



Crossways

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The Feast of Joseph of Arimathaea
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Dear Friends in Christ,

The Book Club is finishing up Mary Higgins Clark's novel, *The Lost Years*, which is a mystery about a murder and a letter written by Jesus to Joseph of Arimathaea. It is a work of fiction: there was no such letter. Likewise Joseph of Arimathaea did not take Mary Magdalene and a child to Scotland ala Dan Brown's *DaVinci Code* nor did he arrive at Glastonbury, England with the Holy Grail or bring the Christ Child and Holy Family to England in order to escape Herod. This latter fictive action inspired William Blake's marvelous poem, hymn, "Jerusalem":

"And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen."¹



Rather Joseph of Arimathaea has inspired such glorious and romantic legends because he was the brave disciple, not one of the twelve, who boldly and courageously asked Pilate for Jesus' body and buried it in his own tomb. Without Joseph of Arimathaea the day of the Resurrection would have been very different. As a result of his courage and resourcefulness, August 1st is the lesser feast of Joseph of Arimathaea.

We are to be encouraged by the example of Joseph of Arimathaea to take action and note how he did it. He used to right words to convince Pilate to release Jesus' body to him. He generously used his own tomb, linens, spices to kindly and humanely lay Jesus in the tomb. Plus he worked well with others. He did not snipe at the other disciples because they ran and hid after Jesus' arrest. He could have triangulated between the disciples and jockeyed perhaps to be included in the inner circle of disciples. Instead, he enlisted Nicodemus, Mary, Mary Magdalene and the women to help him with the burial. Just think what a comfort this burial must have been for Jesus' mother: Jesus was buried in a proper tomb according to Jewish law rather than left to decompose on the cross and the buried in a mass grave.

As we return from summer mode to the hustle and bustle of our full out regular Fall-Winter-Spring schedule, let us hold on to the example of Joseph of Arimathaea. Let us be bold and courageous. Let us work well and play well with each, refraining from sniping, triangulation and go forth in the name of Christ.

Faithfully yours,

Christine J. Day

¹*Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1924*



The Rector is not clairvoyant!

While each of us has many differing gifts, the gift of clairvoyance is NOT one that the rector has. If she attended Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry with the talented Harry Potter, she would have flunked out of Professor Trelawney's Divination class well before her O.W.L. exam. Therefore if you want the rector or the parish to know that you are sick, in hospital, moving, have a new telephone or cell number, e-mail address or anything, let us know! Call the parish office (607-797-3354). Call the rectory (607-797-9203). Call or send an e-mail [allsaintsjcny@aol.com]! Because of the HIPA privacy laws, hospitals, nursing homes no longer allow clergy to look over their in-patient list to "find" ailing parishioners. In fact, unless you give the hospital specific permission, if your rector or a friend calls and asks if you are a patient, the hospital will not give out that information! So, call! It's the only way to be sure that the church knows what you are going through.

Do You Have a Spare Wheelchair You Would like to Donate to All Saints'?

In spite of constant refilling of the tires, the tires on wheelchair in the Cloak Room keep going flat. Property & Grounds spokesperson, Gary Zurn asks if there is an unused wheelchair in the parish which could be donated to All Saints'. If you do, please contact Gary Zurn (e-mail: GaryZ2353@aol.com) to make arrangements.

Thanks to the following for their donation of time, talent and stewardship!

- Gary and Bobbi Zurn for arranging for the Carpet Cleaning. They look beautiful!
- Dennis Cole, Scott Cramer, Matt Labosky, Bobbi Zurn, and Gary Zurn for cleaning up the parking lot, the bank behind the church and underneath the bushes around the church
- Rick, Rickie and Ryan Hrebin for removing the BBQ pit!

Your time, talent and stewardship are greatly appreciated by All Saints'!

Prayer List beginning August

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.

Short Term; Ann Sholtes; Larry Pesko; The Baker, Cook and Hawley Families; Heather Matthews; Lee Grabowski; Lucy Grabowski; Nan Grabowski; Jane Chomyszak; Bobby Cole Lenni Healy; Wilma Nauerz; Derry Ann;

Long Term; Larry Taft; Ida Taft; Tom Tinder; Mary Green; Andrea and Kaylee Haus; Eileen Philbin; Clark Byarly; Lilian May Polhamus; Marion Tower; Marcia Tinder; Karen; Elizabeth Barborer; Jim Terenzi; Lou Chergosky; Jeannette Cook; Barbara Wort; David Pierce; Ardis Rogers; Tom Johnson; Larry Nickerson; Eleanor Genthner; Sue Thomas; Ray Lerche; Eileen Pepper; John Tasber; Jack Root; Ryan and Shaun Small, Debbie Peters; Jessie Snyder; Clare Meyer; Werner Lipman; Kristen Stroup; Marnie Ward; Amanda, Kayley & Nate McGinnis; Steve Mahon; Norma & Daniel Samson; Lisa Estelle; Ken Barkman; Robert Gillmer; Steven & Sarah Johnson; Michael & Sarah Johnson; Phil, Corrine, Thomas & Ryan Rea; Dana Nauerz.

Save the Dates!!!

August 31st - September 3 rd	Johnson City Field Days: All Saints' Pavilion Hot Dogs, Hamburgers!
Sunday, September 9 th	Welcome Back Luncheon
Saturday, September 29 th	All Saints' Cabaret
Tuesday, October 9 th	Diana Butler Bass, author of <i>Christianity After Religion</i> and <i>Christianity for the Rest of Us</i> , keynote speech for the Diocese of Central New York
Sunday, October 28 th	The Rev. Gladstone "Skip" B. Adams, III, Bishop of CNY visits All Saints' and Regional Meeting for Diocesan Convention

Volunteer to help at Johnson City Field Days! AKA — Get your Hotdogs here!

From Friday, August 31 to through Labor Day, Monday September 3, All Saints' Episcopal Church will be manning a food booth at the Johnson City Field Days. The past three years we have had Ice Cream Sales that was very weather dependent. This year we will be serving Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips and Drinks. People like to eat no matter what the weather so this should realize a larger profit. We need help! If you can donate one, two or three hours, please contact Tom Johnson at 607-797-6229.

Donations of money to help with needed supplies will help our profit. Please remind your friends and family that All Saints' will be serving good food this year when they visit the Field Days to give us a visit.

Dollars & Cents June 2012

All Saints' 2012 budget is a balanced budget! Thanks to our parish making generous pledges! In 2012 a monthly income of \$ 14,244 will be needed to balance the expenses. Please try to keep up your pledges. Truly, with "God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26)

As *Crossways* goes to press before the end of the month, the financial information below is for the most recent completed month. In this case, it's the month of June 2012 or 50% through the year.

Income	Actual June2012	Annual Budget 2012
Offering & Pledges	\$ 74,144	\$ 155,389
Fundraising	\$ 4,521	\$ 7,200
Other Income	\$ 4,242	\$ 8,342
Faith Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$ 82,907	\$ 170,931
Total Expenses	\$ 83,335	\$ 170,931
Profit (Loss)	(\$ 428)	\$ 0

Questions? Ask Treasurer, Barb Freed, or a Warden or a Vestry member.

Thank You for Your Hard Work on the June 16th Chicken BBQ!

A big THANK YOU to all who helped and supported our June chicken BBQ. Again, the BBQ got rave reviews on the chicken and all the fixings. We had a tremendous crew that purchased all the supplies, sent out our advertising, made our "special sauce", baked beans, slaw and baked goods, cleaned & cooked the chickens, packaged the dinners, setup the canopies, table & chairs, sold tickets & baked goods, kept track of the finances, took the canopies, table & chairs down and cleaned up at the end, everyone that purchased chicken & baked goods, etc. etc. etc. Without all your help and support it would not have been possible and certainly wouldn't be successful. After the final totals were counted we made a profit of \$1,590 for a total profit just under \$3,000 for the two BBQs.

Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser

The Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser, which was scheduled for July 27th, was cancelled by the Vestry at their June meeting. Doug's changed the manner of calculating the donation back to the host organization and it is no longer a profitable fundraiser for All Saints'.

Life Goes On August Luncheon

The August lunch will take place at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, August 15th at the Red Robin Diner on Main Street in Johnson City. Please phone Arlene Foley at 797-2111 if you are planning on attending so that she can make adequate reservations.

Vestry Continues Work on All Saints' Goals: News of the Task Forces!

The Capital Projects Task Force (members: Joy Kasmarcik, Lee Grabowski, Paul Donnelly and Rick Hrebin) has been moving full steam ahead on two projects. The first is Rebuilding All Saints' (RAS) elevator from the ground floor to the Great Hall. Upon the recommendation of the remnant of the RAS Committee and the Taskforce, the Vestry has approved the elevator project. Quotes have been received, reviewed and accepted. The 5'x3' elevator will run from the Purple Door Room in the education wing to the Great Hall. Construction will begin in August and be finished by the end of September!

The dishwasher has been purchased and plumbing and electrical quotes have been received. There will be a parish work day to remove the old sinks, dishwasher and cabinet prior to the installation of the new dishwasher. Stay tuned for more details.

The "Maintain and Grow Parish Members" Task Force (members: Johanna Kiley, Bob Steber, Roberta Szwalla, Sandy Johnson, Linda Barkman, Barb Freed, Bobbi Zurn) has been working hard this summer gathering information, and exploring programs and plans. Bob Steber has been elected as a co-chair. Linda Barkman and Cyndy Macarak, incoming Christian Ed Director, are heading up a subcommittee working on Christian Formation plans and curriculum for 2012-14. Another subcommittee will be working on publicity. There will be a meeting of the "Parish" Taskforce on Sunday August 19th after the 10 AM service. All those interested are invited to attend. The more the merrier!

Book Club to Meet Thursday, August 30th at 5:30 PM at the Rectory: Finishing *the Lost Years* and Beginning *Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death*

The Book Club pace is determined by those attending and so the Book Club will be finishing up Mary Higgins Clark's *The Lost Years* at its August meeting on Thursday, August 30th at 5:30PM at the Rectory.

The Book Club will also beginning a new book written by the son of a former Archbishop of Canterbury's son, James Runcie. Here's a blurb from the publisher:

"Sidney Chambers, the Vicar of Grantchester, is a thirty-two-year-old bachelor. Tall, with dark brown hair, eyes the color of hazelnuts and a reassuringly gentle manner, Sidney is an unconventional clergyman and can go where the police cannot.

"Together with his roguish friend, Inspector Geordie Keating, Sidney inquires into the suspect suicide of a Cambridge solicitor, a scandalous jewelry theft at a New Year's Eve dinner party, the unexplained death of a well-known jazz promoter and a shocking art forgery, the disclosure of which puts a close friend in danger. Sidney discovers that being a detective, like being a clergyman, means that you are never off duty. Nonetheless, he manages to find time for a keen interest in cricket, warm beer, hot jazz and the works of Tolstoy and Shakespeare - as well as a curious fondness for a German widow three years his junior.

"This is the first of *The Grantchester Mysteries*, six detective novels spanning thirty years of British history - from the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 to the wedding of Charles and Diana in 1981 - featuring the unforgettable vicar and sleuth, Sidney Chambers."

The cost of the book is \$13.63. Interested in joining Book Club? Speak to Mother Day and then pick up a copy of the books!

Attention All Past and Present Altar Guild Members

Please check your laundry baskets or linen closets to see if you have any Purificators hiding in them. We are down to eight in the Sacristy drawers. If you have any questions, please contact either Sue Mahon or Judy Horton. Thank You! — *Judy Horton*

Celebrations in August

August Birthdays

- 03 Tyler Avery
- 04 Donovan Hollenbeck
Sabrina Sholtes
- 05 Charlotte Fargo
- 05 Betty McCurry
- 06 Kim Trowbridge
- 07 Colleen Labosky
- 09 Donald Fargo
- 10 Paul Donnelly
- 11 Brittany Polhamus
- 11 Jayne Sawchuk
- 12 Allen Motsko
- 15 Ida Taft
- 19 Rebekah Heden
- 25 Alan Sholtes
- 26 Carl Green
- 26 Tom Johnson
- 28 Clark Byarley
- 29 Owen Johnson
- 30 Gary Barkman
Nancy Kiley

August Anniversaries

- 04 William & Margaret Vollrath
- 09 Allen & Carol Motsko
- 08 Richard & Cheryl Escott
- 16 Dennis & Cindy Cole
- 21 Don & Debbie Thorpe
- 28 Erik & Rebekah Heden



**The Deadline
for the September issue of *Crossways*
is August 19th**

Altar Flowers

The flowers on August 5 are given by Judy & David Horton in thanksgiving for the birthday of their granddaughter, Brittany Polhamus; and by Allen & Carol Motsko memory of Allen's father, William Motsko, and in thanksgiving for their 32nd wedding anniversary

The flowers on August 12 are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son-in-law, Lenny Jago; are given by Patti Donnelly in thanksgiving for her husband, Paul Donnelly's birthday; and are given by Allen & Carol Motsko in thanksgiving for Allen's birthday.

The flowers on August 19 are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the 16th birthday of her granddaughter, Angela Gasdaska; and by Deb & Don Thorpe in memory of Marilyn Thorpe.

The flowers on August 26 are given by Ceil Cwikla in memory of her granddaughter Erica Jamgochian; are given by Carl & Mary Green in thanksgiving for their 40th wedding anniversary; and are given by Tom & Sandy Johnson in thanksgiving for the birthday of their grandson, Owen Johnson.



Sanctuary Candle

The Candle on August 5 is given by Allen & Carol Motsko in memory of Allen's father, William Motsko, and in thanksgiving for their 32nd wedding anniversary.

The Candle on August 12 is given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of Art's mother, Mary H. Doersam, and Marilyn's Aunt, Helen Feldman; and is given by Ardis Rogers in thanksgiving for the birthday of her daughter Louise Rogers.

The Candle on August 19 is given by Roberta Steflik in thanksgiving for the birthday of her husband, Richard.

The Candle on August 26 – is given by Barbara L. Smith in memory of her mother, Helen E. Cunningham.

From the Parish Records

Marriages

Andrew Hickey & Johanna Kiley, July 28, 2012

Deaths

Dorothy E. Pipsius, died July 21st; service on July 25th



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Service and Education Schedule for June & July 2012

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist [August 12, 19 and 26]
Morning Prayer [August 5]
Nursery Program for infants and toddlers/pre-schoolers: every Sunday
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class for ages 5 and above: resume in September
Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist [August 1, 15, 22 and 29th – No service on August 8]

