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# THE MESSENGER

A COMMUNICATION MINISTRY OF  
CHRIST CHURCH, DUANESBURG, NEW YORK

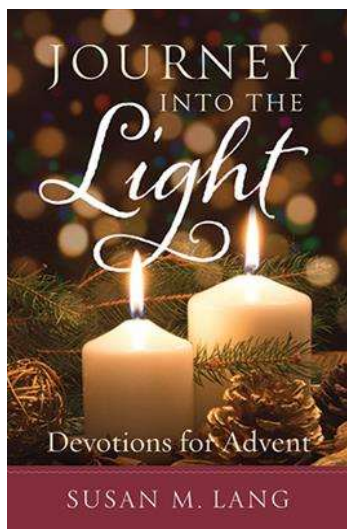
✠ DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019 ✠

## RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

### THE ABC OF PRAYING

In the elementary Sunday School classroom of St. John's there is a large sheet of paper on the wall with six questions and answers about Praying. The Q&A sheet is like the ABC of praying (mostly 'A's in this case):

1. What can I pray about? ANYTHING!
2. When and where should I pray? ANYTIME and ANYWHERE!
3. How long should my praying last? You can pray for one second or 4 hours!
4. Can I pray with my friends? ABSOULETLY!
5. Should I fold my hands? Position your hands however feels natural to you.
6. Should I pray out loud? God hears you whether you pray out loud or silently.



Unfortunately, we tend to forget the ABC of praying and either over complicate prayers, or our lives become so busy that we end up not praying at all. So, during the season of Advent I invite you to commit 10 minutes each day to, "PRAY, READ, PRAY and PRAY."

### MOVING CLOSER

The church in which I served as curate recently held a Celebration of Faith Week, and a comment was that, "it was the week we found ourselves moving closer to God." Let us make this Advent Season a time when we find ourselves moving closer to God through our daily prayer time. Here is a suggested outline for our daily prayer time:



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**PRAY** the collect of Advent Sunday (see below)

**READ** the daily devotional from "Journey into the Light" (copies available in church)

**PRAY** by completing your own "I Can Pray Every Day" (copies available in church)

**PRAY** the Lord's Prayer

**Collect of Advent Sunday**

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Have a prayerful Advent, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

*Fr. Alistair ✠*

# I CAN PRAY EVERY DAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
PRAY FOR:	PRAY FOR:	PRAY FOR:	PRAY FOR:	PRAY FOR:	PRAY FOR:	PRAY FOR:
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## NEWS & NOTES

### OFFERING

Each year, we distribute envelopes for parishioners to use for their donations to the church. This allows us the opportunity to record your giving and provide documentation of such for the IRS. If you do not already receive envelopes and you would like a record of your giving at the end of the year, please take a set of envelopes. Then, please let Sherry Schrade know the number of the set you took. If you would like instead to transfer donations electronically, please talk to Sherry about how this might happen. ❖

### JOYFUL JOURNEY

We are grateful for all of our teachers and students involved with Joyful Journey this year. We have begun the year studying the Old Testament and it appears that everyone is excited about the curriculum. In the New Year, we will begin a study of the New Testament, focusing in on the life of Christ. We are always looking for more teacher volunteers as the number of children in our church is growing. It would be nice to expand this to a second class but we are limited by the number of volunteers we presently have. If

you would like to try it once, please contact Sherry or Steve Schrade to discuss the possibilities. ❖

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all the children who have participated in Youth Sunday. It has been wonderful seeing the students involved with reading, collections and greeting churchgoers. ❖



**Christmas at Christ Church**

Sun. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
7 p.m. Lessons and Carols

Mon. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>  
7 p.m. Christmas Holy Eucharist

**To God be the Glory!**

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PARISH SCHEDULE

Date	Acolyte	Greeters	Lectors	Joyful Journey
12/02/2018	Nellie Kosier	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Calvin Weyers & Doug Fortman	Phil & Jenna Sayles
12/09/2018	Zach Sayles	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Linda & Bart MacDougall	Bob & Heather MacDougall
12/16/2018	CJ Palluti	Youth Sunday		
12/23/2018	Jayden Sayles	Jane Weyers	Marge Cummings & Tonya Rudolphsen	Shawn & Nancy Palluti
12/23/2018		Lessons and Carols		
12/24/2018		Christmas Eve Service		
12/30/2018	Drew Palluti	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Kim Corcoran	No Joyful Journey
01/06/2019	Bryan Salisbury	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Bryan Salisbury & Bart MacDougall	Brendan & Amy Walsh
01/13/2019	John Weiler	Jane Weyers	Sandra & John Weiler	Steve Schrade & April Kosier
01/20/2019	Sharon Mericle	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Steve & Sherry Schrade	TBD
01/27/2019	Sandra Weiler & Ian MacDougall	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Elizabeth Iseman & Sharon Mericle	Phil & Jenna Sayles

Date	Chalice	Altar Guild	DoK - Prayers of the People	Counters
12/02/2018	Sharon Mericle	Cindy Creasy & Marge Cummings	Deacon Debbie	Sharon Mericle & Phil Sayles
12/09/2018	Sharon Mericle	Cindy Creasy & Marge Cummings	Elizabeth Iseman	John Weiler & Steve Schrade
12/16/2018	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle	Youth Sunday	Judy Breitenstein & Tonya Rudolphsen
12/23/2018	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle	Deacon Debbie	Andrea Salisbury & Cindy Creasy
12/23/2018		Sharon Mericle	Lessons and Carols	
12/24/2018		Sharon Mericle	Christmas Eve Service	
12/30/2018	Sharon Mericle	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle & Phil Sayles
01/06/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Deacon Debbie	John Weiler & Steve Schrade
01/13/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Judy Breitenstein & Tonya Rudolphsen
01/20/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Deacon Debbie	Andrea Salisbury & Cindy Creasy
01/27/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Sandra Weiler	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle & Phil Sayles

❖ DECEMBER 2018 ❖  
 BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Billy Chandler, Philip Sayles
2 ADVENT 1 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey  Raul Bastiani, Linda MacDougall, Patrick McHugh, Tony Miller	3	4  Barbara Greer	5	6  Steve Schrade	7	8
9 ADVENT 2 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey	10	11	12	13  Katherine Fortman, Kevin Lenehan	14  Nick Bastiani, Rick Lucia	15
16 ADVENT 3 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Youth Sunday	17	18	19 Vestry Mtg - 7pm	20	21	22  Quinn Walsh
23 ADVENT 4 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey Lessons & Carols - 7pm	24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm  George Featherstonhaugh	25 Christmas  John Iseman	26	27	28	29  Jill Brandoline
30 CHRISTMAS 1 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey	31  Brendan Walsh					

❖ JANUARY 2019 ❖

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5  Doug & Katherine Fortman
6 EPIPHANY 1 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey	7	8  Elaina Denny	9	10  Janet Bastiani	11	12
13 EPIPHANY 2 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey	14	15	16 Vestry Mtg - 7pm  Malcolm Kogut	17  Judith Doell	18	19
20 EPIPHANY 3 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 EPIPHANY 4 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey	28	29  Scott Wolfe	30	31		

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## NEWS & NOTES

### IMPORTANT DATES

Below is a list of various events and services:

December 23, 2018: Lessons and Carols by Candlelight  
February 10, 2019: Musical Evening  
March 5, 2019: Shrove Tuesday Dinner  
April 21, 2019: Easter Sunday  
May 5, 2019: NYS Sacred Sites  
June 30, 2019: Parish Picnic

Visit the Church website or Facebook pages for the most current information. ✕

### GREENING OF THE CHURCH

November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please consider lending your time on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am to 12pm to help prepare the church and grounds for winter. Stay for the whole time or just an hour – an extra set of hands is always helpful and appreciated! ✕

### TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION

January 5<sup>th</sup>

Stay tuned for more details about our annual Twelfth Night celebration to be held at Brian and Andrea Salisbury's home. ✕

*Christ Church is a worshiping community of friends, joyfully serving, encouraging and healing others in Jesus's name.*

The parish is located at:  
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