



The Evangelist

Lent 2023

O God of grace, behold the face
Thou lovingly hast made
Which bears thy form; through wind and
storm

Thy image cannot fade.
In mirror clear year after year
I can discern thy spark;
Creation's clues, which I can use
To recognize thy mark.

O God of grace, behold my face
With means to see and hear,
And gift of voice to speak my choice
To smile or shed a tear.

And means to breathe thou dost
bequeath

To me and all my kin,
To make alive that we might thrive
And breathe your Spirit in.

O God of grace, behold my face
Which I have worn for thee
Not as a mask, or heavy task,
But as a gift for me.

Through every test I try my best
To wear it faithfully,
And when I fail in some detail,
I bring my fault to thee.

O God of grace, behold the face
Of one who would be true,
One who intends to make amends
And partnerships renew
With those whose care we ought to
share,

To practice what we preach,
That we might all be what they call
Repairers of the breach.

O God of grace, behold this face
whose voice is often coarse
And rudely hurts and insult blurts,
Gains nothing but remorse.

Whose ears are closed to pain disclosed
By those who live in fear,
Whose lives are tossed, whose hope is
lost

And seek assistance here.

O God of grace, behold this face
Whose eyes refuse to see

The truth of need for which they plead
Who cherished are by thee.

This countenance, which thou didst once
Intend to bring such cheer
Too oft is sad and sometimes mad
For thy grace to appear.

O God of grace upon this face
Today I ashes bear

As witness clear, as word sincere,
That with thee I would share,
About regret for that great debt

I feel I should repay,

Yet set aside ungratified
As day leads on to day.

So, God of grace today I trace
Your sign upon my brow

With penitence and reverence
As if it were a vow

To see and hear those you hold dear
As thou wouldst me implore,
And love them too as thou wouldst do
And none such to ignore.

O God of grace, now in this place
I pass thy welcome peace
And shake the hand as thou hast
planned

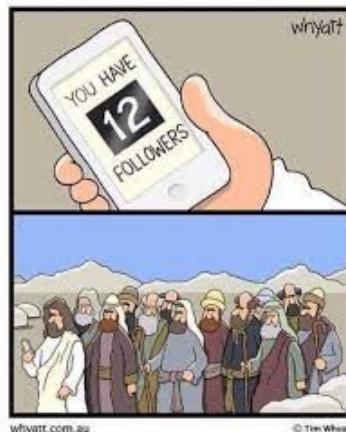
That love may never cease.

So Friends, today these ashes say
Forgive these flaws of mine,
and live with me in harmony,
For I forgive thee thine.

Fr. Nick

Ministry Schedule for February 19 to April 30

	2/19/23	2/26/23	3/5/23	3/12/23	3/19/23	3/26/23
Celebrant	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
Preacher	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
LEM	Gloria	Colette	Leslie	Peter	Gloria	Colette
Organist	Colleen H	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.
1st Lesson	Peter	Gale	Sandy	Bob	Shelly	Ann H.
2nd Lesson	Ann H.	Shelly	Susan S.	Val	Peter	Leslie
Acolyte	Shelly	Val	Sarah	Stan	Shelly	Val
Ushers	Gisela/Birdie	Bob/Shelly	Ann & Shelly	Suzanne/Gisela	Bob/Ann	Birdie/Suzanne
Computer	Marc A.	Leslie	Kelly B	Leslie	Marc A.	Leslie
Camera	Gale	Colette	Bob	Gale	Colette	Bob
Altar Guild	Gale/Leslie	Gale/Leslie	LeAnn/Shelly	LeAnn/Shelly	LeAnn/Shelly	LeAnn/Shelly
Counters	Val/Colette	Val/Colette	Stan/Peter	Stan/Peter	Stan/Peter	Stan/Peter
Coffee Hour	Shelly	Val H.	NEED	NEED	Shelly	NEED
St. Pauly Box	NEED	NEED	Stan	Stan	Stan	Stan
	4/2/23 (Palm)	4/6/23 (Maun)	4/9/23 (Easter)	4/16/23	4/23/23	4/30/23
Celebrant	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
Preacher	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
LEM	Leslie	Colette	Peter	Gloria	Kellie H.	Leslie
Organist	Colleen H	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.
1st Lesson	Colette/Sandy	Bob	Susan S.	Leslie	Peter	Gale
2nd Lesson	Gale	Val	Kelly B.	Shelly	Ann H.	Colette
Acolyte	Sarah	Stan	Shelly	Val	Sarah	Stan
Ushers	Shelly/Gisela	Ann/Bob W.	Suzanne/Birdie	Shelly/Gisela	Ann/Bob W.	Suzanne/Birdie
Computer	Kelly B.		Marc A.	Leslie	Kelly B.	Leslie
Camera	Gale		Colette	Bob	Gale	Colette
Altar Guild	Colette/Gisela	EVERYONE	Colette/Gisela	Colette/Gisela	Colette/Gisela	Colette/Gisela
Counters	Leslie/Kelly B		Leslie/Kelly B.	Leslie/Kelly B	Leslie/Kelly B.	Leslie/Kelly B
Coffee Hour	NEED	N/A	NEED	NEED	NEED	NEED
St. Pauly Box	NEED	N/A	NEED	NEED	NEED	NEED



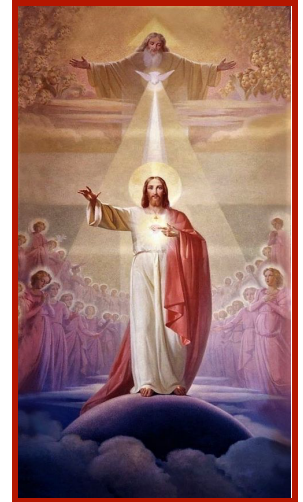
Lenten Study



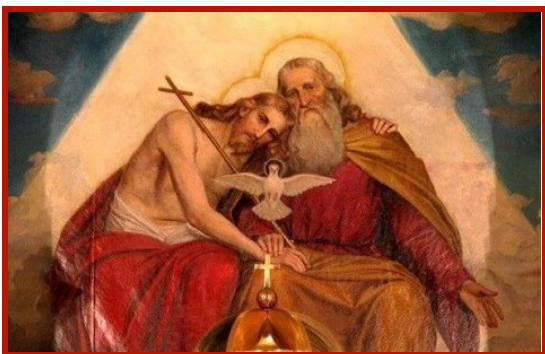
Holy Spirit: Up, Over There or Near, In Here?

Galatians 5:25 “Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives.” (The Message-Peterson)

The three icons shown are examples of the thousands of attempts to visualize the Trinity. My understanding, however, has been...will be...a lifetime journey. As a child I perceived God as old, with a long beard, unapproachable, “up there” somewhere. Jesus took care of lambs and “He loves me” as the song said. The Holy Spirit (HS)? I had no clue...a dove?...the ind?...a whisper?...everywhere, all around us? The blessing of living a longer (wiser?) life is growing in my faith and perceptions of the Trinity, especially the HS. As an English teacher I see prepositions as more than short words sprinkled in a sentence: We pray to God through Jesus by (with, in) the Holy Spirit. I imagine the characteristics of the HS more clearly now, but as the verse from Galatians points out, it’s an ongoing process for me to move from “an idea in our (my) head” to tapping into the HS for “every detail of our (my) lives.” Fr. Richard Rohr has a short meditation in which he lists sixty five phrases for the Holy Spirit. A few spoke to me:



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| Indwelling Presence | Defense Attorney | Homing Device | |
| Implanted Pacemaker | | | |
| God Compass | Inner Breath | Divine DNA | Hidden Love of God |
| Truth Speaker | Bridge Builder | Flowing Stream | Wind of Change |
| Cloud of Unknowing | Holy Healing | Will of God | Great Compassion |
| Shared Joy | God’s Tears | God’s Happiness | Desiring of God |



He concludes, “You may have experienced one of these things in the HS. It’s important to keep drawing on the source of the HS no matter if you have experienced or not.”

I invite you to join me on my journey (and may it be your journey also) to learn even more about the HS so we can continually ask His/Her guidance in the large decisions and small minutia of life. During Wednesdays in Lent we will be reading Don’t Miss Out - Life is better with the HS (J. Cunnion). The book is available on Amazon (\$10.99), paperback or Kindle versions. Each short chapter ends with reflection questions and response activities. I’m very much looking forward to our

discussions and sharing about your encounters with the HS. Hearing others’ witness nudges me to look for and be aware of the many times the HS guides our lives every day. More information will be coming. Please join me over Zoom on Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 from 7:00 - 8:15 pm.

Gloria Wilkins

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

March

1st Peter Slaunwhite
Gisela Campanie
6th Shelly Sears
Joshua Sullivan
8th Tom Campanie
Gabriel Stone
14th Kellie Highers
15th Mark Zebrowski
Kathie Hirst
21st Gerald Taylor
24st Megan Dwyer
29th Carol Dwyer

April

4th Marc Aylesworth
6th Jasmine Kahler
11th Raven Brown

April Birthdays Cont.

12th John Maxey
13th Peg MacMullen
14th Christopher Meeker
17th Kyle Knight
20th Grace Livingston
21st John Reinhardt
Sean Coppola
29th Make Chyrywaty

Happy Anniversary!

March

10th Colette and Frank Coppola

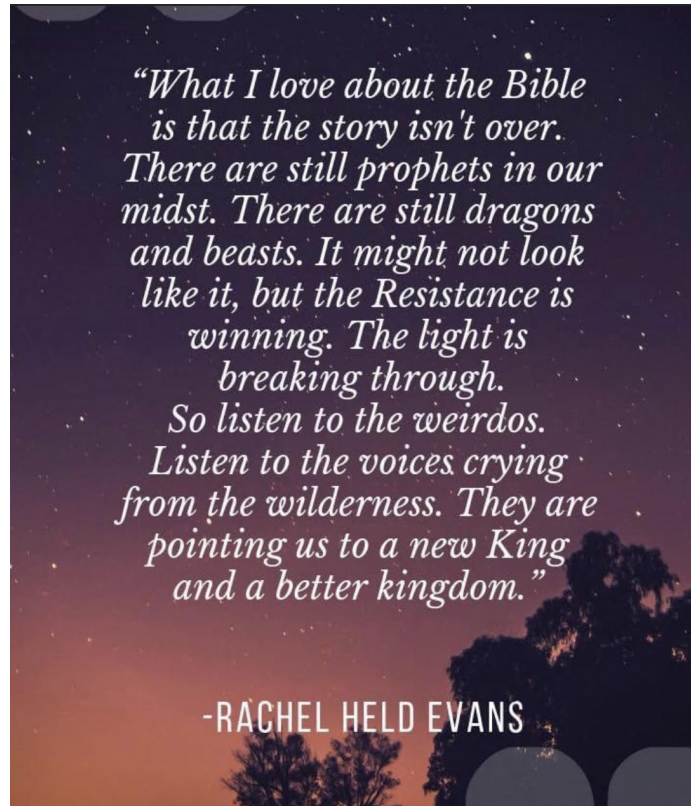
April

17th Leslie and Mark Zebrowski
28th Beth and Roger Wieland



Greens Clean Up.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the de-greening!



Our Parish Prayer List

Roger Wieland
Beth Wieland
Joan Livingston
Jane Armstrong
Laura Weismore
Birdy Burdick
Grace Livingston
Brian Hodgins
Kathryn Zebrowski
Bill Sherman
Theressia
Tom Campanie
Jerry Aylesworth
Sandy Aylesworth
Dawn Lanz
Joe Smith
Courtney Daviau
Larry Knipp
Mimi
John

Kathy
Shelia
Butch English
Ron Hirst
Peter Dwyer
Mitch
Rose Rinaldo
Fr. Jim Heidt
Jan Whiting
Meghan Hodgins
Jennifer Wattles
Eden Kulas
Martha Walrath
Zander
Rolf
Dick Williams
Taylor
Robert
Peg MacMullen
Nicole

Pat Beatty
Christine Sears Franklin
Kathi Hirst
Jessica
Megan Roberts
Mike Stalemark
Rani
Dan Stilwell
David Dauchy
Betty Helmer
John Reinhardt
Betty Kline
Carol Dwyer
Bill Novak
Dennis Relyea
Marianna Bruno
Tom Lessard
Bea Angus
Jim Dwyer Family

Losing a Very Special St. John's Member

We recently lost our very loving and all knowing long time member Carol Reinhardt on January 13th. I know that even though John and Carol lived in Virginia, they still kept St. John's and all the members deep in their hearts.

Carol - You will be missed for your knowledge of Everything St. John's. I always enjoyed being next to you in choir. I never knew what you



were going to say to me. Sometimes they were jokes and I had a hard time not laughing out loud. God is with you and holding you in his arms. I know that you will also be watching over John and your whole family (including St. John's). (Found above picture in my church picnic pictures) (picture on right are flowers that were given in her memory by Father Nick and Gale Sunday January 15th)



WORD FOR THE DAY

A practice of gratitude is not about dismissing sadness, anger, fear, or confusion. Rather, it offers us the opportunity to see that we often experience multiple feelings at once; to welcome joy into the same places where we hold grief; to turn our attention to what is quietly growing and breathing day by day, which, to our possible surprise, includes ourselves.

KRISTIN LIN

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"I downloaded them from a cloud."

AUCTIONS ARE BACK



On February 19th - Come prepared and also bring a "Birthday" gift to auction off. The money will go towards outreach for St. John's.

We figured it was time to get some of the old fun things we used to do back.

Unfortunately Kellie is still living the life in Florida, I could never replace her but I'll do my best to live up to her wonderful style as auctioneer.

Come and enjoy the fun. The gifts can be fun and/or serious. It doesn't matter. The object is to have fun and laugh. Something a lot of us can use more of.

Food Bank Donations

February 12th:	Pasta Sauce	March 26th:	Applesauce
February 19th:	Mac and Cheese	April 2nd:	Peanut Butter
February 26th:	Fruit Cups	April 9th:	Jelly
March 5th:	Tuna	April 16th:	Mac and Cheese
March 12th:	Crackers	April 23rd:	Pudding Cups
March 19th:	Cereal	April 30th:	Soups

Signs of Joy!



This is a new section that we'd like all of you to help us with. It can be a wonderful quiet moment in nature or a fun joyous time with friends. It is whatever makes us happy in life and glad of the peace that the Lord gives us everyday.

The Men's table at coffee hour and a visit to Blake from Father Nick while he was in the hospital.



Pancake Time Again



St. John's Episcopal Church will have its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 21, 2023.

Dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Pancakes, bacon, sausages, and apple sauce will be served along with coffee, orange drink, and milk. It is all you can eat.

Dinners are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$4 for children (6-12) and children 5 and younger are free.

St. John's is located at 341 Main Street, Oneida, NY, 13421 and their phone number is 315-363-1940. Any questions, please contact me at 315-272-3218.

Peter Slaunwhite

Failure

Remember that your weakness doesn't disqualify you from God's love, but instead opens the way for God to act in and through you. Let your failures or your fears remind you of your need to rely on God for all things. God's strength is made perfect in your weakness.

Clearing out Stuff - Rummage Sale coming Soon

The annual rummage sale is coming up the weekend after Easter. If you have stuff laying about that you'd like to donate to the sale, we are collecting them now.

Also - if you are available that week to help set up - the more the merrier.

Upcoming Issues of Evangelist

April 20th

Deadline for articles will be two days prior to these dates. We appreciate all of the articles that were given to us and look forward to the many more that will be shared in the future. If you see little stories, jokes, etc that you'd like to share. Please send them at any time to Colette in her email. Please write in the subject area that it is for the newsletter.

ENJOY!! Colette Coppola and Colleen Kahler—Co-Editors

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Kelly Brown
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Garry Hirst
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Loving God, by your grace you have gathered us from many walks of life to become a loving family at St. John's. Help us to sustain the miraculous love within this parish, and guide us in sharing this love with our neighbors. All this we ask through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.