

In Memoriam [Ring Out, Wild Bells], by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

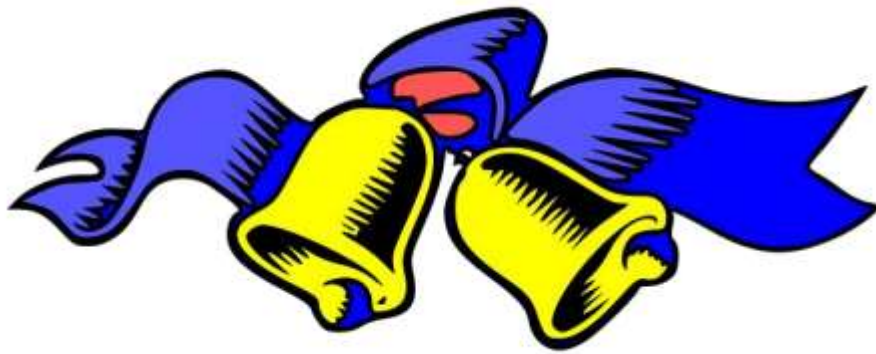
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.



Prayer for the New Year *Prayer for the New Year at Khan*

*O Thou, who abidest in our hearts,
Most merciful and compassionate God,
Lord of heaven and earth,
We forgive others their trespasses
And ask Thy forgiveness of our shortcomings.
We begin the New Year with pure heart
And clear conscience,
With courage and hope.
Help us to fulfill the purpose of our lives
Under Thy divine guidance.
Amen, Ameen, Ameyn*

Please plan to participate as best you can in these January parish events:

Our Annual Meeting on January 24th

New York State Religious Law requires us to have an annual parish meeting, but we always spice-it-up to be a time of fellowship and connection. So, this year it will be a zoom meeting after our Sunday morning service, starting probably at about 10:30ish. The format will be a sort of "year-in-review", with some shared-screen, power-point-type vignettes digitally saved from our parish activities in 2020. We will also mark the passing of parishioners who died this past year. Our slate of new vestrypersons is all set, and we will be honoring those whose terms are completed. And, of course, a thorough review of our finances will be presented.

The Bishop's "visit" on January 31st

Bishop Dede will lead our service and preach that Sunday morning on zoom from her home. We expect to livestream it, too, on Facebook, as we did for our "experimental" Christmas Eve service. I hope that by then we will all have become zoom veterans and experts! Using that platform will permit us to have lectors reading the Sunday lessons and Lay Ministers leading the prayers in real-time, all from the relative comfort of their own homes, without pre-recording! We have this opportunity to welcome the bishop into our particular Sunday liturgy only once every 3 years or so; let's make it a parish celebration!

And, of course, **our weekly online gatherings:**

Sunday service at 9:30 am on FB live, followed by zoom coffee hour at 10:30 each week.

Hug~A~Mug coffee and conversation hour on zoom, Wednesday mornings at 9:30.

Bible Study and Compline Prayers on zoom, Thursday evenings at 7.

You should be receiving the links for all these gatherings each week via email, so *check your mail!*

Your parish friends are waiting to see you face-to-digital face! If you are not regularly receiving the links, please let us know!

Prayer As I Put On My Mask

Submitted by Sue Miller

Creator,
as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament
in the wearing of this cloth-
let it be "an outward sign
of an inward grace"-
a tangible and visible way of living
love for my neighbors,
as I love myself.

Christ,

since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkle around my eyes.

Since my voice may be muffled,
help me to speak clearly,
not only with my words,
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully-
and full of care-
to all I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth be
shield and banner,
and each breath that it holds,
be filled with your love.

In your Name and
in that love,
I pray,

May it be so.
May it be so.

The Right Reverend Richard Bott

Coffee Hour Returns on Zoom



After our Sunday morning services in December, we resumed our famous “Coffee Hours” — over Zoom! It was a lot of fun to catch up with friends again! Please join us when you can at 10:30 am Fr. Nick sends the zoom link for each Sunday by email. Hope to see you there! BYOC

Thank You

A big thank you this month to my husband Shane who is my new partner on the Evangelist. My health keeps throwing me curve balls everyday and thanks to some of his computer techniques he has made completing the newsletter much easier, especially this month.



FOOD PANTRY

Please continue to not bring items to the church but instead make a cash donation to these organizations below:

Karing Kitchen
116 W. Grove St.
Oneida, N.Y. 13421

Church on the Rock
164 Madison St.
Oneida, N.Y. 13421

Food Bank of CNY
7066 Interstate Island Rd
Syracuse, N.Y. 13209

I would also like people to consider donating to the [CNYSPCA](#) for the animals in need as well. Unopened packages of pet food and litter are appreciated or contact them at FrontDesk1@cnyspca.org to find out what they need the most.

CNYSPCA
5878 East Molloy Rd
Syracuse, N.Y. 13211

Too Blessed To Be Stressed

Our ongoing [ZOOM](#) activities at St. John's:

Wednesdays: Hug A Mug Coffee Hour 930 a.m. to 1030 a.m.

Thursdays: Bible Study @ 7p.m.

Sundays: Church Service on Facebook Live @ 930 a.m. Please Join Us !

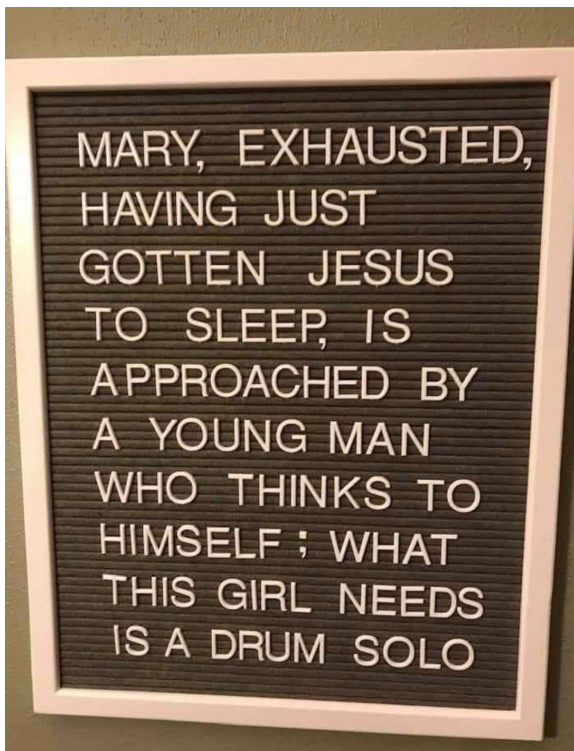
For [Hug A Mug](#), [Bible Study](#), as well as Sunday services, please watch your emails for the correct links (or email Father Nick and ask)

A special message for
Father Nick 😊

I 'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU



BUT THE BIRD FEEDER IS EMPTY



Thank you Gale !!

I JUST "PAID IT
BACKWARDS" BY TELLING
THE GIRL AT THE WINDOW
THAT THE CAR BEHIND ME
IS PAYING FOR MY STUFF.

Who says men don't remember !

A Couple were Christmas shopping. The shopping centre was packed and as the wife walked around she was surprised to discover that her husband was nowhere to be seen.

She was quite upset because they had a lot to do and hence she became so worried that she called him on her mobile phone to ask him where he was.

In a quiet voice he said: "Do you remember the jewelers we went into about five years ago, where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"

The wife choked up and started to cry and said: "Yes, I do remember that shop."

He replied: "Well, I'm in the pub next door !"

We would like to thank the following people for faithfully returning their pledge cards:

Jane Armstrong

Jerry and Sandy Aylesworth

Marc and Shelia Aylesworth

Suzanne Bauer

Kelly Brown

Gisela Campanie

Mike and Kathie Chyrywaty

Suzanne Clark

Colette Coppola

Peter and Carol Dwyer

Kellie Highers

Anne Hill

Valerie Hill

Ann Hodgins

Stanley Janczuk

Norita Kane

Jack and Peg MacMullen

Doug and Gerrie Miller

Susanne Miller

Nigel Priest

Shelly Sears

Peter and Susan Slaunwhite

Father Nick and Gale Smith

Martha Smith

Martha Walrath

Roger and Beth Wieland

Bob and Gloria Wilkins

Mark and Leslie Zebrowski

A special group of stewards sent in gifts that enabled St. John's to overcome the deficit of this covid year. Thank you all!

*Carter, Chyrywaty, Stalemark and O'Connor Families

*John Gulick in memory of Shirley

*Dr. and Mrs. C. Arthur Pearson

*Bill and Joyce Sherman

*Bob and Gloria Wilkins

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Shelly Sears

Laura Weismore

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Beth Wieland

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.

Please submit Evangelist articles to Laura Weismore by the 15th of each month at :

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