



A Prayer for the day

Almighty and most merciful God, drive from us all weakness of body, mind, and spirit; that, being restored to wholeness, we may with free hearts become what you intend us to be and accomplish what you want us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

– Collect for Thursday in the Fourth Week of Lent

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Passion and Eucharist: 10 am on April 13th

Maundy Thursday Service: 7 pm on April 17th

Vigil: The church will be open for prayer and contemplation throughout the night

Good Friday Service: Noon on April 18th

Easter, The Feast of the Resurrection: 10 am on April 20th

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' *Matthew 26:40-41*

For many years now we have held a vigil starting on Maundy Thursday after the service and running until the Good Friday service. If you would like to sign up to be a part of this vigil in silent prayer, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Palm Sunday Brunch!

The sign-up sheet in the narthex is looking a little bit empty. I know, I know, it is cold and windy and not at all feeling like spring yet. But, the vestry wants you to know that you are all warmly invited to our Palm Sunday Choral Passion and brunch. In love and in faith let us celebrate our parish family, when we come together in such joy we are given by God and by each other a strength that is truly greater than ourselves.

'Reaching to the Heavens'

(Editor's Note: as this goes out we have had a beautiful response from people, but there is still a need. Thank you so much for your support.)

Trivia time! Many of you may recall that New Hartford is also known as the home of 'The Church that stabbed itself'. This refers to the infamous 1912 incident in which the old Town Hill Church's steeple flipped over in a thunderstorm and pierced the roof. To prevent history from repeating itself, St. John's has some urgent work to do.

It has been over twenty years since the steeple was painted; and, worryingly, it has developed a leak. This leak is caused by a missing piece of wooden trim, which rotted and fell off. (see the pictures taken today of our steeple) You can also see the water damage in the choir loft and in the back of the church.

The Project and Fundraiser

Repairing the rot, prepping and repainting the steeple will ensure that what appears to be minor damage does not become structural damage. We are planning on doing this work in April, our current quote for the work is \$25,000, which includes the repair of the wood as needed, painting the steeple, and regilding the cross. As you know, we received a generous preservation grant from the Northwest Community Foundation for \$15,000. That leaves a substantial gap.

In order to complete the essential repairs to the steeple we need to raise an additional \$10,000. Fortunately, we have a generous anonymous donor who is willing to match up to \$5000 in donations.

In the coming month, we hope our church family will rally once more to support vital work on our historic church. All contributions will be gratefully received, checks should be made out to St. John's Pine Meadow with the memo line 'Steeple'. Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to contribute. Finally, St John's is not only our parish home, it is a landmark of New Hartford, much as the Town Hill church once was. Let us ensure that our church remains a shining beacon of hope and faith for

future generations, its spire pointing to the heavens.

THIS SUNDAY WORSHIP RESOURCES

We will gather for worship on Sunday, April 6th, 2025 at 10am on-site and on-line. The link for worship services is: www.facebook.com/stjohnspinemeadow
The link for the bulletin is <http://www.reddoors.com/worship-with-us.html>
The Book of Common Prayer can be found online at www.BCPonline.org
Thank you for worshipping God with us!

Thanks to our Ministers who sustain the worship life of our community

Celebrant: The Rev. Joan Phelps
Altar Guild – Barb Patch and Cynthia Welch
Weekly Flower Orders – Anne Hall/Altar Guild
Facebook & Camera – Beth Coates
Weekly Eblast Article – A little of everything
Announcements – Jeff Linton
Greeters – Jeff and Nancy Linton
Coffee Hour – Jeff and Nancy Linton
Vestry Greeter – Nancy Linton
Liturgical Assistant – Jamie Hall
Lector – Melanie Kirkpatrick
Intercessor –
Counters – Guy Hayes and Betty Castonguay
Director of Music – Halyna Petronchak
Parish Administrator – Anne Hall
Office Cleaning Team – Nancy & Jeff Linton
Church Cleaning Team – Sue Hall, Guy Hayes, Barbara Henri and our Volunteers
Weekly Website Update – Anne Hall
Website Organization – Diane Hayes/Anne Hall

HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday Worship – 10 am – on-site and on-line
Daily Office/Morning Prayer – Tuesdays – Prayer list
Thursday Evening Compline -6:30pm
AA Meetings – Every Wednesday at 8:30pm
Vestry – 7pm – 4th Thursday Evening of the Month
Codependents Anonymous – Every Friday at 7:30pm
AA Meetings – Every Friday at 8:30pm
Drive Up Food Drives – 10am to 1pm – 3rd Saturdays
Office Hours – 8:30am – 1:30pm Monday thru Thursday & by appt.
Bingo!: On hold
Dwelling in the Word – On hold

Micro-sermon – Compassion - Your prayer for compassion may need to begin not with some other person, nor with yourself, but in your relationship with God. Perhaps you harbor some real resentment or impatience or hardness of heart towards God. You may need compassion for God. It must be very difficult to be God. Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE

Can You Help Out?

Worship Leaders for Next Week (Palm Sunday)

Officiant: The Rev. Evelyn Wheeler
Lector: Palm Sunday Readers
Intercessor: Palm Sunday Readers

Announcements: Nancy Butler
Greeters/coffee: John and Julie Gargiulo, Brunch volunteers
Vestry Greeter: John Gargiulo
Liturgical Assistant: Nancy Butler
Counters: Joe Kenney and Brian Jones

PALM SUNDAY PASSION: Palm Sunday will be on April 13th; the choir is working on a selection of pieces for that day and they hope you can come.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH: Our Early Spring Brunch is planned for Palm Sunday. We hope you can attend, a sign up sheet is in the narthex if you want to help out.

EASTER FLOWERS: We need to start ordering our Easter Flowers, let the office know if you would like to people to be on the list in memory or thanksgiving. Memo any checks 'Easter Flowers'. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday to Jamie Hall, Kathy Jakubowski, and Ryan Patch!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Happy Anniversary to Cynthia and Bill Welch!

PRAYER LIST: Your prayers, cards, and well wishes are very much appreciated by all the people on, or recently on, our prayer list!

LITTLE FREE PANTRY FOOD DRIVE DATE: Our monthly food drive is on April 19th, 10-1pm. Please stop by and say hi or stay a bit to lend a hand to our dedicated group of helpers! As always, non-perishable food or Stop and Shop gift cards (\$25 maximum) is appreciated.

2025 ALTAR FLOWERS – The 2025 Calendar is up in the narthex for Altar flowers sign up. Suggested updated donation is \$65, price has increased by Stop & Shop. Also, if you would like to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in someone's memory, please contact the office.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CARDS: Please sign the April Birthday and Anniversary cards; they are located in the narthex.

BINGO!!: Bingo is currently on hold, we hope to restart soon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Would you like to help out? We always need people to help in our Sunday services; it is a wonderful way to experience God's grace through service. We need: greeters, coffee hour hosts, and counters in particular.

FAVORITE HYMN – Please contact Halyna if you would like a favorite/special hymn played at any of the services. Thank you.

DWELLING IN THE WORD – Dwelling is currently on hold, we hope to restart soon.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS – Please join us during coffee hour on the first Sunday of the month to work on knitting and crocheting projects, embroidering/needle work, we would love to have you join us.

PRAYER REQUESTS - Please contact the parish office for your prayer requests added to the weekly prayer list. It goes out on Tuesday mornings.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord

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