



~ **St. John's Church** ~
Weekly News
November 15, 2023

Readings for Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023
25th Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Prayer
Bill Tribou, Officiant

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Psalm 90

Matthew 25: 14-30

Loose Plate Offering
Food Shelves

Prayer for the Search

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Prayers for Those in any Kind of Need or Distress

We pray especially for: Nancy, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Chris, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Larry, Steven, Tom, Karen, Sally, Chris, Lynne, Eve and Stanley.

Hanna Kissam, wife of Bill who died only a few months ago, died on Monday. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Welcome Corps

Parker Newburn is our "Mobilizing Manager" from the non-profit Resettlement organization, IRIS- Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services. He is available at all times to guide us through our Welcome Plan. Thank you, Parker for this support.

We are beginning to meet weekly and thanks to Steve Rucker we use Google Doc to share our findings in the main areas of Finance and Employment, Housing and Basic Necessities, Benefits and Healthcare, Welcoming and Local Orientation, Education and Language.

If you have any items such as extra blankets, beds, lamps, chairs, etc. which are in the "basic needs" category please save them for our use in the future. Thank you.

Readers: Please accept my apologies for my misspelling of word "corps" last week. Darcey

Jesus in Our Heart Kids

Jesus in Our Heart Kids are planning for Advent. The first Sunday in Advent is Dec. 3rd. and Lauren Pero volunteered to recruit some of her local friends who might come to help us prepare the Jesse Tree and make gifts for

donations to the Heifer Project.(We might be asking adult assistance also at Coffee on November 26, Feast Day of Christ the King.) All materials will be provided and it would be fun to gather as a family to prepare our church home for the Advent events.

Meditation

This week we are reflecting on " A Breakthrough in Consciousness " by Franciscan Sister Ilia Delia who describes spiritual maturation as a growth in consciousness and a radical surrender into divine love. We share this reflection after a 20 minute meditation and the reading of a psalm. We close each session with a Celtic Compline, last prayer in the monastic tradition. Please join us. No experience is necessary.

History Tidbit Part 2

Historian's Note: For the sake of expediency and easier reading I have opted not to include quotation marks in the text. The source is Vestry Book I, 1853-1939. In addition, I am using brackets to indicate any additional information that I have inserted for clarification or to give further information regarding the text.

April 16, 1853

Shortly after they had incorporated the previous month the wardens and vestrymen got right down to the business before them and elected George Atwater as clerk and treasurer and they resolved to present their certificate of incorporation to the Bishop of the New York Diocese.

They appointed a committee to receive subscriptions for building a chapel in Boquet. Mr. Atwater was instructed to collect the subscriptions. [This seems like a daring move for a church that had been incorporated only a month earlier. One can only assume that there were a significant enough number of Episcopalians in Boquet for them to take this step.]

Mr. Atwater was instructed to pay Rev. F.C. Putnam forty-three dollars each and every quarter as his salary and also to pay the incidental expenses of taking care of the place of worship, lighting, warming, etc.

Sept. 19, 1853

The wardens and vestrymen met again and William Low, Asa Hammond and George Atwater were chosen as lay delegates to the next annual convention of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of New York at St John's Church in New York City.

They also decided that the amount of money obtained at the communion services should be divided into four parts: one to the support of the bishop;

one to missions; one to the diocesan fund, and the balance to incidental expenses.

Finally, Henry Ross gave a note for \$150 to W. Davis, payable in one year with interest, as partial payment for the organ purchased from Davis for the Chapel in Essex. Mr. Ross held a lien on half of the organ as security for payment of the note. [Because the church services continued to be held in the Ross schoolhouse the vestry opted to call the building a "chapel". Therefore this time, there was a "chapel" in Essex and a "chapel" in Boquet.]

Global Mercy Ship

On Sunday we had the amazing experience of having Dick Perez's brother, Taylor, with us. He is the volunteer captain of the Global Mercy which is the largest civilian hospital ship in the world. It is staffed by volunteers who have given of their time and talent to be part of the medical support team and to provide a faith-based homelike atmosphere for that team and the families with children on board while they are taking care of people who lives are saved by what they do.

Thank you, Taylor for sharing your passion with us. Since

St. John's Zoom Passcodes

St. John's Sunday Service

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>

Morning Prayer

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/morning-prayer>

Vestry Meetings

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/vestrymeet>

Finance Committee

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/financemeet>

Contemporary Bible Study

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/biblestudy>

Meditation

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/meditationmeet>

Sunday Service Zoom Recording

stjohnsessexnyzoom@gmail.com

Passcode: +W2t+Fwu

AA 12-Step Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 817 7797 4233
Passcode: 123456

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday Contemporary Bible Study (Zoom) 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Tuesday Community Potluck Supper 6 PM

Wednesday Meditation (Zoom/In Person) 5 PM

Thursday Morning Prayer (Zoom) 10 AM

Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 AM (Zoom/in person)

Sunday AA Meeting (Zoom/In Person) 7 PM

Your Vestry

Scottie Emery-Ginn and Bill Tribou (Wardens)
Louise Baietto, Bruce Hale, Diana Lawrence, Jon McBride
Bruce Stephan, and Julie Wever (Members)
Darcey Hale (Clerk)
Antonia Bullard (Treasurer)

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