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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

At 9 a.m. each Sunday morning during Lent, a few of us have been gathering in the Parish Hall to watch Ray Vander Laan's DVD series "With All Your Heart". In six short episodes Vander Laan takes a group of students on a journey through the Sinai desert and into the Promised Land.

Besides the excellent biblical teaching on the DVD, what stands out for me at the Bible Study is the contrast in climate I see between upstate New York in March, and the Sinai Peninsula. While I look at the deep snow and freezing temperatures just outside the Parish Hall windows, I compare it with the very hot and arid landscape we are watching on the video. As the white snow glitters in the cold, so the red sandstone desert features appear to glow in the burning rays of the desert sun. The extremes of both hot and cold climates create wildernesses where very little seems to grow and survival is the primary occupation.

In our own lives we can also go through wildernesses - spiritual wildernesses. For some, life feels like it is too hot to handle -- there is too much going on: pressure from work, health problems, difficulties in our families, the list could go on. Yet others know the shivering cold of rejection, loneliness and even abandonment.

Jesus spent time in wilderness, both physical and spiritual. The season of Lent is based on the 40 days he spent in the desert before being tempted by the devil. Jesus also took time alone to be with his Father in the wilderness. But, I would suggest he also experienced the extremes of hot and cold during Holy Week, the cruel heat of punishment and suffering from angry people, and the cold freeze of being betrayed and abandoned by his closest friends and followers.



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By the end of Good Friday it would seem that death had defeated Jesus. All that was left for his followers was a desolate place full of sorrow, grief, despair and defeat. Yet out of this apparently desperate place came life. On the first day of the week Jesus rose again from the dead. Death could no longer hold him.

Jesus' victory over death brings us hope, that even in the midst of difficult and trying circumstances we can remind ourselves that he endured the wilderness and ultimately overcome death. That is what Easter Sunday is all about. In the most difficult places in our lives Jesus brings us hope and the joy of his resurrection.

Blessed Easter,

Fr. Alistair ✠

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver's Conference: The conference will be held on March 28th at the Albany Marriott, featuring an array of workshops geared specifically toward the needs of caregivers, as well as many exhibitors, ranging from home health care agencies and assisted living communities, to elder care attorneys and financial advisors. www.alz.org, 518-867-4999, x200

Worship Night in America with Chris Tomlin: Coming to the Times Union Center in Albany on April 12th at 7:00pm.



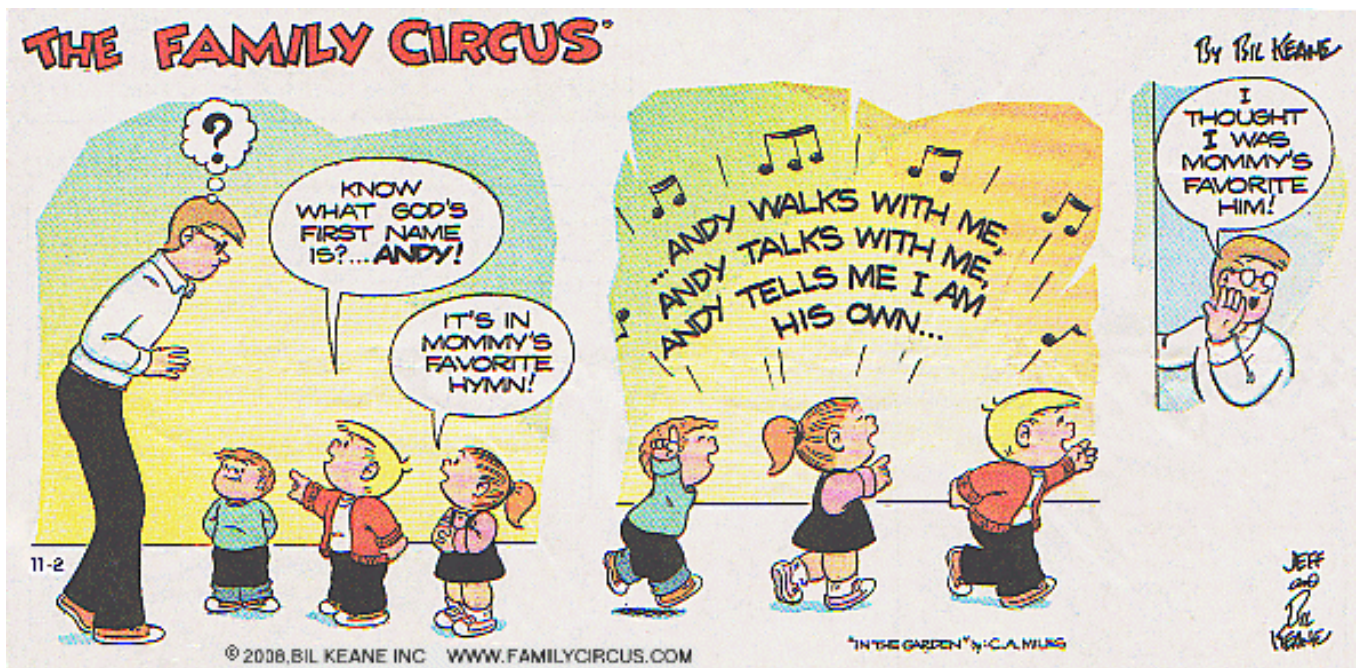
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday – March 29, 7pm service, followed by the Watch

Good Friday – March 30th, 7:30am Raising of the Crosses

Good Friday – March 30th, 7pm service

Easter – April 1st, 10am service, followed by a children's egg hunt



THANK YOU

RAYMOUR & FLANIGAN

We would like to extend our thanks to Raymour and Flanigan who made a generous monetary donation to the Church's Christmas Outreach program.

KOSIER FAMILY

Thank you to the Kosier Family who hosted Coffee Hour at their home on March 18th. Everyone enjoyed locally produced maple syrup, April's yummy waffles and learned about the maple syrup process. Thank you, April, Mike and the Kosier Family!


















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PARISH SCHEDULE

Date	Acolyte	Greeters	Lectors	Joyful Journey
04/01/2018	CJ Palluti	Jane Weyers	Calvin Weyers & Doug Fortman	No Joyful Journey
04/08/2018	Zach Sayles	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Linda & Bart MacDougall	Phil & Jenna Sayles
04/15/2018	Jayden Sayles	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Bryan Salisbury & Bart MacDougall	Tonya Rudolphsen & Steve Schrade
04/22/2018	Nellie Kosier	Jane Weyers	Kim Corcoran	Nancy Palluti & April Kosier
04/29/2018	John Weiler	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Elizabeth Iseman & Sharon Mericle	Heather & Bob MacDougall
05/06/2018	Sandra Weiler	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Steve & Sherry Schrade	Amy & Brendan Walsh
05/13/2018	Bryan Salisbury	Jane Weyers	Marge Cummings & Tonya Rudolphsen	Phil & Jenna Sayles
05/20/2018	Sandra Weiler & Ian MacDougall	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Sandra & John Weiler	Nancy Palluti & April Kosier
05/27/2018	Sharon Mericle	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Calvin Weyers & Doug Fortman	Heather & Bob MacDougall

Date	Chalice	Altar Guild	DoK - Prayers of the People	Counters
04/01/2018	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle	Deacon Debbie	Andrea Salisbury & Cindy Creasy
04/08/2018	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle	Judy Breitenstein & Tonya Rudolphsen
04/15/2018	Sharon Mericle	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle & Phil Sayles
04/22/2018	Sharon Mericle	Elizabeth Iseman	Deacon Debbie	John Weiler & Steve Schrade
04/29/2018	Sharon Mericle	Sandra Weiler	Sharon Mericle	Andrea Salisbury & Cindy Creasy
05/06/2018	Elizabeth Iseman	Sandra Weiler	Deacon Debbie	Judy Breitenstein & Tonya Rudolphsen
05/13/2018	Elizabeth Iseman	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle & Phil Sayles
05/20/2018	Elizabeth Iseman	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Elizabeth Iseman	John Weiler & Steve Schrade
05/27/2018	Elizabeth Iseman	Marge Cummings & Cindy Creasy	Deacon Debbie	Andrea Salisbury & Cindy Creasy

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am No Joyful Journey  Johnny Bard	2	3  Bob & Heather MacDougall	4  Gabriel Denny	5  Bart & Linda MacDougall  Clayton Iseman	6	7
8 EASTER 2 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am	9	10  Jim & Judy Breitenstein	11  Thomas Walsh, Alexis Weyers	12	13	14  Bryan & Andrea Salisbury
15 EASTER 3 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am	16  Morgan McKinley	17	18 Vestry Mtg - 7pm  Jeremiah Lennox	19	20 Rummage Sale	21 Rummage Sale  Alexandra Moses, Tonya Rudolphsen
22 EASTER 4 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am	23	24  Dottie & Alvin Smith, Nancy & Shawn Palluti	25  Jim Breitenstein	26  Dianne Acevedo, Ian MacDougall	27  April Kosier	28
29 EASTER 5 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am  Heather MacDougall	30	1	2  Sharon Mericle	3	4  Emma Connor	5

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 EASTER 5 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am  Heather MacDougall	30	1	2  Sharon Mericle	3	4  Emma Connor	5
6 EASTER 6 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am	7  Marissa Fortman	8  Ashley Hunt	9  Corinne Skala	10	11	12  Andrea Salisbury
13 EASTER 7 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am	14	15	16 Vestry Mtg - 7pm  Gina Bastiani Menzies, Tracy Rabideau, Amanda Weyers	17  Marguerite MacDougall, Kelly Schrade Powers	18  Isabelle Acevedo	19
20 DAY OF PENTECOST Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am	21	22	23  Charlie Powers	24  John Bard	25	26  Elizabeth Iseman, Ryan Powers
27 PENTECOST 2 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am  John Langston, Laura Lucia	28 Memorial Day	29	30  Brandon Lucia	31  Analisa Bastiani, June VanWie	1  Jasmine Therriou	2  John Chandler

NEWS & NOTES

RUMMAGE SALE

✂ APRIL 20TH & 21ST

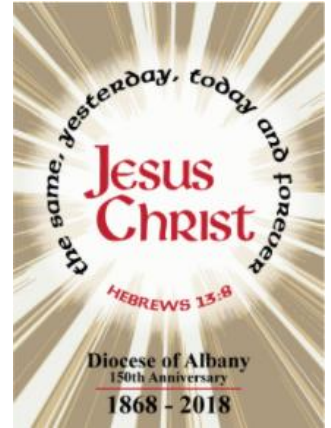
Mark your calendars and begin collecting items for the big event! Sign-up sheets will be available in the Parish Hall in the weeks leading up to the sale for volunteers. Items will be collected on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 4/18 and 4/19. ✂

150TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

✂ JUNE 8TH - JUNE 10TH

The Episcopal Diocese of Albany will be holding their annual convention at Camp of the Woods Christian Family Resort and Conference Center in Speculator, NY.

Online registration is now open to all parishioners. Please visit www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org for registration information. ✂



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

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