

THE HARVEST

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Together, We are Christ*

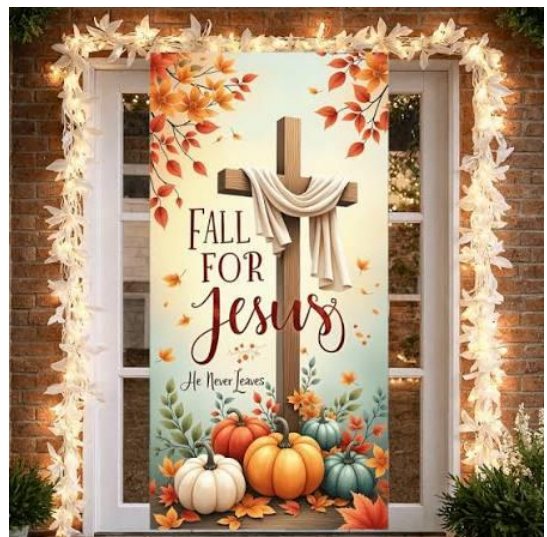


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August/September 2026



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lisa	Strassel	August 01
Elizabeth	Cook	August 03
Laurie	Monaco	August 03
Dean	Taylor	August 03
Tracy	Crimi	August 05
Wallace	Goodman	August 07
Sadie	Durda	August 08
Christine	Lukas	August 08
Spencer	Lupo	August 08
James	Schoenle	August 09
Brian	Taylor	August 11
Susan	Heschke	August 12
Daniel	Buchanan	August 15
Jo Anne	Schreiber	August 17
Judith	Pauley	August 18
Heather	Theurer	August 19
David Andrew	DeYoung	August 21
Emmerson	Taylor	August 22
Mary	Taylor	August 22
Susan	Miller	August 23
David	DeYoung	August 25
Joan	Watkins	August 26
Victor	Betts	August 28
Carter	Buchanan	August 29



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



Ron & Joan Winter	August 04
Thomas Mitchell & Tom Ralabate	August 09
Frederick & Lisa DeWaters	August 12
John & Susan Heschke	August 13
James & Brenda Glaser	August 18
Ronald & Sharon Steen	August 20

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Timothy	McQueen	September 01
Jeffrey	Lilley	September 04
Adam	Taylor	September 06
Tammy	Steen	September 13
Grace	Winter	September 13
Aiden	Buchanan	September 14
Jake	Rucci	September 14
Mary Brennan	Taylor	September 15
Roger	Cook	September 16
Louis	Faust	September 17
Suzanne	Venezia-Waddell	September 19
John	Taylor, Sr.	September 21
Martha	Buchanan	September 21
Dylan	Ott	September 21
Cono	Sammarco	September 26
William	Bohneberg	September 26
Carl	Beitelshees	September 27
Richard	Lilley	September 29



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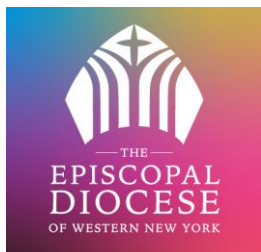


Edwin & Mary Taylor	September 07
Cono & Kim Sammarco	September 08
Greg Petrie & James Schoenle	September 13
John Taylor & Mary Brennan-Taylor	September 17
Richard Witt & Bonnie Bundrock-Witt	September 19
Keith & Sharon Rhodes	September 21
Michael & Laura Lepkyj	September 27
Laura Heal & Alma Guevara	September 27

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Calendar

- Wednesday's** **Noon Eucharist** followed by lunch and Bible Study.
- September 3** **Basket Raffle Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.** in the Kenan Hall
- September 3** **Harvest Happening Meeting @ 12 noon** in the Kenan Hall.
- September 8** **Finance Meeting @ 1 p.m.** in the Kenan Hall.
- September 10** **Mary Hunt Guild Meeting @ 12 Noon** (pot-luck lunch) in the Kenan Hall
- September 15** **Vestry Meeting @ 1 p.m.** in the parish hall.
- September 19** **Church Picnic** Cambria Town Park at noon.
- September 26** **Meat Raffle** in support of Community Missions.
- September 23 – October 3 – Sheila Winter will be on vacation**



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

200th Anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church.

Our 200th anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church will be in 2028 (1828 – 2028).

SAVE THE DATE

- September 15, 2028, There will be an informal gathering reunion .
- September 16, 2028, Choir rehearsal is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.
- September 16, 2028, Dinner at Spring Lake Winery (more details to come)
- September 17, 2028, Bicentennial Celebration service at noon. No 8:00 a.m. service.

Check the newsletter monthly for more information.

Linda Few is the Chairperson our 200th Anniversary Celebration If you are interested in being on this committee, please call the office at 716-433-9229 or Linda at 716-471-2175

Jr. Warden (Sheldon Yount)

Here is a list items completed so far in 2026.

- The boiler room has been painted and new lighting installed. Still working on the floor.
- The Stairs in the cloister have been cleaned, painted (back plates), and skid tape replaced for safety.
- The parking lot has been cleaned, sealed, and painted. We have added an additional 6 handicap parking spaces (on the side and in the back of the church)
- The Water fountains outside our parish hall have been removed and replaced with a bottle filler station which has filtered water.
- Kathy Kelly and her crew cleaned, weeded, and mulched the gardens.

In progress items:

- We are getting quotes for snow removal.
- The memorial garden wall will be repaired either late fall or early spring.

Outreach

The Outreach Committee was busy all summer shopping for groceries, shelving food items (purchased and donated) and filling grocery bags for distribution to the five 716 Little Food Pantries in Lockport.

Hunger doesn't take a vacation, and as usual, the boxes emptied almost as fast as we could fill them. We did try to lighten up the provisions for summertime appetites, by including items such as gelatin, crunchy snacks to eat with sandwiches, pork-n-beans, and a few other summer treats.

Now that we are facing the Autumn months, we will try our best to provide items for healthy before-school breakfasts and some hot and hearty food items such as canned chili, soups and crackers, oatmeal, canned corned beef hash, canned lunch meats and as always canned tuna and chicken.

Our budget is not as healthy as it once was, but we try our very best to be good stewards of your donations as we seek out the very best prices when food items are purchased. We fill the pantries twice a month and always include the following items: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, macaroni, 2 cans of vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, brownie mix, a box of rice or instant potatoes, 2 cans of tuna, 2 boxes of macaroni & cheese. (Additional items are included as we receive them, especially odd or unusual items such as candies, condiments, mixes, etc.)

We have eliminated canned pasta meals such as ravioli, Beef-a-Roni, etc. and sometimes canned chicken, because it is expensive and we have had to be more budget conscious. If you would like to donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated.

A great big thank you to all the unnamed members of the Outreach Committee who deliver the bags to the pantries. You make it possible for food to reach the tables of so many of our community members who are in need of nutritional assistance.

Upcoming Outreach Project:

Our Christmas Family. If you know of any family who is truly struggling and who will have great difficulties in having a happy Christmas for their children, please contact Theresa or Gloria and provide the information necessary for the next step.

A great big thank you to all of you for your support and donations of food and financial assistance through your monthly envelopes.

Submitted by Theresa McCabe

Mary Hunt Guild

Hello to all! I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer. Now that we are entering September, there are a few dates to put on your calendars. This is the beginning of the busy season at Christ Church. The Mary Hunt Guild will be actively meeting again, on the second Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon for our usual pot-luck luncheons, as we discuss the matters at hand.

Please do your best to attend our upcoming meeting on September 10th. We have some important issues coming up.

1. Elections: If anyone would like to nominate themselves or another member for the presidency, names will be accepted at the September meeting. The members should decide if a Vice President and Secretary positions are necessary. Candidates should present a brief view of their visions for the MHG as it goes forward. With the membership's approval, elections will be held in October.
2. Harvest Happenings: Discussion about the committees and volunteer opportunities for the upcoming event on October 3rd. Dawn O'Sullivan is the chairperson of this year's festivities, and she will give a report to the membership on what we can expect, what we need to do and our goals. We will not be having a Trunk or Treat event this year, but there will be an area for children's games and prizes. Homemade soups, a basket raffle and baked goods will be featured, as usual.
3. Fund Raising Profits: Last year the members decided to put a full year's fundraising profits toward the Rectory Investment Fund, which pays for priest's housing allowance. The total amount of funds raised for the year will be available at the meeting, so that all members will be aware of the amount the MHG donated.
4. Bylaws: Our MHG Bylaws were rewritten and amended a couple of years ago. Copies will be available so that all our members (new and old) will have an opportunity to read them and discuss if any amendments need to be made.

I want to conclude this article by saying that I am truly impressed by what a few women with vision and various talents have accomplished this year. Everyone should be pleased that so much fun and fellowship was had, as we achieved our goals and we served our church and each other. God bless you all.

Submitted by Theresa McCabe

**COME ONE,
COME ALL!**

Christ Episcopal Church
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present . . .



Harvest Happening

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

Noon - 3:00pm



~ Soup Sale ~

Noon 'til 3 pm or Sold Out

(Available Eat In or Take Out)

~ Baked Goods Sale ~

Noon 'til 3 pm or Sold Out



**ALL
WELCOME!**



~ Basket Raffle ~

11:30am 'til 2:30pm

Need not be present to win

~ Children's Games ~

Kids 12 & under

Pumpkins & Apples

(one per child / while supplies last)



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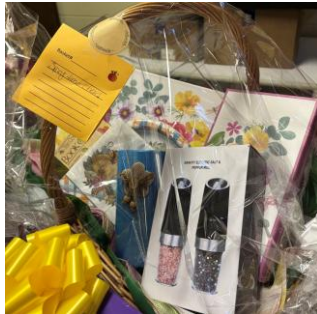
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HARVEST HAPPENING

OUR LARGEST BASKET RAFFLE YET! OVER 100 BASKETS



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WILSON

ST. ANDREW'S
BURT

ST. PAUL'S
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Episcopal Church Picnic in Town of Cambria Park

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 19TH AT NOON

Join your church families for some fun at our regional Episcopal church picnic at the Town of Cambria Park.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, and bottled water are provided.
Bring a dish-to-pass & a lawnchair.

Restrooms & playground on-site.

**There are sign up sheets in the front and back of the church
or you can call the office at 716-433-9229.**

Prayers

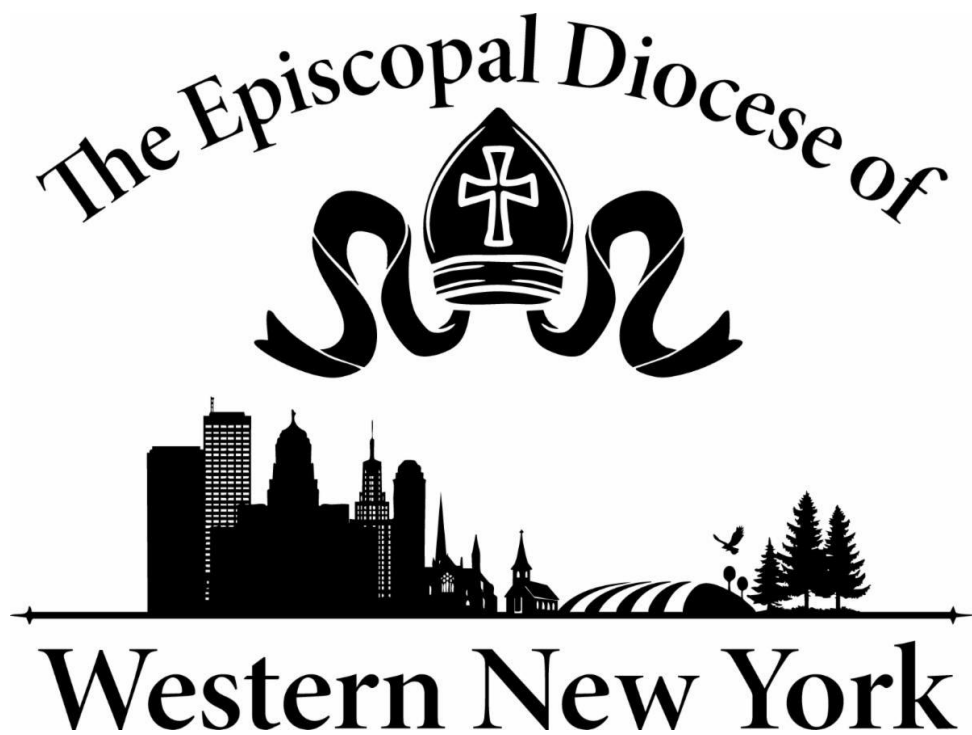
Those We Are Holding In Prayer

Stephen Akina, Michelle Baker, Scott Andrew Behm, Castle, Joanne Conley, Stephanie Curtis, Loretta DeCarlo, Dave DeYoung, Deb Donnelly, Elaine Behm Dunson, Molly Fachko, Cindy Few, Amy Foley, the Family of Marilyn Freeman, Kathy G, Adam Gaskill, Paula Gauthier, Natlie Gennaro, Reenie Gerhardt, Joseph Giacobbe, Christine Goodman, Barbara Gould, Beth Grant, Jeff Green, Emily Harding, Hartley Hutchens, Nancy Upthegrove Jaramillo, Melanie Keleher, Barbara Kelley, Pauline Leacock, Michael Lepkyl, Janis Lombardi, Rachelle M, Barbara McHenry, Ryan McKee, Jeff McLaughlin, Noah Hay Mendoza, Sam & Sandy Miechurski, Patrick O'Sullivan, Celeste Patti, Becky Pauley, Thomas R, Fran Regalla, Lee Richman, Kim Ricks, William Ricks, Jason and Parker Robichaud, Diane Sansone, Kelly Theurer, Heather Theurer, Hazel Ward, Kylie Woods, Nancy Woods, Richard Witt, St. John's, Wilson, 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, Todd Langdon, Devon MacKenzie, Rob reeves, Kyle Shreader, William Sloan, Ron Steen, John Taylor, Marshall Taylor, Allen Upson, Tessa Urbaniak, David Upson, Robert Urtel, Shane Woods, Matthew Yount.

Those Who Have Returned to God



Prayer for the Bishop Search

Gracious God, we give thanks for your loving care for the people of the Diocese of WNY 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; let us pray to the Lord. **AMEN**

A Prayer for the First Day of School

Dear Lord,



Open my eyes to see new friends.



Open my ears to hear my teacher.



Open my mind to learn new things.



Open my hands to help others.



Open my mouth to speak kind words.



Open my heart to love like You.

I know You are always with me when I'm at school!

In Jesus' name, Amen!

Recipe of the Month

Fay's Easy Broccoli Cheese Soup



Ingredients

- 8 oz of cheese whiz in a jar
- 1 pt of half and half
- 2 cans of cream of celery soup (can be any kind)
- 1 bag of frozen broccoli (chop up)

Mix all the ingredients in a crock pot. Cook on high for two hours



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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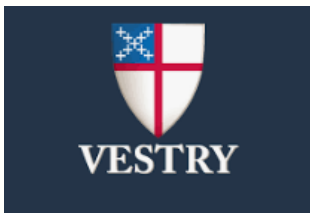
Office Hours for Father Thomas

**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

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Sheldon Yount (Jr. Warden)**



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Jo Anne Schreiber
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