

THE HARVEST

*Christ Episcopal Church
Together, We are Christ*



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March 2026

*May your day be filled with
lots of love and happiness*



James	Glaser	March 04
Allison	Taylor-Ohar	March 04
Joan	Bohneberg	March 05
Vivianna	Faust	March 09
Lauren	Wager	March 10
Sheldon	Yount	March 11
Judith	Mack	March 14
Sheila	Winter	March 14
John	Taylor	March 17
Kristen	Smith	March 18
Elizabeth	Stuckey	March 18
Emily	Steen	March 18
Beau	Faust	March 21
Jerry	Kirkpatrick	March 22
Gwendolyn	Gonzalez	March 25
Debra (Deb)	Donnelly	March 26
Janice	Beitelshees	March 26
Lyndsay	Taylor	March 29
Kim	Sammarco	March 30
Shannon	Perry	March 30
Molly	Taylor	March 31



Joseph and Elizabeth LaForme March 15

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Calendar

March 5th – **MENS & FRIENDS** at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall. Please contact the office by March 2nd if you are planning on attending.

March 10TH – **FINANCE MEETING** at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

March 12TH – **MARY HUNT MEETING** at noon in the Parish Hall.

March 17th – **VESTRY MEETING** at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

April 3rd – **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 6th – **EASTER SUNDAY**

Wednesdays – Noon Eucharist and bible study (bring your lunch)

Warden & Jr. Wardens Report



We have a new cleaning person who comes in on Tuesdays and Thursdays

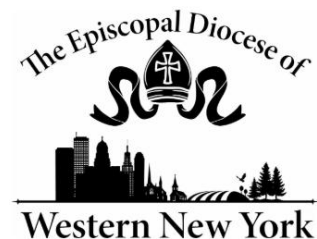
We are looking for volunteers to Collect the garbage around the church and put it out to the street for Tuesday's pick up. If we could get at least 4 - 5 volunteers, then each person would only have to do it once a month. Garbage cans can go to the street on Monday evening.

The Finance committee and the Vestry approved the bid for a new freezer, and it will be ordered within a month. The cost was \$2296 which includes the removal of the old freezer. If anyone is interested in donating towards the freezer, please contact the office.



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200th ANNIVERSARY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our 200th anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church will be in 2028 (1828 – 2028). The celebration will take place some time in the Month of September 2028.

If you are interested in being on this committee or co-chairing, please call the office at 716-433-9229.

Sue Venezia-Waddell is working on the archives of the church, and Laurie Monaco is working on the recipe book. If you have a copy of the old recipe book, please let Laurie know.

Gloria Bryant is working on memorabilia to purchase. Suggestions welcome.

Laurie Monaco is working on the recipe book. If anyone has a recipe to submit, please reach out to Laurie.

MARY HUNT GUILD/FUNDRAISERS

Now that the winter holidays are over our members are looking forward to our warmer weather fundraisers. This year, all our profits will be donated to the Rectory Fund that pays Father Thomas' living expenses. This line item on our budget needs additional funds if we wish to have Father Thomas (or any other priest) active in our church in the future.

Our first fundraiser is the **annual Spring Tea**, which will be held. **on Saturday, May 2nd**. Tickets will go on sale soon.

The second fundraiser is our **annual Strawberry Festival**. It will be held on **Wednesday, June 10th**. More information will follow soon. Please mark these days on your calendars.

Fundraiser Basket Raffles:

A large part of the fundraising effort comes from our basket raffles, which are held at both events. We will begin accepting gift baskets for the tea, and/or prizes and gift cards at any time. Please leave filled baskets and gifts in front of Room 9 (the former nursery in the basement.) Gift cards may be handed to Sheila Winter, Theresa McCabe, Gloria Bryant or Judy Mack.

We will have a smaller basket raffle at the tea, being that it is a closed event and the public cannot buy raffle tickets. Surplus baskets will be used for the Strawberry Festival.

Please follow these guidelines when creating a basket.

1. All baskets **MUST** be wrapped. (bags at Dollar Tree, Amazon, etc.)
2. Fill out; attach basket tag listing the items in your basket
3. If the basket contains alcohol, please note: "Must be 21"

We will try to have baskets available for filing. Our supply has greatly dwindled. If you have baskets that can be donated, leave them in the Cloister.

Thank you for your continued support.

Theresa McCabe

Those We Are Holding in Prayer

Steven Akina, Michelle Baker, Lowell Behm, Scott Andrew Behm, Castle, Joanne Conley, Loretta DeCarlo, Dave DeYoung, Deb Donnelly, Elaine Behm Dunson, Philip Faust, Cindy Few, Amy Foley, Marilyn Freeman, Adam Gaskill, Paula Gauthier, Natalie Gennaro, Reenie Gerhardt, Beth Grant, Jeff Green, Janis, Nancy Upthegrove Jaramillo, Melanie Keleher, Barbara Kelley, Rev. Judith Lee, Rachelle M., Pedro Maymi, Jeff McLaughlin, Patrick O'Sullivan, Thomas R., Kim Ricks, John Scott, Cheryl Sherwood, Joanna Southard, The Family of Nellie Stevenson, Carol Stokes, Micah Stoll, Dick Storey, Ed Taylor, Heather Theurer, Hazel Ward, Kylie Woods, Nancy Woods, Richard Witt, Barbara Yount, St. Paul's, Lewiston, families in conflict, the unemployed, and others in need of prayer.

Those Serving in the Armed Forces/First Responders

John Balzer, James Bindert, Bobby Holmes, Katie Langdon, Devon MacKenzie, Rob Reeves, Kyle Schreader, William Sloan, Ron Steen, John Taylor, Marshall Taylor, Allen Upson, David Upson, Robert Urtel, Shane Woods, Matthew Yount.

Thanks, and Blessings,
Thomas+

PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT

Gracious God, we give thanks for your loving care for the people of the Diocese of Western New York and the members of the Bishop's Search and Transition Committees. Give us wisdom and understanding as we discern your will. We ask for the gifts of honesty, to speak the truth in love; openness to the gifts and ideas of others and to the Holy Spirit; and willingness, to see your Light shining among us and on the path ahead. Prepare for our Diocese a bishop who will be a faithful pastor and equip us for the ministries to which we are called in these changing times. Help us to love and serve your world and one another in the Spirit of Christ, trusting in you to be our steadfast helper and guide. Amen.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ingredients

- 10 baby red potatoes, quartered
- 4 large carrots, peeled and cut into matchstick pieces
- 1 onion, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 4 cups water
- 1 (4 pound) corned beef brisket with spice packet
- 6 ounces dark beer
- 1/2 head cabbage, coarsely chopped

Directions

1. Place potatoes, carrots, and onion into the bottom of a slow cooker; add water and place brisket on top of vegetables.
2. Pour beer over brisket; sprinkle over spices from the packet and cover.
3. Cook on High for 5 hours; stir in cabbage and cook for 1 more hour.

Cook's Note

Use any beer on hand, but a dark beer, such as a Guinness or another dry Irish stout, is best for flavor.

If you prefer more tender cabbage, add it to the slow cooker after 4 hours rather than 5.



You Are Loved!

We, the members of Christ Episcopal Church, recognize all human beings as children of God and as our brothers and sisters in Christ. We invite all people to be a part of our church family, to worship with us, and to join us in Holy Communion. All are welcome here, with no exceptions.



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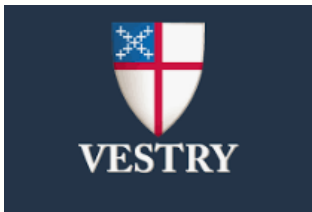
Office Hours for Father Thomas

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**The office is open Monday
through Thursday**
8:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Available by phone on Fridays

Vestry Members

John Urtel (Warden)
Sheldon Yount (Jr. Warden)



Judy Mack
Jo Anne Schreiber
John Scott
Robin Schulmeister
Joanne Stanton
Cheryl Urtel
Suzanne Venezia-Waddell

Treasurer – Kevin Wager