



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

117 Main Street  
Owego, NY 13827

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**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Baptism and  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Sunday, September 26, 2021

***Our mission*** at St. Paul's Church is to declare the goodness of God's grace to all people. We welcome all to join in worship and fellowship, united as the family of God. We pledge to share our time and resources to serve the needs of individuals and the community.

## **Covid Regulations**

Due to the increase in the spread of the Delta variant and its ability to infect vaccinated individuals, the Vestry decided that we will implement the CDC recommendation that **all individuals must wear masks again indoors**, regardless of their vaccination status, effective immediately.

We also must ask that family groups and individuals again maintain a safe social distance of 4 to 6 feet from others in all directions. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

## **Holy Baptism**

Prelude: Petit Offertoire - Franck (1822-1890)

*At the sound of the bell, all stand as you are able for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.*

## **The Word of God**

**Opening Hymn:** Guide my feet Lord WLP819

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

*People* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

*The Celebrant then continues* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* One God and Father of all.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

~~*Celebrant:*~~ The Lord be with you.

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*People-* And also with you.  
*Celebrant-* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated*

## **Old Testament**

### **A Reading from the Book of Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29**

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way

you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                      Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence is kept.*

**The Psalm**  
***Caeli enarrant***

**Psalm 19:7-14**

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## The Epistle

### A Reading from the Letter of James

5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

*People*                    Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*All stand.*

**Sequence Hymn:** Sing praise to our Creator

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## The Gospel

**Mark 9:38-50**

*Celebrant*                The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

*People* according to Mark.  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Adults and Older Children- The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows*

*Sponsors* I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented*

Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves,*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

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*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and  
fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever  
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good  
News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving

*People* your neighbor as yourself?  
I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all  
people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

## Prayers for the Candidates

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the  
Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and  
death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy  
Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked

as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

*When all have been baptized, the Celebrant, the newly baptized and their parents and godparents return to the front of the church.*

*The celebrant then says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

**PEACE**

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ PENTECOST 18 (PROPER 21-B)**

Gathered in the Spirit of God, let us pray for all the needs of the world, saying: *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Dede, our Bishop; Trula our Priest; Dorothy our District Deacon; Alice, our Lay Preacher & Worship Leader, that we may respond to the gift of the Spirit by serving others with compassion and walking in the ways of truth. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that we may each use our unique gifts and opportunities to share God's love through words and deeds of healing, hospitality, and welcome. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants, that God will give them courage as they seek lives free from violence and danger, and that they may find a welcome at their journey's end. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Kaylee Haus, William Ellis and Bill O'Connell. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who serve in the armed forces, especially Shannon Murray Tessmer, Gregory Cello, Jr., Adam Jacquet, Emmily Botts, Jenna Keathly and Tim Garland. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all teachers, students, and parents, and especially for our college students, Julianna Hessberger, Thaddeus Robertson, MacKenzi Warner, Larissa and Kayla Hankey, Mary Standing, Laura Robertson, Mikayla Sedlacek, and Andrew Clark. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those to be confirmed and received, and those baptized today, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your servants, Lauren, Maekayla, Connor, Aubrey, Jennarose, Alice and Doug, ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

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For all those in desperate need, the little ones, the weak, and the vulnerable, and for those in need of our prayers, remembering especially, Braxtonn, Betty Hogan, Joan Hickey, Hila Whitman, Martha Kovach, Elaine Tiffany, Doris Kemmerlin, Patsy Phillips, Laura Coppens, David Glerum, Brian Murphy, Carol Shrauger, John Lobsiger, Susan Beattie, Esther Thomas, Julia Zepkowski, Johanna Masters, Diane Conneman, Jean Radice, Joan Gibbs, Jane Cornett, Dorette Burnham, Melanie, Noelle, Tyler, Greg Cello Sr., Louise Woodburn, Gail Yost Moyka, Joan Meddaugh, Johnny Wall, Doug Worthing, Matthew Smithkors, John Wall, Florence Sawyer, Violet Geller, Father Lee Love, Marge Jackson, Joan Babcock, Joan Pascuzzo, Laura Ingram, Scott Armstrong and for those we now name(pause)...., that they may know the comfort of God's saving help. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, . . . . ., that as they have served Christ in others, so they may come to the reward of life with Christ for ever. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Michael and All Angels, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God, through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Celebrant* God of healing and salvation, hear the prayers we offer this day, and send us your Spirit, that we may know your love, grow in faith, and serve your creation in grateful humility, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

Lord Jesus, you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Lord Jesus, help us by your grace, To banish fear from our

hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister; To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs; To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice; to share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us; to give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring. We praise you and give you thanks for the Hussain family who were able to escape and come into our community. We see in *all* of the human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

*All kneel, as you are able.*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The people remain standing.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give

thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS

*Celebrant and People say together*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. 🙏

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”



Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

**Communion Hymn**

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING***The priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**Sending Hymn**

Go forth for God

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS***Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*

Postlude: Fugue in A minor - Pachelbel

**Dismissal***Celebrant*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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Music for today's service was provided by our new organist, Hilton Baxter and the members of St. Paul's Choir. Thank you and welcome Hilton!

Please remember, we are also worshipping on **Thursday at noon**, HE Rite I with healing liturgy.

**Some upcoming events:**

**Today!- Baptisms** for Aubrey Ellis and Jennarose Reagan. We will welcome two new members into the Body of Christ! Praise be to God! and **Confirmation & Reception Class**. The last class will be immediately after service ~~today~~.

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Please keep Brian Ellis in your prayers as he begins his service in the U.S. Army this week.

**September 28th** Next ECW meeting- 6pm Dish to share. Bible study- Rachel.

**October 3- Blessing of the Animals-** This year we are planning the Blessing of the Animals service on October 3rd. If the weather cooperates, we may hold the service outside.

**October 6<sup>th</sup>- Regional Confirmation & Reception service** is planned at St. John's, Ithaca, 7-9p.m. Confirmands and family must arrive at 6:00.

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**October 17th -CROP Hunger Walk:** ending at St. Paul's Church,  
*See Care Team notes.*

**November 7th -All Saints Sunday.**

**November 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> - Diocesan Convention.**

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### **Weekly Prayers**

In our parishes, we pray for the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Seneca Falls and their priest, the Rev. Brad Benson and the people of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Sherburne and their priest, the Rev. Elizabeth Gillett. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador, we pray for the people of San Miguel Arcángel in Quezaltepec and their priest, the Rev. Alfredo López. In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of New Jersey and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. William "Chip" Stokes. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of The Episcopal Church and for our presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry.

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St. Paul's is participating in the 2021 CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS and help families who are struggling with hunger. We're asking you to join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world. The Walk will take place on **October 17<sup>th</sup>** and **ends at St. Paul's** where we will be providing refreshments. Donations of money or pre-packaged snack foods and individually packaged drinks needed.

To join the team or donate, please see this site:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/st-pauls-episcopal-church-owego-ny>

**Today at 6:00 p.m.** please join in a diocese-wide **worship service for Recovery Month** to support individuals in recovery and their loved ones. It will also be a time to remember those who have lost their lives while seeking recovery. The service will take place at **Christ Episcopal Church, 10 Henry Street, Binghamton** and there is also an option to participate on Zoom. Please **RSVP** for the service. The Diocese will email a Zoom link to all who RSVP to attend online (see their webpage for link).

**Refugee crisis-** St. Paul's is now part of a committee from community churches that have brought an Afghan family to Owego. They are temporarily living in an apartment in the Presbyterian Manse on Temple Street. They will continue to need our support so please contact Pastor Carolyn Gillette at [pastorcarolyngillette@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarolyngillette@gmail.com) to determine how you may be able to assist.

Now through October 1st, **Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe** will match, from her discretionary fund, your gift to support Afghan refugees. Learn more at [nyepiscopal.org/afghan-allies](http://nyepiscopal.org/afghan-allies)>

**A message from Deacon Dorothy-** Please support and donate to the NYS Council of Churches. As a member of the Executive Board, I can attest to the multitude of ways the Council does wonderful work for all of us across denominations and faith traditions, doing God's mission work that includes social justice, advocacy, legislation, institutional pastoral care (including correctional facilities), and ecumenical cooperation and caring in education, worship, and faith

communities. There is a website and a FB page, both containing important information about the Council's goals and ways to become involved. <https://broomecouncil.net/> Thank you so much!

**CARE TEAM:** submitted by Kathy Medovich

**ACT MEAL:** thank you for your generous donations. Next St. Paul's meal **Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**Blessing Box project-** non- perishable foods, household and personal care items, and pet foods and pet items needed. There is an empty bin just inside the lobby door for your donations. Thank you!

**CARE Team:** Who wants to join us? We are a committed and caring team. If you care for people, think about joining us. Throughout the pandemic we provided health and healing in a variety of ways, including the ongoing Blessing Box project, the Prayer Tags, Soap for Hope, CPR/AED training, ACT Meal volunteering and Crop Hunger Walk...let's plan to **meet today** after church in Fellowship Hall.

**Episcopal Relief and Development-** there is an urgent need for disaster relief in Haiti and the Gulf Coast. Please consider sending an extra donation to ER/D for this work.

Go to <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

**Window project-** Diane has made signs showing which windows are still available. If adopting an entire window isn't in your budget, but you'd like to be involved, please feel free to give what you are able. Just

put "Stained Glass" on the memo line or your check and place in the regular offering.

**Readers' Schedule**

Today: Patti O'Connell

Next Week:

Notes:

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Bishop of Central New York

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Thursday 12 noon  
Sunday service available on our Facebook Page

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Amy Dunham	Parish Treasurer
Hilton Baxter	Organist
Patricia O'Connell	Choir Director
William O'Connell	Verger

**The Vestry**

**Wardens**

Debra Standinger	Senior Warden
James Hankey	Junior Warden

Class of 2021	Janice Koncak	Mary Green	Kathy Medovich
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