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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE CASE FOR THE RESURRECTION

Recently, Mtr. Laurie and I watched a movie on Netflix called, "The Case for Christ". It's the story of Lee Strobel, a Chicago Tribune reporter and his investigation into the historical claims of Christ. Strobel, a fervent atheist, was faced with a personal challenge when his wife came to faith. He was appalled at her 'conversion', and set out to disprove the claims of Christ contained in the Holy Scriptures.

One moment in the movie stood out for me - Strobel was in his office and turned to a work colleague, who was a Christian, and asked him where he should start his investigations. The response from his co-worker was, "Go for the jugular; start with the Resurrection of Christ".

Why the Resurrection? Why not start with the virgin birth, Jesus' teachings, or the cross? The whole system of Christianity rests upon the fact that "Christ is risen from the dead" for as Paul states, "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith...and you are still in your sins." We cannot separate the birth, life and death of Jesus from his resurrection, but if Christ did not rise from the dead then his claim to be the Son of God is a falsehood, a lie. If Christ is not risen from the dead, then the "final enemy" of humanity, the curse of death placed upon Adam in the Garden of Eden has not been removed. Without the resurrection we have no assurance of everlasting life with God; ultimately we have no hope. "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

If you have never examined the evidence for the Resurrection, why not take time this Easter and watch "The Case for Christ" or read again the Gospel accounts of Christ's victory over the grave?

Have a Blessed Easter,

Fr. Alistair ✠



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NOTES FROM VESTRIES PAST

MARCH 1795

NYS Legislature passed legislation officially incorporating Christ Church Duanesburg. Later that year, Easter week was set as the time for the church's annual meeting and election of wardens and vestry.

APRIL 1848

On Easter Tuesday, the following were elected officers of Christ Church Duanesburgh for the ensuing year: Benjamin M. Duane and Ralph McDougall, Wardens; Warren Fuller, Truman Case, Stephen Fuller, H.P. Allen, Hugh McDougall, George Allen, A.G. Delamater, M.D., Vestrymen.

APRIL 1863

Resolved that \$16 be paid Mrs. Sperbeck for taking care of the church for the year. Resolved that \$4 be paid for blowing the organ. Mrs. C. Case was appointed organist at a salary of \$25 per annum.

APRIL 1895

The annual church meeting was held on Tuesday of Easter week. Alexander McDougall and R.W. McDougall were elected wardens. The former Mott farm which had been deeded to the church and located adjacent to the church on the north side, was sold to William Waddell on contract for \$2100.

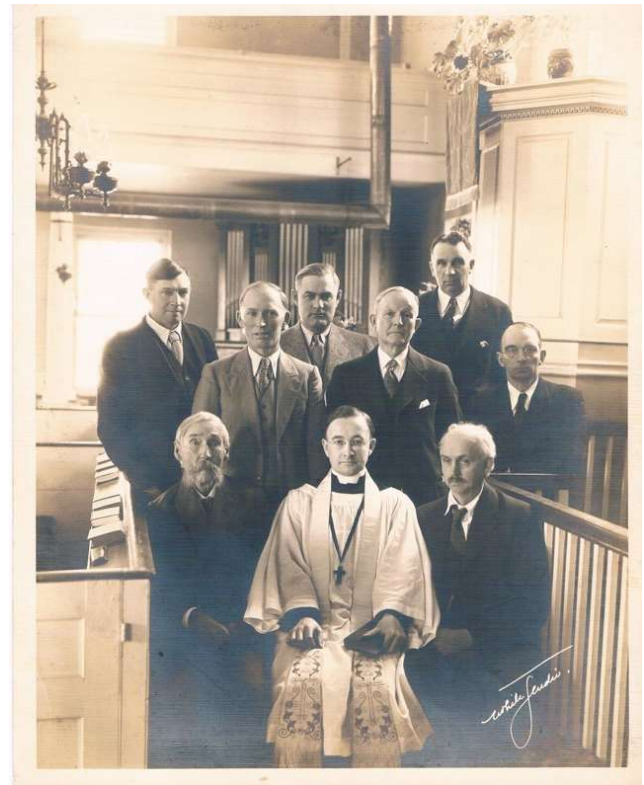
APRIL 1937

Galen White, Merle Dunn and William Lynes were elected as delegates to the 69th annual convention of the Diocese of Albany. It was voted to insure St. Peter's Chapel, Delanson, for \$1500 and raise the insurance of the church to \$4000. It was voted also to purchase two fire extinguishers for the church. It was voted that church services would be held on Daylight Saving time this year. It was voted to wire the church for electricity to the extent of one or two receptacles

in the northwest corner of the church, one receptacle by the font and a light fixture in the Vestry room. The question of the non-payment or partial payment of pledges made in the Every Member Canvass was discussed. No action was taken.

APRIL 1943

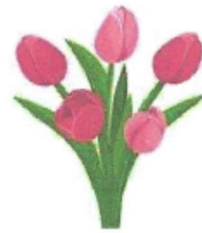
Rev. Diamond reported that the book of history for the church, authored by Duane Featherstonhaugh, was almost ready for the printers. The Rector asked that Mr. R.W. McDougall and Mr. R.C. Mott assist him in this work so that it could be ready for the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the church was to take place in the church on Sunday, August 29, 1943. ✕



Christ Church Vestry 1932: 1st row sitting, "unknown", Rev. Shelmandine, John Mudge. Standing: William Matthews, Elmer Looman, Ralph McDougall, John Jarvis, Harmon Schrade, Roemyn Schrade (kneeling).



Spring RUMMAGE SALE



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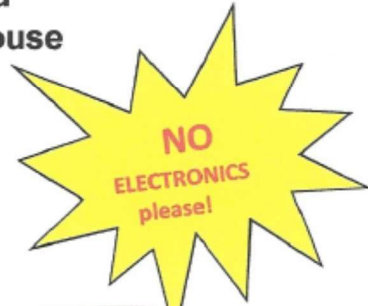
(corner of Duaneburg Churches Road and Route 20)

Friday,	May 3rd	from 4 - 7 p.m.
Saturday,	May 4th	from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
BAG SALE	Saturday	from noon to 2 p.m.

DONATION DROP OFF

Wednesday, May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd
from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Christ Church Parish House

In good condition, items accepted
clothing, books, household goods, dishes, furniture,



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PARISH SCHEDULE

Date	Acolyte	Greeters	Lectors	Joyful Journey
04/07/2019	Nellie Kosier	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Linda & Bart MacDougall	Bob & Heather MacDougall
04/14/2019	Zach Sayles	Jane Weyers	Marge Cummings & Kim Corcoran	Shawn & Nancy Palluti
04/18/2019		Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	
04/19/2019		Good Friday	7:00pm	
04/21/2019	CJ & Drew Palluti	TBD	TBD	No Joyful Journey
04/28/2019	Jayden Sayles	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Bryan Salisbury & Bart MacDougall	Brendan & Amy Walsh
05/05/2019	Bryan Salisbury	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Sandra & John Weiler	Steve Schrade & April Kosier
05/12/2019	Sharon Mericle	Jane Weyers	Steve & Sherry Schrade	Brendan & Amy Walsh
05/19/2019	TBD	Youth Service	TBD	No Joyful Journey
05/26/2019	Sandra Weiler	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Elizabeth Iseman & Sharon Mericle	Bob & Heather MacDougall

Date	Chalice	Altar Guild	DoK - Prayers of the People	Counters
04/07/2019	Sharon Mericle	Sandra Weiler	Deacon Debbie	Sharon Mericle & Judy Breitenstein
04/14/2019	Sharon Mericle	Sandra Weiler	Elizabeth Iseman	Phil Sayles & Cindy Creasy
04/18/2019		Sandra Weiler	Maundy Thursday	7:00pm
04/19/2019		Sandra Weiler	Good Friday	7:00pm
04/21/2019	Sharon Mericle	Cindy Creasy & Marge Cummings	Sharon Mericle	Andrea Salisbury & John Weiler
04/28/2019	Sharon Mericle	Cindy Creasy & Marge Cummings	Deacon Debbie	Steve Schrade & Nancy Palluti
05/05/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle	Deacon Debbie	Laura Lucia & Judy Breitenstein
05/12/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle	Elizabeth Iseman	Phil Sayles & Andrea Salisbury
05/19/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Sharon Mericle	John Weiler & Nancy Palluti
05/26/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Elizabeth Iseman	Steve Schrade & Laura Lucia

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

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

❖ MAY 2019 ❖

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

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

NEWS & NOTES

BEAVER CROSS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Vestry and Ladies' Guild would like to encourage children of the congregation to go to Beaver Cross this summer. Together, the two organizations will be providing full scholarships for those old enough to attend Beaver Cross. If you have a child who might be interested in this opportunity, please contact Cindy Creasy for more details (cynthia9creasy@gmail.com).

APRIL VESTRY MEETING

The next Vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, to avoid conflict with Holy Week.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

It has been decided that Spring Clean Up Day will be held Saturday, May 11th from 9 to 12 noon. Please plan on helping to spruce up our buildings and property after a long winter. Many hands make light work!

SACRED SITES

Sacred Sites Sunday is May 19th.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The Diocesan Convention, held in Speculator, will be June 7, 8 and 9 this year. Christ Church will be sending the following to represent our congregation: Cindy Creasy, John Weiler and Phil Sayles.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet sometime after Easter and will have quarterly meetings. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Father Alistair or Sherry Schrade.

DUANESBURG DAY

Duanesburg Day will be held Saturday, April 6th at DCS. Christ Church will have a presence there, and Deacon Debbie is organizing our participation in this event. Please think about manning the Christ Church booth for an hour or so on that day. Debbie would love to hear from you about when you might be available to help. ☒

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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