

St. James, Batavia: M-TH: 9am-3pm

St. Matthias, East Aurora: M, T, & TH: 9am-12:30pm, W: 9am-8pm

St. Andrew's, Burt: Wed: call (212) 222-8109 to arrange drop-off

St. Mark's, Orchard Park: M-F: 9am-4pm

St. Peter's, Westfield: Call (716) 912-8862 to arrange drop-off

New or visiting today? Everything you need to participate in worship is in this bulletin and the Hymnal in the pew (red or blue). We invite you to join in praying, singing, and responding, as you are comfortable.

Restrooms are located on the lower level. From the elevator, proceed through the double glass doors and look to your right for an accessible restroom. Additional restrooms are on the same level, to the left, near the kitchen.

Children are always welcome in worship and are invited to explore! Greeters can provide activity kits, available in the back of the church. Godly Play is also offered. For details: cathedral@spcbuffalo.org.

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