



# The Evangelist

## Advent 2023

Angels stir the waters  
and we awaken, roused  
at last from slumber

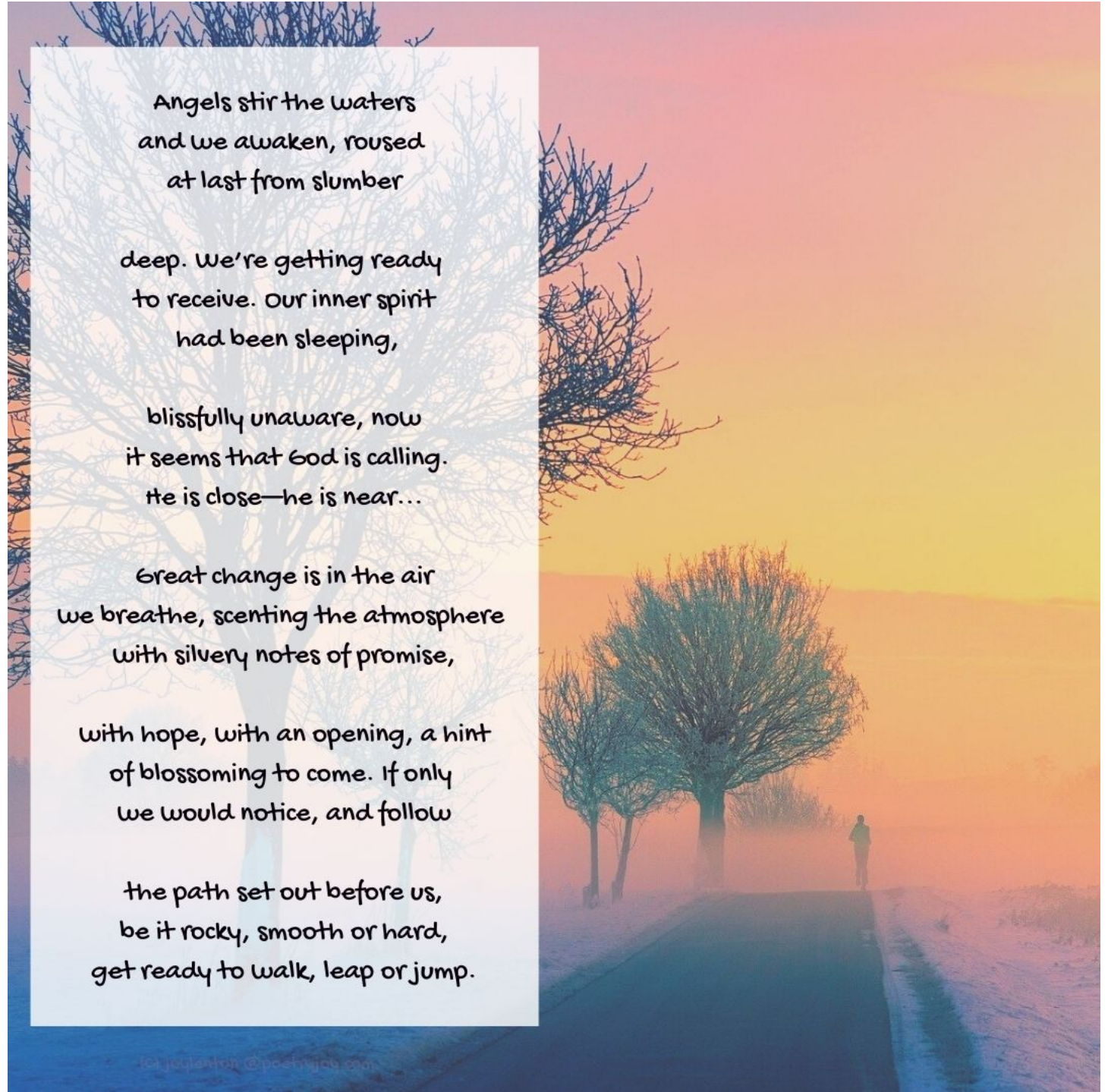
deep. We're getting ready  
to receive. Our inner spirit  
had been sleeping,

blissfully unaware, now  
it seems that God is calling.  
He is close—he is near...

Great change is in the air  
we breathe, scenting the atmosphere  
with silvery notes of promise,

with hope, with an opening, a hint  
of blossoming to come. If only  
we would notice, and follow

the path set out before us,  
be it rocky, smooth or hard,  
get ready to walk, leap or jump.



## Ministry Schedule for Nov/Dec/Jan 2023-2024

	<u>11/5 All Saints</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>11/19</u>	<u>11/26</u>
Celebrant	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
Preacher	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
LEM	Leslie	Peter	Gloria	Colette
Organist	Colleen H	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.
1st Lesson	Peter	Ann	Gloria	Kelly
2nd Lesson	Susan	Leslie	Beth	Colette
Acolyte	Stan	Sarah	Shelly	Val
Ushers	Suzanne/Norita	Shelly/Gisela	Ann/Bob	Suzanne/Norita
Computer	Kelly	Leslie	Mark A.	Susan S.
Camera	Bob	Colette	Bob	Colette
Altar Guild	Gisela/Leslie	Gisela/Leslie	Gisela/Leslie	Gisela/Leslie
Counters	Val/Colette	Val/Colette	Val/Colette	Val/Colette
Coffee Hour	Peter	Shelly	NEED	NEED
St. Pauly Box	Mark Z	Mark Z	Mark Z	Mark Z

	<u>12/3</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>12/17</u>	<u>12/24 (Eve)</u>	<u>12/31</u>
Celebrant	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
Preacher	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
LEM	Leslie	Peter	Colette	Leslie	Gloria
Organist	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.
1st Lesson	Susan.	Shelly	Gloria	Peter	Val
2nd Lesson	Bob	Leslie	Colette	Beth	Kelly
Acolyte	Stan	Sarah	Shelly	Val	Stan
Ushers	Ann/Bob	Shelly/Gisela	Suzanne/Norita	Ann/Bob	Shelly/Gisela
Computer	Kelly	Leslie	Mark A	Kelly	Leslie
Camera	Bob	Colette	Bob	Gale	Colette
Altar Guild	Val/Gale	Val/Gale	Val/Gale	Val/Gale	Val/Gale
Counters	Stan/Peter	Stan/Peter	Stan/Peter	Stan/Peter	Stan/Peter
Coffee Hour					
St. Pauly Box					

	<u>1/7</u>	<u>1/14</u>	<u>1/21</u>	<u>1/28</u>
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LEM	Peter	Colette	Leslie	Gloria
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1st Lesson	Ann.	Peter	Gale	Colette
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Ushers	Suzanne/Norita	Ann/Bob	Shelly/Gisela	Suzanne/Norita
Computer	Mark A.	Kelly	Leslie	Mark A
Camera	Bob	Gale	Colette	Bob
Altar Guild	Shelly/Leann	Shelly/Leann	Shelly/Leann	Shelly/Leann
Counters	Leslie/Kelly	Leslie/Kelly	Leslie/Kelly	Leslie/Kelly
Coffee Hour				
St. Pauly Box				

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday!

#### November

2nd Gerrie Miller/Father Nick Smith  
8th Martha Walrath  
11th Doug Miller  
18th Val Hill  
30th Sandy Aylesworth/Emilee Lanz

#### December

5th Joan Livingston  
10th John Stone  
19th Kelly Brown/Kurt Coppola

#### January

2nd Tom Sears  
3rd Ben Highers  
11th Laura Weismore

21st Jessica/Sarah Slaunwhite  
25th Barb Arnold  
31st Danyella Brown/Steve Donlon

### Happy Anniversary!

#### November

20th Jack and Peg MacMullen  
27th Nick and Gale Smith  
28th Marc and Sheila Aylesworth

#### December

21st Bob and Gloria Willkins

#### January

1st Jessica and Frank Slaunwhite

## Our Parish Prayer List

Roger Wieland  
Beth Wieland  
Joan Livingston  
Jane Armstrong  
Laura Weismore  
Birdy Burdick  
Grace Livingston  
Brian Hodgins  
Bill Sherman  
Theressia  
Tom Campanie  
Sandy Aylesworth  
Dawn Lanz  
Joe Smith  
Courtney Daviau  
Larry Knipp  
Mimi  
John  
Shelia  
Butch English  
Ron Hirst

Jennifer Wattles  
Zander  
Dick Williams  
Robert  
Peg MacMullen  
Kathi Hirst  
Jessica  
Dan Stilwell  
David Dauchy  
John Reinhardt  
Betty Kline  
Carol Dwyer  
Carl Cameron  
Matt Buell  
Sally Olin  
Joe Donlon  
Roger Hill  
Karis Vaillancourt  
Veronica S.  
Ross T.  
Faye S.

Diane A.  
Bob Vanlangenham  
Jim Messenger-Harris  
Charlene Lewis  
Victoria Ramundo  
Heidi  
Barb Arnold  
Baby Emelia  
Eden Kulas  
Jim Harriff  
Christine Sears  
Franklin  
Colette  
Alice Hannold  
Doug  
Gerrie  
Bishop Curry  
Sandy Burgett  
Donna Walrath  
Ginnie Karnas  
Pastor David Ropple  
Danielle Buechel

## Food Bank Donations

### November

5 cereal  
12 applesauce  
19 pasta  
26 pasta sauce

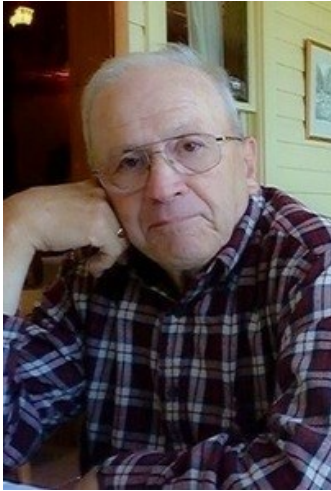
### December

3 canned chili  
10 crackers  
17 mac and cheese  
24 crackers  
31 applesauce cups

### January

7 pudding cups  
14 instant rice  
21 soups  
28 canned veggies

## Memorial Service for Peter Dwyer



Visitation will be held at Campbell Dean Funeral Home, Inc., Oneida, on Friday, December 29th from 4 to 7pm.

Memorial services will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 30th at 12:00 pm.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Dwyer Family. Peter was a very special person who was loved by many. He certainly livened up Choir practices when he was there. I will miss that wonderful Tenor voice and his great one liners.

Go in Peace Peter

## Christmas Only Rummage Sale



There will be a one day only Rummage Sale for Christmas Items.

It will be held on November 17th. 9 am to 3 pm.

If you are available or need some Christmas items. Stop by, we'd love to see you. Could use the help before/during/or after too.

## Diocesan Happenings



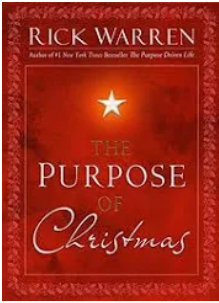
Diocesan Celebration - December 2nd at Grace Church Utica.

Had intended to do a revival but we are going to do a Diocesan celebration instead. This will also be online. Check The Messenger from the Diocese for registration information. If you would like to attend you need to register soon.

## Annual Meeting Date

January 21, 2024. Will be the date for the annual meeting this next year. Please mark this date on your calendar. Also if you would like to serve on the vestry - please let Gloria Wilkins or Val Hill know.

## Advent Study



Beginning Wednesday, November 29th we will have a four week study of the book The Purpose of Christmas.

The classes will be via Zoom. 7:00 pm to 8:00/8:30 pm.

If you have not received a book and would like to join us. Please let Colette know - ASAP.

Hope that you can join us in this study.

## HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for people for the following positions - Please consider one of the following to help enhance your service to God and St. John's family.

LEM and Visiting LEM - Father Nick will train you

Camera on Sunday mornings - Bob Wilkins or Colette Coppola will train you

Computer/Sound on Sunday mornings - Leslie Zebrowski or Kelly Brown will train you

Acolyte - Stan Janczuk or Val Hill will train you.

Greeters - Suzanne Bauer or Gisela Campanie will train you.

These jobs are very rewarding and we could really use the help. You would probably only have to do it once a month. Age isn't a factor - if you are a youth and your interested. Please contact one of the people listed above.

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday November 19th at 3 pm at St. Pat's in Oneida

The Oneida Choral and local pastors will be doing the celebration.

Please join us for this celebration of Thanksgiving!

## Thank you Ann Hodgins for sharing this

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you.  
And you need the church.

-Michael Carl

## December Holiday Services

December 17th after service - greening of the church

December 24th 9:30 am Contemplative Service

Christmas Eve Service - Evening - Time TBA

Christmas Day - 10 am - PJ service (come in your pjs)

December 31st - 9:30 am - Lessons and Carols -  
celebration of St. John

\* As was shared with you in the letter enclosed with your latest statement, we need to provide opportunities for parishioners to share their thoughts regarding the reduction of Vestry persons. Below please find the methods and dates that have been generated to gain your thoughtful input. Remember we will be officially voting on this at our Annual Meeting in January 2024.

**Please Note:**

\* **Discussions** will be held during Coffee

Hour

\* **Surveys** emailed to **members only** of St. John's

**Discussion dates:**

November 12, 2023

December 10, 2023

**Survey email dates:**

November 19, 2023

December 17, 2023

## VESTRY REDUCTION SURVEY

Respond to the following question:

Are you in favor of reducing the Vestry from 9 to 6 people?

- Yes, reduce the number to 6.
- No, keep the number at 9.

Thoughts:

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## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped in a successful Harvest Dinner! Thank you to those who donated food, money and /or time. Thank you also to those who put flyers up around town. Thank you to those with hearty appetites too! This year I need to thank all those who waited in line with patience.

I would like to thank the carrot crew, who prepared the carrot salad; Kelly Brown, Shelly Sears, Beth Wieland.

I would like to thank the set up crew, who arranged stations, cooked stuffing, cut pies, filled to-go cups, put our HUGE turkey sign out front and odd jobs; Gisela Campanie, Shelly Sears, Colette Coppola, Val Hill, Norita Kane, Ashley, Angelito, & Angelina.

I would like to thank the kitchen/to-go crew, who cheerfully served our community; Peter Slaunwhite, Colette Coppola, Shelly Sears, Val Hill, Garry, Kathi & Zachary Hirst.

I would like to thank the sales crew, who sold tickets at the door, answered the phone for deliveries and handed out to-go boxes and directions; Ann Hodgins, Bill Sherman, Kelly Brown, Sarah Slaunwhite & Evan.

I would like to thank the delivery crew, who cheerfully delivered dinners; Mark Zebrowski.

Last, but definitely NOT least, I would like to thank the tireless clean up crew; Bob & Gloria Wilkins, Peter & Sarah Slaunwhite, Val Hill, Doug Miller, Garry, Kathi & Zachary Hirst.

As you can see, it takes many people to put on a successful dinner. We served 205 dinners, in the Parish Hall and the deliveries. This year we raised \$2,255.36! And we still have some donations coming in. This being the third year of take outs only, we're still working out some kinks. We'll tweek it for next year.

Harvest Dinner Chair,  
Leslie Zebrowski

## Upcoming Issue of Evangelist

### **Epiphany 2024 (yes a new year has come) Due first week in January**

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 Editor

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Clerk of the Vestry: Colette Coppola  
Senior Warden: Gloria Wilkins  
Junior Warden: Val Hill

Sandra Aylesworth  
Kellie Highers

Suzanne Bauer  
Stan Janczuk

Vestry Members  
Kelly Brown  
Doug Miller

Garry Hirst  
Leanne Youngkrans

Ann Hodgins

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.